



ASSEMBLY CALL

FALL 2016

**WELCOME TO THE
103RD OHIO
VOLUNTEER INFANTRY**

FROM THE COMPANY:

Greetings to All,

What a magnificent day here in Ohio. Bright sun, light wind, calm lake and moderate temp. We are so grateful to our Veterans for their sacrifice and foresight. The grounds at the OVI are transitioning to fall and then into winter. We are hoping for a repeat of last year but will see what transpires. Thanks to all that participated during our 150th reunion camp week. We are appreciative for all the volunteers that it takes to make our week together so enjoyable. Preparing and executing on the plans for the week takes a huge effort. From the Sons and Daughters Presidents, to Mess Hall Captains, to Candy Stand, to Flag Lowering and on and on, a job well done. We now look forward to next year and the fun, camaraderie and enjoyment camp week 2017 will bring.

In addition, please check the OVI website for additional information on events that occur, mainly the 103rd Memorial Foundation Pancake Breakfast that will be held in the Spring of 2017. This is a great time to come and enjoy the grounds, tour the Museum and have the best pancakes served on the North Coast.

The 103rd Board of Directors will be working to continue the deeds set forth. We will be coordinating projects related to the maintenance of the organization and grounds. If you have any topics you wish to be addressed please let a board member know. We can be reached by e-mail: board@103ovi.com.

Please mark your calendar for the 2017 **“Spring Fling”**. The weekend of **May 19 - May 21** will be a great weekend full of events. Beginning on Friday, May 19th, the Grubaughs and

Stairs will host a lake bank dinner party for all of you who volunteer and help with the weekend activities. On Saturday, May 20th, we are planning an OVI clean-up work party. We ask you to come join us as we get our buildings and grounds ready for the busy Spring/Summer months after a long winter. We want the grounds to be beautiful for all of us and our guests to enjoy. Members will also be cleaning and setting up for the Pancake Breakfast which will take place on Sunday, May 21st. This is a great fundraiser for the OVI and it takes many people working hard to run it, but it’s a lot of fun all working together for a great cause. So please plan on joining us for this special volunteer OVI weekend. Details to follow at a later date, but mark your calendars now. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you!

Your Board of Directors for 2017 is:

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At Large	Eric Wagner, Derek Grubaugh, Garron Watson, Bill Carter, Doug Taylor

Till We Meet Again,
Gus

FROM THE FOUNDATION:

Hello, Everyone!

I hope this letter finds you well and happy. It was wonderful to see so many of you this past Camp Week as we celebrated our 150th reunion. If you were unable to attend this year, please try to be here for Camp Week 2017. It would be great to see you!

I am very excited to be working with such a wonderful team of people as our 103rd OVI Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees. They are:

Julie Piazza – Vice President
Jim Leitch – Secretary
Deb Wagner – Treasurer
William Carter, Jr.
Darlene Grubaugh
Chapman Riedel
Bev Ritter
Diana Watson

We have new and exciting projects and programs in the planning for the year ahead. I will keep you informed as they progress.

The September and October Pancake Breakfasts were a tremendous success and thank you to everyone who helped and/or supported our efforts. We served nearly 400 people at each event. Once again, both Breakfasts were under the phenomenal leadership of Bev Ritter. As always with our OVI, it is a wonderful group effort that makes our projects such a success. Andrew Hubbard was able to acquire a grill from Bob Evans over this summer. Roy “Gus” Grubaugh and Rick Vanek installed it prior to Camp Week. Not only was this grill great for Todd Bemis’ tasty burgers during Camp Week, but also for Todd to flip pancakes with Chapman Riedel and Andrew Hubbard for the breakfasts. The pancakes that receive the rave reviews start with a special recipe made by Edna Bemis. The eggs scrambled by Heather and Addy Bemis as well as Bev Ritter were a hit, as well. To complement all of this great food was the coffee made by Ed Stair in September and Cliff Riedel in October. These fundraisers are an enormous undertaking and they require a hard-working team in addition to those who make the food/beverage. We have servers, bussers, coffee runners, dishwashers, museum docents, OVI Gift Shop workers, etc. So, thank you, also, to everyone else who fulfilled these roles and helped in the

Mess Hall, Gift Shop and/or museum. They are Elsa Caple, Sally Carter, Nancy Ford, Carl Ford, Carla Fritz, Dave, Krista, Owen and Teagan Gemmel, Kevin and Debra Gerber, Jonah Gililan, Roy “Gus” and Darlene Grubaugh, Chuck Hinkle, Andrew Hubbard, Jan Hubbard, Ted Hubbard, Jr., Susie Kelly, Jim and Diana Leitch, Morgan McMillan, William and Jennifer Milliner, Jonathan Ocasio, Connie Parker, Julie Piazza, Chris Ritter, Emily Ritter, Heather Stelly, Rick and Claudia Vanek, Deb Wagner, Clare Wagner, Lou Wagner, and Garry, Diana, Garon and Kevin Watson. As you see, it was a large group of dedicated OVlers, and on the behalf of the Foundation Board of Trustees, as well as myself, we thank you all so very much! If we have missed anyone, we thoroughly apologize but thank you, as well!

One new project was the creation of an OVI Gift Shop, located inside and adjacent to the Candy Stand, for the October Pancake Breakfast. This exciting concept was extremely well-received and performed exceedingly above our expectations for its inaugural appearance. New OVI merchandise was available as well as inventory that we already owned. We now have OVI mugs and a new color offering of our best-selling t-shirt from last year. The new tee is grey with a red, white and blue logo and blue lettering. The mugs are cream colored with a blue logo for an attractive, updated look. We also offered themed gift baskets for a creative collection of OVI merchandise. Another highlight was the bagged product of “Edna’s Secret Pancake Mix” which was sold separately or included in a couple of the gift baskets. This Gift Shop would not have been possible without the talents of many people. Thank you to Darlene Grubaugh who worked on the design and purchasing of this appealing new product, as well as Lori Barnicle, Edna Bemis, Julie Piazza, Bev Ritter, Diana Watson and Claudia Vanek who helped Darlene with donating items and creating the gift baskets and pancake mix bags that were sold. The shop’s appealing looks were set up and merchandised by Claudia Vanek and Heather Stelly, who also worked in the shop, as well. Connie Parker also helped sell. Lastly, thank you to Andrew Hubbard who made a sign for us. We had \$1,438 in sales with a profit of almost \$770! This OVI Gift Shop was an overwhelmingly huge success and we will definitely go forward with this at every one of our Pancake Breakfasts!

Speaking of Pancake Breakfasts, **mark your calendar for the 2017 “Spring Fling”**. May 21st will be the first Pancake Breakfast of the year and we are turning it into a weekend event. Starting on Friday, May 19th, the Grubaughs and Stairs will host a lake bank dinner party for all of you who volunteer and help with the weekend activities. This will be complete with tiki torches and a bonfire, so don’t miss it. If you are coming from out of town, please plan accordingly so you can join us for Friday night. On Saturday, May 20th, we are planning an OVI clean-up work party. From cleaning the museum and Mess Hall to making our grounds look beautiful, we will all pitch in together and have fun while we work and catch up with one another after being apart for the winter. Then, of course, we have the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, the 21st. Come join in on this exciting event for our beloved OVI. We look forward to seeing you for this great weekend of volunteering and socializing with your OVI family!

Another new project is the addition of new pieces to our 103rd OVI Civil War Museum. Thank you to Deb Wagner, our museum curator, for creating and installing these magnificent, framed presentations. One piece contains pictures of the four veterans who donated money to build the barracks, which is the building of our present day museum. They are Ellsasser, Ford, Dillon and Nodine. The “Elfordilno” sign above the museum is a combination of these four veterans’ last names. Another framed piece that Deb created is a picture of the veteran Timothy Metzger. Beside his picture is the first page of the original manuscript, in Timothy’s handwriting, that he wrote for the book “Reminiscences”. The next time you are at Camp be sure to visit the museum to see these and all of our new additions.

Please make sure you go to our OVI website and Facebook for information on exciting new projects and programs throughout the year, including the 2017 “Spring Fling”.

I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Holiday Season. I look forward to seeing some of you over the winter months. To everyone else, “God be with you ‘til we meet again.”.

Kindest regards,
Christine Ford Stair
President, 103rd OVI Memorial
Foundation

Camp Week 2017: July 29-Aug 6

Salagadoola mechicka boola bibbidi-bobbidi-boo! Magical greetings from Northern Ohio. A great big "Thank you", to Bev Ritter and Krista Gemmel for a great camp week. It takes a lot of time and energy to put together a smooth running week and that is what they did. A big Thanks also goes out to Deb Wagner and Terry Wagner for taking the mess hall. Kudos to everyone who helped out with anything big or small. You are all playing an intricate roll in making our reunions run smoothly.

As you probably have heard, the theme of next camp week is "Magic Kingdom". "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun and—snap!—the job's a game!" Kayleigh and I are excited about planning a fun filled week for all next camp week. Because of your donations, we will be having the Swing City Band back again on Friday night. We are renaming it Cinderella's Ball. The rumbly's in your tumbly's will be taken care of by next year's mess hall captains, Katie Meade, the Barnicles and the Leitch family. Also Charlie and his brother John Beedle will be helping out the mess hall on Saturday with a pig roast. We aren't ready to let the Cheshire cat out of the bag yet on the things we have planned, but we are open to your suggestions and ideas too.

Please make your plans now to attend our family friendly reunion week in 2017. According to Fairy Godmother, "Even miracles take a little time." So check out the OVI Facebook page and stay tuned for the next few Assembly Calls for updates.

"You can design and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it takes people to make the dream a reality."—Walt Disney

Hello OVI CRAFTERS AND ARTISANS!

Please remember to start your donations early this year- for the Bazaar for Camp Week 2017.

We'd appreciate your wonderfully crafted items at any time during the year. Hopefully, we'll have as many classic items as the Hubbard ladies had last Camp Week! (Claudia, Kandi and Heather)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at:

Bemisrealestate@yahoo.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Leslie Bemis and LuAnne Taylor
Co-committee for the Bazaar

Just wanted to write some sort of closing on Camp Week from 2016.

Thank you to all of you for a WONDERFUL Camp Week. I have to say that this year, above all others, I truly appreciated my OVI family. The help, love, and support that we received was truly overwhelming. I want to send a particular thank you to those that couldn't join us at camp, but sent items for the bazaar. Because of your generosity and devotion, the Sons and Daughters made \$2000.00! A huge thank you to Claudia, Heather, and Kandi, for such great organization and displays. Krista and I could not thank everyone enough for all the help before, after, and during the week. We look forward to another mother, daughter team next year.

Bev Ritter



150 chairs

Couldn't Make Camp Week? Please Still Register !

By registering, you support the yearly maintenance of the O.V.I. grounds and company buildings. Registration shows your continued support of our organization and helps perpetuate the reunions so they will be in full force when you are again able to attend. Contributions are also gladly accepted for the General Fund, Building Fund, Camp Week Programs and the printing & mailing of the Assembly Call. **Please make out your check to The 103rd OVI Company and send to Claudia Vanek, 5501 E. Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054.** Thank You!

Adults (18 and over) \$30
Junior (13 – 17) \$15
Child (12 and under) \$ 5

When registering , please include all names,
addresses, Veteran's name and Company

2016 Bazaar News

A huge THANK YOU to all of you that donated and purchased from the bazaar this Camp Week. **We raised \$2002.00**, that was amazing since the call for homemade items went out on such short notice!!!! We could not have achieved such an amazing success without all of you. Things that sold really well were Christmas tree ornaments, pins for badges, wreaths, and the decorated glass blocks. There is some amazing talent and it showed with the many original and unique donated handmade items. And even better news there will be a Bazaar next year. So, you all have plenty of time to start your projects for 2017, just make a few items (1-6) of any one thing. More variety is better.

(Thanks mom for your amazing talent and for saying ok when I asked if you would be interested in doing it)
The Girls (and one guy) from cottage 22.

Mess Hall Leftovers

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped us throughout the week! Early on we asked for your help, and you answered the call without hesitation. This is a big job, and we couldn't have done it without you. We truly appreciate everything everyone did to help make it a successful and fun week in the mess hall.

We received numerous requests for the sweet potato casserole that was served at the first Sunday meal. The recipe is included below. Enjoy, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next summer!

Deb and Terry Wagner
Mess Hall Captains 2016

Sweet Potato Casserole

1 large can of sweet potatoes, drained and mashed.

Mix with the following:

1 cup of sugar

1/2 cup of milk

1/3 cup melted butter

2 beaten eggs

1 tsp of vanilla

Pour into a buttered casserole dish.

Topping

Blend the following:

1/3 cup melted butter

1 cup brown sugar

1 cup of chopped pecans

1/3 cup of flour

(You can also blend in 1 cup of coconut, but this is optional. We did not include it.)

Sprinkle the mixture over the sweet potatoes. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes.

Son's & Daughter's Officers for 2017

"Magic Kingdom"

Co-Presidents	Laura & Kayleigh Beedle
1st Vice President (Monday)	Greenberg Family
2nd Vice President (Tuesday)	Laura & Kayleigh Beedle
3rd Vice President (Wednesday)	Carla Fritz
4th Vice President (Friday)	Friday Night Players & Swing Band - Cinderella's Ball
5th Vice President (Saturday Children's Program)	Brooke Fox, Marlena Frank, Susie Kelly
Morning Children's Hour	Kristen Lazard & Sue Carter
Chaplains	Matt Parker, Carla Fritz, Edna Bemis, Shawn Leven
Memorial Service (Thursday)	Dan Ford
Secretary	Claudia Vanek & Heather Stelly
Treasurer (OVI Company)	Diana Leitch
Nominating Committee	Tali Piazza & Leslie Bemis
Building Crew	Eric Wagner
Assembly Call	Nancy Yahraus
Mess Hall Captains	Katie Meade & The Leitch Family
Co Captains - Setup - Servers - Cleanup	
Sunday Co-Captains	Hubbard Family
Sunday Evening Sandwiches	Bev Ritter & Carla Riedel
Monday Co-Captains	Ed & Christine Stair
Tuesday Co-Captain	Carter Family
Wednesday Co-Captain	Albrecht Family
Thursday Co-Captains	Kalee Thomas
Friday Co-Captains	Waiters in Training
Saturday Co-Captain	Greenberg Kids
Sunday Co-Captain	Wagner & Parker Families
Cashier	
Lunch	Holly Cejka & Carla Fritz
Dinner	Kandi Schultz
Pre-Camp Kitchen Clean Up	Watson & Piazza Families (helpers welcome)
Post Camp Kitchen Clean Up	OPEN Volunteer needed!!
Drivers for Amish Cooks	AM Beth Smith/Nancy Yahraus / PM Shawn Leven
Breakfasts	
Monday	Albrecht Family
Tuesday	Jessica Kaczur
Wednesday	Corey Riedel
Thursday	Sean Gawlik, Hunter Hubbard, Emma Grubaugh
Friday	Roger & Leslie Bemis
Saturday	Hubbard Family
Candy Stand	Taylor Family
Camper Registration	Laura Beedle
Bathroom Cleanup	Nancy Yahraus
Flag Lowerings	
1st Sunday	Son's & Daughter's Presidents
Monday	Gail Brothers
Tuesday	Edna Bemis
Wednesday	Carl Ford
Thursday (Veterans)	Brent Wagner
Friday	Eric Wagner
Saturday	Nancy Yahraus
Last Sunday	New Son's & Daughter's Presidents

Other events

Pre-Camp Pot Luck	Roger & Leslie Bemis
Saturday Weiner Roast (Midnight)	Gus & Darlene Grubaugh
Teen Games	Dee Dee Morrow & Emma Grubaugh
Daily Bugle	Emily Ritter
Last Saturday Games	Brent Wagner
Mid-Winter-	Beth Smith
Memorial Day	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
4th of July	Shawn Leven/Gail Brothers

Mid-Winter Reunion February 19th, 2017

Beth & Brian Smith will be hosting the OVI Mid-Winter Reunion in the Lounge.. Pulled pork and burgers and drinks will be supplied. Bring your favorite covered dish and/or desert and plan on a fun winter day on the old camp grounds. There will be more details on the Magic Kingdom Facebook page as the time gets closer.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Our veterans would be so proud! A Thank you is due to everyone who contributed to the 150th Veteran's reunion! And now the plans are pulling together for the 2017 Camp Week, which will be Magical, I am sure. Laura already put on a great Halloween dance! The leaves are turning, and Laura & Charlie will be mulching them soon. Some of us are looking forward to winter at the OVI, others who have relocated from Florida, not so much. Here's hoping the roads stay clear so we can gather with family and friends for the holidays, and even a Mid-Winter reunion. More details will be posted in the Magic Kingdom Facebook group when February rolls around.

Thanks for all the address updates! I pass them along to Deb Wagner so you get your A/C

If and when you have something to share, please e-mail me to nlyahraus@aol.com or send a private message on Facebook to Nancy Ludlow Yahraus. Regular mail comes to 5501 E. Lake Rd., Cottage 4, Sheffield Lake, OH 44054, by **FEBRUARY 29, 2016**



More lake front pictures next time!

Find lots more pictures and news on the Facebook Camp Week group!

BABIES AND MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Ruby Granger Foley was born to Julie and John Foley on October 2nd at 8 lbs. 9oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Ruby was named after her Great Great Grandmother Ruby Fishburn, Company K. Little Ruby joins big sister Lucy, proud grandparents, Dave and Nancy Brehm and great grandmother. Marv Fishburn Brehm.



Brittney Beedle, co K, (daughter of John and Tish Beedle), and Dalton Herrington, welcomed John Beckham Herrington, "Beckham" to the world on August 15, 2016. He weighed 7lbs, 4 oz. This is Carol Beedle's 8th Great Grandchild. Congratulations to Mom, Dad and all the Grandparents.

Travis and Terri White, Co K, welcomed daughter Roxanne "Roxy" on April 16, 2016



**Winner! AKRA American Sprint Cup
Grand National Championship**

***Ladies and gentlemen we present to you the 2016 AKRA
Yamaha Cadet National Champion!!!***

Congratulations to Jonathan Ocasio, who won the American Kart Racing Association's National Championship in Jacksonville, Florida, on October 23rd. In addition to the National Championship, Jonathan also won the North Tour Champion and Grand Champion titles! He is the son of Rob and Michele Ocasio, grandson of Connie Parker, Great grandson of Lou Wagner, and descendant of Timothy Metzger, Co. C.

Fantastic accomplishments. Jonathan!



Erin Carter, on deployment!
Thank you for your service!



Father Thomas Sanders and aunt, Sheila Hartsel. Father Tom is now saying weekend Mass at St. Theresa's Church in Sheffield. He is the ggg grandson and she is the gg granddaughter of Thomas O'Keefe Co. B.

OVI Endowment Fund FAQ's

Hello, Everyone!

It was great to see so many of you as we celebrated our 150th reunion. It was wonderful that so many people were excited during Camp Week about what has been accomplished relating to the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Committee wants to continue to build on this excitement as well as *grow this fund* which is so beneficial to our 103rd OVI organization. Here are the answers to some of the questions that were asked:

What is the 103rd OVI Memorial Foundation Endowment Fund?

The OVI Endowment Fund is an investment fund established by our Foundation Board of Trustees for the ongoing support of the 103rd OVI organization. It was actually established many years ago. Then, at Camp Week 2014, a concerted effort was placed on making the Endowment Fund a “viable, on-going project”. The endowment is structured so that the principal amount is kept intact while the investment income is available for use. *No distribution of funds would be considered until the fund balance reaches \$100,000. We are currently at \$24,000.*

The principal balance amount is \$100,000 but there was discussion about increasing this amount. Is this amount going to change?

NO. Currently the principal balance amount goal will remain at \$100,000.

How will having an Endowment Fund benefit us?

1. By having a fund with a source of money, it will help all of us by providing the money needed to do projects on the museum, common buildings and grounds rather than relying only on our personal donations.
2. The museum, common buildings and grounds will benefit with improvements, repairs and maintenance that will enhance and ensure their longevity and existence for us and future generations to enjoy.
3. It will be financially beneficial to our current younger as well as future generations of OVlers. The monetary interest that the Endowment Fund earns will be money that can be used in the future to continue to maintain, repair and improve the museum, common buildings and land.
4. This financial fund will provide a “safety net” to everyone (members and nonmembers), so that we can continue the existence of our organization and museum as a unique, Historical Landmark.
5. It will provide a “safety net” to all members - current and future generations - so that we can continue the existence of our organization, buildings and property for our annual Son's and Daughter's reunions (Camp Week), as well as fellowship events throughout the year.

OVI Endowment Fund

How can I contribute to the Endowment Fund other than a cash donation?

In addition to cash donations, the Endowment Fund can accept many forms of donations such as:

- ❖ Bequests by Will or Living Trust
- ❖ Property (real estate, personal or other forms)
- ❖ Life Estates
- ❖ Life Insurance Policies
- ❖ Life Income Programs
- ❖ Retirement Plan Gifts

How can I set up a donation that is not cash, such as property, life insurance or another point listed above?

There are numerous ways to set up donations which entail more than cash to our Endowment Fund.

1. Talk to your financial advisor, personal or estate planning lawyer, or any accredited financial/law professional about creating the donation paperwork for you.
2. If you do not have a professional resource and would like us to help you, please contact us by filling out the form below and sending it back to the address provided. Or, you may also email us at OVIendowment@yahoo.com.

Is there a risk if we accept donations from companies and corporations?

NO. All companies and corporations donate to non-profit organizations. Many of these have criteria for selecting which non-profit organization will receive their donation (i.e. the non-profit should be a historical organization). We will ensure that we meet the criteria before approaching a company for a donation. We will also make sure that we will maintain the integrity of the 103rd O.V.I. when accepting any donation.

The Endowment Fund for our beloved OVI will do exciting things for us now and in the future. The fund will help us enjoy the next 150+ years of our annual reunions of fellowship, friendship and fun!

Kindest Regards,

The Endowment Committee: Todd Bemis, Bill Carter, Jr., Deb Dunn, Roy "Gus" Grubaugh, Diana Leitch, Jim Leitch, Callan Riedel, Chapman Riedel, Cliff Riedel, Christine Ford Stair, Deb Wagner

103rd O.V.I. Memorial Foundation Endowment Fund

_____ I would like to learn more about opportunities for giving to the Endowment Fund.

_____ My contribution to the 103rd O.V.I. Memorial Foundation Endowment Fund in the amount of \$_____ is included.

Please return this form with your gift.

In memory of _____

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