

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 1 / 27 / 16

2. General Information:

Session: Open Executive - See instructions for the applicable laws, then choose one:

Agenda Header:

Accept as Information only

Action - please describe:

3. Supporting Materials

Report Resolution Contract

Other:

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Business Committee signature required

4. Budget Information

Budgeted - Tribal Contribution Budgeted - Grant Funded Unbudgeted

5. Submission

Authorized Sponsor / Liaison:

Primary Requestor:

Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor:

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6. Cover Memo:

Describe the purpose, background/history, and action requested:

Per Business Committee Mandate for Quarterly Report Schedule. Requesting approval of 1st Quarterly Report.

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1st QUARTERLY REPORT – FY 2016 October, November, December 2015

SUBMITTED BY: ONVAC CHAIRMAN, Mike Hill

ONVAC MEMBERS

OFFICERS: Mike Hill - Chairman
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Alternate: Fawn Billie

Purpose: The purpose of the ONVAC is to serve as an advisory body to the Oneida Veterans Service Office in all matters related to the Oneida Tribe veteran's rights and benefits and veterans affairs issues, and to protect the honor and integrity of the Oneida Tribe and all veterans who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces. It shall be the purpose of the ONVAC to provide advice and constructive input to the veterans Service Office Director on all veterans' affairs and/or issues in order that the Office can formulate veteran services and programs for the Oneida Veterans. ONVAC coordinates veteran events with the assistance of the Veterans Service Office and other organized groups that are representatives of Oneida Veterans and the Oneida Tribe.

- I. Budget: ONVAC had a positive variance due to cost containment, good stewardship by the Committee and vacation and medical absences from our Committee meetings throughout the year.
Our Committee paid close attention to our overall Budget throughout the year and as most other Business Units did, we always remained within our spending parameters.
- II. A sub-committee of the ONVAC members has been established for the purpose of: 1) reviewing and recommending appropriate modifications to the ONVAC By-Laws as changes may have occurred within our Community and with our military men and women returning home from active duty with new issues affecting them individually or with their families. 2) we have introduced the idea of an Oneida Nation Flag Policy,

which has been undertaken by the Legislative Operating Committee, with assistance from the ONVAC members. Furthermore, we will establish and recommend a Color Guard and Flag Protocol once the Nation's Flag Policy is implemented. 3) develop, recommend and implement an ONVAC Policy and Procedure for responding to financial support requests from veterans, community members, tribal organizations, etc., and, to coordinate our efforts within FY 2016.

- III. Damage to the Spirit of the Northwest Statue in Green Bay. ONVAC Secretary is presently working with the Legislative Affairs Office on this issue. We anticipate a response from the City of Green Bay and/or Brown County within the Month of January.
- IV. Elderly Hunting: The ONVAC Chairman presented an opportunity for Oneida Elders to possibly participate in a free hunting outing and he will follow up with the provider. He has personally participated in this opportunity and it was a positive experience. A letter was drafted to the Oneida Conservation Department requesting that they look into this opportunity for our Oneida Elders.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ONVAC Members has been requested to provide a Color Guard Unit for the Washington University in St. Louis on April 8 & 9th, 2016. A procedural exception will be submitted to the Business Committee for 7 ONVAC members. Final arrangements including funding for food, lodging and transportation costs by the University have not been completed. Everything will be included within our OBC presentation.

The ONVAC remains engaged in extracurricular activities within our Oneida Community and have assisted the Veterans Service Officer with two All Veterans Meetings, celebration meals, etc. Attendance at these events have been very good and it is great to have our Community Veterans participating in these events, along with their respective families.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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 Drive, Oneida.

ONVAC also holds "special meetings" as appropriate, to conduct business on issues of immediate concern and/or is directed by the Oneida Business Committee.

All meetings are open to the public.

