

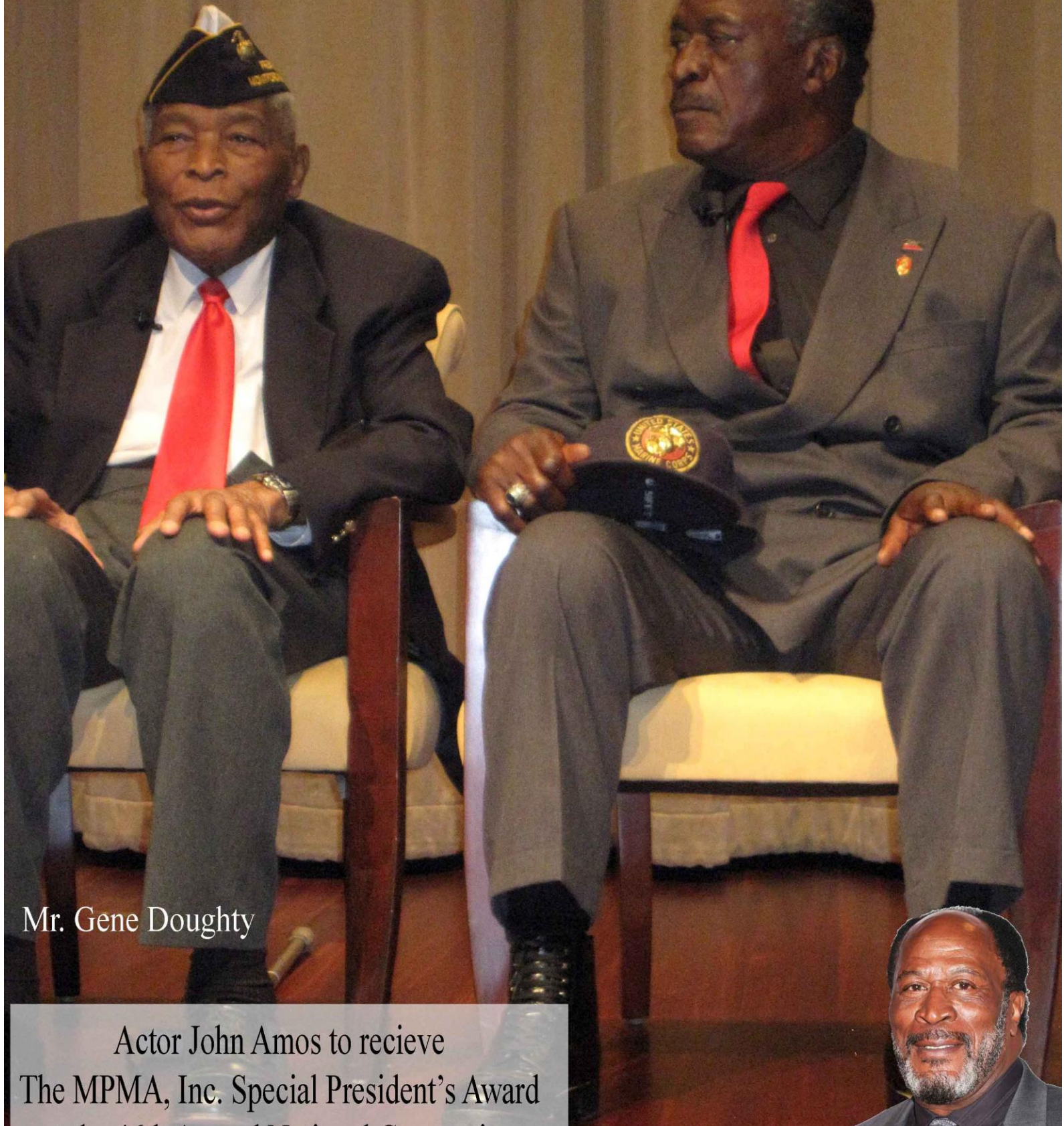


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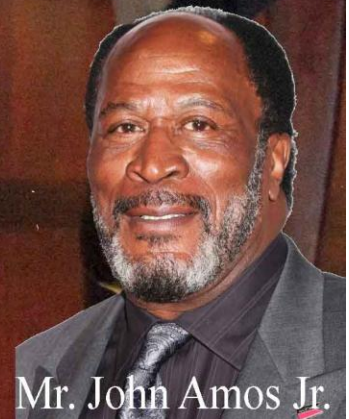
Marine Association, Inc.

Their Stories, Their Voices:  
African American WWII Veterans  
Who Served on Iwo Jima..



Mr. Gene Doughty

Actor John Amos to receive  
The MPMA, Inc. Special President's Award  
at the 46th Annual National Convention



Mr. John Amos Jr.

# Press



# Release



Recently Actor John Amos Jr., sat down for a conversation with six African American veterans who served America during World War II. The resulting short documentary film, *The Unsung Heroes of Iwo Jima*, features Original Montford Point Marine and Past National President, Mr. Gene Doughty, acknowledges and pays tribute to all African American veterans who contributed at the battle of Iwo Jima. Amos was joined

by Dr. Ida Jones, assistant curator of manuscripts, Moorland Spingarn Research Center, Howard University; former Congressman and WWII veteran Louis Stokes; and Iwo Jima veteran Sgt. Gene Doughty to screen and discuss the film. This program was presented in partnership with Howard University, and was viewed at the William G. McGowan Theater, Washington, DC National Archives during March 2011.



Mr. Amos willingness to give of his time, talent and treasure to tell many that African Americans fought with valor on Iwo Jima and other battlefields throughout WWII has earned him the Montford Point Marines, **SPECIAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD**, which will be presented at the National Convention Banquet by the MPMA, Inc. National President, Dr. James T. Averhart Jr. and Commandant of the US Marine Corps, General James Amos on Saturday, July 30 at the Hyatt Regency, Atlanta Georgia.

John Amos, a distinguished, talented and prominent actor has shared the big screen with actors such as Bruce Willis and Eddie Murphy, Mr. Amos is a veteran of the 50th Armored Division of the New Jersey National Guard and Honorary Master Chief of the U.S. Coast Guard.



*(Left) After the showing of the documentary John Amos is joined by Dr. Ida Jones and MPMA Past National President and current National Public Relations Officer Master Gunnery Sergeant Joseph H. Geeter III USMC retired.*

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