

Pledge

Roll Call Of Division Chairman

All Chairman were present

Guest: Toni Herman, Ron Umdenstock and Mrs Jancek

Welcome:

Last three years expenses are well over 100,000 dollars. We must set our goal of spending less for gifts than we take in from donations each year. Starting this year, a two party system will be integrated (if Mike at Minerva can work out the details) that would give the posts that donate to the gifts top priority over ones those that have not contributed. The orders for the non-contributing posts would be filled last.

All gifts will be ready for pick up after December 1, 2018.

Mike from Minerva sent over the wrong spend sheets for this year. We are contacting him for a corrected revised report. We have received the inventory as of January 2nd. He expects more orders to be returned from two divisions so the number may increase.

We need to have a VA Hospital or Nursing Home and Posts numbers listed on all orders. Addresses are needed for all above plus who placing the order from the post as well as the person who will pick up the order.

We discussed ideas for raising donations:

1. We should suggest that the first Dollar made by Legion Posts each day that serve alcohol each day should be donated to the Gifts to the Yanks.
2. Posts could donate 100 Dollars each year to the different programs. The amount would be split as follows;

\$25 dollars Boys State
\$25 dollars Special Olympic
\$25 dollars Oratorical Contest
\$25 dollars Gifts to the Yanks.

Vice Chairman Jancek from the 4th Division wrote three letters to different companies and businesses asking for donations to the program and/or requesting permission to place donation canisters in their businesses from Oct- Dec each year.

As the Gifts To Yanks Chairman I would like thank everyone who worked on this program in the past as well as the years to come. Without your support we cannot improve the lives of our hospitalized veterans. We also want to remember our veterans serving during the holidays.