

York Maine Committee for Veterans Affairs
Meeting Minutes
6pm, Tuesday June 17, 2025
York Town Hall

Members present: Don LeFante, Lew DiTommaso, Wade Fox, Alan Potvin, Jimmy Carabello, YPD LT. Scott Study. Altrusa member Judith Goldstein. Members absent, Major General Tom Spencer.

1. Call To order. Chair Don LeFante called the meeting to order at **6:00pm**. A quorum was determined with 5 members voting.

2. Minutes from May 20 2025, meeting reviewed. Don motioned to approve the minutes with Wade seconding. Minutes approved 5-0.

3. Chairmans Report; Don LeFante.

- a. Minor crash @ MDP between 2 vintage cars. Everything was remedied post-parade.
- b. US Flag Recepter was given to John Milburn who in turn, will be painting it and presenting it to Town Clerk, Lynn Osgood.
- c. Mel Spelman, former CVA Chair, was tasked with the memorial planting of a lilac bush in memory of Maryann Quinn on the family property. To date, there's been no reply from the Quinn family so, in lieu of that location, he'll be looking into planting it on town property pending the town's approval.
- d. It's been determined that the Fallen Hero Banners will not require UV protection because the fabric used for the banners has UV protection built in.
- e. Don took inventory of all CVA stock which Lt. Study will be housing @ YPD.
- f. Both CVA members-in-waiting Roger Noel and Brian McLaughlin were interviewed by the BOS and we await the verdict.
- g. The BOS have now considered new locations for the National Defense Monument (NDM) that are not in the new proposed park within the Village master plan. Perhaps we can convince the town to place the monument somewhere temporarily for the time being. Upon further discussion, Don motioned to have the NDM placed @ The Old Gaol until the park is completed. Jimmy seconded. Motion approved 5-0.
- h. As noted in the CVA minutes of May 20, 2025, Don will be stepping down as Chairman of the CVA and will assume the position of Treasurer. Because not all CVA members were present, we are postponing the appointment of a new Chairman until the July 29th 2025 meeting.

4. Treasurers Report, Don LeFante.

a. Balance is \$4002.59 because some invoices remain unpaid. Yet to be paid is the 2k for the possible new Fallen Hero Banners and the \$600 that was approved for the MDP speaker Len Somboroski's lodging at the York Harbor Inn.

5. Purple Heart Ceremony, Don LeFante and Jimmy Carrabello.

- a. A speaker will need to be found.
- b. The PH Ceremony date will be August 9th, 2025 @ Hartley Mason Reserve. In the event of rain, the event will be held indoors at the York Harbor Inn.
- c. Don motioned to order the PH Brochures with a cost not to exceed \$150. Jimmy seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

6. York Public Library, N/A

7. Honor Flight, Maine, Alan Potvin.

- a. We were not able to make the trip due to the Washington DC Parade

8. USS North Dakota, Wade Fox,

- a. Notes provided by Wade.

9. American Legion, Wade Fox.

- a. During the rehab of the Legion, medals were found that were issued to 4 of York's Fallen Heroes. The medals were returned to the respective families.

10. VFW, Jimmy Carabello.

- a. The annual July 4th Lobster Bake will be held again. The price will be \$30 for a twin lobster dinner.

11. American Flag Disposal, Jimmy Carrabello.

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

12. Meeting Adjourned; Don motions to adjourn the meeting. Lew seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:41. Motion approved 5 -0. Our Next CVA meeting will be on July 22nd, 2025, 6pm. Location will be determined.