

**York Maine Committee for Veterans Affairs**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**6pm, Tuesday January 28 2025**  
**York Town Hall**

**Members present:** Don LeFante, Lew DiTommaso, Major General Tom Spencer; Retired, Jimmy Carrabello, Wade Fox, Alan Potvin. Members absent Brent Mohr, YPD LT. Scott Study and Kevin Smith. Also in attendance Judith Goldstein, Carole Intoccia, Roger Clement and John Millburn.

1. **Call To order.** Chair Don LeFante called the meeting to order at **6:03**. A quorum was determined with 6 members voting.

2. **Minutes from 10/22/2024** meeting reviewed. Don motioned to approve the minutes with Lew seconding. Minutes approved 6-0.

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

- a. The CVA is now under obligation to purchase a lilac bush to be planted in honor Marianne Quinn's passing. The bush will be planted this spring 2025.
- b. The Fallen Hero Banners came down before Kevin Smith could inspect them. Kevin will be in touch with York DPW to complete the inspection to determine if any damage incurred and whether repairs/replacement is needed.
- c. St. Aspinquid Lodge (Masonic Temple) will be sponsoring a Veterans Breakfast, February 8, 2025, from 8am-11am.
- d. Met with Roger LaPlante at the VFW to encourage VFW members to vote. This effort is ongoing.

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

- a. A balance of \$13,186.28 remains in the CVA budget, Don motioned to approve, Lew seconded. Motion was approved 6-0. (The budget is the same as it was in November as the town is working on new reporting.)

5. **National Defense Memorial (NDM), General Tom Spencer, Retired.**

- a. Spoke with Todd Frederick to see if any more developments have occurred since November's meeting where it was determined that a CAD mockup of the NDM would be performed by Forest Manzur of Heritage Monuments. Said CAD mockup would then be introduced to BOS members Todd Frederick and Robert Palmer where an agenda will be presented to the BOS for further discussion. The CVA awaits for feedback.

6. **Disposal of American Flags, Don LeFante**

- a. Don met with Roger LaPlante, VFW, where it was learned that they will not be disposing/burning the accumulated US Flags due to ash risks with polyester materials.
- b. Don called the office of Senator Susan Collins where it was learned that local USPS locations would collect the US Flags. However, the York USPS will not perform this service.
- c. Jimmy Carabello has donated his property and time to dispose of the flags. Date TBD.

**7. USS North Dakota, Wade Fox,**

- a. Notes to be provided by Wade.
- b. Wade motioned to fund the USS North Dakota booth at the October Harvestfest. Alan seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.
- c. Wade also motioned for a COA be presented to Foster's for their continued support of the USS North Dakota crewmembers.

**8. Library Display, Alan Potvin.**

- a. We will be adding a display at the lower level while there will be no change to the display on the upper level.
- b. It was discussed that perhaps an interactive display of some sorts would be a worthy addition. TBC.

**9. VFW, Jimmy Carrabello.**

- a. Pasta Meal, 2/7/25
- b. Quilt Group, 2/8/25 @ 9am.
- c. Super Bowl Party 2/9/25.
- d. Valentine Meal 2/15/25. Reservations required.
- e. Fish & Corn Chowder meal 2/21/25.
- f. Chicken Shoot 2/22/25.

**12. American Legion, Wade Fox.**

- a. Slow season but the Wednesday & Friday dinners continue to perform well with special meals throughout the month.

**10. Wreaths Across America, Lew DiTommaso.**

- a. Beginning on 2/1/2025, the 3-for-2 sponsorship group plan with the new "\$5 Forward Plan." When a group is registered on the plan. \$5 for every paid \$17 wreath sponsorship will automatically be applied forward to the sponsorship of an additional Veteran wreath. Essentially, for every 3.4 wreaths sponsored, an extra wreath will be received.

B Lew will be speaking with Todd to discuss adding a QR code for a newly created First Parish Cemetery WAA handout brochure. The purpose is to generate more purchases for the wreaths.

11 **Meeting Adjourned;** Don motions to adjourn the meeting. Lew seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:49. Motion approved 6 -0. Our Next CVA meeting will be on February 25, 2025, 6pm, York Town Hall.