

Onarga Military School Alumni Association

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ANNUAL REUNION NEWS

A beautiful October Saturday on the NEXUS-Onarga Academy campus found eleven alumni and former faculty present to celebrate the 60th reunion of the Class of 1964. A big **THANK YOU** goes to **Jamie Kozma** and **Jim Kearney** of NEXUS-OA for hosting and supporting our Reunion events.



2024 OMSAA Alumni/Faculty Attendees

Left to Right

1st Row: Al Zitella `64; Dennis Saffrin `63; Ken Butterly `64; Mike Adams `64; George Friebe `62

2nd Row: Charles Stewart `67; Carlos Sucharetza `58; Jim Miller FAC; Gerald Byrd `62

3rd Row: Mark Hayden `67

Not Pictured: Randy DeLardo `64; Bill Fesselmeyer `64

Registered, but unable to attend: Steve Templeton `64 & Jeff Thiede `64

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Spouse Attendees

Left to Right: Rosetta Butterly; Marlene Sucharetza; Susan Hayden;
Rosanne Stewart; & Carole Saffrin
Not Pictured: Mary Byrd and Eldora Friebe

Election Year

Not only was our Country preparing for the Presidential Election, our Association's officials and directors were up for re-election. Absent any challengers or floor nominations for these positions, the current "Administration" was unanimously re-elected to 3-year terms of office. Congratulations (or condolences, as appropriate)!

BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

Annual Holiday Fund Gift - a motion was proposed and approved to increase the annual gift per resident for this year from \$30 to \$40.

The Onargosy Frequency - a motion was made and approved starting in 2025 to publish *The Onargosy* semi-annually (Jun & Dec), and announce birthdays and post TAPs notices on our OMSAA Website.

Membership involvement - a motion was made and approved in conjunction with the reduced Onargosy publication to host a ZOOM meeting during March-April, and a hybrid On-site/Zoom Annual Meeting in October.

Artifact Donations - Members and surviving relatives who desire to send/donate uniform items, insignia, yearbooks, pictures, et al., to the current on-site memorabilia collection are discouraged to do so at this time. Unfortunately, there is still no viable procedure to receive, preserve and protect new items to the collection, yet.

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Action Taken: A custodial management agreement among OMSAA, GPS, OA and the Onarga Historical Society was proposed and approved to manage and coordinate the retention, care, display and/or disposal of OMS existing artifacts and memorabilia.

During our Business Meeting, we presented \$500.00 to Nexus-Onarga Academy to host a Special Dinner for the resident-students.

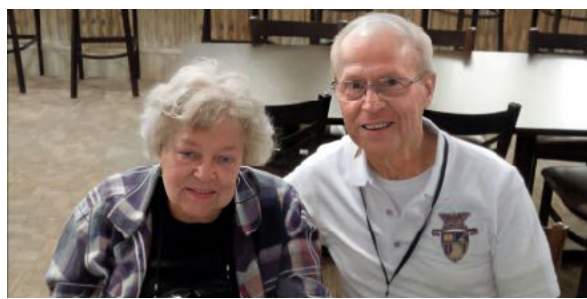
The Association gifted from our Holiday Fund, \$40 per Nexus-Onarga resident-student for the 64 resident-students currently in attendance for Christmas 202

2025 Reunion - 11 October 2025: Mark your calendars for next year's OMSAA Reunion/Business Meeting/Banquet on campus in Onarga, Illinois.

BANQUET Pics** - at the Shagbark County Club



Jerry & Mary Byrd - '62



George & Eldora Friebe - '62



Chuck & Rosanne Stewart - '67



Carlos & Marlene Sucharetza - '58



Mark & Susan Hayden - '67



Randy DeLardo '64 & Cheryl Rabe

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Shane Cultra, GPS Pres; Ken Butterly '64,
Dennis Saffrin '63 & Bill Fesselmeyer '64



Carole Saffrin & Rose Butterly



Class of '64 Members

Ken Butterly; Randy DeLoro; Bill Fesselmeyer

Allan Zitella (Standing)

****Thanks to George Friebe**l for providing the banquet photographs.

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

An Honor Brick makes a great Birthday gift!

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TAPS

I regret to inform the membership of the passing of our fellow alumni

Name	YearM	DOD	Place
David Murray Allers	`62	30 Sep 2024	Darien, IL
David Lee Berry	`68	7 May 2024	Pasadena, CA
Robert Edward Flannery, Jr	`61	25 Sep 2024	Ft Myers, FL
Robert James Rice	`66	29 Sep 2024	Bandera, TX



Memorial Pathway

Our pathway has thirty-three (33) bricks dedicated to cadets, family and staff members. Funds collected from this program support NEXUS-Onarga projects for students. Order Bricks on this link:

<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 on campus.

The memorial brick pathway is a public access from the East Seminary Street sidewalk to the existing Memorial Bench area. The price per Memorial Brick is still \$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.

LET'S FILL UP THE PATH WITH INSCRIBED BRICKS!

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Association Website

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.

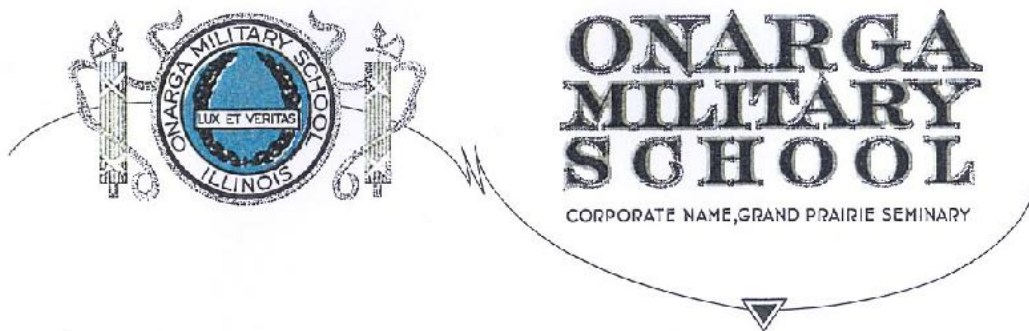
The Secretary requests all Alumni members, former cadets, and former faculty who may have a new residence to update their new contact addresses (email/postal mail) and primary telephone number with him soonest for our OMSAA Membership Directory. As a note, our annual directory is off-line, and a hard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

The Onargosy is published on a semi-annual 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
Webmaster	Alan Fethiere		

Onarga Academy Liaison - Jamie Kozma, Exec Dir

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

 **Merry** 
Christmas

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



**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 2025!