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• *Add another candle - Our Eighth Birthday*

Our Association celebrated it's eighth birthday in October. The Volume Number of this newsletter indicates that we formed the Association ten years ago, and have had not-for-profit status for 8 years (October 28, 2008.)

- *210 years have passed since the Pike Southwest Expedition*
- *211 years have passed since the Pike Mississippi Expedition*
- *217 years have passed since Pike's commissioning as a 1st and 2nd Lieutenant*
- *On January 5th we can celebrate Pike's 238th birthday*

INTER-NATION PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION- BORDER TO BORDER (ALMOST COAST TO COAST)

Prompted by many to include in our thinking Pike's 1st Expedition to the upper Mississippi River, we expanded our mission statement to include the first expedition last spring. Consideration is being given to also include his life from 1807 to his death in Sackets Harbor, New York in 1813 as well as his early life. In doing the homework, a great deal of information has been found.



The idea of eventually becoming **years from now** The Inter-nation PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION-
BORDER TO BORDER (ALMOST COAST TO COAST) *is being explored*. The thought has become an interesting and rewarding exercise.

TOTAL MILES OF Border to Border Pike Trail = **8168 miles** (Trail- not his actual mileage)

1st Expedition Mississippi River 1078 miles, 2nd Expedition Southwest 3670 miles, Pike's Route to Tippecanoe and other battles 275 miles, Remainder 3145 miles.

(If we add in the miles Pike made during trips up and down the Ohio River as a supply commander as well as adding in the 1078 miles back home from Cass Lake- his mileage is much greater.)

PIKE'S PERSONAL VALUES AND CHARACTER Article 3

I. Pike's Values, Character, Loyalism and Patriotism

Zebulon Montgomery Pike was a dedicated and loyal soldier in the foundation of our nation. His commitment, perseverance, and patriotism sustained him and his men throughout their exploration and personal and physical trials. He was born into a military family and followed in his father's footsteps. His father, Zebulon Pike, fought with Washington and raised a family firmly loyal to the new nation. Thus, his son's early, formative years provided the ethical backbone for his later life.

He joined the Army at the age of 14, was commissioned 2nd and then 1st Lieutenant at 20 and captain at age 27. He embarked on his Mississippi Expedition at 26 and a year later on his Southwest Expedition. He died at 33 as Brigadier General winning the York Battle during the War of 1812 at age 33.

He was autodidact who studied mathematics, science, and history. He taught himself French and Spanish.

II. Leadership qualities-

His rise through the Army ranks is a testimony to his ability to lead men.

On his first expedition up the Mississippi River, he was well respected by his men. The French living along the river, the British in northern Minnesota and various warring tribes including Lakota Sioux, Chippewas, Sacs, Fox, Winnebagos, and Menominee all treated him as an authority figure.

On the SW Expedition, 51 Osage he returned to their homeland in SW Missouri held him in high regard, the Pawnee backed down after challenging him. The Spanish in New Spain (today's New Mexico, Chihuahua, Durango, Coahuila and Texas) treated him graciously and threw nine fandangos for he and his men.

Pike insisted that his subordinates remain remain loyal not only to him, but also to the ventures they were engaged in. He was a temperate man, and did not hesitate to disciplined subordinates who drank and caroused.

III. More about Pike

As a young man, Pike showed great physical endurance. He enjoyed outdoor sports and was particularly fond of hunting and fishing. Few could match his skill as a marksman. He had broad shoulders, but his face was somewhat delicate: his hair light and wavy, eyes deep set, mouth large, and nose aquiline. In the language of the day, he was "tolerably handsome."

From 1795 to 1801 he learned self-discipline as a barge commander on the Ohio from Cincinnati to Pittsburgh and as an officer on the frontier.

For a few months in 1801 and in again in 1803 Pike and Meriwether Lewis were responsible for recruiting men for his Mississippi expedition.

Prior to 1805 Pike served is the post commander at Kaskaskia, Illinois on the Mississippi.

IV. Pike and his values

We believe that Pike demonstrated that he held these values: Authenticity, Achievement, Adventure, Authority, Autonomy, Balance, Boldness, Compassion, Challenge, Citizenship, Competency, Contribution, Creativity, Curiosity, Determination, Duty, Fairness, Friendships, Honesty, Honor, Integrity, Justice, Kindness, Leadership, Loyalty, Meaningful Work, Optimism, Patriotism, Perseverance, Poise, Respect, Responsibility, Self-Respect, Stability, Trustworthiness, Virtue and Wisdom.

"Society's values need to be passed on to our children." John Patrick Michael Murphy

PIKE'S DAMN'D RASCALS- 10

1st Expedition Corporal Samuel Bradley, 2nd Pvt. Descended the Arkansas River on 10/28/1806 with Wilkinson and arrived at New Orleans in February 1807 deserting WILKINSON at Arkansas Post Feb. 4, 1807.

Enlisted July 21, 1802; promoted to Sgt. March 10, 1806, but was reduced by Pike before the start of the Western expedition. After deserting Wilkinson, he took his punishment, and stayed in the service. When a reenlisted in the 1813, his record shows several courts-martial, with various amounts of corporal punishment and loss of rank. He was discharged 1815.

Sergeant Joseph Ballinger was on the 2nd expedition only Descended the Arkansas River with Wilkinson (down the Arkansas 10/28/1806) and arrived at New Orleans in late February 1807. Only one to stay with Wilkinson.

DISNEY ARTIST COMPLETES THREE PAINTINGS IN OUR PIKE SERIES

Ed French now has three paintings in the Pike Series completed with the fourth sketched.

Christmas 1806, New Animal, Small Blue Cloud have been completed and

Glory at York (tentative title) is on the idea board

with folks in Sackets Harbor and Plattsburgh, NY; Conifer, CO; and

Santa Fe working on soldier and Pike's uniform.

Together with children materials and adult notecards Ed has been hard at work.

See our separate *Auction and Merchandise Page*

UP AND DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI- ONE MAN'S NARRATIVE PART I

We left Fort BelleFontaine on Friday, August 9th, 1805. We had generally good sailing on the first few days of our journey in our keelboat traveling sometimes 40 miles in 10 hours, but torrential rains, sand bars and frequent dead-end channels slowed us down and ruined some of our food. A few days above St. Louis we met Indian canoes and although armed they generally stayed their distance. Lieutenant Pike could easily consul with the Indians when he went ashore.

Our first real obstacle was met on August 20th- De Moyer Rapids near today's Keokuk, Iowa. The rapids are about 11 miles long. About halfway we met Indian agent Ewing and several Sac Indians who came to help and at Ewing's headquarters in Montrose, Lieutenant Pike addressed local chiefs at the Sac village.

For a few days we had smooth sailing after leaving and when we came to the Rock River (today's Quad cities) we met James Aird of the British Michilimackinac Company. Later Lieutenant Pike stood up to this Company and the British Northwest Company for not paying tariffs to the United States and playing favors with the Indians by using British flags and medals. The keelboat luckily sailed through the rapids above the Rock River.

On September 1st we met Julien Dubuque (Dubuque Iowa) and scouted out the placement of forts in that area and upriver at Prairie de Chien. It was here that two of our men got lost looking for our hunting dogs. Happily they were returned by a Fox chief. Lieutenant Pike held consul with the Winnebagos where we got rid of the keelboat and replaced it with two smaller boats as well as hiring an interpreter and guide.

On September 10th, Tuesday we met the first Sioux near the mouth of the Bad Axe River (Wisconsin) and on the 13th we crossed Lake Pepin at nighttime running into tremendous storms. When we reached today's St. Paul and today's Pike Island at the mouth of the Minnesota River- then "St. Peters River", Lieutenant Pike on the 23rd negotiated with the Sioux the purchase of the lands east of St. Anthony Falls (now Minneapolis) and west of the Saint Croix River (now St. Paul area) for land to build forts.

It took us four days to get around St. Anthony's Falls with much labor. And now we really got into many islands on the Mississippi after the St. Anthony's Falls ordeal ended on September 30. We had to wade in the cold river and swift current with the temperature at below freezing at nighttime, but we had a variety of meats to eat supplied by Pike, Bradley and Sparks, the hunters.

We had hoped to make it to the Crow Wing River, but didn't for 81 days and there is a reason for that.

We made it to just south of Little Falls, Minnesota on Pike Lake (where Charles Lindbergh was raised).

We stayed there for 53 days from October 16 to December 8. On our return trip we stayed in the same location for 32 days (March 5 to April 6). And there's a reason for this. I'll tell you the reason in the next newsletter.

PIKE'S MONUMENTS AND MARKERS NOW UP TO 85 We ask for your help in spotting Pike

monuments in most states and provinces of Mexico. Located Pike Monuments and markers include: Colorado- 46, Minnesota- 9, New York- 8, Missouri- 5, Iowa- 4, Kansas- 3, 1 each in Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, 3 in Toronto (Ontario, Canada) and none in Indiana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, DC, Chihuahua, Durango, and Coahuila.

THE DESIGNATION OF THE PIKE TRAIL IN COLORADO IS MOVING TOWARD COMPLETION.

Another County Commission designated the Pike Trail on Colorado today in their county- Chaffee!

PIKE FAMILY DONATIONS- Pike memorabilia appropriate for preservation and other items for Auction have been donated.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED-

We received a Life Membership (Brigadier General Zebulon Montgomery Pike level) this month. The same person introduced his grandchildren (one in Alaska and the other in Colorado) to the Pike Association with their own personal memberships.

We also received a Vasquez-Smith level membership from another person.

Won't you join our Association also!

We need you to renew your membership or join for the first time. Click here for a membership form:
<http://zebulonpike.org/docs/MembershipBrochure.pdf>

Our Purpose: To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail

We are a Charitable nonprofit organization Our website is www.zebulonpike.org

"Zebulon Pike was an American hero, a patriot who lived and died for his country." -Thomas Jefferson

Our next Annual Meeting
will be on April 28th 2017 at
the Royal Gorge, CO.



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COIN SET AVAILABLE INDIVIDUAL COINS- \$3 LOOSE SETS OF SIX- \$20 FRAME SETS WITH PAMPHLET (PIKE'S WORDS AND AN EXPLANATION FOR EACH COIN) \$30. SHIPPING AND HANDLING- \$1.00

The Pike Association's vinyl decals- The cost is \$2.50 each with price breaks at 5, 10, or 25 decals, plus shipping.

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