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# PARA SIGHT

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## MICROSOFT WORD TIPS AND TRICKS

### Reader Question: Underlining trailing spaces

by The Guru\*

Don't you just hate it when you want Microsoft Word to do something really simple and obvious, like underline blank spaces, and it just refuses to do it? That's the dilemma faced by reader who recently wrote me, really frustrated over a signature line:

"From time to time, I am inserting a line for a signature

block or for some other purpose and after clicking underline or using control u I get nothing but blank space. When I check the font dialog box it shows underline and the font color is black, what is the problem?"

One of the little challenges that electronic filing has presented a lot of us is how to do the signature line. I don't

know what the one in your neck of the woods looks like, but here's what we do around here:

s/Andrew A. Partner  
Andrew A. Partner  
Attorney for Defendant

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## COMMUNITY OUT-REACH UPDATE

Every year CVPA's fund raising efforts for the benefit of its community outreach projects get better and better, and this year is no exception. A big thank you to all who purchased or sold or contributed in any way to the Pam-

pered Chef event. Our total profit from this year's sale is \$477.12 which will be donated to The Corner Table <http://thecornertable.org/contact.html> in Newton.

The Corner Table is a soup kitchen outreach ministry for the hungry whose primary purpose is to provide nutritious meals in a comfortable environment for any man, woman or child who is in need.



# A LONG DAY COMING

By: Beverly K. Moore, NCCP

The Vietnam War ended on April 30, 1975. The Vietnam War saw the death of 58,271 United States troops. Of those deaths, 1,609 were from North Carolina.<sup>1</sup> When the fighting men and women of the Vietnam War returned home, they were not met with the celebrations we see today. Many returned home to being spit upon, name calling and protest. The lucky ones returned home quietly to just family members waiting at the airport. My dad was one of these soldiers as a member of the 101st Airborne Division.

My dad wears being a Vietnam Vet with pride, from his multiple hats, pins and even the emblems/stickers on his truck. But, he never had the welcome home celebration he, and so many others, deserved until March 31, 2012.

North Carolina declared March 31, 2012 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day". President Obama signed a proclamation declaring March 29 as "Vietnam Veterans Day." The USO of North Carolina, along with multiple corporate sponsors (Charlotte Motor Speedway, Lowes, Coke, Coca-Cola

Consolidated, Lorillard Tobacco, RJR, Golden Corral, General Dynamics, and New Breed Logistics) took over the Charlotte Motor Speedway and made it into a welcome home celebration like no other.

There were four of us set to go, my mom, dad, me and my husband (Michael). The morning started off with rain, a sick daughter (me) and forgotten tickets (me again). Nevertheless, we finally made it (a little later than desired) but with the return home for the tickets, just in time for the rain to stop and the sun to shine brightly.

While mom and I sat in the stands and enjoyed the opening ceremonies, dad and Michael made their way to the track to look at all the attractions. The opening ceremonies were really spectacular. The US Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, dazzled us with their descent from the sky. The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band (from Cherry Point, NC) played the National Anthem. However, one of the most moving moments was watching

the laying of a wreath at the Wall in Washington, D.C., then the playing of taps, topped off by a fly over in the missing man formation. When that plane moved out and got lost in the clouds – WOW!! There are just no words for that moment.

Another touching moment was when Rolling Thunder<sup>2</sup> presented a ceremony to honor those still missing from all conflicts. The Coast Guard is the only branch in which no members are missing at this time. Rolling Thunder even honored the missing civilians.

After the opening ceremonies, mom and I ventured out of the stands and into the crowd, a crowd of approximately 62,500. There were several helicopters to explore. None were flyable, but give them 30 minutes and they could be up in the air. The garage areas were full of information desk and exhibits to explore. One that caught my eye was an exhibit on erecting a memorial to the dogs that have been lost in wars. There were close to 4,000 dogs serving in Vietnam.<sup>3</sup>

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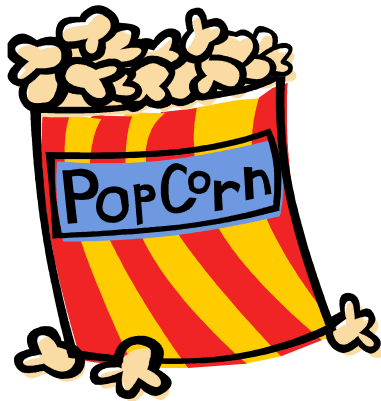


<sup>1</sup>The Vietnam Veterans Memorial The Wall- USA - <http://thewall-usa.com/summary.asp>

<sup>2</sup>Rolling Thunder, Inc., <http://www.rollingthunder1.com>

<sup>3</sup>A Tribute To The War Dogs Of The United States Military, <http://www.eagleid.com/veterans/dogs.htm>

# AT THE MOVIES



## “The Hunger Games” Review

BY: Kelly Walker, NCCP

I did something crazy. I went to the midnight showing of The Hunger Games. I couldn't wait to see it, and when I found out that my sister was going to be in town that night, I knew it was fate. I HAD to buy tickets. It was an experience I will never forget. Normally, I do not see midnight even at New Years, so for me to plan on a midnight movie was a little dicey. I had read the book; my sister had not and as the lights dimmed I wondered if it would be able to live up to my high expectations.

I have long been fascinated by the little village of Henry River. I lived in an apartment up the road from it and would run down through the abandoned mill houses and store. If you have never been there, it is

worth the trip to see it. It is built along the Henry River, and eerily terrible and fascinating. I had already heard that they had used the village before I read the book, and I had no trouble seeing it as District 12. I found myself on pins and needles waiting for it to appear on screen. I was not disappointed.

I have heard all the hub bub about the violence (or lack of it) in the film. I can only say that I did not find it over done and like the book, it was passed over quickly in favor of dealing with the meatier matters of compassion and dignity in times of terrible stress. One thing, I don't believe I heard a single swear word in that film, and if profanity does not survive the apocalypse, I say bring it on. I have watched several movies on DVD lately, or tried to

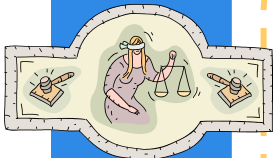
watch them I should say, and I have had to stop watching because either the language or the content was too graphic. The Hunger Games has no profanity and little violence which could very well set a record at the box office. I wish Hollywood would take note.

Back to the review. As I said, I read the book; my sister did not. We both loved the movie. The only thing I was not crazy about was that jumpy way of filming that I believe is intended to make you feel as if you are in the thick of the action. The purpose it may have served in this case was to skim over the violence. Readers of the book will notice a few discrepancies, but they are minor. All in all a very enjoyable experience even if it is dealing with a very unenjoyable topic.



## Jury Duty in Catawba County

BY: *Cyndy Adams, NCCP*



Having been a registered voter in my respective county of residence for more years than I will ever admit to, about 6 weeks ago, I received my very first Jury Summons. I dutifully calendared the date on my work calendar and notified my attorney. On the Sunday evening before my prospective service on Monday, I phoned the “Jury Alert” number provided on the Summons. The recorded instructions directed us to be at the Jury Assembly Room at the Newton Courthouse at 1:30 pm the next afternoon. My boss had warned me to “take reading material.” I arrived at the Courthouse at 1:15 pm with a newspaper, book, and crossword puzzle magazine, together with my iPhone (set on “vibrate mode”).

There were about 50-60 folding chairs set up in the Assembly room. All of the unoccupied seats had a small slip of paper in them, and some had a Bible lying in them as well. I sat as close to the end of a row as possible, in case I developed a coughing fit or had to make a hasty exit to respond to an urgent text message from the office. No

such luck though, so I occupied my folding chair for the next few minutes with the other duly notified Catawba County registered voters. Ironically, I thought, we are awaiting our own “sentencing”...whether any, some or none of us would be chosen to serve as a juror.

Meanwhile, I busied myself with completing the small slip of paper. The name and address part was easy, but then came the somewhat unexpected (although predictable) question: “Name of Employer.” I sighed. Well, this would surely cause raised eyebrows and sarcastic chuckles by the Jury Selection Panel. But, since I figured there would be some swearing in later, judging by the Bibles in our seats, I truthfully revealed my place of employment, and turned in my slip of paper.

Suddenly, an older gentleman seated behind me remembered that he hadn’t brought his Jury Summons with him, so he deemed it advisable to use his cell phone and call someone to find out his “Jury Number.” If he asked once, he repeated the question 5 times, “Hey, look at my jury paper and see what my number is!” Each time he repeated the question, he asked

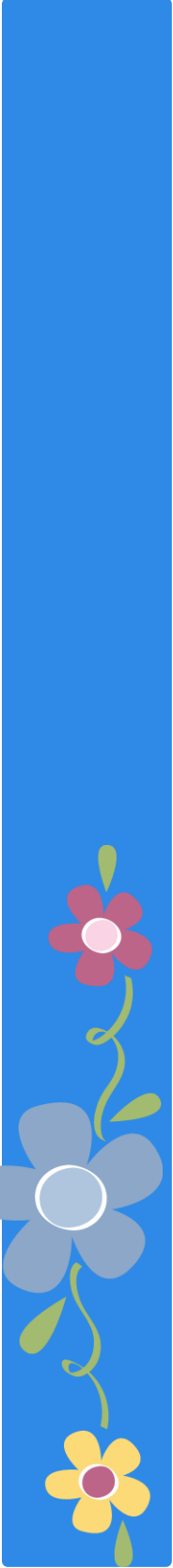
louder and with a bit more urgency. Finally, he was shouting into his cell phone, assuring the party on the other end that he couldn’t hear her and imploring her to get his jury paper. Everyone else was laughing by this time, but that quickly changed when a deputy entered the room and told the man to hang up. Apparently the prospective juror recognized neither the stylish brown uniform of the deputy, nor his handcuffs and sidearm, because he told the deputy, “just a minute.” Well, that went over like receiving a Notice for Production of Documents. The deputy deftly removed the phone from the prospective juror’s hand, closed the flip-phone, smiled, and handed it back. As soon as the deputy turned to leave, the man’s cell phone rang – loudly -- and unfortunately began playing the Dukes of Hazard car-horn sound, which resulted in said phone being removed from the Assembly Room by said deputy. I don’t think the prospective juror ever found out his juror number but I would have guessed “13.”

About 2:00 pm, a nice clerk entered the room with an armload of files. She reminded us all that

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## Jury Duty in Catawba County



we had to complete and turn in our slips of paper so that we “could get paid for our jury duty.” (Little did I know how little that would be.) But so far, I hadn’t really done anything to earn the jury pay...so I relaxed and wondered when we would get the show on the road. In apt time<sup>1</sup>, the clerk announced she was ready to call the roll. Sigh. I realized that my name would probably be first. All through school, I was always first. No, I wasn’t the valedictorian...but by virtue of my last name, I was always first on the roster, first to be asked for homework, first to have to write on the board. Another sigh.

True to form, my name was publicized, and I responded, “Here” in a loud, clear voice. As the roll call continued, the next few responded in kind. But then, as it always happens, a wise guy decided to change the routine, and he responded with, “YO!” as he grinned and surveyed the room as if waiting for applause. The next man shouted, “aqui”! and not wanting to be left out, an older man declared, “That’s my name, don’t wear it out!” This repartee brought memories of “Andy Griffith” with Gomer, Goober and Floyd. This time,

the clerk sighed. We then viewed a 10 minute video on what it means to be a juror. We heard a brief explanation of the levels of Court – magistrate, district and superior and learned what the requirements are to serve as a juror.

The Judge then entered the Assembly Room, and introduced himself as being from another county in North Carolina. He was a very likeable, well-informed man, and had a friendly way about him. After speaking briefly, he asked if there were any questions. The hand of the man seated next to me shot into the air like a rocket, waving around wildly to get the Judge’s attention. As soon as His Honor acknowledged him, words began to rush out, stating that his work depended on him, that he was the only person who could do his job, and that without him, his place of employment would be forced to shut down for a week. The Judge asked him if he had a note from his employer, but the employer had refused to comply with the man’s request for such a note. If this man had been an Academy award winner giving an acceptance speech, he would have received the hook and been shown off the stage. But alas, the man continued to speak, practically begging His Honor for a pass from jury duty.

I sighed again and silently willed the man to BE QUIET. He didn’t win an Academy award that day, and he also wasn’t excused.

Then, there was the lady who saw fit to approach His Honor with a handwritten note explaining that she suffered from some mysterious malady (the vapors<sup>2</sup>, perhaps?) but her motion was also denied, with the Court ruling against her. As if to stem the tide of excuse-seekers, the Judge assured us that it is a citizen’s duty to serve as a juror. He also said that we would “thank him later” because serving that week would eliminate us from being selected to serve on a month-long murder trial which he predicted would be forthcoming.

Finally, with no case to try on Monday, the nice clerk distributed a paper to each of us containing a circled phone number. We were instructed to call on Tuesday between 11:00 am and 11:30 am to learn our fate for the next day, and we were dismissed at about 3:15 pm. No voir dire or sequestering, nothing to deliberate, no “Twelve Angry Men.” The result of my jury duty week after Monday was me phoning a number for a recorded message for a couple of days, and on the third day learning that our jury duty was concluded, thanks, see you in a couple of years, and that’s all folks.

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## LOCAL ATTORNEY RECIPIENT OF NCBA CITIZEN LAWYER AWARD

Robert A Mullinax, Sr., Attorney and former Mayor of Newton, has been named by the North Carolina Bar Association as a 2012 recipient of the Citizen Lawyer Award. Mr. Mullinax will be presented the award at the NCBA Annual Meeting in June. The NCBA Citizen Lawyer Award was established in 2007 to recognize lawyers who provide exemplary public service to their communities.

### A LONG DAY COMING

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BY Beverly K. Moore

Probably the most visited and emotional part was seeing the traveling Vietnam Wall. There were a lot of hugs, tears and emotions viewed at the Wall. Many pictures and penciling of names and some even left behind tokens of remembrance.

Throughout the day, the attendees were entertained with music and speakers. The day ended with the Charlie Daniels' Band and of course his trademark song "The Devil Went Down to Georgia". It was really neat to see everyone having such a good time to that song.

My dad had a great time (we all did, but I think he enjoyed it the most) and that is what really matters to me. It was truly an honor to get to share this experience with my family.

It was a day long overdue, but better late than never. Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans and THANK YOU!!

#### **BRING A FRIEND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**CVPA BRING A FRIEND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES.  
INVITE A FRIEND AS A GUEST OF CVPA. GIVE YOUR  
FRIENDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT ALL THE  
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DRAWING FOR EACH GUEST THEY BRING.**

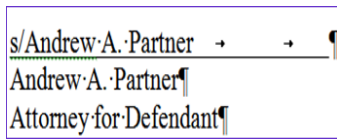
**(A GUEST MAY ATTEND ONE MEETING AT NO COST and WITHOUT  
RECEIVING CPE CREDIT.)**



## MICROSOFT WORD TIPS AND TRICKS

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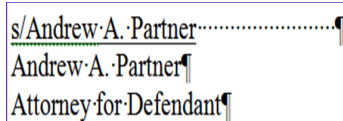
Personally, I usually use the Tab key to extend the underline past the end of the name. Turning on Show/Hide, this is what that looks like:



Some other folks like to use tables to do signature blocks. That's cool, too.

This reader, on the other hand, preferred to use spaces to ex-

tend the line. The only problem was, this was the result he was getting:

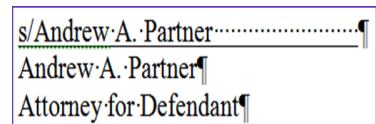


This one has a pretty quick fix. In Microsoft Word 2010, go to the File tab (or if you're in version 2007, click the Office Button), then click Word Options. In the Advanced section, scroll all the way down until you see Layout Options.

Expand the Layout Options sec-

tion by clicking on the small arrow just to its left. You'll see a very, very long list of checkboxes. (Fortunately, the options are in alphabetical order.) Scroll down little more, and you'll see one called "draw underline on trailing spaces." Check that box, then click OK.

And here's the result:



Easy!

## JURY DUTY IN CATAWBA COUNTY

On a completely serious note: I was actually disappointed that I wasn't chosen to serve on a jury, but at least I was ready, willing and able to do so if I was needed. Today I received a very courteous letter signed by our two Superior Court Judges, thanking us for service. I also received a Juror Service Certificate, which I will probably frame, because I am proud that I didn't "try to get out" of jury duty. Oh, and I received a letter from the Honorable Al Jean Bogle, also thanking me for my service, and enclosing my check for \$12. Sigh.

Be assured that I believe jury service is indeed a solemn responsibility of all qualified citizens. Ms. Bogle, wrote in her letter: "Even though your participation may have disrupted your personal schedule...I hope you will agree that the preservation of our jury system makes such sacrifices worthwhile." I certainly do agree with Ms. Bogle, and consider myself fortunate to be a part of the legal system not only through my employment, but by being available to serve as a juror.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy Adams, NCCP

Credit to <sup>1</sup>J. Richardson Rudisill, Jr. and <sup>2</sup>Lewis E. Waddell, Jr.

For Commonly Asked Questions about Jury Duty, see: <http://www.aoc.state.nc.us/www/public/juryquestions.html>





# Treasurer's Report

Submitted to Board of Directors

April 12 and 14, 2012

**Prepared by:**

**Delores Deal, Treasurer**

**Account Balance as of  
April 1, 2012: \$2,938.22**

**Balance Forwarded from 1/31/2012: \$3,112.09**

**DEPOSITS:**

Patrick Harper Dixon	30.00
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<b>Total Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
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**DISBURSEMENTS:**

NC State Bar CLE :

Scott Matthews	18.00
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Al Jean Bogle	75.00
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Honorariums (Scott Matthews)	25.00
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Gift card for door prize	25.00
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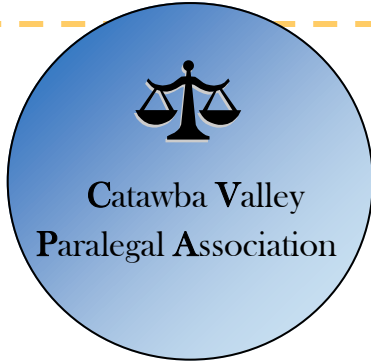
Check Charge	60.87
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<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b><u>\$ 203.87</u></b>
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<b>April 1, 2012 Balance:</b>	<b><u>\$2,938.22</u></b>
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## Thespian Notes

CVPA President, Jennifer Koch, was spotted on stage a few weeks ago at the Old Post Office Theater in Newton. She appeared in the play *Smoke on the Mountains* as Vera. Vera plays the piano and delivers the children's sermon in the "Saturday night hymn sing" which is set in 1938.



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**ATTEND TO WIN**

**MONTHLY DOOR PRIZE!**

**\$25 Gift Card**

**All you have to do is attend the CVPA monthly meeting for a chance to win.**

**You don't have to be a member for a chance to win—just your attendance is required (and payment for any CPE if you are not a CVPA member).**

**Congratulations to the winners!**

**WILL YOU BE NEXT?**

## Up-coming CPE's and Monthly Meetings

Mark your calendars! Plan now to attend our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday in each month at 6:00 pm at Catawba Valley Community College Auditorium.

Door Prize drawing at each meeting for a \$25 gift card.  
Bring a friend and/or a donation for The Corner Table for additional chance at door prize.

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| May 8:        | E-Discovery by Eric Farr: Interesting and informative presentation. Thank you, Mr. Farr. |
| June 12:      | Ethics: Conflicts of Interest by Rachael A. LeClair                                      |
| July 10:      | Social: <b>Bowling at Pin Station, Newton</b>  |
| August 14:    | Local Government by Debra Bechtel  |
| September 11: | Foreclosure Defense by Rufus Walker  |

