



101st Airborne Division Association

**Minutes of Meeting of March 9, 2019
The Bull Run Tavern, Shirley MA**

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Attending: President Tom McGall, Treasurer Bob Morrissey, Bob Delia, Bill (Blink) Blankenburg, Ed O'Reilly, Rob Botschafer, Denny Drewry, and Webmaster/Meeting Recorder Cathie Clark.

The meeting was called to order at 1310 hours in the larger Noble Room for reasons that will be disclosed further on in this report.

Old Business

Minutes of the November meeting were read, corrections made, and accepted as amended.

New Business

Meeting Location: Although we have appreciated the hospitality at Bull Run over the past 30 years, alternative locations have been investigated at the request of members who find the location and amenities increasingly difficult. Bailey's Bar and Grille, 18 Main Street in Townsend MA was one of those suggested. (Website: <https://www.baileysbarandgrille.com/>) Locals attest the food and service is good, and there are no handicap-access issues. We don't want to fully sever the relationship with the Bull Run, but in the interest of increasing meeting attendance, we need to respond to member requests for a different place. Management at Bailey's has offered use of a free function room and are enthused about an affiliation with our Chapter. It was suggested that we give them a try for our May 4 meeting. A vote was taken and passed. May 4 at Bailey's it will be. Hope to see you there!

Meeting Frequency: Also in the interest of increasing attendance, it was suggested that we should return to a once a month frequency. The feeling is that it is easier to remember and plan on than the 3 times a year we have been trying. No action was taken on this, and our April 6 and May 4 previously-announced dates stand.

Snowbird Reunion: We want to submit an article to *Screaming Eagle* about our unit's attendance at Snowbird. Pictures are appreciated. Deadline for submission is April 15, so get any contribution you wish to make to Cathie ASAP.

Annual Cookout: Blink's offer to host is once again on the table and happily received. The date would be Sunday, June 23.

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Website Status: Our website has been in existence for decades now, originally set up by who-remembers-who at that time. Cathie assumed management of it in 2008, working with it under a “reseller” of web hosting who announced that he is retiring and we must find a new host arrangement. Cathie finds the GoDaddy hosting most excellent, with U.S.-based 24/7 customer service and discounts on hosting for multiple-year commitments. Our present \$7.95/month billing will go away and we must pay for at least a year at a time. Domain (.org) renewal is \$18/year and hosting will be approximately \$100 a year. SMAJ offered to pay for the first year and coughed up the dough on the spot. With that confidence expressed, it was voted to make the move to GoDaddy. Cathie and Bob will work together on the transition and will report at the April meeting.

Surprise Celebration: March 20 will be SMAJ’s 88th Birthday, so we had a mini-celebration at the end of this meeting, requiring use of the aforementioned larger room. A delightful cake was produced, and we sang to the best of our various abilities. Evidence:



The meeting adjourned at 1430.

Airborne all the Way!

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Morrissey, Treasurer