

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

**Members present:** Don LeFante, Wade Fox, Alan Potvin, Tom Spenser, John Milburn, YPD LT. Scott Study. Altrusa members Judith Goldstein and Linda Gately. Members absent, Lew DiTommaso, Jimmy Carabello, Roger Noel.

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 June 17, 2025**, meeting reviewed. Don motioned to approve the minutes with Wade seconding. Minutes approved 5-0.

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

- a. Due to Don's decision to step down as Chairman and to assume the vacant Treasurers position, the CVA moved to fill the Chairman position.
- b. After discussion and a review of interest, Tom Spenser was elected unanimously as the new Chairman. Tom will fill the seat until the next normal election cycle.

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

- a. Budget was not voted on due to YPD not being able to provide the accounting sheet by our meeting time. Don will follow up.

5. **National Defense Monument Update (NDM), Tom Spenser.**

- a. Tom will be in contact with BOS Chair Todd Frederick to determine if there's been any movement on a temporary location, as was discussed at our June meeting. We're looking to see exactly where in the DOT plans that the NDM will sit.

6. **York Public Library, Alan Potvin.**

- a. Updated the current library display and its revolving nature.
- b. There's a new effort by YPL to expand youth programs.

7. **Honor Flight, Maine, Alan Potvin.**

- a. Both New England and Maine versions were presented. There are extensive waiting times due to their popularity.
- b. Tom gave a personal account of a visit as he served as a formal host/escort on one of the DC events.

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

- a. Notes provided by Wade.
- b. Tom will be speaking with PNSY about York being a host again after the USSND leaves the base. This will be an informational visit before the York CVA or BOS decides on applying again.
- c. Comments were made as to making the efforts of the crew more visible to the York public.

**9. American Legion, John Milburn.**

- a. Updated on AL and will continue to provide monthly activities updates that will be presented to all Veterans. That will be a combination of both VFW & AL activities as well as CVA events.

**10. VFW, Jimmy Carabello. N/A**

**11. American Flag Disposal, Jimmy Carrabello. N/A.**

**12. New Chairman Concerns/Discussion, Tom Spenser.**

- a. Did a survey of members of goals and personal interests for the CVA meet expectations.
- b. Wants outreach to service organizations in town. Tom asked John about the CVA being invited to the next Post 56 meeting.
- c. Potential for York issuing Veteran Friendly parking stickers.
- d. Discussion on the Purple Heart Ceremony with all aspects seeming to be fine moving forward. Inclement weather fallback will once again be at York Harbor Inn.
- e. Norma's Veterans Day Breakfast event discussed with clear limitations will be published this year.

**13. Public Comments and Issues.**

- a. Altrusa spoke about the current raffle and where to purchase tickets.
- b. The York High School Wildcat Card and the benefits of the card were outlined. Future discussion may be held on how the CVA could utilize them for Veterans.

**12. Meeting Adjourned;** Tom motions to adjourn the meeting. Wade seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:21. Motion approved 5 -0. Our Next CVA meeting will be on August 19th, 2025, 6pm. Location will be determined.