

# Meet Your State Protocol & Marshall Committees Chair



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joined the NSDAR as a DAR orphan; no one in her family had been a DAR Member or knew anything of DAR. That “fish out of water” feeling has given Julea a heart for Protocol and for doing everything she can to make new and not so new members feel confident that they are “doing it right”.

Julea served the Michigan Society, NSDAR as State Board Member, State Page Chair for three administrations, State Protocol Chair for three administrations and was honored to be chosen as Michigan’s State Outstanding Junior Member. Julea moved to Alabama in 2007 and after completing her Michigan state responsibilities, transferred her membership to the Alabama Society.

Julea has been delighted to serve the Alabama Society as State Protocol & Marshall Committee Chairs for the Clemons and Folk Administrations. She lives in Decatur, Alabama with her husband Kevin and two spoiled cats.

# Protocol and Marshall Committees

## History and Purpose

The Protocol Committee was confirmed as a special committee in 1971 and became an administrative committee in 1977.

The committee serves to give members guidance in the prescribed forms and courtesies used by the NSDAR; which have been established to be the proper and correct etiquette for recognizing and honoring those in positions of leadership as well as general ceremonial conduct and practices.

The fundamental principles of protocol are dictated by ethics, courtesy, good manners and common sense.

The Marshall Committee is administered in conjunction with the Protocol Committee, arranging and directing such activities as processionals and recessionals, receiving lines and the formal group photographs taken at the Alabama State Conference.

# Protocol and Marshall Committees 2019 - 2020 Achievements

- Created a reminder crossword puzzle for the 2020 ASDAR State Conference which was posted on the Alabama Members Only website
- Provided workshop for first time conference attendees at ASDAR State Conference
- Answered questions and provided instruction as requested regarding chapter events involving both DAR and civic/state dignitaries

# Protocol and Marshall Committees 2020 - 2021 Updates

- Protocol Points for Electronic Meetings – Nancy Jarrard, National Chair – Protocol

All meetings, but especially electronic meetings, require both planning and communication to ensure a smoothly run meeting. A meeting agenda is always helpful and meeting minutes sent for review prior to the event facilitates approval during the electronic meeting. Consider asking members to reserve to attend in order to receive sign-on information. It is good to know who plans to attend and this information is helpful in establishment of the quorum prior to calling the meeting to order.

This question has been asked by Chapters holding eMeetings:

Due to the computer microphone lag time, recitation by members of the Opening Ritual is clumsy. Is it permissible to dispense with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Americans' Creed and Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America? The meeting would be opened by the Regent and Chaplain's ritual and opening prayer.

The answer given is that proper planning will accommodate the Opening Ritual.

One recommended Standing Rule for electronic meetings is that all microphones be muted except that of the Daughter having the floor. Before the meeting is called to order, the Regent should remind all attendees to mute their microphone until they are called on to speak. This is very important for the entire meeting so that the individual microphones do not pick up background sounds.

The Regent will commence the ritual, post a photo of the flag and call on a specific member to lead the pledge. While all members will recite as directed, only the member called on to lead will open her microphone. The microphones of all other attendees remain muted. The patriotic song may be deleted unless the chapter has someone capable of a solo performance.