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President's Message

By Master Sergeant (R) George Bohannon

It is my honor to be elected as the President of the Association of the Century for 2026. This organization means so much to me. The "Spirit of the Soldier" is alive in our membership. The AOC focuses on supporting and recognizing the achievements of past and present members of the 100th Division.

I enlisted in the 100th Division in 1970 and my career spanned 28 years, 21 of which were with the Active Reserve Program. I learned from some of the finest soldiers you could associate with. Some of these soldiers were mobilized for Fort Chaffee, many were Vietnam veterans and all were from varied civilian backgrounds. The friendships were there, but the military leadership, expertise, mentoring and experiences of service to our country taught me to be a good soldier an asset to the unit. My career allowed me to do the demanding jobs: Senior Drill Sergeant, Active Reserve Recruiter and Senior Personnel Manager at Squadron level; Assistant Inspector General, Brigade Operations Sergeant and Manager, AGR Enlisted Branch, USAR Personnel Center.

Colonel Larry Abel and the AOC Board did a great job in 2025. We had one of the best August gatherings of Association members in Owensboro, KY. We presented nine Scholarships to family members of past 100th Division soldiers and one to a present Troop Program Unit soldier in the 100th. Our fund-raising activities and monetary donations exceeded previous years. Most importantly, we were blessed and able to be together again, renew old friendships and look forward to the future.

We are planning the 2026 Association Meeting for the same Holiday Inn, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY, where we've met in the past. The dates are 21-23 August 2026. We will provide you more details as they are finalized. Bowling Green is a great city to visit and explore and this Holiday Inn always offers a warm welcome and tries to make our stay memorable.

Lastly, on behalf of the Association board members, myself and my family, I want to wish you a warm, safe and loving holiday season. May God bless you and yours.

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

Winter is well on its way now. Thanksgiving will be over by the time you get this issue of the ***Century Sentinel*** and Christmas will not be far behind. That's a good thing because it means another new year full of challenges will soon be on its way! Especially at this time I would like to welcome our new President, MSG (R) George Bohannon. George has been actively engaged in activities of the Association for a couple of years now and I am excited to turn the gavel over to him. He is actively involved in planning our Association meeting next August and I wish him well.

The past year has been a great one, culminating with a superb new leadership team put into place at the 100th Division under CG Marty Jung in September of 2025. It all began with the departure of the past DCO, COL Dan Justus whose picture appears later in this issue. In this photo, Dan is pictured in his last PT formation with the Fighting 100th on 26 Sept 2025. Dan did a tremendous job over the past year in pulling the Division together during some trying times. He will be missed! Regarding the new leadership team, Dan's replacement as DCO is Col Hammack who is well up to the task. A new CXO by the name of Mr. Johnny Calhoun from the Atlanta area is on board as well as a new G-1, G-3, G-6 and Chief of Staff. BG Jung has picked up a new CSM by the name of Christian Davis who is already leading from the front along with his boss. I anxiously await to see where the next year will take the 100th Division as it moves forward with its transition at Fort Knox and beyond.

The AOC's Supply Room will be set up for business on Saturday, Dec 6 at the Division HQs at Fort Knox. The Division will be having a MUTA 8 on 4 – 7 December and we will have our merchandise out for a big Christmas sale on Dec 6. I will bring you a report on our success in our next issue of the ***Sentinel***.

I wish each of you a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas full of happiness.
Merry Christmas!

MG B

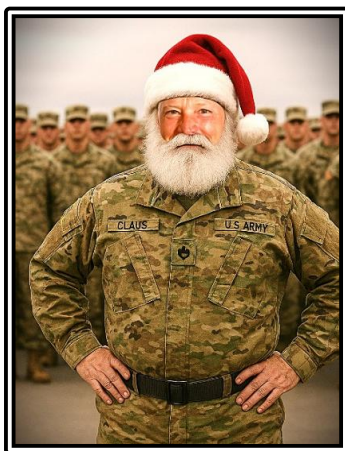




SGT Raymond Howarth is getting a pack of cigarettes from SGT Alvin Webb to place under their Christmas tree above their dug out while SGT Harold Has looks on. Company B, 1st Battalion, 399th Infantry Regiment, 100th Infantry Division at Bitche, France, December 24, 1944. (Photograph by Lane)

AOC WEBSITE SUPPLY ROOM YOUR OFFICIAL HQ FOR EVERYTHING 100TH DIVISION—GEAR, INFO, MEMES, AND RANDOM IMPRESSIVE STUFF

Still hunting for the perfect gift? Whether it's for yourself, your bestie, or that friend who "already has everything," the **AOC Supply Room** has you covered. Think of it as a treasure trove of practical stuff... with a side of awesome.



- **Long sleeve shirts** – Warm, comfy, and basically your new favorite wardrobe staple.
- **Challenge coins** – Fancy little collectibles that are way cooler than a fridge magnet.
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- **Hoodies** – Soft, cozy, and perfect for Netflix binges, casual outings, or just looking effortlessly cool.
- **Polos for women** – Chic, versatile, and available in a rainbow of colors.
- **Joe Militano's book, "Sons of Bitche"** – History has never been this gripping... or this fun to read.

If it's unique, useful, or just plain fun, you'll find it here. And don't forget—**every dollar spent supports the amazing work of the AOC**. So, shop, smile, and feel great about your purchases!

AOC Supply Room: Gifts, gear, laughs, and good vibes—guaranteed.

A Memorable Evening at Our 2025 Convention

Joe Militano and *The Sons of Bitch*

Our 2025 AOC Annual Convention in Owensboro, Kentucky, was one to remember — and much of that is thanks to our featured guest speaker, Mr. Joe Militano.



Joe had the crowd completely captivated as he shared the powerful story of the 100th Infantry Division and its incredible march across France during World War II. Drawing from his book, *The Sons of Bitch*, Joe painted a vivid picture of the “rag-tag” soldiers who were never meant to be a combat division — a mix of actors from a discontinued War Show Task Force and college students from a canceled Army program. But when called to fight, they proved everyone wrong.

As Joe told it, “*They were supposed to be a show division, not a fighting one — but they ended up attacking the Maginot Line, one of the toughest German strongholds on the Rhine. By the time the dust settled, the 100th had advanced farther east than any other division of the U.S. Seventh Army.*”

Joe’s connection to this story runs deep. His father proudly served with the 100th during WWII, and that family bond inspired Joe’s lifelong passion for preserving the division’s history. Before becoming an author, Joe spent more than four decades as an investigative reporter and senior defense industry executive. He’s also the former publisher of *The Defender* and editor of *I Remember Papa: A Sicilian-American’s Century*, a heartfelt collection that includes the story of a young U.S. soldier leaving for war in France.

During the convention, Joe didn’t just speak — he spent the day with us in the Supply Room, chatting with members, signing books, and personalizing each copy with genuine care. He even donated copies of *The Sons of Bitch* for the AOC Supply Room to sell, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to AOC — an incredibly generous gesture we’re so grateful for.

If you’re looking for a thoughtful Christmas gift or just a great read, head over to the AOC website Supply Room (<https://100aoc.org/supply-room>) and grab a signed copy of *The Sons of Bitch*. Every book has been hand-signed by Joe himself.

You can also learn more about Joe and his work at <https://www.thesonsofbitch.com/>

Is your AOC Membership Contact Information Up To Date?

Want to explore the 100th's history, grab board minutes, or apply for a scholarship? How about switching your newsletter to email and helping the organization save on printing and postage? Our website has all that—and a little extra! While you're there, swing by the Members Area and give your info a refresh. It's faster than instant noodles.

Website: www.100AOC.org

Getting Into the Members Area

Step 1: Go There!

- Head to the homepage → click **"Members Area"** (top right).
- Think of it as your VIP entrance... minus the velvet rope.

Step 2: Log In Like a Boss

- **Username:** LASTNAME + membership number (no spaces, no apostrophes)
 - Example: JONES + 378 → **JONES378**
- **Password:** Your membership number (found on the newsletter mailing label, under your name)
- Click **LOG IN** and feel that rush of digital power.
- Click Update Contact Information

Step 3: Update Your Info

- Fix your phone, address, email—whatever's outdated.
- Want your newsletter by **email instead of snail mail**? Click **Yes** (Mother Nature and Ben Zimmerman will thank you).
- **Important:** Pick Yes or No for the newsletter, or the site will throw a tantrum.
- Click **SAVE PROFILE & LOGOUT**—your info is now officially fresh!

Step 4: Abort Mission?

- Hit the red **LOGOUT** at the top.
- Warning: Do NOT hit the back arrow unless you enjoy website drama.

Pro Tip:

Keeping your info updated = no "Hey, did you move?" mystery emails + **bragging rights for being organized**. And by choosing **email delivery**, you're helping the AOC save money and paper—win-win!

100th Soldiers on Misery Hill, Fort Knox



Members of the 100th Training Division (Leadership Development) conducted a final ruck march with 100th Division Deputy Commander, Col. Daniel Justus on 26 September 2025, at Fort Knox. In honor of Justus' last time in a PT formation, Soldiers from the 100th marched Misery Hill, one of the installation's infamous trio of hills: Agony, Misery and Heartbreak.



"The Breakfast Battalion" Meeting

100th Retired Soldiers in Western Kentucky, members of "The Breakfast Battalion," met for their monthly lunch on 16 October at the Village Restaurant in Hopkinsville, KY. Eight hardcore soldiers pictured reported and "assaulted" the breakfast menu. POC to enlist for future assaults is William Jones at

wsjones@bellsouth.net

Corridor of the Century

It is time again to recommend Nominees for the Corridor of the Century. Nominations are due 1 June 2026. 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
 - Positions 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.**

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>



Retired Veterans Vacation Travel Tips
By MSG (R) George Bohannon

I want to share some things I have experienced from traveling this great USA and overseas. One of the best benefits of being a retired soldier is having more choices of places to stay.

Did you know that Fort Benning, GA, has a resort in Destin, FL? The resort offers RV sites, cabins, motel room a heated pool among other amenities. The price is very reasonable, and you are close to the downtown, beaches and restaurants.

Another is the Navy Motels/Lodges in Key West and Mayport, FL. The motel in Key West is a short drive or walk to downtown's Duvall Street, the big visitor area. There is an even closer motel at the Truman Annex.


The Navy Motel/Lodge at Mayport, FL, puts you close to many attractions in the area, both historic sites and water adventures.

You do need to check availability before your visit.

Lastly, have you got your Veterans Lifetime Entrance Pass to the National Parks? It is a money saver and helps get you in the park. Drive safely!

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Simply follow the prompts on this website and you can join instantly using your credit card or print and mail the application: <https://100aoc.org/membership-application/>

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" as of November 4, 2025

The General's "Franklin Club Challenge" has raised \$45,697 from 160 participants; \$36,467 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)
William D. Adams	James Fallin	H. Keith McWhorter (\$600)
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
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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
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David L. Belcher (\$200)	Jay Hancock (\$150)	Carl Platt (\$450)
Byron Bell	Philip L. Hanrahan (\$200)	Albert Pomey (\$200)
Michael A. Bennett	Joel Hardin	Philip Reel
Gregory Bethards (\$200)	Dr. Roland C. Haun (\$800)	Jack R. Reeves (\$250)
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Francis Bland	Robert Hicks (\$350)	Nancy Roberts
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Joe E. Brown (\$400)	Donald C. Hines	Robert Routh (\$200)
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M. Courtland Clayton (\$500)	James C. Johnson (\$300)	James Starr (\$1,200)
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Richard Coleman (\$200)	Virginia C. Jones	Dale Stewart
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Roy Downey (\$200)	Mike Lyall	Ronald G. Waldrip (\$300)

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"Franklin Club Challenge" gifts made in Memoriam as of November 4, 2025

	In Name of:	By:
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The Association Of The Century has now granted scholarships totaling \$141,000.00 to 135 awardees through the Scholarship Endowment Fund.



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