

MILITARY WALL OF HONOR FOR THE LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Leland High School Class of 1963 would like to update you on a legacy initiative for the Leland School District entitled the “**Military Wall of Honor.**” Due to the need for additional space, we have moved the project to the Leland Library. The initiative honors the soldiers from the Leland School District who served honorably in the military. The WALL will include soldiers who served on active duty as well as those who served in the National Guard or Reserve, as well as 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, etc., will be engraved on 4’ by 8’ granite slabs placed on the front lawn of the Leland Public Library.

The graduates, former classmates, and friends of the Leland High School Class of 1963 in addition to others are **leading this project**. Stanley Anthony and Betsy Pogue Christianson, Class of 1963; Mark King, Class of 1980; and Dan McCaskill, Class of 1968 have worked diligently on the initiative for several months. We have already verified over 2,000 names of individuals from the Leland School District who have served honorably in the military. The nominees are you, your friends, your relatives, and your ancestors, in addition to many others that you may not know. One of those names on the Wall will be **Master Sergeant Hubert Louis Lee**, recipient of the highest military award possible, the **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.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE MILITARY WALL OF HONOR?

The **MILITARY WALL OF HONOR** is also a project of the Leland Chamber of Commerce. The Leland Historic Preservation Commission and Leland City Council have approved the library as the location of the Plaza. Architect Emily Poole is designing the Plaza.

We anticipate that the number of nominees will increase to over 5,000, and we need your help in identifying potential honorees and providing additional donations. We have received significant donations and pledges, but we need more. A separate plaque will identify the sponsors for levels that range from \$500 to \$10,000. Any donation will be accepted because it shows your interest in and ownership of the Wall. We challenge each Class to be a sponsor for the Wall and meet or exceed the \$5,000 donation level of the Class of 1963. Some people are supporting their class in reaching sponsor level with a donation, **and** also donating at the sponsor level personally.

A page on the **lhsreunion.org** website contains information about the Plaza (Wall) that can be downloaded and used to nominate individuals as well as make tax-deductible donations. A group has been set up on Facebook; please join! **WE NEED NOMINATIONS AND DONATIONS!!** Contact Stanley at wstanleya@aol.com if you have additional questions. 1-10-2025.