

MILITARY WALL OF HONOR FOR THE LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 1-16-2026

The **MILITARY WALL OF HONOR** (MWOH) is a perpetual legacy initiative for Leland High School (LHS) in cooperation with the Leland Chamber of Commerce and the City of Leland. It is currently under construction at the Leland Library at 107 North Broad Street. The initiative honors the soldiers who lived in the Leland School District for any period of time who served honorably in the military. Attendance at a school in the district is not required. The WALL will include soldiers who served on active duty as well as those who served in the National Guard or Reserve, and combinations of Active duty and Guard/Reserve service. The names and year of birth of the honorees, in addition to their rank and branch of service such as Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Space Force, will be engraved on granite tablets placed on the front lawn of the Library.

The graduates, former classmates, and friends of the LHS in addition to others are supporting this initiative. Stanley Anthony, Betsy Pogue Christianson, Mark King, and Dan McCaskill are spearheading the initiative. Over 2,300 names of individuals from the Leland School District who have served honorably in the military have already been verified for the MWOH and 400 others have been identified as potential honorees. The MWOH has a capacity for over 6,000 names. The nominees are you, your friends, your relatives, and your ancestors, in addition to many others that you may or may not know. The military honorees include **Master Sergeant Hubert Louis Lee**, recipient of the highest military award possible, the **Congressional Medal of Honor**. He was honored for his heroic actions in the Korean War. He attended school in Leland and returned to Leland after the war. Not many cities the size of Leland have a Medal of Honor recipient.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE MILITARY WALL OF HONOR

The concrete foundation is in place and the initial granite tablets, and the monument are on order. Names of soldiers and sponsors will be submitted for engraving in **February 2026**. We anticipate that the number of nominees will increase to over 6,000, and we need your help in identifying potential honorees and providing additional donations. We have received over 100 donations, but we need more. The names of sponsors for levels that range from \$500 to \$10,000 will be engraved on a 4' by 8' granite tablet and remain forever. Any donation is appreciated because it shows your interest and ownership of the MWOH. Some people are donating as a class or group to reach a specific sponsor level and donating at the sponsor level personally.

The **www.lhsreunion.org and the Leland Chamber of Commerce websites** contain more information about the MWOH including nomination and donation forms that can be downloaded and used. An additional group has been set up on Facebook; please join! **WE NEED NOMINATIONS AND DONATIONS!** Send nominations to Dan McCaskill at 205 Cypress Street, Leland, MS 38756. Your **tax-deductible donations** checks should be made to the Chamber of Commerce with MWOH in the remarks. They can be sent to the Leland Chamber of Commerce at PO Box 67, Leland, MS, 38756 or Stanley Anthony, 610 Johnstone Drive, Madison, MS 39110 email wstanleya@aol.com.