



# CENTURY SENTINEL

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## MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

By COL(R) Joe Theobald (Ret)

*Fellow Members of the Association of the Century:*

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as President of your Association. I congratulate and thank the incoming president, MSG Bill Brown, for his hard work this past year in putting together a great Annual Meeting. His work resulted in a very active and successful meeting. Also thanks to SGM Maurice Allgeier for his work and dedication to the success of our Annual meeting.

The AOC and the 100<sup>th</sup> Division overcame many challenges in the past year. The Division reorganization, activation of unit members, and changing missions tested the leadership and dedication of the entire Division down to the individual soldier.

As the outgoing president, I want to thank our Chairman General Barron for his leadership, and getting our scholarship program to the level it is today. The Board of Directors and their wives continued to carry out our mission to support the 100<sup>th</sup> Division, in the defense of our country.

I would like to thank COL O.J. Jennings for all his work over many years as our treasurer and Ben Zimmerman for his knowledge and behind the scenes work I couldn't have done it without him.

For those of you missed the Annual Meeting in Bowling Green KY, you missed out on a great weekend with old friends and a great time for all who attended. We had a great time. Mark your calendar for our next annual Association Meeting in Louisville KY. Stay tuned for further information regarding this event. We have a great organization. Consider becoming more involved. You will have a good time.

## COLONEL FALLIN SELECTED FOR CORRIDOR OF THE CENTURY

Colonel (Ret) James H. Fallin was unanimously selected as the Association of the Century's 2008 inductee into the Corridor of the Century at the Annual Meeting in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Colonel Fallin enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1967 and in 1968, received a direct commission as a second lieutenant. Colonel Fallin's 32 years of military service included various command and staff positions within the 100<sup>th</sup> Division's 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 398<sup>th</sup> Regt. and the 3d Battalion, 398<sup>th</sup> Regt. Following command of the 3d Battalion Fallin became the Executive Officer of the 2d Brigade Headquarters in Owensboro. Later assignments at the 100<sup>th</sup> Division Headquarters in Louisville, KY included Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations G-3.

During his years of service in the 100<sup>th</sup> Division, Colonel Fallin continually provided exceptional leadership and guidance to the soldiers under his command or direction. He was instrumental in incorporating the Total Army School System (TASS) across the 100<sup>th</sup> Division.

Fallin is currently the Executive Director of the Hancock County Industrial Foundation. Previously, he served three terms as the County Judge of Hancock County. Colonel Fallin and his wife, Sharon, reside in Lewisport, Ky. And have three grown children, Angela, Matthew and Bo. He becomes the 72<sup>nd</sup> inductee into the AOC Corridor of the Century.

## 100<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION UPDATE REMARKS FROM THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN BOWLING GREEN, KY COL Clarence "Chuck" Combs, Chief of Staff, 100<sup>th</sup> Division

MG Freeman, MG Tindall, MG Barron, fellow Soldiers of the Century, guests, members of the Association - the extended family of the 100<sup>th</sup> Division, on behalf of the Division Commander, Colonel promotable Patricia Heritsch, it is an absolute privilege and honor to spend the evening with such a distinguished group - a group that has given so much of their time and talent to the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. COL Heritsch sends her

regrets as she is spending some quality time with her family and a new grandbaby. For those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to meet COL Heritsch, I want to briefly share with you her priorities – she is focused on taking care of Soldiers, engaging with our customer units, and accomplishing the mission to the fullest. We have the Division CSM and G-1 with us this evening and I am confident that they both would concur with me that our Commander’s focus is exactly where it ought to be.

My purpose this evening is to provide a brief update on the status of the Division. There is one word that best captures the status of the Division and that is “Change”. Change, within the context of the ongoing transformation within the Army Reserve and the war fight, both of which are impacting the Division on multiple fronts. I will first share with you the changes relative to:

- Organizationally – where and how we’re structured
- Mission Focus – what we train
- Mission Execution - how we train

Then, I will share with you how the Soldiers of the Century are contributing, in significant ways to the GWOT.

#### Organizational Change

1 Oct 2008 begins a new era for 100th Division. No longer are we a two-star Institutional Training Division reporting directly to the USARC Headquarters. Rather, we become a one-star Operational Support Division reporting directly to the 80th Training Command, headquartered in Richmond, Virginia. We will have a singular focus in the world of TASS, The Army School System, and as such we will perform vital training for Soldiers in a variety of functional areas.

Our down-trace units include four TASS Brigades (along with their 22-Battalions) in the CONUS and one multi-functional Brigade in Europe. The new footprint for the 100th Division will be nationwide. The CONUS Brigades include the following:

- 1st BDE Military Intelligence- Providence Rhode Island
- 2nd BDE Signal Corps- Camp Parks California
- 3rd BDE Civil Affairs/Psychological Operations- Bronx New York
- 4th BDE Health Services- Ft Sam Houston Texas

The most significant element of the Division remaining in the state of Kentucky is the Division Headquarters.

#### Mission Focus Change

Consistent with the Brigade designations, and ultimately with our structure as a “school house” unit, our focus is on training Soldiers in MI, SC, CAPO, and HS MOS qualification and NCOES. Again, the scope of this mission is nationwide as opposed to our previous regional focus encompassing a handful of states.

#### Mission Execution Change

The demand for our school slots, essentially the Soldiers we train, is driven by the needs of the operational force. Clearly, the operational force is not operating in a rhythm of one-weekend a month and two-weeks during the summer. In years past, up to 2004, it would be common for a Soldier needing MOS qualification training to complete a 2-phase course over a 2-year period. Traditionally, the school-house units conducted most all of their classes for students during battle assembly weekends. Today, the training is conducted in back-to-back sessions in an active-duty environment so that Soldiers can contribute to the operational force more quickly. Supporting this operational tempo places great demands on our Instructors – many of whom are mobilized to accomplish the mission.

#### Contributions to the GWOT

We contribute by training Soldiers that fill the ranks of the operational force in MI, SC, CAPO, and HS units. And we also contribute via mobilization and cross-level assignments.

Currently, the 100th Division has a total of 263 Soldiers mobilized supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

- 149 Soldiers are mobilized in the CONUS supporting various missions to include TBE, TTC, and MOB TDA slots.
- Additionally, 114 Soldiers are mobilized OCONUS and serving in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Since 9/11 we have mobilized 2,839 Soldiers. Sadly, we have had 2 KIA that gave the ultimate sacrifice, (SFC Robert Derenda and SSG Todd Cornell) and 1 WIA, (MAJ Christopher Talley).

#### Close

Despite the operational tempo and the profound changes to how we do business – we have safely and successfully trained in excess of 4,500 Soldiers so far this year. Training Soldiers to standard and with the utmost professionalism is the legacy born out of the efforts of many of you here in the audience. I thank you for setting the high-water mark in our profession of arms and assure you that the Soldiers of the Century are committed to continuing the mission. “Train’em Tough”.

#### **PICKLE PACKING HITS RECORD LEVEL**

*MG(R) John Tindall*

During this year’s AOC Convention a group of thirty-five AOC volunteers met in the lobby of the Bowling Green Holiday Inn Convention Center for the latest “Pickle Packing” event. Before the morning was finished forty-five (45) boxes of food stuff and personal hygiene items were boxed, addressed, and mailed to 100<sup>th</sup> Division soldiers who are serving in harm’s way in Iraq and Afghanistan. This latest effort pushed the total number of boxes sent to OCONUS 100<sup>th</sup> Division soldiers to well over 500 since we started our

Support Our Soldiers (SOS) endeavor. Our cost for this effort has run just over \$20,000.00 for postage and items placed in this care packages or our holiday gift packages. The AOC membership's generosity in time, talent, and treasure has been both heartwarming and humbling. Many thanks to all who either participated by their presence or by sending a check to help defray the cost. **Remember your check is TAX DEDUCTIBLE and should be made out to the AOC for the SOS program and sent to the AOC, PO Box 34393, Louisville, KY 40232** The loyalty and patriotism of 100<sup>th</sup> Division members, past and present, continue to demonstrate that the Division and the AOC are serving our nation and the 100<sup>th</sup> Division soldiers.

If you did not have a chance to help this time, our two holiday "Pickle Packing" sessions are scheduled for the third week of October when we will pack a "Thanksgiving" oriented box of goodies and the first week of December where we will address holiday greeting cards and include PX and telephone gift cards for each 100<sup>th</sup> Division soldier serving OCONUS. We will send out the exact dates and time via the AOC email contact list. Hope to see you there!!!!



"Pickle Packing" at the Annual Meeting

### **100<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION RALLIES IN RALEIGH!!**

*MG(R) Bill Barron, AOC Chairman of the Board*

Raleigh, North Carolina was the location of the 2008 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Annual Convention held on September 17<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup> at the downtown Sheraton Hotel. The sixty-first annual gathering of the World War II Veterans and Progeny of the historic 100<sup>th</sup> Division was a great success with over 130 Veterans in attendance along with some 240 children, grandchildren and friends of the Veterans. Mr. John Plamp, John's wife Martha and I attended.

The Convention began with a dinner for all on Wednesday evening at the Sheraton. Thursday's activities included a bus

trip to Fort Bragg where the group placed a memorial wreath on the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Monument and had lunch (chow) in an Army dining facility (mess hall). The group also visited the Fayetteville Technical Community College before returning to Raleigh for a reception and dinner that evening.

Saturday proved a full day for all. Following a hearty breakfast, The Marshall Library from VMI gave a presentation about the ongoing project to digitize the paper records of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and its members along with developing a new website for the Division. A moving Memorial Service was held at 10:00 am where the names of 116 of the 100<sup>th</sup>'s members were read that had passed away since last year's convention. Following lunch the annual business meeting convened.

The highlight of each annual meeting of the Association is the Major General Withers A. Burress Banquet on the final evening. This year's banquet was no exception. Starting with a cocktail reception at 6:00 pm, the program for the evening was full of activity to include the Posting of the Colors done by a Color Guard of WWII, 100th Infantry Division members. There was a roll call of all 100<sup>th</sup> Division Units and the group was welcomed to Raleigh by Mayor Charles Meeker. Remarks were made by this year's VMI Scholarship recipient and yours' truly provided an update on both the activities of the 100<sup>th</sup> Division (Operational Support) and the Association of the Century to include our "Century Division" Scholarship Fund progress. Also the group was treated to a surprise visit by U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole from North Carolina, wife of Senator Bob Dole who stopped by to thank the 100<sup>th</sup> Division Veterans for their service. Closing entertainment was provided by a duo called Chambergrass which offered a spirited blend of classical bass fiddle with a bluegrass banjo.

There is great excitement among the group about next years Convention in Louisville. Seems a lot of folks want another ride on the "Belle" and of course want to visit the 100<sup>th</sup> Division Headquarters and our outstanding 100<sup>th</sup> Division Museum. Mark your calendars for September 24 -27, 2009 for a joint 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association / Association of the Century Annual Meeting at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. John Plamp, incoming 2009 President of the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association along with AOC's Bob Hicks and the leadership of the 100<sup>th</sup> Division (OS) have already started planning for a first class event. Mark your calendar to attend and be a part of 100<sup>th</sup> Division history.

### **MG BENJAMIN J. BUTLER "CENTURY DIVISION" SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE**

*MG(R) Bill Barron*

THREE MONTHS TO GO.....WILL WE REACH THE GOAL OF \$100,000? In the Summer 2008 issue of the *Century Sentinel* I informed our membership that we needed \$20,000 in contributions to reach our goal of \$100,000 before

the end of 2008. I am proud to report that many of you answered the call to arms and we have received over \$10,000 in new contributions. Here is where we stand:

Contributions since January 1, 2008

Initial contribution by the AOC	\$53,000.00
Contribution by the 100 <sup>th</sup> Inf Div Assn	\$ 2,500.00
Individual Contributions	\$ 13,055.00
“Two for One” Matching Contribution (Curtis Miles Charitable Foundation)	<u>\$ 13,055.00</u>
Total	\$ 81,610.00

With matching funds from the Curtis Miles Foundation, we only need **\$9,195.00** in new contributions to reach our goal of \$100,000 by the end of 2008. If each and every AOC member would send in even a \$10, \$15 or \$20 check we will make our goal of \$100,000. Take advantage of a “two for one” deal on your money that you can’t get anywhere else and don’t forget...**your contribution is tax deductible!** The contribution form is printed in this newsletter. With your help the goal will become reality!

Recent Contributors to the Century Division Scholarship Fund include:

William Brown	Rick Rowe	Gregory Bethards
John Tindall	Larry Herzog	J. Henry Duncan
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Steve Thompson	Trip Tichenor	Lindsay Freeman
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Horace Kornegay*	Boyce Garmon*	

\*(100<sup>TH</sup> Infantry Division)

**TAPS**

We have been notified by Mrs. Patsy Meighen of the death of her husband, SSG Dennis R. Meighen Jr. on December 3, 2007. He was 90 years old.

SSG Meighen was one of the few who had attended every AOC meeting since the Association started. He was very proud and enjoyed being recognized along with MG Beach and others each year.

COL Stephen Patton Shepherd of Lexington, KY died February 16, 2008 at his residence. He was 59 years old.

**DONATION FORM  
MG BENJAMIN J. BUTLER “CENTURY DIVISION”  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

I would like to contribute to The Community Foundation of Louisville, Inc. (Tax ID #31-0997017) for the MG Benjamin J. Butler “Century Division” Scholarship Fund

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For further credit to the Community Foundation of Louisville,  
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