



101st Airborne Division Association

**Minutes of Meeting of March 7, 2020
Bailey's Bar & Grille, Townsend MA**

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Attending: President Tom McGall, Treasurer Bob Morrissey, VP Tony Payne, Ed O'Reilly, Bill "Blink" Blankenburg, Denny Drewry, Kevin Farrell, Bill Farrell, Bob Delia, John Mastro, and Webmaster/Meeting Recorder Cathie Clark. We also welcomed guests Sheldon Royal, Alice Randall (Grandma of our Logo Artist, Victoria Chase), and Acting (and now departing) Secretary Laura Bartel.

After an hour-and-a-half of spirited conversation, chowing down, and joking around in the function room area, the meeting was called to order at 1301 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a prayer was read by Tony Payne. Minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted with corrections. This was the first meeting with our new Treasurer, Kevin Farrell — he was welcomed warmly.

The location of the April meeting is planned to take place at the 401 Tavern in Hampton NH. See the website for meeting notice and directions/map.

Denny Drewry expressed his appreciation for the coverage we provided of his "Fishing with Warriors" organization in the last *The Screaming Eagle* magazine issue. His group is still looking for new sponsorships and donations. Their sponsored trips are not local day-boat excursions — they are world-class week-long fishing trips to faraway locations such as Costa Rica and Venice, Louisiana for groups of veterans who want to relax, connect and love the outdoors. Fishing with Warriors handles all costs of these veterans' trips — transportation, lodging, meals and any entry fees — and 100% of donations to the organization are dedicated entirely to covering these costs. Sponsorships start at \$3,100 up to \$5,350! Check out their website at <https://www.fishingwithwarriors.us/> and pass it on to anyone you know who has a desire to make a tax-deductible donation to a most worthy cause.

Blink brought up the subject of our Annual Cookout. In observance of increasing virus-related restrictions, it is not wise for him and Diane to host the cookout at their home as they have in the past. In fact, it may not be possible to have a cookout at all this year. He expressed his disappointment and so did we, but we really do understand.

As this was our last meeting for our former President and Treasurer Bob Morrissey, there was a grand thank-you voiced by current President, Tom McGall, and presentation of a handsome plaque/bust. Many of us had never seen anything quite like it! Bob was very moved and gave an extensive recitation of his memories throughout the years and his appreciation for the support he had received from the Chapter members in fulfilling his duties. He will be far away, but not gone entirely — he promises to keep in touch and try to attend a few future meetings with emphasis on warmer months with NO SNOW.

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Joining us with a surprise visit was the Bailey's Chef who cooked our meals, Brad Hollowell. He served with the 82nd ABN and 3rd Ranger BN and is the nephew of George Luz, who served with Easy Company 2/506 (the "Band of Brothers") throughout WWII. For those who watched the HBO series, Brad's uncle George was the wisecracker and voice impersonator portrayed by actor Rick Gomez. We actually knew George — he was a great guy and a member of The New England Chapter for many years. By the way, Brad did an awesome job with our food — we made sure he felt appreciated and asked him back to be included in our group pictures.

A motion was made to adjourn at 1400 hours, which was seconded and passed. Many of us decided to retire to the Lounge for more adult beverages and conversation with Bob and Laura before our final good-byes. Jovial but sad at the same time.

See you April 4 at The 401 Tavern! (Note: Meeting not held due to Covid restrictions.)

Airborne all the Way!

Respectfully submitted,
Tom McGall, President