



101st Airborne Division Association

**Minutes of Meeting of October 5, 2019  
The 401 Tavern, Hampton NH**

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**Attending:** President Tom McGall, Treasurer Bob Morrissey, Doug “PT” Barnum and fiancé Penny, Bob Delia, Russ Manchester, John Mastro and wife Fran, VP Tony Payne, Butch York, and Webmaster/Meeting Recorder Cathie Clark.

The meeting was called to order at 1305 hours in the upstairs Wine Loft at the 401. A prayer was read by Tony Payne.

Minutes of the September 7 meeting were read, some corrections made, and accepted as amended. Bob commenced the meeting by thanking the Massachusetts attendees for making the trip and hoped the traffic was not too bad. Reading of the Minutes reminded Bob that Cathie’s contract will be up for renewal in November. She advised that she is not increasing her retainer fee. A vote was taken to renew her contract, and it passed unanimously.

**November Meeting:** We are planning ahead, and have voted that Bailey’s will be the site of our November 2 meeting. We also voted that the December 7 meeting have us return to the venerable Bull Run, in appreciation of their many years of support of the Chapter. Meeting notices will be posted on Members Only.

**Bob’s Announcement:** Bob and Laura are finalizing their plans to move south and have found a place in South Carolina they are in the process of buying. They have lots to do over the winter and don’t plan to leave us before the Spring, but he wanted us to start thinking about who can replace him as Treasurer and Laura as Secretary.

**New Member:** Our website attracted a new member -- Kevin Farrell of Ossipee NH. Kevin is already a lifetime member of National. He intended to make this meeting, but had some obstacles that apparently ruled. Next time, Kevin. We look forward to meeting you!

### **Members’ Contributions**

Bob Delia wanted us to know that the parameters for disability from contact with Agent Orange have been increased to include more sufferers from its long-lasting effects. The Department of Veterans Affairs [2019 Agent Orange Newsletter](#) has announced that the Blue Water Navy Veterans can now join the Agent Orange Registry. They say: “Blue Water Veterans who served on ships offshore of Vietnam and not more than 12-nautical miles from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia as established in the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 are now eligible for VA’s Agent Orange Registry.

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Please note that eligibility for the Agent Orange Registry does not automatically make a Veteran eligible for benefits. Veterans, check on our [Blue Water Veterans web page.](#)”

Here’s the latest explanation of the Agent Orange Registry from the newsletter: “Eligible Veterans who are concerned about possible long-term health problems related to Agent Orange exposure can participate in the Agent Orange Registry. This free exam includes an exposure history, medical history, physical exam, and laboratory tests, as necessary. A VA health care provider will discuss the results with you. Contact your local Environmental Health Coordinator to schedule an appointment for an Agent Orange Registry Health Exam.”

So, that’s what they say. However, speaking of Veterans’ Disability Benefits, Russ Manchester - DAV representative for many years, wanted us to know that the DAV is the best place he knows of to go for benefits claims and reevaluation, NOT the VA. Even if you are already 100 percent disabled, there are more benefits you can apply for -- and the DAV has specially trained experts to handle your case. Tinnitus is now covered, for example. He brought business cards and forms. Several present had individual questions which were gracefully handled as the meeting ended.

The meeting adjourned at 1359. See you on November 2 at Bailey’s.

Airborne all the Way!

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Morrissey, Treasurer