

**York Maine Committee for Veterans Affairs**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**6pm, Tuesday May 20, 2025**  
**York Town Hall**

**Members present:** Don LeFante, Lew DiTommaso, Wade Fox, Alan Potvin, Jimmy Carabello. Member-in-waiting Roger Noel. Altrusa members Judith Goldstein and Carole Intoccia. York Parks & Recreation John Milburn. Members absent, Major General Tom Spencer & YPD LT. Scott Study.

1. **Call To order.** Chair Don LeFante called the meeting to order at **6:06pm**. A quorum was determined with 5 members voting.

2. **Minutes from April 22nd 2025**, meeting reviewed. Don motioned to approve the minutes with Wade seconding. Minutes approved 5-0.

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

a. Don spoke with Mel Spelman with regards to any progress being made on the lilac bush being planted in honor of Maryann Quinn. At the present time, there are no funds available in the current budget to purchase the lilac bush. This will be a budget item for our next fiscal year which ends on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

b. Don has announced he will be stepping down from his **chairman** position after our next meeting scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Don has spent countless hours serving Veterans and this committee. His record of accomplishments speak for themselves. He will be assuming the position of **treasurer**. The committee will be selecting a new chairman on this date.

c. Lew will be taking a leave of absence for the summer, returning in September. A temporary secretary will be selected on this date as well.

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

a. Balance is the same as at the end of April, \$4837.61, before obligations.

b. In addition, there will be expenses for the Memorial Day Parade (MDP) portable bathrooms, \$150 and the York Harbor Inn accommodations for the MDP guest speaker, Len Samborowski, \$600.

c. It was believed that the CVA would be reimbursed for \$600 from Civil Consultants and Jeff Oliva for work performed on the National Defense Monument. To date, this has not been received.

d. Wade motioned to approve the treasurers report, Alan seconded. Motion was approved 5-0.

**5. Memorial Day Parade, Don LeFante.**

a. The lengthy task list was read and addressed by Don with all tasks being charged to various members.

**6. National Defense Monument, N/A**

a. Since Tom was absent for personal family business, there was no report tonight..

**7. Fallen Heroes Banners, Don LeFante**

a. Banners were installed by York DPW, administered by former CVA member Michael Dow.

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

a. The submarine float will be in the MDP along with 20-25 crew members.

**9 Library Display, Alan Potvin.**

a. Everything is on hold until at least August when new administration will be in place.

**10. Honor Flight, Alan Potvin.**

a. Honor Flight Maine will be participating in the MDP.

**11. American Legion, Wade Fox.**

a. The American Legion rehab was a success. They're planning on 3 dinners per week at this point.

**12. VFW, Jimmy Carabello.**

a. A "Fill The Helmet" program will be taken at the YFD on Short Sands.

**13. American Flag Disposal, Jimmy Carrabello.**

a. A date, again, has yet to be determined. More to follow.

**14. Meeting Adjourned;** Don motions to adjourn the meeting. Lew seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:57. Motion approved 5 -0. Our Next CVA meeting will be on June 17th, 2025, 6pm, York Town Hall.