

Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

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1. Meeting Date Requested: 4 / 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 - 2nd Quarterly Report January, February, March 2014

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 Report Schedule

4. Supporting Materials

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Memo of explanation with required information (see instructions)

Resolution Contract Report Other (please list):

1. 2nd Quarterly Report Jan, Feb, March 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): Mike Hill, Chairman ONVAC 4-10-14

Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional signature (as needed):

Name, Title / Dept.

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ONEIDA NATION VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Mike Hill, Vice-Chairman
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VSO DEPARTMENT
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ONVAC January, February, March 2014
2nd QUARTERLY REPORT
Due April 15, 2014 submitted 4-10-14

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Hill

ONVAC MEMBERS

OFFICERS: Vacant – Chairwoman
Mike Hill – Vice Chairman,
John Breuninger, Secretary

MEMBERS: Gerald Cornelius, Member
Clifford Doxtator , Member
Kenneth House, Member
Carol Silva, Board Member
Arthur Cornelius, Member
James Martin, Member
Nathan Smith, Member

OBC LIAISON: Edward Delgado
Alternate: Vincent DelaRosa

MINUTES

Meetings: January 7, 2014
February 11, 2014
March 11, 2014

Some Summary points January 2014 through March 2014

- I. ONVAC – FY 2014 budget process has begun and board member(s) will be attending the training for budget on April 9, 2014.
- 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 1 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 2-11-14 there is a total of 260 pavers sold. Only 2 more since last report. 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."

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 will be having 2 expired terms in May. Presently, the Secretary's office is has posted the positions which closed on March 28, 2014.

VIII. Honoring the Oneida Code Talkers & Veterans Pow Wow

On May 23, 2014, the Oneida Veterans Affairs Committee (ONVAC) will be assisting the Oneida Communications Department with an event to honor the Oneida Code Talkers.

An Event Committee has been formed and will have the participation of Chris Cornelius, Researcher of Code Talkers, Kerry Metoxen, Veterans Affairs Officer and John L. Breuninger, Secretary of ONVAC. Additional veterans and/or ONVAC members may also be added to the Committee.

The purpose of the Event is 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

and how these two elements contributed to the history of the Oneida People – On<yote>a=ka.

An Agenda will be posted in the Kalihwisaks for the day's events, indicating sites where each component of the day's events will take place, meals.

The date is set for Friday, May 23, 2014

Our goal is to create an awareness, show appreciation and honor four men who are named and any others that may have been overlooked or not known about, and to educate and promote a positive awareness about the Code Talkers.

Due to budget constraints, ONVCA has cancelled the Veteran's Pow-Wow for this year. ONVAC will be providing Tee shirts for the Code Talkers event only.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND TRAVEL

Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association-Oneida Chapter presented an evening with Diane Carlsen Evans, RN, Viet Nam Veteran at the Bingo Casino Convention Center. ONVAC members attended the presentation on March 7, 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.