



101st Airborne Division Association

**Minutes of Meeting of September 7, 2019
Bailey's Bar and Grille, Townsend MA**

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Attending: President Tom McGall, Treasurer Bob Morrissey, Bill (Blink) Blankenburg, Doug "PT" Barnum, Denny Drewry, Bob Delia, Rob Botschafter, and Webmaster/Meeting Recorder Cathie Clark.

The meeting was called to order with a prayer at 1310 hours in the private meeting room at Bailey's.

Minutes of the May 4 meeting were read, and accepted.

Hamburger Hill 50th Anniversary Reunion: Tom McGall reported on his terrific experience at the Hamburger Hill 50th Anniversary Reunion in May. There was great attendance including 70 survivors. The event was held at the Riverview Inn, a 5-Star Hotel in Clarksville. There was a limited edition (400 numbered prints) supply of Historical Artist Dan Nance's painting "All the Way - 82nd Airborne" that were set aside for this event, and a tent was set up so the attendees could sign each print. Tom has his signed copy, and will be bringing it to the November meeting so we can see it. Tom went into detail about the location, the events, the people, and that everyone had a well-deserved great time. Here's the official video from the event: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYGDrW_tDbw.

October Meeting: The 401 Tavern in Hampton NH will be the site of our October 5 meeting. Dan "Desi" Lanio, former owner of 401 has donated \$500 to the Chapter, so we are happy to continue holding at least one meeting a year there. Also, we are happy have an alternative site closer to our northern NH and Maine members. Desi is involved more in promotion than running the place, and it seems unchanged, at this point anyway. Access to the upstairs meeting room at the 401 is still a challenge for some members, so the meetings at Bailey's may be more to their liking.

Annual Cookout: The annual cookout was well-attended and a lot of fun. Thanks again to Blink and Diane!

The Screaming Eagle Magazine: Our article for the Spring issue was submitted on the day of the deadline, but strangely did not make it into the issue. Magazine staff were very apologetic but could not really explain it, guessing email snafus. The Office Administrator, whose burden also was the extensive planning for the Colorado Springs reunion which coincided with the publishing deadline, approached Treasurer Bob Morrissey at that event to apologize again and reassure us it won't happen again. The 4th Quarter article, we have confirmed, also submitted on the next deadline day, will be published.

Cathie's Announcement: Following the topic of *Screaming Eagle* article submissions, Cathie expressed her regret that up to now she has been squeezing in the (she says "enjoyable") work on articles among the

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burdens of her day job and struggling to meet the magazine's deadlines. However....she announces that she was dismissed from employment on May 4. As we gasped and expressed concern, she reassured us that good perhaps has come from the unpleasant event. In signing up for NH Unemployment, their extensive skills/aptitude testing system highlighted her many talents and she has been selected to participate in their prestigious NH "Pathway to Work" program, in which she is being guided and supported in starting her own company. She was proud to tell us that her work for our Chapter provided the basis for her new enterprise, Cathie M. Clark Consulting, LLC -- Website Updates and Document Rescue for Small Businesses. We are officially on the record as her first client company, having contracted her to update the design and content on our website over ten years ago. She expressed pride in the work she does for us and great pleasure in the relationships she has made with the members. Her solid promise is that, since she can now perform our work during regular business hours, she will be submitting to the magazine WAY before the deadlines! She also stated her interest in doing work for National and other Chapters. We agreed they need what she can do! She brought a supply of her business cards, and those present cleaned her out of them. Both Tom and Bob spoke, expressing their appreciation for the quality and quantity of work she has performed over the years and the hope she can continue for many more. There were smiles all around.

The meeting adjourned at 1410, with many retiring to the Lounge for more even more conversation and libations. Good meeting. See you on October 5 at The 401 Tavern.

Airborne all the Way!

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Morrissey, Treasurer