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PROMINENT PIKE NATIONAL HISTORICAL TRAIL ASSOCIATION FELLOW BOARD MEMBER AND ARTIST, ED FRENCH, PASSES AWAY

March 12, 2020 by Clifford Pike

"Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake." -Victor Hugo



Ed French who experienced and knew first-hand the courage required for the great



sorrows of life, and exhibited infinite patience for all the small sorrows in life, accomplished all the daily tasks of his life; drew his last breath and went to sleep in peace knowing God is and will always be awake.

Ed French's courage to face the challenges of life also allowed Ed to recognize, embrace and celebrate the beauty, grandeur, majesty and

Trout Creek Pass Feb 17 2020
The final Pike painting

transcendence in the spirituality of the ordinary: the day to day, the simple things.

Ed's life and art elevated the ordinary into the extraordinary.

The South African writer Alan Paton states: "Francis of Assisi taught me that there is a wound in the Creation and that the greatest use we could make of our lives

was to ask to be made a healer of it."

There is a deep wound in creation and in our lives as we come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss.

The Pike National Historical Trail Association cannot, in any amount of words, express its indebtedness to Ed's passion, commitment, dedication, energy and enthusiasm. His talent and love for life created the greatest use for anyone's life: to become, through example, a healer of the wound in the Creation.

We say farewell to a man who inhaled the breath of life from God and exhaled into all he directly or indirectly came into contact with, the love, wonder, kindness, grace, and humility that was Ed's living soul.

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Ed passed away in Cotopaxi on March 12, 2020

"I lost a friend, a dependable partner in Association issues, and one who I could share life experiences." - Harv Hisgen

He did so much to promote Zebulon Pike's role in American history and to bring to life through his art what Pike and his men experienced.

The French family has a wonderful site for their father: [https://www.memories.net/page/3564/ed-french?](https://www.memories.net/page/3564/ed-french?utm_source=copy&utm_medium=skymorial&utm_campaign=skymorials-share)

[utm_source=copy&utm_medium=skymorial&utm_campaign=skymorials-share](https://www.memories.net/page/3564/ed-french?utm_source=copy&utm_medium=skymorial&utm_campaign=skymorials-share) It truly is interesting and more than enlightening.

Ed's bio can be found at his website: <http://edfrench.fineaw.com/artistBiographyCtl.php>

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND INSTAGRAM

The Association has a Facebook site maintain believe it or not by a Pike. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pikenational>. The old Facebook page for some reason cannot be taken down because we have been unable to contact the maintainer so that he can take it down. Go to the Facebook page.

And don't forget to visit our website: zebulonpike.org



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This is the name of the Pike Instagram account - that's what people should look for within Instagram.

Instagram is a social networking app made **for** sharing photos **and** videos from a smartphone. Similar **to** Facebook or Twitter, everyone who creates an **Instagram** account has a profile **and** a news feed. When you post a photo or video on **Instagram**, it will be displayed on your profile.



PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION - BEST OF CONIFER AWARDS- by Jeremy Mitchelle

It is our pleasure to inform you that Pike National Historic Trail Association has been selected for the 2020 Best of Conifer Awards in the category of Association or Organization. This is the second year in a row your Association has been BEST.

FEASIBILITY REPORT- The Phone Conversation with Aaron Mahr, NPS June 12, 2020

The lead investigator Laura Urvin (sp?) has been hired and starts July 6, 2020.

She has a lot of experience in this position and is history minded.

There will be others working with her and are already working.

Some historical context work has already been accomplished.

Laura, Aaron, others from the Park Service, our Linda, Brian and I will phone conference meet sometime after the 5th of July.

The meeting will have several purposes: To

- get to know one another
- to plan the scoping meetings (tentative- early fall)
- if the scoping meetings must be electronic or in person
(The Park Service is considering alternatives.)
- how to make positive statements to property rights individuals

ASSOCIATION PLAN FOR DESIGNATION

LET US KNOW YOU ARE ON BOARD WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR HELP

In the Jan-Mar issue of this Newsletter a three year plan for national designation of the *Pike National Historic Trail* was presented. At the April 25th, 2020 Annual Meeting the plan was approved by the Board.

I Creating a data base A database was created that contains 1600 entries with over 1000 email addresses. Officials from today's seven states that Pike traveled on the Southwest Expedition were listed.

II Making People Aware

We are making people aware that the feasibility study by the National Park Service is now being conducted using an internet communication tool called MailChimp to

- County commissioners and mayors will receive the main general letter,
- Chambers of Commerce will receive the Chamber letter with a definite economic bent,
- Historical/ Preservation/ Heritage Societies will receive the history letter which is aimed toward historic preservation.

These email letters were sent in May to over 130 County Commissioners, 342 mayors, 208 Chambers of Commerce, and 261 Historical/ Preservation/ Heritage Societies.

The Indian snail mail letters were also sent in May to 17 Pueblo tribes as well as the Pawnee, Osage, Ute and Louisiana tribes. While the trail will not traverse sovereign Indian land in many places it is adjacent to their land and we wanted to early on make them aware.

III "Are You Supporting our Effort and/or have questions?"

Currently a second set of MailChimp emails are being sent to gauge support and provide vehicles for discussion and to answer questions.

IV Communication and Promotion

The Association plan for passage of the Congressional designation bill calls for keeping people informed and getting their support.

Promotional items have been purchased or near publication including 'I Hiked the Pike' map, 'I Like Pike' (Campaign buttons), Pike Route Books and our Smartphone app 'Pike Legacy'.

V Designation Push

When the designation bill is introduced in two to three years, our supporters as well as our contact lists for legislators and governors will be asked to join the effort for designation.

SPREADING THE WORD-

1. "I am Laura McClure at the Carnegie Research Library in Osborne Kansas. (Her husband is John. He owns a bicycle shop in Osborne and is mayor O Osborne, KS.)

I'm working with a man here in Osborne who is putting information together to recognize the Pike National Historic Trail." Thank you, Laura

They have also engaged the help of their economic development Director to the task of joyously spreading the word.

2. Kansas Kate in Fort Scott, Bourbon County, KS is not only spreading the word about the Pike effort, she is helping us with our mailing database. Some months back she convinced the Bourbon County Board to declare into perpetuity September 5th as Bourbon County Pike Day. This was a day in 1806 when Pike was in her county.

She is also helping to locate the owners of the property in Vernon County Missouri where Pike encamped we she called Camp independence, because captured (by the Pottawattamie) 51 Osage Indians were returned to their homeland.

3. The Chairman of the Jewell County KS County Commissioners Mark Fleming and owner of a hamburger and ice cream shop in Makato, KS said, "Sure I'll help as much as I can."

PIKE NATIONAL HISTORICAL TRAIL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETING- April 25, 2020

1. EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES and LIABILITY coverages.

The conversation with, "Why do we need it? As we get bigger we are exposing ourselves to more liability."

2. The BUDGET 2020-2021 is taking a hit with the costs of initiatives listed below.

- a. Stock in our Website Shop,
- b. 'I Hiked the Pike' map,
- c. 'I Like Pike' (Campaign buttons),
- d. amazon.com for the Children's Coloring Book.
- e. Embroidering companies...
- f. Insurance g. Smartphone app h. Route Books

3. OFFICERS, ADVISORS AND BOARD were re-elected.
4. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP was awarded for Ed French and Monty Pike.
5. THE 1ST SPIRIT FARSIGHT AWARD - 2 awards were presented, one to Linda Balough and one to Stacey Pike for their service using Ed French's Eagle and busts of Zebulon Pike.
6. Website/Communications Committee: Brian Pike (Chair), Mike Bandera, Cliff Pike, and Stacey Pike were appointed.
7. Marketing Committee: Mike Bandera (Chair), Erwin Young, and Linda Balough were appointed.
8. Interest being gauged- BRIAN'S SPECIAL PROJECT - Denim, long sleeve shirts with full-colored, embroidered Association logo. If you would like to order- let Brian know (pikespk1@hotmail.com) size. Price- To be determined.
9. DESIGNATION PLAN
 - 1st Essentially we are going to be making people aware- County Commissioners, City Managers/Mayors, Chambers of Commerce/Econ Dev., and Historical/Preservation groups.
Mail Chimp letters went out in early May. There are 3 separate letters. The letters for Chambers emphasize economic advantages and Historical groups the historical and interpretive advantages.
 - 2nd part of designation plan, send out a letter to the Indians- 19 tribes in northern NM on I-25, 2 different NM Pueblo councils, (the Upper 8 and the other in Albuquerque). The letter makes them aware. Asks them, "Are you on board with this?, Can we count on your to help with the designation?"
 - This fourth set of letters will be sent to the Osage, Pawnee, Ute, Apache, 19 Pueblo tribes in NM, etc. snail mail.
 - 3rd Part- Keep them informed with future letters and Ask, "Are you in board?"
 - 4th Part- Start gearing up with a full designation plan.
 - 5th Part- Don't ASSUME
10. An Instagram account suggested.



THERE'S A ZEBULON MONTGOMERY PIKE IN THE US NAVY.
and in our Association

The Pike National Historic Trail Association is extremely pleased to announce its newest Life-Time Member: **Zebulon Montgomery Pike**! You read that right: no, no not Brigadier General ZMP of Pikes Peak fame, but rather **Senior Chief Petty Officer Zebulon Montgomery Pike**.

Zeb has served 23 years in honorable dedication to this country through the United States Navy. Four aircraft carrier deployments; four LHD deployments (the Navy's multipurpose amphibious assault ship); a stint aboard a Coast Guard cutter: two tours in Qatar and one tour in Bahrain. He will again deploy aboard the USS Carl Vinson (the Navy's 3rd Nimitz-class super-carrier) this upcoming October 2020. Zeb is married to Renee and has two sons Dillon and Zachary and who currently reside in San Diego.

Yes the tradition of naming children after the famous explorer continues.

Five Zebulon Pikes

Colonel Zebulon Pike [1751-1834] US Army
General Zebulon Montgomery Pike [1779-1813] US Army
Zebulon Montgomery Pike Sr [1900-1985] US Army
Captain Zebulon Montgomery Pike Jr [1922-2019] US Army
Senior Chief Petty Officer, Zebulon Montgomery Pike III (1976-Living] US Navy

Who has been named Zebulon Pike?

1. Colonel Zebulon Pike, who fought in the Revolutionary War under Gen. George Washington.
2. He fathered two sons- James Brown Pike and General Zebulon Montgomery Pike, our hero and explorer.

3. Three generations later in the James Brown Pike line (Zeb's brother), Charles and Fannie Pike named one of their sons Zebulon Montgomery Pike Sr..
4. Zebulon Montgomery Pike Sr. and his wife Marion (nee Dennis) Pike named one of their four sons Zebulon Montgomery Pike (Jr... distinguished WW2 hero and our Monty).
5. Another son of Zebulon Montgomery Pike Sr. (Clifford L. Pike) have/had several grandchildren one named Zebulon Montgomery Pike III, our new Life Member.

Curious- four of the five actively served in the US Army. Our new Life Member choose the US Navy.

The Pike family has an interesting way of nicknaming members of the family. If you had a middle name 'Montgomery' you were 'Monty'. Any 'Zebulon Pike' would likely be called 'Zeb'. We in the Pike National Historic Trail Association often refer to the explorer as 'Zeb'.

The Pike family refers to Cliff Pike: (Zebulon Montgomery Pike III's uncle), Pike National Historic Trail Association Life Member, Board member and Chaplain, as Cuz'n Rooster and he refers to himself as nick_the_brick.

It seems that it is traditional to play with nicknames and handles. Cliff also served in the Navy.

The Pike National Historic Trail Association is proud of those in the Pike family who served our nation. We now welcome our new hero and Life Member- Zebulon Montgomery Pike III.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

We are also grateful for the support of our Corporate Sponsors.

Titles found in the 1st Quarter 2020 Pike Newsletter: Report from the National Park Service's Supervisor, Designation Plan, US Geodetic and Geographic Centers, Playground named in Sackets Harbor, and Clara Pike.

Titles found in this 2nd Quarter 2020 Pike Newsletter: Passing of Ed French, Our Facebook Page and Instagram account, Best of Conifer Awards, NPS Feasibility Report, Association Plan for designation, Spreading the Word, Annual Meeting April 25, 2020 report, and New Life Member Zebulon Montgomery Pike III

Our **Vision** is **TO PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PIKE AND CELEBRATE HIS MEMORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

***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

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Now that we are moving toward possible designation of the Pike National Historic Trail

Join our Association or renew your membership

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We need you to renew your membership or join for the first time.

Click here for a membership form on our website (Payment method PayPal):

<https://www.zebulonpike.org/product-category/membership/>

or

complete and mail the membership form below.

Make checks payable to: Pike National Historic Trail Association

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Pike National Historic Trail Association, c/o Brian Pike, Membership Chair, 5357 Bristol; Arvada, CO 80002

Membership Form

Please consider membership in our organization

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Student	\$15	Corporal Jackson	Small Business	\$75	Robinson-Brown-Miller
Individual	\$25	Sergeant Meek	Corporation	\$200 & up	Carter-Gordon-Mountjoy-Roy
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