

101st Airborne Division Association

Minutes of Meeting of January 7, 2023 Bailey's Bar and Grille, Townsend, MA

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Attending: Present were: President Bob Morrissey(via cell phone speaker connection), Treasurer Kevin Farrell, William Farrell, SAA William Blankenburg, Ed O'Reilly, LTC Gregory d'Arbonne, Don Miller, George LeBlanc, Guests Brenda Fitzgerald, and Matt Callahan, and WebAdmin/Zoom facilitator Cathie Clark.

The members on the sick call list were CSM Bob Delia, still in the VA Hospice in Bedford MA, VP Tony Payne, and John Mastro. Former President Tom McGall was absent but not sick – hunting in PA, we are told.

Our Zoom connection was giving Cathie grief and finally failed. Sergeant-at-Arms Blink offered his cell phone as a connection to Bob in SC and the connection was clear and uninterrupted for the entire meeting. Thanks, Blink!

The meeting was called to order at 1:21 PM.

President Bob thanked everyone for coming.

New Business:

Snowbird: Blink reminded everyone of Snowbird February 8-11. This event will substitute for our February business meeting.

Week of the Eagles: The Fort Campbell Newsletter was passed around. Tentative date for Week of the Eagles is being planned for May 19-25 at Fort Campbell.

Old Business:

SMAJ: Greg d'Arbonne updated us on SMAJ's condition and plans for the burial with full military honors, probably in March. He went into great detail, including a celebration of life party at Bailey's afterwards — all agreed it sounds like everything SMAJ would have wanted. We thanked him for his efforts on behalf of SMAJ and his family. Greatly appreciated.

Logo Clothing: Bob will bring cartons of T-shirts to Blink for sale at the Cookout.

Health Status: Bob reports that Dick Pockwinse is doing well. He talked to him on the phone recently. As of this meeting, VP Tony Payne has issues, but hopes to join us soon. Elaine McGall is on everyone's minds. Tom was not present to report, but Blink says he emailed her recently and she responded that she is doing well.

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Membership Matters: Greg d'Arbonne and Don Miller want to be members and receive the magazine. Guest Matt Callahan too. National Membership is required to receive either online access or receive the mailed copy of *The Screaming Eagle*. Cathie gave the one NE Application she had to Matt and directed the other two to our webpage where they can print it out and also link to National Membership. She vows to bring extra copies to future meetings. Note: President Bob also has copies...anyone emailing him requesting one will receive it by return email or USPS.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Minutes of the October 30 Meeting were presented but in the confusion at the beginning of the meeting, were not read to the group. They are now posted on the website MEMBERS ONLY page.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 1:47 p.m.

Airborne All The Way

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert Morrissey President