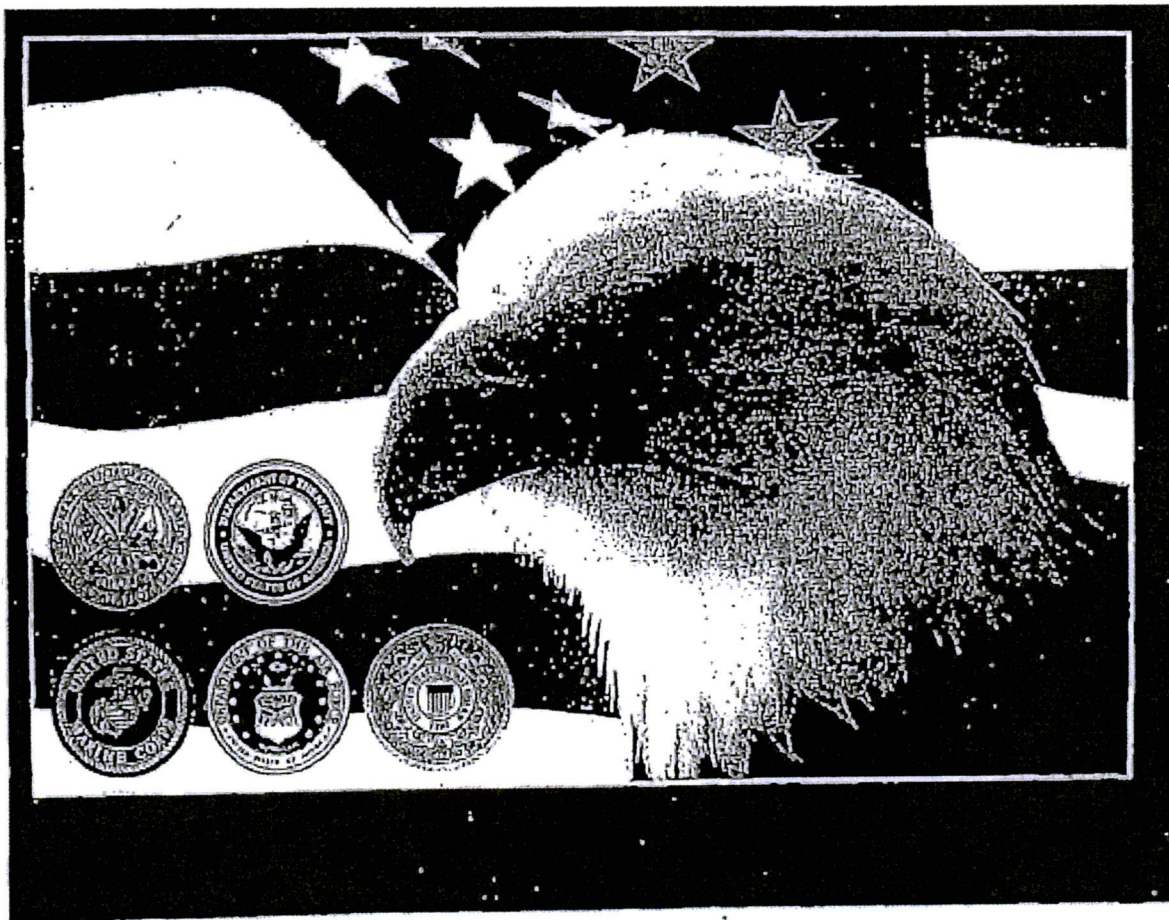


**Madison County Veteran Service Officer
Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors
2016 -2017**



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 14 years. During the 14 years we have had over 6,500 + veteran contacts. This past year we had a total of 747 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 2014 it was \$ 44,401. In 2015 the VA expenditures for Madison County was \$46,952.

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. The city of Ridgeland has accepted my proposal to build a Veterans Memory Park, A rendering is attached to my report.

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. However the VA will see great changes in the future.

I have enclosed my job description along with an add we ran in the Madison County Journal and on the canton radio station WMGO. We conducted a Town hall meeting with three VA Regional claims officers who had a one on one session with each veteran, over 40 veterans or spouses attended.

In concluding, please except my request for a Resolution for Memorial Day on May 30, 2017.

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

Attention:

Military Veterans & Spouses of Veterans

The VA Regional Office and the Madison County Veteran Service office will assist Veterans with new claims check on old claims old claims and answer any questions you may have on Tuesday February 14, 2017 (Valentine's Day) at 10:00 am until noon at The Canton City Chamber of Commerce (on the square)

Madison County Veteran Service Office

Madison County Board of Supervisors

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

Adrian Y...
Executive Director

June 1, 2007
Date

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is authorized to present claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs.

CERTIFYING OFFICER SERVICE ORGANIZATION

David R. Wilbur
GENERAL COUNSEL
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Deputy Assistant GENERAL COUNSEL
VA FORM 3192 MAR 1994 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Tom O. Logue of the Disabled American Veterans

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING THE VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY

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 (District 1)	_____
Supervisor Trey Baxter (District 2)	_____
Supervisor Gerald Steen (District 3)	_____
Supervisor David Bishop (District 4)	_____
Supervisor Paul Griffin (District 5)	_____

The motion carried unanimously and said Resolution was and is herby adopted.

SO ORDERED this the _____ day of May, 2016

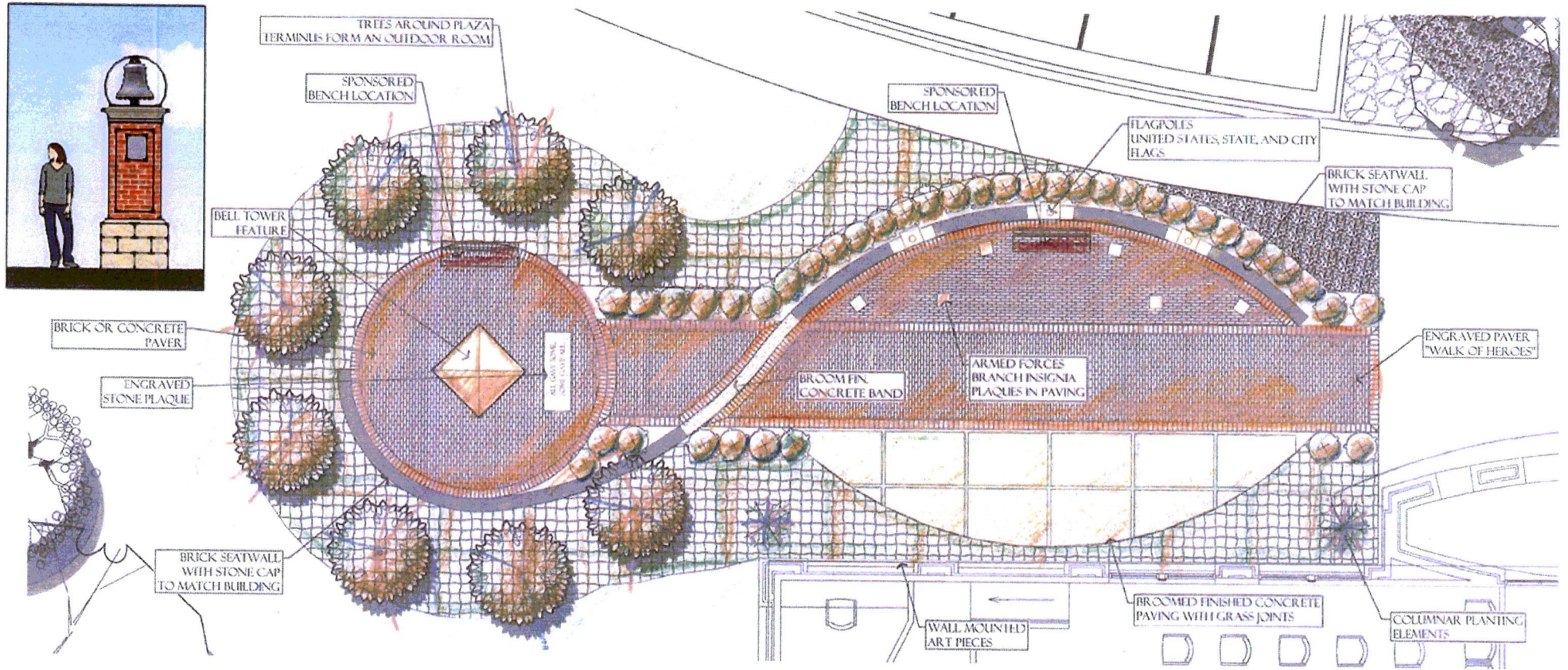
Trey Baxter, President
Madison County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Ronnie Lott
Chancery Clerk

VETERANS MEMORY PARK IN RIDGELAND, MS

VETERANS MEMORY PARK IN RIDGELAND FOUNDATION



MILITARY BRANCH PLAQUES