

# Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

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1. Meeting Date Requested: 7 / 23 / 14

## 2. Nature of request

Session: ☒ Open ☐ Executive - justification required (see instructions.) Choose one:

Choose one:

Agenda header

(choose one): New Business/Request

Agenda item title (see instructions):

ONVAC Request

Action requested (choose one)

☐ Information only

☒ Action - please describe:

Needs Approval

## 3. Justification

Why BC action is required (see instructions):

Per Business Committee mandate for Quarterly Reports Schedule

## 4. Supporting Materials

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☒ Memo of explanation with required information (see instructions)

☐ Resolution ☐ Contract ☐ Report ☒ Other (please list):

1. Report for April, May, June 2014

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☐ Business Committee signature required

## 5. Submission Authorization

Authorized sponsor (choose one): Ed Delgado, Tribal Chairman

Requestor (if different from above):

Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional signature (as needed):

Name, Title / Dept.

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# ONEIDA NATION VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mike Hill, Chairman  
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**ONVAC April, May, June 2014**  
**3rdQUARTERLY REPORT**  
**Due July 15, 2014 submitted 7-14-14**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mike Hill

## ONVAC MEMBERS

**OFFICERS:** Mike Hill - Chairman  
Jim Martin – Vice Chairman,  
John Breuninger, Secretary

**MEMBERS:** Gerald Cornelius, Member  
Vacant, Member  
Kenneth House, Member  
Carol Silva, Board Member  
Arthur Cornelius, Member  
Nathan Smith, Member

**OBC LIAISON:** Edward Delgado  
Alternate: Vincent DelaRosa

## MINUTES

Meetings: April 8, 2014  
May 13. 2014  
June 10, 2014

### Some Summary points April 2014 through June 2014

- I. ONVAC – FY 2015 budget. Board members met with the Business Committee on June 23,2014 to review our proposed budget for FY 2015. We are requesting General Tribal Council to approve \$32,000 budget for ONVAC.
- II. Color Guard: ONVAC is presently working on Protocol for Honor/Color Guard.
- III. Wisconsin Veterans Museum.  
Chairwoman Metoxen is on the board and attends meeting 4 times per year. To date, Loretta has attended 2 meeting in 2014 and will bring back valuable information.

- IV. Continuing to work with the Veterans Service Office (VSO) on paver sales, reporting and monument upgrades. As of 7-11-14 there is a total of 160 pavers sold. We will continue to advertise in the Kalihwisaks.
- V. All Monument projects. ONVAC working with VSO and paver sales in order to proceed with monument projects such as:
- a. Boulder engraving;  
The boulder will has been moved to the flag pole area. Veterans Department has received the bids and a vendor has been selected. We are recommending putting on boulder: "Oneida Nation Veterans, On^yote>a'ka People of the Standing Stone." This item has been completed in April and will be removed from our agenda.
  - b. Monument signage; We have been trying to have State Green Highway signs put up for the Veterans Memorial prior to October 14, 2008. To date, we are still working on this project! VSO Director contacted the Rodney Hamilton, Department of Transportation requesting how to go about putting up signs identifying Oneida Nation Veterans Memorial Park. The State of Wisconsin stated they did not have jurisdiction. VSO officer then contacted the county and they stated they did not have jurisdiction. The signs have been reassigned to John Breuninger to work on. In June 2013, requested Tourism to work on having the high way signs put up.  
  
We would like to thank the Director of Tourism for all the work that the Department has done on improving the wall. Tourism will be putting up an eagle that looks like it is flying off the end of the wall with the wampum strings. This may be completed in the spring of 2014. Tourism is working with NWTC and the Botanical Garden to have a landscaping design created for the area and have some of the students move the plants. We are presently working with Tourism Department on the memorial site.
- VI. ONVAC working with Veterans Service Office to have Civil War headstones replaced at all local cemeteries. This is a continuing process.
- VII. ONVAC Members  
ONVAC has one term that needs to be filled. Presently, the Secretary's office is has posted the position which closed on July 11, 2014.

- VIII. Honoring the Oneida Code Talkers & Veterans Pow Wow  
ONVAC participated in Honoring the Oneida Code Talker Ceremony on May 23, 2014.  
ONVAC provided Tee shirts for the Code Talkers event.

The purpose of the Event was to move towards a community wide initiative to focus on two things:

- Recognizing and Honoring our Oneida Code Talkers and their descendants
- The Oneida Language

This item will be removed from ONVAC's agenda.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS AND TRAVEL**

Due to budget constraints, ONVCA has cancelled the Veteran's Pow-Wow for 2014.

### **PERSONAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

All Oneida veteran associations should work together. Discussion on all organizations utilizing the VFW building. We believe the Business Committee should consider discussing this with all the veteran organizations.

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Some current goals and objectives ONVAC has worked on in the past few months:

- Improve Oneida Veterans Services for Oneida Veterans
- Meet monthly with Oneida Nation's Veteran Service Director regarding Veterans issues and concerns

It is the Mission of ONVAC to ensure the Oneida Veterans are provided with quality service and assistance in the delivery of entitlement and benefits due the Oneida Veteran and their families. ONVAC accepts the responsibility to advocate for Oneida Veterans and their families, while protecting the integrity of the Veteran Community of the Oneida Nation

### **MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

ONVAC meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Oneida Veterans Office at 134 Riverdale Dr, Oneida. ONVAC continues to hold special meeting in order to address veteran or committee issues, even though we are not being reimbursed for a second meeting or special meetings. All meetings are open to the public.