THE AMERICAN LEGION - DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY
MINUTES OF MERCER COUNTY COMMITTEE
HELD AT POST 530 MAR 16, 2018

The regular business meeting of The Mercer County Committee of The American Legion was opened by Commander James Perkins at 7:32 p.m. with ceremonies as prescribed by ritual. Prayer was offered; Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble were recited by assembly.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS - All officers were present except SR. Vice/Service Officer Marcus Hazell excused & Asst Sgt-at-Arms Charles Ross absent.
ROLL CALL OF POST - All Post were represented except 148, 218, and 458.
MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published..
FINANCE REPORT: Reported by Finance Officer Sal Torre (checking and Joint Activities balances).
PER CAPITA: Post by post given by Finance Officer Torre. Post will no longer receive report in mail from Department and will have to go online to get membership information.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:
AMERICANISM: Chairman Willie Smith reports Americanism and Color contest judging will be held at Dept Headquarters Trenton at 10 a.m. March 24, 2018.
SCHOLARSHIPS: Chairman Willie Smith reports only a total of 20 applicants and none from Mercer County. Children from out of state are eligible if grandparent living in New Jersey is Legionnaire.
BOY STATE: Chairman Larry Wood reports Orientation will be held on May 17, 2018 starting at 7 p.m. at Post 414. List of all Post having delegates can be viewed on website.
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Adjutant Diane Kuck reminds post that April is Children & Youth month.
COUNTY CONVENTION: To be held on May 5, 2018 at Post 148.
DEPARTMENT PROJECT: DEC Sal reports Mercer County currently at 100% and in first place.
LEGISLATIVE. Chairman Larry Wood reported on The American Legion Legislative agenda for the 115th Congress. Some are: support VA's suicide prevention efforts, fully find National defense, continue funding programs for homeless veterans, ensure those returning from active duty retain re-employment rights.
MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Shirley George reports county currently in10th place. SAL Sal Torre stated Post Adjutants have received 2018-2019 Post Officers forms and should submit to Department and county immediately following elections.
POW/MIA: Chairman Kuck reported on names of remains repatriated from WWII and Korea.
PUBLICITY: Chairman Joe Coult reports he has posted Department agenda on website along with current county information
RESOLUTIONS: Chairman Joe Coult read Resolution from Post 182 endorsing Tarlvin Williams for Mercer County Sr Vice Commander for 2018-2019. Resolution endorsing Shirley George for County Commander to be resubmitted
D.E.C. Sal asked for volunteers to help fill positions for Mercer County at Dept Convention. Motion made, seconded and passed to take out full page Ad in Dept Convention Book.
GOOD OF THE LEGION: Mel Boyce spoke about Post 530 project at Community Park Robbinsville NJ. Last year 6 flag poles were put out in honor of branches of armed forces. This year phase two will be 5 engraved marble stones with mottos of each branch to be placed in front of flag. Donations are encouraged and any check should be made payable to Post 530. Post 76 reports Frontier Airlines out of Mercer County gives one free baggage to military and veterans. Cmdr James Perkins spoke about party during Wildwood and announced Trenton High will be band representing Mercer County and ROTC will be marching.
With no further business to come before the meeting a motion was made to adjourn. Following closing ceremonies Cmdr James Perkins adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m..
Respectfully Submitted,
Dianna C. Kuck, Adjutant

The next meeting will be held at Post 339 (19C Model Ave Hopewell, NJ) starting at 7:30 P.M. on Friday Apr 20, 2018.