



101st Airborne Division Association

**Minutes of Meeting of November 2, 2019
Bailey's Bar & Grille, Townsend MA**

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Attending: Treasurer Bob Morrissey, VP Tony Payne, Doug “PT” Barnum, Bob Delia, John Mastro, Ed O’Reilly, Bill “Blink” Blankenburg, Rob Botschafter, Denny Drewry, and Webmaster/Meeting Recorder Cathie Clark.

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Morrissey (in the President’s absence) at 1305 hours in the function room area. It was explained that President Tom McGall’s absence was due to his success in hunting deer the day before. He got one! It is anticipated that the same situation may occur for the December meeting. We may also need to prevail on VP Tony Payne to officiate if it snows on that day.

A prayer was read by Tony Payne.

Cathie asked if anyone had received their print copy of *The Screaming Eagle*, since she had not. No one else had either. She announced that the online version was posted on National’s website a day or two prior. She pulled out her new tablet computer, loaded up the issue, and passed the tablet around so interested members could see it. Call it a *sneak preview!*

Minutes of the October 2 meeting were read and accepted.

December Meeting: The December 7 meeting will have us return to the venerable Bull Run, in appreciation of their many years of support of the Chapter. SMAJ Delia expressed his surprise that there was a problem with negotiating the stairs at the Bull Run — this was the first he’d heard and he admits having difficulty himself. He assures us that he will consult with his connections in Bull Run management and make sure the December meeting is held in a more accessible room for all. Meeting notice will be posted on Members Only.

Generated by reading of the Minutes, continued discussion of DAV assistance in obtaining new or increased benefits occurred. There was general agreement that the access everywhere in the system is lacking, and tenacity does pay off. Several members shared their secrets for getting thru, but they are not for publication. It was suggested that phone calls be placed 5 minutes before the end of the business day — pick-up is more likely. If their voicemail box is full, keep calling.

Treasurer Morrissey advised that the Chapter’s Annual Report to the MA Secretary of State, which was due on November 1, had been submitted ahead of time.

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We were very happy to see Blink in attendance. We heard belatedly that he had been hospitalized with pneumonia. He wanted to thank us for the gift basket we sent. He reports still feeling not himself, but unsurprisingly, he switched his turn to speak toward the eventual departure of former President and Treasurer Bob Morrissey in 2020. Finding a new home for our voluminous historical files and branded merchandise is very important and we should be thinking hard about it.

Our switch to more frequent (i.e., monthly) meetings resulted in very little new business to discuss, so the meeting adjourned at 1340 — and since everyone had something pressing to do, no social time was possible. Everybody hit their respective roads.

See you on December 7 [historical reference expletive deleted] at the Bull Run.

Airborne all the Way!

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Morrissey, Treasurer