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Things To Do In August In The Charleston Area

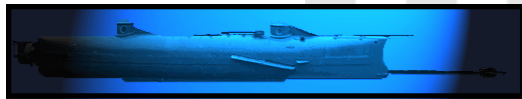
Visit the S.C. Aquarium, lots of fun. Take a "Behind the Scene tour of the Turtle Hospital". Tours are held every Wednesday and Friday at 1. P. M., call (843) 579-8600 for information or to make reservation.



Visit Patriots Point in Mt Pleasant, SC, Tour the Yorktown (WWII) Carrier, Tour The Medal of Honor Museum. Visit The Cold War Submarine Memorial.



Visit the Submarine CSS Hunley. Tours are available every weekend, Tickets can be ordered in advance by calling (877)- 448-6539 or walk up on a first come first served basis at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center, located on the Old Naval Base.



Visit Fort Sumter National Memorial, where the Civil War began. Visit the Visitor Center at Liberty Square or even take a boat ride out to Fort Sumter. (There is no admission charge to visit Fort Sumter, however there is a charge for the boat transportation.)

Visit the White Point Gardens, better known as The Battery. See where the first shots of the Civil War were fired. Visit the USS Hobson Memorial. Take a walk through the Market.

Visit the local Plantations and Gardens Drayton Hall or Magnolia Gardens. Visit Charles Towne Landing where the first Europeans settlers land in what is now South Carolina



There's A Lot To Do In The Charleston Area
Check It Out

Our guest speaker for August will be Sheriff Al Cannon, Charleston County Sheriff. He will be speaking on things of interest in the County Sheriff's Office.



Place: CARRABBA's ITALIAN GRILL

Date: 31 August 2007

Time: 11:00 a.m. Social Time

Lunch: 12:00 Noon

Menu: Chicken Marsala, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Tiramisu, Coffee or Tea
Cash Bar

Cost: \$20.00

RSVP: Checks to arrive NLT 28 August

Make Checks payable to: Charleston MOAA

Mail to: LT Cliff Abbey
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Note: Carrabba's Restaurant is located in front of Northwood's Mall on Rivers Ave



Who's this Month's MOAA Profile
See Page Three

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Cdr. John E Nolan (SC) USN

Senate Tackles Defense Bill

The Senate returned from the July 4th recess braced for action on the FY2008 Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 1585). And if the first week of debate is any indication, this may take awhile.

With increasing contention over the progress of the war in Iraq, even some seemingly straight forward issues are taking partisan tones. For example, competing amendments by Senators James Webb (D-VA) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC), both expressing support for longer “dwell time” for troops and families between consecutive deployments, both went down to defeat.

This particular issue is about supporting larger forces to meet the huge missions imposed on the troops. As long as that support is expressed without impinging on the nation’s ability to meet wartime commitments—which neither amendment would have done, since the Webb amendment authorized a presidential waiver, supporting a larger force and reasonable standards for down time between deployments is pretty much “motherhood and apple pie .” The point is: if we have to waive the down-time standard, that should be a pretty clear mandate to build a bigger force.

The Senate has endorsed adding a broad package of initiatives to improve treatment, service, and benefits for wounded warriors and their families, which MOAA strongly endorsed.

Hopefully, the Senate will be able to find ways to address the hundreds of amendments still pending and finish the bill as soon as possible. Amendments still to be addressed include:

* Pay raise: Senators Hagel (R-NE) and Kerry (D-MA) have offered separate amendments to increase the military pay raise by one-half percentage point a year for the next five years.

*TRICARE Fees: Senator’s Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Hagel’s joint amendment would specify that the percentage increase in retiree TRICARE fees in any year cannot exceed the percentage increase in retired pay.

*Survivor Benefit Plan: Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) would implement 30-year paid-up SBP coverage and end the deduction of VA survivor benefits from SBP annuities.

*GI Bill: Sen. Lincoln (D-AR) would authorize 10 years of post service benefit use by mobilized Guard and Reserve members (who now lose all benefits upon separation.)

* Guard/Reserve Travel: Sen. Sessions (R-AL) would reimburse up to \$300 for drill-related travel/ expenses for drills conducted outside commuting distance.

*Guard/ Reserve Retirement: Senators Hagel and Sessions have offered separate amendments that would reduce retirement age proportionately based on longer service in the reserves (Hagel) or time mobilized since 9/11 (Sessions).

*Guard/ Reserve Employers: Sen. Landrieu (D-LA) would authorize tax credits for employers to help offset impacts of mobilizations on their businesses.



**Albert “Albie” Duc, Lt. COL , USAF, (Ret.)
A Real Charleston Native
Fighter Pilot
MOAA Member**



Many of us who retired in the Low country did so after the military brought us here in the first place.

Not so with retired Air Force Lt. Col. Albert “Albie” Duc and his wife, Barbara.

“I was born in Charleston and graduated from The Citadel,” Duc said recently. But in his 23 years in the Air Force he was never stationed in South Carolina.

Still, the Ducs knew what they wanted. In 1969, as Albie was leaving for a tour in Vietnam, they bought a home on James Island. It’s the home they live in today.



2nd Lt Albie 1953



F-86 Sabre Jet

Albie recalls that he graduated from The Citadel in June, 1951 and was called to active duty on his 21st birthday nine days later. The Korean War was hot and the Air Force needed fighter pilots. Albie’s first post was pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Then it was on to Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., for advanced jet fighter training, followed by gunnery and combat crew training at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Albie and Barbara were married in the midst of all these moves. “We were married over Labor Day weekend,” he said, “followed by a very short (two days) honeymoon.”

Barely a year out of college, Albie was at Suwon Air Base, Korea, flying F-86s alongside Capt. Joe McConnell, the Air Force’s top ace in the war.

Asked if he smoked any North Korean MIGs, Albie said “No, I flew my 100 missions and went home. But I got to watch McConnell get some.”

Indeed, Albie’s job was to protect McConnell, not to hunt for MIGs on his own. Back in the States, Albie flew F-86s at Tyndall Air Force Base., Fla., working as a combat crew training instructor.

“We were the backup unit for the fighter squadron (then) at Charleston,” he said. “I tried to get into the (Charleston) squadron, but I couldn’t swing it.” The Ducs next spent four years at Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, near Kansas City. Former President Harry Truman lived nearby and agreed to speak at a dinner at the base. “He gave a great speech and agreed to play the piano on one condition: that we not ask him to play “The Missouri Waltz,” Albie said. The Ducs then spent four years in Europe where Albie trained as a safety officer and as an accident investigator.

They returned to Moody Air Force Base, a pilot training base near Valdosta, Ga., to what Albie says was his most challenging assignment. As an instructor, he recalls he taught three USAF Academy grads and then became a student himself alongside the three as they all trained for F-4 fighters in Vietnam. “It was challenging because of the competition,” he said.

Albie flew 35 missions in Vietnam, then spent several months in Korea. His last post was at the Pentagon where he set up safety programs for Air National Guard units throughout the country.

He retired in 1974 and returned to Charleston, where he and an old friend from his Citadel days opened a wine-and-cheese shop in South Windermere Plaza. Eventually, Albie bought out his partner then sold the business in 1988.



The Ducs today



Albie

The decision to return to Charleston meant the Ducs could travel Space Available on Air Force transports, a privilege they’ve often enjoyed. “We still keep in touch with people from The Citadel,” he said, and enjoy retired life with family and friends from MOAA. And MOAA’s glad they do. And MOAA’s glad that they do.

MOAA MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE



We have completed another fun filled season and are taking a break until we start a new season in September, 2007.

WE NEED SOME NEW BOWLERS !

Both regular and substitutes are need;
Both Men and Women

We bowl on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
The only thing needed to join us is a desire to enjoy the sport and the camaraderie of good folks.

For further information or to sign up for our next season, please contact:

Norm Wolff 216 6433 or junowolff@bell south.net

There are two women's leagues that bowl at the Starlifter Lanes on Wednesday and Thursdays mornings. If there any ladies who would like to join us. Please contact:

Judy Wolff 216 6433 or junowolff@bellsouth.net

You do not need to be a member of MOAA for the women's league.



We Need You!!!

Wanted one Vice President, the Chapter needs you.

To run any organization successfully a well rounded board of directors is needed.

With the assumption of duties as President, Cliff Abby, had to relinquish his posts as 1st Vice President.

The position is a challenging one, but the satisfaction of serving the chapter in this vital role is very rewarding.

The clarion call has been sounded, take up the challenge, step up to the plate and be counted.

Will you be our next 1st Vice President?

Call and submit your name.

The Chapter needs you.

Note!

Auxiliary Members are eligible for this position!



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President's Pen August



Those of you who missed the wine tasting at the Irwin House Vineyards on 30 June would most assuredly have enjoyed this unusual but outstanding event.

The opportunity to socialize with attendees while enjoying the outstanding refreshments provided by our chapter and the excellent wine served by our hosts resulted in a truly special afternoon.

There was no event scheduled in July. On 31 August we will return for a luncheon at Carrabba's Restaurant near Northwood's Mall. Our guest speaker will be Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon. I believe this will be a very popular event.



Remember Last Years Meeting at Carrabba's

Traditionally September has been the month for our annual picnic. I have contracted for a caterer and reserved the Charleston AFB picnic area for 28 September. I am also working to schedule a tour either on base or at a nearby facility.

Please try to attend these events. We welcome your comments and suggestions as we seek interesting and informative topics for our monthly events. If you have a specific interest which would appeal to our membership please e-mail or call me.

Cliff

Help Our Chapter Help Low Country Kids



We are selling decals and license plates and the profits from these sales will go back to the community through programs such as the annual Toys for Tots program.

These beautiful red, white and blue decals and license plates will enable you to show your MOAA colors.

They are guaranteed not to chip, crack or fade for three years.

Decals are \$5.00 each (2 for \$9)
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Nancy Lovelace and Richard

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In June we went Wine Tasting



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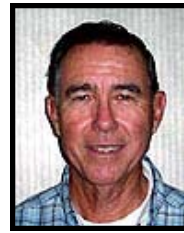
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Give Me Ten

Just a reminder that National MOAA is having a nation wide recruiting campaign for new members. Some of the rewards for signing up new members include a financial reward to our chapter.

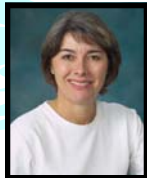
On that same note if you sign up any active duty officer, their first year's dues are free.

Remember an organization is only as strong as its membership base. There's strength in numbers.

Do you know a officer active or retired, do him or her and the chapter a favor, sign them up. As a member of MOAA you know what the organization does.
Happy Recruiting



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Christmas in August



The temperature and humidity is high, it's too hot to leave the house. Our thoughts are thinking of ways to beat the heat.

What do you mean Christmas in August.? The answer is simple, every Christmas the Chapter donates Footballs and Soccer balls to the U. S. Marine Corps:

"Toys for Tots Program "

Again this year the Chapter is planning to participate in this program.

As you know we have been gathering funds throughout the year to support this worthy cause. Lets get a jump on the program and make a Christmas gift in August to the Toys for Tots drive by the Chapter. The kids will thank you and so will the Corps.

Remember Christmas in August
Make a donation this
month!!



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**MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID DUES
FOR 5 OR MORE YEARS**

One additional member have joined the ranks of those who have paid their dues for five or more years. In addition to those previously recognized, we are pleased to extend our wholehearted thanks to the following member:

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Special Election in the Berkeley County Area
The polls will be open 7 August 2007 for
State Senate District ##44 Seat
Don't Forget to Vote!!!

Editor Needed!!

Your editor is resigning. Due to my medical condition, I can no longer serve as editor of our newsletter. I have watched this newsletter grow from a simple 8x14 page to the present 10 page edition. I have tried to keep it informative and interesting to the members.

I have watched and participated with the chapters board of directors in their efforts to keep the members informed by means of this newsletter and the chapters web site. Anyone interested in coming on board as the editor, please contact the President Cliff Abbey. With reluctance

I Bid Adieu.

Future Military Officers Scholarship Fund

The chapter always accepts and appreciates donations to our Scholarship fund.

It's a great way to remember someone special, or a great event such as birth of a grandchild. Or simply because you just feel like it.

Rudy Smart, our Director of Scholarship, can give all the information you need to make a donation to the fund.

You can find Rudy's contact information in the Board of Directors list on page 8 of this newsletter.

Charleston Chapter MOAA *Membership Application Renewal Change of Address* (circle one). Chapter Dues: \$10.00 a year for Regular membership. Auxiliary membership \$5.00 per year. Multiple year dues are encouraged in order to reduce paperwork. Make check payable to "Charleston MOAA". Mail to: Charleston MOAA, P.O. Box 70421, Charleston SC 29415-0421.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Total Membership: 520
Auxiliary Members: 103
Honorary Members: 37

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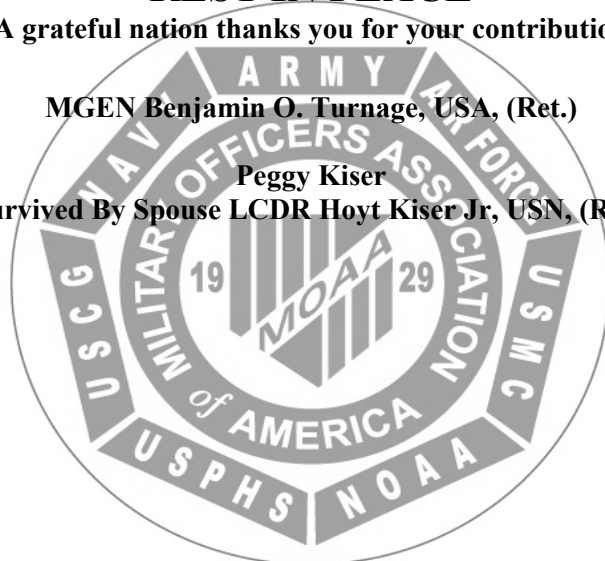
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Peggy Kiser

Survived By Spouse LCDR Hoyt Kiser Jr, USN, (Ret.)



A contribution will be made to the scholarship fund in memory of our lost member

CORRECTION

The death of LCDR Hoyt Kiser JR,
Was reported in error in the
July issue of Bridgeview..
The editor regrets this error.

Dues Questions

Questions concerning your status
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