



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

Pike National Historic Trail Association

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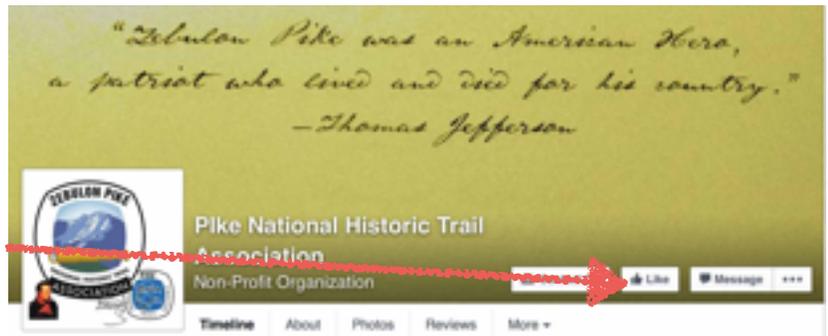


The Pike National Historic Trail Association - our Facebook page

The Board of the Pike NHTA on Saturday, 25 April directed Pat Surrena, our Vice President for Interpretation, to set up a Facebook account and to investigate an Association blog. Our stated purpose is to: a) gain broader exposure for Pike and his efforts, b) promote the Association's legislative undertakings to secure the national designation of the Pike Trail and c) to promote membership in our Association.

The site was launched (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pike-National-Historic-Trail-Association/167853563238403?fref=ts>) with this masthead — —

We invite and encourage you to go to your Facebook account and type in- **Pike National Historic Trail Association**. Please click on **Like** and add your



comments of encouragement.

If you don't have an account - go to www.facebook.com to set up your Facebook account.

Today, April 27, is the 202nd anniversary of the death of Zebulon Montgomery Pike. Impressed with his daring and his reputation as an efficient officer, the military promoted Pike to brigadier general during the War of 1812. Having survived two perilous journeys into the Far West, Pike was killed on this day in 1813 after successfully attacking British troops in Toronto. He was 34 years old. It's a fitting tribute to ZMP that we started this FB page for him, his exploration, military life and the growing Association which bears his name on this day. R.I.P. Zebulon Montgomery Pike. April 27, 1813. York, Canada, War of 1812. Killed in action. Son of Zebulon Pike, Sr. Final resting place: Sackets Harbor, NY.

The Association's Annual meeting-

The Annual meeting of the Association was held on **Saturday, April 25, 2015, in Cañon City** at the Royal Gorge conference room in their new administrative center. We passed our budget for this year (see the Mar-Apr 2015 newsletter). The new Pike vinyl decals are available for purchase*.

We approved and aggressive membership plan with offering gifts as incentives for membership. We will emphasize not only your membership put that you actively seek membership of three other individuals and the Sponsorship of corporations with which you are associated.

Two corporations have donated funds and are sponsoring our projects.

The association budget will be available, upon request.

We are moving ahead aggressively with our efforts.

Our next Annual Meeting will be on April 30th 2016 at the Royal Gorge.

* The cost is \$2.50 each with price breaks at 5, 10, or 25 decals, plus shipping.

New Pikes Peak Picture-

We acquired permission to use Mr. Van Hoy's excellent photo. Some of us are already calling it the "small blue cloud photo".



About our Facebook page- & Pike's 'Grand Peak'

Occasionally we'll post references to Pikes journals. Here's one spurred by our friend James Van Hoy's fine photograph of Pikes Peak. James is a professional photographer in Colorado Springs and if you notice at the top of the mountain you'll see a trace of blue perhaps of a small blue cloud.

Here's what Pike says in his journal as he is just entering the area (near present day Las Animas, a little over 100 miles distant) on *November 15th, Saturday in 1806*. "*Marched early. Passed two deep creeks and many high points of the rocks; also, large herds of buffalo. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, I thought I could distinguish a mountain to our right, which appeared like a small blue cloud; viewed it with the spyglass and was still more confirmed in my conjecture, yet only communicated to doctor Robinson, who was in front of me, but in half an hour, they appeared in full view before us. . .but their sides were whiter as if covered with snow, or a white stone. Those were a spur of the grand western chain of mountains, which divide the waters of the Pacific from those of the Atlantic oceans, . . . They appear to present a natural boundary between the province of Louisiana and New Mexico and would be a defined and natural boundary.*"

Just interesting how this photo kind of mirrors what Pike described while on his Western Expedition and the first time he may have seen the mountain, Pikes Peak, that today bears his name.

Pat and Monty - A post on our Facebook page

Patrick Surrena proudly visiting with Zebulon Montgomery "Monty" Pike, our honorary board member and the Great, Great, Great grand nephew of the legendary explorer and namesake of Pikes Peak. Monty is our immediate past 1st Vice Pres. Monty is the closest living relative to Zebulon Montgomery Pike. He has served as Captain in the Army, and has a long commitment to the Pike Family Association. He loves speaking about his relative with civic and school children as ZM Pike (Of course, he is ZM Pike and loves serving unsalted buffalo, as did his relative.) He lives in Salida CO with wife Grace. There are other Pikes in our group but Monty carries the name of the original. We felt it only proper to have Monty featured in the first photo we posted on our FB site. Monty loves teaching school children the history of Pike and his explorations. Keep in good health, Monty!



Colorado State Stamps- Zebulon Montgomery Pike

The 14,110-foot Pike's Peak in Colorado was named after Lieutenant Zebulon M. Pike who had been ordered to explore the headwaters of the Arkansas and Red Rivers. A young man of 27, he left St. Louis on July 15, 1806 with a party of 22 men and went up the Arkansas River. They reached the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains and began climbing when Pike saw what he said appeared to be a "small blue cloud." The expedition had to end before reaching the peak due to dropping temperatures, driving winds and snow, for which they were unprepared. The expedition continued southwest to northern New Mexico, and opening the area up to American expansion into Texas. Pike rose to become a brigadier general in the War of 1812. General Pike achieved one a major victory against the British in the Battle of York, however it cost him his life. He was killed in battle on April 27, 1813.



Source- <http://www.postcardsfrom.com/stamp/stamp-co.html>

Hey Monty- what did you walk into? by Allan Vainley- postponed until the next issue

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