

# FY-2025 1st (Oct - Dec) Quarter Report

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*Provide the name of the entity, the member submitting the report, and the Oneida Business Committee liaison.*

## Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee

Approved by official entity action on: 01/29/2025

Submitted by: John Breuninger, ONVAC Secretary

OBC Liaison: Jennifer Webster

OBC Liaison: Jameson Wilson, Jonas Hill, and Lawrence Barton

### **PURPOSE**

The PURPOSE of the Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee (ONVAC) is to serve as an advisory body to the Oneida Nation's Veteran Services Office in all matters related to the Oneida Nation's veteran's rights, benefits, veteran affairs issues, and to protect the honor and integrity of the Oneida Nation and all veterans who have served honorably in the United States Uniformed Services. It is the PURPOSE of the ONVAC to assist the Tribal Veterans Services Officer (TVSO) in the formulation and administration of veteran's programs, services, ceremonies, and events as necessary, and to be the advocates for the Chartered Veterans Organizations and other organized veteran groups located on the Oneida Reservation. Furthermore, the ONVAC shall represent the Oneida Nation at the request of the elected Oneida Business Committee (OBC) who have appointed each member to the ONVAC. Finally, the ONVAC shall serve as the responsible party for the management of the Veteran's Memorial site to be officially named by the Oneida Land Commission, in the near future.

### **AUTHORITY**

ONVAC was established by the Oneida Business Committee (OBC) by motion on January 12, 1994, and further established through the adoption of bylaws on October 29, 1997, which were amended on February 13, 2013, and again on November 14, 2023, which the ONVAC approved. The updated bylaws are currently in the process of being approved by the OBC.

## **BCC MEMBERS**

*Provide a list of the members and their titles, term expiration dates and contact information.*

Gerald Cornelius  
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## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

*Provide contact information for the entity.*

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## MEETINGS

*List when and how often the entity is holding meetings and whether any emergency meetings have been held. If an emergency meeting was held, indicate the basis of the emergency meeting for each meeting.*

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

5:00 p.m.

Oneida Veteran Services Office 134 Riverdale Dr. Oneida, WI

Emergency Meetings: Zero (0)

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*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:

Color Guard Activities: ONVAC presented the colors at events this quarter. A full listing may be made available upon request. Multiple Oneida Tribal programs have held conferences at the Oneida Hotel which ONVAC was requested to Present the Colors.

Impact:

Service to the Oneida People as well as representing the veterans of our community by providing honor to all who have served in the United States Uniformed Services. Taking the leadership role in ceremonies, meetings, funerals, etc., the ONVAC continues to "give back" to the People and community who have supported us for our service. We are recognized as representatives of our Oneida Nation and the United States when we participate in the presentation of the colors at various activities.

### ACCOMPLISHMENT #2

Summary:

Community Breakfast: Each Friday morning, the Oneida Veteran Service Office staff and veteran volunteers (including ONVAC members) prepare and serve breakfast to the veterans and Oneida community members. This breakfast is financed by donations from the attendees.

Impact:

Camaraderie brings a group of people with like interests together to meet, celebrate, visit, and EAT! The community breakfasts at the Oneida Veterans Service Office are just the place for all the above. Starting off as a kind gesture for our community veterans, the breakfast activity now

brings many people together each week and, also provides a forum for educational opportunities for the community.

### **ACCOMPLISHMENT #3**

Summary:

Lighting of the Duck Creek Bridge and the Christmas trees in lower Oneida. Once again in December, the ONVAC along with the two Veteran Chartered Organizations prepared and served food to the hundreds of attendees to the event. Due to the cold and moisture, the food was served in the VFW building. This year, the veterans all working together, prepared 500 hot dogs, 200 brats, four nescos of chili, chips, cookies and drinks (coffee, hot apple cider and hot chocolate) Once again, the Hometown Café provided the hot chocolate. There were over 400 attendees who ate at the VFW and we were pleased that the evening recreation program brought 75 youth to enjoy the bridge and tree lighting and the refreshments.

Impact:

In giving we shall receive. Our Oneida Nation Veterans support activities both within and outside of our communities, thereby providing support to the needs and desires of our larger geographic area.

### **GOALS**

*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**

Strengthen veteran participation in the Oneida community by the continuation of programs and services which are currently being provided and continuously being available to assist wherever and whenever there is a need.

Responsiveness – Availability to the public and timeous reaction to the needs and opinions of the public.

Update on Goal:

ONVAC members continue to be available to our People and community. We participate in community activities which enhance the community's quality of life.

#### **LONG-TERM GOAL #2**

Continue to support the efforts to enhance the Veteran Memorial (site) by working with the Oneida Land Commission on the Lease and Naming of the site. Furthermore, working with Tourism and the Oneida Engineering Department on enhancements and improvements as well as replacement of the "paver bricks" and the addition of two new monuments

Consensus Oriented – Public participation in the planning and implementation of the enhancements with all veterans as well as the Oneida community by providing continuous updates through meetings and multi-media outlets and publications.

Update on Goal:

An “all veteran” meeting was held discussing the Veteran Memorial (site) enhancements currently being completed (construction) with additional meetings as the projects continue. The ONVAC has representatives in the two chartered veteran organizations (VFW & WIVA) and their continuous discussions, plans, etc. continue to occur.

#### **QUARTERLY GOAL #1**

ONVAC will participate in the 80<sup>th</sup> commemorative Ira Hayes parade and celebration in Sacaton, Arizona in February 2025.

Bringing awareness of the Oneida Nation's Veterans to the public and our continuous support to honoring Native American Veterans throughout the Country.

Update on Goal:

ONVAC will continue to serve our Oneida communities in services to the People. We participate in the TAP and various other tribal organizations.

#### **QUARTERLY GOAL #2**

ONVAC will continue to work with the various tribal organizations on enhancing the veteran memorial site.

Enhance and improve our Community for our People and our visitors.

Update on Goal:

The replacement pavers will be ordered and placed within the new proposed location in the Veteran Memorial site. In addition, we will be working on establishing two additional monuments within the site.

### **BUDGET**

*Provide the amount of the entities budget and the status of the budget at that quarter.*

FY-2025 BUDGET: \$56,824

FY-2025 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$7,975

*List how your BCC is utilizing your budget and projected budgetary uses for the next quarter.*

The ONVAC is working on ribbon shirt designs and caps to procure within this next quarter. Our last enhancements were ten (10) years ago. February 2025 travel was requested for an event to Ira Hayes Memorial in Sacaton, Arizona.

**Stipends**

*List the amount of each stipend a member may be eligible to receive.*

Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution 04-13-22-B sets the stipend amounts.

	Total dollar amount paid	Number of stipend type		
		Regular Mtg	Emergency Mtg	Hearings/Other
October 2024	<b>\$525</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
November 2024	<b>\$525</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
December 2024	<b>\$525</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**REQUESTS**

*List details of any requests to the Oneida Business Committee.*

None.

**OTHER**

*List any other information deemed appropriate by the entity, as well as any other information required by a law or policy of the Nation.*

None.