

York Maine Committee for Veterans Affairs
Meeting Minutes
6pm, Tuesday July 22,, 2025
York Town Hall

Members present: Don LeFante, Wade Fox, Alan Potvin, Tom Spenser, John Milburn, YPD LT. Scott Study. Altrusa members Judith Goldstein and Linda Gately. Members absent, Lew DiTommaso, Jimmy Carabello, Roger Noel.

1. **Call To order.** Chair Don LeFante called the meeting to order at **6:01pm**. A quorum was determined with 5 members voting.

2. **Minutes from June 17, 2025**, meeting reviewed. Don motioned to approve the minutes with Wade seconding. Minutes approved 5-0.

3. **Chairmans Report; Don LeFante.**

- a. Due to Don's decision to step down as Chairman and to assume the vacant Treasurers position, the CVA moved to fill the Chairman position.
- b. After discussion and a review of interest, Tom Spenser was elected unanimously as the new Chairman. Tom will fill the seat until the next normal election cycle.

4. **Treasurers Report, Don LeFante.**

- a. Budget was not voted on due to YPD not being able to provide the accounting sheet by our meeting time. Don will follow up.

5. **National Defense Monument Update (NDM), Tom Spenser.**

- a. Tom will be in contact with BOS Chair Todd Frederick to determine if there's been any movement on a temporary location, as was discussed at our June meeting. We're looking to see exactly where in the DOT plans that the NDM will sit.

6. **York Public Library, Alan Potvin.**

- a. Updated the current library display and its revolving nature.
- b. There's a new effort by YPL to expand youth programs.

7. **Honor Flight, Maine, Alan Potvin.**

- a. Both New England and Maine versions were presented. There are extensive waiting times due to their popularity.
- b. Tom gave a personal account of a visit as he served as a formal host/escort on one of the DC events.

8. USS North Dakota, Wade Fox,

- a. Notes provided by Wade.
- b. Tom will be speaking with PNSY about York being a host again after the USSND leaves the base. This will be an informational visit before the York CVA or BOS decides on applying again.
- c. Comments were made as to making the efforts of the crew more visible to the York public.

9. American Legion, John Milburn.

- a. Updated on AL and will continue to provide monthly activities updates that will be presented to all Veterans. That will be a combination of both VFW & AL activities as well as CVA events.

10. VFW, Jimmy Carabello. N/A

11. American Flag Disposal, Jimmy Carrabello. N/A.

12. New Chairman Concerns/Discussion, Tom Spenser.

- a. Did a survey of members of goals and personal interests for the CVA meet expectations.
- b. Wants outreach to service organizations in town. Tom asked John about the CVA being invited to the next Post 56 meeting.
- c. Potential for York issuing Veteran Friendly parking stickers.
- d. Discussion on the Purple Heart Ceremony with all aspects seeming to be fine moving forward. Inclement weather fallback will once again be at York Harbor Inn.
- e. Norma's Veterans Day Breakfast event discussed with clear limitations will be published this year.

13. Public Comments and Issues.

- a. Altrusa spoke about the current raffle and where to purchase tickets.
- b. The York High School Wildcat Card and the benefits of the card were outlined. Future discussion may be held on how the CVA could utilize them for Veterans.

12. Meeting Adjourned; Tom motions to adjourn the meeting. Wade seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:21. Motion approved 5 -0. Our Next CVA meeting will be on August 19th, 2025, 6pm. Location will be determined.