

Onarga Military School Alumni Association

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[2022 Alumni Reunion Report](#)



2022 OMSAA Reunion Picture



Trophy Case - Auditorium Entrance Hall



Front Row: [L to R]

Phillip Suzuki '66, Dennis Saffrin '63

Second Row: [L to R]

Carlos Sucharetza '58, Charles Stewart '67

Third Row: [L to R]

Michael Lynch '64, Jerry Byrd '62

Top Row: [L to R]

Mark Hayden '67, George Friebe '62 Albert Kuhlman '52

Not Pictured: Randy DeLardo '64; Jeff Thiede '64

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October 8, 2022

2022 Reunion Attendees by Name

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Gerald Byrd '62 | Sidney, IL. | Randy DeLordo '64 | Gilman, IL. |
| George Friebe '62 | Murray, KY. | Mark Hayden '67 | Stafford, VA. |
| Albert Kuhlman '52 | Lawrence, KS. | Michael Lynch '64 | Allen, TX. |
| Dennis Saffrin '63 | Elma, NY. | Charles Stewart '67 | Park Ridge, IL. |
| Carlos Sucharetza '58 | Willoughby Hills, OH. | Phillip Suzuki '66 | Rockford, OH. |
| Jeffrey Thiede '64 | Rolling Meadows, IL. | James Miller [Fac] | Onarga, IL. |

2022 Reunion Attendees by State

Illinois

Gerald Byrd '62, Randy DeLordo '64, Charles Stewart '67, Jeffrey Thiede '64
James Miller [Fac]

Kansas

Albert Kuhlman '52

Kentucky

George Friebe '62

New York

Dennis Saffrin '63

Ohio

Carlos Sucharetza '58

Phillip Suzuki '66

Texas

Michael Lynch '64

Virginia

Mark Hayden '67

ALUMNI LADIES



Front Row (L to R): Rosanne Stewart, Carole Saffrin, Marlene Sucharetza
Middle Row (L to R): Mary Jane Byrd, Eldora Friebe
Back Row (L to R): Donna Kuhlman, and Susan Hayden

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Jeffery Thiede, Carlos Sucharetza, Randy DeLordo



Initial ten engraved bricks installed

Memorial Pathway

Our pathway is now commissioned, and the Brick Ordering website is active at:

[https://www.nexusfamilyhealing.org/
Nexus-Onarga/OMS-brick-project](https://www.nexusfamilyhealing.org/Nexus-Onarga/OMS-brick-project)

**Order a Commemorative Brick
today!**

This program allows alumni, former cadets, family members & former faculty, and community members to permanently honor or memorialize an individual or group of classmates, patron, family member or special remembrance.

In review, the memorial brick pathway is a new, easy public access from the East Seminary Street sidewalk to the existing Memorial Bench area. The price per Memorial Brick is \$200 for three lines of 18 characters each. This amount includes a tax-deductible donation amount to Onarga Academy, and the costs for the brick, the engraving, and installation. The pathway is ready for your memorial contribution!

COM'ON, LET'S FILL UP THE PATH WITH INSCRIBED BRICKS!

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Banquet at The Gilman Door

Attendees gathered at The Gilman Door to socialize and enjoy a buffet dinner and desserts after the day's events on campus. Pictured below are Jim Miller (FAC), Jeff Thiede, and Ina Weir; Michael Lynch, Mary Jane & Jerry Byrd, and Eldora Friebe, Marlene & Carlos Sucharetza; Dennis & Carole Saffrin, and Rosanne Stewart; and the OMSAA leadership identified in the bottom pictures.



OMSAA President Mark & First Lady Susan Hayden

OMSAA Vice President Chuck Stewart

Photographer George Friebe

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Business Meeting Notes

- The President convened the annual meeting and, then, recognized the Nexus-Onarga leadership and staff, specifically, **Matt Drat**, Regional Development Director; **Jim Kearney**, Facilities Manager; and **Renee Sier**, Marketing & Communications Coordinator; and the **Cornerstone Cafe staff** for their significant time investment and resources to support our reunion by constructing, advertising and dedicating the Memorial Brick Pathway; hosting, catering and serving both the mid-morning reception and noon luncheon; and assisting in storing, protecting and displaying our memorabilia, artifacts, and trophy case. We presented to **Jamie Kozma**, Executive Directory of Nexus-Onarga, a \$500 check to support the Special Dinner for the residents. Also, a big thanks to **Cheryl Rabe** and **Randy DeLordo (64)** for cleaning and organizing the memorabilia room, artifacts and trophies.

TAPS

I regret to inform the membership of the passing of our fellow former cadets and alumni.

| Name | Year | DOD | Place |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Fred Alphin, Jr | Prep `50-`51 | 18 Feb 2021 | Raleigh, NC |
| Carl D. Roess, Jr | Prep `45-`46 | 9 Feb 2022 | Brevard, NC |
| James G. Costello | `55 | 13 Apr 2022 | Sebring, FL |
| William F. Salkeld | Prep `44-`46 | 30 May 2022 | Bourbonnais, IL |
| Charles E. Meyer | `53 | 15 Nov 2022 | Lake Wales, FL |



- The Association made a \$250 donation to the *Shriner's Hospital for Children* in memory of **Robert Gillfillan**, OMSAA Past President.

- The Association gifted from our Holiday Fund, \$30 per Nexus-Onarga resident this Christmas. As of this writing, there are 72 boys currently in residence.

On behalf of the Association's Officers, we wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for good health, prosperity, and happiness in the 2023 New Year!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY . . .

To all the alumni listed below – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – alumni & former cadets, if your Birthday is in one of these three month and it is not listed, then your born date is not on file – please send your birth month, day, and year to the Secretary to complete your directory listing.

| JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 3 James Beedy | 1 Ray Rinderer | 1 Steve Sholty |
| 4 Robert Lewis | 6 Albert Kuhlman | 5 Frederick Koller |
| 5 Richard Suzuki | 10 Tom Leasure | 6 Robert Rice |
| 10 William Akerly | 12 Alan Welsch | 8 Kenneth Butterly |
| 10 Steve Denney | 14 John Carlsten | 12 Harry Seidman |
| 10 Gerald Enright | 14 John Kenton | 13 John Judd |
| 10 Keith Harrison | 18 Bernie Quick | 15 Rodney Wright |
| 19 Ted Joslyn | 21 David Bennis | 19 Adam Kachler |
| 20 Michael Duncan | 22 James Kinne | 20 David Reichmann |
| 20 Dennis Saffrin | 23 Frederick Zoes | 24 Thomas Gillis |
| 22 Eric Farber | 25 Gerald Byrd | 29 Ronald Caruso |
| 23 Marvin Stringer | 25 John Peart | 29 Jimmy Phillips |
| 23 Raul Vega | 29 Gordon Hall | |
| 24 Bruce Ingham | | |
| 26 David Olmstead | | |
| 29 Kenneth Kauffman | | |
| 31 Donald Collins | | |

An Honor Brick makes a great Birthday gift!

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Association Website

The Association's website was migrated to a Linux platform with an encrypted Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) link between our server and your browser. This eliminates some recent connection and display anomalies as well as adds improved cyber protections.

Members may submit appropriate stories, photos or class information to post. Please email or snail mail your item(s) to the President or Secretary to review for posting by our Webmaster.

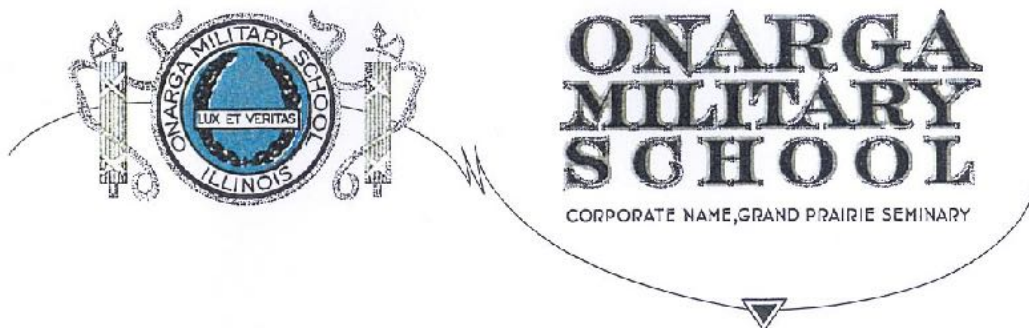
The Secretary requests all Alumni members, former cadets, and former faculty who may have a new residence to update their new contact addresses (email/postal mail) and primary telephone number with him soonest for our OMSAA Membership Directory. As a note, our annual directory is off-line, and a hard copy is mailed annually in October with your dues notice.

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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| Director | John Egan | `68 | je337pilot@aol.com |

Onarga Academy Liaison - **Jamie Kozma, Exec Dir**

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