



## **Donny Shaw** Madison County

**Family:** I was raised by my parents Donny (an Army veteran) and Reta Shaw in the Lattiwood Community of Marshall County. My grandparents, DC and Nell Shaw, owned a country store in the same community where I spent most of my youth until they retired. My brother Patrick is a retired Air Force Chef Master Sergeant. My wife Michelle has been an Orthodontic Clinician for over thirty years, starting her career in a Co-op program in High School, and was a volunteer firefighter and volunteer deputy sheriff. Our daughter Landry will be a freshman at Hazel Green High School this fall and a member of the dance team. She has been involved with SGA, G.E.M.S., Best Buddies, the Middle School dance team, and was recently inducted into the NJHS. She has been a student of dance and a Company Dancer for over ten years.

**When were you first appointed and what do you like most about being a Registrar?** I was told about the Registrar's Office early in 2023 by a friend I worked with when I was the Sheriff's Office Liaison to the Election's Administrator for several election cycles - I was also responsible for the Sheriff's Office Election Day Operations. After researching every Alabama Board of Registrars' Office that had a web page and applicable state statutes, I believed I could be productive as a Registrar if appointed. I gathered recommendations and references and submitted those with my resume to the Commissioner of Agriculture. I received my appointment the first week of September and was sworn in on October 2, 2024. Since then, it has been the best 228 days since retiring in 2019. I work with the best group of people that all know, understand, and respect the important office we serve. I wake up every morning looking forward to being at the office.

**What are your hobbies or interests?** I enjoy traveling with our family to our

daughter's dance competitions and extracurricular activities. I always take an opportunity when doing so to check out the history of the locations and take in some historical sights. I also enjoy researching anything that is new to me and learning all about its history and sharing that with friends.

**What are you most proud of in your life?** I'm most proud of my family, and of our daughter's accomplishments so far in her life. Professionally, I'm most proud of the soldiers and deputies that I served with, supervised, or commanded that went on to become supervisors, soldier/officer of the year, or higher achievements. Personally, while at the Sheriff's Office I was nominated and selected to attend the FBI National Academy for law enforcement agencies command leadership and graduated from the 265th Session, an achievement accomplished by less than one percent of law enforcement leaders. I'm honored to have served as Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 6 President and officiate at our Annual Memorial Service to the twenty-six men that sacrificed their lives in service to Madison County.

*Probate Judge Frank Barger, Madison County, had this to say about Donny: "I have been fortunate to work with Donny Shaw during my tenure in the probate court system and through elections administration. He is one of the most focused and detailed oriented professionals I've ever had the pleasure to interact with. These qualities, coupled with his history of service as a retired veteran and law enforcement officer, perfectly positioned him to serve on Madison County's Board of Registrars. Combined with our existing Chairman Lynda Hairston and member Sydney Dean, I believe we have the best Board of Registrars in the State."*