

Madison County Veteran Service Officer  
Annual Report to the County Board of Supervisors  
2013 - 2014



On behalf of the 5,927 Veterans and numerous deceased veteran's widows, we thank each of you for your continuing support. I also thank you for allowing me to be your Veteran Service Officer for the last, almost, 11 years. During this time we have had over 5000+ veteran contacts. This past year we had a total of 718 veteran/widow contacts. Older veterans continue to die...1,000's a day. However, the number of veterans in our county continues to grow. In 2011 Madison County had 5,073 veterans.

The total of VA expenditures for Madison County this past year was \$32,535.00. A copy of all counties is included with this report.

I continue to serve on the VA Hospital Management Council. We meet with the Center Director, Joe Battle and his Chief of each department on a regular basis. I have assisted designing and erecting Veterans monuments. I also have acted as Master

of Ceremonies at 2 events. I was fortunate to speak to several Veterans Organizations.

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 Retired 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 veterans benefits.

I continue to be a lobbyist to the MS Legislature representing MS Association of County Veterans Service Officers. I was fortunate to introduce and pass a law to allow the designation of Veterans on driver's license which gives proof he was a Veteran. It also allows him to get a 10% discount at Lowes, Piccadilly, etc.

I would like to introduce Susan Little, our Associate Veteran Service Officer. I would also like to introduce a special guest, Joe Battle. He is the Center Director at the Sonny Montgomery VA Medical Center who will make a few remarks.

In concluding, please accept my Resolution for Memorial Day on May 26, 2014.

Any questions? This concludes my report.

**FY12 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDY)**

MISSISSIPPI										
Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
LEAKE	1,038	\$ 9,338	\$ 4,479	\$ -	\$ 425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 4,403	534
LEE	5,719	\$ 21,797	\$ 13,240	\$ -	\$ 1,237	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246	\$ 7,074	1,426
LEFLORE	1,482	\$ 8,051	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 488	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97	\$ 3,467	542
LINCOLN	2,376	\$ 15,582	\$ 5,782	\$ -	\$ 448	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134	\$ 9,218	955
LOWNDES	5,220	\$ 30,172	\$ 17,372	\$ -	\$ 2,027	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148	\$ 10,625	1,810
MADISON	5,927	\$ 32,535	\$ 13,051	\$ -	\$ 1,949	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 372	\$ 17,163	1,967
MARION	1,854	\$ 9,806	\$ 5,196	\$ -	\$ 339	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97	\$ 4,173	581
MARSHALL	2,369	\$ 11,944	\$ 5,712	\$ -	\$ 434	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57	\$ 5,740	654
MONROE	2,921	\$ 11,745	\$ 7,166	\$ -	\$ 439	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ 4,050	789
MONTGOMERY	828	\$ 5,106	\$ 2,509	\$ -	\$ 230	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59	\$ 2,307	355
NESHOBA	1,867	\$ 10,403	\$ 5,735	\$ -	\$ 410	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238	\$ 4,021	618
NEWTON	2,015	\$ 8,818	\$ 4,435	\$ -	\$ 524	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147	\$ 3,711	618
NOXUBEE	551	\$ 2,450	\$ 1,248	\$ -	\$ 147	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52	\$ 1,003	135
OKTIBBEHA	2,466	\$ 10,666	\$ 4,591	\$ -	\$ 2,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 288	\$ 3,184	601
PANOLA	1,972	\$ 10,109	\$ 5,465	\$ -	\$ 517	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ 4,065	560
PEARL RIVER	5,523	\$ 26,758	\$ 13,861	\$ -	\$ 1,039	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143	\$ 11,715	1,503
PERRY	1,074	\$ 4,072	\$ 2,374	\$ -	\$ 149	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ 1,529	257
PIKE	2,975	\$ 16,615	\$ 7,746	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41	\$ 8,229	1,139
PONTOTOC	1,888	\$ 7,796	\$ 4,893	\$ -	\$ 192	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92	\$ 2,620	569
PRENTISS	1,722	\$ 6,637	\$ 3,924	\$ -	\$ 177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 131	\$ 2,405	427
QUITMAN	489	\$ 3,272	\$ 1,821	\$ -	\$ 133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37	\$ 1,281	144
RANKIN	11,772	\$ 61,224	\$ 23,846	\$ -	\$ 3,761	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 842	\$ 32,775	3,649
SCOTT	1,576	\$ 11,524	\$ 4,800	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73	\$ 6,301	656
SHARKEY	313	\$ 1,291	\$ 680	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 511	112
SIMPSON	2,025	\$ 13,335	\$ 5,882	\$ -	\$ 597	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64	\$ 6,792	766
SMITH	1,047	\$ 5,359	\$ 2,453	\$ -	\$ 228	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ 2,666	282
STONE	1,698	\$ 10,069	\$ 4,935	\$ -	\$ 545	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87	\$ 4,502	464
SUNFLOWER	1,661	\$ 6,968	\$ 2,852	\$ -	\$ 433	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41	\$ 3,643	439
TALLAHATCHIE	814	\$ 3,163	\$ 1,367	\$ -	\$ 220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ 1,554	200
TATE	2,233	\$ 10,122	\$ 4,311	\$ -	\$ 370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ 5,387	538
TIPPAH	1,474	\$ 6,184	\$ 3,617	\$ -	\$ 223	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21	\$ 2,323	343
TISHOMINGO	1,536	\$ 6,194	\$ 3,879	\$ -	\$ 198	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126	\$ 1,990	319
TUNICA	487	\$ 4,795	\$ 2,353	\$ -	\$ 212	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 2,210	214
UNION	1,882	\$ 6,371	\$ 3,885	\$ -	\$ 132	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18	\$ 2,336	464
WALTHALL	979	\$ 6,012	\$ 2,193	\$ -	\$ 205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18	\$ 3,596	358
WARREN	3,852	\$ 16,300	\$ 6,841	\$ -	\$ 724	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139	\$ 8,596	1,065
WASHINGTON	3,143	\$ 17,794	\$ 7,579	\$ -	\$ 823	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 86	\$ 9,306	1,310
WAYNE	1,469	\$ 6,438	\$ 2,833	\$ -	\$ 232	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 3,348	408
WEBSTER	860	\$ 5,492	\$ 3,153	\$ -	\$ 177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 2,146	277

**FY12 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDX)**

MISSISSIPPI Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
WILKINSON	503	\$ 2,582	\$ 1,148	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 1,365	162
WINSTON	1,420	\$ 7,996	\$ 3,353	\$ -	\$ 161	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 304	\$ 4,179	516
YALOBUSHA	990	\$ 6,455	\$ 3,986	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 2,284	267
YAZOO	1,733	\$ 11,703	\$ 4,194	\$ -	\$ 314	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52	\$ 7,142	665
<b>MISSISSIPPI (Totals)</b>	<b>227,335</b>	<b>\$ 1,276,247</b>	<b>\$ 581,099</b>	<b>\$ 14,503</b>	<b>\$ 78,967</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 29,032</b>	<b>\$ 11,741</b>	<b>\$ 560,906</b>	<b>69,060</b>
CONG. DIST (01)	59,048	\$ 250,115	\$ 135,800	\$ -	\$ 14,606	\$ -	\$ 349	\$ 2,196	\$ 97,163	14,621
CONG. DIST (02)	40,584	\$ 292,147	\$ 112,027	\$ 1,514	\$ 13,075	\$ -	\$ 19,017	\$ 1,596	\$ 144,919	15,555
CONG. DIST (03)	55,433	\$ 310,810	\$ 132,688	\$ 417	\$ 16,742	\$ -	\$ 3,745	\$ 3,801	\$ 153,417	18,497
CONG. DIST (04)	72,270	\$ 423,176	\$ 200,584	\$ 12,573	\$ 34,543	\$ -	\$ 5,921	\$ 4,148	\$ 165,407	20,387
<b>MISSISSIPPI (Totals)</b>	<b>227,335</b>	<b>\$ 1,276,247</b>	<b>\$ 581,099</b>	<b>\$ 14,503</b>	<b>\$ 78,967</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 29,032</b>	<b>\$ 11,741</b>	<b>\$ 560,906</b>	<b>69,060</b>
<b>Notes:</b>										
* Veteran population estimates, as of September 30, 2012, are produced by the VA Office of the Actuary (VetPop 2011).										
# Prior to FY 08, "Loan Guaranty" expenditures were included in the Education & Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (E&VRE) programs. Currently, all "Loan Guaranty" expenditures are attributed to Travis County, TX, where all Loan Guaranty payments are processed. VA will continue to improve data collection for future GDX reports to better distribute loan expenditures at the state, county and congressional district levels.										
** Unique patients are patients who received treatment at a VA health care facility. Data are provided by the Allocation Resource Center (ARC).										
Expenditure data sources: USASpending.gov for Compensation & Pension (C&P) and Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (EVRE) Benefits; Veterans Benefits Administration Insurance Center for the Insurance costs; the VA Financial Management System (FMS) for Construction, Medical Research, General Operating Expenses, and certain C&P and Readjustment data; and the Allocation Resource Center (ARC) for Medical Care costs.										
1. Expenditures are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. For example, \$500 to \$1,000 are rounded to \$1; \$0 to \$499 are rounded to \$0; and "\$ -" = 0 or no expenditures.										
2. The Compensation & Pension expenditures include dollars for the following programs: veterans' compensation for service-connected disabilities; dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected deaths; veterans' pension for nonservice-connected disabilities; and burial and other benefits to veterans and their survivors.										
3. Medical Care expenditures include dollars for medical services, medical administration, facility maintenance, educational support, research support, and other overhead items. Medical Care expenditures do not include dollars for construction or other non-medical support.										
4. Medical Care expenditures are based on where patients live instead of where care is delivered.										

**FY12 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF VA EXPENDITURES (GDx)**

MISSISSIPPI Expenditures in \$000s										
County/ Congressional District	Veteran Population*	Total Expenditure	Compensation & Pension	Construction	Education & Vocational Rehabilitation/ Employment	Loan Guaranty#	General Operating Expenses	Insurance & Indemnities	Medical Care	Unique Patients**
ADAMS	2,459	\$ 15,974	\$ 7,197	\$ 54	\$ 424	\$ -	\$ 457	\$ 94	\$ 7,749	1,141
ALCORN	2,293	\$ 12,786	\$ 8,232	\$ -	\$ 335	\$ -	\$ 349	\$ 99	\$ 3,769	591
AMITE	1,165	\$ 5,037	\$ 1,882	\$ -	\$ 214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 2,931	430
ATTALA	1,424	\$ 11,196	\$ 5,505	\$ -	\$ 152	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ 5,475	561
BENTON	518	\$ 1,983	\$ 970	\$ -	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ 919	109
BOLIVAR	2,120	\$ 9,814	\$ 5,129	\$ -	\$ 527	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63	\$ 4,095	563
CALHOUN	999	\$ 5,007	\$ 3,167	\$ -	\$ 149	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18	\$ 1,672	283
CARROLL	853	\$ 3,114	\$ 1,552	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ 1,368	203
CHICKASAW	1,077	\$ 5,339	\$ 3,082	\$ -	\$ 240	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101	\$ 1,916	300
CHOCTAW	706	\$ 3,247	\$ 1,565	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72	\$ 1,528	242
CLAIBORNE	552	\$ 3,619	\$ 1,169	\$ -	\$ 102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258	\$ 2,090	185
CLARKE	1,375	\$ 6,456	\$ 3,742	\$ -	\$ 362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ 2,331	456
CLAY	1,457	\$ 5,447	\$ 2,792	\$ -	\$ 334	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 2,315	421
COAHOMA	1,428	\$ 7,150	\$ 3,853	\$ -	\$ 397	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ 2,869	456
COPIAH	1,966	\$ 16,013	\$ 7,292	\$ -	\$ 614	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135	\$ 7,971	909
COVINGTON	1,333	\$ 10,389	\$ 5,345	\$ -	\$ 371	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ 4,650	564
DE SOTO	15,001	\$ 49,532	\$ 22,717	\$ -	\$ 4,323	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 499	\$ 21,993	2,677
FORREST	6,035	\$ 42,527	\$ 23,037	\$ -	\$ 6,052	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 686	\$ 12,753	1,766
FRANKLIN	633	\$ 2,863	\$ 1,356	\$ -	\$ 119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111	\$ 1,276	234
GEORGE	1,783	\$ 8,614	\$ 4,975	\$ -	\$ 479	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 131	\$ 3,029	455
GREENE	1,173	\$ 3,771	\$ 1,878	\$ -	\$ 151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 1,711	236
GRENADA	1,629	\$ 8,653	\$ 4,101	\$ -	\$ 433	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ 4,088	538
HANCOCK	4,752	\$ 21,689	\$ 9,279	\$ -	\$ 1,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149	\$ 11,056	1,221
HARRISON	21,652	\$ 179,842	\$ 76,712	\$ 12,573	\$ 16,114	\$ -	\$ 5,463	\$ 1,616	\$ 67,363	6,985
HINDS	16,121	\$ 157,797	\$ 45,709	\$ 1,877	\$ 6,761	\$ -	\$ 22,762	\$ 733	\$ 79,956	6,658
HOLMES	964	\$ 6,170	\$ 2,700	\$ -	\$ 217	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 3,240	369
HUMPHREYS	444	\$ 3,853	\$ 1,436	\$ -	\$ 139	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 2,277	197
ISSAQUENA	138	\$ 253	\$ 42	\$ -	\$ 26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185	22
ITAWAMBA	1,676	\$ 6,232	\$ 3,661	\$ -	\$ 403	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 2,128	454
JACKSON	15,455	\$ 63,963	\$ 32,221	\$ -	\$ 5,894	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 795	\$ 25,054	3,439
JASPER	1,231	\$ 7,554	\$ 3,697	\$ -	\$ 249	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ 3,585	404
JEFFERSON	479	\$ 2,594	\$ 1,238	\$ -	\$ 113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 1,233	167
JEFFERSON DAVIS	957	\$ 4,541	\$ 1,955	\$ -	\$ 257	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ 2,317	268
JONES	4,528	\$ 25,413	\$ 13,296	\$ -	\$ 1,151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117	\$ 10,849	1,545
KEMPER	638	\$ 2,623	\$ 1,370	\$ -	\$ 182	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 1,040	188
LAFAYETTE	2,887	\$ 10,945	\$ 4,954	\$ -	\$ 1,942	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 247	\$ 3,801	563
LAMAR	3,933	\$ 14,387	\$ 7,002	\$ -	\$ 889	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240	\$ 6,256	1,098
LAUDERDALE	6,729	\$ 30,901	\$ 16,625	\$ -	\$ 2,232	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 526	\$ 11,519	2,085
LAWRENCE	1,030	\$ 7,916	\$ 3,924	\$ -	\$ 362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ 3,612	419



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery  
Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
Jackson, MS 39216

In Reply Refer To: OO/PAO

February 7, 2014

Dr. Tom Logue  
County Veterans Service Officer  
Madison County  
303 Steeple Ridge  
Ridgeland, MS 39216

Dear Dr. Logue:

We have scheduled a Management Assistance Council meeting with Congressional staff and Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Director's Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) at the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center.

The following topics will be discussed: Introduction of new Chief of Staff, Kosciusko VA Clinic opening, recruitment update, recent site visits, research initiatives, Vet Link kiosks, construction, Voluntary Service initiatives and the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival bid.

Please contact Mr. James Theres, Public Affairs Officer, at 601-362-4471 x 6790 or [james.theres@va.gov](mailto:james.theres@va.gov) if you or a representative can attend, and if there are other items you would like to discuss at this meeting.

We look forward to your attendance and valuable input.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joe Battle  
Center Director



# Opinion

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## VA hospital, director can be trusted and should be commended

This column is in response to an article written by Fred Lucas stating, "Veterans no longer trust the VA hospital care."

It is my understanding that Lucas retired from the VA many years ago and was well respected for his work; however, his statements are misleading, false and hearsay.

Director Joe Battle is to be commended for his excellent leadership. Many of the alterations are dating back to 2007 and 2009. All have been investigated and resolved.

In radiology, there were two complete rounds of investigations, and several external reviews were conducted; no patients were harmed. In two cases, where errors may have occurred, veterans and their families were informed.

In reference to sterile processing, over \$1 million in new sterile processing equipment was purchased in 2010. This situation was reviewed by the joint commission on accreditations, the Office of Inspector



**TOM LOGUE**

General and OSHA, with no significant recommendations.

Please also note that there are those veterans who want the VA hospital privatized and will never be pleased until that happens.

When the parking situation was brought to Joe Battle's attention, he made arrangements to have 200 employees park off site, freeing up 200 new parking spaces for veterans. Security reports to Battle two times a day the number of vacant parking spots.

There are no problems that are minor to Battle. He has dedicated his life to providing the best care for the veterans.

In reference to the ratio of nurse practitioners to doctors, Lucas' comments stated that this ratio was 3-to-1. In fact, it is 1.5-to-1 ratio. Two more doctors started in November, and the ratio will be 12 nurse practitioners to 10 doctors (almost 1-to-1).

One of the first priorities Battle established was the Management Assistance Council meetings with congressional staff and the Veterans Service Organization. This council meets quarterly. I am a member of this council.

The September meeting was from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The agenda included House Veterans Affairs Committee field hearing, an update on Office of Special Counsel complaints, recruitment updates, homeless veterans programs update, AmeriCorps partnerships for veteran recruitment, close out of fiscal year, and comments and concerns from veteran service officers and organizations. We were also introduced to several new department

heads, new medical staff members and two administrative assistants.

Last year, working in Canton, I had 902 veteran contacts. VA expenditures for the past year in Madison County was \$35 million.

Under Battle's management of the hospital and medical clinics, he supervised new construction with \$1.7 million for mental health units, \$1.6 million for oncology renovations, \$1.4 million for sico renovations and \$1.2 million for women veterans clinic renovations. Under his leadership and outreach, programs included a women's vet clinic, homeless vet program, mental summit and job fairs mobile in 12 towns.

Mississippi has the fewest doctors per capita in the U.S. Doctors, as all federal employees, have to be vetted, and income for VA physicians is lower than their civilian counterparts. However, Battle has hired several new doctors.

Difficulty in hiring new

physicians is not true. Battle has hired five new doctors over the last few months, including a women's health director. It has been stated that Battle has received a bonus when, in fact, he has not received a bonus since he has been here.

Veterans can trust the VA hospital; all employees, doctors and management are dedicated to excellent patient care.

I will close by saying the following from a Shakespeare's Julius Caesar: Anthony says, "the evil that lives after them, the good in men inferred in their bones," so let it be with VA hospital; the human errors that VA does will live forever, and the good is often forgotten. Let all good stand out.

*Dr. Tom Logue is a retired major general and currently serves as the Madison County Veteran Service Officer. He is a past chairman of the Mississippi Hospital Association and past member of the Mississippi State Board of Health.*

# Proposed Canton annexation

By MICHAEL SIMMONS  
*Madison County Journal*

CANTON — Mayor Arnel Bolden said as the city continues to pursue different annexation avenues they wouldn't approve a proposal that would increase the annual budget by over \$1.5 million.

"That number is a false projection," he said. "We've

reviewed at least 2-3 proposals to annex areas. They vary in size and scope.

"Once the board and I get together to look at cost factors, as well as look at a particular plan that has been presented to us, then we can decide which plan can be the best course of action," he continued.

"We don't anticipate allowing ourselves to accept a proposal that would increase our budget

by \$1.9 million. That would not be smart."

Bolden said different proposals would result in annexation of between 2-5 square miles.

The proposal obtained by the Journal showed an increase of land area by 64 percent, street miles by 52 percent and population by 33 percent.

The proposal stated increased revenue of over \$660,000, with over \$460,000 coming from



Photo by Elwin William

Miss Mississippi Chelsea Rick hugs Dr. Tom Logue of Ridgeland during a recent ceremony for a marker installation recognizing the 31st Infantry Dixie Division.



BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those soldiers who died in our nations service,

WHEREAS, Congress passed the National Holiday Act of 1971, which designated the last Monday in May as AMemorial 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 26, 2014 as Memorial Day in Madison County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 military service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to those service 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 John Bell Crosby	_____
Supervisor Ronny Lott	_____
Supervisor Gerald Steen	_____
Supervisor Karl M. Banks	_____
Supervisor Paul Griffin	_____

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

SO ORDERED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2014.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Karl M. Banks, President  
Madison County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia Parker, Chancery Clerk