

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 8 / 23 / 18

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 Veteran's 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/Submitter:

Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor:

Name, Title / Dept.

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James Martin, Chairman
Gerald Cornelius, Vice Chairman
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Floyd J. Hill II
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Benjamin Skenandore
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Carol Silva

A good mind. A good heart. A strong fire.

Kerry Metoxen – Veterans Service Officer
Jennifer Webster – Primary Liaison
Lisa Summers – Alternate
Daniel Guzman – Alternate



MEETINGS: April 10, 2018
May 8, 2018
June 12, 2018

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: 3rd Quarterly Report: April 2018 thru June 2018

ONVAC is requesting to participate in the National Native American Memorial Dedication in Washington DC in 2020. Per Business Committee member request, this item will be brought up at every quarterly meeting for the purpose of notification that we (ONVAC) will be requesting additional resources in our FY 2020 Budget request. We estimate the cost as an additional \$15,000 in the budget for participation in this event for our nine member Committee.

BUDGET: As of June 2018, ONVAC has approximately \$26,091 remaining. We are in compliance with our approved budget. Majority of our spending is in the 3rd and 4th quarter. ONVAC member has been attending the requested budget meetings.

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. Furthermore, we are 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. Kerry Metoxen, VSO reported that the Application Process for the "upgrade" of the Dr. Powless Award was submitted and the application was returned because it did not fall within the original timeline. Mr. Metoxen resent the application to start the process over. The request went to the

Records Retrieval storage area in St. Louis. Regarding the proposed “monument” Mr. Breuninger will get a final bid from Mark Pasowicv. The family members will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the location and the wording and picture to be placed on the memorial stone. The ONVAC voted to locate the monument adjacent to the Memorial Wall and will finalize this discussion with the family. All members of the ONVAC will be “sketching out” an individual plan proposal for the future development of the Memorial Wall site.

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 their response of the individually and/or any household members who may have served in any of the United States Armed Services and can prove so by providing a DD-214 (discharge paper).
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 6-19-18 we have a total of 289 pavers installed.
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.

- In April invited Museum Director to Breakfast at the Veterans Department to make a presentation to the attendees regarding an up-coming “veterans” display/exhibit at the museum.
- Members attended Legislative Operating Committee held meeting held in April regarding the Boards, Committee and Commissions policy.
- Met on June 19^h with the Museum Director regarding update on the Veterans exhibit.
- Color Guard Requests: On May 13, members attended Reflections of Viet Nam at the Oneida Nation High School.
- Presently working on contacting Trust/Enrollment Committee with options that may be allowed to put a question regarding if members are veterans. We would like to put on the Per Capita forms for 2019. This would save money for the Tribe instead of 2 mail outs.
- Code Talker’s Day Golf Outing. ONVAC hosted the 2nd Annual Code Talkers Day (Holiday) Golf Tournament at Thornberry Creek at Oneida Golf Course. Another outstanding community celebration and event centered around the game of golf on Friday, May 25, 2018. We had another successful celebration.

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.