

# Bridge View



Charleston Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

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## Presidents Day

The original version of the holiday was in commemoration of George Washington's birthday in 1796 (the last full year of his presidency).

Washington, according to the calendar that has been used since at least the mid-18th century, was born on February 22, 1732. According to the old style calendar in use back then, however, he was born on February 11. At least in 1796, many Americans celebrated his birthday on the 22nd while others marked the occasion on the 11th instead.

By the early 19th century, Washington's Birthday had taken firm root in the American experience as a bona fide national holiday. Then along came Abraham Lincoln, another revered president and fellow February baby (born on the 12th of the month). The first formal observance of his birthday took place in 1865, the year after his assassination, when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address. While Lincoln's Birthday did not become a federal holiday like George Washington's, it did become a legal holiday in several states.

In 1968, legislation (HR 15951) was enacted that affected several federal holidays. One of these was Washington's Birthday, the observation of which was shifted to the third Monday in February each year whether or not it fell on the 22nd. This act, which took effect in 1971, was designed to simplify the yearly calendar of holidays and give federal employees some standard three-day weekends in the process. Apparently, while the holiday in February is still officially known as Washington's Birthday (at least according to the Office of Personnel Management), it has become popularly (and, perhaps in some cases at the state level, legally) known as "President's Day." This has made the third Monday in February a day for honoring both Washington and Lincoln, as well as all the other men who have served as president.

Our guest speaker for February will be Dick Griffin, local founder, now the Executive Director and Senior Advisor for Independent Transportation Network (ITN).

**Place:** Charleston Club, Charleston AFB

**Date:** Friday, 23 February 2007

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. Social Time  
Cash Bar

**Menu:** Chicken Supreme Fresh Greens with Tomatoes, Cucumbers & Croutons with Dressing Selection. Grilled Chicken Breast with Creamy Mushroom Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetable Medley Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter, Coffee & Tea and Cheesecake

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Who's This Month's MOAA Profile  
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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
**Cdr. John E Nolan ( SC) USN**  
**CONCURRENT RECEIPT**

Rep. Gus Bilirakus (R-FL) has reintroduced concurrent receipt legislation well known to MOAA members. H.R. 303 would eliminate the 10-year phase-in period for retirees with a disability rating of 50%- 90% and extends concurrent receipt retirement and disability payments (CRDP) eligibility to retirees rated less than 50%. H.R. would extend eligibility for combat related special compensation (CRSC) to chapter 61 (disability) retirees with fewer than 20 years of service.

Rep. Jim Marshall (D-GA) has introduced H.R. 333, a proposal called the "Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act" which is the most comprehensive concurrent receipt legislation ever introduced. Marshall's all-encompassing bill includes the elements of H.R. 303 and H.R. 89, and would also open CRDP to chapter 61 retirees with less than 20 years of service. In essence, H.R. 333 would vest service-earned retired pay at 2.5% times years of service times base pay— exempting that amount of retired pay from any off-set by VA disability compensation. The formula is the same formula that is now used for chapter 61 retirees with over 20 years of service.

In MOAA's view, H.R. 333 is our ultimate concurrent receipt goal, though we will likely need to continue making incremental progress in getting there. MOAA fully endorses these three bills.

**NEW BILLS INTRODUCED**

A brief synopsis of bills that pique MOAA's interest follows:  
**CONCURRENT RECEIPT-( see above for details )**

**VETERAN'S ISSUES**

S. 22– Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA) :Would establish WWII style GI Bill paying full cost of college tuition plus \$1,000/ monthly stipend for personal expenses for members who serve after September 11, 2001

H.R. 92– Rep Ginny Brown-Waite (R-FL): Would establish a 30 day access standard for veterans seeking health care from the VA and would allow referral to civilian care cases where the standard is not met It would also require the VA to annually report its performance in meeting those access standards.

S. 225– Sen. Larry Craig (R-ID): Would expand retroactive payments of traumatic injury insurance to service members injured outside a combat area between Oct. 10,2001 and Dec. 1, 2005. Currently members injured during that time period are only eligible if their injury occurred in a combat zone, and members injured after Dec. 1, 2005 are covered regardless of where their injury occurred.

**SURVIVORS**

H.R.156– Rep. Tim Holden (D-PA): Provides dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) to survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before Sept. 30, 1999. Currently only survivors of members who die after Sept. 30, 1999 are eligible.

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## Douglas Glover, Colonel, U. S. Army, Retired A South Carolina Native One of Our Newest Members



Retired Army Col. Douglas Glover is one of Charleston MOAA's newest members, but he's no stranger to the Palmetto State.

"I spent the first six or seven years of my life on a farm near Holly Hill," he said recently.

Glover left the farm as a youngster, but he didn't go far. The family moved to Orangeburg where he graduated from Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School and enrolled at nearby South Carolina State College. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at S.C. State, met his wife, Judy, and was commissioned in the regular Army through the ROTC program.



Over the next 25 years, he came "full cycle" from a cadet colonel in ROTC to a colonel in the active-duty Army. However, it took the Army nearly all that time to bring him back to South Carolina to a post that few people are familiar with.

In July, 2003, he became commanding officer of the Army's Combat Equipment Group Afloat, a unit that's better known as the Army Logistics Base at the Charleston Naval Weapons Station. It's a government-owned, contractor-operated unit that repairs Army equipment. Unfortunately, the majority of its civilian work force has been laid off since the present war in Iraq emerged. "I don't think (the Army) will ever close the place," Glover said, but the issue is where is the best place to repair equipment and return it to Iraq as quickly as possible.

Glover said all of the men in his family had military connections. But none likely saw the variety of assignments that Doug and Judy encountered. "I first took Judy to Hinesville, Ga.," near Fort Stewart, home then to the 24th Infantry Division.

From there, it was on to Philadelphia as an aide to a two-star general, then to a school that prepared him for a tour in Germany. Then, it was back and forth between the U.S., Virginia, Germany and Fort Stewart.



He spent two years at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., a job that prepared him for a year in Saudi Arabia. From there, he attended the Army War College. Later, at Fort Lee, Va., he became chief of the office of the Quartermaster General of the Army.

The Glovers came to Charleston from Virginia but the war in Iraq cut into his tour. From October, 2004 to February, 2005 Glover commanded the Army Field Support Brigade in Baghdad. He found duty in the Middle East the most challenging of his career. "It was interesting interacting with people in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq," he said. "They have a different culture and a different way of looking at things."

Glover is on terminal leave from his last post at Fort Bragg, N.C., and officially retires on Feb. 1. However, he's already started a new career as Director of Administration for the Lexington County Community Mental Health Center, a state agency. He says the three-hour commute between Goose Creek and Lexington doesn't bother him a bit.

"I get to see my wife and daughters every day," he said.

Charleston MOAA welcomes the Glovers.

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New Congressional leaders are pledged to be "more fiscally responsible" than their predecessors, which means they intend to set relative priorities and ensure any new programs are paid for. This means that any new programs will have to be funded either through additional taxes, through cuts in other programs or through cuts in pork projects. Each of these choices have plenty of built-in ,bi-partisan political opposition. This is no pie-in-the sky Congress. Major improvements cost money and we'll have to continue to prove the merits of our cases. We must temper our optimism with realistic priorities, and remember that when we've won substantial progress in the past, it was almost always has come in budget-limited increments

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## National Freedom Day

What holiday is celebrated on February 1? It's National Freedom Day. The purpose of this holiday is to promote good feelings, harmony, and equal opportunity among all citizens and to remember that the United States is a nation dedicated to the ideal of freedom.

Major Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave, fought to have a day when freedom for all Americans is celebrated. When Wright got his freedom, he went on to become a successful businessman and community leader in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Major Wright chose February 1 as National Freedom Day because it was the day in 1865 that President Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the Constitution. Do you know what the 13th Amendment did?

This amendment, an important change to our written law, outlawed slavery in the United States. Wright gathered national and local leaders together to write a bill declaring February 1 "National Freedom Day" and President Harry Truman signed the bill in 1948 making it official.



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## THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



This is my first column as president. Thank you all for your confidence in me. I sincerely hope that together with all the directors we can make this organization grow. We are fortunate to have a "CAN DO" Board of Directors and I enjoy working with each of them.

We need to increase our membership and participation in our chapter activities. All of us working together can make this happen.

Thank you Butch for all the help you have given to me while I have been serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. I look forward to your continued support and advice as past president.

The Office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is vacant and I need your help in finding a candidate for this position. The duties of this position are vital to our organization. If anyone out there is interested or thinks they may be interested please call me and I will explain the duties of this position.

We have several events already planned for this year as follows:

- a. February 23, Luncheon presentation on Independent transportation Network (ITN). ITN is a network for transportation for seniors and people with visual impairment. This is also a good volunteer service project.
- b. March 23, Luncheon Presentation on the Charleston Aquarium
- c. April, trying to set up a wine tasting.
- d. May 19, River Dogs Baseball Evening Game at Joe Riley Stadium (Barbecue Picnic)

We have two new Board members: Steve Rowe and John Griffin, who will be working with our Awards Program. Bill Meisburger has agreed to stay on as editor, health permitting. He does an outstanding job each month in getting interesting articles for our newsletter and getting it out on time.

Thanks to you Bill. We all appreciate what you do for the chapter.

## CLIFF

### TOYS for TOTS 2007

We had a very successful campaign in 2006, thanks to the support we received from our membership and supporters. So once again we are throwing down the gauntlet to our membership and supporters to meet or exceed last year's goal of \$600.00. When we delivered our gift of basket balls and soccer balls to the Marines, they remark that our gift was very important to them. Since they receive toys that are more suitable for younger children not older teens. We almost hit \$700.00 in 2006. LET'S try and do it again. Remember we will list every member's name when they contribute. What a way to remember someone's birthday, anniversary, etc.



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The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/> This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military file. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.

Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

- 1 Feb Freedom Day
- 2 Feb Groundhog Day  

- 12 Feb Lincoln's Birthday  

- 14 Feb Valentines Day  

- 19 Feb Presidents' Day
- 21 Feb Ash Wednesday  

- 22 Feb Washington's Birthday  


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Mark your calendars and plan to attend this beautiful ceremony that honors our National Ensign.

As in years past the chapter will be a participant in the ceremonies. How about joining the chapter when parade our Colors to the Alter. All our members including the Auxiliary are encouraged to come out and be a part of this great salute to our Flag.

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

Nine additional members 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 members:

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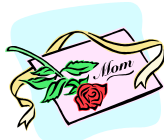
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## Mardi Gras

The Mardi Gras season begins on January 6 and continues until Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. During this time of year, one of the most beloved traditions in New Orleans is that of the King Cake.



On the Christian calendar, the twelfth day after Christmas is known as “Epiphany”, “Twelfth Night” or “Kings Day”. It is the day the gift-bearing Magi visited the baby Jesus, and is celebrated with its own unique rituals.

The New Orleans tradition, begun in the 1870s, borrows heavily from European customs. As part of the celebration of Mardi Gras, it is traditional to bake an oval cake in honor of the three kings– the King Cake. The shape of a King Cake symbolizes the unity of faiths. Each cake is decorated in the traditional Mardi Gras colors; purple represents justice, green represents faith and gold represents power. A small baby, symbolizing the baby Jesus is baked into each cake.

In New Orleans, King Cake parties are held throughout the Mardi Gras season. In offices, classrooms, and homes throughout the city, King Cakes are sliced and enjoyed by all. Like the biblical story, the “search for the baby” adds excitement, as each person waits to see whose slice of cake the baby will be discovered. While custom holds that the person who finds the baby in the slice will be rewarded with good luck, that person is also traditionally responsible for bringing the King Cake to the next party or gathering.

The traditional King Cake is made from twisted strands of cinnamon dough, topped with icing and sprinkled with purple, green, and gold colored sugar.

### A Simple King Cake Recipe

#### Ingredients:

1 can of cinnamon rolls, with icing

3/4 cup of sugar, separated into 3 parts of 1/4 cup each

Food coloring

Separate the cinnamon rolls and roll them out by hand so that they look like a hot dog. Shape them into an oval, pinch the ends together, and place on cookie sheet. Cook as directed.

While they are cooking, use food coloring, to dye sugar. Make one part, purple, one part green, and one part gold.. When they are finished baking, Ice the tops with the white icing. Sprinkle the different colors of sugars alternating as you go around the oval.

**ENJOY!!**

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Total Membership: 583  
Auxiliary Members: 113  
Honorary Members: 38

To those members who have not yet paid their annual dues, please note that your Membership is highly valued and we sincerely hope to continue counting you among us as we press on to further the goals and objectives of this Chapter. To remain a Charter member, please submit your dues by 1 February 2006.

Please remember that the Chapter's annual dues are expected at the beginning of each year. Check the mailing label on this newsletter, where it says, "DUES PAID THRU....." date to see if your dues are current for the year 2007 or beyond.

If not, please mail your dues at your earliest convenience (\$10.00 for members or \$5.00 for Auxiliary members) payable to Charleston MOAA. Along with your dues please complete the Membership Application/Renewal form inside the back page of this Newsletter. Attach your check to the application and mail both to:

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Thanks in advance.

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## Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday)

The day before Ash Wednesday traditionally was the day early Christian received absolutions for their sins. This day is also the last day of Carnival before Lent begins. In English speaking areas it became common to eat pan cakes or doughnuts on this day.

Hence the term Fat Tuesday.

## REST IN PEACE

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(Past President 1982)

Survived by Spouse Mildred



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

## Ash Wednesday

In the Western Christian calendar, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It occurs forty-six days before Easter, but Lent is nevertheless considered forty days, because Sundays in this period are not counted as days of penance. It falls on different days from year to year, according to the date of Easter, it can occur as early as February 4 or as late as March 10. This year it occurs on February 21.

At Masses and Services of worship on this day, worshippers are blessed with ashes by the celebrating priest or minister. The priest or minister marks the forehead of each participant with black ashes, in the shape of a cross, which the worshippers retains until washing it off after sundown.

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