



## Minutes of meeting of American Legion Post 314 held on Thursday, January 25, 2024

The Commander called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The opening ceremonies include the pledge of allegiance were performed.

Roll Call was conducted. 8 members were present including 3 officers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Committee reports were given as follows:

ABC -	Tom Slowinski	reported that a half-hour lesson for bartenders would be available online in May through the ABC and that all the Post bartenders would be expected to attend.
Americanism -	Tim Reeg	no report
Bar -	Tom Slowinski	reported that Mac is doing a good job but could use additional bartenders.
Baseball -	Tim Leary	Joe Coult said that he and the Commander would talk with Doug Herron on Saturday to discuss our participation.
Boy Scouts -	Joe Coult	no report
Boy's State -	Tom Slowinski	reported that the cost will remain the same. New rules set the age limit to 18. Delegates are requested to pay a \$50 application fee. Attendees can get 3 college credits for an additional fee, He will begin soliciting candidates.
Children & Youth -	No Chairman	no report
Color Guard	Tim Leary	no report
Const. & By-Laws -	Joe Coult	no report
Convention -	No Chairman	no report
Educ. & Scholarships -	Tom Slowinski	reported that he will has been accepting applications since January 15.
House & Grounds -	Tom Slowinski	reported that the roof is now sealed off and that the second phase that will structurally secure the corner of the building using tie rods and fish plates. A leak still remains. The ire inspector found 2 violations.

Legion College -	Joe Coult	reported that Legion College will take place on April 26 in Sea Girt and that the Post will subsidize the entry fee.
Legislative -	No Chairman	no report
Membership -	Elizabeth Yull	no report
Memorial Services & Graves -	No Chairman	no report
Parades & Special Events -	No Chairman	no report
POW-MIA -	Mert Trombly	no report
Public Relations -	Joe Coult	no report
S.A.L. -	Joe Coult	no report
Service Officer	Mert Trombly	no report
Veterans Affairs & Rehab	No Chairman	no report
Ways & Means -	Tom Slowinski	no report

Executive Committee - no report

The financial report was given as follows: A net loss in the checking account for November of \$3120.70 including a monthly transfer of \$1,000 to the Capital Building account. The report was approved as read.

Sick Call and Relief

It was reported that Joe Lacovara is in Care One for rehabilitation and that Joe Jones is awaiting a diagnosis for possible liver cancer.

Unfinished business:

None

New Business:

Joe Coult suggested that the Post should take \$100,000 from the money market fund and invest in a short-term CD. A motion was made seconded and approved to make the transfer.

The request from the Ewing Girls Softball Association for sponsorship. A motion to donate the same amount as last year was made, seconded and approved.

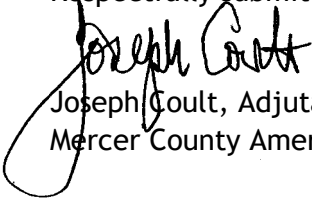
The Commander noted that 3 books of H.O.P.E. tickets are available.

The cooler in the bar has been replaced as the old one needed continuous service.

The monthly drawing was conducted. John Desantis' name was drawn. As he was not present, next month's drawing will be for \$275.

The Commander ended the meeting at 7:30 PM with standard closing ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted for God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Coult". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive "Coult".

Joseph Coult, Adjutant

Mercer County American Legion Post 314