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President's Message

George Bohannon, MSG, Retired

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I think I am ready for that big snow storm brewing up out West. What have I forgotten in my planning for the unknown and inevitable? I began to think about our country and the 250 Years of Independence. We, the soldiers of the 100th Division Association were and are a part of that great history. You have the Spirit of the American Soldier in you.

In our early school years, we learned about General Washington's rag tag army, the winter at Valley Forge, and the victory at Yorktown. You, my fellow soldiers answered our country's call. You served in places like Europe (Fulda Gap, Berlin), Southeast Asia (Viet Nam, Korea), and Deserts of the Mideast. Many of you mobilized to train our young soldiers at Ft Chaffee in 1961 and others were part of Task Force 100 at Ft Knox. You valued and honored your commitment to this great country and the freedom we cherish.

We are planning our Association Meeting in Bowling Green, KY on 21, 22 Aug 2026. The venue is the Holiday Inn, 1021 Wilkinson Trace. Friday night, we hope the weather is great for a buffet on the patio. A great time for catch up and renewing of friendships. I want you think about and bring your most cherished memento from your military career. Please share the story about it. I plan on a door prize for the best story. Saturday night dinner activities will include our raffle, auction, and a national known entertainment group (The Ladies for Liberty).

Please stay warm and safe. Every day is a blessing. Stay in touch with one another and always know your service to this country and one another is appreciated by this old soldier.

I try never to say good bye, but to hope our paths cross soon.

Chairman's Foxhole

MG Bill Barron, USA (Ret)

The winter continues to move forward with a vengeance. I have learned what COLD really means now. Now, we are half way into February with two days in the 70's ahead this week. Who knows what the weather will be next week!

Our Christmas sale went well on December 6, 2025. We sold over \$1,500 of clothing and several copies of Joe Milatano's book, *Sons of Bitch*. I am very pleased to see that the sales of our recent book is continuing to move forward! The first week of February, 2026 brought three days of Yearly Training Briefs from the four new Brigades in the 100th Division. I was lucky enough to be invited by BG Jung to sit in on them and boy is the 100th Division going to be busy this year! The overall increase in strength across the 100th Division will be over 300 percent. That is certainly great news!

The planning for our Annual Reunion in Bowling Green, KY is moving ahead nicely. MSG (R) Bohannon, our president this year, is proving himself to be a real planner that leaves no stones unturned. I am looking for some great things to happen this year! Bring it on!

Let me take just a minute to offer a tip of the *Century Sentinel* hat to our Franklin Fund donors! We have raised over \$46,000 to date from 160 participants leading up to the end of 2025. That says **a lot** about the generosity of Association members. But, our membership roster shows a mailing list of over 850 members in the Association and I kind of wonder sometimes where the other 690 plus members are that we have not heard from. Keep in mind that almost all of our Association members are life members who joined years ago and have paid no dues for a number of years. Please reach into your pockets and pull out a Franklin (\$100 or more) to send to the Franklin Fund. Remember, your donations go toward funding our scholarship program which will provide at least **ten** \$1,500 scholarships to past or present 100th Division soldiers or their dependents this year! Your donations are absolutely critical to the services that we provide as an organization representing you!

Have a wonderful spring and summer!

MG B





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SUBJECT: Christmas Note from the Commander, Century Division 2025

Dear Soldiers, Families and Friends of the 100th Infantry Division,

As Christmas approaches and 2025 draws to a close, I want to reflect on our history and share a note of gratitude.

In the winter of 1944-45, the 100th fought through the snowy Vosges Mountains and bitter cold along the Maginot Line. Soldiers endured frostbite, exhaustion and fierce German counterattacks as they seized towns near the German border, encircled Bitche and captured Forts Freudenburg and Schiesseck.

On Christmas 1944, as the Battle of the Bulge raged in the Ardennes, the 100th's stand during Operation Nordwind—Germany's last major offensive—was critical. By holding the line near Bitche, the Division blocked a southern breakthrough and forced Germany to divert strength from the Ardennes, hastening the collapse of Hitler's gamble at the Battle of the Bulge.

In March 1945, the Division captured Bitche — a fortress that had never fallen to an attacking army. From that victory came our proud nom de guerre, "The Sons of Bitche." Forged in that crucible, the 100th earned three Medals of Honor, nearly 500 Silver Stars and more than 5,000 Bronze Stars as they liberated France and advanced into Germany.

Their courage is our inheritance.

Just as they shaped victory in Europe, today you shape the Army's future. In 2025, the Century Division executed nearly 800 classes in 30 courses across four installations, training more than 12,000 civilians and Soldiers. We launched the Army Reserve Command University pilot course to strengthen "Green Tab Leadership" and restructured staff and policies with more than 75% turnover. Every student trained is a future leader influenced by your dedication.

Looking ahead, the Division will grow by nearly 250% in 2026. Though we lose our legacy Command and General Staff College Brigade and three NCO Academies, we gain new brigades in Lexington, Kentucky, Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Gordon, Georgia, along with missions in basic combat training, cadet summer training, and signal training. This historic expansion is both a challenge and an opportunity — one we will meet together.

2026 Major Benjamin J. Butler “Century Division” Scholarship Program

This year we have amended the application packet requirements to better reflect candidates pursuing higher education outside the High School and undergraduate age group.

Eligibility for consideration is based on the following:

1. Nominee for the scholarship must be: 1) an active, retired or former member of the United States Army 100th Infantry Division or any of its successor designations, including, but not limited to the 100th Division (Training) or its successor designations such as 100th Division (Operational Support); or 2) be a direct lineal descendant of one of the foregoing individuals; or 3) be a legally adopted dependent or acknowledged by The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) as a dependent of one of the foregoing individuals.
2. Nominated individuals must be in the senior year of high school or a high school graduate and must have been accepted for admission to an institution of higher education. Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale at last school or college attended. After having met the above requirements, the selection committee will make the final selection of the winning applicant/applicants based upon (1) demonstrated financial need; (2) qualities of good citizenship and patriotism, as indicated by community service, leadership positions, and/or letters of recommendation; (3) other letters of recommendation; and (4) demonstrated academic excellence.

The following documentation, as applicable, must be included in the applicant’s packet:

- * American College Test (ACT) Score and/or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Score (**If High School applicant**)
- * Grade Point Average (GPA) include High School or **latest college transcript**
- * Any Honors and Awards Received
- * Membership in Junior ROTC (if applicable)
- * Extra Curricular Activities, Community Activities and/or Military Achievements
- * A typed essay of 250 words on “How This Scholarship Will Help Me Achieve My Goals And Meet My Financial Needs” signed by the applicant.
- * Two signed letters of recommendation from a non-family member are required to include contact information for the recommending individual. Letters must be dated and written during the year of the application. **For current Reserve members one of these letters must be from the current Commander or First Line Supervisor and include verification that the member is not flagged or under pending adverse action.**

Nomination application and required documentation listed in paragraph above will be scanned into one file and emailed to diamond.janie@gmail.com. Contact CW5 Janie Diamond if you need help with this. Email or phone 502-432-6298. Packets need to be emailed prior to midnight on 15 June each year.

Application forms and further information can be found at 100.aoc.org under the Scholarship Program tab.

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.**

Want to be a member of the AOC Board of Directors?

We are looking for a few good soldiers to potentially join the AOC Board of Directors and continue the great traditions of the 100th Division. The qualifications are that you be an AOC member in good standing and willing to commit to perform the duties called upon. Duties include attending quarterly and the annual meeting, working on assigned tasks to operate the AOC committees and serve a three-year term. Please read the AOC's Bylaws on the AOC.com website for other considerations in becoming a board member - to find them, go to AOC.com, click on "Members Area," login and then click on "AOC Bylaws."

We have an equal number of officer and NCO board members.

If interested, please contact COL (R) Larry Abel at label331@gmail.com.



1st Battalion, 302nd Cavalry soldiers held a reunion in November 2025. The unit was headquartered in Frankfort, KY. 1-302 was mobilized at Fort Knox during Desert Storm as part of Task Force 100, 100th Division.



100th and other Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Sailors gathered at the Earl Sosby ROMEOS Military Lunch on January 5, 2026. The group meets the first Monday of each month at Golden Corral, 185 E. New Circle Road, Lexington, KY, at 11:00 AM. Members of all US military services are welcome.



100th Soldiers gathered on December 11, 2025, in Lexington, KY, for their quarterly luncheon at The Thoroughbred Club.

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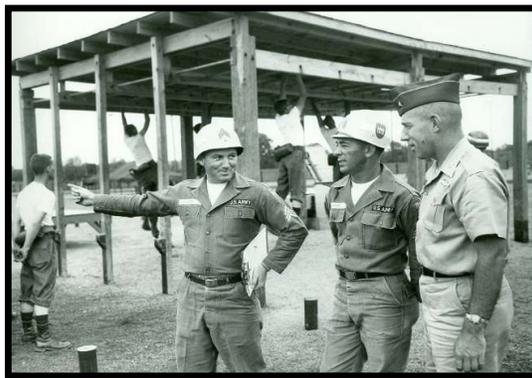


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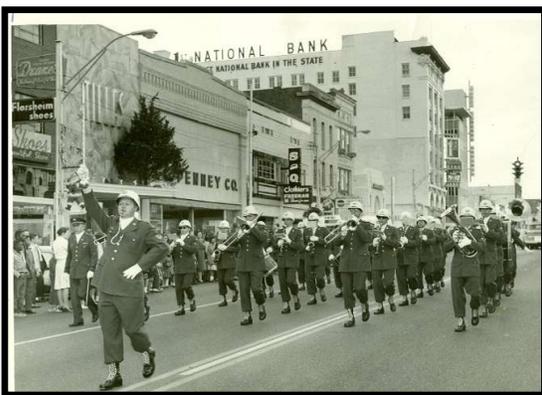


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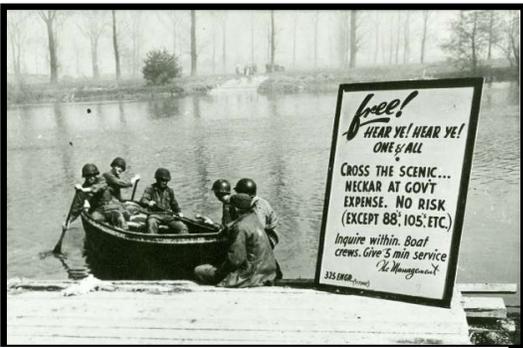


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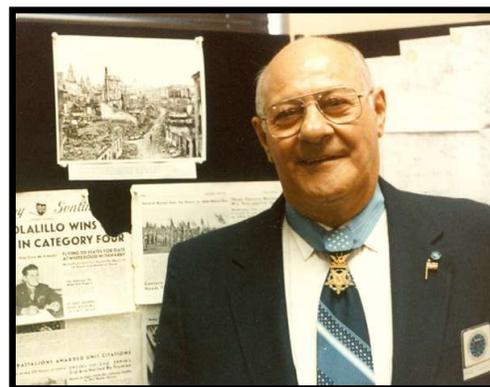


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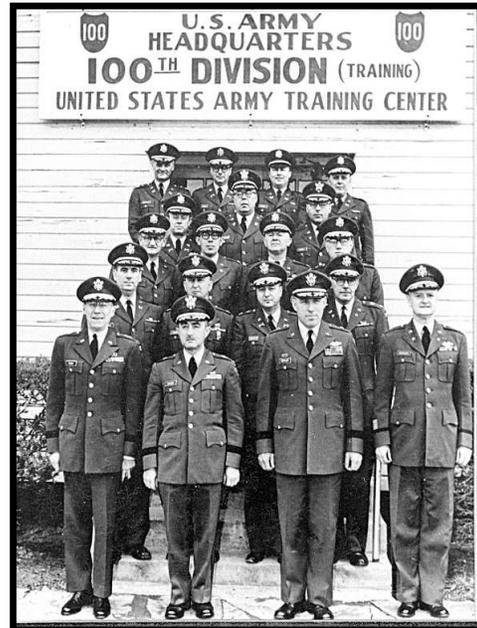


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EVERYONE ENJOYS LOOKING AT PHOTOS FROM ‘THE GOOD OLE DAYS’

Do you have photos you’d like to share in our **Century Sentinel Newsletter**?

We would love to include them! You can easily submit your photos electronically by visiting the Newsletter page on our website: <https://100aoc.org/newsletter/>

If it’s more convenient, simply scan the QR code below with your phone’s camera. It will take you directly to the AOC Newsletter webpage, where you can quickly upload and attach your photos to our newsletter editor.

We look forward to seeing and sharing your memories!



Retired Veterans Vacation Travel Tips

By MSG (R) George Bohannon

More travel tips found by accident or browsing the Internet. A lot of these military travel sites are available not only for retirees, but civil service, VA disability ranked, and DOD employees, to name a few.

Did you know the South Dakota Army National Guard has a training site (Ft Meade). This is located a few miles from downtown Sturgis. That is great, but don't plan on using during Annual Training or Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. There won't be any rooms available at the Coyote Inn Army Lodging. Go other times and enjoy the wonders around Sturgis, SD.

Another secret is Luke Air Force (Fort Tuthill). This recreation site has a motel, RV sites, cabins, and Yurts. The best part is its location a few miles from Flagstaff, AZ. You are close to Williams, AZ and the Grand Canyon Railroad travel adventure to the Grand Canyon National Park. Besides the Petrified National Forest and the Indian ruins around the area of Flagstaff, don't miss going to the Meteor Crater National Landmark. This is one of the biggest meteor craters in the world. It has a great museum and several types of tours.

I get excited about the travel opportunities out there. Be safe and remember, part of the fun is in the planning for your next trip.

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The General’s “Franklin Club Challenge” has raised \$45,797 from 160 participants; \$36,567 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.

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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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