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Preserve America History Teacher of the Year Honoree

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA - The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History announced a national program called "Preserve America History Teacher of the Year" to honor outstanding teachers of American history across the country. Finalists from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense, and US Territories will compete for the national honor of "National Preserve America History Teacher of the Year." Ms. Deborah Bridges, US History teacher from Mahaffey Middle School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, was selected as the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) finalist to compete for the National award.

Ms. Bridges has been a social studies teacher in elementary and middle grades for approximately 35 years and for the past seven years has taught US History at the eighth grade level at Mahaffey Middle School. She will receive an award from the Lehrman Institute and a plaque honoring her as the DoDEA "History Teacher of the Year." In addition, her school will receive an archive of primary historical materials named in her honor for use in the school information center.

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