

# 2020 report template

For Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs)

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## ONEIDA NATION VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### **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.

### **BCC Members**

Gerald Cornelius,  
Chairman  
12-31-2021

George Greendeer  
Board Member  
12-31-2022

Floyd Hill II,  
Vice Chairman  
12-31-2022

Kenneth House  
Board Member  
12-31-2022

John L. Breuninger  
Secretary  
12-31-2021

Benjamin Skenandore  
Board Member  
12-31-2020

Arthur Cornelius  
Board Member  
12-31-2020

Dale Webster  
Board Member  
12-31-2021

Carol Silva  
Board Member  
12-31-2020

### **Substantiated Complaints (if applicable)**

Per § 105.12-4.(a) of the [Boards, Committees and Commissions law](#), annual and semi-annual reports shall contain information on the number of substantiated complaints against all members of the entity.

Per § 105.3-1.(q) a “Substantiated complaint” means a complaint or allegation in a complaint that was found to be valid by clear and convincing evidence.

NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS:

[Click here to enter # of complaints](#)

### **Meetings**

Held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Emergency Meetings: [Click here to enter any emergency meetings that were held during the reporting period and the reason for the meeting](#)

### **Contact Info**

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### **Status report of Three-Year Outcomes/Goals**

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#### Outcome/Goal # 1

Engage Community with services provided and develop a positive relationship with the Oneida Community.

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Responsiveness - Availability to the public and timeous reaction to the needs and opinions of the public

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

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 is area to have our Community Veterans participating in these events, along with their respective families. Provided support to many ceremonies, funerals, and conferences being held throughout the Tribe, including Milwaukee and other states based upon request and approval by the Oneida Business Committee. ONVAC participated in color guard for the GTC meetings, NEW North Summit, Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference, Department Workforce Development Conference. ONVAC participated in the 2021 the Community Budget input session for Fiscal Year 2021, participated in the 3rd Annual Wild Game Feast, and provided 500 hotdogs/chili, drinks for community members for the "Lighting of the Bridgeway". At a BC meeting ONVAC presented an Eagle Feather to Mr. Gordon Mclester for service and dedication to the Oneida Nation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

In the future, GTC can expect ONVAC to provide the same outstanding services they have been providing.

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Outcome/Goal # 2

Developing relationship with other veteran organizations and departments

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL?      Long-term

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Participation - Fostering a system in which the public feels that they are part of decision-making processes, including freedom of expression and assiduous concern for the best interests of the Tribe and community in general

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Community member Bob Smith request for ONVAC support for H.R. 3467. Secretary Breuninger wrote a Letter of Support to the OBC representing all Oneida Veterans' Organizations and ONVAC. The bill is "to rescind each Medal of Honor awarded for acts at Wounded Knee Creek on December 29, 1890 and for other purposes." The information was shared with membership of the Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association's Oneida Chapter and also with the VFW, Oneida Post No. 7784/Robert Cornelius Post for their support.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

In future GTC can expect ONVAC to provide continued positive relationships with the community and will continue to participate in community events.

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### Outcome/Goal # 3

Tourism and DPW is assisting ONVAC with the development of a Master Plan for the maintenance and upkeep of the park as well as the layout of additions to the park, i.e., and their eagle, monuments, etc. This is a long-term project.

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Consensus Oriented - Consultation is required to understand diverse interests (Membership, Employee, Community) in order to reach a broad consensus of what is in the best interest of the Nation and how this can be achieved in a sustainable and prudent mann

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Attended meetings with the departments and shared concerns & knowledge.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Meeting with representative from Planning Department & DPW working on plan for the Park. Mr. Melchert described his ideas and provide displays of the park.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

In future GTC can expect ONVAC to continually have input from the community and other areas in the Nation.

### **Stipends**

*Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution # 05-08-19-B sets the stipend amounts.*

### **Budget Information**

FY-2020 BUDGET: 50,624

FY-2020 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: 6,199

### **Requests**

Not applicable

### **Other**

Not applicable