

Blue Star Memorial Marker honors those who serve in U.S. Armed Services



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Delbert Hoseman, Lieutenant Governor, and Philip Gunn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, were among those who attended the unveiling ceremony of the Blue Star Memorial Marker along with Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc. This Blue Star marker, which now resides at the Capitol, is “a tribute to the Armed Services who have defended the United States of America.”

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An unveiling ceremony for the Blue Star Memorial Marker was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, on

the grounds of the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson Miss. The marker is a gift to the state of Mississippi from the Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., and honors all men and women who

serve in the United States Armed Services.

The program took place on the North Lawn of the Mississippi State Capitol, with the unveiling on the northwest

corner of the grounds.

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Fast Fiber Internet is now a reality for more of Rankin County

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TEC, a leading provider of fiber internet to rural communities, has completed its second project in the town of Pelahatchie. This project is the second of an estimated \$96 million infrastructure investment to provide high-speed broadband access to central Mississippi, which TEC expects to complete over the next six years.

The total project will provide Fast Fiber Internet access to more than 23,000 families and businesses in rural Mississippi, allowing access to such services as distance education and telemedicine. TEC was one of 386 competing companies in the November 2020, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) auction, which awarded \$9 billion for the provision of broadband internet to unserved and underserved areas throughout the United States. TEC, with the assistance of the FCC, will be funding to build and deliver broadband access to Copiah, Covington, Jasper, Lawrence, Lincoln, Newton, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, and Smith counties.

“I feel with this service that it will provide an opportunity for all our residents to have access to the internet,” states



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Mayor of Pelahatchie, Karl Vanhorn. “For our students that have to use the internet than they will be able to complete their required work faster and be able to learn better.” “Southern Pine is very excited about the progress TEC is making to provide fast fiber internet to many of our rural members”, says Jan Collins Vice President of Communications and Government Relations at Southern Pine Electric Co-op. “If you have not already done so, please visit their website to sign up when available in your area. The Power of Connection, working for you!”