

107<sup>th</sup> MSSAR Convention  
BanCorpSouth Conference Center  
Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, 2016

Registration Form

Please note that the cost of meals for the Receptions, Breakfast and the Banquet and the meeting facilities is included in the registration fee.

		Number of Attendees	
Reception, Banquet and Breakfast	\$75.00 X	_____	= _____
Banquet attendance only	\$40.00 X	_____	= _____
		Total Cost =	_____

**Banquet Dress Code:** Black Tie, Revolutionary War Uniform or Coat and Tie and appropriate dress for ladies attending.

**GWEF Breakfast: Dress Code:** Coat and tie. (cost is included in your registration fee)

**GWEF Guest Speaker: Dr. David Shackelford**

**Banquet Guest Speaker: Ret Gen. Ed Mitchell**

Spouse activity will include a dutch treat luncheon and an excursion .

Please indicate number of ladies attending \_\_\_\_\_.

Saturday luncheon is on your own except for the Ladies Luncheon attendees. A list of local restaurants/ shopping centers etc. is included in your Welcome Bag.

Schedule:

Registration Friday from 3:00-8:00 PM

Welcome reception Friday from 6:00-8:00 PM (Cash Bar)

Breakfast Saturday 7:45AM

Lunch on your own

Memorial Service

Banquet (Cash Bar)

Please complete this section as you wish your name tag to read:

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

SAR Chapter or State Society \_\_\_\_\_

Registration and a Hospitality Reception (6:00 to 8:00PM Friday 23 March) with entertainment. Checks for registration should be made payable to **MSSAR CONVENTION** and mailed with this completed form **no later than 1 March 2016** to:

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Pontotoc, MS 38863

# MISSISSIPPI COMPATRIOT



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## Minutes of the MSSAR Executive Committee Meeting for January 9, 2016

Meeting called to order by MSSAR President Michael Schenk at 10:05 A.M.

Quorum declaration: Yes, with 11 members present. Invocation given by Compatriot Larry Jolly.

All pledges were recited.

President Michael Schenk welcomed all members present: Larry Jolly, Toby Winston, John Taylor, Gerald Brent, Andrew Jones, Bill Horne, Bob Cox, Lyn Herron, Larry Hellums and Charles Garrison.

The minutes from the September meeting were presented by Secretary Garrison, motion to accept the minutes made by John Taylor, 2nd by Gerald Brent, motion carried. Eight Chapters were represented: Jacob Horger, Central Mississippi, Dr. Joseph Warren, Nathaniel Green (Delta), William Gray, Daniel McKie, David Murphree and Desoto Patriots.

President Schenk gave update on the National level about the CAAH projects and Solid

Lights that was hired by the SAR for planning the Projects. There are concerns about the Museum project.

Toby Winston reported the 107th State Convention will be in Tupelo 18 and 19 March and will be at the same Motel as last year. Toby would like Chapters, State Officers and members who would like to place their ads in the program package to please get the ads to him as soon as possible.

The registration form is being posted on the MSSAR web page as well as the Southern District web page. Toby said, members will be receiving the registration forms

and info by mail shortly. Toby also said there would be entertainment on Friday evening at the reception. Speaker for the George Washington Breakfast will be Dr. David Shackelford. The speaker at the Saturday evening banquet will be Gen. Ed Martin.

Secretary Garrison said National has requested that he send a copy of all applications electronic and also the paper copy and documents as well.

Treasurer Lynn Herron said the financial report was in the agenda program. He also said that fifty two members had sent in with their dues extra for the youth programs.

Gerald Brent made motion to except the financial report, 2nd by John Taylor, motion carried. Secretary Garrison said he would send emails to all members that contributed to the youth program thanking them for their support for the youth programs.

All other Officer and Chapter reports were given or printed in the agenda package.

John Taylor said the Dr. Joseph Warren Chapter is meeting in Vicksburg now on a regular basis and Compatriot Ed Campbell is Chapter President and Dr. Davis serving as treasurer.

President Schenk said there was no Eagle Scout contestant this year.

Gerald Brent said he received and approved a Knight Essay and it would be sent to national 28 February.

Larry Jolly said there was no Oration contestant as yet for the State Convention, the Central Mississippi Chapter was going to have the Chapter judging one or two contestants January 18 and there may be one then.

Andrew Jones said he had 17 JROTC medals and would need to order 40 more.



*Present at the January Executive Committee meeting in Jackson were Dr. Andy Jones, Trustee Gerry Brent, John Taylor, 1st V-P Toby Winston, Larry Jolly, President Michael Schenk, Secretary Charles Garrison, Treasurer/Registrar Lyn Herron, President Bob Cox of the Jacob Horger Chapter and President Bill Horne of the De Soto Patriots Chapter.*

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## Mississippi/Tennessee Combined Color Guard

For the second year, the Mississippi Color Guard has participated with the Tennessee Color Guard in the Veterans Day celebration at Overton Park in Memphis, TN. The celebration is sponsored by a local chapter of the DAR and draws attendance from the local neighborhoods around the area.

The ceremony is conducted in front of the Doughboy monument commemorating World War I. There is a selected speaker who provides comments on the celebration of Veterans Day and greetings are brought from the various lineage and heritage organizations. There are always several World War II Veterans in attendance in uniform.

Shown below are: Kevin MacDonald, Mississippi Society; Mac MacKinney, Tennessee Society; William Horne, President, DeSoto Patriots Chapter, SAR; Gerald Brent, Past President Mississippi Society, SAR; Lyn Herron, Registrar/Treasurer Mississippi Society, SAR; Colby Morgan, Past President Tennessee Society, SAR.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep up with the latest announcements and submit your Chapter events to the MSSSAR website at: <http://www.msssar.org/>

The 107th Annual Mississippi Society Convention will be held March 18 – 19 at the BanCorpSouth Conference Center in Tupelo. Registration details are included in the newsletter.

Please send your articles, comments, complaints, address changes, news and pictures to the return address or to [spec@brucetelephone.com](mailto:spec@brucetelephone.com).



## Jacob Horger Chapter

On Saturday, November 21, 2015 the Jacob Horger Chapter hosted a program on the career of our first president, General George Washington, and his estate at Mount Vernon. The guest speaker was Ms. Susan Reeder, Vice Regent for the state of Mississippi for the Mount Vernon Ladies Association. The presentation focused on General Washington from his youth through his term as our first president. It also touched on the history of Mount Vernon and the role the Mount Vernon Ladies Association has played in its restoration and preservation. Chapter president Bob Cox presented Ms. Reeder with a letter of appreciation and a check as a donation to the Mount Vernon Ladies Association. Flanking Ms. Reeder from left to right are Ike Edwards of the Gulf Coast Chapter, Jacob Horger Chapter members Bob Cox, David Sullivan, Don Hall, John Taylor, Frank Zelinka, EJ Dennis, John Sumner, Daryl Gambrell and Royce Stringer.



## Joseph Warren Chapter

Paul Cartwright, member of the Joseph Warren Chapter in Vicksburg, represented the MSSSAR in volunteering, along with his wife Wendy Cartwright, Regent of Yazoo Chapter MSDAR at the D.A.R. booth giving out water and Vietnam Commemorative pins while the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall was in Yazoo City in November. He has spent approximately 40 hours on news microfilm compiling a list of Vietnam Service members active during the Vietnam Era of ca. 1959-1975. He has also made copies of the news stories and is compiling a booklet for the local Yazoo Library so that these veterans are not forgotten.

## IN MEMORY

The Clarion Ledger, Jackson, Hinds Co., MS, Oct. 11, 2015

### Cecil H. Snodgrass

RIDGELAND - Cecil Snodgrass, age 74, passed away at his home in Ridgeland on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

A longtime resident of Clinton, MS, Cecil was born in Abingdon, VA. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and the Mississippi Air National Guard, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel in 1985.

A memorial service will be held in his honor at the Mississippi Veterans Cemetery, Newton County, at a later date. [Mr. Snodgrass was a member of the Central Mississippi Chapter]

The Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal, Tupelo, Lee Co., MS, Oct. 14, 2015

### Keith Thomas

PONTOTOC – Keith Pickens Thomas, 76, passed away on Oct. 12, 2015, due to brain cancer. He was born on March 2, 1939, in Pontotoc to Hubert L. and Doris Pickens Thomas. He graduated from Pontotoc High School and Itawamba Community College. He and his parents founded Eastgate Fabrics in 1962 when Eastgate Mall opened in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He also engaged in the wholesale distribution of notions and supplies for fabric stores while he lived in Chattanooga.

Mr. Thomas engaged in commercial and residential construction for many years and supervised the building of Pilot Fuel Centers across the country. He developed Westwind Subdivision in Pontotoc beginning in 1996. After retirement he supervised the construction of several homes for Pontotoc County Habitat for Humanity. In that capacity he traveled to Kenya with the local affiliate to build two homes for Kenyan refugees.

He was past president of Pontotoc Civitan Club, past Commander of Post 16, American Legion, Chapter member of the Col. J.A. Orr Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans. He also was a member of William Gray Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, at West Heights Baptist Church in Pontotoc with the Rev. David Hamilton and the Rev. Dan Young officiating. Burial will follow in West Heights Cemetery. Browning Funeral Home in Pontotoc is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today and on Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at West Heights Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Eaves Thomas, whom he married in 1962. He also is survived by a son, David Keith Thomas (Beverly); grandson, Christopher Thomas (Candace); and granddaughter, Katherine “Katie” Thomas; sister, Billie Jean Sewell (Lewis); nephew, Tom Sewell (Melissa); and nieces, Lauren Ingraham (Jim) and Jenna Boothe (Leigh).

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers will be: John Suggs, Clark Sexton, Bo Lowrey, Robert Bass, Ellis Reeder, Ricky Ferguson, Corey Wages and Phil Lee. Honorary pallbearers will be: Judge Erskine Barton, Bobby Duke, Bobby Davis, the Pontotoc Civitan Club, Post 16 American Legion, William Gray Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Col. Orr Camp Sons of the Confederate Veterans and members of the PHS Class of 1957.

Memorials may be made to Pontotoc County Habitat for Humanity or American Legion Post 16 in Pontotoc.

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Bill Horne said he was in Alabama representing the MSSSAR at a grave marking with the Southern District and Mississippi was the only state that had no wreath. John Taylor serving as the MSSSAR Color Guard Chairman said that we could buy one and the carrying case for about \$100.00. Charles Garrison made motion to buy the wreath, 2nd by Larry Hellums, motion carried.

President Schenk said there was a need for the MSSSAR to have a Flag Chairman. Larry Jolly said he recommended that it be Bill Lyle and he would see if Bill would serve. President Schenk said it was almost time to file the 990 N-E postcards to the IRS for the State Society and all Chapters. Secretary Garrison said he would like for Com-patriot Robert Kalka to do it again this year and President Schenk will contact him about this.

John R. Taylor Jr. said that in July it would be Mississippi's time for the VPG of the Southern District and he would like to nominate Gerald Brent to be announced and voted on at the Southern District meeting in Alabama in February, the motion 2nd by Michael Schenk, motion carried.

President Schenk asked the nominating committee to give the report for 2016-2017 State Officers. Chairman Gerald Brent read the names of the nominees: Trustee Toby Winston; Alternate Trustee Michael Schenk; President Toby Winston; 1st V-P William Horne; 2nd V-P John Fulwider; Secretary Charles Garrison; Treasurer-Registrar Stewart L. Herron; Genealogist Lawrence Hellums; Historian Dr. Andrew Jones; Chancellor Mark Henry, Esq.; Chaplain Glenn Shows; Sergeant-At-Arms E. J. Dennis; Color Guard John R. Taylor, Jr.

There being no other business Gerald Brent made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Bob Cox.

Recessional recited. Benediction by Larry Jolly.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charles Garrison  
MSSSAR Secretary