



# CENTURY SENTINEL

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By COL(R) James R. Starr

The Association of the Century's 26<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, "Plan to Mix in 2006", was again one of our best ever. The participation and attendance by our membership continues to show that this is an important event of camaraderie and friendship for Century Soldiers. The Louisville Holiday Inn went all out in cooperation and provided the AOC the utmost in facilities, meals and service. Our key note speaker, MG Robert M. Williams, Commanding General, Ft. Knox gave us updates on BRAC, overseas troop deployments and particularly his personal comments and importance of the soldiers SOS program. MG Gregory J. Hunt, Commanding General, 100<sup>th</sup> Division (IT), followed with details on the extensive stateside and overseas deployments of 1900 Century Division soldiers. On Division reorganization, as of that date the 100<sup>th</sup> Division will be a one star command at Ft Knox, final decisions are still at OCAR. The evening entertainment by the 'Rick Powell Combo' was thoroughly enjoyable.

The Annual meeting is always an AOC team effort; our members' contributions are what make it a success. MSG Rick Talbot, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, had the leadership reigns for this years' meeting and did an excellent job. Thanks to the 7<sup>th</sup> BDE soldiers and 100<sup>th</sup> Division HQ's Command for their combined support of the color guard competition. COL Lee Harris, his wife Carol and 1SG Doris Arnold again did a fantastic job in handling the member meeting packets. Thanks to MSG Goodall, CSM Dunn and MSG Brown for their raffle donations. COL Rick Rowe and wife Kaye, held down the ever popular Century hospitality room. And thanks to all you AOC members who so graciously volunteered your time and support at all the events in order to make our 26<sup>th</sup> annual meeting a success.

The year 2006 has seen a lot of action and member activity. One of our biggest improvements is the continued growth of the "Support Our Soldiers" (SOS) program, led by MG John Tindall and MSG Rick Talbot. In 2006 we received contributions of approximately \$6600 plus \$1350 in "Pickle Jar" donations at our annual meeting. Your AOC volunteers have made three mailing this year, making it a total of over 350 packages sent to our deployed Century soldiers.

This year we made a considerable effort to get the AOC message out within the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. Thanks to the Division Command, we have given AOC presentations, per Army Regulation guidelines, at six 100<sup>th</sup> Division Senior Leadership Conferences. Your AOC also met with five 100<sup>th</sup> retirement groups and thanks to MSG Powell for his support in this area.

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MG Bill Barron and COL Lee Harris picked up the ball when opportunity came knocking. Mr. John Plamp, liaison from the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association, called regarding donating items to the museum. Follow up meetings resulted in WWII memorabilia donations and a \$3000 contribution to our SOS program. The future looks bright for both 100<sup>th</sup> Associations in working together on agreed common goals. The 100<sup>th</sup> Division Museum continues to expand under the direction of COL Lee Harris and support from many AOC volunteers.

The AOC scholarship program under chairman COL Allen Kessler continues to grow. Contributions from AOC members and friends enable us to award an annual college scholarship. We are continually searching for ways to raise addition funding to increase our award amount and need your support in this endeavor. Rule changes were made for 100th returning deployed soldiers, who wish to apply for their freshman college year.

Thanks to COL Cleland White, Managing Editor and LTC Angela Brokmann, your “Century Sentinel” again achieved the publishing goals. This three year repeat performance coupled with the web site support from COL O.J. Jennings, Board minutes and mailings from SGM Ben Zimmerman, has kept our membership informed regarding the happening within the AOC and 100<sup>th</sup> IT. Welcome to COL Trip Tichenor who will assume managing editor responsibilities.

Our Board of director’s strength remains strong thanks to our nominating committee chairman COL Charlie McBride. We have been able to replace retiring board members and keep our strength at twenty two of the 24 seats. Welcome new members, MSG William Brown, SFC Terry Welborn, COL Trip Tichenor III, and CWO Hobart Judd.

After a year of no nominees, our AOC inducted three new members into the Corridor of the Century, congratulation to CSM Alex Ray Lackey, COL Donald R. Schafer, and COL James R. Starr.

Unfortunately everything is not roses in the Century garden. Our membership continues to hover around 850 members, we have been fortunate through the efforts of our membership committee led by 1SG Lynda Simpson to keep this status quo. As our membership base grows older, we face the challenge to keep replacing those losses. We need our members help, in recruitment.

The Army Senior Leaders are receiving direction from the Army Vice Chief of Staff regarding: “Official Participation in Private Organizations (PO’s)” and gives direction on avoiding conflicts of interests. These directives address those activities that previous Senior officer had done with PO’s, which now may be restricted, require Senior Commander approval, and JAG advise. The Army regulations have changed and the support from the 100<sup>th</sup> Division Command as once received may not available in the future.

Thanks you for letting me be your AOC president. It has been an exciting, challenging, enjoyable and sometimes a hair pulling experience. I thank the AOC Board and membership for their support during my tenure. As I pass on the gavel, please provide the same support to your incoming President MSG Rich Talbot and COL Al Freeland, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By MSG(R) Richard C. Talbott

Another summer has come and gone, so has the 2006 Association of the Century annual meeting. I am very happy to say it was one of the best we have ever had. The attendance was up, the speeches short, the food tasty; the accommodations were great, and the entertainment enjoyable. The donations were generous, the color guard competition superb and all awards were well received. I truly hope everyone that attended enjoyed the weekend events and will plan to join us in Lexington, Kentucky next August for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.

One of the things that made our reunion so successful was the hard work and dedication of our board members and their spouses. People don't understand how much hard work goes into the planning and execution of an annual meeting. I would especially like to thank COL Lee Harris and his wife Carol and 1SG Doris Arnold for what they do in preparing and distributing the guest packages. This is a process that involves many long hours prior to the annual meeting. Their attention to detail is unsurpassed. CSM Dunn, MSG's Goodall and Brown again donated many wonderful gifts for the door prizes and the silent auction. Special thanks to COL Rick Rowe and his wife Kaye for sponsoring and hosting our hospitality room (love those blue cookies!).

The "Support Our Soldiers" (SOS) continues to go out with MG John Tindall at the ship's helm. We are planning to ship more boxes this month to our 100<sup>th</sup> Division soldiers overseas. I will be contacting a few of you mates to help package the treasures. Arrrr! Me buckos!

It's been a pleasure working with COL Jim Starr this past year. Under his leadership nothing fell through the cracks. I would like to say "Thanks!" to 1SG Lynda Simpson and MSG Clyde Powell for their efforts to increase membership this past year. MG Bill Barron is to be commended on his work with the liaison of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association and Mr. John Plamp. We certainly appreciated their donation to the S.O.S. fund and hope we can continue to keep the 100<sup>th</sup> Division colors flying.

My goals for this year are to focus on our scholarship and S.O.S. programs. I look forward to serving as you president.

## 100<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION SOLDIER HONORED AT STREET RE-NAMING

Submitted by: LTC Donald Stenzel

SFC Robert V. Derenda, a 100<sup>th</sup> Division soldier, was honored in a street re-naming ceremony in his hometown of Cheektowaga, New York on May 20, 2006. SFC Derenda was killed in Rabiah, Iraq on August 5, 2005 while on a mission assisting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Iraqi Infantry Division. He was deployed with the 98<sup>th</sup> Division and stationed at Al Kasik, Iraq. The 98<sup>th</sup> Division was assigned to FA-TRAC, the Foreign Army Training Command. SFC Derenda was a 100<sup>th</sup> Division soldier of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 398<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade from Paducah, Kentucky.

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The community of Cheektowaga, New York, a suburb of Buffalo, New York, honored SFC Derenda by renaming a street in the neighborhood where he spent his childhood. The street previously known as "Candlelight Lane" was renamed to "R.V. Derenda Lane". The ceremony was held at the intersection of Girard Avenue, where Derenda lived with his parents while growing up and, the corner of Candlelight Lane in Cheektowaga. The local fire department participated by parking two of their fire engines on the street and hanging two large American flags from their ladders. The street was dedicated to SFC Derenda by local politicians, General Holman of the 98<sup>th</sup> Division and five of Derenda's fellow soldiers from Paducah, Kentucky that served with him in Iraq. Also in attendance were members of the local VFW and American Legion.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, SFC Derenda's two nephews climbed on a scaffold to unveil the new street sign. His parents, Val and Loretta Derenda, remembered how Derenda and his sister, Caroline, walked the street many times while playing in the neighborhood. Mrs. Derenda stated that she will probably walk the street more often now in remembrance of her son.



## 100TH DIVISION UPDATE

by MG(R) William E. Barron

During the past year the 100<sup>th</sup> Division has been in a continuous state of mobilizations, deployments and other taskings. The 100<sup>th</sup> is also actively engaged in the planning process to change the Army Reserve to meet the needs of a transforming Army.

Here are some specifics regarding the current status of the 100<sup>th</sup> and some of the significant activities that occurred over the past year:

- The Division's strength as of October 2005 was 5,646 soldiers. After deactivating a Medical Services Brigade earlier this year the Division stands at 4,608 personnel which is 97.2% of required strength.

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- At this time last year, the 100<sup>th</sup> Division had 9 brigades with 35 battalions spread over 8 states including: Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. Those 35 battalions are either Initial Entry Training Battalions or Total Army School Training Battalions.
- Our Initial Entry Training Battalions conduct basic combat training and One Station Unit Training in Armor and Cavalry at Fort Knox and Fort Banning. The 100<sup>th</sup> currently has 775 drill sergeants assigned and currently has over 300 soldiers mobilized at Fort Knox to support the Armor School and over 250 mobilized at Fort Banning, GA to support the Infantry School. Last year soldiers from the 100<sup>th</sup> trained over 10,290 soldiers for America's Army.
- On a special note.....six years out of the past 10 years, a 100<sup>th</sup> Division drill sergeant has been named the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command "Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year". This record is unmatched by any other Training Division.

The 100<sup>th</sup> also has over 100 soldiers mobilized at Fort Jackson to support training of Individual Ready Reserve soldiers that have been called back to active duty. Our Total Army School Training Battalions teach military occupational skills in branches such as Engineer, Military Police, Signal Corps, Transportation, Quartermaster, Ordnance, Health Services, Chemical and Personnel Services.

The Division continues to provide significant support during the summer months to the Army ROTC Leader Training Course conducted at Fort Knox and to the Leader Development Advanced Course at Fort Lewis, Washington. Most importantly, in addition to the 100<sup>th</sup>'s normal year round training missions for the Army, the Division is an active participant in the "Global War on Terrorism".

Over 50% of the Divisions soldiers have been mobilized or deployed in the past three years. Currently, there are 1,124 soldiers mobilized and serving proudly within the United States and around the world to fight terrorism. There are over 300 soldiers from the 100<sup>th</sup> serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and numerous others serving in places such as Kuwait, Honduras, Qatar and the horn of Africa to name a few.

Now, let's talk about the future and what it holds for the 100<sup>th</sup> Division....

As part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure or "BRAC" as we call it, the 100<sup>th</sup> Division Headquarters is directed to move from it's current location in Louisville, Kentucky to Fort Knox, KY about 40 miles down the road. It appears at this time that this move will take place toward the end of 2010. The 100<sup>th</sup> Division museum will also be moving to Fort Knox along with the headquarters and hopefully will be able to expand it's current size significantly.

At the same time, over the next 6 years the entire Army Reserve will be undergoing a transformation along with the Active Army. What we know at this point is that the Army Reserve will reduce the number of Institutional Training Divisions from 6 down to 2. The structure that is being harvested in this significant structure revision will be used to stand up additional MTOE functional commands that will have direct input to the warfight.

It is my belief that the 100<sup>th</sup> Division as an organization, with the help of Kentucky's congressional

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delegation will survive these cuts and changes and it's flag will remain flying although the mission and the structure may again change as it has many times in the past to meet the needs of the Army.

Meanwhile the Division is strong, mission capable, and the soldiers and civilians of the "Century Division" are maintaining its' proud traditions

### **"PICKLES, PICKLES, PICKLES"**

By MG(R) John Tindall

The Association of the Century's 2006 harvest of "pickles" was a "bumper crop". Our program of "Supporting Our Soldiers" ("SOS") through contributions to the "Pickle Jar" has allowed your Association to send over 175 packages for the year 2006 to 100<sup>th</sup> Division soldiers serving in harm's way in Iraq and Kuwait. Packages include food stuff, phone cards, personal hygiene items, reading material, letters from the 100<sup>th</sup> Division CG, our AOC President, and from the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

Each package with postage costs approximately \$28. We continue to seek ways of additional funding of this program because there are several hundred additional deployed soldiers from the 100<sup>th</sup> to whom we still need to send packages. Two additional mails are planned between now and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

If you would like to help in this worthwhile program you can either volunteer to help pack these boxes or if you choose, make a tax-deductible donation. You can make your check payable to the Association of the Century for the support of the SOS program and send your donation to AOC, P.O.Box 34393, Louisville, KY 40232-4393.

Thanks to all who have helped thus far either with your time or your money. The feedback from our OCONUS soldiers has been heartwarming.

### **CORRIDOR OF THE CENTURY INDUCTEES**

By MG(R) John Tindall

The Association of the Century inducted the newest members of the Corridor of the Century at the Annual Convention held August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

#### **Colonel(R) Don Shafer**

During his 30 plus years of military service, both Active and Reserve, Colonel Don Shafer held numerous positions of responsibility. He joined the 100<sup>th</sup> Division Committee Group in 1968, went on to serve as Commander 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 397th Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> BDE and as Commander, 100<sup>th</sup> Training Command from 1979 to 1982. He completed his career as Chief of Staff. He was devoted to the area of young officer leadership and development, encouraging many to complete their careers. He also excelled in Non-Commissioned Officer development leading to technical and educational requirements.

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His decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 Hourglass Devices, and Army Service Ribbon.

COL Shafer was instrumental in developing the Association of the Century and served as one of its early Presidents. He derived great satisfaction from watching membership grow in the beginning years of the Association.

Today, COL Shafer resides in Pace, Florida but keeps his Kentucky roots with 3 children residing in Louisville and Lexington.

### **Colonel(R) James R. Starr**

Upon graduation from Eastern Michigan University, then 2LT Starr was recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate. His active duty positions included a tour in Vietnam as Executive Officer to an Infantry Advisor Team and later Senior Advisor to the 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (ARVN) training center. He left Active Duty in 1968 and joined the 100<sup>th</sup> Division (TNG) in 1969 and served in many positions of responsibility in Maneuver Training Command, 100<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Battalion, culminating in the positions of Division Chief of Staff and Assistant Division Commander(Support).

While serving in the Division, one of Colonel Starr's most rewarding contributions was as the 100<sup>th</sup> Division Chief of Staff, when in 1991 the division was activated to support Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He with the 100<sup>th</sup> general staff and the Ft. Knox Armor Center staff was given the mission to formulate, execute and support a completely new IRR mobilization plan for the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. This plan was completed and executed within 10 days of notice when approximately 1200 division personnel were mobilized for active duty, reporting to Ft. Knox to conduct IRR training for incoming personnel. Colonel Starr retired in 1994 with 30 years service.

His decorations and awards include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one service star, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze battle stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 Hourglass Device, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge.

He is a life member of Association of the Century and served as President 2005-2006. In addition, he is a member of the US Armor Association, life member of VFW Post 1170 and Military Officers Association of America. COL Starr is retired from General Electric.

### **CSM(R) Alex Ray Lackey**

Prior to serving in the 100<sup>th</sup> Division, CSM Lackey began his military career on Active Duty with assignments in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, Drill Sergeant at Ft. Knox, KY, and with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in Korea. CSM Lackey has served in every Non-Commissioned Officer leadership

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position from team leader to Command Sergeant Major of United States Army Reserve. Sergeant Major Lackey was serving at the Pentagon when it was hit by a hijacked airliner September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and assisted in rescue efforts that day.

Sergeant Major Lackey's awards and decorations include: the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Good Conduct Medal, five awards of the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with two Bronze stars, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device, the Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon with numeral four, the Army Service ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Superior unit award. He also earned the Expert Infantryman Badge and the Parachutist Badge. In addition, he was selected U.S. Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year in 1982.

Upon leaving the position of Command Sergeant Major United States Army Reserve, he assumed the position of Postmaster at Ft. Knox, KY and was chosen for the same position in Bowling Green, KY where he resides.

## BUTLER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

By COL(R) Allen Kessler

The 2006 MG Benjamin J. Butler Scholarship Award selectee is Miss Autumn Tapley of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Her father CSM Russell Tapley, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 100<sup>th</sup> Division nominated her for the award.

Miss Tapley achieved a grade point average of 4.0 as a graduate of Preble High School in Green Bay.

CSM Timothy Bolton, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 100<sup>th</sup> Division accepted the award on Miss Tapley's behalf at the AOC annual meeting in Louisville, KY on August 19, 2006

Editor's note: We received a very nice thank you letter from Miss Tapley, expressing how grateful she was to be recognized and selected to receive the scholarship. We all wish her the best in her academic pursuits.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Persons who have become members of the Association from June 2006 through September 2006 are listed below. Those who have selected Life Membership have their entire membership fee invested in long-term securities. It is the yield from these investments that provides the funds with which the AOC carries on its support of the 100<sup>th</sup> Division (IT). Thank You.

CSM Joseph Hadden  
CW2 Joel L. Schmitterbaun  
SGT Billy Garwood  
Michael Whitfield  
SFC Faye A. Wilford  
MSG Brian J. Schlatter  
LTC Robert A. Kay  
LTC Herman Parris  
COL Jerry Mellman  
MAJ David Jungquist

CSM Roscoe Mayfield  
CPL John E. Plamp  
MAJ John A. Conklin  
SFC Christopher Querey  
SFC William H. Erdmann  
MAJ Wade G. Bunker  
SGT Joseph Lamkin  
LTC Edward Plymale  
SFC Daniel Jackson  
MAJ John Shaw

Lucian Townsell  
David E. Parker  
CSM Tim Bolton  
LTC Stephen Shepherd  
MSG Daniel Shaffery  
MAJ Susan Hammond  
CSM Robert Morton  
CPT Gritz Jacobs  
LTC Luther Norene  
SFC Benjamin Murphy

## LOST MEMBERS

We have lost contact with the following members. Anyone knowing their whereabouts of the individuals below, please ask them to contact the Association of the Century. We would like to have them back!

LTC Richard Appling  
CW4 Maurice Hagan  
SFC James Moody  
CSM Max Powers  
SGT Jill Schreiber

SFC Winston Beshears  
SFC Jimmy Hayne  
SSG Pamela Morgan  
MAJ Kenneth Ralstobn  
LTC Amos Speck  
LTC Robert Whaley

CPT Richard Dos Santos  
LTC James La Mar  
SFC Mark Oliver  
COL Ezra Richardson  
SFC Martin Watts

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CURRENT CIVILIAN STATUS: E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name, First, MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT MILITARY STATUS:

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit of Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If currently assigned to 100th Division (IT))

Last 100th Division Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If not assigned to 100th Division (IT) or if retired)

Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AGREEMENTS:

I submit the above data for the reason checked below:

- To apply for an Annual Membership:  New or  Renewal:  
Enclosed are \$15 annual dues.
- To apply for a Life Membership:  New or  Renewal:  
  - \$160 Lifetime Dues (Payable in full amount).
  - \$160 Lifetime Dues (Payable in four annual payments of \$40 each)
- To apply for Associate Membership:  New or  Renewal:  
  - Enclosed is \$15 for Associate Annual Dues.
  - Enclosed is \$160 for Associate Life Membership (Payable in full amount).
  - Enclosed is \$160 for Associate Life Membership (Payable in four annual payments of \$40 each).

I will promote the Association of the Century and will comply with its By-Laws.

I hereby authorize my signature, membership and authentication, dates and everything about them to be reproduced and disseminated to all members of the Association and to others, as they deem appropriate.

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 (IT)

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