

101st Airborne Division Association

Minutes of Meeting of January 6, 2024 Bailey's Bar and Grille, Townsend, MA

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Attending: Present were: President Bob Morrissey (via cell phone connection), VP Tony Payne, SAA William Blankenburg, newest member George Durfee, Brenda Fitzgerald and George LeBlanc, Treasurer Kevin Farrell, and his twin Bill Farrell, and Greg D'Arbonne. Recording clerk Cathie Clark could not make the trip today, so the following is Blink's January 7 email summary in Minutes-format.

"I thanked all eight others present for coming and we shared a table in the bar area. We conducted Chapter business both brief and informal, Brenda advised of the memorial service on January 20, 2024 for George LeBlanc's sister Sandy who passed last month—all present conveyed our condolences to George. Brenda opened with a prayer and Kevin gave a brief overview of our Chapter's finances, Greg advised he has completed tending to the affairs of our dear departed friend and member CSM (RET) Robert M. Delia, aka SMAJ.

New Business: NO Luncheon/Meeting for our Chapter in February! This February appears to be the last Snowbird Reunion for the 101st Airborne Division Association. Our President Bob Morrissey and I will be attending as will John Mastro and others. Sorry to see this event get the boot but Screaming Eagle Members are both getting few and old. Many of us have health issues and long distance travel is difficult to say the least.

Week of the Eagles 2024: I have no information at this time for that event. Bob: if you have any information regarding this, please let us know, thank you.

NE Chapter Summer Cookout: I advised those present yesterday and invite all of you to the opportunity to Host this year's Chapter Cookout! Years past member Kevin Richardson had hosted the Chapter cookout at his home in Western Massachusetts. Bob, if you would please pass this invite on to Kevin Richardson to see if he would be interested in hosting this year's cookout, thank you. By all means Diane and I will be happy to have the cookout at our home if nobody wishes to have it at theirs.

Sick Call: Any members or friends that are ill or have any health issues (I guess that's most of us) please know we all wish you a speedy recovery and if the Chapter can help in some way please let the staff know.

Communications: Please folks, I know most of you use your cell phones these days instead of email via computer, but check your emails as it's the best way to get out 101st and Chapter information, instead of your cell phone going off at an inconvenient time and place.

In closing, let us remember our Troops, all the Men and Women in Uniform who serve here and overseas, they like us when we served don't choose what or where is the right fight. Let's hope this will be a better year with better changes and Leadership!

Airborne All The Way!"

Respectfully submitted, SAA William Blankenburg