

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 4 / 27 / 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:

Approval for report, a quarterly report is required of the Oneida Nation Veterans Advisory Committee to the Oneida Business Committee.

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: Mike Hill - Chairman
Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

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

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6. Cover Memo:

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

Per Business Committee Mandate attached is the 2nd Quarterly Report for your approval.

- 1) Save a copy of this form for your records.
- 2) Print this form as a *.pdf *OR* print and scan this form in as *.pdf.
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Oneida Nation
Veterans Affairs Committee



April 10, 2017

Due April 18, 2017

Oneida Business Committee

ONVAC 2nd Quarter Report

MEETINGS:

JANUARY 17, 2017, FEBRUARY 22, 2017, MARCH 14, 2017

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:

BUDGET: As per the OBC's Fiscal Year 2017 directive, the ONVAC has remained well within the budget guidelines. The March 2017 R & E has not been received as of this writing and the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

was passed by the GTC in April, so our next Report will provide an “up-to-date” balance of our actual budget.

JOSIAH POWLESS MEMORIAL: The ONVAC has made the determination to place a Memorial Marker at the Oneida Community Health Center in Honor of Dr. Josiah Powless, located within a “garden and walk” area currently under design. The ONVAC is further pursuing cost estimates for the development of the monument. The Memorial Marker will be somewhat comparable with the Monument currently at the Oneida Community Health Center in Honor of Dr. Minoka Hill. The ONVAC is including the immediate family members (two grandchildren) in the actual placement and wording to be placed upon the Monument. Fund raising efforts will begin soon so the Memorial can be designed, inscribed and installed.

Furthermore, the ONVAC has begun the official request process to the United States Congress for an up-grade of Dr. Powless’ Distinguished Service Cross to the Congressional Medal of Honor. This process may take up to 5 years to be officially approved by the Congress.

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. Currently, there are 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

- With the positive action by the ONVAC, VSO, Oneida Business Committee and the Legislative Operating Committee, the Oneida Nation Flag Policy is now adopted into Oneida Law. 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.
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- Seven Oneida Nation Veterans Affairs Committee members and the Veterans Service Officer attended the 72nd Anniversary of Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony in Phoenix, Arizona from February 23-26, 2017. Our members also participated in the presentation of an Eagle Feather and a Pendleton Blanket to the Gila River Indian Communities' Governor, Steven Lewis. A brief, Traditional Ceremony was conducted by a Gila River Traditional Leader and it was an Honor to Represent the Oneida Nation at that ceremony.
- Met with representative from OTIE, who made a verbal and visual presentation on the status of the OTIE and the Oneida Engineering, Science and Construction (OESC) holding company as owned by the Oneida Nation. Informed ONVAC that OESC has provided sponsorship resources for a Military/Veteran's Pavilion at the LPGA Event in July and would like our assistance in providing the best possible venue for our Military /Veteran constituents.
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- The Tribal Affairs Office has requested the ONVAC Members be present at a Recognition Day for outgoing Congressman Reed Ribble. The event will be hosted by the OBC in their Conference. All available ONVAC Members attended to represent the Oneida Nation Veterans.
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- HUD/BASH: Requested by the OBC in our last quarterly meeting, we would like to report that there are currently two (2) Oneida homeless veterans active within the program with an additional ten (10) being processed. Unfortunately, this is a "timely process" and work continues to assist all of the eligible applicants.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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- 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

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MEETING REQUIREMENTS

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- ONVAC meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Oneida Veterans Office at 134 Riverdale Drive, Oneida.
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- ONVAC also holds “special meetings” as appropriate, to conduct business on issues of immediate concern and/or is directed by the Oneida Business Committee.
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- All meetings are open to the public.
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