

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1971, Congress designated the last Monday in May "Memorial Day" to recognize every military person who died in service to our nation, and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is our most solemn day of remembrance, and

WHEREAS, today we honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the ideals they died for so their sacrifice will not be in vain, and

WHEREAS, we, the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim May 30, 2016 as Memorial Day in Madison County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI THAT:

1. The Board of supervisors of Madison County does hereby, on behalf of the citizens of Madison County, express sincere appreciation to all the military service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to those men and women who are serving our country, and
2. This Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board and thereby forever preserved as a permanent tribute to our military men and women, and
3. The Clerk of this Board post a true, correct, and certified copy hereof at the entrances to the Chancery and Administrative building and the Madison County Circuit Courthouse, there to remain for a period of thirty days from the date hereof, and

Mr. _____ did offer and Mr. _____ did second a motion to adopt the above and foregoing Resolution. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Supervisor Shelia Jones	_____
Supervisor Trey Baxter	_____
Supervisor Gerald Steen	_____
Supervisor David Bishop	_____
Supervisor Paul Griffin	_____

the motion carried unanimously and said Resolution was and is hereby adopted.

SO ORDERED this the ____ day of May, 2016

Trey Baxter, President
Madison County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Ronny Lott
Chancery Clerk

**Madison County Veteran Service Officer
Annual Report to the county Board of Supervisors
2015-1016**



On behalf of the 6,000 Veterans, and numerous deceased veterans, widows and their children we thank each of you for your continued support. I also thank you to allowing me to be your Veteran Service Officer for the last 12 years. During the 12 years we have had over 6000 + veteran contacts. This past year we had a total of 650 veteran/widow contacts. Older Veterans continue to die.... 1,000's a day. However, the number of veterans in our country continues to grow.

The total of VA expenditures for Madison County this past year has not been published however you may remember in 2013 it was \$ 38,380,000. In 2014 the VA expenditures for Madison County \$44,401.00.

I continue to serve on the VA Hospital Management Council. We meet with the center Director, Dr. David Walker and his chief of staff of each department every 3 months. I was fortunate to speak to several Veterans organizations this past year and spoke on Memorial Day in southwest MS.

In addition to being accredited representative of the National Association of Veteran Service Organization, I am also accredited with the Military Order of the Purple

Heart, the organization for Disabled Veterans, the Retires Enlisted Association and the Vietnam Veterans of America for the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims before the Department of VA under the laws relating to veteran benefits.

I have enclosed a sample of VSO certification we are required to go to a class and to take a test to receive certification. To be Veteran Service Officer you must be a Veteran or son or daughter of a Veteran.

I continue to be a lobbyist to the MS Legislature representing MS Association of County Veteran Service Officers. There are no new laws affecting Madison County Veterans.

In 2014, I was responsible for placing Veteran on MS Driver's License.

I have also enclosed my job description along with a copy of our advertisement we have in the Madison County Journal.

I would like to introduce Gina Walker, our Associate Veteran Service Officer, she has completed 3 training courses. I would also like to introduce Dr. David Walker, Director of the Jackson V.A. Medical Center.

A few Veterans who wish to thank the Board of Supervisors for supporting and having the Veterans office.

In concluding, please except my Resolution for Memorial Day on May 30, 2016.

Any questions? This will conclude my report.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Thomas O. Logue, Jr. of the Retired Enlisted Association

is authorized to present claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs

[Signature]
CERTIFYING OFFICER
SERVICE ORGANIZATION

David R. McQuarrie
GENERAL COUNSEL
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ATTENTION

U.S. Military Veterans and Veterans' Widows

For information and assistance concerning benefits that may be available to you, please call the Madison County Veterans Service Office at 601-855-5518.

COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

Nature of Work

The County Veterans Service Officer advises local veterans and their dependents of their rights and entitlements under various federal and state laws, counsels them, and actively assists them by filling out necessary forms and papers and obtaining documents and affidavits.

Work is generated through inquiries concerning veterans' benefits or through action of the service officer in seeking out those who need and may be entitled to assistance.

The work is complex and exacting due to the numerous state and federal laws involved and the regulations by which they are administered. These laws cover many and varied benefits including compensation, pension, insurance, death benefits, hospitalization and education.

Illustrative Examples of Work

Interviews local veterans and their dependents, advising them of their rights and benefits under federal and state laws. Guides them in choosing the most advantageous option in matters of insurance, pension, etc.

Selects and prepares proper forms for submission to the VA and other agencies.

Assists persons being served in obtaining legal documents, medical statements and affidavits, and in preparing letters and statements in support of claims.

Assists in gaining admission of eligible veterans to veterans hospitals, including the process of commitment of veterans who are mentally ill.

Assists children of veterans in obtaining educational benefits to which they may be entitled.

Advises and assists service members and their families concerning allotments, financial relief in hardship cases, disability retirement, etc.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of veterans' law, regulations, administrative procedures, and policies.

Working knowledge of the organization and functioning of state and federal governments, especially the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Knowledge of where and how to obtain certain public documents in this and other states.

Above-average layman's knowledge of the human anatomy and diseases, in order to properly handle disability claims.

Ability to interpret and apply the various laws, regulations, and directives relating to veterans' benefits, and to explain in simple terms to others.

Ability to deal sympathetically and patiently, but positively and objectively, with veterans and their dependents.

State of Mississippi



State Veterans Affairs Board
Certification

*Sample
for each
year*

Tom Logue, Madison County

has attended the annual training and successfully completed the written examination required by Section 35-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 and is hereby certified as a County Veterans Service Officer.

This Certification expires on _____
October 31, 2008

Executive Director

June 1, 2007
Date