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President's Message

Larry D. Abel, Colonel, Retired

I have to say as your 2025 AOC President it has been an honor and privilege to serve this year. The AOC Board members were always ready to serve and help in any way possible. This group of dedicated men and women are the backbone of this organization.

Our 2025 Annual Association of the Century meeting is now in the books. And what a successful meeting it was at the Owensboro Convention Center. On Friday evening we opened our meeting in fashion with a Jimmy Buffet style gathering. All present enjoyed the first look at our auction items on hand and some great Jimmy Buffet music on the big screen. Saturday morning at the annual Business Meeting featured BG Martin Jung, the present Commander of the 100th Division, who briefed the members on the status of the future of the 100th Division.

Saturday night kicked off with an awesome National Anthem by the U.S. Army Band on the big screen. Next was a heartfelt tribute to our AOC members who have passed away in the last year by the West Point Choir. There wasn't a dry eye in the house after they sang "Mansions of the Lord" from the movie "We were Soldiers". Our featured speaker was Joe Militano, son of a 100th Division Soldier who liberated the town of Bitche, France during World War II. Mr. Militano authored a book titled "The Sons of Bitche" which told of the bravery of these men in the 100th Division.

We awarded 10 Students with a \$1500 Scholarship for college and named a special scholarship to honor PFC Roy Sees, a World War II 100th Division soldier who attended our AOC annual meetings before passing away earlier this year. None of this could be possible without our Sponsors again this year. ATMOS Energy, The VFW Owensboro Post 696, The American Legion Post 9 and William "Bill" Barron. We had our Owensboro Bluegrass Museum Band again this year which is always a blast. Needless to say, everyone left the evening with a happy disposition.

When I reflect back on 2025, I think the most I am proud of is our newly formed connection with the 100th Division. BG Jung has graciously allowed the AOC to be a part of several functions that has made our bond even stronger. MG Bill Barron, Retired, has been a catalyst for this in many ways.

I will continue to serve on the AOC board and look forward to many more successful years of the Association of the Century. "Train 'em Tough"

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

What a super weekend!! Everything fell into place perfectly. The weather was beautiful. We had a record attendance at our Saturday evening Banquet. Our receipts were up for the weekend across the board. I must say that Colonel Larry Abel and the Board of Directors really knocked it out of the park with a memorable 44th Annual Reunion. Also, a special tip of the hat goes to Mr. Joe Militano, writer of the book ***The Sons of Bitch***, who graced us with his presence over the weekend. Joe has offered up the profits from his book sales to the Associations Scholarship fund so please order a copy of ***The Sons of Bitch*** from our Supply Room (\$16.00 plus shipping). Lastly BG Marty Jung graced the audience with a talk about the future of the Fightin' 100th at our business meeting on Saturday morning and I will tell you that things are certainly looking up for the Division. And if you looked closely, you would have recognized the Color Guard on Saturday evening as being from the 100th Division as well.

I really do think that this Annual Reunion was a record setter across the board. For those of you that missed it, just mark Bowling Green into your calendar for next year in August!

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Command Sergeant Major Christian Davis became the 100th's new CSM in a change of responsibility ceremony conducted by Division Commander BG Martin June on August 8, 2025. The Association of the Century sends a hearty welcome to CSM Davis!

CSM Davis began his career with the United States Army in June 1990. He completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO as a 12B Combat Engineer. Throughout his military career, Command Sergeant Major Davis has served in every enlisted leadership position, from Team Leader to Command Sergeant Major.

Previous assignments include Command Sergeant Major of the 420th Engineer Brigade, Command Sergeant Major of the 378th FEST-M (Forward Engineer Support Team - Main), Command Sergeant Major of the SRU-Hawaii, Tripler Army Medical Center; Command Sergeant Major of the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion (Tactical), and Command Sergeant Major of the 2-350th RGT (LSBN), 177th AR BDE. Also, 1st Brigade (EN), 102nd Training Division (MS), FT. Leonard Wood, MO., 1st Battalion (EN), 108th Regiment, Fort Jackson, SC.; HHC 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC; 37th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC; 59th Engineer Company, 193rd Infantry Brigade, Fort Clayton, Panama.

He earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of South Florida and his Captains License with United States Coast Guard. His military education includes Primary Leadership Developmental Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, Total Army Instructor Training Course, Small Group Instructor Course, Sapper Leader Course, Urban Mobility Breacher Course, Battle Staff Course, U.S. Army Sergeants Major Course, and BN & BDE Pre-Command Courses.

Thank You So Much to our Generous Sponsors of the 44th Annual Meeting



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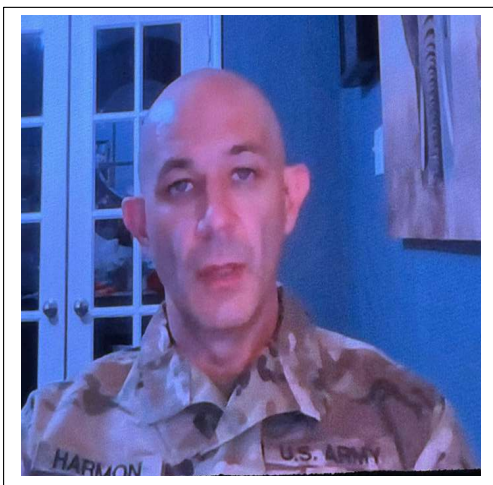
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Winners of Major General Benjamin Butler Scholarship for 2025

Recipient Name	Sponsor	College Attending
Allen, Anna	Otha Allen - Grandfather	Midway University
Bland, William	Francis Bland - Grandfather	Eastern Kentucky University
Followell, Bailey	Otha Allen - Grandfather	Elizabethtown Community & Technical
Fulkerson, Samuel	Lawrence Abel - Grandfather	Western Kentucky University
Gray, Jackson	William Gray - Father	Auburn University
Harmon, Jeffery	Self Nominated	Liberty University
Hunter, Ava	Greg Gessell - Grandfather	Samford University
Jung, Megan	Martin Jung - Father	Missouri State University
McLaughlin, Ryan	Steven McLaughlin - Father	Santa Clara University
Wiggins, Enrique Jr	Enrique Wiggins Sr - Father	Norfolk State University



Scholarship winners Bailey Followell (on left) and Anna Allen (on right) are pictured with Scholarship Committee Chairperson CW5 (R) Jane Diamond



SSG Jeffery Harmon, a current 100th soldier in Little Elm, TX, who nominated himself for a scholarship, provided an inspirational video shown to the dinner guests. He thanked the AOC for his award and explained he will use it to help pay his tuition at Liberty University where he is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Divinity.



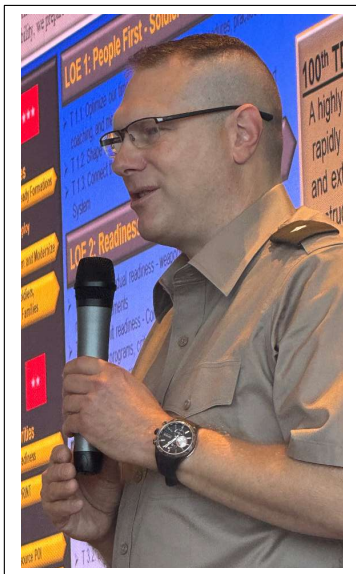
Friday night BBQ dinner guests attired in "Jimmy Buffet" era clothing enjoying the beautiful Ohio Riverfront view from our dining room in the Owensboro Convention Center. The weather was picture-perfect all weekend with clear skies and moderate temperatures.



The Tanaro Sisters opened the Friday night festivities with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem complete with a patriotic video that played in the background as they performed.



AOC President COL (R) Larry Abel conducts the Saturday morning Annual Business Meeting. The AOC remains healthy through adding new members and continuing good cash flow to be able to award future scholarships. The 2026 Annual Meeting will be August 21 - 22, 2026, at the Bowling Green Sloan Convention Center and adjacent Holiday Inn, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY.



100th (Training) Division Commander Brigadier General Martin Jung briefed the Annual Business Meeting. The 100th, like other Army and Army Reserve units, is restructuring to meet the changing need of the modern battlefield and honing its ability to produce soldiers able to adapt to those changes. General Jung doesn't yet know the extent of those changes but will update the AOC once they are known. The 100th now offers more than 30 leadership and functional training opportunities for Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers.

Raffle and Auction Items to raise Funds for MG Scholarship Fund

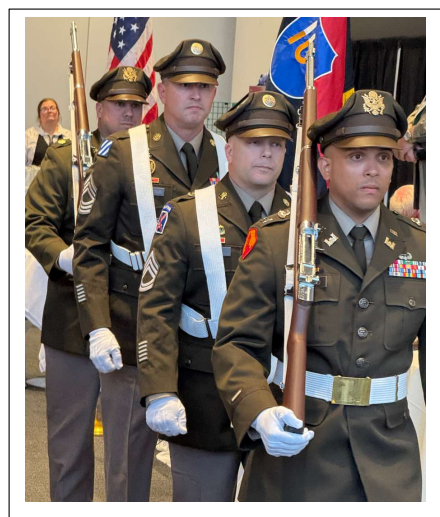
You'll see a great variety of items on the tables above that we presented to winners of the raffle and auction: Churchill Downs and other assorted gift packages, Kentucky Bourbon, Prints and Paintings, etc. Thanks to all of you who donated these items to support our fund raising!



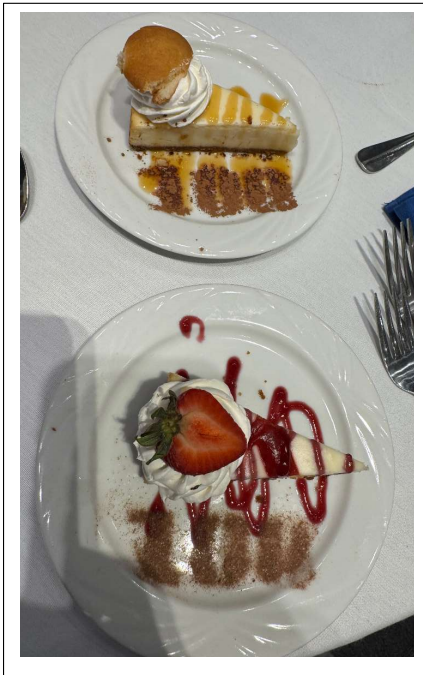
COL (R) Bob Cobb and staff are shown delivering the best in 100th Division logo items to you. The AOC Supply Room had a great selection of items and a super weekend of sales. Thanks to many of you who purchased 100th Division shirts, caps, sweatshirts and other items. Wear them proudly!



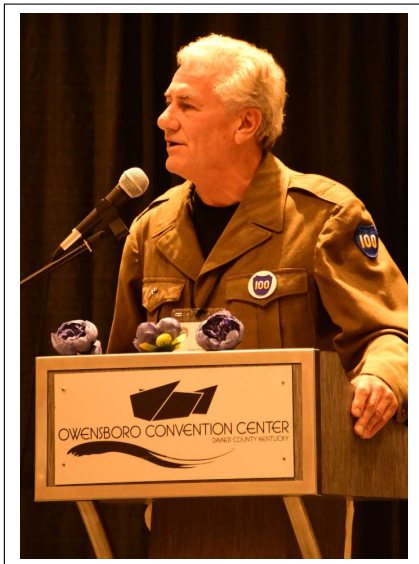
Bingo on Saturday afternoon was a hit with many folks and several were winners.
Bingo is a fund raiser for AOC Scholarships.



To begin the Saturday evening banquet, the 100th Division's own Color Guard posted The Colors and the US Army Chorus performed The National Anthem on a large screen monitor.



Folks enjoyed an excellent plated meal and dessert personalized with the 100th logo!



Featured speaker Joe Militano, author of "The Sons of Bitch," a recently published history of the 100th Division combat in France during World War II is shown wearing a World War II waist coat with the 100th patch. Militano provided a rousing tribute to the 100th's soldiers outstanding performance in combat. Militano's father served with the 100th during combat. General Jung is shown presenting Militano with the Commanding General's Coin for his excellent work.



World War II Museum in Bitche, France, with signage commemorating the 100th Infantry Division for its liberation of Bitche on March 15, 1945. These two photos were taken on August 30, 2025, by Eric Bohannon, son of 100th MSG (R) George Bohannon. Eric attended the AOC Annual Reunion on August 23-24 and then departed on a European tour.



Bitche, France, street sign which in English reads: "Street of the 100th Division U.S." Eric Bohannon took this photo on August 30, 2025.

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Owensboro Bluegrass Band

The Owensboro Bluegrass Band, the home band of the Bluegrass Hall of Fame & Museum, Owensboro, KY, provided fantastic musical entertainment during the Saturday night dinner banquet.



Folks gathered for a leisurely Sunday buffet brunch at the Hampton Inn Riverfront

“Financial Highlights of the Forty-Fourth Annual Reunion Meeting”

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

The Forty-Fourth Annual Reunion Meeting returned to the Owensboro Convention Center and the Riverfront Hampton Inn in Owensboro. The “Jimmy Buffet Night” dress optional dinner and fellowship on Friday evening attracted over 125 participants. The Saturday Night Banquet was attended by 174 partakers.

Thank you for everyone’s participation! Glenda Moss reached a new high for raffle ticket sales of \$3,150.00. Supply room sales were also at a new revenue high of \$3,539.00. The live auction revenues were \$1,964.00; Bingo profits were \$80.00 and donations of \$50.00 were received.

A “special thank you” to this year’s event cash sponsors: Atmos Energy Corporation, James L. Yates Post No. 9, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US, Post No. 696, and William G. Barron of Owensboro.

During the reunion meeting Patrica Evans, Dr. Roland Haun, Gerald McKenny, Glenda Moss, and Durward Thomas made donations of \$3,448.00 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 45th Annual Reunion Meeting next August 21 and 22, 2026 in Bowling Green, details will be forthcoming.

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" as of September 8, 2025

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" has raised \$44,997 from 157 participants; \$35,767 has been designated to the Scholarship Fund, \$2,339 to the SOS Fund, \$1,341 to the Museum Fund and \$5,550 has been designated unrestricted.

Larry D. Abel (\$300)	Charles Fineisen	Gerald C. McKinney (\$400)
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Maurice Allgeier	W. Dan Farris	Ned McWhorter (\$300)
Sammy Alvey	Peter Fast	Mit Merritt (\$350)
Gabriel T. Arnold (\$1,075)	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 (\$800)	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
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