



101st Airborne Division Association

**Minutes of Meeting of May 4, 2019
Bailey's Bar and Grille, Townsend MA**

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Attending: President Tom McGall, Treasurer Bob Morrissey, Bill (Blink) Blankenburg, VP Tony Payne, John Mastro and spouse, Doug "PT" Barnum, Greg Apraham, John Varnum, George LeBlanc, Webmaster/Meeting Recorder Cathie Clark, and guest Gretchen Walker.

The meeting was called to order at 1322 hours in the private meeting room at Bailey's with a prayer by VP Tony Payne.

Old Business

Minutes of the April 6 meeting were read, corrections made, and accepted as amended.

Meeting Location: For many of those attending, this was our first visit to Bailey's, which has been proposed as our new regular meeting location. We found the separate, handicap-accessible meeting room which is provided at no extra charge to us, very private, comfortable and spacious. The menu was very interesting and a variety of items were ordered, all of which were delicious. The ladies present reported that the restroom was most acceptable. A vote was taken to accept Bailey's as our new official meeting site, and it unanimously passed.

President McGall mentioned that The 401 Tavern in Hampton, the site of our April meeting, has donated \$500 to the Chapter. It is our wish to continue holding at least one meeting a year there, in appreciation of former owner Desi Lanio's past support and for the traveling convenience of our members from NH and Maine. It has not been confirmed, but the October meeting was discussed to be held there.

Saying Good-bye — NOT: In the April Minutes, we reported that Member Ed O'Reilly had found it necessary to move to Virginia and therefore would no more be attending our meetings. We were saddened by this and decided to get a special cake and card for Ed for this meeting. As it turns out, Ed could not attend at all, but sent word that miraculously his landlord found him another suitable place to live and that he would not be moving after all! We all enjoyed the cake anyway and look forward to Ed's presence going forward. (No word on the disposition of the Bon Voyage card!)

Annual Cookout: Final reminder that our annual (pot luck) cookout will once again be at Blink's house in Townsend, on Sunday, June 23. He was teasing that there will be "unique raffle prizes" that we won't want to miss. AND he's putting out a call for attendees to let him and Diane know what food items they were bringing so there won't be duplicates or missing favorites. Please advise, guys!

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74th Annual Reunion - Colorado Springs, August 21 to 24: Tom again reminded everyone of this upcoming terrific event. Deadline for registration is July 31 and the regimental dinner reservations must be made prior to July 26. *The Screaming Eagle* is carrying multiple pages of registration forms and activity information. There was some buzz from the far end of the table that indicated there will definitely be representatives of our Chapter present!

Speaking of *The Screaming Eagle*: The deadline for article submission for the 4th Quarter issue is Monday, July 15. Cathie reports she is working on an article to be submitted timely.

The meeting adjourned at 1355, with many retiring to the Lounge for more even more conversation and libations. Good meeting. **We'll be baaack** — on September 7.

Airborne all the Way!

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Morrissey, Treasurer