



**POW/MIA Ceremony**  
**Casinos**  
**Scholarship Ceremony**  
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# The Veteran's Voice

Minutes  
 July 24, 2018



Attending: Ron Harris, Bob Krzynowek, Ron Fitzsimmons, Larry Kall, Joe Harsch, Greg Arnold, Jeff Kanner, Monica Curtis, Al Ely, Steve Hensley, Dennis Abels, John Odom, Bo Williams, Bonnie Kuhr

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The presentation of the scholarship certificate was made by Ron Harris to his granddaughter Skylar Harris Cranston who was accompanied by her mother Jennifer and grandmother Shey. Skylar's scholarship was named after Mike Hooks. Ron made some remarks about Mike and what he meant to this group.

The meeting was conducted by Ron Harris. On motion made, seconded and passed the minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

**POW/MIA Ceremony:**  
**August 4**  
**MOPH**  
**Benny Hoots, NCVVI**

**Education:** Pine Hollow Middle School would like a veteran to appear at its 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. The contact: [jlauer@wcpss.net](mailto:jlauer@wcpss.net), Pine Hollow Middle School, **919-694-8880**. I believe Jeff Kanner attended the class.

Some members spent the day at McGee's Crossroads speaking to several classes.

**Etchings in Stone:** Etchings may be shown at the Renaissance Building in Wake Forest on October 24. The moving wall will be in Wake Forest on October 21, 22, 23.

**Scholarships:** .Lydia Cook, Amanda Locker and Caitlin Miller will be present at the August 4 POW/MIA ceremony. Dave Samuels will conduct the scholarship portion of the ceremony. Monica mentioned that a good friend of Nathan Henry (one of the scholarships will be named after him) might appear. She will get in touch with him. (He has agreed to present the scholarship.) See photos at the end.

**Casinos:** Searstone would like us to conduct the well-received casino in September. Our "pit boss" is available on September 14 or 15. The membership agreed he should set the date and let us know to mark on our calendars. The membership has agreed to continue casinos in order to raise money for our expenses.

**Live Streaming: July 25:** Ripley and Rescorla - Men with Moral Courage.

**Vietnam Experience:** The office of Secretary Hall, Department of Veterans Affairs, indicated that we might consider inviting the Secretary

to the event. We agreed to send him a formal invitation recommending he view the video.

**New Business:** To have a meal or not was the question. People are not signing up to prepare meals. In the discussion that followed, it was a chance to socialize before the meeting and some liked the comfort of a home cooked meal. So we shall continue having a meal.

The other question raised was should we meet in the summer. It was decided to continue to meet as the MIA/POW ceremony is monthly, if there is a casino event that needs follow up, and this year we gave out scholarships in August.

Monica mentioned the email Del sent requesting photos to show how we supported Vietnamese soldiers. The email was sent to members separately.

The return of the remains of veterans from the Korean War was discussed. (I hope everyone had a chance to see the return ceremony. It was very respectful and done with dignity.) Monica mentioned that in 1959 20 boxes of remains were returned but they were mixed with remains of veterans from other countries. There are 8000 Americans missing from that war. One problem is the lack of DNA to identify remains of those being returned. John Odom asked if we should have make it NCVVI's project of getting the word out about the need for DNA from family members of those still missing. A plan was to have a business card showing the reading of the name ceremony as well as the importance of DNA from a family member of a missing member of the Armed Forces. The government would pay for the cards.

**Purple Heart Foundation: The annual Purple Heart dinner will be held on August 4.**

**UPCOMING EVENT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Wake Forest Proudly Hosts The Wall that Heals

October 18-21, 2018

Exhibit open 24 hours a day

E. Carroll Joyner Park

701 Harris Road

Wake Forest

Free and open to the public

Wake Forest is the only town in North Carolina to host this exhibit in 2018.

The wall stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest. Visitors can do name rubbings of names on The Wall.

There will be a mobile education center.

Larry Kall, the cook, was thanked. Ron Fitzsimmons will be chef in August.

Skylar Cranston Harris – Mike Hooks Scholarship

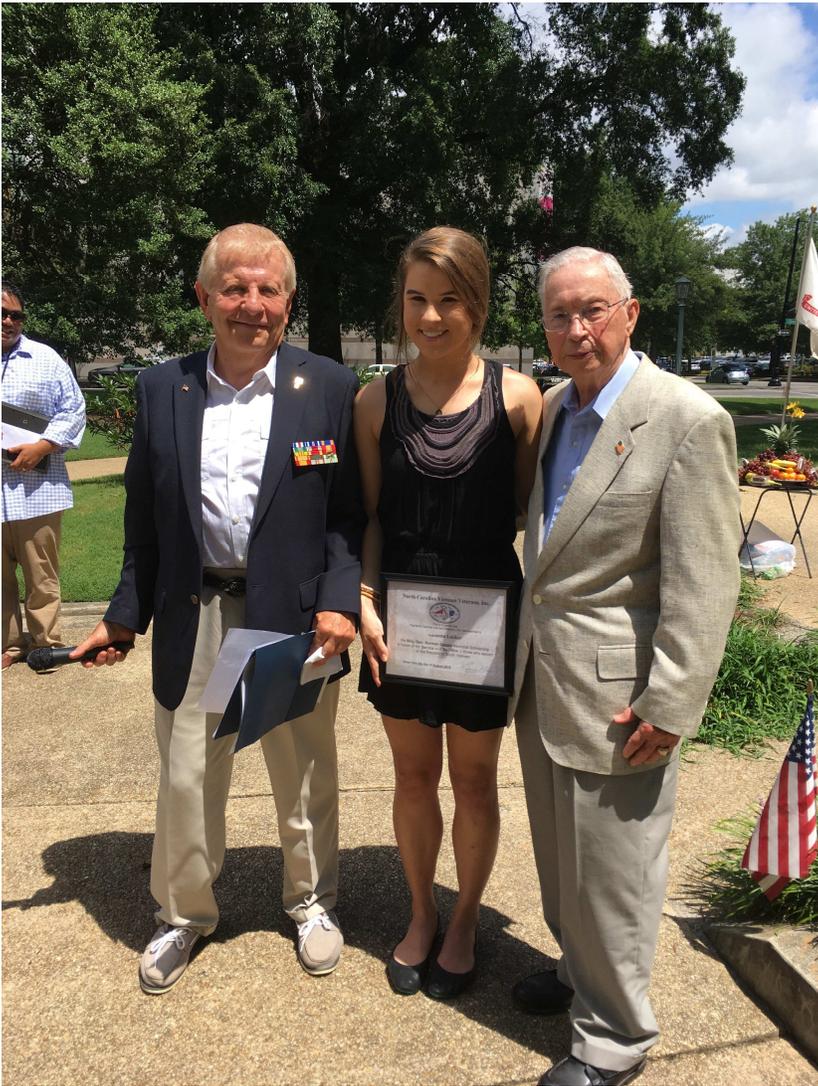


Lydia Cook – SSG Nathan Barney Henry



Caitlin Miller – Col. Edgar Felton Davis Scholarship-





**Amanda Locker – Brig. Gen. Norman Gaddis Scholarship**

**Saturday, August 4, must have been the hottest day on record as we gathered for the reading of the names and the presentation of the scholarships.**

**The Purple Heart group and Benny Hoots set up and the Purple Heart group read the names. There was a large crowd in attendance including several from NCVVI. Dave Samuels introduced the scholarship winners and an explanation was given about each scholarship recipient and for whom each scholarship was named. Dave did the bios of Gen. Gaddis and Col. Davis. Richard Hanson, a good friend, of SSG Nathan Barney Henry talked about their friendship. Gen. Gaddis presented the scholarship to Amanda Locker; Richard Hanson to Lydia Cook, and Dave Samuels to Caitlin Miller. Family members were in attendance and I heard several thanks as well as how much they appreciated their scholarships.**

**Skylar Harris Cranston could not be there with her granddad Ron Harris but it was mentioned that she had won the Mike Hooks scholarship.**



# Membership Application

NCVVI is proud to have you as a member.

**A DD214 is required for full membership**

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(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Full Membership (\$25 per Year) \_\_\_\_\_ (check amount) DD214 supplied \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

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(E-MAIL ADDRESS :) **{Need this to send the unit's monthly newsletter}**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**

**Reminder:** NCVVI holds a remembrance service on the Capital grounds, Raleigh, NC, the first Saturday of each month (12:00 noon) and the monthly business meeting on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month at VFW 7383, 522 Reedy Creek Road, Cary, NC. (6:15 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting)

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