

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 7 / 27 / 17

2. General Information:

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3. Supporting Materials

Report Resolution Contract

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Budgeted - Tribal Contribution

Budgeted - Grant Funded

Unbudgeted

5. Submission

Authorized Sponsor / Liaison:

Primary Requestor/Submitter: Jim Martin, Vice Chairman
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Additional Requestor: John Breuninger, Secretary
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6. Cover Memo:

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MEETINGS: April 10, 2017
May 9, 2017
June 13, 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 April 2017 thru June 2017

BUDGET: As of May 2017, ONVAC has spent approximately \$16,217.00 which is in compliance with the Treasure’s Memorandum regarding FY2017 budget. Due to the 2017 budget not being approved by GTC until March 2017, our budget will be underspent. At the time of this submission, June’s 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.

Met with the Director of the Oneida Comprehensive Health Center’s Director, Mrs. Debbie Danforth and Michelle Danforth-Anderson, Oneida Tourism Director and has been provided a proposal for the installation of a “garden” and a “walkway” adjacent to the entrance of the facility. The pre-design has already been completed and all are in favor of placing a memorial marker, similar to the Dr. Minoka Hill marker that already exists, in recognition of Dr. Josiah Powless. No discussion has occurred as of yet regarding the generation of resources to purchase

a marker nor the exact location within the garden/walkway. 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.

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 was 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. This item has been completed.

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. The Trust/Enrollment Committee denied our request to add a box on the Per Capita forms. Therefore, ONVAC & Veterans department will be working on a mail out to all 18years and older requesting if they are a veteran.
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 7-10-17 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 which are presently on the LOC agenda
9. Benjamin Skenandore and Carol Silva have been appointed to the ONVAC by the OBC and Mike Hill has been replaced. New ONVAC Officers will be elected in July 2017.

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.

- **CODE TALKERS DAY” Golf Outing:** John Breuninger has scheduled the golf outing for Friday, May 26th (the Friday before Memorial day). All ONVAC members collected raffle prizes as soliciting Hole Sponsors at \$130.00 per hole. The exact format for the golf outing was a four-person, blind draw scramble and began at 8:00 AM. The event was a complete success with 90 players participating and over \$4,000 in prize donations were awarded. We look forward to another great event in the coming year.

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.