

## **Veterans**

HB 396, 2001 Regular Session – Honorary high school diploma to WWII and Korean veterans

SB 2501, 2002 Regular Session – license tags for:

- active duty members of the armed forces
- members of the MS state guard
- graduates of the US Naval Academy, Military Academy, Merchant Marines Academy, and Air Force Academy
- recipients of the Bronze Star or Silver Star

HB 940, 2003 Regular Session – license tags for:

- US Army Special Forces
- Supporters of members of the armed forces who are classified as MIA or POW while serving in armed forces
- Sons of Confederate Veterans
- Mississippians who are honorably discharged veterans who served during the Vietnam conflict
- Unremarried surviving spouse of a purple heart recipient shall be entitled to exemption from motor vehicle ad valorem taxes, privilege taxes and other taxes and fees fro one purple heart distinctive motor vehicle tag

SB 3024, 2000 Regular Session – authorized the MS Veterans Monument Commission to plan monument recognizing MS Congressional Medal of Honor recipients

SB 2179, 2002 Regular Session – Designate portions of HWY's 19 (Lauderdale and Newton counties) and 15 (Newton county) as “Veterans Highway” and “WWII Veterans Highway”

SB 2377, 2000 Regular Session – State Veterans Home, require Veterans Affairs Board to mange Collins Facility

Opened Veterans Memorial at Woolfolk Building

Supported and spoke at rally for Freedom Ride to Washington, DC to honor POW's and MIA's

Strong supporter of current military –

- attends deployments and welcome home ceremonies for nat'l guard troops deployed
- trip to Bosnia to visit MS troops
- trip to Fort Benning, Georgia to visit MS troops
- visit CAFB
- Sept 11, 2003 – day to honor veterans and current military troops
- Received leadership award from the Dir. of the Army National Guard support of Operation About Face
- 172<sup>nd</sup> Air Wing 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration
- Guard strength is at strongest since 1995, GRM made priority