

CENTURY SENTINEL

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President's Message Larry Abel, Colonel, Retired

3/10/2025

As Spring is just around the corner, I am thinking of another beautiful summer in my home state of Kentucky. The sun truly shines bright on my Old Kentucky Home. This year is going to be another record setting year of our 100th Division Soldiers in attendance in Owensboro for our Annual Reunion. Your Association of the Century will once again welcome you and your family to a weekend of fun. Last year in Owensboro we enjoyed a gun salute from a LST on the Ohio River, a fun Friday night at the Convention Center with a 60s theme, a fantastic Saturday night that included one of the best Bluegrass bands in the state that had us all standing and clapping to the music and a fantastic auction that will benefit our members through scholarships for their children and grandchildren. I encourage each of you to see if you can find auction items for our Saturday night raffle.

This year we have another great lineup for our members. A fun BBQ Friday night with a theme yet to be announced, another Saturday night with the same great Bluegrass band. As a special event we will have transportation on Saturday afternoon for our members to attend the new 100 Million dollar Casino that opened this February just east of Owensboro. All events are casual dress. But most of all it is a great time to reconnect with those soldiers of the 100th Division. Our success depends on our members contacting old friends and encouraging them to attend. Remember the dates August 22-23 2025. This newsletter will have the registration details for the Hampton Inn on the river. Don't wait to register!

Another good reason to attend our annual meeting is the fact that we are losing members every year. Sadly I know that I spend too much time at Funerals. We are all getting older and each time I read our Taps section I see someone I know. Time waits for no one but we would love to see all of our members at the meeting in August.

Chairman's Foxhole MG Bill Barron, USA Retired

Let me begin by correcting an error in the last issue of *The Century Sentinel*. It was a notice on page 3 regarding the upcoming dues structure for the Association of the Century which listed the new annual dues as being \$250.00 per year beginning January 1, 2025. This should have read \$200.00 per year beginning on January 1, 2025. My apologies are in order for this error.

Next, we have decided that it is past time to do a general membership survey to determine where they think the Association needs to meet for our Annual Convention in 2026. A post card should have been sent to you sometime around the middle of March. Please give the choices some thought and mark your decision. The responses will be gathered and we will pass on the information to you.

I also want to send a most sincere note of appreciation to those of you that have opted to send donations to our 'Franklin Club Challenge'. As of December 31, 2024 the Fund has received over **\$40,970.00** dollars which is a significant accomplishment. Many of you have far exceeded the initial ask of \$100 dollars. Keep up the great work!

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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:"

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069594849384

Annual Meeting Information

Hotel Accommodations with Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Owensboro Downtown/Waterfront. Friday Aug 22, 2025 and Saturday Aug 23 2025

Reservations to be made separately by attendee. Cut-off for booking is July 22, 2025. Call the hotel directly at 270-685-2005, and reference the Association of the Century (AOC) block, OR book via web-link https://bit.ly/AssocOfTheCenturyJuly2025

When using the web-link and staying only one night you need to edit the dates of stay. Negotiated room rate is \$136 per night, plus 17.42 % tax total \$159.70. To avoid a cancellation fee of the first night's room and tax, notice must be received 48 hours prior to scheduled arrival date.

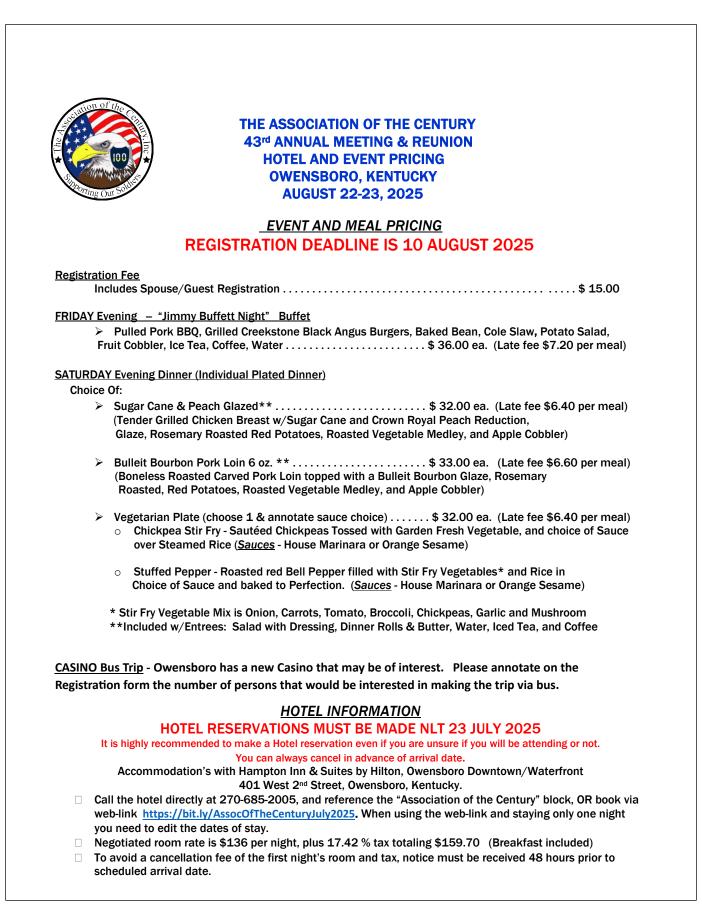
Tourism & Entertainment in the Owensboro and Nearby Regions

You may want to arrive early before the AOC Annual Meeting or stay late to take advantage of many sites in the Kentucky/Indiana region and the super weather in August.

We have three recommendations below for you: Owensboro, KY, has its own tourism website showing many attractions in the city: <u>https://visitowensboro.com</u>

You can see many additional sites in the Western Kentucky area near Owensboro known as "The Bluegrass-Blues-and-BBQ Region:" <u>https://www.kentuckytourism.com/trip-planning/cities-and-regions/bluegrass-blues-</u> <u>and-bbq-region</u>

Southwest Indiana, just across the Ohio River from Owensboro, has many great tourism areas: <u>https://www.visitindiana.com/regions/southwest/</u>



	THE ASSOCIATION OF THE CENTURY
	43rd ANNUAL MEETING & REUNION
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(Ву	contract late registration for meals are subject to 20% late fee)
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City:	State Zip
Email address:	Phone Contact #
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Owensboro Racing & Gaming is a \$100 million gaming and entertainment complex that features 600 state-of-the-art historical racing machines, a retail sportsbook, simulcast wagering and food and beverage options.

The action never slows down and the fun never ends! With a wide variety of gaming machines like **The Enforcer, Blazin' Gems Deluxe, Devil's Lock, Eagle Bucks and MORE**, there's always a winning moment waiting for you!

Our **Association of the Century** annual meeting in Owensboro this year promises to be an unforgettable time. In addition to the beautiful river front, local world class Bar-b-que, a Hampton Inn and Suites Hotel and a beautiful Convention center with an overlook of the Ohio River awaits you. Friday night klicks off the festivities with a Jimmy Buffet night with local BBQ at the Convention Center next door to the hotel. Saturday afternoon we board the bus for a short ride out of town to attend the newest Casino in Kentucky. Come and enjoy the fun August 22-23 2025 in Owensboro, Ky. Register early, you won't want to miss it!

AOC Board Hosts 100th Division HQ Command & Staff

We were delighted to sponsor a social gathering for the 100th on their drill weekend at Fort Knox on 7 December 2024. Below are several photos of that gathering.

MG's Barron and Tindall provided a welcome and presented an overview of the AOC. We emphasized the distinguished lineage of the 100th Division and reminded them they are the future of AOC. General Barron encouraged each of them to join the AOC and attend our annual meetings.

AOC arranged for the Fort Knox TRADOC representative at Fort Knox to brief them and exhibit the AOC Museum's World War II weapons. Soldiers were able to make hands-on examination of various rifles, pistols, machine guns and a bazooka.

At the end of the day, AOC hosted a social hour for the soldiers at Sam Adams Brewhouse at Fort Knox. 100th soldiers and AOC board members met and talked about their careers. We learned that several present 100th soldiers are descendants of retired 100th soldiers. Several of the soldiers joined the AOC and will attend the 2025 Annul Meeting in Owensboro, KY, 22-24 August 2025.













AOC Supports 100th Division in Conducting German Army Proficiency Event

The 100th Training Division partnered with the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Germany to conduct a German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (GAFPB) event Dec. 9-11 at Fort Knox, KY. See a photo above of the pistol competition.

The Association of the Century supported the 100th in this international event and 100th Commander BG Martin Jung provided the AOC the award above in appreciation of that support. The symbol of the award is that of the Bundeswehr, the German Federal Defense Force which includes the German Army, Navy, Air Force and all other armed forces.

"The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge reflects partnership and excellence, and that's what we really need," said a German liaison officer at the event. "This badge is a partnership, wear it proud and know that you are part of Germany, part of the German Armed Forces."

Candidates completed events such as a water survivability test, a physical fitness test, a written first aid test, 9 mm pistol qualifications and a seven-and-a-half-mile ruck while carrying a 33-pound rucksack.

Two hundred and thirty-eight candidates competed for a gold, silver or bronze badges. At the conclusion of the event, 15 gold, 76 silver and 65 bronze badges were awarded to successful candidates.

For more photos from the event, follow the link to the official 100th Training Division Flickr Page, https://www.flickr.com/photos/trainemtough/albums/72177720322515379/





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- 1. Address an email to zmanb1940@gmail.com
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- 5. Your AOC member number (it's printed on the mailing label of your copy of the Sentinel)
- 6. Your address

100th Division "Breakfast Battalion" Hopkinsville, KY

The 100th Division "Breakfast Battalion" has, in grand fashion, overwhelmingly met its objective at our A.O., <u>The Village Restaurant</u>. We had 13 highly motivated individuals for our 16 January 2025 campaign, which included guests, Mr. Tommy Anderson, and Mrs. Nelson Knight.

Veterans Education Benefits Update

On April 16, 2024, the <u>Supreme Court of the United States decided</u> that if you served at least two periods of service-one that qualifies for the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) and another that qualifies for the Post-9/11 GI Bill (PGIB)-you may be able to receive additional GI Bill benefits.

Go to this Government website to read the details: <u>https://benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/rudisill.asp</u>



Corridor of the Century

It is time again to recommend Nominees for the Corridor of the Century. Nominations are due 1 June 2025. Nominees must have been truly outstanding in all phases of their Army careers and are no longer assigned to the 100th Division. Contributions by nominees to the excellence of the 100th Division is of primary importance and continued support of the Division is highly desirable. Any former 100th Division Soldier is eligible for nomination. As a minimum, each of the following categories shall be addressed, but nominations are certainly not limited to these areas:

- □ Years of service in the 100th Division
- □ Highest Rank Achieved
- Desitions held in the 100th Division (and timed served in each, if available)
- □ Association of the Century Membership, Life or Annual.
- Decorations and awards,
- □ Extraordinary contributions to the 100th Division. (This category shall be expansive in narrative and specific in nature. This is the most important category in the determination of selectees.)
- Other Community Service
- 1. Nominations must be typed, single space, to include awards and decorations on one page, and should include an 8"x10" head and shoulders photo.
- 2. A sample Recommendation can be viewed at the AOC website, www.100AOC.org. Send nominations to: COL James G. Russell, ATTN: Corridor of the Century, 3285 Frogtown Road, Loretto, KY 40037.





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CSM Andrew Lombardo recognized as Distinguished University of Louisville Alumnus

The University of Louisville Alumni Magazine recently recognized former 100th Division and USARC CSM Lombardo for his meritorious service to the United States Army. The article is below:

Andrew J. Lombardo '07, '13 is a command sergeant major in the Individual Ready Reserve and a New York Police Department deputy inspector of police. He served as the 14th Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Reserve at Fort Liberty, North Carolina. With

over 38 years of distinguished military service, he has completed six overseas deployments and earned numerous awards and decorations.

"What happens to the Scholarship Fund when the AOC ceases to exist." By: Ken Kapp, LTC (USA Retired), AOC Treasurer

The Association of the Century, Inc. in partnership with The Community Foundation of Louisville, Inc. (the "Community Foundation") administers and invests The MG Benjamin J. Butler "Century Division" Scholarship Fund (the "Scholarship Fund"). The Scholarship Fund is designed to provide scholarship assistance in the form of grants to help defray college or university expenses for selected eligible persons belonging to a class composed of active, retired, or former members of the 100th Division or their direct lineal descendants. Scholarship recipients are selected by an independent committee based upon (1) demonstrated financial need, (2) qualities of good citizenship and patriotism, (3) other letters of recommendation, and (4) demonstrated academic excellence.

The Scholarship Fund is a permanent endowment fund of the Community Foundation; but what happens if the "AOC" or any of its successor organizations cease to exist? When the Association ceases to exist, "such that it becomes impossible or impracticable to determine the members of the class of applicants to be benefitted by this endowment, the Community Foundation shall make distributions from the Scholarship Fund to support scholarships for active members of the United States Army Reserves or their children."

Please consider making an income tax deductible donation to AOC's MG Benjamin J. Butler "Century Division" Scholarship Fund before the end of this year. Simply make your check payable to the **"BB Sch Fund"** and mail it to the AOC at P.O. Box 34393, Louisville, KY 40232. Your donation will help preserve the legacy of the 100th Division.

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" as of March 12, 2025

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" has raised \$40,972 from 155 participants; \$31,817 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)
William D. Adams	James Fallin	H. Keith McWhorter (\$500)
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
Robert T. Barnes (\$250)	Elizabeth L. Grossi (\$200)	Cyndy Noble
Ronald Barnes	Joseph Hamilton, III	Milton Nugent
Bill Barron (\$400)	Jay Hancock (\$150)	Larry Pierson
David L. Belcher (\$200)	Philip L. Hanrahan (\$200)	Carl Platt (\$450)
Byron Bell	Joel Hardin	Albert Pomey (\$200)
, Michael A. Bennett	Dr. Roland C. Haun (\$300)	Philip Reel
Gregory Bethards (\$200)	Larry Herzog (\$200)	Jack R. Reeves (\$250)
Richard Blain (\$250)	Robert Hicks (\$350)	David M. Richardson (\$200)
Francis Bland	Leo Hill	Ramon Rodgers
Joe B. Brown	Donald C. Hines	Robert Routh
Joe E. Brown (\$300)	Charles R. Hitchcock (\$200)	Richard Rowe
William Brown	R. Craig Holland	James Glenn Russell
Linda Bruin	Carl A. Hulsewede III (\$200)	Robert Silverthorn (\$500)
John K. Butler	Gregory J. Hunt (\$250)	Rusti Silverthorn (\$500)
George H. Campbell, Jr. (\$300)	George H. Imorde, Jr.	Bob G. Simmons
Ben W. Carr, Jr (\$250)	Ronnie Jervis	Charles B. Skaggs
Richard D. Chegar (\$400)	Horace Johnson (\$500)	Earl Sosby Jr. (\$1,700)
Thomas Clay	James C. Johnson (\$300)	James Starr (\$1,000)
M. Courtland Clayton (\$500)	Stanley D. Johnson (\$250)	James Stevens (\$450)
Robert Cobb	Virginia C. Jones	Dale Stewart
Richard Coleman (\$200)	Hobert Judd (\$300)	David Sullivan
David K. Cooley (\$300)	David Jungquist (\$600)	Harry M. Summerville (\$200)
Kathy Combs (\$200)	Ken Kapp (\$250)	John Swarts
Larry Craig (\$500)	James Karas (\$125)	Ernest Taylor
Thomas Davis	Allen Kessler	Durward C. Thomas
James D. Davidson (\$200)	James E. Kutzner (\$200)	Steve Thompson
John M. Davidson	Ray Lackey (\$1,000)	Travis W. Tichenor III
James H. Dearing	Joe Lamkin	John Tindall (\$250)
Janie Diamond	Kathleen Lee	Karl Truman
Arvil Dobson	Benjamin Livingston	John H. Ward IV (\$200)
Roy D. Dodson	Mike Lyall	Ronald G. Waldrip (\$300)
Roy Downey (\$200)	Michael Mannarino	Tony Warren
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Douglas G. Draper (\$1,000)	J.D. Maples Jr.	Cleland White (\$400)
Tilman Drury	Clarence Martin Jr. (\$600)	Norm Williams (\$125)
Brian Duffy	Elmo Martin (\$1,550)	Luther W. Willis
J. Henry Duncan (\$250)	A. George Mason, Jr. (\$750)	Chappell R. Wilson
Odis Embry	Bobbie Maybrier	Marvin H. Wilson (\$200)
David Evans (\$300)	Charlie & Kitty McBride (\$200)	Bernis Woodward (\$500)
Pete Evans	Michael McCorkle	Ben Zimmerman (\$150)
	Francis 'Mac' McDermott (\$300)	
	Johnny M. McGuire (\$200)	

"Franklin Club Challenge" gifts made in Memoriam as of March 12, 2025

Name:	By:
COL Byron Crawford	Anonymous
MG David L. Evans (\$2,600)	Patricia S. Evans
MG David L. Evans (\$300)	Anonymous
COL James R. Fleenor	David Frazier
MG Roy C. Gray, Jr (\$397)	Roy Gray, III
CSM Charles P. Kaltenthaler (\$500)	Brenda Kaltenthaler Cox
COL Anthony E. Martin (\$500)	Elmo Martin
Kevin V. H. Reel (\$200)	Philip Reel

Donations may be made by making your check payable to the "Franklin Club Challenge" and mailing them directly to AOC, P.O. Box 34393, Louisville, KY 40232.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ASSOCIATION OF THE CENTURY P.O. BOX 34393 LOUISVILLE, KY 40232 www.the-century.org

CURRENT CIVILIAN STATUS

Last Name, First Name, MI Rank/Grade

Street Address Country

City, State & Zip

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Phone E-Mail Address CURRENT MILITARY STATUS

Current Unit of Assignment Position (If assigned to the 100th Division)

Last 100th Division Assignment Position (if not assigned to the 100th Division)

Date Last Assigned Retirement Date AGREEMENTS

- I submit: () New () Renewal
- () Annual Membership- \$25.00*
- () Life Membership- \$200.00
- () Installment Life Membership- \$200.00/ 4 annual payments of \$50.00
- Associate Annual Membership- \$25.00*
 Associate Life Membership- \$200.00
 Installment Associate Life Membership- \$200.00/4 annual
- payments of \$50.00 I agree to promote the Association of the Century and
- comply with its By-Laws.

Signature/Date

All life membership funds are invested. Only the yields of such investments are used for supporting the various activities of the Association of the Century. When you pay for a Life Membership, you leave a legacy for the future support of the 100TH Division. _____

* Annual Membership is not prorated and due on 1 January each year



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