

Keith Renninson

Keith is a Colorado native attending Douglas County High School, Arapahoe Community College, Metropolitan State University and the College for Financial Planning. His education was spread out over several decades with two years in the Army with a tour in the Vietnam War.

Keith started with New York Life in 1975 when he was 27, acquired his Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation in 1989 and retired from planning in 2001. Keith was President of his Life Underwriters Association 1995-1999.

Keith's time in Vietnam taught him to never waste time, it's too precious, and to that end he has lived an interesting life racing cars and bicycles, skiing, foreign travel, and climbing many of Colorado's famous Fourteener's. It was that love of hiking and climbing that lead Keith to Nepal twice in the 1990's. His new award-winning book "Tenacity: You Don't Have to Get Lost in Nepal to Find Yourself, But it Helps!" is based on the second trip when he traveled alone and got lost for a few days in the Himalayas.

He started racing bicycles at 54 and became the President of the Colorado Bicycle Racing Association for Seniors (COBRAS) in 2011.

Keith gained international acclaim with his 2004 article "Compassion at Death's Door" in The American Legion magazine. His other books include: "The Pain and Joy of Love, A Collection of Black & White Photography, Short Stories, and Poetry", the illustrated children's book on grieving "Zooch the Pooch, My Best Friend" co-authored with friend Michael Kelley, and three Zooch audio books. He also wrote the column "Philosophy Speaking" for the Downtown Denver News for seven years.

Ever the volunteer, Keith has sat on Boards and Committees for: The American Diabetes Association, The American Cancer Society, and the Porsche Club of America Rocky Mountain Chapter.

Looking to expand his horizons after retirement Keith joined a local Toastmasters club and learned public speaking. In 2016, Keith joined the National Speakers Association (NSA) Colorado Chapter and won the Member of the Year in 2017. He now sits on the Board of NSA-Colorado as the Secretary/VP of Operations.