



PUBLIC NOTICE — MTSU PETITION FOR WAIVER
FORREST HALL NAME CHANGE

Middle Tennessee State University, a Tennessee Board of Regents institution, hereby gives public notice of its intention to petition the Tennessee Historical Commission for a waiver that would allow it to rename Forrest Hall, a building on its Murfreesboro campus built in 1954 and officially named for Confederate Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest in 1958, to the Army ROTC Building. The university, after appointing a task force of students, faculty, alumni and community members to consider the matter and after holding three public forums that allowed for broad input, determined in April 2016 that the name of the building no longer reflected the stated mission and goals of the institution and, therefore, there was a compelling public need to rename the structure. Further, it was determined the building was the only structure named for someone without a direct tie to the campus and that it lacked any historical information or context about its namesake. TBR approved a request by MTSU in June 2016 to rename the structure, as well as its intention to create a public timeline, drawn from primary source documentation, of Forrest's life and actions before, during and after the Civil War. Once MTSU's Petition for Waiver is filed, a copy of the petition and supporting documentation will be available at no cost upon written request to the Office of the University Counsel, MTSU, 1301 East Main St., 209 Cope Administration Building, Murfreesboro, TN 37132. These materials will also be available at: <http://www.mtsu.edu/forresthall/>.

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