



Rotary
Club of Jackson,
Mississippi



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August 19, 2024

The Rotary Club of Jackson was pleased to welcome Major General Durr Boyles and Major General Bobby Ginn, Jr – The Adjutant General of Mississippi.



L to R: Past President Tom Johnson, Sergeant Major Silvester Tatum, President Phillip Carpenter, Major General Durr Boyles, Major General Bobby Ginn, Jr - TAG, and President-elect Richard Wilbourn



President Phillip Carpenter welcomed Rotarians and guests.

Allan Cole delivered the Invocation; Bill Moore led club members in the Pledge of Allegiance; and President Phillip led members in the Four Way Test.

Michael Van Velkinburgh introduced visiting Rotarians and guests, including:

- Rotarian Donald Tassin, member of the Pearl Rotary Club and Senior Vice President of Cadence Bank
 - Professor Frank Rosenblatt - Mississippi College School of Law, son of Dean Jim Rosenblatt
 - Mitch Monsour – Mercator Health Advisors, guest of President Phillip
 - Command Sergeant Major Silvester Tatum, Mississippi National Guard
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A Board of Directors meeting was held on August 19, immediately following the Rotary meeting.

Congratulations to Tina Clay, who has decided to run for Ward 2 City Council, City of Jackson.



Membership Promotion: Membership Chair Seth Dickinson encourages all members to promote our club to their family, friends, and co-workers. Let them know that Rotary will allow them to meet new people, grow their business, and give back to the community.

Share the flyer posted on our Facebook page
(<https://www.facebook.com/jxnrotary>)

Please like our club page if you haven't already done so.



The flyer features a large group photo of club members at the top, with a central logo for the Rotary Club of Jackson, Mississippi. Below the photo are two circular inset photos of individual members. The main text is in yellow and white on a dark blue background, promoting the benefits of Rotary membership.

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**FRIENDSHIP, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
& SERVICE - ALL IN ONE PLACE!**

JOIN NOW

At the heart of Rotary membership lies the invaluable gift of friendships and fellowship, fulfilling one of our most fundamental human needs. Since its inception in 1905, Rotary has been a beacon for building meaningful connections among individuals from diverse backgrounds.

This vibrant network fosters camaraderie and opens doors to business development opportunities. Rotary brings together a dynamic cross-section of the business community. Members from all walks of life support one another in their professional endeavors while positively impacting others. Furthermore, the chance to serve is a rewarding aspect of being a Rotarian. Engaging in service projects brings a profound sense of fulfillment, enriching our lives and the lives of those we help.

Joining Rotary means being part of a community that values support, growth, and the joy of giving back.

For More Information:
Contact Seth Dickinson, Membership Chair
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<https://rotaryclubofjacksonms.org/>

Service Project Ideas – What are you passionate about? How do you want to see the Rotary Club of Jackson meet the needs of our community? Please share your ideas for service opportunities our club can participate in this year with Service Chair Rob Salley at rsalley55@gmail.com.



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Service Projects

We are looking for large and small ways to positively impact our community. Remember, if it touches your heart, you will be more invested in giving your time, money, and energy.



Here are some Rotary service project ideas:

✓ Education and Literacy

- **Adopt a School:** Provide supplies, books, and support for local schools.
- **Tutoring and Mentoring:** Help students with their studies or career guidance.
- **Little Free Libraries:** Set up small neighborhood libraries to promote reading.

✓ Health and Wellness

- **Blood Drives:** Partner with local blood banks to organize donation events.
- **Meals on Wheels:** Deliver meals to elderly or homebound individuals.
- **Health Screenings:** Provide free health check-ups and screenings.

✓ Environment

- **Tree Planting:** Organize tree planting events to improve local green spaces.
- **Park Clean-Up:** Regularly clean and maintain local parks and trails.
- **Community Gardens:** Create gardens where community members can grow their food.

✓ Community Development

- **Building Projects:** Construct or renovate playgrounds, shelters, or community centers.
- **Food Drives:** Collect and distribute food to those in need.
- **Support for Veterans:** Organize events or provide services for local veterans.

Is there a particular area you're interested in focusing on?
Contact Rob Salley (Project Chair) at rsalley55@gmail.com or
Paula Holsapple-Howard at jrotary@bellsouth.net.

Committee Day will be held on August 26, and we will play Rotary Bingo to raise money for service projects. Bingo cards will be \$5.00 each. Al Underwood will serve as the Master Caller.



One Day 2 Events

August 26, 2024

1 Committee Day

Join us for our Annual Committee Day. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for their favorite club service.



*Cards are \$5.00 each.
Buy as many as you want.*



Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win cash prizes at this fun-filled event. Our Bingo caller (Al Underwood) will guide you through multiple rounds of the classic game, and there will be plenty of opportunities to win.

Half the funds will be prizes to the winners of each round and the other half will serve as a fundraiser for service projects.

Bingo starts at 12:15 am

YOU CAN PAY FOR YOUR CARDS BY CASH, CHECK, OR PAYPAL.

Labor Day – No meeting.

Save the Date: October 24 - District 6820 Color Run for Polio

BIRTHDAYS:

Brett Andrews	August 23
Tina Clay	August 24
Jack Spradling **97 YEARS YOUNG**	August 24

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mark and Debbie Saxon (46 years)	August 12
Tommy and Mary Scott Shepherd (42 y)	August 14
Walther and Catherine Becker (37 y)	August 15
Selena and Glenn Swartzfager (33 y)	August 17
Brett and Tammy Andrews (33 years)	August 24

ROTARY JOIN DATES:

Philip Blaylock (4 years)	August 19
Yolanda Singleton (8 years)	August 22
Selena Swartzfager (9 years)	August 24



President-Elect Richard Wilbourn introduced Major General Durr Boyles and Major General Bobby Ginn, Jr., The Adjutant General of Mississippi.



Major General Janson D. Boyles was appointed the 52nd Adjutant General of Mississippi by Governor Phil Bryant on September 1, 2016. Serving as the commanding general of the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard, Boyles was reappointed Adjutant General of Mississippi on January 14, 2020, by Governor Tate Reeves. During his time as Adjutant General, he was responsible for providing the state of Mississippi and the nation with a ready force of more than 12,500 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen equipped and trained to respond to any contingency, natural or man-made.

General Boyles was commissioned in 1982 through the ROTC program at Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering. Initially commissioned in the Army Medical Department of the U. S. Army, he was later re-commissioned as an officer in the U. S. Army Engineer Corps. As the 168th Engineer Group deputy commander in 2005, Boyles staffed the engineering response to Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi. In 2008, he deployed to Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom as the deputy commander of the renamed 168th Engineer Brigade, supporting the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions. In 2012, Boyles was promoted to brigadier general and assigned as Commander, 184th Sustainment Command, overseeing missions ranging from state disaster relief to federal combat rotations. In 2015, he served as the chief of staff for NATO at their Division Headquarters in Kosovo.

General Boyles is a native of Jackson, Mississippi, where he is a career insurance agent. He is the president of Boyles & Moak, an insurance agency specializing in Professional Liability, Commercial, and Personal Insurance. He is a member of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters and is the former president of the Mississippi State University Alumni Association. Durr teaches the Mississippi Property/Casualty Licensing course and has lectured on insurance at Mississippi State University. He is also a vested member of the National Guard Association of the United States, where he served on the board as the area IV TAG Representative from 2019 to 2021. He then served as board chairman of the National Guard Association of the United States from 2021 to 2024.

Major General Durr Boyles offered a history lesson and recap of the role of the Army National Guard over the past 8 years, but he opened his presentation by saying: "I am hesitant to speak to this Rotary club because so many people have stories on me. I see buddies from high school, buddies from the National Guard, and parents of boys I coached. But I always enjoy speaking to this Rotary Club."

Currently, MG Boyles is serving as a resource for Major General Bobby Ginn as he transitions into the role of TAG.

The official birth date of the Army National Guard (ANG) as a reserve component of the Army is December 13, 1636. "It was when every able-bodied man served their community during a time of threat. This is still the mission of the MSNG today." On September 8, 1798, Winthrop Sargent, the territorial governor of Mississippi, issued an official order calling for the organization of a militia. More than 208 years later, descendants of that militia serve around the globe. They are proud members of the Mississippi National Guard (MSNG). The missions of the MSNG (1798) and the Mississippi Air National Guard (1969) have always been dual in nature. The Militia Act, also known as the Dick Act of 1903, was legislation enacted by the United States Congress to create what would become the modern National Guard and codify the circumstances under which the Guard could be federalized. It also provided federal funds for equipment and training, including annual summer encampments. Currently, the MSNG has "two masters, both state and federal. Under the Mississippi governor, the MSNG addresses domestic operations and natural disasters within the state and serves as a combat reserve for active components, and they receive funding from the federal government."

Three major accomplishments over the past eight years include:

1. The reduction of armories from 85 to 60 and approached the legislature for additional funding. \$3 million was approved for maintenance of the remaining facilities, and \$2 million was approved for utilities.
2. Upgrades for the tuition assistance program. When MG Boyles was in college, tuition assistance was \$500 per semester, which covered just about the tuition. Today, tuition assistance has been increased to \$10,000 yearly for students, and \$5,000 additional tuition assistance is offered to students willing to join the National Guard.
3. The MSNG Youth ChalleNGe Academy is designed to help at-risk youth aged 16-18 who dropped out of high school. The program is designed to provide students with the values, skills, education, and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens. It includes military-based training and education focusing on eight core components: academic excellence, physical fitness, job skills, life coping skills, responsible citizenship, leadership, service to the community, and health and hygiene. 400 students graduate from the academy yearly with a GED. MG Boyles worked with community colleges and universities, workforce counselors, and businesses in the community to provide further opportunities to the academy graduates. "This helps create a pathway to success after graduation, so the graduates don't fall back into old destructive ways."

Major General Bobby M. Ginn, Jr. was appointed Adjutant General of Mississippi by Governor Tate Reeves on August 1, 2024. General Ginn serves as the



Commanding General of both the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. He is responsible for providing the state of Mississippi and the United States of America with a ready force of more than 12,500 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen, equipped and trained to respond to any contingency, natural or man-made.

General Ginn has over 34 years of military service. He began his military career in 1990 as an enlisted Soldier and was commissioned in 1993 through Officer Candidate School as a Logistics Officer. He has served in every major subordinate command and commanded at every level in the MSNG organization. General Ginn was a vital part of the MSARNG's large-scale response effort to provide support throughout Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. In 2006, he became the Support Operations Officer for the 106th Support Battalion. As the Company Commander of the 1387th Quartermaster Company, he deployed with his troops, serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007-2008. He served as the Commander of the 2nd Ordnance Training Battalion with follow-on assignments as the S4 for 66th Troop Command. He served as the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Petroleum Officer, and the Plans Officer for Detachment 1. Later, in 2015, he served as the Distribution Management Division Chief and then as the Surface Maintenance Division Chief.

In 2017, General Ginn was appointed Commander of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and as the MSARNG Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics in 2020. On April 24, 2024, he was promoted to Brigadier General and appointed Director, Joint Staff of the MSNG. General Ginn has served as a dual-status federal technician for 28 years.

General Ginn is a native of Tylertown, Miss., and has a Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the United States Army War College.

Major General Ginn opened by saying following MG Boyles is “like following Bear Bryant; legendary.” MG Ginn plans to continue the momentum of MG Boyles. Currently, the MSNG has 8010 Army Guardsmen with 100% fulfilment at 9700 and 2500 Air National Guardsmen. There is a focus on recruitment and building a better incentive package.

The Mississippi Armed Forces Museum is open, but plans are for a new, state-of-the-art museum to be built in the next few years. The MSNG is waiting for approval to purchase 435 acres right off Hwy 49, which would offer better access. Last year, over 95,000 visitors enjoyed the “world-class museum” at Camp Shelby.

The Taiwanese Army has 100 soldiers training at Camp Shelby on M1 Abrams tanks, which are 3rd generation American main battle tanks, and M182 tanks, a new type of tank. Mississippi National Guardsmen and women are training operators and maintenance. MG Ginn said the “M1 tank knowledge found at Camp Shelby and the maintenance skills of the MSNG are second to none in the country. There are no more shade tree mechanics out there, and maintenance is very high-tech and requires lots of training. It is important for Mississippi to offer training and support to the members of the Taiwanese Army.”

A \$21 million state-of-the-art maintenance facility has been built in Brandon, Mississippi. The Brandon Field Maintenance Shop (FMS #9) will support more than 1,100 pieces of military equipment from 34 units with the MSNG and provide full-time employment for 35 people. The facility will include an administration building with offices, classrooms, community spaces, wash bays, a controlled waste facility, and oil and fuel storage. FMS #9 will provide “daily maintenance support services ensuring equipment readiness for MSNG mobilization efforts and natural disaster response and relief missions.”

For more information on the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, please visit www.msarmedforcesmuseum.org.

For more information on the Mississippi National Guard, please visit <https://www.ng.ms.gov>.

Please plan to join the Rotary Club of Jackson on August 26 for Committee Day and Rotary Bingo.

More Photos



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Al Underwood, Bingo King



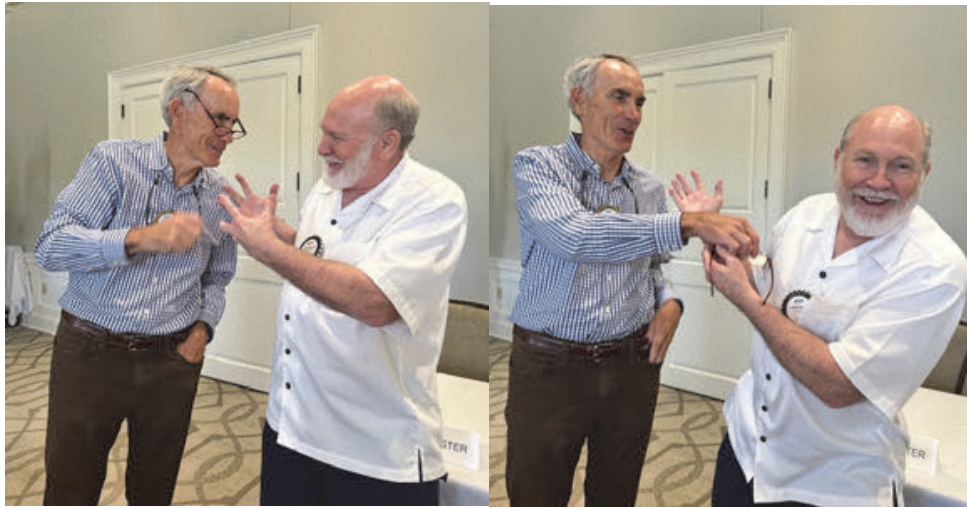
Owen Lusk enjoying dessert



General Major Booby Ginn speaking with Richard Wilbourn



Major General Durr Boyles and
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Past District Governor Mark Fields and Keith Ferguson



Allan Cole, Tina Clay, Wilfred Beal



Hap Henley and Mark Saxon



Tina Clay and Major General Durr Boyles



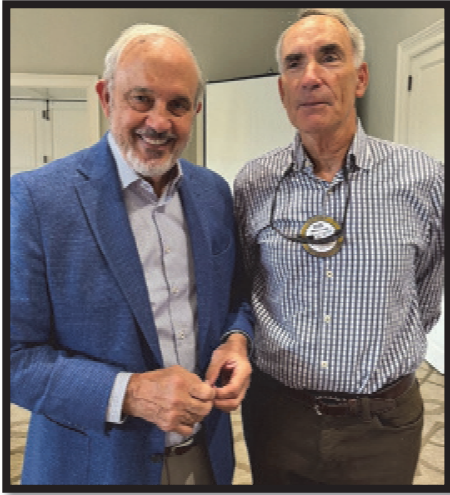
Lee Bush and
Sergeant Major Silvester Tatum



Naomi Jackson and Allan Cole



Past President LeAnn Brewer and Past President Tom Johnson



Mitch Monsour and Past District Governor Mark Fields



Seth Dickinson and Rotarian Donald Tassin



Sergeant Major Silvester Tatum and Allan Cole



George Gammon and Roger Venable



General Major Bobby Ginn
and Leonard Thomas



Past President Tom Johnson
and Leonard Thomas



Past President Mike Pepper
and Harvey Little



Tina Clay, Past President LeAnn Brewer,
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