

# 2019 1st Quarter Report (Oct '18 - Dec '18)

## Oneida Nation Veterans Advisory Committee (ONVAC)

Approved by official entity action on: February 28, 2019  
Submitted by James Martin & John Breuninger

### Board, Committee, or Commission Members

| Name and Title                  | Oneida Nation Email | Term Expiration Date |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| James Martin, Chairman          | To be determined    | 2-28-2019            |
| Gerald Cornelius, Vice Chairman | To be determined    | 12-31-2021           |
| John Breuninger, Secretary      | To be determined    | 12-31-2021           |
| Arthur Cornelius                | To be determined    | 12-31-2020           |
| Floyd Hill II                   | To be determined    | 2-24-2019            |
| Kenneth House                   | To be determined    | 2-24-2019            |
| Benjamin J. Skenandore          | To be determined    | 12-31-2020           |
| Dale Webster                    | To be determined    | 12-31-2021           |
| Carol Silva                     | To be determined    | 12-31-2020           |

### OBC Liaison(s)

Jennifer Webster, Primary Liaison

Lisa Summers, Alternate

Daniel Guzman, Alternate

[Click here to enter OBC Liaison name.](#)

### Meetings

Held every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Location: Veterans Services Department, 134 Riverdale Dr. Oneida WI

Time: 5:00 PM

[Click here to list any Emergency Meetings that were held including the date, time, and the basis of the emergency for each meeting](#)

### Accomplishments

Please provide details of what the entity has accomplished that quarter, including any special events held during the reporting period and any travel by the members and/or staff.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENT #1

Summary:

ONVAC remains engaged in extracurricular activities with our Oneida Community and have assisted the Veterans Service Officer with Veteran 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

Impact:

Promotion of the Oneida Nation by providing support to the Oneida Community by providing services.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENT #2

Summary:

Wild Game Feast: The Veterans Service Office once again sponsored a Wild Game Feast in November. ONVAC members assisted with all aspects of the meal which was attended by approximately 120 people (hunters, veterans, families, community members and guests. There was ample food and everyone enjoyed the event.

Furthermore, ONVAC members assisted the Oneida Conservation Department with manpower support to the Deer Registration Facility. This was a new opportunity and was enjoyed by all that participated.

Impact: Promotion of the Oneida Nation by providing support to the Oneida Community by providing services.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENT #3

Summary:

This quarter we had one vacancy on the Committee. OBC appointed the incumbent who was sworn in on November 13, 2008

Impact:

None interruptions of any services requested to community

#### Accomplishment #4

Summary:

Submitted draft ONVAC bylaws to LRO for their review.

Impact: Compliance with directive to update laws to be consistent with all Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

#### Accomplishment #5

##### Summary:

For the second consecutive year, the ONVAC supported the Community Christmas Bridge and Tree lighting by sponsoring a tree as well as provided hot dogs, chili and three hot drinks. We began the evening by charging \$1 for a hot dog and \$1 for a bowl of chili but soon found that community members were donating financial support to the initiative so we stopped selling and provided the remainder of the food and drink items FREE to everyone. We actually collected \$304.00. A catastrophic tragedy occurred within the Oneida Community where a young family lost their home and everything in it along with two cars, so the ONVAC decided to donate the \$304.00 to the family and we were graciously blessed by the VFW and WIVA with \$100 donations each, so the Oneida Veterans Community contributed \$504.00 to the family to assist them with regaining their lives as they started over in acquiring a place to live along with a complete start-up of their household and transportation.

##### Impact:

Promotion of the Oneida Nation by providing support to the Oneida Community by providing services.

## Goals

**Please provide details of the entity's long-term goals, the entity's goals for the next quarter, and projected quarterly activities.**

#### LONG-TERM GOAL #1

Still Working on the previous medal to upgrade to Medal of Honor for Dr. Josiah Powless. 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. Kerry Metoxen resent the application to start the process over. The request went to the Records Retrieval storage area in St. Louis. Furthermore, the ONVAC is developing a project which will provide a monument in recognition of Dr. Josiah Powless in the Veterans Memorial Park on Hwy 54.

##### Update on Goal:

This is a very timely process which may take approximately 5 years to complete

#### LONG-TERM GOAL #2

ONVAC is working with George Greendeer, Commander of the Wisconsin Purple Heart Association to develop and establish a Purple Heart Memorial within the Oneida Veterans Memorial Park on Hwy 54.

The ONVAC has the Memorial Park as our responsibility to care for and we are therefore, continuously attempting to upgrade the Park with additional memorials, a pavilion and other amenities to be enjoyed by the veterans and the public.

##### Update on Goal:

This goal is a project in motion, which we will continue to provide additional amenities as appropriate.

### QUARTERLY GOAL #1

Continue Color guard duties and providing community support for events, conferences, meetings, GTC meetings, funerals, etc.

This goal supports our overall mission as well as our goal to continue to provide services to our community as well as to other entities who may request our support and/or services.

Update on Goal:

This goal is also a continuous process.

### QUARTERLY GOAL #2

The ONVAC will be participating in the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Iwo Jima Flag Raising Ceremony and Parade in Sacaton, Arizona on February 23, 2019

Our strategic goal is to provide support and services to “other” veteran entities as requested. We do not do this on an annual basis, but approximately every three or four years.

Update on Goal:

All arrangements are made and eight of our nine member Committee will be participating. (The ninth has a medical issue which, will not allow his participation this year).

### QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES

[Click here to enter a projected quarterly activity](#)

Update on Activities:

[Click here to enter an update on your projected quarterly activities – less than 200 words](#)

## **Budget**

**Please provide the amount of the entity’s budget, the status of the budget at that quarter, the amount of each stipend a member may be eligible to receive, how the budget is being utilized by the entity and projected budgetary uses for the next quarter.**

|   |          |        |
|---|----------|--------|
| Total Budget for FY-2019                              | Value A: | 30,424 |
| Status of Budget at 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter -Dec 2019 | Value B: | 2,837  |

| Stipend Type                                   | Stipend Amount 75.00 Oct – Dec 2018 |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Meeting  | 1.800                               |
| Joint Meeting                                  | 0                                   |
| Judiciary Hearings                             | 0                                   |
| Hearings of Boards, Committees, or Commissions | 0                                   |

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|---------------------------|---|
| Conferences and Trainings | 0 |
| Miscellaneous             | 0 |

#### Budget Utilization

The budget is in compliance with our approved budget from GTC on Dec 2018. Majority of our spending is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

#### Projected budgetary uses for the next quarter

Projected expenses for next quarter will be color guard duties expenses, uniforms and stipends.

### Requests

In 2019 ONVAC will request Oneida Business Committee approval to increase the budget by \$15,000, for one year only, to allow the ONVAC to participate in the Native American Veterans Dedication in Washington DC, on May 2020. Per Business Committee member request, this item will be brought up at every quarterly meeting for purpose of notification that we are requesting this travel. Item has been on report since 1st Quarter 2017.

### Other

The ONVAC sincerely appreciates the Oneida Business Committee for supporting our request to attend this year's Ira Hayes event in Arizona. We would also like to thank our OBC Liaison, Jenny Webster for providing support and encouragement to our Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

The ONVAC