



101st Airborne Division Association

**Minutes of Meeting of August 7, 2021
Bailey's Bar & Grille, Townsend MA**

View Our Chapter Website at www.screamingeaglesne.org

Attending: Treasurer Kevin Farrell, Ed O'Reilly, Bill "Blink" Blankenburg, SGM Bob Delia, George LeBlanc, Kevin Richardson, Denny Drewry and his son Scott, and Webmaster/Meeting Recorder Cathie Clark and Alice Randall (grandmother of our logo designer Victoria Chase).

Prior to our meeting there had been a ceremony at the Townsend Town Hall designating Townsend as a Purple Heart Community. Present from our chapter was Denny Drewry, his son Scott and Blink. The ceremony invited Purple Heart Recipients, all Veterans, and the Public. It was very nice and brief and all Purple Heart Recipients present received a Purple Heart Lapel Pin.

At Bailey's we had a nice turnout of ten persons attending. Everyone engaged in warm conversation as we were all happy to see each other. The meeting was called to order at 1236 hours by Blink Blankenburg, acting in President Tom McGall's absence. Blink thanked all present for attending and conveyed Bob Morrissey's greetings.

Member Updates:

Sadly, Denny Drewry advised us he is battling cancer. He is in good spirits and we all wish him well. We are certain he will beat this! He wanted everyone to know that he is still actively involved with the "Fishing with Warriors" project. Check out their website at: www.FishingWithWarriors.us. You will be very impressed with the scope of these multi-day trips to exotic locations. You can donate or sponsor on the website. 100% of the donations go to the expenses for these once-in-a-lifetime trips. Denny says thanks for your support!

Another member who has more lives than a cat is our beloved Sergeant Major Bob Delia. The Smaj has been in and out of the hospital since January, also battling cancer. We wish him the very best also.

Speaking of the Smaj, he circulated a *Lowell Sun* newspaper article from July 28 covering his personal contribution of a vintage (1940!) *Old Town* Canoe to the Pepperell Boy Scout Troop No. 13. Here's a link to the story:

<https://www.lowellsun.com/2021/07/28/decades-after-serving-his-country-pepperell-veteran-helps-keep-boy-scouts-afloat/>. If you can't open the link, email us at screamingeaglesne@comcast.net — we are preparing a printable copy that can be emailed back to you.



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Plaque Presentation:

Our Chapter President Tom McGall will present to Linda Bussiere, widow of former chapter member Mark Bussiere, a Plaque In Honor and Loving Memory of her husband at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge NH on August 28. Mark served with “L” Company 75th Rangers 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam and is a highly-decorated Trooper — Recipient of the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, and CIB. Having a flag presentation at the Cathedral was Mark’s last wish. We hope as many of our members as possible will attend. Blink showed the plaque to all present at Bailey's and everyone was very pleased with the fine job Eagle Trophy did with Blink’s design.

Annual Cookout. Blink regretfully advised that it will not be possible for him to host the Cookout at his home this Summer or Fall. He will have family visiting from both North Carolina and Oregon starting August 29th till the end of September. Also, the changing situation with COVID-19 is of concern to everyone, vaccinated or not. He does suggest we continue our monthly meetings to keep our Chapter alive and going. We are targeting September 18 and will post on our website when we can confirm that date.

The meeting adjourned at 1340 hours.

Wishing All and their Loved ones the Best of Health.

Airborne All The Way

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Blankenburg