



Business Meeting Minutes

Morning Session

MS SAR President Bryant Boswell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Embassy Suites in Ridgeland, MS.

A quorum was called by Recording Secretary Keith Goodfellow.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Reverend Glenn Shows.

Presentation of the Colors was performed by Commander Bill Horne and the Color Guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Jerry Lilly costumed as the Marquis de Lafayette. The SAR Pledge was led by Edward Campbell. The American Creed was led by Jerry Molaison.

A memorial service for 2019-2021 was directed by Reverend Glenn Shows.

Compatriots Honored:

2019-2020 George Wayne Parrish, Rev. Raymond Arnold Ball, Bryan Willis Brabston, Jr., James Robert Black, Thomas Wayne Hellum, Charles Thomas Gillies, Dr. William Harvey Mattison, William Calvin Spencer, Luke Zelinka and William Crawford Flewellen, Jr.

2020-2021 Keith Cullen McMullen, Thomas Eugene Bennett, Rev. M. Douglas Harper, Jr., Billy Floyd Paris, Lawrence Edwin Doughty, Billy Barber Lyle.

President Boswell introduced guests at the meeting that included the following: Rick Hollis (Past President of TN SAR, Past Southern District VPG, Past President General, General Society of the War of 1812, Past editor of The 1812 War Cry) representing the TN SAR; David Jones (Past President of AL SAR, Alternate Trustee for AL, Member of AL Color Guard) representing the AL SAR; Tony Vets (Past President of LA SAR, Past Southern District VPG; Currently National Librarian General, Minuteman Class of 2020, District Deputy President General of the General Society of the War of 1812) representing the LA SAR.

Mark Henry was approved as Parliamentarian.

Members in attendance are as follows: Calvin Batson, Bryant Boswell, Gerry Brent, Edward Campbell, Harris Collier III, Bob Cox, George Crawford, Benjamin Eubanks, John Fulwider, John Fulwider, Jr., Charles

Garrison, Mark Henry, Lynn Herron, Chris Heuer, Max Hipp. Bill Horne, Ron Humphrey, Rev. Preston Irving, Andy Jones, Ben Block Jones, David Jones, Jerry Lilly, Jerry Molaison, Donald Newcomb, John Price, Michael Schenk, Rev. Glenn Shows, John Taylor, Rev. Tommy Thompson, Mike Tischer, Charles Levi White.

Reports from Officers in addition to already submitted reports:

Treasurer Lynn Herron distributed a financial report. He expressed that additional outlays for the Board of Directors Meetings would need to be approved by the general membership.

Corresponding Secretary Charles Garrison thanked the Chapter Presidents for assuring members paid their dues.

Immediate Past President John Fulwider thanked everyone for coming to the convention especially in the wake of the COVID crisis.

Reports from Chapter Presidents, in addition to already submitted reports:

William Hillhouse: John Fulwider reported they have received several new members and the chapter is trying to organize joint ventures with the state DAR.

Dr. Joseph Warren: Ed Campbell reports the next chapter meeting had been moved to April 8, instead of April 1, 2021.

Jacob Horger: John Taylor reported a meeting is planned for April.

Reports from additional Officers, Districts Directors and Genealogists:

Color Guard Commander Bill Horne thanked Bryant Boswell for covering as commander for a grave marking ceremony for The Dancing Rabbit Chapter of the DAR.

Committees offered the following information in addition to their written reports:

Membership Committee Chairman Tommy Thompson noted that for the first time the MS SAR started the year with over 400 members.

Eagle Scouts Committee Chairman Mike Tinder reported a banquet was being held in Jackson on May 7. The goal is to give every Eagle scout in Mississippi an award from the MS SAR.

ROTC Awards Committee Chairman Andy Jones said virtual awards programs were continuing and awards and letters were mailed to the participating schools.

Website Chairperson Ron Humphrey asked Chapter Presidents to keep him updated on dates of meetings, what occurs at the meetings, and to please send him pictures.

Public Relations Chairman Ben Block Jones reported that Governor Tate Reeves declared March 13,

2021 Sons of the American Revolution Day in Mississippi. Mayor Magee also gave a similar proclamation. Pre and Post event media releases will be given to local media over the next year.

Patriot Index Chairman Ron Humphrey stated the goal was to be 100% by October 1, 2021.

Patriot Graves Chairman John Taylor presented the grave marker which will be used. The cost to the Society is \$200.00.

250th Anniversary Chairman John Fulwider reported that pins have been manufactured to commemorate the event and he can be contacted if you are interested in purchasing one. Mike Nolley is working on the monument which is to be placed in Natchez to commemorate the event. The Monument should cost about \$2,500.00 and Tommy Thompson is looking into soliciting donations.

Lafayette Tour Chairman Bryant Boswell stated he would like the Southern District State Conventions to occur in the order Lafayette visited the states on his return. A Grand Ball should occur at each convention with the "Marquis de Lafayette" presented.

A motion was made by Ben Block Jones to accept the Reports. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

New Business

Approval of Revised Constitution and Bylaws

A motion to approve the Constitution and Bylaws as presented was made by Keith Goodfellow and seconded by Mike Schenk. It passed unanimously.

Election of 2021- 2022 Officers

The slate approved by the EXCOMM was presented. John Fulwider was nominated from the floor to be Trustee. Mark Henry moved, and Ron Humphrey seconded the remaining slate of officers be accepted by acclamation. This passed unanimously.

John Fulwider spoke on his behalf. A paper ballot was distributed for voting on the Trustee position and Bob Cox was elected.

Officers Elected:

President	Ben Block Jones
1 st Vice President	Tommy Thompson
2 nd Vice President	Jerry Lee Bingham-Molaison
Corresponding Secretary	Jerry Lilly
Recording Secretary	Keith Goodfellow
Treasurer/Registrar	Lynn Herron
Chancellor	Mark Henry
Chaplain	Rev. Glenn Shows
State Genealogist	Larry Hellums
Sargent-At-Arms	Erick Norman
Color Guard Commander	Bryant Boswell
Trustee	Bob Cox
Alternate Trustee	Bryant Boswell

Approval of State Medal

A design for a state medal was presented by Bob Cox. A flyer was distributed of the design. The cost to members will be about \$30.00.

A motion was made by Ron Humphrey and seconded by Keith Goodfellow to send the design to National Award and Medals Committee for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Keith Goodfellow that MS SAR support our Southern District members nominated for National Level Offices. This was seconded by Andy Jones and passed unanimously.

Awards and Presentations

Those elected to office received certificates of Distinguished Service. Those that were asked to serve by the President received a Certificate of Appreciation. President Boswell believes these to be a president's "Thank you Note".

Certificate of Distinguished Service went to Ben Jones, Tommy Thompson, Charles Garrison, Keith Goodfellow, Lynn Herron, Mike Schenk, Mark Henry, Glenn Shows, Andy Jones, Larry Hellums, Bill Horne, and John Fulwider.

Certificate of Distinguished Service also went to the chapter presidents.

All Committee Chairmen, District Directors, and District Genealogists received a Certificate of Appreciation.

New Chapter Officers were installed.

Tommy Thompson notified the members that the 2022 convention will be held at the Courtyard Marriott in Oxford March 25-27.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order by President Bryant Boswell.

President Boswell is working on an educational initiative and recognized that Jerry Lilly will be portraying the Marquis de Lafayette, John Price will be portraying Tadeusz Kosciuszko and Rex Allen Jones will portray George Washington.

Several younger members including Josh Treadway, Benjamin Eubanks, Charles White, and John Fulwider, Jr. were recognized as good candidates for the Color Guard.

Honored Guests were recognized:

Richard and Mimi Bradley. Richard is the Treasurer of the MS Company, Jamestowne Society
Brack and Kay Schleomer, who are family to Ben Jones

Mary and Wallace Willard, Mary is Chairman of the Rosalie Governing Board of the MSSDAR
Andy Jones, Past President, MS Society of the War of 1812

Laura Schenk, Elder General of the National Society Sons and Daughters of The Pilgrims and
Past MS Branch Governor

Melody Brown Hollis, Past State Regent, Georgia Society, DAR

Ladies in attendance who have lent support to the SAR were recognized as follows: Martha Cox, Darla Goodfellow, Melody Brown Hollis, Carol Irving, Maureen Newcomb, Allison Price, Laura Schenk, Kathy Shows and Sarah Boswell.

Medals and awards presented by Bob Cox and distributed by Bryant Boswell and Ben Jones:

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal for Noteworthy Community Service:

Tony Dardeaux for service to genealogy and state history

Chad Cutch for his service to his education of the next generation

Mike Tischer for his service to youth through Scouts

Jerry Molaison for his service to education of the next generation and to youth sports

Stephen Haller for community outreach to veterans and other lineage societies

Keith Goodfellow for community service to medicine and his fellow practitioners.

SAR Medal of Appreciation goes to a DAR Member for Service Rendered to the SAR

Darla Goodfellow for service rendered in maintaining minutes of each Executive Committee meeting

Military Service Medal is approved by the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee

Ron Humphrey for honorable service in the U.S. Navy

War Service Medal for Vietnam approved by NSSAR for proof of Service in War against a Common Enemy

Bob Cox for service in the U.S. Marine Corps

Silver Roger Sherman Medal in Recognition of Significant Service to the SAR

Keith Goodfellow for service as Recording Secretary and extra travel for the state president

John McBride for service to his chapter and the Central District

Ron Humphrey for service in indexing the patriot ancestors for Mississippi Society Members and work to improve the society website

Silver Roger Sherman Medal Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Jerry Lilly for service as Corresponding Secretary Elect, living History, Color Guard, and extra travel for the State president

State Meritorious Service Medal for long, faithful, and meritorious service to the MSSAR is a onetime award.

Tommy Thompson for service to chapter and state society, his advisory role to the state president, and brave example in his struggle for survival during the epidemic.

State Meritorious Service Medal Oak Leaf Cluster

Mike Schenk for representing the state society as Trustee and Southern District Secretary

Charles Garrison for service as Corresponding Secretary, North District Genealogist, and the state's point of contact

Lynn Herron for service as State Treasurer and Registrar

Lafayette Volunteer Service Award for 40 hours of Volunteer work at NSSAR headquarters or as assigned by approving authority.

Charles Garrison for 47 hours of volunteer work on the Patriot Index System

Lafayette Volunteer Service Award with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for volunteer work in excess of 80 hours

Ron Humphrey for 90 hours of work on the Patriot Index System

State Distinguished Service Medal is approved by the state president at his discretion. It is a onetime award:

Ben Jones for service to state president, advisory to his chapter, chair Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee, for executing the Executive Committee Meeting under strict COVID standards, and using his media and government knowledge for MS SAR.

Patriot Medal is the state society's highest award and can be received only once. Ike Edwards' medal was re-issued as the year 2021 medal.

John Taylor presented Charles Garrison a Life membership in the NSSAR as a gift from his friends. #2957

Bryant Boswell presented his Outgoing President's Remarks. He stated it was a difficult year due to COVID limiting civic and educational outreach and due to increased attacks on American history. He was able to achieve six goals which he set. First, he made the presidency a threeman operation with shared responsibility with two vice- presidents. Secondly, he brought more men into the state level offices by expanding the Executive Committee and 23 committees. Thirdly, he made sure the operations of the society were by the Executive Committee instead of by Presidential Executive order. Fourthly, he brought the state society into the electronic world. Fifthly, he pushed to make a website that was second to none. And the sixth goal was to rewrite the Constitution and Bylaws. He thanked everyone for their support and believes the future looks bright.

Installation of the new officers was performed by Michael Schenk.

Past President Bryant Boswell presented the Insignia of Office to the newly elected President Jones.

President Ben Jones then gave his closing remarks. He presented Past President Boswell with a Distinguished Service Certificate for his service over the past year and his Past President Insignia. President Jones then spoke of his vision for the MS SAR. He stated membership numbers are useless measures. Any organization wishing to attract members must offer something of great interest to be considered worthwhile. We must give new members a sense of belonging to something special. He challenged us to revisit the mission of the SAR, but stressed we must be able to adapt and recognize change.

Tommy Thompson led the SAR Recessional.

The Color Guard retired the Colors.

Reverend Shows gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Goodfellow, M.D.

Recording Secretary