

York Maine Committee for Veterans Affairs
Meeting Minutes
6pm, Tuesday March 25 2025
York Town Hall

Members present: Don LeFante, Lew DiTommaso, Major General Tom Spencer; Retired, Jimmy Carrabello, Wade Fox, YPD Lt. Scott Study. Members absent; Alan Potvin. Also in attendance Altrusa members Judith Goldstein, Linda Gately & Carole Intoccia, Roger Noel, John Millburn, Camp Resilience members Jeff Ledieu and Kurt Webber.

1. **Call To order.** Chair Don LeFante called the meeting to order at **5:58pm**. A quorum was determined with 5 members voting.

2. **Minutes from February 25, 2025**, meeting reviewed. Don motioned to approve the minutes with Wade seconding. Minutes approved 5-0.

3. **Camp Resilience Presentation, Jeff Ledieu & Kurt Webber.**

4. **Chairmans Report; Don LeFante.**

- a. The Town of York has asked Don to prepare our Annual Report.
- b. Brent Mohr and Kevin Smith are no longer member of the CVA. In their place, Roger Noel & Brian McLaughlin are being processed to become new members.
- c. New Fallen Heroes Pamphlets will be prepared and printed. Fallen Hero Larry d'Entremont will be featured on the pamphlet. Don motioned to spend no more than \$400 on the printing costs. Jimmy seconded. Motion was approved 5-0.

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

- a. A balance of \$10,462.61 remains. Don motioned to approve. Wade 2nd. Motion approved 5-0.

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

- a. Tom met with Heritage. It was determined that laying the monument on its backside was not optimum due to the amount of granite that would be required to implement this presentation. Setting the monument would be preferred.
- b. A balance of \$6325 remains to complete the purchase and installation of the monument. Don motioned to approve the balance. Wade seconded. The motion was approved.

6. Fallen Heroes Banners, Don LeFante

- a. Upon inspection, banners are experiencing a fracture in parts of the fabric.
- b. There are now 9 banners needing replacement and not 4 as noted in the February 2025 minutes. The new cost per banner is now \$240, with a total cost of \$2160. Don motioned to spend no more than \$2200 to replace the 9 banners. Jimmy seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.
- c. Don is in the process of choosing 2 solar lights to determine how they will work on a single banner. Don motioned to spend no more than \$200 for the lights. Jimmy seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

7. Memorial Day Parade, Don LeFante.

- a. We will be utilizing 2 York High School students to play bugles during the Taps presentation.
- b. The CVA Guest Speaker, Len Samborowski, will be the MDP Grand Marshall.
- c. The trailer and podium are in perfect working condition and will be used again for the post-parade ceremony.
- d. Both the Village and Beach YFD will have a truck in the parade.

8. USS North Dakota, Wade Fox,

- a. Notes to be provided by Wade.

9. Library Display, Don LeFante.

- a. There will be a new hire at YPL as Assistant Director for the Children's Section. When the new Assistant Director is on board, we will move to have a display at the lower level of the library.

10. VFW, Jimmy Carrabello.

- a. Friday March 28th will feature a Fish & Corn Chowder dinner.
- b. Easter, April 20th, will feature a brunch from 11am-2pm. Cost will be \$10 per person.

11. American Legion, Wade Fox.

- a. The legion will be closed for the week for a shirt rehab. The menu will be expanding.

12. American Flag Disposal, Jimmy Carrabello.

- a. A Flag Burning is tentatively being scheduled sometime in late April at Jimmy's home. TBD and dictated by weather conditions.
- b. John Milburn will be researching a Flag Disposal Box to be placed inside the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

13 **Meeting Adjourned;** Don motions to adjourn the meeting. Lew seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:56. Motion approved 5 -0. Our Next CVA meeting will be on April 29, 2025, 6pm, York Town Hall.