Thank you for your generosity and patriotism in supporting our Mississippi Veterans.

May God bless America.





Monday, October 10 - Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022 Providence Hill Farm & Country Club of Jackson

Support our veterans that reside in the four Mississippi Veterans Homes - Jackson, Oxford, Collins, and Martho Jo Leslie in Kosciusko - in collaboration with the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board and the Mississippi State Veterans Homes.

### in honor of

### **Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie**

story courtesy of Friends of Mississippi Veterans



Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie, MSARNG, Retired, nurse, soldier, instructor, administrator, consultant, board member, board chairperson, and volunteer—all describe the much-heralded career of Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie.

General Martha Jo Leslie State Veterans Home. General Leslie now resides in Brandon.

The Friends of Mississippi Veterans wishes to salute General Leslie, as she was one of those responsible

General Leslie, a graduate of Thomastown High School and the Gilfoy School of Nursing, began her career as a registered nurse in 1951 in the Baptist Hospital Emergency Room in Jackson. She enjoyed a successful civilian career as a nurse and was a dedicated and tireless Red Cross disaster nurse volunteer, but this column will focus primarily on her military career.

General Leslie began her 37-year military career with her appointment as a first lieutenant in 1954 in the Mississippi Army National Guard and was assigned to the 134th Evacuation Hospital, one of only five females in the MARNG at that time. Later, there came a time when she was the only female in the MARNG. She recalls being the only female marching in a Camp Shelby parade of 10,000 soldiers, and upon being told she was out of step, she replied, "Nope, the other 9,999 were." She was the first female in the United States to be promoted to colonel in the National Guard. She was activated with the 134th MASH unit in support of the Berlin Crisis in 1961-

62. Her assignments included Chief Nurse, 134th MASH; Chief Nurse, HHD, 213th Medical Group; and Chief Nurse, HHC, 213th Medical Brigade.

General Leslie received numerous decorations and military awards during her years of service. The award she cherishes most, however, is the Mississippi Magnolia Medal for her team leadership in caring for thousands of evacuees at Camp Shelby following Hurricane Camille.

After retiring from the National Guard in 1992 as Brigadier General, she was later appointed by the governor to serve on the State Veterans Affairs Board. She served 15 years on that board, 12 of those years as its chairperson. For her service in improving all aspects of VA nursing homes operations, the Kosciusko nursing home was named the Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie State Veterans Home. General Leslie now resides in Brandon.

General Leslie, as she was one of those responsible for its formation. Upon the Veterans Affairs Board's selection of Newton, Mississippi, as the site for a state veterans cemetery, that Board was interested in seeking public support to assist in procuring certain cemetery facilities ineligible for government funding. General Leslie was very involved in all aspects of that endeavor, and soon, with the efforts and cooperation of several Newton County residents, the non-profit organization "Friends of Mississippi Veterans" was formed. Through the generosity of so many, FOMV was able to fund the carillon, signage, and other improvements at the cemetery, and it continues in a very active way to support the State VA nursing homes and the cemeteries in Newton and in Kilmichael. Friends of Mississippi Veterans would like to thank Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie for her many years of service to our country and for her dedication to all Mississippi Veterans.



#### **EXCLUSIVE RECEPTION**

In celebration of our sponsors who donate at the Major General level or above, we will host an exclusive reception featuring our honorary guest and state and federal legislators. The reception will take place at the Country Club of Jackson on Monday, October 10, 2022 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Guests to be served heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

# FIVE-STAR GENERAL TITLE SPONSOR \$10,000

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• (1) 4-person team (your choice of golf or skeet shooting)

## **STATION SPONSOR** \$500

• company logo on station signage

Deadline for entry and payment is October 1, 2022.

There will be a 3.5% + 15 cent fee for all credit card payments.





## **NEED TO KNOW:**

Where: Country Club of Jackson

(345 St. Andrews Drive, Jackson, MS)

When: Monday, October 10, 2022

9 a.m. registration | 10 a.m. shotgun start

Who: This event benefits Friends of Mississippi Veterans (501(c)3).

(See more information on page 6 of this packet.)

Registration: Sponsorship levels are listed on page 3 of this packet.

Please fill out your registration form and mail to

599 C Steed Road | Ridgeland, MS 39157 (info on form.)

Food: Lunch will be provided by Outback Steakhouse.

What to Bring: Don't forget to bring your clubs and golf balls.

## **NEED TO KNOW:**

Where: **Providence Hill Farm** 

(2600 Carsley Road, Jackson, MS)

When: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 9 a.m. flight or 1 p.m. flight

Who: This event benefits Friends of Mississippi Veterans (501(c)3). (See more information on page 6 of this packet.)

Registration: Sponsorship levels are listed on page 3 of this packet. Please fill out

your registration form and mail to 599 C Steed Road | Ridgeland,

**MS** 39157 (info on form.)

Food: Light breakfast and afternoon snacks will be provided. Lunch is

catered by Another Broken Egg and served from 11 - 1.

What to Bring: Don't forget to bring your shotgun (12, 16, or 20 gauge), 4 boxes

of shotgun shells (7.5 or less), and ear and eye protection.







Friends of Mississippi Veterans (FOMV) was established in 2007 as a non-profit support organization for the more than 200,000 soldiers from our state who have bravely served. We are a 501(c)3 organization committed to serving our Veterans.

FOMV's initial driving purpose was spearheading the creation of State Veterans cemeteries. Those facilities have now been completed and are in operation (Mississippi State Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Newton and North Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Kilmichael), and so our focus of has turned toward other longterm projects.

There are approximately 600 men and women residing in Mississippi's four State Veterans nursing homes. Each year in November, FOMV volunteers visit these Veterans and provide each with a gift. Recently, equipment was also donated to these facilities. In December FOMV honors the graves of Veterans by adorning them with Christmas greenery through the "Wreaths Across America" program.

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Caring for Mississippi Veterans, Always

#### A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE MOMENTS FROM THE

## third annual

# SPORTING CLAY COMPETITION AND GOLF CLASSIC

#### FOR OUR MISSISSIPPI VETERANS

The third annual Sporting Clay Competition benefiting Friends of Mississippi Veterans was hosted on Monday and Tuesday October 11-12, 2021 at Providence Hill Farm and Country Club of Jackson. With the support of 28 golf teams, 60 clay shooting teams, sponsors, and generous donors, our third annual Sporting Clay Competition and Golf Classic raised over \$186,000. These funds will be used to supplement state funding, ensuring our MS Veterans receive needed resources that otherwise would not be provided. This event is a tribute honoring our Mississippi Veterans. If you joined us last year, we thank you for being part of such a special day. If not, we hope you will consider supporting the Friends of Mississippi Veterans.



### **COMMITTEE:**

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Freeman • Lieutenant General Augustus "Leon" Collins • Major General Janson "Durr"
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