

Onarga Military School Alumni Association

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Annual Fall Reunion REMINDER

Our Association's traditional reunion will be **Saturday, 12 October 2024**, on 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 day.

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.

Any Class can gather their members and celebrate at the Reunion, as all classes are now 50 years beyond their graduation year. The following classes celebrate a milestone this year: **1969 - 55 years; 1964 - 60 years; 1959 - 65 years; 1954 - 70 years; and 1949 - 75 years.**

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST OPPORTUNITY: The Onarga Lions Club may hold an early morning pancake breakfast in the dining room of the Onarga Academy. All Reunion attendees are invited to participate. Confirmation for this event is pending.

BANQUET Details: This year our banquet will be at the Shagbark Golf Club, Onarga, Illinois. A cocktail hour, cash bar, will begin at 5:00 PM followed by dinner at 6:00 PM. The Banquet cost is \$35.00 per person. Print, complete and mail your Reservation Form along with your check, made payable to OMS Alumni Association, to John Friebe at the address listed on the form to arrive Not Later Than Tuesday, October 1, 2024. After this date, phone John Friebe at 1+210 550-1703 to register/coordinate a late RSVP.

LODGING: The three most convenient lodging options nearest Onarga are in Gilman, Illinois, with room rates advertised between \$70-\$90.

1. The Super 8 Motel by Wyndham at 1301 S. Crescent St, Gilman, Illinois 60938
- Reservations: 815-265-7000
2. Motel 6, 834 Hwy 24 West, Gilman, Illinois 60938
- Reservations: 815-265-7283
3. Budget Host Inn, 723 S. Crescent St, Gilman, Illinois 60938
- Reservations: 815-265-7261

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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.

A 30 minute familiarization video/audio Zoom session is scheduled on 13 July 2024 to begin at 12:00PM PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). You may use a desktop, laptop or mobile device that is connected to the internet to attend this Zoom™ meeting. Use this link to connect to the Zoom session; it will automatically connect you to the Host. If you use your Zoom application to manually join the session, type in the below Meeting ID and Passcode.

Onarga Military School Alumni Association familiarization Zoom Session
12:00PM EST, 13 July 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2573015800?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2573015800?pwd=TXNzSmtmMldGZWQycjhrWW11dW02Zz09&omn=76578502892)

[pwd=TXNzSmtmMldGZWQycjhrWW11dW02Zz09&omn=76578502892](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2573015800?pwd=TXNzSmtmMldGZWQycjhrWW11dW02Zz09&omn=76578502892)

Meeting ID: 257 301 5800

Passcode: 7nj6T

FURTHER 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.



TAPS

I regret to inform the membership of the passing of our fellow alumnus.

Name	Year	DOD	Place
Donald B. Batson	OMS`49	24 Feb 2024	Grand Ile, MI




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.

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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. 

JULY

2 Ross Braatsch
3 Jim Mager
4 Charles Knell
7 Casimir Kowalski
7 Kent Montavon
12 Douglas Hummel
12 Patric Irgens
14 Del Angelo
18 Thomas Mylin
19 James Dickerson
21 William McCracken
22 Joseph Milos
22 Allan Zitella
23 Lawrence White
25 Keith Torgerson
26 Michael Adams
31 Steven Dunbar

AUGUST

2 Jack Donohue
2 Robert VanBrussell
6 Jose Valadez
11 John Hays
11 Eugene Valenta
15 Raymond Kasperski
15 Jan Nelson
19 Kerry Adams
23 Albert Liska
24 Michael Erickson
24 Max Newman
27 Keith Sheffield

SEPTEMBER

1 Wes Marshall
4 Ted Schmidt
18 John Guisto
19 Edward Chandler
19 Andre Holtzman
21 Stu Marty
22 Charles Stewart
24 Robert Flannery
27 Towner Clark
28 George Gannon
28 Ivan Pivaroff

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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:

President	Mark Hayden	`67	mkhayden06@comcast.net
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Director	Tom Leasure	`66	tom@tslrefrigeration.com
Director	John Egan	`68	je337pilot@aol.com

Onarga Academy Liaison - Jamie Kozma, Exec Dir

HONOR A CLASSMATE, PATRON, TEACHER - BUY A BRICK

We are thrilled to report that **thirty-one*** 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 Friebe; 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; Thomas Mylin; Steve Templeton and Maj Jim Hobbs.

Grow the list - Add your brick to the next report!

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OMS CLASS OF 65