

# Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

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1. Meeting Date Requested: 2 / 26 / 14

## 2. Nature of request

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

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Agenda header

(choose one): New Business/Request

Agenda item title (see instructions):

ONVAC - Quarterly Report October, November, December 2013.

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. Report for October, November, December 2013

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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 - ONVAC Vice Chairman

Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

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# ONEIDA NATION VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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**ONVAC Oct, Nov, Dec 2013**  
**QUARTERLY REPORT**  
**Due January 14, 2014 submitted 2-6-14**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mike Hill

## ONVAC MEMBERS

**OFFICERS:** Loretta V. Metoxen – Chairwoman  
Mike Hill – Vice Chairman,  
John Breuninger, Secretary

**MEMBERS:** Gerald Cornelius, Member  
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James Martin, Member  
Carol Silva, Board Member

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

## MINUTES

Meetings: Oct 8, 2013  
Nov 12, 2013  
Dec 10, 2013

### Some Summary points Oct 2013 through Dec 2013

- I. ONVAC – FY 2014 budget was approved on 21 September 2013
- 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 4 meeting and brings back valuable information.

IV. Continuing to work with the Veterans Service Office (VSO) on paver sales, reporting and monument upgrades. As of 6-28-13 there is a total of 258 pavers sold. Only 4 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 have been moved to the flag pole area. Veterans Department is working on obtaining 3 bids for the wording which will be put on the boulder. 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 1 expired term and 2 will be expired in May. Presently, the Secretary's office is in process of posting the positions.

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 and a Veteran's Pow-Wow as the conclusion of the Event.

**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.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS AND TRAVEL**

TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON DC. SEE ARTICLE THAT WAS REPORTED ON IN THE KALIHWISAKS.

### **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.