



CENTURY SENTINEL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David L. Belcher, Command Sergeant Major, Retired

By the time you are reading this, we will be about two months from our 41st Annual Association of the Century meeting in Bowling Green, KY on 26 – 28 August 2022. Planning is near completion for a weekend we believe will be memorable for all who attend. In this edition of the Century Sentinel, you will find registration and event information, as well as registration materials.

You will be pleased to know we are in the final stages of completely rebuilding the AOC website (the-century.org). We have addressed the AOC conference registration problems associated with the PayPal interface as well as a complete make-over of the site. You will find it more up-to-date and easier to navigate. By late June we anticipate the site to be fully functional. I encourage you to utilize it for your AOC registration process. Of course, if you prefer, you can still use the paper copy and mail in your forms (attached in this newsletter).

If you have not yet made your hotel reservation, I strongly urge you to do that now. Did I mention we have managed to wrangle a rate below \$100? The hotel information is as:

Holiday Inn University Plaza
1021 Wilkinson Trace
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42103
270.745-0088

We have made a host of changes to the format of this year's program to allow you more time to enjoy the Bowling Green's attractions. We will start the weekend events on Friday evening with a Kickoff Kickback dinner. On Saturday, after breakfast, we will conduct our annual members meeting at 0900. As there will be no luncheon on Saturday, you will have ample time to partake in other activities and socialize with friends.

We have arranged for a tour of the National Corvette Museum at a cost of \$10.00/person. You will find details listed on the registration form elsewhere in this newsletter. You must pre-register and pay in advance for this event. Your payment includes transportation to and from the museum as well as admission to the museum.

If the Corvette Museum is not on your agenda, we have arranged with the hotel to provide shuttle service to and from the Mint Gaming Hall in Bowling Green. The Mint Gaming Hall is just short distance from the hotel, and is a wonderful place to relax, enjoy your favorite beverages, wager on the horses, or try your luck at their 100's of gaming machines. The Mint is one of our corporate sponsors this year and they are looking forward to seeing Soldiers from the Century Division!

Later Saturday afternoon, we have arranged with a national distillery to host a bourbon tasting event. This event will take place at the Hotel, prior to dinner, and should be quite the affair!

Our Saturday will conclude with our main Saturday evening dinner banquet and entertainment show. Scheduled as our after-dinner program are two famous Country Music Hall of Fame songwriters Even Stevens and Wynn Varble. Both have written top hits for Nashville recording artist. They will be performing their hits and entraining you with their classic banter.

We will conclude Saturday evening with our annual raffle and auction to help raise funds to help support the AOC and its scholarship program. Without your participation in both the donation of items and bidding on items, we would not be able to provide the level of support to these programs that we currently enjoy

I am looking forward to seeing each of you in August in Bowling Green!

THE CHAIRMAN'S FOXHOLE
MG Bill Barron, USA, Retired

Last year you came, you saw and experienced a great time in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Our connections in Bowling Green are just too strong to let it pass without giving it one more chance so here goes! You know room rates are always a big item so we have once again managed to come up with a \$99 plus tax rate which includes breakfast of course. For Friday evening, plans remain the same as last year with a casual cook out for all attendees. Where you will find an enjoyable difference is on Saturday morning – there is NO business luncheon. It is now a one-hour business meeting in the morning at 9:00 am and that is all for the day. Please feel free to go wherever you wish and do whatever you please during the day on Saturday. Please do note that we have planned a visit to the Corvette Museum for those interested in automobiles and another tour to the Mint Gaming Hall, home of one of our newest Reunion sponsors and only a four-minute drive from the hotel. Don't worry, transportation to and from the Corvette Museum will be provided by coaches and transportation to the Mint will be by our hotel shuttle service. And don't forget to make it back to the hotel for a late afternoon bourbon tasting experience. The Saturday night banquet will be alive with two Country Music entertainers and of course our widely known World-Famous Auction and Raffle. Bottom line, we have made changes and we listened to you and what you wanted to do so come and enjoy. Take time to reach out to an old friend that you have not seen in a while. Ask them to come along and be a part of the 41st Reunion of the Association of the Century. You will be glad you did.

MG Barron



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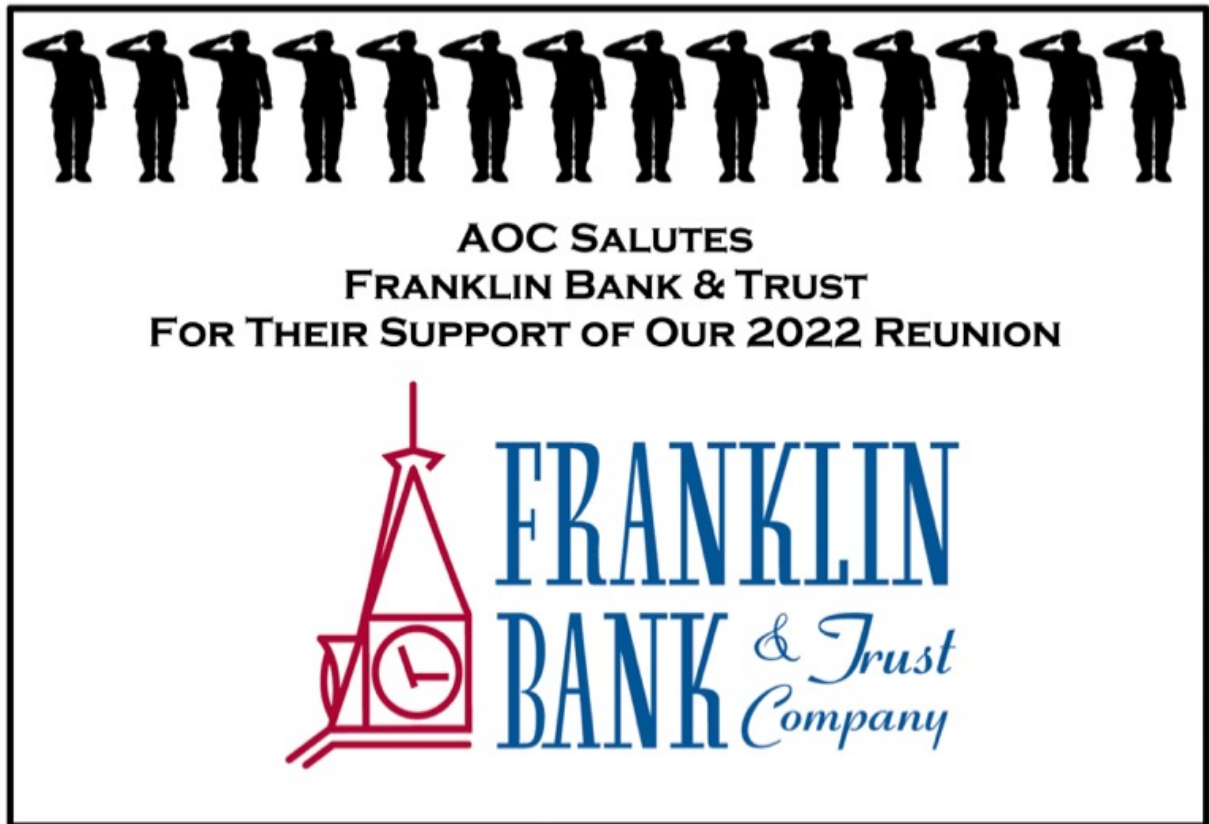
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2022 REUNION IS GOING TO BE A HOOT

Col Bob Cobb

Greetings Soldiers of The Century — Past and Present!

Our 41st Reunion date is rapidly approaching, and President CSM Belecher has put together what is going to be a terrific AOC Reunion weekend. Here is a brief rundown of what you need to know and what to expect:

REUNION REGISTRATION. We encourage you to use our AOC website for registration pending its launch later this month (we have contracted for the redesign of our website and anticipate it being ready on 27 June.). As an alternative, you may simply fill out the registration form in this newsletter and return them to the address indicated. The last date to register for the Reunion is 18 August. We will place all first-time attendees' names into a drawing for an incredible door prize.

A GREAT HOTEL AND FUN FILLED WEEKEND. Our 2022 AOC reunion will be at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green. Our hotel package includes a full hot & cold breakfast buffet with chef prepared items to order. The hotel is a full-service property featuring a fitness center, indoor pool, business center, kid friendly, pets allowed, bar, and complimentary Wi-Fi.



HOTEL BOOKING: To book your hotel room, simply call the hotel directly at 270-745-0088, and mention the block code AOC. Our room rate is \$99 per night plus tax (and that includes breakfast). The dates for our Reunion are Friday-Sunday (26-28 August). Join the crowd on Friday evening and enjoy our social hour and reunion casual kick-off patio dinner. It was an enormous success last year—so we have brought it back again.

FRIDAY EVENING KICK-OFF PATIO SOCIAL. Because we had such great feedback on this even last year, we are doing it all over again. Join your fellow Century Soldiers on Friday evening for our informal “Kick-Back” patio social. It takes place on the hotel patio garden with relaxing conversation and great food. Mix with your old friends and make new ones. This casual laid-back event serves to kick-start our weekend and will set the tone for our 2022 Reunion.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE. We have significantly changed our Saturday schedule. Here is a quick summary:

- There will be no business luncheon. Lunch on your own.
- Our business meeting time will be 0900. It should last about 1 hour. Here you will receive highlights of this year's accomplishments and have an opportunity to meet and interact with your AOC Board.
- You will most of Saturday free to relax and enjoy your weekend. Here are a few things we have planned:

- **MINT GAMING HALL.** Visit the Mint Gaming Hall, one of our Reunion corporate sponsors. The Mint will be welcoming AOC Members to their new Bowling Green facility. The Mint Hall has an excellent restaurant and bar to relax and enjoy your afternoon. They offer live horse race wagering and gaming machines for your enjoyment. All of this awaits you in a smoke free environment. The hotel will offer free shuttle service to and from the Mint. Should you want to drive to the Mint it is only 4 minutes from the hotel and adjacent to the Greenwood Mall. Look for a strip map in your welcome packet. Just like a night in Las Vegas.
- **CORVETTE MUSEUM.** A tour of the Corvette Museum (pre-registration required). Gather in the hotel lobby at 1100 where coaches will take you to the National Corvette Museum. The tour will last about 2 hours. The museum has a small cafeteria should you want to eat there.
- **AVIATION HERITAGE PARK.** If you care to venture a bit further out, visit the Bowling Green Aviation Heritage Park. It is a must-see free exhibit for those interested in military aircraft. The park features a Phantom 550, a Lockheed Shooting Star, a Piper J-3 Cub, a T38 Talon, a Sikorsky Sea King just to mention a few of the aircraft on display. Only ten minutes from the hotel, it is a terrific way to see the aircraft that made history. Check your welcome packet for directions to this and other attractions close by.

LATE AFTERNOON EVENT: BOURBON TASTING. Our late afternoon even will be a Bourbon Tasting in one of the hotel meeting spaces. This is a follow up to our Wine tasting event last year.

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER. Our Saturday afternoon events lead us to what will be a fun-filled and entertaining evening. We will be offering a plated dinner rather than a buffet this year. After dinner, we have two Country Music Hall of Fame Artist entertaining us with their hit songs and comedic banter. Saturday evening will conclude with our “World Famous Raffle and Auction.”

If you have never attended an AOC reunion, consider this one. If you have attended before, be ready for new and exciting changes – significant changes—we listened to what you want. Tell your friends and encourage them to join us! Better yet, bring them along! Ask someone who has never attended. See what we have planned. I am confident we will see yet another record number of AOC members make the trek to Bowling Green for this 41st Reunion. It is going to be a hoot. Now, get to the phone, make your hotel reservation, and get registered—before you forget.



THE ASSOCIATION OF THE CENTURY
41st ANNUAL REUNION
PRICING AND HOTEL INFORMATION
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
AUGUST 26-28, 2022

Reunion Pricing

Registration Fee (E6 and Above Only)

Fee Includes Spouse/Guest Registration

ALL Attendees (E6 And Above) Must Pay Reunion Registration Fee..... **\$15.00**

Friday Evening Kickback - Kickoff Patio Party

Nacho Bar, Hamburger Sliders, Chips, Veggies, Cookies, Soft Drinks **\$28.00 ea**

Saturday Corvette Museum

Transportation by bus furnished by AOC..... **\$10.00 ea**

Saturday Evening Dinner Banquet (Plated Dinner)

Salad, Chicken Wellington and savory vegetable duxelles wrapped

in flaky puff pastry with roasted pepper hollandaise, dessert **\$42.00 ea**

Hotel Reservations

- The AOC 41st Annual Reunion will take place at the Holiday Inn University Plaza In Bowling Green Kentucky (1021 Wilkinson Trace Road) on 26-28 August 2022. Our reunion kicks off with a Friday evening Patio Party and Concludes with our Saturday evening Banquet.
- Reunion Room Rate is \$99 per night (Plus Tax). This rate includes a complimentary hot breakfast buffet.
- To Make Hotel Reservations:

Register directly by phone by calling (270)745-0088. Be sure to mention the

Block code AOC to ensure you get our low reunion rate

Hotel Reservations MUST BE MADE NLT 1 AUGUST 2022



THE ASSOCIATION OF THE CENTURY
41st ANNUAL REUNION
REGISTRATION FORM
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
AUGUST 26-28, 2022

Reunion Registration

Please Print All Information

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Your Rank/Grade: _____ Branch: _____ Check One: Active ☐ Retired ☐

Last Unit Assigned: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Are You An AOC Member? (Check One): Yes ☐ No ☐

Is This Your FIRST AOC Reunion (Check One): Yes ☐ No ☐

To help us with logistics, will you be attending these free events?

➤ The Corvette Museum Tour (Check One): Yes ☐ No ☐

➤ The Bourbon Tasting (Check One): Yes ☐ No ☐

Events & Payment

- ✓ Reunion Registration Fee E6 & Above (Includes Spouse) 15.00 \$ _____
- ✓ Friday Evening Kickback - Kickoff Patio Party _____ @ \$28.00 ea \$ _____
- ✓ Corvette Museum _____ @ \$10.00 ea ... \$ _____
- ✓ Saturday Dinner Banquet (Taste Of Kentucky) _____ @ \$42.00 ea ... \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed ... \$ _____

- ✓ Make Checks Payable To The Association Of The Century
- ✓ Return This Registration Form And Your Check To:

Linda Bruin
 104 Bradbury Lane
 Georgetown, Kentucky 40324

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 18 AUGUST 2022

AOC WEBSITE Redesign Now Underway

Your AOC Board has taken significant steps to redesign our website. We intend to launch our new web site on or about 27 June. Features included in our redesign will be:

- New state-of-the art look and feel to all features
- A password protected “Members Only” area where you can quickly update you AOC contact information
- A provision where “Members Only” can vote on polls and provide feedback to the board
- A seamless, easy-to-use PayPal interface for Supply Room purchases and AOC registrations

We have taken your feedback and collaborated with our new contractor to develop a website that makes communicating with our members easy. We have placed special focus on eliminating the PayPal difficulties we have experienced in the past. Check for our new website (the-century.org) launch later this month.

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Application packets for the Major General Benjamin J. Butler Scholarship Program are welcome for this year. The deadline for applying is 15 June 2022. For the first time the AOC will be accepting packets via email instead of mailed paper packets. Nomination Application Form and required documentation will be scanned into one file and emailed to diamond.janie@gmail.com. Contact CW5 Janie Diamond if you need help with this. Email or phone 502-432-6298. Packets need to be emailed prior to midnight 15 June 2022.

Please keep in mind, and let your eligible dependents know, that these packets are all the scholarship committee sees when evaluating eligibility and designating a score for awarding the scholarships. Academic grades count in the overall picture but the letter from the candidate and letters of recommendation are also especially important. Spending time to put together a quality packet will help in the overall selection process. For more information on the program, including packet requirements, visit the AOC website at <https://www.the-century.org/scholarship.htm>.

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and present soldiers of
the 100th Division!*



**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>.

A cash award in the amount of \$1,000 (minimum amount) 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: _____
Social Security (Last 4): _____ Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
College of Choice: _____
Previous Award of this Scholarship? Yes _____ No _____ Year: _____

2. High School Attended: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Graduation Date: _____
College Attended (if applicable): _____
City: _____ State: _____
Semester(s): _____

3. Nominated By: _____
Please list current or Former 100th Division Unit(s) and dates of service:

Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Relationship to Nominee: _____

4. Signature of Nominating Person: _____
Date Signed: _____

Nomination Application and required documentation will be scanned into one file and emailed to diamond.janie@gmail.com. Contact CW5 Janie Diamond if you need help with this. Email or phone 502-432-6298. Packets need to be emailed prior to midnight 15 June each year.

Revised 13 February 2022

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" as of 17 May 2022:

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" has raised \$25,982 from 143 participants; \$17,452 has been designated to the Scholarship Fund, \$2,214 to the SOS Fund, \$1,266 to the Museum Fund and \$5,050 has been designated unrestricted.

Larry D. Abel	Pete Evans	Gerald C. McKinney (\$150)
William D. Adams	James Fallin	Keith McWhorter (\$200)
Maurice Allgeier	W. Dan Farris	Ned McWhorter (\$200)
Sammy Alvey	Peter Fast	Mit Merritt (\$350)
Gabriel T. Arnold (\$600)	James Fleenor	Richard Dale Miller
L. Clark Arnold (\$150)	Lindsey Freeman	Ronald Moss
Deborah A. Ashley	Scott Garrett	Benjamin F. Murphy
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Paul Baker	Flem Gordon	Monte Nesmith
Newton R. Bardwell III	Elizabeth L. Grossi (\$200)	Bob Noble
Robert T. Barnes (\$250)	Joseph Hamilton, III	Cyndy Noble
Ronald Barnes	Jay Hancock (\$150)	Milton Nugent
Bill Barron (\$200)	Philip L. Hanrahan (\$200)	Larry Pierson
David Belcher	Joel Hardin	Carl Platt (\$350)
Byron Bell	Dr. Roland C. Haun (\$300)	Albert Pomey
Michael A. Bennett	Larry Herzog (\$200)	Philip Reel
Gregory Bethards	Leo Hill	Jack R. Reeves (\$250)
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Joe E. Brown (\$200)	Gregory J. Hunt (\$250)	Robert Silverthorn (\$200)
William Brown	George H. Imorde, Jr.	Rusti Silverthorn (\$200)
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Thomas Clay	David Jungquist (\$600)	Dale Stewart
M. Courtland Clayton (\$500)	Ken Kapp (\$250)	David Sullivan
Robert Cobb	Allen Kessler	Harry M. Summerville (\$200)
Richard Coleman	James E. Kutzner (\$200)	John Swarts
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James D. Davidson	Kathleen Lee	Steve Thompson
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Tilman Drury	Bobbie Maybrier	Norm Williams (\$125)
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David Evans (\$300)	Johnny M. McGuire (\$200.00)	Bernis Woodward (\$300)
Pete Evans		Ben Zimmerman

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One of our goals is to perpetuate high standards of excellence within the 100th Division by providing a strong link between active and former Century Division members. To accomplish this goal, we (1) recognize past members who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service, (2) provide awards to recognize exceptional achievement by members of the Century Division, and (3) conduct an Annual Meeting for Association business and fellowship. The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky on the weekend of August 26.

One of our key initiatives is providing scholarships to students related to our active duty and former members. Monies raised through our fundraising efforts have assisted as many as ten academic scholarships to qualifying students in a single year. Our typical scholarship award is \$1,000. To raise the funds for our programs, we are seeking your support for our efforts in the form of items to be auctioned at our Annual Meeting or alternately a monetary contribution. It is designated as a 501(c)(19) corporation (EIN) 31-0931318. Generally, contributions are deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes.

Thank you for considering our request for contribution. You may contact us at the above address.

MG Bill Barron
US Army Retired
Chairman of the Board

CSM David Belcher
US Army Retired
Association President

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