

The Assembly Call

THE OFFICIAL MESSENGER OF
THE 103RD OHIO VOLUNTARY
INFANTRY



**“ TO PERPETUATE THE HEROIC DEEDS
OF OUR FATHERS, WAR OF THE
REBELLION - 1861 - 1865 ”**

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **Calling all cooks:**
Please submit your Camp Week recipes to the editor for a "Camp Week Remembered" cookbook. Mail to: Assembly Call, 5501 E. Lake Road, Sheffield Lake, Ohio 44054
- Due by May 1, 2009
- Any family favorites are gratefully accepted, too.

**CAMP WEEK
2009**

**TUESDAY AUGUST 11-
SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH**

**PRE-CAMP WEEK COOK
OUT- SAT. AUG 8TH**

**SUNDAY AUG. 9TH-
DINNER AT 1 PM**

**COTTAGER'S NIGHT-
AUGUST 10TH, 8 PM**

**CANDY STAND OPENS
SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH**

**FOOD SALE SUNDAY
AUGUST 16TH- 3:30 PM**

TIL WE MEET AGAIN!

CLIP AND SAVE!

**Message from our
Company President:**

Dear friends,

One Hundred YEARS on these Camp Grounds was a reunion to remember. We had well over 300 registered members in attendance, and many visitors at the beginning of the week. Bev Ritter put together a DVD of "Then and Now" that brought back many memories and reminded us that we are here maintaining traditions established by our veterans and their families. We are still their families. The games were fun, the dances were great, and the programs were like old times! Todd and Cliff fed us very well and Bev and Heather kept things moving. Thanks to everyone who made the week happen!

There are some new faces on your Board of Directors. Bill Carter, Roy Grubaugh, Elsa Caple and Brian Smith are new or returning members.

The officers are:

First VP:

Tom Eley

Second VP:

Brian Smith

(Buildings)

Third VP:

Charlie Beedle

(Grounds)

Secretary:

Beth Morrow

Treasurer:

Diana Leitch

Asst. Sec:

Roy Grubaugh

(Stocks)

Asst. Sec:

Delight Greenberg

(Leases)

The rest of the board is Jim Albrecht, Carl Ford, Howard Hubbard, Rick Vanek, and Tina Eley.

Don't forget about the holidays this coming year! We

had a great turnout for Labor Day. There always seems to be enough food for twice the people who show up. Laura & Charlie Beedle are hosting a Halloween Party in October and I will be hosting MID WINTER REUNION on Sunday, February 15th. Jon Silvis, president of the Son's of Union Veterans, Garfield Chapter and also great grandson of Jacob Gassner of Co. G, 103rd O.V.I., will be speaking about the Grand Army of the Republic, including what they accomplished for veterans after the Civil War ended.. Bring a dish to pass, dinner at 5:00pm, speaker at 3:30pm. Memorial Day and July 4th information will follow in the next edition.

Please stay in touch with the OVI, send your news to the Assembly Call, and have a great holiday season! Nancy Yahraus, President email: board@103ovi.org

From your 2008 S & D Presidents

Many, many thanks to EVERYONE that helped make the 103rd O.V.I.'s Camp week 100th Anniversary a fun and happy week. From pre-camp clean-up to the wienie roast everyone pitched in and made it memorable. There's just something about doing this work with the people that are doing it because they believe in it that makes it FUN. The humidity and aching limbs seem to disappear when we're all working together for the enjoyment of all who attend camp week. And let's not forget the most cooperative facet of this year's camp week - THE WEATHER! How beautiful was lounging, dancing, eating, and playing by the lake this year?!! There are just too many names to name, I doubt there was a single soul that didn't help at least one aspect of Camp week 2008, "Around the Grounds in 8 Days". Thanks to ALL, we had a BLAST! Bev Ritter and Heather Bemis

THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SONS' & DAUGHTERS' PRESIDENTS 2009:

Hi Everyone!

We hope this finds all of you enjoying the autumn weather wherever you may be. First, we'd like to thank Beverly and Heather for a Camp Week well done. Your planning and hard work was obvious and very appreciated, as a great time was had by all! You're a hard act to follow. Even though Camp Week '08 is only 4 months past, your new co-presidents, Carla Fritz and Holly Cjeka are busy working on next year's reunion. (Well, actually, I have to get over my depression from the Cubs being swept in post-season. Go Bears! THEN, I can get on with helping Carla to plan next Camp.) As you may or may not know, the theme for next year is "Fun and Games". We're going to include both physical and mental challenges for all ages. So, even if you think you're lacking in any way, don't fret! We want everyone to have fun! Another OVI football game is a must and square dancing with Elsie has consistently been requested along with the Swing band of course! We'll keep you posted on more fun next time. A big thanks to Gus & Darlene for putting on the Labor Day celebration, your time and efforts are appreciated! By the time you get this, the Oct. pancake breakfasts will have already happened. We hope the turnout was great. Thanks to all who volunteered. Don't forget Mid-Winter reunion. Just in case you can't remember what you volunteered for, we've included the slate for next year. So here's to everyone staying healthy and happy! Have a great "Indian Summer", and Happy Holidays in advance! Until the next edition,

Holly Cjeka - email - hollyberry5088@yahoo.com

Carla Fritz - email - letgoletgod04@yahoo.com

MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION PRESIDENT 2009:

Once again, Summer came and went too quickly. It was such a wonderful Camp Week...good weather, great food and so many friends and family to enjoy. It seems like next August is so far away, but it will arrive before we know it. Just think, by the time you read this we'll have, or be close to putting up, Christmas decorations!

We had our first Fall pancake breakfast in September and had a record crowd. We served a total of 344 people! Thanks to **all** who helped that day, especially those from out of state who happened to be at camp at the time, namely Rod & Shelle Knutson and Brad & Delight Greenburg and Debbie Dunn. Thanks to Leslie Bemis for holding a bake sale and donating all the proceeds to the Foundation. She baked and sold every last morsel.

The pancake breakfasts are a good money maker for the Foundation and help to pay the operating costs. Dues and donations also help to defray these expenses. I would like to encourage those of you who may not be a member to join us and help to carry on this precious legacy which we are so lucky to have.

The Foundation is in need of a Curator. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact me at 440-949-2760 or email me at clparker70@hotmail.com.

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THE ASSSEMBLY CALL

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I'd like to thank Todd Bemis, your past president, for his heartfelt dedication to the Foundation and the many objectives he accomplished. I'd like to think I could follow in his footsteps but my feet are smaller. I think I'll just do my very best.

Memorial Foundation Officers:

Connie Parker, President
Todd Bemis, Vice-President
Darlene Grubaugh, Secretary
Deb Wagner, Treasurer

Trustees

Bev Ritter (also in charge of our Pancake Breakfasts)
Emily Ritter
Sally Carter
Sharon Rusnak
Heather Bemis

I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season and may God bless you all today, tomorrow and always.

Connie Parker

VOLUNTEERS FOR CAMP WEEK 2009!

Pre Camp Week clean up:	Sue Carter, Edna Bemis, Tina & Tom Eley
Pre Camp Week Pot Luck:	Bill and Sally Carter
Chaplain:	Emily (Ritter) Gillilan
Daily Bugle:	Vicky Christian
Candy Stand:	The Greenberg, Dunn, and Morrow families
Dining Hall Captains:	Lunch: Polly and Jim Albrecht
	Dinner: Julie Piazza
Cashiers	Lunch: Holly Cjeka
	Dinner: Edna Bemis and Nancy Yahraus
Secretary (badges):	Heather (Morgan) Stelly, Claudia Vanek
Treasurer:	Diana Leitch
Teen Challenge:	Shaun and Megan (Kreibel) Ault
1st VP: Cottagers' Night / Monday:	Alex and Lisa Ford
2nd VP: Tuesday:	Bev Ritter
3rd VP: Wednesday:	Eric Wagner and teens; Brent, Laura, Marybeth and Derek
4th VP: Friday:	Swing Band
5th VP: Saturday night childrens' show:	Diana Leitch and Nancy Brehm
Childrens' Hour:	Cathy Wagner Huff
Saturday Night Dance:	The New OVI Band; Jerry Popiel, Rick Milasky, Chan Thompson, and Will Albrecht
Saturday Night Games:	Emily (Ritter) Gillilan
Bathroom Clean up:	STILL NEEDED!
Assembly Call:	Leslie Bemis

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2009 slate of volunteers for Camp Week:

Flag Lowering:

Sunday: Holly and Carla
Monday: Nancy Yahraus
Tuesday: Deb Wagner
Wednesday: Hubbard Family
Thursday: Ruth Wagner
Friday: Greenberg, Morrow, Dunn and Levin families
Saturday: Eric Wagner
Sunday: Holly and Carla

Memorial Service/Thursday: Edna Bemis
Saturday night wiener roast: Bill and Sally Carter
Labor Day: Darlene and Gus Grubaugh
Mid Winter reunion: Nancy Yahraus
Memorial Day: Elsa Caple and Nancy Yahraus
Camper registration: Deb Wagner
Sunday turkey sandwiches: Darlene and Gus Grubaugh
Card Party: Stephanie (Wagner) Nye

MESS HALL Captain: Jenifer Bemis

Breakfasts:

Monday: Lazards
Tuesday: Aults
Wednesday: Marybeth Leitch & Laura Brehm
Thursday: Andy Hubbard
Friday: Todd Bemis & Cliff Riedel
Saturday: Doug and Luanne Taylor and family

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FROM THE EDITOR:

Wow! What a great year it's been and 2009 promises to be even better! Whatever your situation, please try to take the week of August 8th —16th for next year's Camp Week! The new presidents have done a great job filling the slate.

We are still here in New Orleans. It's been a hectic year, but hasn't it been for just about everybody? We had a great few weeks at our cottage and loved seeing everyone. Our dogs, Oscar and Scooter did better this year; many thanks to Sophie Popiel for her help during Camp Week with her new dog-sitting business! We should have had all the pet owners register their animals for Camp Week, then we would have really made some extra money for the grounds!

Congratulations to Leslie Popiel for her new store in Lakewood—*Sweetie Pie Bakery*— opened in September!

Please send you news to me at: bemisrealestate@yahoo.com so I can include your news in the net edition. Articles are due **February 1st, 2009** at my email address.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!

Leslie Bemis, editor