The 2021 10th Mountain Division Tennessee Pass Memorial Day Ceremony was once again primarily a virtual event. Videographer/storyteller Ben Saheb joined the tenured members of the Memorial Day team, adding to the virtual experience, and the 10th Mountain Division Living History Display Group appeared in person and provided some sense of normalcy to the still looming COVID-19 environment.

Honored to be Mistress of Ceremonies for this inspiring event again this year, it provided me with the opportunity to recognize those - as Abraham Lincoln so eloquently expressed it - who gave the last full measure of devotion for their country. It was also a day that had me reflecting on my personal journey to know and understand the “10th Mountain Division story.” Sure, I am a descendant and should know about all things 10th Mountain Division, yet like so many others, my father did not speak about his war experience. It was in 1977, after much cajoling by my dad, that I ventured from Steamboat Springs, Colorado, with him and my mom to the exact place I would stand on Memorial Day 2021. That day in 1977 was not the absolute beginning of my journey, but it was pivotal – compelling – a transformational chapter in my “10th story.” And Memorial Day 2021 will not be the end of my journey or the last chapter of my 10th story.

Your Foundation Forever’s mission charges us to perpetuate the legacy of the 10th Mountain Division past, present and future. I liken this call to storytelling; preserving past stories, curating current ones and creating future 10th stories. Over the next six to 12 months, I plan to share examples of how our TMDF partners perpetuate the 10th legacy and tell historically-based stories through interpretation, authorship, filmmaking and re-enactment. These partner models will provide guidance as I challenge you to share your personal 10th journey and stories. Yes - make it about YOU! For it is the authentic and compelling second and third generation stories that are now the basis for answering the critical questions: Why the 10th, and who cares? It is the answers to these challenging questions that will determine whether or how Your Foundation Forever will influence the collective future 10th legacy/story.

Sempre Avanti,

Nancy Kramer, President
10th Mountain Division Foundation 63rd Memorial Day Ceremony

On Memorial Day, we were honored to gather as a small group at Tennessee Pass, Colorado, to honor the fallen. Please enjoy this video of the event. (22:40). Climb to Glory!

Special thanks to:
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- John C. Russell, President, Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division
- Jeff Wiles, Vail Resorts
- 10th Mountain Hut Association
- Terry and Kari Ploot, Monument Site Stewards
- Dr. John Raabe, Bugler
- Susanne Bostrom, Wreath Coordinator
- Benjamin Saheb, Filmmaker
- Kathy and Terry Stokes, PostNet Steamboat Springs

Ben is based in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and joined the TMDF Memorial Day team as videographer this year. Although Ben was familiar with the 10th Mountain Division story, it was his first time to attend the annual ceremony. Ben expressed his gratitude for being asked to participate in a day for “honoring service.”

Ben then honored those who have and are serving by donating a significant portion of his professional fee back to the 10th Mountain Division Foundation to be used for other Good Works. Thank you Ben, for your stunning work and generosity!

See Ben’s beautiful 10th Mountain Division Memorial intro video and check out his work at benjaminsaheb.com.

Ben Saheb

“I’m inspired by every opportunity to tell a story through the medium of photo and video. My diverse and effective portfolio speaks of my ever growing curiosity in the world of digital storytelling.”

See Ben for your stunning work and generosity!