

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 3 / 1 / 18

2. General Information:

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

Agenda Header:

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Action - please describe:

Requesting approval of ONVAC 1st Quarterly Report - October, November, December 2017

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/Submitter: Jim Martin, Chairman
Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor: John Breuninger, Secretary
Name, Title / Dept.

Additional Requestor: _____
Name, Title / Dept.

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6. Cover Memo:

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

Purpose: Per the Comprehensive Police governing Boards, Committee, and Commissions.

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Kerry Metoxen – Veterans Service Officer

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Gerald Cornelius, Vice Chairman
John L. Breuninger, Secretary
Arthur Cornelius
Floyd J. Hill II
Kenneth House
Benjamin Skenandore
Nathan Smith
Carol Silva

MEETINGS: Oct 10, 2017
Nov 14, 2017
Dec 12, 2017

Purpose: The purpose of the Oneida Veterans Advisory Committee (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.

Summary Points: 1st Quarterly Report: Oct 2017 thru December 2017

ONVAC is requesting to participate in the National Native American Memorial Dedication in Washington DC in 2020. Per Business Committee member request, this item will be brought up at every quarterly meeting for the purpose of notification that we (ONVAC) will be requesting additional resources in our FY 2020 Budget request. We will obtain cost estimates for trip for our nine member Committee and include them in our next Quarterly Report.

BUDGET: As of December 2017, ONVAC has spent approximately \$1,293.00 which is in compliance with our approved budget. Majority of our spending is in the 3rd and 4th quarter. ONVAC member attended the requested budget meetings.

- ONVAC was represented at the 10-5-17 Budget meeting at Elderly Services.
- FY2019 Budget – Per Treasurers request, ONVAC was represented at the Community Informational meetings on September 28th at NHC, Business Committee Conference Room, October 5th meeting at the Elderly Meal Site and the and October 6th at the Radisson.
- Nov 30th ONVAC was represented at the “Community Budget Input Session” FY 2019 at Radisson Hotel & Conference. It is the intent of our Committee to work with the Budget Office and remain current with all of the budget formulation requirements.

JOSIAH POWLESS MEMORIAL: The ONVAC has included the grandchildren of Dr. Powless (Roy Huff and Betty Bins) in several meetings within which the proposed memorial has been discussed.

John Breuninger is following up with 2-3 monument companies to get bids for a comparable marker. Once the costs, location and proposed implementation are completed, the family will be notified and invited back to our next ONVAC meeting for their input on the inscription. We are also considering a very large “arrowhead shaped stone” which may be available at a reasonable price and we wish to have this stone mounted within a designed Memorial Wall site with future inscriptions/recognitions affixed upon the stone. ONVAC discussed this option very thoroughly and decided to have the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) follow-up on the actual cost as well as the associated movement and placement costs. In addition, we will have to decide on the type of plaque(s) to be placed on the stone as well as those associated costs.

Finally, still working on the previous medal to upgrade to Medal of Honor for Dr. Josiah Powless, this is a very timely process which may take approximately 5 years to complete. Kerry Metoxen, VSO reported that the Application Process for the “upgrade” of the Dr. Powless Award was submitted and the application was returned because it did not fall within the original timeline. Therefore, Mr. Metoxen resent the application to start the process over. The request went to the Records Retrieval storage area in St. Louis. Regarding the proposed “monument” Mr. Breuninger will get a final bid from Mark Pasowicz and then we can start raising the necessary funding for the monument. The family members will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the location and the wording and picture to be placed on the memorial stone. The ONVAC voted to locate the monument adjacent to the Memorial Wall and will finalize this discussion with the family.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: ONVAC continues to work with the VSO on the following items :

1. The development and implementation of an Oneida Veteran Data Base. Our intent is to get an accurate as possible listing of all of our Oneida Veterans. The Trust/Enrollment Committee denied our request to add a box on the Per Capita forms. Therefore, ONVAC & the Veterans department will be working on a mail out to all 18 years and older Tribal members requesting their response of they individually and/or any household members who may have served in any of the United States Armed Services and can prove so by providing a DD-214 (discharge paper).
2. Assisting our Communities’ Veterans and Veteran Organizations.
3. Continuous upgrading and maintenance on the Veteran’s Memorial Site along HWY 54. The ONVAC wishes to thank the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Tourism Department for their continued support with our efforts. We would also like to recognize Mick Davister a non-Native Veteran who assists with maintaining the park site on a voluntary basis.
4. Selling and acquiring and installation of “pavers” for Veterans at the Memorial Site. As of 10-10-17 we have a total of 279 pavers.
5. ONVAC continues to work with the VSO to have all Civil War headstones replaced at all local cemeteries. This is a continuing process.

6. The ONVAC and VSO continue to collaborate with all of the Oneida Veterans Organizations in serving as Honor and Color Guards for GTC and other Organizational Meetings, external Veterans Activities, meetings, funerals, etc.
7. ONVAC and the VSO are also communicating and coordinating Veteran Events with the SEOTS Veterans organization.
8. ONVAC is working on updating the bylaws due to the new Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commission.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ONVAC remains engaged in extracurricular activities within our Oneida Community and have assisted the Veterans Service Officer with 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.

- A Wild Game Feast was held on November 21, 17 and it was a well received community event.
- Participated in Meet and Greet with Congressman Mark Gallagher on Nov 7th at the Radisson
- Color Guard Requests: November 7th for the Indigenous Nations Food Summit and the second on November 15 for the National Native Nurses Meeting. Both at the Radisson and ONVAC will cover both requests.
- Honor Flights: Badger Honor Flights from Green Bay and Milwaukee will continue later in the year and the Organization is requesting someone from Oneida to sit on the Honor Flights Board. ONVAC felt that Kerry Metoxen should be the Oneida Representative.
- ONVAC participated in decorating a tree on the bridge on Hwy 54.
- A Tree Lighting Ceremony the VSO and ONVAC provided hot dogs and chili as well as hot coffee, chocolate and apple cider. Opening Night was spectacular and all of our food and drink was “sold-out.” Hot dogs and chili bowl will be \$1 each and the drinks are free. Raised \$300 and money given to Recreation for Breakfast with Santa. ONVAC members assisted in with this community event.
- A Color Guard request was sent from the Oneida Nation High School for the opening basketball game, however, this request was CANCELLED.

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.

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