

CENTURY SENTINEL

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President's Message

Larry D. Abel, Colonel, Retired

The Derby is over, Memorial Day is in the books and we all know what that means. Summer time in Kentucky. I'm mowing my grass twice a week with all the rains and my garden is floating.

It also means we are just a few months away from the 44th Annual Meeting of the Association of the Century. Most of you know we will be back in Owensboro this year on August 22-23 2025. We had a great meeting last year and the registration shows we are on track for a record turnout this year. We will kick off the weekend on Friday night with a Jimmy Buffet style meeting with a local BBQ buffet. I already have my wild shirt for the occasion. Of course, the Jimmy Buffet style clothing is optional.

We have with us that evening the Tanato Sisters from Bowling Green singing Patriotic songs for all of us to enjoy. The entertained us in Bowling Green a couple of years ago and they were a hit.

Not to brag but my hometown of Owensboro is a place to come and enjoy the weekend. Friday night there will be food trucks, bands and plenty of lights along the Ohio River. The VFW is right next to the hotel so don't forget to stop by while you are in town and thank them for their generous donation we receive each year. And don't forget that we will have our 100th Division supply room open all weekend for those who need to show off their patriotism with clothing and other items from the supply room.

We will have our business meeting on Saturday morning at 0945 At the Convention Center with the present 100th Division Commanding General BG Jung who will give us an update on the Division. The rest of the afternoon is your time. Whether it is a trip to the new Owensboro Racing and Gaming place just six miles East of the hotel, the Botanical gardens just two miles west of the hotel, Bingo at the Hotel or just to go exploring on your own. Dinner Saturday night starting at 1800-1900 Social hour.

I could go on and on but please get registered at the Hotel and fill out your form either online at 100AOC.org or send in your form to Linda Bruin. We will be waiting to see your smiling faces.

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:" Chairman's Foxhole MG Bill Barron, USA (Ret)

Colonel Able's message says it all! I'm thinking that I ought to get on the road to Owensboro right now so I won't miss anything!

We are in the process of getting approval from the JAG folks at the 100th Divison to have BG Jung at our Reunion on Saturday. I am sure that he will be able to give us a great update on the status of the 100th Division. The Fighting 100th recently dodged a major bullet by remaining intact on Ft. Knox in its current position and at the same time, it will increase its training capability by gaining two Brigades which is great news in light of all the earlier talk about downsizing.

We will be hosting a Supply Room sales event at the Division HQs on 8 June to get all the troops dressed and ready for the summer that follows.

I am also happy to see the naming of the PFC Roy Sees Scholarship. At the age of 106 when he passed, PFC Sees was an inspiration to us all from the ranks of the 100th Infantry Division. Train 'Em Tough as they say!

I look forward to seeing each of you in Owensboro......

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2-397 Armor Battalion Reunion in Lebanon, KY

Soldiers, families and friends of 2-397 gathered on April 12, 2025, in the former battalion headquarters town of Lebanon, KY, for their annual reunion. You'll see many happy soldier faces in this photo.

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.

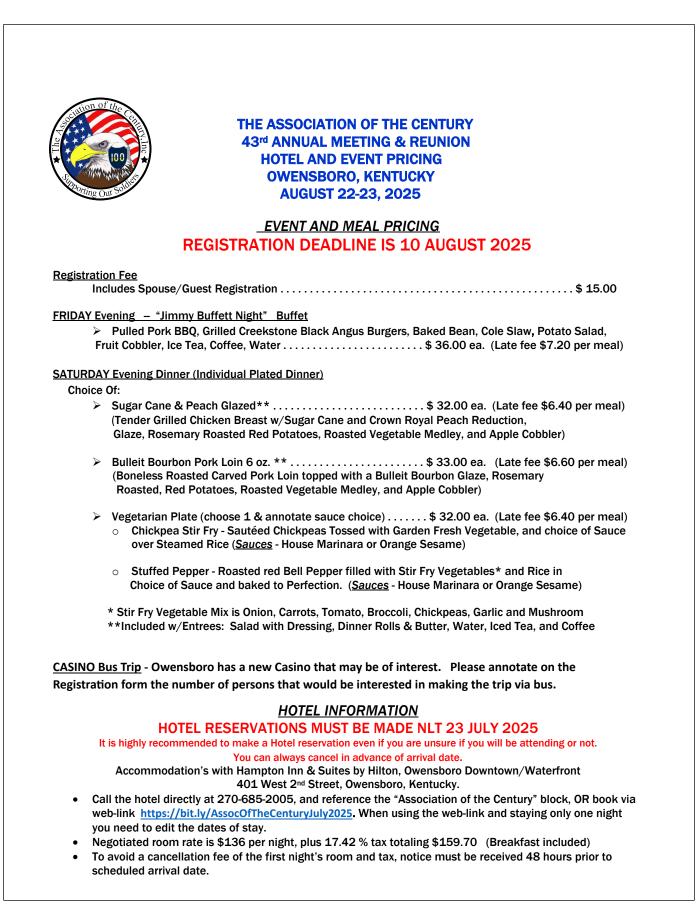
Tourism & Entertainment in the Owensboro and Nearby Regions

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: https://www.visitindiana.com/regions/southwest/



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Notice of 2025 Annual Business Meeting of Association of the Century

The 2025 Annual Business Meeting of the Association of the Century will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the Owensboro Convention Center, 501 W. 2nd Street, Owensboro, KY 42301, at 9:00 AM CST.



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!



The Association of the Century, Inc. Post Office Box 34393 Louisville, KY 40232-4393 www.100AOC.ORG

1 May 2025

The Association of the Century, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the enhancement of our nation's defense, particularly and specifically through a strong, mission capable U.S. Army Reserve 100th Division. It is administered by a duly elected all volunteer Board of Directors composed of former and retired officers and enlisted personnel from the 100th Division.

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 100th Division members who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service, (2) provide awards to recognize exceptional achievement by active members of the Century Division, and (3) conduct an Annual Meeting for Association business and fellowship. The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held in Owensboro, Kentucky on the weekend of August 24th.

One of our key initiatives is providing scholarships to students related to active duty and former 100th Division members. Monies raised through our fundraising efforts have provided as many as ten or more academic scholarships to qualifying students in a single year. Our current scholarship awards are \$1,000.

To help raise the funds for each of our annual programs; along with covering our operational and event costs we are seeking your support in the form of cash donations or items to be used as auction items. Association members in attendance at our Annual Meeting bid on the auction items to generate funds for the Association. As a reminder, The Association of the Century is a not-for-profit veterans' organization. It is designated as a 501(c) (19) corporation (EIN) 31-0931318. Generally, all contributions are deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes.

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

MG Bill Barron US Army Retired Chairman of the Board COL Larry D. Abel US Army Retired 2025 Association President

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The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" as of June 9, 2025

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" has raised \$41,372 from 156 participants; \$32,217 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.

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"Franklin Club Challenge" gifts made in Memoriam as of June 9, 2025

In Name of:	By:
COL Byron Crawford	Anonymous
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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.



100th "Breakfast Battalion" Hopkinsville, KY

Ten 100th Division Soldiers from Western Kentucky braved power outages following tornado winds and rain to gather at the Village Restaurant for their monthly reunion on May 15, 2025. These Soldiers were obviously believers in the 100th motto "Train 'Em Tough."

AOC SUPPLY ROOM OWENSBORO REUNION SPECIALS

Looking to strut your stuff in some snazzy AOC merch? Well, you've hit the jackpot! Swing by the AOC Supply Room at https://100aoc.org/supply-room/ and snag some fabulous gear just in time for our Owensboro reunion! Get ready to turn heads with your new threads!

Here's what we've got cooking:

- Polos for both the stylish gents and fabulous ladies in a rainbow of colors (because who doesn't love options?).
- AOC Challenge Coins—perfect for impressing your friends or bribing your way to the front of the snack line or cash bar.
- 100th Division Camo Hats—because blending in is so last season!
- Denim work shirts for both men and women (because who says you can't look good while getting your hands dirty?).
- Classic Blue Oxford Button Down Dress Shirts—perfect for when you want to look like you actually have your life together.
- T-Shirts that scream "I'm cool, but I'm also comfy!"
- Wind Breakers to keep you stylishly sheltered from those surprise gusts of wind (you know, the ones that ruin your hair).
- Wonderfully Warm Vests—because who doesn't want to feel like a cozy burrito?
- Classic Pullover and Zip-Up Hoodies for those days when you just want to wrap yourself in a hug.

And don't forget to swing by our Bivouac Collection of barware! We've got everything from shot glasses that will make your toast sound fancy, to crystal decanters that come etched with your rank and name—because who doesn't want their liquor to have a title? And let's not overlook the ever-popular stainless steel hip flask, also customizable with your rank and name. After all, hydration is key, especially when you're trying to keep up with all those retirement parties, right?

Plus, our website has some sneaky tips on how to save even more of that retirement check! Bundle your Bivouac gear and snag the best deals—because why not save a few bucks while you're busy toasting to your newfound freedom? Cheers to that! But hurry, order your Bivouac stuff by August 1st to ensure your customized items arrive faster than you can say "AOC rocks!"

Some Sad News ... And Some Good News

Col Bob Cobb

Many of you may remember PFC Roy Sees, the remarkable WWII veteran from the 100th Infantry Division who graced us with his presence in Bowling Green a few years ago. It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of Roy's passing earlier this year at the age of 106. While this is indeed sad news, we also celebrate the incredible life he lived.

In a fitting tribute to Roy's legacy, the AOC Board of Directors has



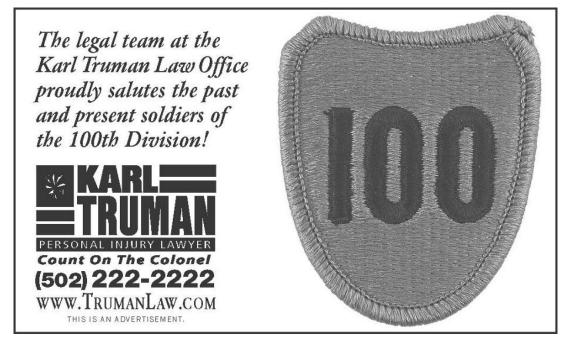
unanimously approved the naming of one of our annual scholarships in his honor. While it is not customary for the AOC to name scholarships, the Board recognized a unique opportunity to highlight PFC Sees' extraordinary life in a manner that aligns with our mission and values.

The PFC Roy Sees Scholarship will not only honor his memory but also embody the spirit of our



Association. This scholarship will serve as a guiding light for students aspiring to make a positive impact in their communities, just as PFC Sees did throughout his life. This scholarship will create a meaningful connection between our past and future, demonstrating that values like Roy's are timeless.

We are also pleased to announce that Roy's granddaughter, Julie, along with her husband Rick and their son John—who you may remember as the young man who drew names at our Bowling Green reunion, will be in attendance to witness the inaugural scholarship award being presented at our reunion in Owensboro on August 22-23.



NOTES

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

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Phone E-Mail Address CURRENT MILITARY STATUS

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- 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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