

# Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

1. Meeting Date Requested: 10 / 22 / 14

2. Nature of request

Session:  Open     Executive - justification required. See instructions for the applicable laws that define what is considered "executive" information, then choose from the list:

Agenda Header (choose one): New Business/Request

Agenda item title (see instructions):

ONVAC - 4th Quarterly Report July, August, September 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

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1. Quarterly Report	3.
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Business Committee signature required

5. Submission Authorization

Authorized sponsor (choose one): Jenny Webster, Council Member

Requestor (if different from above): Mike Hill/cs Chairman, ONVAC  
Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

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# ONEIDA NATION VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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**ONVAC July, August, September 2014**  
**4th QUARTERLY REPORT – FY 2014**  
**Due Oct 14, 2014 submitted 10-10-14**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mike Hill

## ONVAC MEMBERS

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

**MEMBERS:** Gerald Cornelius, Member                      Arthur Cornelius, Member  
Kenneth House, Member                                      Carol Silva, Member  
Loretta V. Metoxen, Member  
Nathan Smith, Board Member

**OBC LIAISON:** Jennifer Webster  
Alternate: Fawn Billie

## MINUTES

Meetings: July 8, 2014  
Aug 12, 2014  
Sept 9, 2014

### Some Summary points July 2014 through Sept 2014

- I. ONVAC – FY 2015 budget. In January 2015 we will be requesting General Tribal Council to approve \$34,000 budget for ONVAC. We believe in FY 2014 budget we have been fiscally responsible and we should have a savings. We did not have a Veterans Day Pow Wow due to cost containment.
- II. Color Guard: ONVAC is presently working on Protocol for Honor/Color Guard. The Business Committee approved ONVAC was attended the Color Guard request for Indian Summer in September 2014. Five members attended for a cost of \$2,530.30. We previously requested nine members to attend. We had another cost savings.

III. Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

Loretta V. Metoxen is on the Veterans Museum board and attends meeting 4 times per year. To date, Loretta has attended 3 meeting in 2014. On Sept 4, 2014 Loretta Metoxen attended the Development Committee meeting. This Committee is in charge of seeking funds from private donors, corporations and individuals to match those which are appropriated by the Wisconsin State legislature to construct the New Veterans Museum now in the planning stages. Loretta's contribution is largely tied to communication with all Wisconsin Tribes. In addition, Loretta attend the regular Wisconsin Veterans Museum Foundation board meeting. Loretta was appointed to this board by the Veterans Secretary Scocos. To date, ONVAC budget has been paying her travel.

IV. Continuing to work with the Veterans Service Office (VSO) on paver sales, reporting and monument upgrades. As of 10-2-14 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. 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 now has a complete board with the next terms expiring in September 2015.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Due to budget constraints, ONVCA has cancelled the Veteran's Pow-Wow for 2014. Hopefully, in 2015, if the budget allows, we will again have the Veterans Pow-Wow.

### **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.