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10th MOUNTAIN DIVISION FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the 10th Mountain Division Foundation is to honor and perpetuate the legacy of the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division past, present, and future by doing good works that exemplify the ideals by which they lived.

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Informing the Present and Future

I recently received my summer issue of *Colorado Magazine*, a publication of History Colorado. In his introductory letter, Executive Director Steve Turner reminded us that if our history does not inform our present and future, then it is just "trivial pursuit." His words resonated with me and had me questioning the role the TMDF plays as stewards of the 10th Mountain Division legacy.

The Directors of Your Forever Foundation are unwavering in their dedication to perpetuate this legacy. Through our partnerships, the TMDF continues to grow educational, career and outdoor experience opportunities for Veterans while other partnerships maintain a framework for sharing the history of the 10th through writings, photos, film, exhibits and living history events.

I embrace these "Good Works" and the inspiring stories about an organization and individuals dedicated to their roles as stewards of the 10th legacy shared in this publication. Several years ago, Trux Dole, TMDF Chairman, handed down a challenge to all Directors: we need to make the Foundation more relevant. With this challenge and Steve's words, I believe the TMDF does have an opportunity to expand our leadership and stewardship roles going forward. To this end, I took on my own challenge. Recently I was invited to share my thoughts about the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Economic (CORE) Act legislation that would name Camp Hale as the nation's first National Historic Landscape.

I shared the following with a group of veterans, legislators and advocates: the recognition of the legacy of 10th Mountain Division by virtue of the designation of Camp Hale as a Historic Landscape is the foundational element to the CORE Act. For it is the heritage – the story – that informs our present and future. This designation brings authenticity and relevance to the preservation of the proposed public lands necessary to expand the economic impact of Colorado's outdoor recreation industry. It was a timely opportunity to share how our history informs our present and future, making us more relevant!

To date, the TMDF has not taken a formal position on the CORE Act. Please be informed by reading more at <https://coreact.org/>.

Be Safe Be Well!

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Veterans of the Triple Deuce Brigade, members of Huts for Vets and Vet Voices join Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet at Camp Hale in February

Spotlight: Ben Dodge

"Best Job Ever"

Diversity of Ben's job as the 10th Mountain Division Hut Association is vast – whether it is field



work at the huts (cleaning, repairs, conducting inspections or stacking firewood)

to administrative tasks of planning, budgeting, managing contracts or developing policies and procedures – he says he has "the best job ever!" He likes working with his staff and Board of Directors who are very competent and passionate about the huts, and firmly committed to providing a first-rate backcountry hut experience.

Ben says his work with partners such as the TMDF, other similar organizations and third-party hut owners and operators is very rewarding. Ben sums it up: "My job is to make sure that we remember to look to our mission; to plan, finance, build and manage, for public use, a mountain hut system that promotes understanding and appreciation of the natural environment while developing individual self-reliance to guide what we choose to do."

10th Mountain Division Hut Association: Honoring Veterans and the Legacy They Created



The 10th Mountain Division Foundation has enjoyed a longstanding partnership with the 10th Mountain Division Hut Association.

The partnership includes sharing the story of the 10th Mountain Division and their love of the mountains through 10th materials at the huts. The staff and work crews of the Association are unfailing in their assistance with maintenance at the 10th Mountain Division Memorial at the top of Tennessee Pass.



Skiers arriving at Margo's Hut

In 2014 a Colorado state statute established the sale of custom license plates honoring the 10th Mountain Division. This further solidified the partnership. Led by then TMDF Chairman Tom Hames, a portion of the revenue is earmarked for the Hut Association. The Association uses the funds to advance their Backcountry Exploration Program.

The program encourages the use of huts by educational nonprofits, promotes a better understanding and appreciation of the natural mountain environment and develops individual self-reliance among hut users. They assist nonprofits financially, and offer guidance in trip planning. Who can participate? Nonprofits with an educational emphasis such as schools,



Summer Exploration Program at Harry Gates Hut

youth organizations, churches and senior citizen groups have received up to 50% off whole hut rentals during the week.

The most extensive of the Colorado ski hut systems is managed by the 10th Mountain Division Hut Association. A nonprofit corporation, the Hut Association was formed in the early 1980s by several Aspen skiers, including 10th Mountain Division veteran Fritz Benedict.

The first 10th Mountain Division Huts built were the McNamara and Margo's, completed during the summer of 1982.



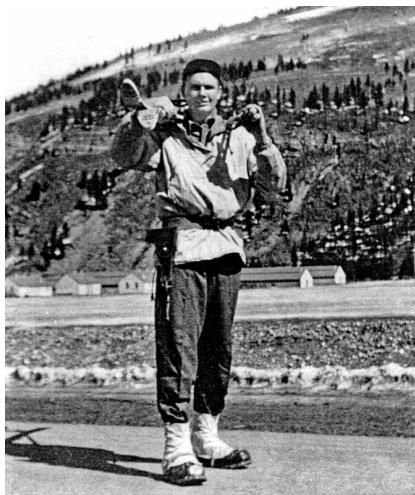
Hugh Evans, TMDF Founder, arriving at 10th Mountain Division Hut after skiing in on his 90th birthday

To learn more about the 10th Mountain Division Hut Association and the huts, visit www.huts.org.

Garrett Family Ever Forward Foundation: A Legacy Honored Through Philanthropy

By Nancy Kramer

In the fall of 2019, the 10th Mountain Division Foundation was invited to submit a proposal to the Garrett Family Ever Forward Foundation. Not familiar with this Foundation, I explored its origin, intent and mission, and discovered that the Foundation seeks to nurture and expand self-awareness, determination, reliance, and actualization in keeping with the spirit of so many who have sacrificed to establish and preserve these freedoms.



John M. Garrett, Jr.

I then learned the contact for the Foundation was a descendant of a 10th Mountain Division WWII veteran, John M. Garrett Jr., 86th Infantry, 3rd Battalion. In late 2019 the Garrett Foundation awarded the TMDF funding for the 10th Mountain Division Resource Center, Camp Hale interpretive sign project and the much anticipated Italian Bench project. The TMDF is profoundly grateful to the Garrett Family for helping us with these projects during this challenging year of COVID-19.

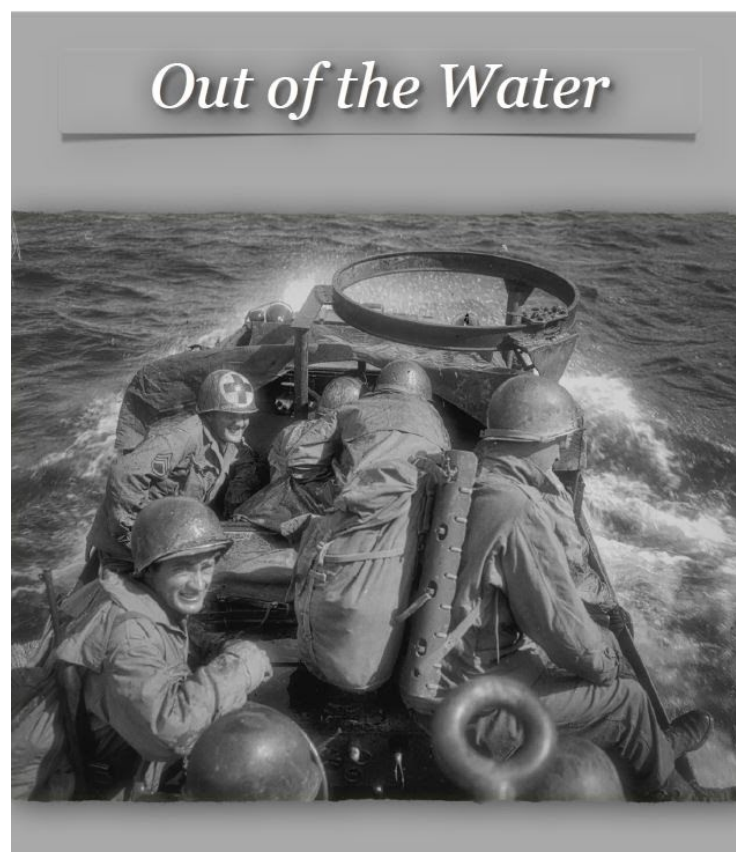


AN OPENING-DAY FEATURE at the new Brookhaven, Ga., store was the presentation of a new X-53 bicycle to Vicky Lynn Gatlin of Chamblee, Ga., a second place winner in the X-53 contest. Shown with Vicky Lynn is J. M. Garrett, retail sales manager. Joe Duncan, serviceman, is in the background.

John M. Garrett, Jr. as a post-war Businessman, circa 1953

Recently I read Keith Garrett's reflections on his father and his service which he wrote after researching his father's records and his family's participation in a 10th Mountain Division Descendant's "Return to Italy" trip. His writing provided the connection to the Garrett Family's commitment to philanthropy. Keith's journey of discovery began when he was 16 and had read "Remount Blue: The Combat Story Of The 3d Battalion, 86th Mountain Infantry" by David Browers.

This gave Keith the foundation to learn, in his father's words, about his time on the "Big Lake" (Garda) in a DUKW boat and his thoughts on the war: Those were the thoughts of a survivor, friend, soldier, civilian and defender of civilization. "My dad's expressions of having experienced evil on a level of utter disbelief were vivid. As were his motivations, will, and courage as one of the we who flushed them out. This is something I continue to ponder and I hope that the extended generations of our family will do so as well."



DUKW boat crew Lake Garda circa 1945