



President's Message (Trux Dole)

General Update: Your Foundation board concluded a successful annual meeting over Labor Day weekend. By working with program team leads to develop a budget and team reports beforehand, we condensed the administrative discussion to half a day, a 66% reduction from past meetings. Also, by shifting the meeting date to coincide with a 10th National Association reunion, we were able to include the leaders of National and Descendants, as well as representatives from several key program partners. We used the saved time for a productive design session to strategize on how to better collaborate and work more efficiently going forward. Meeting minutes have been compiled and were available for distribution by mid-October, also another first for the Foundation. If you would like a copy please contact Foundation Administrative Director, Lynn Hutchinson. admin@10thmdf.org

Your new slate of board members and officers is listed at the end of this article. We have refilled three board seats and are happy to announce the addition of: [Steve Coffey](#), Sr. VP of the 10th National Association and President of the 10th Descendants, [Jack Breeding](#), a long-time member of the 10th Living History Display Group, and Captain [Rich Piltingsgrud](#), 10th Mountain Colorado Army National Guard and co-founder of the 10th Mountain Alpine Group.

On a less happy note, board member and co-team lead for Outdoor Experience, [Thayer Shedd](#) has resigned to focus on his family's health; we wish him our best and will miss him. We are also sad to announce the retirement of Foundation Chairman, [Tom Hames](#), who was a critical member of Board leadership as we transitioned from WWII veterans to the next generation. Tom has also been a key catalyst in the Board's evolution and the development of our key partnerships. He will be sorely missed, but we are most appreciative of his 23+ years of service.

This past quarter also saw continued progress by our program teams with their corresponding partners. It is great to see how the new structure and defined program approach is taking hold and how our partners are leaning in. I am most hopeful that we will continue to see positive dividends as we continue to collaborate more closely. As we move into year three of my term, we are now well positioned to focus more on marketing to drive more donations and thereby increase the Foundation's ability to help 10th Mountain soldiers and their families.

Financial Update: Third quarter income totaled \$25,620 with \$16,956 from investments and license plate contributions. We received just under \$3,000 in general donations from 58 donors, plus 22 donations worth \$1,430 restricted to scholarships. [Icelandic](#) again added a generous contribution as a percentage of the sales of their 10th Mountain ski and plans for another run in the coming year.

Please note that we still have a challenge grant to support the 10th Mountain Resource Center. Our donor will match you dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. You can donate via the [10th Mountain website](#) or send checks noting the Resource center challenge.

As for expenses, the foundation is on track against the budget and is currently underspent against anticipated expenses. For 2019, the board approved a budget of \$115,225 with \$88,632 in program expenses. Through our efforts during the year, we have reduced our administrative expenses by 33% and increased funds for programs by 4.3%. Our program to administrative cost ratio is now more than 3:1.

Financial Update: 3rd Quarter and Year to Date - 2018			
Income			
Type	Q3	YTD	
General Donations	2,934	18,434	
License Plates	3,670	9,665	
Scholarship	1,430	41,430	
Resource Center	0	5,000	
Monuments/Memorials	0	6,905	
Icelandic Skis Partnership	4,300	4,300	
Investment Income	13,286	53,760	
TOTAL	25,620	139,494	
Expenses			
Program Area	Q3	YTD	
Collections and Public Resources	7,750	23,250	
Education and Scholarship	0	1,600	
Monuments and Memorials	2,460	21,600	
Outdoor Industry	0	529	
Outdoor Experience	0	15,600	
Promotion and Awareness	857	2,840	
Annual Meeting	5,200	5,200	
Admin Expenses	7,385	24,610	
TOTAL	23,652	95,229	

**Donations made in Memory or On-Behalf-Of Veterans and their families (July – Sept 2018):**

Charles McNerney Hauptman, Marlin and Joy Wineberg, Edmund Bennett, John W McLellan, Dick Dirkes, Wendell H. Chong, Angelo Brutico, Robert O. Burr, Dick Over, William J. Bourke, Tanner Pickens, Earl Clarke, Reuben Axelrod, David Brooks, Wyatt Auttonson, Lucas Weiss, Emeritus Paul Zinke, Ryan Lotman, Max L. Stewart, Leo Mintz, the Grover Family, Leon C Wilmot, Herbert Achenbach, Slip Spears, Norman Feder, Wharton Family, Bruce Edward Berends, Ben Duke, Miami Rifle and Pistol Club in Batavia, Ohio.

Program Update: The following recaps the different teams’ work over the past Quarter:

Memorials & Monuments: Q3 saw a major accomplishment at the Tennessee Pass Memorial. Thanks to the relentless and diligent efforts of Steve Wilmot, we finally secured approval from the Forest Service to remove the big tree that was threatening the memorial. Steve brokered a good deal with Old Growth Tree Service of Edwards, CO, who removed it in August.

Also of note, the 10th National Association has agreed to fund a plaque dedicated to the 10th Mountain Division that will be installed on the Path of Remembrance leading to the entrance of the new [National Museum of the U.S. Army](#) that will open in 2020 outside Ft. Belvoir, VA. The cost of the plaque is \$5,000; the Association will “front” the money, then ask for donations from the Foundation and Descendants to refill the Association’s coffers. [Sepp Scanlin](#), Director of the 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Museum, is the “point man” for this project. Donations by check with a memo to ‘Monuments team’ are most welcome. Or just go to the [Donate page on the Foundation website](#).



Collections and Public Resources: This past quarter, team leads Dave Little and Jack Breeding spent time in organizing the 10th travelling museum for upcoming Living History events. However, the Collections team just received an invitation to work with James Peterson, the new curator of the [10th collection at History Colorado](#), to help identify and catalogue the artifacts collection -ranging from guitars to mortar sights, signage from Camp Hale and even a combat longbow! This is a project near and dear to anyone’s heart who has seen the volume of materials at History Colorado – a real treasure trove of 10th History.

On other fronts, a small, permanent 10th Mountain exhibit was recently installed at the [Veterans Memorial Museum in Broomfield, Colorado](#) thanks to 10th Mountain Division Historian and author, Flint Whitlock. More on this in the future. The Foundation also provided \$1,000 to support the production of [‘Black Hawk Down, the untold story’](#), a documentary detailing how 10th Mountain soldiers fought through ferocious combat to rescue the special operations troops pinned down at the crash site. The film is poised for national distribution after successful screenings at Ft. Drum, the Army Heritage & Education Center, and the National Defense University.

Meanwhile, thanks to the good efforts of Foundation EVP, Nancy Kramer, EXCOM has just approved the updated memorandum of understanding between the Foundation, History Colorado, and the [DPL’s 10th Mountain Resource Center](#). This update is important in refocusing the relationship more directly with the Foundation instead of as an ancillary to the National Association.



Scholarships: This year we received 6 scholarship grant requests, of which 4 met the minimum requirements. Upon review, three Foundation \$5K scholarships are being rewarded to the following recipients in December 2018:

- Kristin Miller-Nelson, Cal Poly Architecture, WWII Veteran Carlton Miller 85th Regiment, Co B
- Jacob Reaves, Liberty University Criminal Justice, WWII Veteran Virgil Ivan Reaves 87th Regiment, Co C
- Hannah Smith, Univ Montana School Counseling, WWII Veteran Robert Yank 85th Regiment, Co K
Hannah is also being awarded the \$1250 Boddington Award.

There are a number of tasks assigned to the scholarship team including some updates and revisions to the rubrics and revisions to the application. The 1 May application deadline will remain the same.

Outdoor Experience: Team lead, Paul Vertrees, reported that he is continuing to evolve our partnership with the [National Outdoor Leadership School \(NOLS\)](#) that was created by 10th veteran and celebrated climber Paul Petzoldt. Specifically, the Outdoor Experience team is working to develop a NOLS course more appropriate for today's 10th veterans looking to translate their army training to a career in outdoor education or recreation. More to come, but there appears to be good potential to collaborate with the Outdoor Recreation Complex at Ft. Carson to help publicize the NOLS veteran's course and potential scholarship recipients.

Outdoor Industry: Current team efforts remain focused on product co-branding and event participation to help with funding and build longer term networking relationships for 10th soldiers and their families. The following outlines current outdoor industry partnership efforts:

- **Icelandic Skis, Golden CO:** Ski Trooper Skis are still for sale. 15% of gross sales go to the Foundation. To date, this partnership has generated \$11K in donations. [Order now](#) while supplies last.
- **Deviation USA, Portland OR:** Trux Dole is handling this co-branding opportunity. [Deviation](#) specializes in customizable skis and snowboards. Designs have been considered and unique individualization of the ski is possible. The final contract and contribution amount to the Foundation is still to be determined. Stay tuned.
- **Weston Snow Boards:** The 10th Mountain co-branded split board is moving ahead. [Weston](#) has finalized graphics and design, and we are finalizing the contract with a proposed contribution level of 5% of gross sales for a 3 year period still being negotiated. Trux Dole is taking over the lead on this effort from Tom Hames.
- **Elan Skis, Slovenia:** Preliminary discussions about a commemorative international ski have been encouraging. [Elan makes a folding ski](#) for the Slovenian Mountain Troops. It will be a good way to forge a stronger link to the 10th Mountain Division Hut Association and the International Federation of Mountain Soldiers as a possible co-sponsors. This year's Snow Show may prove critical to creation of this ski.
- **Black Diamond:** Given the unheralded but critical importance of climbing to the 10th's history and operations, we are working with [Black Diamond](#) and the [10th Mountain Alpine Group](#) (10th MAG) to develop a beginner's climbing kit combined with entry level classes offered by the 10th MAG. Climbing gear is being selected, pricing to be determined. When combined with climbing classes it will be a great way to bring new climbers to the sport and to make our first co-branding entrance to the sport of climbing. Instruction to be worked out, possibilities are: NOLS, 10th Alpine or American Alpine Club instructors or a mix of the above.
- **PSIAA/AASI:** We are collaborating on a first of its kind program that will provide today's 10th Mountain troopers with education and free certification programs to become ski or snowboard instructors. Foundation President, Trux Dole spearheaded this effort by working with [PSIAA](#) leadership to reduce by 72% the office space rent the Foundation pays and then redirect the savings to develop online educational content and to offer two free certification grants to 10th Mountain veterans wanting to become certified PSIAA/AASI instructors.



Industry Events: This year's [Snow Show](#) will be held in Denver on Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2018. Thanks to last year's efforts by Dave Little, Foundation Secretary and Collections Team Lead, we will now have the tradeshow pop-up backdrop/exhibit. This event is a key opportunity to increase awareness about the Foundation and also to uncover future industry partners. Our booth will be staffed by volunteers from the 10th Living History Display Group. Additional volunteers are welcome. Please contact Foundation Administrative Director, Lynn Hutchinson if you are interested. admin@10thmdf.org.

What's next:

As you can see on the adjacent chart, we have great folks, but they are doing double and sometimes triple duty. If you want to make a difference, your Foundation wants you!

We can also use help on our marketing team, particularly if you have web experience. Please feel to contact me (t.dole@10thmdf.org) or Lynn Hutchinson, (admin@10thmdf.org).

Thanks in advance for your help and consideration.
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PROGRAMS

Outdoor Industry
Tom Hames – Lead
Volunteers: Trux Dole, Tom Williams, Thad Cummings

Outdoor Experience
Paul Vertrees – Lead
Volunteers: Rich Piltingsrud, Trux Dole, Jim Redmore

Collections & Public Resources
Dave Little and Jack Breeding - Leads
Volunteers: Galen Jackman

Memorials & Monuments
Flint Whitlock – Lead
Volunteers: Steve Coffey, Steve Wilmot

Scholarship
Robbi Farrow – Lead
Sue Hagerman – Val Rios
Volunteers: Gill Pearsal

10th Mountain Division Foundation Board: 2018-2019

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Marketing/Communications

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