

# **CENTURY SENTINEL**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SGM (R) Maurice Allgeier

2015 AOC Reunion - President's Perspective

In retrospect we had a spectacular 2015 AOC Annual Reunion/meeting. I wore two hats for this event. I served as both registrar & current AOC president. This gave me a better understanding of what it takes to put on such an endeavor. Yes, I was baptized in fire.

The Brown Hotel truly went out of its way to accommodate us. With our hard charging Annual Reunion Committee which consists of COL(R) Cyndy Noble, CW5(R) Diamond & CSM (R) Bethards we stayed ahead of the curve. This venue, which offered us an incredibly low hotel rate, provided us the entire 16th floor & a staff at our beckon call.

Our informal dinner on Friday night at Gordon Biersch Restaurant kicked off the weekend in style with a relaxing stroll done Fourth Street.

It truly was a first for us to have total access to a hotel floor. We took full advantage of this opportunity in setting up registration, raffle / auction item displays, Supply Room merchandise & our famous Pickle Packing (SOS).

With the help of LTC(R) Kapp & his daughter, McKenzie, we were able to implement for the first time two PayPal credit card readers. At our Awards luncheon MG(R) Barron proudly introduced our five new inductees into the Corridor of Century. He also brought forth in attendance four of our eight MG Benjamin Butler Scholarship winners. The 100th Division Best Warrior NCO, SSG Jordan Stubblefield & MSG Raymundo Soto, Best Instructor, were also recognized. All were recognized with a warm round of applause.

At the close of our AOC Reunion we can look back at many milestones. We had a record turnout, substantial revenue generated for our beneficial programs & a rekindling of old friendships borne in military service at the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. The "Year of the Centuryman" theme for this year brings to the forefront the rich military traditions set for the by our former Centuryman for current soldiers of the 100<sup>th</sup> Division to emulate.

Maurice Allgeier Jr. AOC President



"Command Sergeants Major (Retired) Table at Awards Luncheon"

# THE CHAIRMAN'S FOXHOLE

MG Bill Barron, U.S. Army Retired

The 35th Annual AOC Reunion held at Louisville's Brown Hotel on August 22, 2015 is now part of history but this year's event will not be forgotten for a long time. Nothing could have been improved upon for this year's gathering, from Louisville's Brown Hotel as a venue, the turnout by AOC members and the presence of our current 100th Division O/S leadership and award winning Soldiers. Even the weather was perfect! AOC President Maurice Allgeier and a number of AOC Board members made it all come together with style and class! Thanks to each of you for a fantastic effort.

I am in my 13th year as Chairman of this 'one of a kind' organization fondly called the 'AOC. Every year the volunteer Board of Directors, through the various Program Committees, manages to raise the bar on what we are able to accomplish as a team of Century Division Men and Women. Membership in the Association of the Century continues to grow at a time when similar, affinity based organizations are faltering and even failing. The number of MG Benjamin Butler Scholarships awarded this year reached a record number of eight (8) at a \$1,000 each and we still continue to send packages to deployed 100th Division Soldiers serving around the globe. Most importantly, your Association is financially sound for many years to come.

If you ever served in the Century Division or are just simply a 'friend' of the 100th Division, you should be an annual or life member of this organization. We continue do good things for 100th Division Soldiers and their families. We ARE Centurymen and Centurywomen for Life!

#### TRAIN 'EM TOUGH!

Gen B

#### <u>CENTURYMEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT</u> <u>THE BROWN HOTEL</u>

The Association of the Century was honored to be joined by two outstanding Solders from the 100th Division O/S at this year's 35th Annual Reunion at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY on 21-22 August. Congratulation to both of these outstanding 100th Division Soldiers!



MSG Raymundo Soto who is assigned to the 6th Bn/95th Regt (MI), 1st BDE (MI), 100th Division O/S in San Antonio, TX was selected at the Best Instructor in the US Army Reserve and went on to become the Best Instructor in the Army in competition at US Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Eustis, VA during 2015.

After joining the Army in 1996, MSG Soto attended a second AIT to become a Civil Affairs Specialist. He served in Kosovo in '01-'02 and had two tours in Afghanistan '03-'04 and '11 – '12. His awards include the Bronze Star and Purple Heart among others.

In civilian life, MSG Soto is the VP of the AML Compliance Dept. of the JPMorgan Chase. He is married to his wife of 10 years and has a son and a daughter.



SSG Jordan Stubblefield was selected as the 2015 Best Warrior (NCO Category) for both the 100th Division and the 80th Training Command and came in fifth in Army Reserve wide competition at the USARC in 2015.

SSG Stubblefield serves as a 35 M Instructor with the 11th Bn/100th Regt (MI), 1st BDE (MI), 100th Division O/S. He has had one deployment to Afghanistan and is a qualified Strategic Debriefer, Category 2 Source Handler and Persian Farsi Linguist.

A native of Monett, MO, Stubblefield is currently pursuing a degree in Computer Science at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay. His goals include becoming a 351M Warrant Officer and completing his college degree.

How about a Nice Windbreaker or Pullover for Fall?

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#### **Corridor of the Century Inductees**

We are proud to announce the selection of the following soldiers who were inducted into the Corridor of the Century on August 22, 2015, at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. They are shown in the photograph above from left to right, with the exception of MSG Kimberlee A. Hamilton who is currently deployed in the Middle East. MSG Hamilton's husband, MSG (R) Joseph Hamilton, pictured on the far left above, 100<sup>th</sup> Division G-1 NCO, accepted the award on her behalf at the ceremony. He was able to have his wife join us live for the induction ceremony via Face Time!

MSG Kimberlee A. Hamilton, Inspection Program, 100<sup>th</sup> Division HQ

CSM (R) Durward C. Thomas - CSM, 2d Brigade, 100TH Division

COL (R) Cynthia A. Noble – Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, 100TH Division HQ

MSG (R) Robert C. Noble, Sr. – Operations NCO, G-3 Section, 100<sup>th</sup> Division HQ

CSM (R) Sammy D. Alley - CSM, 6th Brigade, 100<sup>th</sup> Division

#### AOC's FINANCIAL STATUS LTC (R) G. Kenneth Kapp, AOC Treasurer

At the Annual Meeting, the 2014 financial results and condition of AOC were reported to the membership. Total receipts for the calendar year 2014 were \$16,455 with disbursements of \$16,036 resulting in a positive cash flow of \$419.

Total Assets of AOC at 31 December 2014 were \$120,678; with \$112,272 in Certificates of Deposit held at Fort Knox Credit Union. The assets of the MG Benjamin J. Butler "Century Division" Scholarship Fund are maintained at the Community Foundation of Louisville separately from AOC's assets.

The Scholarship Fund was established by AOC, the Fund was entrusted to the Foundation to maintain over the long term with an expected return of 7.0% to 9.0% (CPI plus 5.0%) in order to provide steadily increasing annual payouts to our selected grantees. Beginning with today's balance of \$181,822, the Fund will be able to provide the AOC with the ability to award up to \$8,000 in scholarships at our next Annual Meeting in August of 2016.

Financial highlights of the year included a financially successful annual meeting, AOC's donation of \$2,100 to the Scholarship Fund and AOC's expenses of \$3,277 incurred for the benefit of the SOS Program.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDER NOW!

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Association of the Century Reunion

### Saturday, August 27, 2016 Bowling Green, KY.



100th Color Guard

#### Recap of 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: "Year of the <u>Century Soldier"</u>

We were fortunate to have perfect weather this weekend and the historic Brown Hotel was superb and user-friendly. Several folks told me this was their first time to attend, and were sorry they waited so long as they had a great reunion with fellow soldiers they hadn't seen for years. You'll see several photos in this newsletter of those who attended this super event.

Some 45 of us had a super informal dinner Friday night, August 21, at Gordon Biersch Brewery and Restaurant on 4<sup>th</sup> Street Live. Afterwards, we returned to our own hospitality room at the Brown for visits with friends and some tall tales.

Saturday morning, General Tindall and Rick Talbot ran the Pickle Packing at the Brown Hotel where several members and spouses packed many boxes of goodies to ship to deployed 100<sup>th</sup> and other soldiers. We've received countless letters from those soldiers expressing their thanks for our thoughtfulness in sending those packages.

The annual 100<sup>th</sup> Division Awards Luncheon on Saturday was where 105 of us recognized the two winners of the Individual Soldier Awards: MSG Raymundo Soto who was Instructor of the Year and SSG Jordan Stubblefield who was Best Warrior. You should know MSG Soto was also the US Army Reserve and US Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) winner of this top award. See the biography and photos of each of these outstanding NCOs in the next pages of this newsletter.

MG Benjamin Butler Scholarship Awards of \$1,000 each were presented to eight highly deserving young people to apply toward this year's college tuition. We've listed information about each of them and their connection with the 100<sup>th</sup> later in this newsletter.

Five members were selected for inclusion in The Corridor of the Century, and see their names and details in a later section of this newsletter.

We enjoyed a thorough Tricare briefing to members and spouses by Fort Knox Tricare personnel. The briefer many members' questions and concerns about Tricare coverage.

For Saturday night, all 118 of us in attendance were honored to have current100<sup>th</sup> Commander Brigadier General Jason Walrath as the keynote speaker. BG Walrath noted the proud history of the 100<sup>th</sup> and said he was humbled to be a member of the Division. He cited the Division's recent years' achievements and how today its soldiers were having to handle increasing missions with less funding.

Several excellent items were raffled and auctioned off at the end of the evening to raise funds for the MG Benjamin Butler Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all who contributed to this super cause.

Folks gathered after the banquet at the AOC Hospitality Room in the Brown Hotel for more conversations and refreshments.



4 of 8 MG Butler Award Recipients: from L to R-Micah Brown, Danielle Block, Maria Donahoe & Adriana Denington

#### <u>Winners of MG Benjamin Butler Scholarship</u> <u>Awards</u>

Some eight \$1,000 scholarships from the MG Benjamin Butler Scholarship Fund were awarded to the following young folks at the Awards Luncheon Saturday:

Danielle Block, granddaughter of Hobert Judd, CW4 (Ret) - Entering the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY Micah Brown, grandson of William A. Brown, MSG (Ret) - Entering the University of Louisville. Louisville. KY William Butts, son of Leslie Butts, CPT - Entering the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS Adriana Denington, granddaughter of Bill Warren, LTC (Ret) - Entering Midway College, Midway, KY Maria Donahoe, daughter of Keith Donahoe, COL (Ret) - Entering Macalester College, St. Paul, MN Stone Patrick Phillips, son of John Phillips, COL (Ret) - Entering Mercer University, Macon, GA Christian Tipton, granddaughter of Harold Moore, SFC (Ret) - Entering the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY Trey Zimmerman, grandson of Ben Zimmerman,

SGM (Ret) - Entering the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Want to apply for your relative? See the requirements and application form at the AOC website: <u>http://www.the-century.org/scholarship.htm</u>

Adriana Dennington and her father, LTC (R) Bill Warren, 3d Bde, 100th, sent us the following messages of thanks:

> Adriana: My Dad, my husband (SGT, KY National Guard) and my godfather (COL (R) Earl Sosby, 100th) have all given YEARS of their lives in service to our country! I never take for granted the sacrifices of our military! My Dad served in the 100th Division for many years...and today I'm happy to be awarded a scholarship by the Association of the Century. It was humbling to be among such incredible soldiers. We have countless freedoms because of people like this! Never forget it! <u>#goarmy</u>

LTC Warren: I couldn't be more proud of her or my granddaughter. If you read this message you will realize that some people of the next generation and now the following generation realize what our service means to them. At least we have passed it on to another generation or two. At least our service was not spent without somebody appreciating it and I know there are thousands more who realize what this means. I wanted to pass this on to all my friends and family that have served.

If you are former member of the 100<sup>th</sup> Division, I highly recommend you join the AOC. The dues are only \$15.00 per year and this year they gave out eight \$1,000 scholarships to either children or grandchildren of former members of the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. I joined this year and had not joined before because nobody had ask

me to join. They only meet once a year for a luncheon and dinner, if you wish to attend, but the monies they receive goes into a selfperpetuating trust to continue to be able to give these scholarships to former members children and grandchildren. Feel free to pass this on to anyone you believe should see the patriotism of this and the next generations. God Bless the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. God Bless the USA.

#### GET A TAX DEDUCTION AND...... HELP A SON, DAUGHTER OR GRANDCHILD OF A 100<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION SOLDIER ATTEND COLLEGE!

My AOC membership card has #249 on it and for the life of me I'm not sure when I joined the Association of the Century but my guess it was in the early 1980's. I also can't remember when we started giving scholarships in honor of MG Benjamin Butler but I do recall that the first ones awarded were in the amount of \$500 or less. A quick glance at the Association's Tax Returns for '05, '06 and '07 indicated scholarships for those years in the amounts of \$750, \$775 and finally \$1,000 respectively. In December of 2007, utilizing the Community Foundation of Louisville, Inc. we officially established the MG Benjamin J. Butler "Century Division" Scholarship Fund. Total donations to the fund since Dec '07 amount to \$140,294 and the scholarships granted since that date total \$31,000. The balance of our fund currently stands at \$ 181,822 which is quite impressive but we need more growth to service the number of qualified applicants we receive each year. Support the Fund by getting your checkbook out and follow the four (4) steps below:

1. Make your check payable to The Community Foundation of Louisville.

2. On the memo line write for "Century Division Scholarship Fund".

3. Mail check to: The Community Foundation of Louisville, 325 W. Main St. Suite 1110, Louisville, KY 40202

4. Attend the 36th Annual Association of the Century Reunion on August 27, 2016 in Bowling Green Kentucky and watch the smiles on the faces of our Butler Scholarship recipients!

Remember - it's tax deductible for you!

Gen B



"Pickle Packing" Goodies for Deployed Soldiers

#### **100<sup>th</sup> Hero: Combat Medic/Instructor Saves** Lives of Louisville Stabbing Victims

On the Sunday morning only a few hours after our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, all of us who attended were sleeping soundly at 2:30 AM when in Louisville 100<sup>th</sup> Combat Medic and Instructor SSG Katie M. Govoni was saving two women's lives! SSG Govoni is a member of 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Devens, MA.

SSG Govoni was attending medical training at Fort Knox and went out for an evening of entertainment with fellow soldiers to Louisville. During the evening, she just happened to meet two civilians named Melissa and Sherry Snader who were celebrating Sherry's bachelorette party. At about 2:30 AM, SSG Govoni and her fellow soldiers had stopped at a food stand before walking to their car to return to Fort Knox. Suddenly, SSG Govoni heard a woman scream, run across the street, nearly being hit by a car and then drop to her knees. SSG Govoni and fellow soldiers ran over to the woman and determined she was Sherry Snader and she and her sister Melissa had suffered serious knife wounds to their upper bodies and were bleeding profusely.

As a combat medic, SSG Govoni recognized one woman was more seriously wounded than the other as she was going into shock, took charge of the situation, triaged the two patients and directed her fellow soldiers to assist her while waiting on emergency personnel to arrive. SSG Govoni and fellow soldiers applied direct pressure to the wounded areas to stop the bleeding. She also applied CPR to one of the women and restored her breathing. Upon emergency personnel arrival, SSG Govoni and fellow soldiers quickly informed EMS personnel of their life-saving actions and informed police of the description of the attacker provided by one of the women. All in the day of a highly dedicated 100<sup>th</sup> Division combat medic and fellow soldiers!





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14 June 2015

Dear Membership of the Association of the Century,

On behalf of the 100th Division (OS) I want to thank the Association of the Century for their service and dedication to our Soldiers. We appreciate the substantial time volunteered by your members to serve the current Soldiers of the 100th Division during our leader development week. Your gift of service sets the example for current and former members of the 100th Division (OS).

I'm encouraged by the nature of your organization's support for our efforts and interests. The 100th Division continues to be an honored beneficiary of the AOC's largesse.

Kindest of personal regards,

ASON L. WALRATH

Brigadier General, USAR Commanding

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Gen. Barron,

26 Augus 7 2015

My AOC Membership Application is enclosed. I want to thank you again for inviting me to the event and allowing me to experience the community you all have through the 100th DIV. It truly was an incredible sight and I look forward to returning in the future. I certainly left with a newfound feeling of pride in my organization and a desire to stay for many years to come. Thank you.

Sincerely, Tondan Stillibbell



Lobby at the Brown Hotel



Friday night casual dinner at Gordon Biersch, 4th Street



Saturday evening meal at The Brown Hotel



Reviewing raffle items



Saturday evening meal at The Brown Hotel



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100th Division Leadership; CSM Lombardo and BG Walrath

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