



# ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

BUSTER MORLINO COMMUNITY CENTER

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

5:00 – 6:15

BUSINESS SHOWCASE SILENT AUCTION

NETWORKING / CASH BAR

6:15 PM

BLESSING OF OUR DINNER

FROM BRO. JUSTIN MEDDERS, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LELAND

6:15 – 6:45

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER, JACOB VENUTI

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: LYNN FITCH, MISSISSIPPI'S ATTORNEY GENERAL

6:45 – 7:00

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

MARY ANNE BROCATO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LCOC

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

ACHIEVEMENT AMBASSADOR AWARD

TAYLOR WEBB AWARD

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

POLICEMAN OF THE YEAR

RECAP OF 2025 LCOC

MARK KING, OUTGOING LCOC PRESIDENT

INTRODUCTION OF INCOMING LDOC PRESIDENT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SILENT AUCTION WINNERS

JOHANNA SWAIN, ANGIE ZEPPONI, SILENT AUCTION CO-CHAIRS



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

For the individual who has distinguished him/herself through community service and involvement during the past year. This person need not be a current resident of the Leland area, but must have been involved in Leland city projects, affairs, government, or other forms of community or public service. This Award recognizes that person's efforts and contributions to the health, welfare, viability, and growth of Leland.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This honor recognizes individuals with exceptional commitment to community service in Leland. Eligible recipients must have lived in Leland for the past ten years, be current residents, and actively participate in local projects or public service. The Distinguished Service Award celebrates their lasting impact on Leland's health, welfare, and growth.

## ACHIEVEMENT AMBASSADOR AWARD

This award honors someone with significant national recognition in arts, commerce, education, entertainment, science, government, sports, medicine, or public service. The recipient must have lived in the Leland area for at least ten years at some point, routinely cite Leland as part of their heritage, and serve as an "Ambassador" for the community. They do not need to currently reside in Leland.

## ACHIEVEMENT AMBASSADOR AWARD

The Achievement Ambassador Award recognizes individuals with national achievement in fields such as art, science, or public service who have lived in Leland for at least 10 years and reference Leland as part of their heritage. Recipients need not currently live in Leland, but their accomplishments should reflect well on the community and highlight their role as an "Ambassador" for Leland.



## TAYLOR WEBB AWARD

The Taylor Webb Award recognizes leadership in the community - someone from Leland, or connected to Leland, who is involved in local/regional/state/national leadership efforts that directly or indirectly benefit or promote Leland in a positive manner.

## BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Business of the Year Award honors a Leland business that has shown exceptional achievement and community commitment. Nominees must have significantly contributed to Leland in the past year through growth, innovation, or outstanding involvement. The winner is a business that actively supports local programs. Only members of the Leland Chamber of Commerce are eligible.

### *Special Thanks*

Cicero's Restaurant, Mitchell Delta Distributing, Atomic Liquor, Chili's Package Store, Leland, Deer Creek Garden Club