



## *Yankee Division Veterans Association*

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Dear YDVA Member,

At the YDVA National Convention on 14 May 2025, the convention body voted to raise \$10,000.00 for repairs to the roof of the Yankee Division Church in Belleau, France. The YD Church was rebuilt in 1929 as a memorial to the 2,400 YD soldiers who died in World War I. The funds that rebuilt the church in 1929, destroyed during the YD's offensive on 18 July 1918, were raised with donations from YD veterans, 26<sup>th</sup> Division National Guardsmen and supporters.

The roof of the YD Church has serious roof leaks. I have appointed BG Dwaine Drummond, Commander, Maine Chapter as the YDVA Executive Agent for church repairs. He has made several trips to Belleau at his own expense. General Drummond will emplace a sign on 18 July 2025, paid for by the YDVA, describing the YD's role in launching the Aisne-Marne Campaign.

I have visited the YD Church several times and I am always awestruck by its beauty and solemnity. (Please visit the [ydpilgrimage.com](http://ydpilgrimage.com) web site for a photo tour.) At every meeting of the YDVA National Executive Committee, I read the YDVA mission statement which is to perpetuate the memory and accomplishments of the Yankee Division and to honor all those who have worn the YD shoulder sleeve insignia.

Therefore, I am asking you to consider sending a donation to the YDVA. With your help we can repair the YD Church and to maintain it as a memorial to our honored dead. Please send your check to the above address and in the memo line write YD Church Fund.

I know that you and all other veterans of the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division will contribute to this most worthy cause. Thank you in advance as we continue to preserve the Yankee Division Church.

Sincerely,

  
Leonid Kondratiuk  
National Commander