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Charleston Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

March 2007



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NOAA



October 1970, President Richard M. Nixon was on his way to the Middle East when Egyptian President Nasser died. The Pittsburgh Steelers were putting a lot of faith in their new rookie quarterback, Terry Bradshaw. The top grossing movie of the month was Tora! Tora! Tora! And the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a new federal agency to observe, predict and protect the environment was born.

In July 1970 statement to Congress, President Nixon proposed creating NOAA to serve a national need "...for better protection of life and property from natural hazards....for a better understanding of the total environment[and] for exploration and development leading to the intelligent use of our Marine resources....) On October 3, NOAA was established under the Department of Commerce.

Thirty seven years later, NOAA still works for America every day. From providing timely and precise weather, water and climate forecast, to monitoring the environment, to managing fisheries and building healthy coastlines, to making our nation more competitive through safe navigation and examining changes in the oceans, NOAA is on the front lines for America

In hours of crisis, NOAA employees have been found issuing the tornado warnings that save hundreds of lives from a deadly storm,, flying into the eyes of hurricanes to gather information about possible landfall, fighting to free three gray whales trapped in the ice, fielding a massive scientific operation on the shores to guide the comeback from an oil spill. And monitoring by satellites the movement of hurricanes and other severe storms, volcanic ash and wildfires that threaten communities.

NOAA One Of The Seven Uniformed Services That Make Up MOAA



Our guest speaker for March is Whit McMillian, Director of Education for the South Carolina Aquarium.

Place: Charleston Club, Charleston AFB

Date: 23 March 2007

Time: 11:00 a.m. Social Time
12:00 Lunch



Cash Bar

Menu: Grilled Salmon Filet, Crisp Greens with Black Olives, Broccoli Floret's, Alfalfa Sprouts, Sliced Mushrooms, Creamy Ranch Dressing, Baked Rolls with Butter, Coffee/ Tea, Cheesecake

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Cdr. John E Nolan (SC) USN

ADMINISTRATION UNDER FUNDS DEFENSE HEALTH BUDGET

The defense budget the administration submitted to Congress on February 5 significantly upped the ante in the Pentagon's campaign to raise TRICARE fees. It assumes even larger fee hikes for FY 2008 than those that were in the FY 2007 budget submission. Last year the budget submission proposed tripling TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Standard fees for retired officers and their family members and survivors over a two year period, and more than doubling them for most enlisted retirees. It also proposed to increase retail pharmacy fees for all TRICARE beneficiaries of all ages by almost 70%.

MOAA and the Military Coalition argued against these dramatic fee hikes in FY 2007. After receiving tens of thousands of tear out letters, phone calls and post cards from MOAA members, Congress agreed with us and barred the Pentagon from increasing fees in FY 2007. This year, the Pentagon hasn't published any specific fee increase plan, indicating that they are awaiting the results of a DoD- appointed Task Force on the future of Military Health Care, which is supposed to provide interim recommendations on cost-sharing and pharmacy co-pays in May.

Yet the budget for FY 2008 they submitted on February 5 assumes \$1.8 billion in savings from TRICARE fee increases or three times the savings assumed in their FY 2007 budget submission. Their budget submission puts enormous pressure on the Task Force (all of whose members were appointed by the Secretary of Defense and half of whom work for the Secretary) to propose the same fee hikes the Pentagon pushed last year— and assumes that Congress will implement them all immediately. In essence, the administration has deliberately under funded the defense health budget by presuming the task force's outcome and has challenged Congress to either change the law to implement fee increases high enough to save \$1.8 billion or to find another \$1.8 billion from another source to make up the under funding. MOAA believes that it is wrong to play this kind of budget "chicken" with the defense health program, especially in time of war. Congress should establish clear guidelines in law about the unique role of military retirement benefits, including health care, as the primary offset for the extraordinary demands and sacrifices inherent in a military career. They should recognize that military members and their families who serve twenty or thirty years under those conditions are making a substantial, in-kind pre-payment for those benefits. The cash deductibles, enrollment fees and co-pays that they pay in retirement are only a small portion of their very large personal contributions towards their benefits.

To help make this case, we ask every MOAA member to do three things:

- a. Sign, stamp and mail the four tear-out letters in the February issue of Military Officer magazine (two at page 32 addressed to the House and Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman and two at page 52 addressed to the Committees' senior Republican). Similar tear-out letters last year helped turn the tide in Congress when Committee leaders stacked them on a witness table at a TRICARE hearing. We need even more participation this year as Congress is facing a far greater budget challenge.
- b. Use MOAA'S website (<http://moaa.org>, on web page click on Getting Involved under Legislative Action Center, click on Key bills, scroll down to Health Issues and click on H.R.579, put in your zip code and follow instructions on screens) to urge your U.S. representative to cosponsor Rep. Chet Edwards' (D-TX) AND Rep. Walter Jones' (R-NC)) Military Health Care Protection Act (H.R.579)
- c. Pass this message to all of your TRICARE eligible friends and urge them to send the message in paragraph b above.

HOUSE SPEAKER PLEDGES SUPPORT

On Feb. 7, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) , Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and 38 other members of the Democratic House Majority, including virtually all committee chairman, met with leaders of MOAA and other veterans' organizations to pledge their continued support for military and veterans' " people programs." The Speaker introduced her leadership team, pledged her continued support to end the " disabled veterans tax and the military widows tax" and resist proposals for significant increases for VA and defense health programs.

MOAA president VADM Norb Ryan (USN-Ret) said MOAA places top priority on meeting the manpower needs of active duty, Guard and Reserve forces; preventing disproportional cost shifting to TRICARE Beneficiaries, and taking further action to end unfair reductions in compensation for disabled retirees and military widows. Other organizations echoed those concerns and reemphasized needs for assured VA health funding, GI Bill upgrades, transition assistance programs, family support, and PTSD prevention and treatment, among other issues.



**John Nolan, CMDR (SC), USN (Ret.)
NAVAL Academy ,Class of 1957)
Legislative Director, Charleston Chapter MOAA**



Retired Cmdr. John Nolan insists that his 25 years in the Navy was fairly peaceful. No one shot at him although his work as a supply and disbursing officer took him around much of the world “I was one of about 50,000 people who took the test,” Nolan said recently as he recalled one of the twists that led to a commission and a Navy career.



A young John

The test in question was offered to young enlisted sailors who were interested in attending the U.S. Naval Academy. He'd taken the test to get a long weekend off and had forgotten about it.

Weeks later, while on a destroyer off Sicily, he was ordered back to the States. His first stop (after attending his sister's wedding) was the Academy's prep school at Bainbridge, Md. Then it was on to Annapolis and a commission with the class of 1957.

“I was supposed to go back to a destroyer but they rescinded my orders two weeks before graduation,” Nolan said. Instead, he went to supply officers' school in Athens, Ga. “The best thing that ever happened to me.” It was there he met Gail, a student at the University of Georgia. They were married in 1959 although they had to postpone their wedding twice because of Nolan's frequent travels.

Later, after a stint as an instructor at the school in Athens, the Nolans received what John considers his most enjoyable assignment — supply and disbursing officer with the U. S. Naval Mission in Brazil. It was not career-enhancing, but it was fun, traveling through South America,” he said.

The Nolans returned to New York in 1964, picked up a new convertible, and headed to Charleston where John took over the naval base commissary. When they left three years later, they had two children and the convertible had become a station wagon..



John and Gail today

Leaving Charleston, Nolan received an MBA degree at George Washington University, then headed to Hawaii where he became accounting and financial policies officer for CINCPAC Fleet. In 1972, he became financial policy manager for the Naval Supply Systems Command. He retired on Jan. 1, 1975.

Then, “I answered a newspaper ad for a deputy financial officer for the city of Annapolis, Md.,” he said, and served for nearly 20 years.

John has been legislative director for MOAA Charleston since 2001 and considers the chapter one of MOAA's best for lobbying Congress.

Reform of the Survivors Benefit Program is one of MOAA's priorities and our representatives say “they're buried in phone calls” from local chapter members on that and other issues.

“The Charleston area is probably the best in the state” in lobbying Congress. “Lets keep up the good work,” he said.

Saint Patrick



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. Apostle of Ireland, born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland, 17 March, 461.

There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick, but this is his story. Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpornius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies. As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep.

Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him. During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." He began his studies for the priesthood.

He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years. Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country.

Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message. Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Benignus, Auxilius, Iserinus, and Fiac, (all later canonized as well).

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Happy ST Patrick's Day

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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



The January turnout was good and everyone enjoyed the Luncheon, Installation of Officers, and Presentation.

The Installation of Officers was conducted by Major General Livingston. He was also our speaker and gave an excellent presentation on Military Affairs and the Medal of Honor which he is a recipient. He is also a member of our chapter.

On 23 March, we will have a presentation by Whit McMillian, Director of Education for the South Carolina Aquarium. This will be a luncheon meeting at the Charleston Club.

On 27 April we are planning a wine tasting. The time and location will be announced in next month's newsletter.

On 19 May we will attend the River Dogs baseball game at the Joe Riley Stadium. Barbecue picnic will start at 6:00 p.m. The game will start at 7:00 p.m.

We should all keep an eye on John Nolan's Legislative update. We have a new Congress and MOAA items that were on the table last year will need to be re-introduced this year.

National MOAA will be providing a lot of information to John for his update and to all of us thru the Military Officer's Magazine. Please stay informed.

We still need a 1st Vice President. Anyone interested in this position please contact me.

Cliff

MARINES Through and Through Different Generations But Still Marines



Marine Corps Toys for Tots Drive 2007

Our 2006 Toys for Tots drive was very successful! So once again we sound the clarions call.

The chapter is accepting donations through out the Year for this worthy project.

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As springtime nears you can be sure of several things here in the Lowcountry – including warmer weather, tax deadlines, and the annual ROTC awards ceremonies of the various schools in the area.

MOAA offers two awards (a medal & certificate) to the Junior ROTC programs each year, and one award per service to the Senior ROTC programs at the Citadel and Charleston Southern.

We are looking for volunteer MOAA members to be presenters at one or more of these events. Ceremonies are usually on a week-day, daytime or evening, during April or May.

Those who have presented in the past say it is typically an enjoyable event!
Volunteers can contact

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Chapter Newsletter



The Chapter newsletter belongs to all our members, It is your forum to reach all the members of the Chapter. If you have an announcement to make, A anniversary to remember, a birthday greeting to announce, a new grandchild to brag about, some news of interest for the members, feel free to contact the Editor or Board member for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. Photographs are welcome.

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www.chasmoaa.org

The site contains items of interest
For our members.

Our Past President Rudy Smart,
Has been updating the site with current
Photos and video of our many events.

The site also contains Links to the
Various Services and Organizations
That are of great interest to
Our chapter members.

Take the time to check the web site out.

As with the newsletter
the site belongs to our members.
Thanks Rudy for your hard work
On the web site/

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Total Membership: 581
Auxiliary Members: 116
Honorary Members: 37

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2007

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 as soon as possible.]

Please remember that the Chapter's annual dues are expected at the beginning of each year (1 January). 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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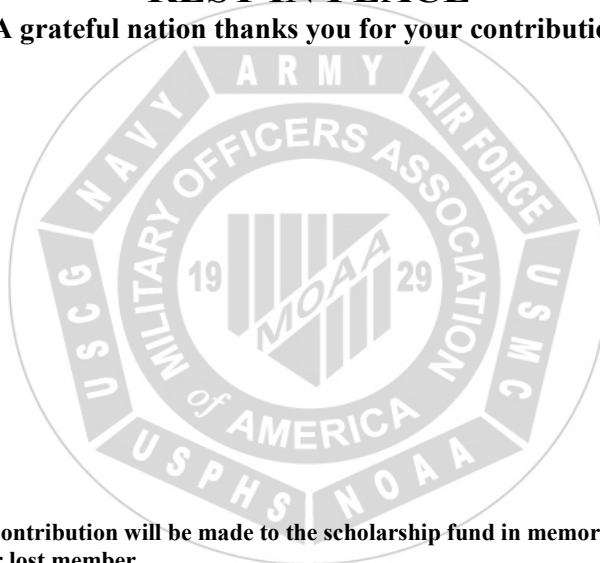


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