

York Maine Committee for Veterans Affairs
Meeting Minutes
6pm, Tuesday November 18, 2025
York Town Hall

1. Members present; Tom Spencer, Jimmy Carabello, Wade Fox, Don LeFante, Bryan McGlaughlin, Roger Noel, Alan Potvin, Lew DiTommaso. YPD Scott Study. ALTRUSA Members Judith Goldstein, Linda Gately & Carole Intoccia. Absent John Milburne.
2. Call To Order 6:01pm. Tom motioned to begin the meeting. A quorum of 8 members was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Minutes of 10/28/2025 meeting reviewed. Tom motioned to approve the minutes. Alan seconded. Motion approved 8-0.
4. Veterans Day (Week) Update, Tom Spencer. The breakfast @ Norm's went extremely well with 82 York Veterans documented. A few other attended but preferred to be inconspicuous. The York Garden Club once again performed a marvelous presentation of flowers at the dining tables. ALTRUSA, as per their custom, were gathering information while also greeting patrons. Their Gift Basket donation was well received. Wade and Tom attended VES & CRES events. VES was attended by 20 Veterans with a slide show of York family members who served was presented. The family's children spoke about their relatives. A musical and color guard presentation was also part of the event. York Middle School also included an assembly
5. Treasurers Report; Don LeFante. Balance of \$15,175.59 remains after all known expenditures. Don motions to approve. Jimmy seconded. Motion approved 8-0.

6. Christmas Festival of Trees, Alan Potvin. The tree was decorated by Alan & his wife, Scott Study, Wade Fox and Lew DiTommaso. A copious amount of swag was placed at the base of the tree along with a wonderful “Spirits” Bucket and an image of an F18 flying over the Nubble.
7. AL & VFW, Wade Fox & Jimmy Carabello. Wade has the fantastic idea of sponsoring a Vet To Vets program, weekly, at the American Legion. A budget has been created, \$750, with the meetings being on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, as well as Saturday mornings from 10am-noon. The basis for the meetings will be to assist Veterans integrating into society. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. The AL is on board and is asking for donations. Tom Spencer will be speaking with the VFW to discuss inclusion.
8. The CVA Strategic Framework, Roger Noel. A continuation of October’s discussion of our Framework was discussed. Our responsibilities have been clearly defined and why we exist through Administration, Tactical Support & Community Engagement. What we do and what we don’t do. Roger also was able to compile a list of 500 of York’s Veterans.
9. Wreaths Across America, Lew DiTommaso and Scott Study. The dates and details of the shipment of wreaths along with the YPD procession to FPC and the physical WAA Ceremony was discussed. Scott will once again be accompanying the Caravan, representing YPD, to Arlington National Ceremony.
10. A Gift Card was created with CVA members donating to help John Milburne during his health issues.

11. Meeting Adjourned @ 7:29pm. Tom motioned to adjourn; Lew seconded. Motion approved 8-0. Next CVA meeting will be on January 27th, 2026 @ YPD.

12. Next Meeting will take place on 11/18 at York Town Hall. Tom motioned the meeting adjourned at 7:39. Jimmy seconded. Motion approved 7-0.