

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 1 / 26 / 17

2. General Information:

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

Agenda Header:

☐ Accept as Information only

☐ Action - please describe:

Requesting approval for Oneida Nation Veterans Advisory Committee (ONVAC) 1st Quarterly Report - October, November, December 2016.

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:
Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

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Michael Hill – Chairman
James Martin – Vice Chairman
John L. Breuninger, Secretary
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Gerald Cornelius
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Kenneth House
Nathan Smith
Carol Silva

Kerry Metoxen – Veterans Service Officer
Carolyn Miller – Benefits Specialist
Jennifer Webster – OBC Liaison

ONVAC

1st Quarterly Report
Oct, Nov, Dec 2016
Due Jan 17, 2017

MEETINGS: October 11, 2016
November 8, 2016
December 13, 2016

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.

Summary Points October 2016 thru December 2016

BUDGET: As of December 31, 2016, ONVAC has spent approximately \$1,200.00 which is in compliance with the Treasure's Memorandum regarding FY2017 budget. At the time of this submission, the December R&E has not been received and this amount is an estimate.

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. We are working on information for an engraved plaque, and/or a "head-stone" type monument similar in comparison of the one for Dr. Minoka Hill, currently located at the Oneida Community Health Center. Presently working with the Health Center Executive Committee on this project.

In addition, still working on the previous medal to upgrade to Medal Of Honor. Takes approximately 5 years to go thru the process. John L. Breuninger to continue to work on this project.

LAND MANAGEMENT: ONVAC & Veterans Service Officer, Mr. Kerry Metoxen are still working with Land Management regarding transferring or allocating the Veterans Memorial site to the Veterans Department. The Oneida Land Commission has approved this transfer of land and the necessary paperwork is currently being completed by the Land Management staff.

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

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.
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.
4. Selling and acquiring and installation of "pavers" for Veterans at the Memorial Site. As of 4-12-16 we have a total of 247 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WILD GAME FEAST: Mr. George Greendeer met the necessary criteria, was selected and actually had a successful "bear hunt" in September. On November 22, 2016 the Oneida Nations Veterans hosted a "Wild Game Feast" for the Oneida Community. The menu consisted of Bear meat donated by Mr. Greendeer, Venison, Duck, Goose, fry bread, corn soup and multiple desserts. Many Community members donated and participated in the Feast.

The ONVAC prepared food boxes for fourteen of our Veterans who are currently in the Anna John Nursing Home. These boxes were delivered personally to our "vets" by our members.

With the positive action by the ONVAC, VSO, Oneida Business Committee and the Legislative Operating Committee, the Oneida Nation Flag Policy is now ready for OBC approval. Our “thanks” go to all who have been involved in this most important legislation. Implementation plans will begin ASAP and the Veteran’s Flag Protocol will also be developed ASAP.

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.

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.