

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

Members present: Don LeFante, Lew DiTommaso, Major General Tom Spencer; Wade Fox, Alan Potvin. Members absent, Jimmy Carabello and YPD Lt. Scott Study. Also in attendance CVA future member Roger Noel, Altrusa members Judith Goldstein, Linda Gately & Carole Intoccia,

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

3. Chairmans Report; Don LeFante.

a. Don had a receptacle made of purpleheart wood that we would like to have placed at the Town Clerk's office for the purpose of American Flag disposal. Currently it's painted black and Don is seeking for it to be repainted. TBC.

b. Both Roger Noel and Brian McLaughlin's memberships have yet to be approved.

c. Mel Spelman is waiting to hear back about the lilac bush to be given Maryann Quinn. TBC.

d. The 9 new replacement Fallen Hero banners arrived. 7 were incorrect. Those will be remanufactured.

e. Don has yet to purchase the solar lights for the banners.

f. CVA will consider honoring Retired Sgt. Kyle Gavin, who recently passed away, at our Purple Heart Ceremony in August.

4. Treasurers Report, Don LeFante.

a. We were unable to get a copy of the account balance for the meeting. A balance of approximately \$4837.61 and some change remains. We still must purchase the Fallen Hero Brochures for \$250, \$1500 for the Memorial Day Parade, \$2160 for the Fallen Hero banners and X amount for the solar lights which leaves approximately a balance of \$700. Lew motioned to approve; Wade seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

5. Memorial Day Parade, Don LeFante.

a. Don reviewed the list of parade participants and the vehicles that they will drive, the positioning of groups in the cemetery, and the responsibilities of volunteers prior to, on parade day, and afterwards. Tom will get a military vehicle to pull the cannon.

6. National Defense Monument, Tom Spencer.

a. On April 16th at 10 am Tom met with the Town manager, asst town manager, Selectman Chair and Vice Chair to talk about the monument. We discussed three locations and our primary discussion was about the new park to be created in the center of the Village as a result of the Maine DOT project that will happen in the Fall of 25. The current Civil War monument will be moved and there will be a placard placed in its current location in order to memorialize Joshua Chamberlain's dedication of the monument when he was the Governor of Maine. The town manager was going to have DPW reach out to DOT to work in the GWOT monument into this new park location.

7. Fallen Heroes Banners, Don LeFante

a. Banners are scheduled to be installed early May. The replacement banners have not yet been received.

8. USS North Dakota, Wade Fox,

a. Notes to be provided by Wade.

9 Library Display, Alan Potvin.

a. Still waiting for the new Asst Director to be hired at the library so our committee display can be coordinated with the staff.

10. Honor Flight, Alan Potvin.

a. Alan will be making the trip to Washington with the group in two weeks.

11. American Legion, Wade Fox.

a. Social calendar was reviewed for the post.

12. American Flag Disposal, Jimmy Carrabello.

a. A date has not been selected to burn the retired flags

13 Meeting Adjourned; Don motions to adjourn the meeting. Lew seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:51. Motion approved 5 -0. Our Next CVA meeting will be on May 20, 2025, 6pm, York Town Hall.