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# Honorary plaque necessary

In the Memorial Union, across from the Student Service Center, hangs a bronze plaque commemorating the valor of those Fort Hays State students who lost their lives fighting for their country.

Names of those who fought in World Wars I and II and the Korean Conflict are inscribed on the plaque. However, the names of the FHS students who fought and died during the Vietnam War are missing.

Currently, a project is underway to correct the situation which would entail adding the names to the existing plaque or dedicating a new plaque listing the names of those who died. Gary Jones, FHS senior and Vietnam War veteran, has taken on the task of gathering the names of those who died as well as the monetary support needed to fund the project. As of now, the project has the verbal support of President Gerald Tomanek and Student Body President Kevin Faulkner.

The Vietnam War ended approximately seven years ago. It is time that something was done to honor the FHS students who gave their lives for democracy.

Ironically, a statue dedicated to the students who lost their lives in the 1970s demonstrations at Kent State University, Ohio and Jackson State University, Mississippi sits in an alcove at the south end of the union.

Nevertheless, the plaque is necessary to honor those who died in the Vietnam War.