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New President's Message

LTC (R) Horace Johnson

As your new Association of the Century president for the next year, I am thankful and humbled to be able to serve. It's been a tremendous 2022 for the AOC with growth in membership and attendance at our annual meeting. I'm deeply appreciative of the tremendous dedication of my predecessor CSM (R) David Belcher and the great work of the many devoted members of this organization in making those things happen. We will build on and improve that work in 2023 to make it an even better year for the AOC!

As the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays approach, we pause to be thankful for all we have. We are mindful of the blessings of life, liberty, our nation, our families and friends. The prophet Jeremiah wrote "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a purpose." These holidays are a time to reflect on the freedoms we have along with that hope and purpose. It is my wish for each of you that you spend this joyful time of year with those you love. This Christmas, let's remember "the reason for the season," and keep the Prince of Peace the main character! We hope peace on earth and good will toward others will be the messages we give and hopefully receive. Every soldier wants peace and our 100th Division soldiers past and present have played and continue to play a vital role in that endeavor.

I wish each of you and your families a joyous holiday season. May the New Year 2023 be a blessing as we march on with purpose. Happy Holidays!

The Chairman's Foxhole

MG Bill Barron, USA, Retired

It has been three years since COVID first came knocking on our door and I for one, am sure glad to see that it is almost gone. Our Reunions of the past several years in Bowling Green on the other hand, have been record setting for some reason. That reason has been an overwhelming sense of being a part of something bigger than just ourselves.....It's being a part of the 100th Division! It is something that we are all proud to say that we are a part of.

Time, for me, has really flown by over the past few years. I have now been retired from the Army Reserves since 2003 and that will be 20 years this coming year. I joined the Association of the Century Board as Chairman in 2002 and that will soon be 21 years. To keep this organization young and vibrant then we must add younger and more vibrant people to our ranks and we are doing just that. We are doing that with our five Board members that we have added over the past two years. One thing for sure never changes and change is always around the corner with the Army Reserve. We must be ready to deal with it.

Before I close today, let me ask you for a small favor..... consider putting an initial (or a follow on check) in the mail to the Association of the Century for \$150 for the Franklin Fund before the end of the year. It is tax deductible donation and goes a long way to help support our Scholarship fund. The Franklin Fund Challenge first started in 2016 and has now raised over \$30,000.00 to support dependents of 100th Division soldiers in their academic endeavors. This is something that all of us can be proud of and is definitely a part of our proud legacy.

In closing, please accept my wishes for the Merriest of Holiday Seasons. Spend time with your families and thank them for letting you serve with the best Division in the Army Reserve, the Fighting 100th! And my thanks continue to go out to our Board of Directors who continue to knock it out of the park, month after month. You are the best!

AOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES NEW NAME FOR WEBSITE

The AOC Board of Directors has elected to rename our Association web site. The old name (THE-CENTURY.ORG) was difficult to manage and was prone to not being found due to similar website names. The new name is simply: 100AOC.ORG (not case sensitive) . We believe this new name will help avoid difficulties in searching and finding our site and be an easier name to recollect.

If you have not been on the website for a while , we think you will enjoy the many articles and interesting pages we have put together. While you are there, stop by our members only area and update your contact information. It is secure, fast, and easy (see article elsewhere in the newsletter on how to access the "Members Area" of the website.

AOC WEBSITE: “MEMBERS AREA” UPDATE

Col (Ret) Robert Cobb

GREAT NEWS! The Members Area of the Association website is up and running! This addition to the website gives our membership a place to update their contact information as well as participate in membership polls the board may want to initiate. This “Members Only” area of our website is secure and provides YOU with an easy means to keep your contact information up to date. Keeping your contact information up to date ensures you will never miss an issue of the Century Sentinel or other valuable information from your AOC Board.

We mentioned the Members Area at the annual meeting in August. Here is how to access it in our Members Only area (its really easy):

Step 1.

Navigate to the AOC home page:

www.100aoc.org

(Note our new name!) Once at the home page, click on the “Members Area” (upper right). This will take you to our Members Area page.

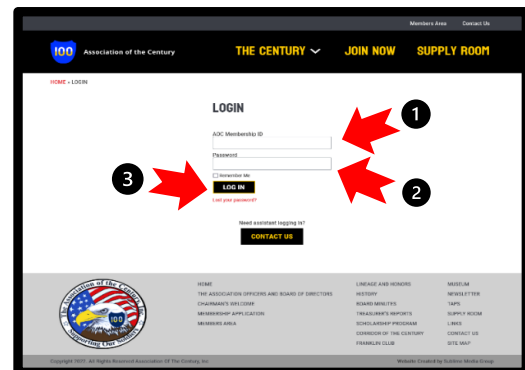
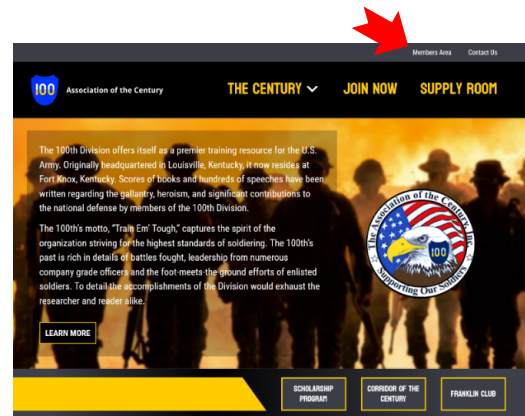
Step 2.

Once you arrive on the Members Area page you must login. To do this:

- 1 Enter your AOC Membership ID. Your AOC LOGIN ID is your LASTNAME coupled with your membership number. Your membership number is printed under your name on your AOC newsletter mailing label. If your last name is JONES and your membership number is 378, then your membership LOGIN ID would be JONES378. **Note: there are no spaces between your last name and your member ID number.** If your last name has an apostrophe (such as O’Riley) or contains a special character or blank space (such as Woo Yang) simply remove the apostrophe or blank space. (O’Riley becomes ORiley. Woo Yang becomes WooYang.) There can be NO SPECIAL CHARACTERS or BLANKS as part of your Membership ID.

- 2 After entering your membership ID, you will need to provide a password. Your password is your membership number.

- 3 Once you have your AOC ID and password entered, simply click the LOG IN button!



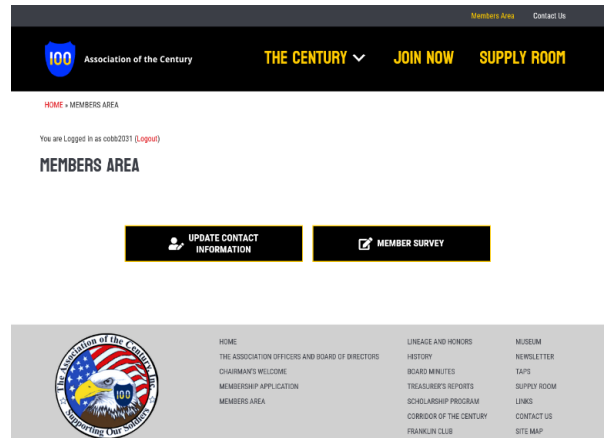
Step 3

Once you are properly logged into the Members Area, you will be presented with this screen. From this screen you have two choices:

- (1) UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION
- (2) MEMBERS SURVEY

Click on the activity that you wish to complete.

The AOC Board from time-to-time may wish to poll the membership on various topics. The Members Survey choice is where this will be done.



Step 4

The UPDATE OUR CONTACT INFORMATION page displays your contact information as we have it. Update any item(s) that need to be changed.

NOTE: We have the option for electronic delivery of our newsletter. If you would prefer to have an email delivery of the AOC newsletter (rather than a mailed hardcopy), simply click the “Yes” button on the email option. You will receive the AOC newsletter at the email address indicated on the update form.

- 1 IMPORTANT: Be sure to check “Yes” or “No” for the newsletter option. If this is left un-checked, you will receive an error message and will not be able to save any changes. Electronic delivery of our newsletter saves your Association money each month. Please consider receiving your newsletter electronically. Also, IS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CORRECT?



- 2 Once all changes have been made, click the “SAVE PROFILE & LOGOUT” button. This updates our database with your requested changes and returns you to the AOC Home Page.
- 3 Click the red “LOGOUT” at the top of the page, if you wish to NOT save changes and return to the AOC Home Page (Do not use the “Back Arrow”)

Should you wish to participate in any survey/poll we are conducting, it will be necessary to return to the Members Area Login page. We will typically announce a survey in our newsletter, and let the survey run several months.

If you experience any problems with the "Members Area" drop us a line and let us know the extent of your problem. You can do this at the "CONTACT US" button on the Members Area Home Page. Keep in mind, if your last name has special characters or a blank space, which will need to be removed as part of your LOGIN ID.

We will certainly experience a few hick-ups along the way, but we will iron them out as soon as they are identified. All member updates will be forwarded to our AOC Secretary SGM Zimmerman who maintains our AOC membership data system.

We believe the AOC Members Area will enhance our ability to communicate with our membership. We appreciate your patience as we have developed our new website; your feedback would be appreciated.

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Make Your Gift Before the Year End

MG Benjamin J. Butler "Century Division" Scholarship Fund
LTC Ken Kapp, USA Retired

The generosity of our membership is making a lasting impact on those awardees receiving scholarship assistance from the Scholarship Fund. The Fund makes it possible for the Association to continue the awarding of multiple annual scholarships. At this year-end when considering making donations to worthy causes, please consider the MG Benjamin J. Butler "Century Division" Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Fund was established in December 2007. The Fund has made 103 scholarship grants through the 30th of September 2022 totaling \$102,000.00. The Fund balance at the end of November is \$235,569.

Please help with preserving the legacy of the 100th Division and merely make your check payable to the "BB Sch Fund" and mail it directly to the AOC at **P.O. Box 34393, Louisville, KY 40232.**

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Here's an example-

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The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" as of 21 November 2022:

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" has raised \$29,982 from 145 participants; \$20,552 has been designated to the Scholarship Fund, \$2,214 to the SOS Fund, \$1,266 to the Museum Fund and \$5,250 has been designated unrestricted.

Larry D. Abel (\$300)	Pete Evans	Keith McWhorter (\$300)
William D. Adams	James Fallin	Ned McWhorter (\$300)
Maurice Allgeier	W. Dan Farris	Mit Merritt (\$350)
Sammy Alvey	Peter Fast	Richard Dale Miller
Gabriel T. Arnold (\$600)	James Fleenor	Ronald Moss
L. Clark Arnold (\$150)	Lindsey Freeman	Benjamin F. Murphy
Deborah A. Ashley	Scott Garrett	Paul Nadeau (\$200)
John Aubrey (\$800)	Charles E. Gorton (\$340)	Monte Nesmith
Paul Baker	Flem Gordon	Bob Noble
Newton R. Bardwell III (\$300)	Elizabeth L. Grossi (\$200)	Cyndy Noble
Robert T. Barnes (\$250)	Joseph Hamilton, III	Milton Nugent
Ronald Barnes	Jay Hancock (\$150)	Larry Pierson
Bill Barron (\$200)	Philip L. Hanrahan (\$200)	Carl Platt (\$450)
David Belcher	Joel Hardin	Albert Pomey
Byron Bell	Dr. Roland C. Haun (\$300)	Philip Reel
Michael A. Bennett	Larry Herzog (\$200)	Jack R. Reeves (\$250)
Gregory Bethards (\$200)	Leo Hill	David M. Richardson (\$200)
Richard Blain (\$250)	Donald C. Hines	Ramon Rodgers
Francis Bland	Charles R. Hitchcock (\$200)	Richard Rowe
Joe B. Brown	Carl A. Hulsewede III (\$200)	James Glenn Russell
Joe E. Brown (\$200)	Gregory J. Hunt (\$250)	Robert Silverthorn (\$300)
William Brown	George H. Imorde, Jr.	Rusti Silverthorn (\$300)
Linda Bruin	Ronnie Jervis	Bob G. Simmons
John K. Butler	Horace Johnson	Charles B. Skaggs
George H. Campbell, Jr.	James C. Johnson (\$300)	Earl Sosby Jr.
Ben W. Carr, Jr (\$250)	Virginia C. Jones	James Starr (\$760)
Richard D. Chegar (\$200)	Hobert Judd (\$300)	James Stevens (\$200)
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
Larry Craig (\$400)	Ray Lackey (\$1,000)	Ernest Taylor
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John M. Davidson	Benjamin Livingston	Travis W. Tichenor III
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Janie Diamond	Michael Mannarino	Karl Truman
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Roy D. Dodson Roy Downey (\$200) Douglas G. Draper (\$600) Tilman Drury Brian Duffy J. Henry Duncan Odis Embry David Evans (\$300) Pete Evans	Clarence Martin Jr. (\$300) Elmo Martin (\$700) A. George Mason, Jr. (\$750) Bobbie Maybrier Charlie McBride Michael McCorkle Francis 'Mac' McDermott (\$300) Johnny M. McGuire (\$200.00) Gerald C. McKinney (\$150)	Ronald G. Waldrip (\$300) Tony Warren Cleland White (\$200) Norm Williams (\$125) Luther W. Willis Chappell R. Wilson Marvin H. Wilson (\$200) Bernis Woodward (\$300) Ben Zimmerman
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"Franklin Club Challenge" gifts made in Memoriam:

	Name:	By:
	COL Byron Crawford MG David L. Evans (\$1,100) MG David L. Evans (\$300) MG Roy C. Gray, Jr (\$397) CSM Charles P. Kaltenthaler (\$500) COL Anthony E. Martin (\$500)	Anonymous Patricia S. Evans Anonymous Roy Gray, III Brenda Kaltenthaler Cox Elmo Martin





100th Soldiers Reunions at Owensboro, KY

COL (R) Larry Abel and others in the Owensboro area began these meetings about three years after too many sad gatherings at area funeral homes to honor 100th soldiers who had passed away. They decided it was more enjoyable to have enjoyable meetings before those gatherings.

When the meetings began, only seven soldiers attended. Now, they've outgrown three smaller meeting places and today some 65 or more mostly retired soldiers attend. Today they meet three times yearly for an 0800 Hours breakfast buffet at the American Legion in Owensboro.

A minister opens the gatherings with a prayer and the group then sings the National Anthem. They introduce folks who support the American Legion meeting place: Daviess County Clerk Leslie McCarty who is also a huge supporter of Wreaths Over America; Sarah Taylor, a Gold Star Mother and National President of the organization and Gold Star Mother Cathy Mullins. A few widows of 100th soldiers also attend. The group also invites former and present 100th soldiers and their families. Everyone has a great time visiting and eating and the group often stays until about 1100 Hours.

The group asks each soldier to tell his own 100th Division story: where and when they served and funny tales of events in their serviced.

For info, contact Larry Abel at email: ldabel@roadrunner.com

Fort Knox Gold Partners Recognizes MG (R) Bill Barron for Support

In June 2022, Fort Knox recognized various community leader for their support of the base. Among them was our own AOC Chairman and former 100th Division Commander MG (R) Bill Barron. The article below describes his tremendous contribution to the effort.

MG (R) Barron dedicated 15 years following his military service to establishing grassroots campaigns, building and leading coalitions and working with elected and military leadership to promote awareness of the installation's capabilities. Fort Knox is now a multi-command Army post that fulfills in an increased role in supporting national defense priorities. He also served for 14 years as the CORE Committee executive director, a regional alliance focused on improving public and private interests related to Fort Knox. This organization transformed into what is now called the Knox Regional Development Alliance.

Barron and Ardisson join these other community leaders as Gold Neighbors: Carl, Anne, Bob and Jan Swope as well as the late Bill and Betty Swope; Barbara and her late husband Ronnie; Blake Proffitt; Charlie Thurman and his late wife Claudia; Erika and Gene Gudenkauf; Greg Milby; Hollie Sexton; Randy Acton; Charlotte Masterson; Dr. James Ramsey; Nannette Johnston; Brad Richardson; Carl Cornelius; Carole Logsdon; Kendra Stewart Scott; Bill Evans and Dr. Jillian Carden.

VALife insurance program coming January 2023 for Veterans with service connection

In January 2023, VA will launch a new [life insurance](#) program called Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife), which provides guaranteed acceptance whole life insurance coverage to Veterans age 80 and under, with any level of service-connected disability. Some Veterans age 81 and older may also be eligible.

What is Guaranteed Acceptance Whole Life Insurance?

Guaranteed acceptance is a whole life policy that does not require a medical exam or ask health questions. It also does not have a limited two year window to sign up. Whole life insurance provides coverage for the entire life of the individual policyholder, provided that premiums are always paid. Premium rates are locked in for the life of the policy, and unlike term policies will not increase as the policyholder ages.

What benefits does it offer?

Created by [Public Law 116-315](#), the new program meets the needs of service-connected Veterans who may not have previously qualified for life insurance with VA. VALife offers guaranteed acceptance whole life insurance coverage that lasts for an individual's entire life and provides the following benefits:

- All service-connected Veterans age 80 and under with 0-100% VA disability ratings are eligible.
- Fully automated online enrollment with instant approvals.
- Coverage comes in increments of \$10,000, up to a maximum of \$40,000, and premiums are competitive – or better – than what's available in the private sector. There is a two-year waiting period for full face value coverage to take effect.
- No medical requirements for enrollment.
- Cash value that builds over the life of the policy after the first two years of enrollment.
- Rates are best the earlier you sign up. Once locked in, premiums will never increase.

Who is eligible?

All Veterans age 80 or younger with a VA disability rating of 0-100% are eligible for VALife, with no time limit to apply.

Veterans who are 81 or older may apply for VALife within two years of receiving a new service-connected disability rating if:

- They applied for VA disability compensation before age 81, and;

- They received a new service-connected disability rating after turning 81.

How does this impact other VA Life Insurance programs?

VALife opens life insurance coverage to more service-connected Veterans than ever before. In contrast to Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance (S-DVI), VALife has no medical requirements and there is no two year time limit to apply if a Veteran is age 80 or under.

Veterans who currently hold an S-DVI policy can either keep their current coverage or apply for VALife when the application goes live. Veterans can keep their S-DVI policy until the full coverage of VALife begins two years after enrollment as long as the application is received between Jan. 1, 2023, and Dec. 31, 2025

S-DVI will close to new enrollment after Dec. 31. Veterans interested in S-DVI should apply by this date, even if they are interested in applying for VALife in the new year. Applying for S-DVI now allows eligible Veterans to have life insurance coverage while waiting the two-year period for their VALife coverage to become available.

How can you apply for both?

The application for VALife will go live on Jan. 1, 2023. Stay tuned for more information on VALife and the application process. Once the program is open, the application will be available online at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/VALife.asp>.

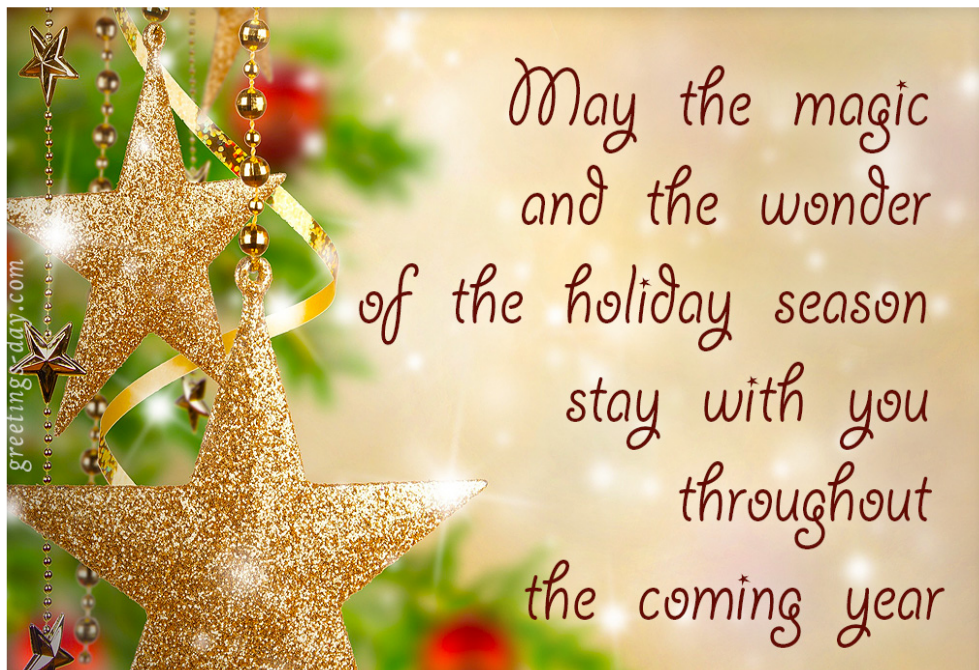
If you are interested in applying for S-DVI before VALife opens, or would like to learn more about the coverage, please visit the S-DVI webpage here: <https://www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility/s-dvi/>.

Where can I learn more?

To learn more about VALife and whether it's the right choice for you and your family, please visit the webpage here: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/valife.asp>.

If you would like to receive email updates about VALife, please sign up here: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVALI/subscriber/new>.

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