

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 10 / 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:

Approval of of Report. A quarterly report is required of the Oneida 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:

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6. Cover Memo:

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

Purpose: Per Business Committee Mandate attached is the 4th 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.
- 3) E-mail this form and all supporting materials in a **SINGLE** *.pdf file to: BC_Agenda_Requests@oneidanation.org

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MEETINGS: July 10, 2017
Aug 8, 2017
Sept 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: July 2017 thru Sept 2017

ONVAC is requesting to participate in the National Native American Memorial Dedication in Washington DC in 2020. We bring this up now for the purpose of notification that we (ONVAC) will be requesting additional resources in our FY 2020 Budget request. However, we are also engaged with multiple fund raising efforts to help of-set the costs of travel for our Committee members.

BUDGET: As of August 2017, ONVAC has spent approximately \$17,507.00 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. In addition, the Finance Offices is requiring a deadline to submit invoices until August 19, 2017 and no new purchase order made after August 18, 2017. This means approximately another 40 days not utilizing the budget. At the time of this submission, September’s R&E has not been received and this positive variance will increase.

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. The application process for the “upgrade” was submitted and the application was returned because it did again. The request went to the Records Retrieval storage area in St. Louis. John L. Breuninger to continue to work on this project.

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 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. 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 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 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.

- The Veterans Service Office hosted an Eagle Feather Presentation Ceremony on August 24th for Josh Doxtator, Janice Hirth, Jeff House and Terry Cornelius. The intent is to recognize these individuals for their support to veterans in association with the 1st LPGA Golf Classic at Thornberry Creek at Oneida in July.
- On Friday, August 11th, Congressman Gallagher attended the Veteran's Breakfast. The newly inaugurated OBC Chairman and Council were invited to participate.
- Color Guard for Oneida Pow-Wow
- Color Guard at GTC Meetings
- Color Guard at Inauguration Ceremony
- Color Guard for the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (ALANTA) 2017 National Conference Center for September 11-14, 2017.

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.