



**The Richard H. Stewart, Jr.**  
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**Operation Warrior Foundation Scholarship Fund**

**At a recent American Legion Post 543 meeting, Ali Stevenson, a recipient of a Special Operation Warrior Foundation scholarship and a junior at UNCW, gave a presentation**



**to the Post Legionnaires about how the scholarship has had a positive impact on her life.**

**Her father, Major Stevenson, died from cancer as a result of exposure to chemicals in Afghanistan.**

**Ms. Stevenson was accompanied to the meeting by her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Stevenson. Post 543 made a donation to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation which was created to ensure full financial assistance for a post-secondary degree from an accredited two or four-year college, university, technical, or trade school; and offers family and educational counseling, including in-home tutoring, to the surviving children of Army, Navy, Air Force, and**

**Marine Corps Special Operations personnel who lose their lives in the line of duty. The Special Operations Warrior Foundation also provides immediate financial assistance to severely wounded and hospitalized Special Operations personnel. At the conclusion of the presentation, Commander Gary Crowden presented both mother and daughter with the American Legion Challenge Coin.**

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