



# CENTURY SENTINEL

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Greetings AOC members & 100<sup>th</sup> Division Soldiers,

My tenure as the AOC President for 2024 is coming to an end. Where has the last year gone? When I took over the job of President, I was a little apprehensive and wondering if I could live up to the position's expectations. With the support from MG Barron and MG Tindall and the entire slate of all the AOC board members it was rather easy. I think it was a very productive year and successful year.

The 43rd AOC Annual Meeting and Reunion held this year in Owensboro, KY was enjoyable and comments from those in attendance were positive. Friday night 110 members and guests ate a Barbeque Buffet and entertained with music from the 60's & 70's. Saturday afternoon everyone that played BINGO had a good time, while others explored Owensboro at their leisure. Saturday night, we had 170 in attendance that enjoyed a plated dinner and were entertained by the Owensboro Bluegrass Band from the Bluegrass Hall of Fame and Museum. They were very entertaining. Everyone was socializing and having a great time singing along and dancing to their music. The evening concluded with a raffle and "Live" auction of donated items. Both the Raffle and: "Live" Auction generated a lot of money and thank you to all that participated.

I cannot thank our four contributing sponsors ATMOS Energy; VFW Post 696; American Legion Post 9; Mr. William "Bill" G. Barron, all of Owensboro enough for their generous contributions. A total of \$12,000 was received which reduced individual and covered other operational cost. All four were represented at Saturday evening's banquet and were recognized and thanked by all. I feel they will be generous again in 2025.

A lot of work along with detailed planning and coordination contributed to this year's reunion and has set the model to improve on for next year. I want to thank all the board members and their spouses who worked hard and contributed to making this year's event a huge success.

Larry Able will be the AOC President for 2025 and he was very involved with this year's planning and execution. Planning and coordination has already begun for next year. We have received a lot of feedback on this year's event but can always use more. If you have anything to contribute for next year, please let us know. You can email it to me at [penway@mis.net](mailto:penway@mis.net). We are already contracted with the Owensboro Convention Center and will be in the East Ballroom which is closer to the Hilton Hotel where we will be staying again.

The current 100<sup>th</sup> Division Commanding General, BG Martin C. Jung was in attendance at this year's reunion. He has joined the AOC as a Life Member; He sees the value that the AOC can bring to the soldiers presently serving in the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. Discussions and plans have already taken place to have a meeting with the command and AOC members this December during the commands Annual Training,

Officially my tenure as President comes to an end in November and I will pass the gavel off to Larry Abel. I know that everyone will continue to support the AOC and Larry as he leads us into 2025.

We will return to Owensboro KY again for our Annual Meeting and Reunion on August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Watch for details in our quarterly newsletters, Facebook page and our website, [100AOC.ORG](http://100AOC.ORG) for information.

Numerous pictures from this year's reunion are posted in this newsletter and on the AOC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069594849384>.

Wayne Gerding  
President 2024

**Chairman's Foxhole**  
**MG Bill Barron, USA Retired**

The 43d Annual Reunion held on 23 – 25 August 2024 is but a faint memory in our minds at this point but it was a great one to say the least, weather you were a 'First Timer' or a loyal, Annual attendee. Our return to Owensboro was in fact a great hit this year just as returning to Bowling Green or some other city in Kentucky will be in a couple of years because of one thing and that is PLANNING. To the average Convention goer I am sure that the Reunion appeared to be pretty much of an automatic thing but I assure you that many months of advance planning took place to pull it together. There is one thing that is a bit different for the past few years and that is our Corporate Cash Sponsors. It started with ATMOS Energy in Bowling Green in 2022 and continues on. This year, ATMOS Energy, VFW Post 696, American Legion Post 9 generously anteed up a substantial donation as did my Cousin from Owensboro William G. Barron who is a past member of the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. All together we received a total of \$12,000 from these four sources and I feel certain that these contributions will continue for next year's meeting as well and maybe even beyond. This is a good thing!

**One other thing that certainly bears mentioning is the quality of the people who comprise the membership of the 100<sup>th</sup> AOC!** I too, get caught up in the planning for the Reunion and sometime lose sight of some of the more 'human' aspects of the Association of the Century. Sometimes it takes a fresh face like a new Commanding General to bring it all into perspective and BG Marty Jung did just that. He arrived at our hotel a bit too late to join us for dinner on Friday but did make it to the Hospitality Room that evening. From the time he arrived on Friday eve to the time he departed on Sunday, BG Jung had nothing but good things to say about all of the Centurymen and women who made a dedicated effort to make both him and his guest feel at home. My thanks to each of you who helped make this happen and I firmly believe that things are now on a much smoother track as the AOC moves ahead down the road with the 100<sup>th</sup> Division for the next few years.

Let me close by sending a sincere note of appreciation to President Wayne Gerding for all of his untiring attention to detail in making the 2024 Annual Meeting one of our best!

The AOC Board of Directors will start it's planning in a couple of months for the 22 – 23 August 2025 Reunion. Please plan on being our guest for the weekend – you'll be glad you did!

MG B

**100th AOC Facebook Page**

We have a new way quickly pass information to AOC members on our Facebook page. You'll find it very user friendly and updated frequently. Here's the link or you can simply go to Facebook and search for "100th Division Association of the Century:"

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**A Big "Thank You" to our Generous Sponsors of the Annual Meeting**

We could not have enjoyed this wonderful weekend of activities and entertainment without the generous financial support of the following organizations shown in the photos below. We hope you will support each of them:



Atmos Energy, Western Kentucky Area



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American Legion Post 9, Owensboro



US Navy's historic LST # 325 sailed past and saluted AOC attendees as they returned the salute in front of the Owensboro Convention Center on 24 August 2024. On the 6 June 1944 Normandy Invasion, LST (Landing Ship Tank) 325 delivered 59 vehicles and 400 soldiers in history's largest amphibious landing. Retired 100th Division NCO MSG James Goodall is shown as one of several volunteer crew members on the deck of the ship as it passes.



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Gold Star Mother Cathy Mullins sang the National Anthem as the Color Guard stood at attention. Mrs. Mullins also performs the National Anthem for the Nashville Predators and Louisville Sluggers.



Drill Sergeants from 1-398 BCT, 104<sup>th</sup> Training Division (LT), 108<sup>th</sup> Training Command, Owensboro, KY, smartly posted The Colors at Saturday night's banquet. All were wearing current Class A Army Uniforms.

**Corridor of The Century Inductees for 2024**

SGT Michael Lyall (Inducted in December 2023 prior to his passing)



COL (R) Newton Bardwell



MSG Kasey Zehnder



BG Jung addresses the AOC Annual Business Meeting with updates on the 100th Division.



Auctioneer SGT (R) Joe Lamkin handled the bidding at Saturday night's auction for many popular items to raise funds for the MG Butler Scholarships. He kept the audience engaged in bidding up the items. "Colonel Joe" operates an auctioneer company in civilian life in Danville, KY. Joe also provided the audio equipment and background music for this Annual Meeting.



The Owensboro Bluegrass Band from the Bluegrass Hall of Fame and Museum delivered a fantastic performance Saturday night! They had everyone on their feet dancing and clapping.



Folks played bingo for prizes on Saturday afternoon in a fundraiser for AOC Scholarships.



Here are all retired soldiers who served in the 2nd Brigade who attended this Annual Meeting. The 2nd Brigade was headquartered in Owensboro, KY, and had battalions and companies based throughout Western Kentucky.



Sarah Taylor, president of American Gold Star Mothers, addresses the Saturday evening dinner gathering. She spoke eloquently about the formation of Gold Star Mothers and the valuable services they provide to families whose service members die defending the United States.



Folks enjoyed great fellowship, an excellent meal Saturday night and a beautiful view through the windows of the Owensboro Convention Center.



AOC volunteers Glenda Moss in foreground selling hundreds of raffle tickets and Linda Bruin in the background handling numerous registrations for all attendees.



President MSG (R) Wayne Gerding calls the Friday night BBQ dinner gathering to order in the Owensboro Convention Center. Note the Beautiful Ohio River background view.



Owensboro City Commissioner Bob Glenn reads a proclamation from Mayor Tom Watson designating 23 August 2024 as 100th Division Association of the Century Day.



Friday night from the deck of the Owensboro Convention Center as attendees enjoy the sunset and perfect weather.





A large advertisement for Swope's family of dealerships. On the left is a teal vertical banner with white text listing brands: Swope Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Bob Swope Ford, Swope Toyota, Swope Mitsubishi, Swope Hyundai, Swope Freedom Plan, Swope Nissan, Genesis of Elizabethtown, and Commonwealth Motorcycles. Below this banner is a circular gold award logo that says "Best Places to Work IN KENTUCKY • 2022 WINNER". To the right of the banner are four small images of dealership buildings. In the center is a large graphic with the word "SWOPE" in blue and white, "family of dealerships" below it, and "70 YEARS" in a large, stylized font. Below the "70 YEARS" are logos for various brands including Hyundai, Genesis, Mitsubishi, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Ford, Chevrolet, GMC, and Harley-Davidson. At the bottom of the graphic is "SWOPE.COM" and the locations "ELIZABETHTOWN RADCLIFF LOUISVILLE". Below the graphic is the text: "We are Central Kentucky's leading automotive and motorsports brand, delivering unparalleled sales and service for OVER 70 YEARS!". At the bottom of the advertisement are four more small images of dealership buildings, including one for Commonwealth Motorcycles.



The tank at Fort Knox was recently repainted.

**The General’s “Franklin Club Challenge” as of September 15, 2024**

The General’s “Franklin Club Challenge” has raised \$38,247 from 152 participants; \$29,092 has been designated to the Scholarship Fund, \$2,289 to the SOS Fund, \$1,316 to the Museum Fund and \$5,550 has been designated unrestricted.

Larry D. Abel (\$300)	Charles Fineisen	Gerald C. McKinney (\$150)
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Maurice Allgeier	W. Dan Farris	Ned McWhorter (\$300)
Sammy Alvey	Peter Fast	Mit Merritt (\$350)
Gabriel T. Arnold (\$900)	James Fleenor	Rick Miller (\$200)
L. Clark Arnold (\$150)	Al Freeland (\$150)	Ronald Moss
Deborah A. Ashley	Lindsey Freeman	Benjamin F. Murphy
John Aubrey (\$1,250)	Scott Garrett	Paul Nadeau (\$200)
Paul Baker	Charles E. Gorton (\$340)	Monte Nesmith
Newton R. Bardwell III (\$300)	Flem Gordon	Bob Noble
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Ronald Barnes	Joseph Hamilton, III	Milton Nugent
Bill Barron (\$400)	Jay Hancock (\$150)	Larry Pierson
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Byron Bell	Joel Hardin	Albert Pomey (\$200)
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Richard Coleman (\$200)	Robert Judd (\$300)	David Sullivan
Kathy Combs	David Jungquist (\$600)	Harry M. Summerville (\$200)
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**"Franklin Club Challenge" gifts made in Memoriam as of September 15, 2024**

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**"2024 Financial Highlights of the Forty-Third Annual Reunion Meeting"**

By: Ken Kapp, LTC (USA Retired), AOC Treasurer

The Forty-Third Annual Reunion Meeting in Owensboro attracted over 111 participants for the Friday Evening "Oldies Night" Buffet and 170 participants for the Saturday Night Banquet.

The live auction reached a new high of \$3,045. A special thanks to Glenda Moss for her annual role in raffle ticket sales, revenue dollars of \$2,121. Supply room sales were \$1,779, Bingo profits were \$168 and donations of \$650 were received. Thank you for everyone's participation!

Event cash sponsors this year were Atmos Energy Corporation, James L. Yates Post No. 9, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and William G. Barron of Owensboro.

During the reunion meeting Larry Craig, Patrica Evans, Bob Hicks, Clarence Martin, Rick Miller, Philip Reel, Robert Routh, Robert Silverthorn and Rusty Silverthorn made donations of \$2,750.00 through the "Franklin Club" to the Scholarship Fund. This was a new benchmark for the **MG Benjamin J. Butler "Century Division" Scholarship Fund**.

Make plans now to attend the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion Meeting next August 22 and 23, 2025 in Owensboro, details to be forthcoming.

**MG Benjamin Butler Scholarship Awardees**

Pictured above are two of the twelve total awardees who attended the presentation ceremony Saturday night: Samuel Fulkerson and Audrey Paynter each of whom received a \$1,000 award for educational expenses.

The other awardees receiving \$1,000 scholarship awards are: Aleia Craig, Claire Cress, Foster Lanham, Hannah Newton, Avery Skinner and Lauren Wernie.

The following received \$1,500 scholarship awards: Gabrielle Butler, Amanda Gates, Sungmin Go and Ava Hunter.



## **Brig. Gen. Martin C. Jung**

### **Commanding General, 100th Training Division (Leader Development)**

Brigadier General Martin C. Jung currently serves as the Commanding General for the 100th Training Division (Leader Development).

Constituted on 12 July 1918, the 100th Infantry Division is best known for its exploits during World War II fighting in the European Theater. From 1946 to 1955, the division was designated as the 100th Airborne Division, redesignated to the 100th Infantry Division, then reorganized to the 100th Training Division (Replacement Training). Over the next 70-years the 100th oversaw armor and armor reconnaissance training, health services training, professional development, initial entry training, military occupational specialty training, Non-Commissioned Officer training, and Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) training. Today, the 100th Training Division (Leader Development), headquartered at Fort Knox, Kentucky, serves as a major training command of the United States Army Reserve. It oversees the 83rd U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Center, three NCO Academies (Ft. Dix, NJ, Ft. McCoy, WI, and Camp Parks, CA), the 97th Training Brigade (Command and General Staff Officers Course), and TTC Knox. It oversees over 100 acres of lands, nearly 890,000 square feet of facilities, and trains approximately 15,000 warfighters annually.

BG Jung enlisted as a Carpentry Masonry Specialist in 1992 and was commissioned as an Engineer Officer from Marquette University ROTC in 1997. He has served in positions from Assault and Obstacle Platoon Leader (Germany and the Balkans) to Command positions at every level. Notable assignments include Deputy Commanding General – Support, 416th Theater Engineer Command; Chief of Staff, HQ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Engineer School; Commander, 378th FEST-M, 416th Theater Engineer Command; Deputy Commander – Forward, USACE Middle East District; Commander, 11th BN/95th REGT (OES); and Commander, 377th Forward Engineer Support Team-Advanced (FEST-A). He has performed work in 18-countries throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Asia while on various operational assignments, training, and exercises.

Through his civilian career, BG Jung has functioned as a Surveyor, Estimator, Project Engineer, Crane Critical Lift Engineer, Construction Manager, Corporate Safety Manager, and Environmental, Health and Safety Manager in private industry. He has been employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers since 2009

performing project engineering and construction safety management for heavy civil infrastructure (Facilities, Locks, Dams, River Structures). He serves as one of USACE's 40-certified Structural Specialists for FEMA Urban Search and Rescue teams. He has served as a U.S. Delegate to the NATO Military Engineering Centre of Excellence in Ingolstadt, Germany. His most recent position (2018-present) is serving as Program Manager for the Army Facilities Components System (AFCS) producing the Joint Construction Management Software. The AFCS Program provides over 900 standardized contingency designs, provides training to over 5,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines annually, advises on 16-pieces of Contingency Doctrine, and serves as the Joint Services authoritative data source for engineering and construction-related data.

BG Jung is a registered Professional Engineer (State of Missouri), Project Management Professional (Project Management Institute), and Certified Professional Constructor (American Institute of Constructors). He holds two Bachelor of Science degrees (Architectural Engineering and Management Systems) from Milwaukee School of Engineering. He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College Common Core and Advanced Operations Courses and holds a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He has served as a U.S. Army doctrinal subject matter expert for construction, engineering, and contingency basing doctrine, and as an operational expert for numerous research and development programs. He has authored several magazine articles, reports, and white papers in support of contingency engineering and construction. BG Jung owns an Engineering and Construction Consulting business and has received numerous civilian and military awards to include the ERDC Leadership in Operational Support, Leadership in Program Development, and Leadership in Research and Development. Military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (w/ 4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (w/ 3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, numerous campaign medals, the German Armed Forces Military Proficiency Badge, and the Silver Order of the de Fleury Medal.



100th Infantry Division World War II "Sons of Bitche" and "Grand Daughters of Sons of Bitche"

Below is a letter from Joe Montague, a granddaughter of a 100th Division soldier who served in Bitche, France in World War II. Joe emailed this letter to MG (R) Barron in recognition of his support for continuing the legacy of the 100th Infantry Division through the Association of the Century. Joe also invited us to attend the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Bitche in France 14-16 March 2025 - you can find details and additional information on Facebook, by searching for "Progeny of the Century."

While I have you. For what it's worth... you meant a great deal to Dad. He appreciated the relationship and he had the utmost respect for you.

Anecdotally, back in the days when the SOBs were setting up the Operation Legacy endowment, Dad was a supporter of that fund going to the 100th IT/OS in "opposition" to VMI/Marshall. Most of this took place before I became actively involved. But I got to witness a fair share of meetings and "debates" that made me wonder how those guys managed to save the free world and western civilization. I fully understood the General Burrell connection to VMI and the idea that it would help shape similar leadership qualities to what got those guys through the hell of combat...

But I also appreciated Dad's point about the men and women "wearing the patch" today and carrying on.... A telling point for me was when several WWII SOBs were forced to admit that many of the so-called "weekend warriors" had been deployed in combat zones for periods far in excess of 180 days (i.e., Oct '44 - May '45)

As a reminder... on the wall behind me is this picture of Capt. Garahan (E-398) unfurling the Stars and Stripes (hand made by French woman under German occupation) from a window in Bitche on March 16, 1945.

The picture was awarded to members of "The Grand Club" To get that picture, Dad had to donate \$1000 to the Operation Legacy fund. While he supported the opposition, when the majority had spoken, he got behind their efforts. That is a lesson I will never forget. Stand for what you believe, fight the good fight, but, in the end, recognize and support the higher purpose.

By way of an Epilogue, I am very grateful that you've maintained me on the AOC newsletter mailing list.... It is much more than any recognition currently bestowed by VMI/Marshall... access to the archival information about the 100th is all but non-existent, I don't know who is presenting the scholarships to the cadets... but that's another battle to fight.

I will stay in touch with respect to plans for Bitche '25. I'm sorry to hear but completely understand your difficulty with extended travel.

Looking forward... I am, as always, proud to be a G.D.S.O.B.\*

\*Grand Daughter-Son of Bitche

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