

Onarga Military School Alumni Association

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Annual Fall Reunion Announcement

Our Association's traditional reunion will be held over the holiday weekend of **11 - 14 October 2023**, with all sponsored activities on that **Saturday** at the Nexus-Onarga Academy campus in Onarga, Illinois.

All alumni, former cadets, former instructors and staff, family and friends are encouraged to step back in time to gather, to socialize, and to share experiences, as well as interact with the Nexus-Onarga community during this Reunion.

Members may submit recommendations, comments, and/or concerns about the Reunion or any relevant topic(s); please email/mail your thoughts to any of the Association Officers or Board Members for discussion and consideration soonest.

REUNION DETAILS can be found on the Association [website](#) along with the [Banquet Reservation](#) form to print and mail with your check to our Secretary/Treasurer.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING. Our ByLaws required we hold an Annual Business Meeting that we conduct during the Reunion. To encourage wider participation for members unable to physically join us on-site, we intend to invite members to connect to the meeting via a communication video link using the Zoom™ application.


To help familiarize interested members, a Video Test Session will be scheduled sometime during late April. A Special Notice will be emailed to the membership announcing this test, and outlining the setup procedure on how to join a Zoom™ meeting using a desktop, laptop or mobile device. There is no monetary cost for a member to participate, except for your time.

NEXUS-ONARGA Weight Room Project Update - The Recreation Department received a Grant of just over \$4000 to purchase new equipment, which is currently being assembled. Unfortunately, the overall project scope was decreased to fit the funding received. However, upgrades to the physical space of the weight room and pool area are planned. Funding support is always welcome for these improvements; when quotes are received, we'll share the monetary goals with members.

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Happy Birthday Wishes



To all the alumni listed below – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – if by chance your Birthday is in one of these three months and you are not listed, please send your birth date to the Secretary to complete your directory listing. 

APRIL

2 Cary McCarville
3 Carl Kohlhoff
4 Charles Vera
5 Eugene Barrick
5 Phillip Dikeman
12 David Westfall
15 A. Wray Fazio
15 Glen Sylvester
16 Donald Batson
18 John Zarndt
19 John Adams
20 Edward Bourk
23 Chico Hernandez
25 Jay Johnson
28 John Egan
28 William Fesselmeier
30 Carlos Sucharetza

MAY

2 Ben Schramski
3 Gregory Jennings
7 David Allers
7 Donald Boeing
7 Jack Snoddy
9 John Cripliver
10 Lynn Long
13 Robert Sklar
23 George Friebe
24 Victor Whitney
25 Dale Atkinson
29 Jerold Greco

JUNE

2 Bruce Campbell
4 Jack Brewton
4 Mark Hayden
10 Kenneth Baierle
10 Thomas Christos
13 Alan Sklad
19 Larry Stamberger
21 William Hudson
22 David Goldfein
22 Gervase Stockmann
24 Matthew Johnston
24 Richard Stern
25 Michael Striebel
26 Charles Hoyer

Note: Errata - Winter Edition 2023, page 6; The editor regrets the listing error of the following members' birthday's. Their correct dates are: **Jan 20 - Mike Duncan; Feb 22 - James Kinne; and Mar 20 - David Reichmann.**

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TAPS

Thankfully, since our last issue, our Secretary has not received any notices from members or family members, nor discovered any new on-line obituary posts of an OMS alumni or former cadet.

Association Website

The Association's online presence is at OnargaMilitarySchool.com. Check it out. Members are encouraged to submit appropriate stories, photos or class information to post, or publish in our newsletter. Please email or snail (USPS) mail your item(s) to the President, Vice President or Secretary for review and posting by our Webmaster.

The Onargosy is published on a quarterly basis for and about the happenings of the OMS Alumni Association. *The Onargosy* will contain both official and unofficial information. Officers of the OMS Alumni Association are:

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HONOR A CLASSMATE, PATRON, TEACHER - BUY A BRICK

We are thrilled to report that **twenty-nine*** memorial bricks have been purchased for our OMS Memorial Brick pathway. There is plenty of room remaining to transform blank bricks into a walkway of engraved bricks. **BUY A BRICK** for yourself, to honor or memorialize a classmate, patron/family member, or a staff/faculty member. What better way than to have your name be a permanent presence on campus? Then, come to the Reunion to see your installed, engraved paver! AND, your purchase is a tax-deductible contribution that directly supports the Nexus-Onarga mission to help young boys prepare for life's challenges. [Note: the vendor requires at least five brick orders to process]

Order site: <https://www.nexusfamilyhealing.org/Nexus-Onarga/OMS-brick-project>

*Bricks remembering/honoring: **Mike Gattone; Carlos Sucharetza; Robert Gillfillan; Randy Chester; Gordon Miller; Bob and Ann Hayden; John Chiminello; Arnold Zarit; Bob Flannery; Charles Stewart; Wilma Jones; Kenneth Kauffman; John Friebel; Grand Prairie Seminary; Alfredo Macz; Steve Denney; Doug Gossett; Byron Tull; Jesse Hammer; Rodney Wright; Eric Farber; Boris Trutenko; Michael Marecek; Roger Bonner; Ted Bartlett; Danny Alberson; Maj Dwight Reed; LtCol Hutchins; and Thomas Mylin.** ***Grow the list - Add your brick to the next report!***