



# CENTURY SENTINEL

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## President's Message



Holly Smokes! What a great 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion weekend! What can I say – but WOW simply WOW – and THANK YOU!! What an extraordinary time we had.

Our membership turned out in record numbers giving us the largest attendance ever for an AOC event! We picked up new members, had record breaking raffle and supply room sales, conducted an impressive prize auction, and hosted a Saturday evening dinner event like we've never seen before. From all the feedback I have received, folks came, enjoyed the weekend, and left with a sense of pride in our association – I believe we did it right.

We owe the success of our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion to three things:

First and foremost -- our membership. Folks made the journey to Bowling Green -- attendance was beyond expectations. We welcomed many new faces along with plenty of long-time regulars. There was a genuine sense of excitement in the air.

Secondly, the success of our weekend was also due to a long list of board members (and their spouses) that worked tirelessly to ensure we provided a first class level of service and programming for our membership. From our registration group, auction item team, raffle sales folks, supply room staff, and all the behind the scenes administrative folks, our board members worked hard to ensure everyone had a memorable weekend.

And thirdly, for the first time in AOC history, we solicited financial support and contributions from businesses that saw the value in supporting our Association. Their contributions helped

make possible all of our weekend programming. Their financial support made a significant difference in what we were able to do for our membership.



Here, captured in photographs, is a brief glimpse of our reunion weekend. I'll let these pictures speak for themselves -- I think you'll see what a great time everyone had.

Pictured here with MG Barron and CSM Belcher is PVT Roy Sees. Roy is 102 years young. He was a member of the 100th Infantry Division. Roy's granddaughter contacted us and indicated Roy wanted to attend our Reunion. He is truly an amazing soldier and WWII veteran. We were honored to have Roy and his family in attendance.

## THE CHAIRMAN'S FOXHOLE

MG Bill Barron, USA Retired

You came, you saw and you enjoyed! Bob Cobb made good on his promise to go above and beyond in making this year's reunion something special and he did it in spades. Thanks Bob for all your untiring efforts and follow up.

I arrived at the Holiday Inn University Plaza around 1:00 pm on Friday afternoon and it was non-stop until time to pull out on Sunday morning. From the Patio Social on Friday evening through the luncheon and business meeting, the Baker Arboretum, the Bluegrass Vineyard wine tasting and ending with the Saturday evening Banquet, it was a flawless affair. All of the events planned for the weekend went without a single hiccup to include the magnificent raffle and auction items put together by Cyndy Nobel and Greg Bethards and our Supply Room efforts headed up by Horace Johnson and wife Margaret.

Lastly, I must thank Linda Bruin and Janie Diamond for doing all the paperwork to bring this meeting together and Rick Rowe for as always doing a great job with the 'Cookies' and the Hospitality Room.

Records were set all around the weekend in both attendance and in monies received which Ken Kapp can attest to when he does the final balance sheet for the weekend.

This will be a hard weekend to beat next year but it can be done!

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### Friday Night Kickback Kickoff Patio Party

This Friday evening event saw more than 100 folks enjoying the opportunity to have dinner and socialize -- well into the evening. It's amazing what you can discuss over a casual dinner on the Atrium Patio.



### Saturday Baker Arboretum Tour



Bus transportation took our membership directly to the Arboretum for a Special AOC Guided Tour of the grounds.

### More Saturday Baker Arboretum Tour



### Saturday Afternoon Wine & Cheese Event

Well over 100 folks participated in this popular event. Thanks to Drew, at Bluegrass Winery, for sponsoring this event. Drew provided a wide variety of wines to be sampled and sold!



### Showcase Of Items We Raffled-off On Saturday Evening



### Our Supply Room Folks Making “Deals” On Everything



### Plenty Of Time For Folks To Socialize



We were honored and a bit surprised when General George Patton graced our 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion!

### Highlights From Our Saturday Night Banquet



Award Winning Tanaro Sisters Opened Our Saturday Evening With The National Anthem

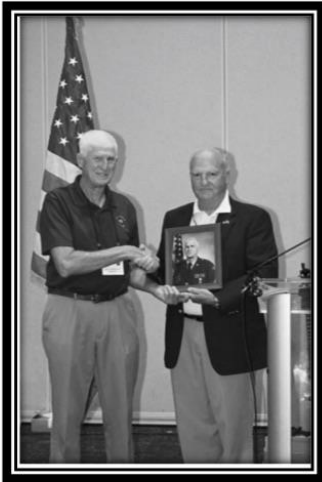


Sons Of The American Revolution Posted The National Colors and Division Flag

### Scholarship Winners and Their Families Who Were In Attendance



### Corridor Of The Century Inductees



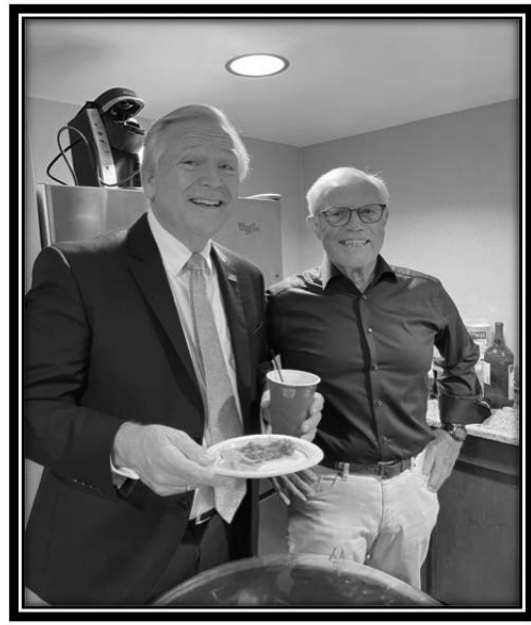
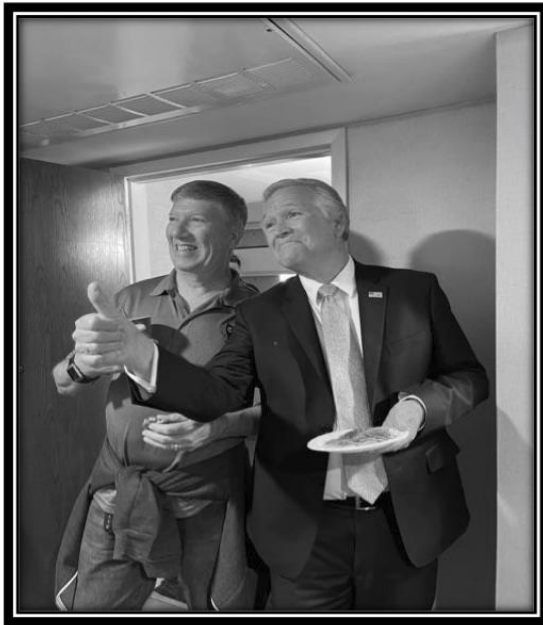
### And Now, Our Featured Surprise Banquet Guest! (I know You've Been Curious)



Our Special Guest Mr. John Morgan (AKA George Bush)

### More of Our Featured Surprise Banquet Guest

“President Bush” made time to visit with everyone. He posed for pictures, signed autographs, and visited our AOC Hospitality Room after the dinner to mingle and network with everyone. John is a charming individual who genuinely valued appearing at our AOC event.



### More Of Our Featured Surprise Banquet Guest



"President" made time to recognize PVT Sees and his family. PVT Sees was truly taken with the moment.



"Secret Service" detail allowed George to make pictures with everyone.



While the "Secret Service" kept watch, George entertained us with songs and comedy. It was a hilarious evening! George is quite the guitar and ukulele player. The "Secret Service" guys provided backup on a few tunes.

A special thank you to our surprise guest Mr. John Morgan ("George Bush"). John, who has a full television schedule, made time on his calendar to be part of our reunion. His appearance added something new to our event, and provided an evening of entertainment that won't soon be forgotten. His appearance was one of the most difficult secrets I've ever had to keep. But I think it was worth it—everyone at the Saturday evening banquet was surprised when the "President" and his "Secret Service" detail appeared.

This is my final newsletter article as the President of the AOC. I will be passing the gavel to CSM David Belcher in November. The past 24 months, serving as President, have truly been amazing. It's been quite the journey. We've gained new board members, moved to "Zoom" board meetings, and set records for a reunion event. I'm glad I was part of all this -- I look forward to assisting CSM Belcher as he continues to advance what we do for our AOC membership.

A big thanks to the AOC board for giving me the flexibility to try new things – being drafted as President (Thanks COL Noble and LTC Johnson) has been an adventure. I look forward to seeing everyone at our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion -- which will again be in Bowling Green on 19-21 August 2022.

Robert 'Bob' Cobb  
COL, Ret, USAR  
President, Association of the Century

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Private Roy Sees, World War II 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Soldier

We are deeply honored to have had Roy Sees, age 102, attend this Annual Meeting.

During the first years of World War II, Mr. Sees was one of about 150 Army Air Cadet students at Texas A&M University. Following the D-Day Invasion of France, the United States needed large numbers of additional soldiers, so it closed all university, Cadet, Air Cadet, OCS and other military related training young American men were undergoing and drafted them into the various services. As he was in the Army Air Cadet program, he was drafted into the Army and assigned as an infantryman in the 100<sup>th</sup> as were most of his fellow Texas A&M Air Cadet students.

Mr. Sees was a rifleman in the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in World War II in the invasion through France, serving with Company L, 399<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He received a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts and the French Medal of Honor in the campaign.

Many years ago, he was visiting the 100<sup>th</sup> Division Headquarters in Louisville, KY, when Division Commander MG Butler invited him to join AOC and he did. Upon his return from Europe to the United States, he was discharged. He believes all of the fellow soldiers with whom he served have now passed away.

Mr. Sees wanted to make this year's Annual Meeting while he was in good health, so he has his son and grandson drive him to Bowling Green for this memorial gathering. He now lives in Belfrey, OH, but the weather is too cold for him! He'd like to return to the desert in Phoenix, AZ, where he formerly lived.



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**"2021 Financial Highlights of the Fortieth Annual Meeting"**

by: LTC Ken Kapp, USA Retired

The Fortieth Annual Meeting in Bowling Green attracted over 161 participants for the Friday Night Buffet, the Saturday's Lunch Meeting, and the Saturday Night Dinner.

Total revenue dollar highs of \$2,420 and \$2,203 were reached from the live auction and raffle sales. An additional \$1,915 was raised from supply room sales. Event sponsors this year were Atmos Energy Corporation, First Kentucky Securities Corporation and Franklin Bank & Trust Company.

A surprise donation of \$1,000.00 was made by Anderson Windows to the Scholarship Fund.

Make plans now to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion Meeting next August in Bowling Green, details to be forth coming.

**"Make Your Donation Before Year End"**

by: Ken Kapp LTC (Ret)

Now is a good time to consider a direct year end, income tax deductible donation to AOC's MG Benjamin J. Butler "Century Division" Scholarship Fund. Simply make your check payable to the **"BB Sch Fund"** and mail it to AOC at P.O. Box 34393, Louisville, KY 40232. Your donation will help preserve the legacy of the 100<sup>th</sup> Division.

As of 30 June 2021, the Fund has awarded \$91,000 in scholarship funds to 92 deserving students. The Fund has a balance of \$297,251.10.

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**MG Benjamin J. Butler Scholarships**

Matthew McKenzie, Grateful Scholarship Recipient

I want to again extend my gratitude and appreciation as a dual recipient of the MG BENJAMIN J. BUTLER “CENTURY DIVISION” SCHOLARSHIP, receiving the award in 2017 and 2018. Your support allowed me to concentrate on my education, maintaining a 4.0 GPA all four years and graduating magna cum laude from the University of Louisville with a bachelor's degree in English with minors in Marketing and Communications.

During my time at the University of Louisville, I was offered and accepted membership to the Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the Woodcock Society (UL's College of Arts and Sciences oldest honor society) and the University of Louisville Board of Overseers Mentorship Program which is designed to help me accomplish my career goal of book publishing by networking at the professional level following graduation.

I shared my education as an academic tutor for the school's athletic teams, focusing on economics and other areas during my junior and senior years and have been asked to continue tutoring following graduation. When I am not in school, I have continued to work at Target during the summer and holidays to help pay for school expenses which allowed me to study in London, England in April 2019. I was selected to participate in the University of Louisville's Overseers' Honors International Travel Seminar for Spring 2019, “Crime, Detectives, and Victorian Popular Culture”, spending ten days sightseeing in London and visiting fascinating places such as Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, and the white cliffs of Dover.

But my life is not all work and no play. I am a proud member of the Chi Omega sorority and served as Director of Programming. I was active in playing intramural sports such as volleyball, flag football, and softball for which we won first place in each sport. I was known as the intramural queen because if they needed a player, they knew I would play. I participated in sports that I've never played before like floor hockey and basketball. They weren't my favorites, but I enjoyed the team atmosphere and representing my sorority. I am also involved with the University of Louisville Engage, Lead and Serve board as well as the She Became program where I would help mentor young girls to help them reach their full potential.

By awarding me the MG BENJAMIN J. BUTLER “CENTURY DIVISION” SCHOLARSHIP, you lightened my financial burden which allowed me to focus more on the most important aspect of school which is learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help others by publishing books for those who want their writing dreams to come true.

Sincerely

McKenzie R. Mattheu

Granddaughter of Col. James R. Starr (Ret), USAR



MG Benjamin Butler Past Award Winner: Newly Commissioned Ensign Bray Zimmerman Returns her first Salute to Grandfather SGM (R) Ben Zimmerman

Ensign (2d LT) Bray Zimmerman, granddaughter of retired SGM Ben Zimmerman and Renie Zimmerman,

Bray graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May 2021. She is a past winner of the MG Benjamin J. Butler Scholarship Award. Her major was ocean engineering and graduated in the top 5% of the class (49 of 1084) and was considered a Distinguished Midshipmen Graduate.

She commissioned as an Ensign in the Surface Warfare Engineering Duty Officer/Dive Officer community. She chose the USS Arleigh Burke which is currently stationed in Rota, Spain. Before she goes to her ship, she will complete her training to become a Dive Officer. She is attending dive school at Naval Dive and Salvage Training Center Panama City, Florida. After this training she will attend training for becoming a Surface Warfare Officer in Norfolk, Virginia. In the spring of 2022, she will then travel to Rota, Spain. After 38 months of being assigned to a ship, she will continue her education by obtaining a master's degree at Naval Post Graduate School (NPS) in Monterey, California or Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston. After completing this degree, she will be an Engineering Duty Officer.

## APPLICATION FOR MG BENJAMIN J. BUTLER “CENTURY DIVISION” SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**Required documentation that must accompany this application may be found on the Association of the Century Website at <http://www.the-century.org>**

An annual cash award in the amount of \$1,000 will be paid directly to the college of the winning student's choice upon proof of enrollment. **There is a lifetime limit of two awards per student.** The decision of the Scholarship Fund Committee and the Community Foundation of Louisville in the selection of the recipient is final.

**1. Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 College of Choice: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**2. High School Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**College Attended (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Semester(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Nominated By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please list current or Former 100<sup>th</sup> Division Unit(s) and dates of service:  
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**Relationship to Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Signature of Nominating Person:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination Application and required documentation must be postmarked by the 15th of June each year and mailed to:**

Association of the Century, Inc.  
 ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
 P.O. Box 34393  
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**The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" as of 1 October 2021:**

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" has raised \$23,232 from 136 participants; \$15,252 has been designated to the Scholarship Fund, \$2,139 to the SOS Fund, \$1,241 to the Museum Fund and \$4,550 has been designated unrestricted.

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William D. Adams	James Fallin	Ned McWhorter (\$200)
Maurice Allgeier	W. Dan Farris	Mit Merritt
Sammy Alvey	Peter Fast	Richard Dale Miller
Gabriel T. Arnold (\$450)	James Fleenor	Ronald Moss
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Paul Baker	Charles E. Gorton (\$340)	Monte Nesmith
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Bill Barron (\$200)	Joseph Hamilton, III	Milton Nugent
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Byron Bell	Philip L. Hanrahan	Carl Platt (\$350)
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Ben W. Carr, Jr (\$250)	Horace Johnson	Earl Sosby Jr.
Richard D. Chegar (\$200)	James C. Johnson (\$300)	James Starr (\$660)
Thomas Clay	Robert Judd (\$300)	James Stevens (\$200)
M. Courtland Clayton (\$500)	David Jungquist (\$600)	Dale Stewart
Robert Cobb	Ken Kapp (\$250)	David Sullivan
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Pete Evans	Gerald C. McKinney (\$150)	

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