

The Association of the Century, Inc.
Minutes of Board of Directors
8 August 2025 – Zoom Call

1. Call to Order: COL Abel, President, called the meeting to order at 1300 hours (EST) 8 August 2025.
2. Opening Prayer: MSG Bohannon gave the opening prayer.
3. Recognition of Guests: No guests present.
4. Meeting Minutes: MAJ Holland sent the minutes of the 7 May 2025 meeting to the Board prior to the call. Motion to approve, as presented, the minutes of 7 May 2025 by SGM Zimmerman. Second by MSG Bruin. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report: LTC Kapp sent financial statements and Treasurer's Report to the Board prior to the meeting. LTC Kapp gave a summary of the 6/30/2025 financials.

LTC Kapp explained the difference between donations and sponsorships listed in the Activity section on page 4 of the report. The \$7,000 in sponsorship remains in the general fund and can be used as needed. The \$5,000 donation is intended for the scholarship fund and will be moved to that category. He explained that a company or individual making the donation or sponsorship will designate the intended use on the check.

LTC Kapp informed the Board that he will be working with MAJ Holland to develop a formal program for sending thank-you notes or letters from AOC upon receipt of gifts and donations. He noted that while this activity has been approached in several ways in the past, the intention now is to establish a consistent and organized process moving forward.

Funds Available for Grantmaking: LTC Kapp reported that the amount now exceeds \$8,000. To support current year's scholarship activity, LTC Kapp will transfer \$6,000 of the previously approved \$8,000 from the General Fund to the Funds Available account. This transfer will bring the total to \$15,000, fully covering the anticipated scholarship disbursements for the current year.

The final item reported was that the two applications, and payment, for temporary liquor licenses have been submitted to the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and to the City of Owensboro. The organization is currently awaiting receipt of the official certifications.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented by MAJ Holland. Second by COL Starr. Motion carried.

6. Website: COL Cobb said there have been no reported issues with the website. Registrations for the annual meeting and merchandise purchases continue with no problems. Additionally, the Supply Room is operational, with merchandise regularly updated, and new items added, to meet members' needs.
7. Membership Report: SGM Zimmerman provided membership reports prior to the meeting.
8. Newsletter: COL Williams will produce a newsletter after the annual meeting. COL Williams asked board members to provide him with any personal interest stories or photos they may have taken

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during the meeting to include in the planned newsletter. Typically, a substantial number of photographs capturing the wide range of activities and events are taken during the annual meeting. The size of the photo collection is too large for email distribution and will be uploaded to a Dropbox and shared via a convenient weblink.

9. Scholarship Program: CW5 Diamond reported the Scholarship Committee has finalized the 2025 Scholarship Program, awarding ten scholarships of \$1,500 each. The 2025 awardees are listed below:

Anna Allen	Jeffery Harmon
William Bland	Ava Hunter
Bailey Followell	Megan Jung
Samuel Fulkerson	Ryan McLaughlin
Jackson Gray	Enrique Wiggins, Jr.

CW5 Diamond noted only one awardee has confirmed their attendance at the banquet. Jeff Harmon, the Roy Sees Scholarship winner, will not be able to attend the banquet due to a work conflict. He will be at Division Headquarters in August and CW5 Diamond suggested obtaining a photograph or creating a short video of him receiving the award while he is at Fort Knox. These could be shown at the annual meeting and placed on the website. CW5 Diamond will contact Mr. Harmon to discuss the logistics of getting a photograph or video completed.

CW5 Diamond said the Committee will be meeting to discuss potential changes to the program. Following that meeting, the Committee will come back to the Board with any recommendations they have.

10. Corridor of the Century: COL Russell reported no nominations received for 2025.
11. Fundraising: No report.
12. Historical Holding Center (Museum): MG Barron reported Joseph Militano, and his wife Debbie, will be attending this year's meeting. Mr. Militano is the author of "The Sons of Bitche" which chronicles the actions of the 100th Division during this World War II battle. He is scheduled to speak during the Saturday evening program and will also have his book available for sale. Mr. Militano is donating one-half of the proceeds from book sales to the Scholarship Fund.
13. Board of Directors: MSG Gerding provided reports prior to the meeting. A vacancy exists in Tier A and Tier C due to the Ron Moss and Joe Lamkin resignations from the board. The Tier C term of service expires this year and there will be a motion made at the annual meeting to continue to the service of those members of that Tier that choose to do so.

The resignation of SGT Lamkin leaves the position of Third Vice President open. Motion to accept CSM Ned McWhorter as Third Vice President by MSG Gerding. Second by COL Williams. Motion carried.

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MSG Gerding confirmed that MAJ Carl Platt has agreed to fill the vacancy in Tier A left by Ron Moss, effective after his retirement as Legal Counsel on 1 October 2025. Motion to accept MAJ Carl Platt to fill the position by MSG Gerding. Second by COL Starr. Motion carried.

In conjunction with MAJ Carl Platt's upcoming retirement as Legal Counsel, MG Baron informed the board that Karl Truman has accepted the position and will assume the duties of Legal Counsel effective 1 October 2025. This transition ensures continuity for the board's legal affairs and was met with broad support from the members present.

14. SOS Pickle Jar: No updates.
15. Annual Reunion: COL Abel reported that preparations are continuing, and final details are being managed. Currently, attendance is 115 on Friday night and 152 on Saturday night. COL Abel confirmed the starting time for the Business Meeting on Saturday is 0945. COL Noble gave an update on the items that are available for the auction.
16. Old Business: No old business.
17. New Business: MSG Bohannon provided an update on the planning process for the 2026/2027 annual meetings, highlighting ongoing collaboration with LTC Warren and representatives from the hotel regarding contract negotiations. Early drafts of the contract are under review by legal counsel for both the hotel/convention center and the Association. The intention is to finalize a two-year agreement that will guarantee discounted convention center rental fees and secure fixed room rates for both years. To proceed, the hotel requires a down payment of approximately \$1,125 at the time of signing; this includes \$16,000 allocated for rooms (currently 132, with the possibility of increasing), \$4,000 for food, \$500 for use of the convention center, and a 24% surcharge. The final amount may change as planning for the meeting continues.

MSG Bohannon moved for approval of payment for the liabilities and guarantees up to \$22,518 for the 2026 annual meeting. Second by COL Cobb. Motion carried.
18. Next Meeting and Adjournment: Next meeting is 0945 hours, 23 August 2025, in Owensboro KY.
19. Adjourn: Being no further business, motion to adjourn by COL Warren. Second by COL Cobb. Motion carried.

R. Craig Holland, MAJ, (Ret)
Assistant Secretary