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## **Gifts for Yanks – VAVS Joint Committee Meeting**

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Department of Ohio HQ - Delaware, Ohio

### **1. Open**

- a. Gifts for Yanks Committee opened in regular form at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Department HQ.

### **2. Appoint Secretary - Holly Lewis (10<sup>th</sup>)**

### **3. Chairman Opening Remarks**

- a. Chairman Bishop thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Chairman Bishop also noted that it was a good fundraising year and thanked everyone for their efforts.

### **4. Review/Accept Previous Meeting Minutes**

- a. Floyd Burk (11) moved to accept the minutes from the previous committee meeting. Robert Steggeman (3) seconded. No discussion. All in favor (10-0).

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **5. New Business**

#### **a. Commander Friend VHA Visits**

- i. Committee received a hard copy of Commander Friend report of VHA visits.
- ii. Committee reviewed the annual VAVS Impact Report
- iii. Committee was encouraged to recruit new VAVS representatives



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**b. 2019-2020 GFY Budget Review**

- i. Committee reviewed the accounts payable report.
  1. Holiday gift invoices are paid. Current total is \$64,582.78
    - a. Awaiting on invoices for shipping and packing supplies before final cost are accounted for.
  2. Marketing cost total to \$4,069.02. This includes post mailing, GFY table cloth, and "OHIO LEGION" Hats.
  3. All special project monies are distributed to the OVH and VAMC. Total amount is \$24,750.00.
  4. VAVS Representatives will receive balance updates in the mail, however, the website and the published monthly report provides each locations balance.

**c. 2020 Holiday Gift Distribution**

- i. **Georgetown Ohio Veteran Home** will receive 123 gifts and distribution is scheduled for Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.
- ii. **Cleveland VA Medical Center** will receive 575 gifts and distribution is scheduled for Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- iii. **Sandusky Ohio Veteran Home** will receive 400 gifts and the distribution is scheduled for Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- iv. **Cincinnati VA Medical Center** will receive 250 gifts and the distribution is scheduled for Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- v. **Dayton VA Medical Center** will receive 400 gifts and the distribution is scheduled for Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.
- vi. **Chillicothe VA Medical Center** will receive 300 gifts and the distribution is scheduled for Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.

**d. 2019-2020 Fundraising Report**

- i. Report reflects district totals and post participation percentage to accurately gauge how active the GFY program is amongst our post.
- ii. GFY has raised \$32,618.50 with 70/525 or 13.33% post participation rate.
- iii. Fundraising goal remains at \$250,000.



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**e. 2019-2020 Fundraising Initiatives**

**i. American Legion Coin Raffle**

1. Chairman Bishop provided each district with a packet of 50 raffle tickets.
2. Tickets will also be sold at Mid-Winter; 3 tickets for \$5. Winners will be drawn at the Department Convention.
3. American Legion Coin Raffle is estimated to bring in a net profit of \$6,000.

**ii. OHIO Legion Hats**

1. Committee purchased 312 Ohio Legion logo caps at \$8.21 per cap totaling \$2561.52.
2. Committee will give a private donor an Ohio Legion cap in exchange for a donation of \$15 or more. Hats will be on display and "on sale" at the December DEC meeting and at Mid-Winter.
3. Ohio Legion Hats are estimated to bring a net profit of \$2,118.48.

**f. VAVS Fund Guidelines**

- i. Discussion on what our VAVS representatives can spend money on and if there is a need to create guidelines or continue to allow them to spend their budget at their own discretion. Chairman Bishop asked the committee to give this question some thought and to bring ideas to November meeting.

6. Meeting closed in regular form at 11 a.m.

**Submitted By:**

**Holly Lewis, Secretary**

**Darell Bishop, Chairman**