



101st Airborne Division Association

**Minutes of Meeting of April 6, 2019
The 401 Tavern, Hampton NH**

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Attending: President Tom McGall, Treasurer Bob Morrissey, Bob Delia, Bill (Blink) Blankenburg, Ed O'Reilly, Richard Murphy, VP Tony Payne, John Mastro, Butch York, Russ Manchester, former NH State Rep Fred Rice, Webmaster/Meeting Recorder Cathie Clark, and special guest Sean Corbett.

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours in the upstairs Wine Loft at the 401 Tavern with a prayer by VP Tony Payne.

Old Business

Minutes of the March 9 meeting were read, corrections made, and accepted as amended.

Meeting Location: The 401 has been owned by Desi Lanio, who is a staunch supporter of the Chapter for the last ten years, but he has now sold it and he introduced us to the new owners who welcomed us similarly. We presented a plaque of recognition to Desi for his support and he sincerely appreciated the gesture.

Saying Good-bye: Member Ed O'Reilly let us know this was going to be his last meeting with us. His residential situation has changed and he has found it necessary to move to Virginia. He has lived there before, but he is leaving with obvious sadness. Ed, an Irish immigrant, joined the 101st in 1965 and gratefully says "The 101st changed my life". We sadly wished him well and promised to stay in touch.

Remembering Hamburger Hill: Survivor Tom McGall wished to remind us all that May 10 is the 50th anniversary of first boots on the ground at Hamburger Hill. He shared remembrances of his experience that riveted us all. SMAJ Bob Delia shared his own personal copy of "Vietnam" magazine. The June 19 issue will have a cover story on Hamburger Hill and will be available on newsstands or by subscription at <https://www.magazine-agent.com-sub.info/Vietnam/Welcome>.

Annual Cookout: Reminder that our annual (pot luck) cookout will once again be at Blink's house in Townsend, this year on Sunday, June 23. He was teasing that there will be "unique raffle prizes" that we won't want to miss.

Website Status: Our website has been successfully moved to GoDaddy. It took a while and was not without roadblocks by our previous web host. The GoDaddy technical folks were a great help and made it clear we made the right decision. There wasn't a single interruption to our web presence.

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Shared Info: We have heard that the NH Purple Heart auto license plates registration fees are being waived. The state of NH offers many “Military Honor” plates, which are described on their website, <https://www.dmv.org/nh-new-hampshire/special-license-plates.php> along with the requirements for documentation upon application. The site has not been updated to confirm that registration for the Purple Heart plate is free — in fact it states that standard fees apply — but we will stay on top of this benefit for NH members.

The meeting adjourned at 1340, but we all went to the downstairs bar to continue the many conversations that were started upstairs. In fact, special guest Sean Corbett [1-187/7th SFG (A)] stayed until the last gun was fired, getting to know us all. More about Sean in an upcoming addendum to these minutes. Stay tuned.

Airborne all the Way!

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Morrissey, Treasurer