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SEVERAL GROUPS HONOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND 1812 VETERANS

Tylertown, Miss. October 8, 2021. Members of the U.S. Daughters of 1812 and Daughters of the American Revolution recently held marker dedications for four soldier-patriots at Founders Cemetery in Tylertown and historic May Cemetery in Sartinville in Walthall County. The ceremonies were organized and led by USD1812 State President Kathy Henry, Jill Reed Taylor, President of the Solomon Magee USD1812 Chapter and Regent Linda Young of the Judith Robinson DAR Chapter in McComb.

By invitation, the Mississippi Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Mississippi, Inc. furnished a Color Guard.

At the May Cemetery, members marked the graves of Joseph B. May, Sr., a soldier and patriot of the American Revolution and his son, Joseph B. May, Jr., a soldier and patriot of the War of 1812. Born in South Carolina, the elder May enlisted in the 5th South Carolina Militia in 1776 and served for the duration of the war. His son Joseph was born in 1783 and served in the 13th Regiment Mississippi Militia under LTC George Henry Nixon. The May family was a pioneer family who were enumerated in the early Mississippi Territorial censuses dating back to 1805.

At the Founders Cemetery in Tylertown, Presidents Henry and Taylor marked the graves of Henry Magee and Claiborne Rushing. Magee was born in 1785 to Jacob Magee, a Revolutionary War patriot, and served in the 13th Regiment Mississippi Militia under Colonel Nixon. A native of North Carolina, Rushing served in the Georgia Militia during the Creek Campaign of the War of 1812. It is curious to note that present-day Walthall County was formerly Pike County, which was formed from Marion County in late 1815.

Serving as the Color Guard for both events in period uniforms were: Bryant Boswell of Star (as Gen. Andrew Jackson), Erik Norman, Mike Tischer and Barry Mason of Petal, John Price of Seminary (as Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko), Commanding Officer John Taylor of Mize, Michael Herrin of Port Gibson, Buddy Irving of Vernon, Alabama, and John McBride of Jackson. The ceremonies were performed with reverence to each veteran and honor to their fellow servicemen followed by a reception at the Tylertown library.

Both the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) are national patriotic, historical and educational societies whose members are direct descendants of the patriots who earned our independence. For additional information visit www.mississippidar.org or www.mssssar.org The United States Daughters of 1812 (USD1812) and the General Society War of 1812 (GSW1812) promote patriotism, history and the preservation of documents, relics, family histories of those who served in civil, military and naval roles during this critical period of our nation's history. For more information visit www.usdaughters1812.org/mississippi or www.gswar1812.org



Members of the MS Society SAR Color Guard

Left to right: Michael Herrin, John Price (Gen. Kosciuszko), Erik Norman, Mike Tischer, John Taylor, John McBride, buddy Irving, Bryant Boswell (Gen. Jackson and CG Commander)



Members of the MS Society SAR and War of 1812 Color Guard

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