

Third Generation Harrison Makes Eagle!

On October 4, 1934, Robert Harrison, Sr., of Lowell, NC, was awarded the Boy Scouts highest award...Eagle. Seventy-two years later on September 9, 2006, he watched his grandson Cameron Harrison receive his Eagle Award. In that seventy-two year span, Harrison Sr. presented his own son, Robert Harrison, Jr. his Eagle award on November 2, 1963. Scoutmaster Rick Bunnell handed the Eagle Medal to Cameron's Dad, Eagle Scout Robert Harrison, Jr. who had the honor to pin it on Cameron's Boy Scout uniform.

This was a first for Cameron Harrison's Troop 316 to have a 3rd generation Eagle. Cameron Harrison is the son of Bob and Harlanette Harrison of Apex, NC. He is in the 10th grade at Middle Creek High School and has plans to go to college and become an officer and pilot in the United States Air Force.

During the eagle ceremony, the troop's leadership spoke of Cameron's trail to Eagle and the development of his leadership skills. Humorous stories were shared with over fifty family members, friends and fellow scouts. Stories were told of his first blue water ocean trip, his first campout and his excellent performance as the crew leader while on his 65 mile trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in 2005. Former Troop 316 Scoutmaster, Ed Walsh, remembered the day that Cameron Harrison was eligible to join Boy Scouts; he was at the scoutmaster's front door step with his scout application.

Cameron's Eagle Charge was written by troop committee member Frank Jackson. The charge was read by Assistant Scoutmaster, David Paul. Assisting Paul were Eagle Scouts Rudy Mullis and Jim Speight, friends of the Harrison's; Bill Stokes, church member; Kyle Bunnell of Troop 316, and Cameron's father Bob Harrison. There were a total of eleven Eagle scouts in attendance at the afternoon ceremony. Additional family members included Cameron's sister Anna, grandfather Harlan Thomas of Angier, Aunt and Uncle Martin and Linda Thomas of Granite Falls and Aunt Kathy Caudle of Henderson.

The troop is very grateful to Charles Fosset, and Bob Connick of the Cary-Apex Elks Lodge. This was the lodge's 150th Eagle ceremony, since 1998. They have been supporting scouts in the Crosswind and Hemlock Districts. The Elks Lodge presented Cameron an American flag. In addition to the Elk's flag, Senator Burr sent Cameron a U.S. Flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol.

A book of over 45 congratulatory letters, certificates, and autographed pictures from all five living U.S. Presidents, senior federal, state and local government officials, along with several general officers was presented to Cameron. He also received a letter from US Senator and Astronaut, John Glenn, congratulating him for a job well done.

For his eagle project Cameron performed landscape support at The Caring Place, a temporary living facility in Cary for previously homeless families. The Eagle project landscaped the area surrounding the house with plants and new walkways.

Troop 316 is sponsored by St. Andrew Mens' Society and meets at St. Andrew's at 7:00 PM every Tuesday. Anyone interested in joining Troop 316 should contact Rick Bunnell, Scoutmaster, at 303-3672 or Lloyd Allen, Committee Chairman, at 380-1254. Please visit the troop's website for additional information.
<http://home.earthlink.net/~troop316/id22.html>