

Mississippi Compatriot

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Sons of the American Revolution



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Glenn D. Shows

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Robert Cox

Color Guard Commander

Julius Hite

Meeting Schedule:

Executive Committee:

September 8, 2018

January 12, 2019

Future Events:

NSSAR Leadership and
Trustee Meeting

- President's Message-



To each of my MSSSAR compatriots, I extend my warmest greetings and pray that all goes well as we venture through a new year. Our forefather's sacrifices have ensured our freedom thus far, and it is my hope as president that we

not only honor those that fought for our country, but continue to guarantee that their legacies are upheld by the work which our organization values so dearly.

As the Sons of the American Revolution, we have been entrusted with furthering our forefather's dreams so that those that may follow have the opportunities and freedoms that constitute the American way of life. As individuals we are united in our passion for history, but united, we are the manifestation of history in the making. Together; and only together, we serve as the lifeblood which flows through a united body comprised of individual chapters bound by this singular purpose. No single group has ever been better equipped to be the last line of defense against the ever- encroaching day when our nation loses sight of its future because we have forgotten our heritage. As the blood of my ancestors flows throughout my veins, so too their calling to unify my compatriots. By utilizing the tools at our disposal, we can increase communication from chapter to chapter and become the unstoppable force that our organization was meant to be. My wife Pam and I are excited at what this year
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- ExCom Meeting — June 9 2018 -

The Mississippi Society, SAR Executive Committee held its quarterly meeting on Saturday, 9 June at Penn's Restaurant in Jackson, MS. The minutes of said meeting have not yet been approved however, there were some major decisions made. The foremost was the resignation (due to health) of President Charles Garrison and the appointment of First Vice President, Dr. John Fulwider, to the Presidents position. There was a wide range of discussion of planned items that need to be addressed and the officer and committee positions to be filled. Further information will be provided as these items are firmed. The meeting minutes are on page 6.

- Mississippi Color Guard -

- Members -

The Mississippi Color Guard, under the leadership of its Commander Julius Hite, consists of members Gerald Brent, Lynn Herron, Kevin McDonald, and Bill Horne. They will participate in a number of activities throughout the year.

- Future Activities -

Thursday, 28 June at 7:00PM, the Mississippi Color Guard, in conjunction with the Tennessee Color Guard, will participate in a patriotic celebration at the Levitt Shell in Overton Park, Memphis, TN. This celebration normally draws an attendance of over 5,000 and is televised locally.

If you would like to become a member of the color guard, contact any of the color guard members.

Mississippi Color Guard in Action -

The 2018 Edition of the Mississippi State SAR Color Guard formed at Blocker and Payne Cemeteries in Olive Branch, MS to present colors for a Memorial Day Tribute: A Time to Remember. Presentations consisted of the origination of the POW/MIA flag and songs from the newly formed Queen of Peace Youth Choir. A presentation was also given concerning the meaning of the Missing Man Table, followed by a roll call read off by city officials that named over 200 war veterans interred at the cemeteries. The Mississippi State SAR Color Guard ended the service with the Retiring of the Colors.



The Color Guard is forming to step off the beginning of the service with the Olive Branch High School JROTC Marine Color Guard trailing. Julius Hite is in front leading with the drum. Kevin McDonald (to the left) is bearing arms; Bill Horne with the American flag is next, Gerry Brent is carrying the SAR flag with Lynn Herron holding a rifle.

The Color Guard marching into the service. Leading is Julius Hite drumming, followed by Kevin McDonald bearing arms, next is Bill Horne carrying the American flag followed by Gerry Brent holding the SAR flag and Lynne Herron shouldering rifle.



Mississippi Color Guard in Action -

- 2018 Memorial Day Celebration (con't) -



Four members of the Mississippi Color Guard presenting the Colors: (left to right) Kevin McDonald, Bill Horne, Gerry Brent, and Lynn Heron.

Three happy Mississippi Color Guard members; (left to right) Julius Hite, Kevin McDonald, and Lynn Herron posing for a quick picture before the memorial service began.



- Benjamin Kitchen Grave Marking -

President Judge Toby Winston brought greetings at the Grave Marking of Revolutionary War Soldier Major Benjamin Kitchen. The event was held at the Rapides Cemetery in Alexandria, Louisiana during the Louisiana Society Annual Convention .

**- NSSAR Annual Congress -**

This year the National Society Sons of the American will hold it's National Congress in Houston, Texas from July 13 to July 18, 2018. The Westin Hotel has been designated as the official hotel for the congress. The meeting will start with a Host Reception at the George Ranch on July 14 and conclude with a new officer installation banquet on July 18. A number of seminars will be offered throughout the congress. The ladies will be kept busy with meetings, teas and luncheons. Several tours are planned during: the NASA facility, President George H. W. Bush's Presidential Library, Houston Museum District and a tour of the San Jacinto Battlefield. The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest will be held on Sunday, July 15, with state society winners from throughout the country competing. Youth winners from the various contests conducted through out the year will be recognized. This year's class of Minute Men will be introduced on Recognition Night. All SAR members are invited and encouraged to attend. Registration information for the congress may be found on the NSSAR web site.

- Chapter News -

The Central Mississippi Chapter held a "meet and greet" for members and prospects at Circle Lodge No. 638 in Madison on Feb 11. Thanks to Michael Schenk, Mark Henry, Dr. Bryant Boswell, Glenn Shows and Ben Jones for taking the lead in this event. During the meeting, future plans for the chapter was discussed. The group enjoyed great fellowship.

Pictured L-R: Visitor, Michael Herrin, Glenn Shows, Dan Johnson, Mark Henry, Michael Schenk, Visitor, Ben Jones, John Green, Visitor, Bill McGinnis, Raymond Ball, Visitor.



- Capt. John Willis Grave Marking -

The Mississippi Society marked the grave of Revolutionary War soldier Capt. John Willis on November 17, 2017 at the Catholic Church Cemetery in Natchez, Mississippi. The Mississippi Society Color Guard, led by Commander John Taylor, presented and retired the colors for the ceremony. Chaplain Rev Glenn Shows gave the opening Invocation. Past State President Michael Schenk lead the Pledge of Allegiance. John Fulwider welcomed all the attendees on behalf of President Toby Winston. He also introduced the visiting guests, and dedicated the marker. Vice President Fulwider spoke to the audience of the hardship and sacrifices made during Revolutionary War times in an article Life of The Patriot. Chaplain Rev Glenn D. Shows gave the closing Benediction. Attending the event was Vice President, General Southern District, Tony Vets who also participated in the Color Guard, and a number of DAR members. Refreshments, provided by Tony and Karen Vets and assisted by Mark LaFrancis, were served following the ceremony.



The Mississippi Color Guard with Vice President General Tony Vets. From left are: Tony Vets, Michael Schenk, Dr. Jim Morock, Buddy Irving, and Commander John Taylor.



Taking a break during the ceremony is (left to right), Chaplain Glenn Shows and Second Vice President John Fulwider .



Vice President General Tony Vets talks with visiting Daughters of the American Revolution members Leslie Bruning and her friend.

• Knight Essay Contest -

Miss Linda Martinez was this years winner of the Mississippi Society state Knight Essay contest. She was sponsored by the Central Mississippi Chapter. Miss Martinez was recognized at the Mississippi Society Convention in March. She was awarded the Knight Essay Contest Medal and a check for \$500.00. Her essay was entered into the National Society Knight Essay contest. In addition to the essay contest, Miss Martinez also won the Mississippi Society state Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Winners of both contest will be announced at the Houston SAR congress.

- June 2018 ExCom Meeting Minutes -

President Charles Garrison called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Roll call was taken by Ben McEwen, Secretary. Nine members were present.

Charles Garrison declared a Quorum present for the meeting.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Glenn Shows.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Michael Schenk.

The Pledge to the Mississippi Flag was led by Andy Jones.

The Pledge to the SAR was led by Dr. John Fulwider.

Guest and members were welcomed by Charles Garrison. Ben McEwen identified 6 Chapters represented in attendance: Central Mississippi, Desoto Patriots, Gen. Nathaniel Green [Delta], Dr. Joseph Warren, William Gray and Daniel Mc Kie Chapters.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the March meeting, seconded and passed. The financial report was approved pending possible corrections concerning disbursements for the Essay and Oration contests of \$500.00 each.

Officer reports:

President Garrison Reported that he attended the Louisiana State Convention in April and that he completed two member applications. Vice President Fulwider sent emails to the Southern Chapters for suggestions of locations for the Mississippi State Convention in March 2019. The reports of the Secretary [Ben McEwen], 2nd Vice President [Dr. Bryant Boswell], Registrar [Stewart Heron], Genealogist [Lawrence Hellums] and Chancellor [Mark Henry] are in the Agenda. Historian, Dr. Andrew Jones reported that all information has been turned in and is ready to be processed.

Chapter Reports:

Michael Schenk of the Central Mississippi Chapter reported that Linda Martinez attended a Chapter meeting and presented her Oration. A short meeting was held to form a meeting schedule. A cookout is planned for Sept. 8th. Charles Garrison and Gerald Brent reported the Daniel McKie Chapter held a meeting in March and is doing well. The reports for the David Murphree, Desoto Patriots, Jacob Horger and James Vernon Lynam, Sr. Chapters are included in the Agenda. Rev. Glenn Shows reported that the Warren Chapter is going strong and has one potential new member. Dr. Andrew Jones reported that the Delta Chapter has 8 members. Dr. John Fulwider reported the Gray Chapter had nothing to report, but was doing well.

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- President's Message (con't) -

has in store for our many chapters across Mississippi, and we plan to visit each chapter personally to meet with those that share our passions.

Though planning for the 2019 State Convention has just begun, it is already clear that an army will be needed to bring this larger than life event to fruition. What better place would there be to look for an army than from the Sons of the American Revolution though? (ha-ha)

It is my hope that those who have sworn oaths of leadership to their chapters will join me in planning a future which we can all be proud to take part in. As fellow leaders, I know that we will make 2018 the best yet by encouraging the interests of our members and inviting others to share in our vision. I say let no good deed go unnoticed, and I would like to recognize those that go above and beyond to make possible what we have accomplished. Those members which exemplify what we stand for will be recognized in our newsletter, The Mississippi Compatriot. The newsletter will also be an invaluable tool to connect members to the other chapters and highlight those that lead by example. Seeing these motivated men and women in action is a great way to not only motivate us, but give our group more representation to those in the public that might not be aware of the many things SAR stands for. I ask each of you to submit photos, names and stories so that this newsletter will truly be inclusive of our state's chapters.

Although other organizations in our communities have different causes, it has been incredibly helpful to gain their insight on successful ways to be effective in our own efforts. Banding together has resulted in nonmembers such as, caregivers, teachers, law enforcement, firefighters, veterans, and others to finally be able to be recognized by all in their hometowns. Partnering with such groups as Scouting, ROTC, and the boys and girls clubs across America, SAR has been able to make a significant difference in awareness as well as in the form of scholarships and grants.

Many school curriculums have downplayed the importance of the American Revolution in an attempt to meet the needs of our quickly growing society. Although the founding of our country was over two centuries ago, the ideals upon which it was created remain steadfast as ever. I believe that the programs at our disposal such as the Patriot Chest and the Poster Contests are vital commodities that remind teachers their communities have not forsaken them as it so often seems. Hand in hand with teachers, we can remind our youth that the best confidence to face the future comes from a firm knowledge of where we've been.

Yours in Service -Dr. John Fulwider, President

- Mississippi Society Leadership Profiles -

Gerald Brent



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Inducted as a member of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution into the Mississippi Society, March 2002.

Served as follows:

DeSoto Patriots Chapter Chaplain
DeSoto Patriots Chapter Vice President
DeSoto Patriots Chapter President
Mississippi State Society 2nd Vice President
Mississippi State Society 1st Vice President
Mississippi State Society President
Mississippi State Society Trustee, three times
National Society Vice President General
Served on the following National Committee's:

Color Guard Committee
Genealogy Committee
Co-Chair, Joseph Rumbaugh Orations Committee
Planned and executed four (4) State Society conventions.
Master of the Mississippi State Society Web Site

Attended eight(8) National Congresses

Attended 20 Leadership meetings.

Sandra S Brent

Sandra Brent, a retired educator, was trained in Washington, DC, at DAR Headquarters to serve in the capacity of a volunteer genealogist to verify supplemental applications. She has served in her DAR chapter, Felix LaBauve, for the past 20 years as Registrar, as well as, serving as chairman on several committees . She was inducted into the DAR 40 years ago this year while living in the Washington, DC area.

- June 2018 ExCom Meeting Minutes (con't) -

Committee Reports:

The newly appointed Chairman of the Color Guard Committee is Julius Hite. His report is in the Agenda.

Gerald Brent reported that the Knight Essay entry for the past year didn't make the finals.

Dr. Andrew Jones reported that there was no participation for the History teacher awards and discussed some reasons and problems for this within the educational system. The Reports for the Oration [Bob Cox], ROTC/JROTC[Dr. Andrew Jones], SAR/CAR Liaison [Mark Henry], Newsletter [Lawrence Hellums] and Medals/Awards [John Taylor] Committees are in the Agenda. Bill Horne has been asked to convene as the Veteran's Committee Chairman.

New Business:

The Patriot Chest Program was discussed. The names on the MSSSAR Convention checking account only, at Trustmark Bank only, need to be changed to Dr. John Fulwider and Dr. Bryant Boswell. The Delegate List to the Congress and Delegate tickets were handed out.

The NSSAR bylaw 16 was discussed, and generally found to be a good thing. Another bylaw having to do with adopted children of patriots and of descendants was discussed. A motion was made that delegates would vote as discussed, and seconded and agreed. The possibility of a new Chapter forming in Natchez, MS. was discussed. Dr. John Fulwider suggested State Conventions should be planned 2-5 years out, with input of a Convention Committee, to give an idea in what cities the convention will be held. Dr. John Fulwider and Dr. Bryant Boswell will work on this. Among some preliminary Convention sites suggested for consideration are Vicksburg, Natchez and Oxford. Charles Garrison submitted his resignation as MSSSAR State President due to health issues. Dr. John Fulwider will now hold the position of MSSSAR President. Dr. Bryant Boswell will now hold the position of MSSSAR Vice President. Dr. John Fulwider has appointed a nominating committee for the position of 2nd Vice President. The committee appointees are Rev. Glenn Shows [Chairman] and Dr. Bryant Boswell [Co Chairman] and Michael Schenk [Co-Chairman]. Gerald Bent made a motion to adjourn.

The SAR Recessional was led by Gerald Brent. The Benediction was given by Rev. Glenn David Shows.

Respectfully Submitted, Ben McEwen