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NOTED WORLD WAR II AUTHOR, NATIVE MOBILIAN HONORED IN STATE HALL OF FAME

The late author, educator and World War II veteran Eugene Bondurant Sledge will be inducted into the Alabama Men's Hall of Fame later this year.

Having written perhaps one of the most influential books about wartime experience of the Second World War, "With The Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa," the Mobile native fortified his place in the literary world. In the generation since its publication, no single book has made a more dramatic impact on virtually everything written about combat, both past and present.

Colonel Joseph H. Alexander, USMC, (Retired) said of Sledge's book:

"By his brutally honest description of the stress and savagery of close combat, Sledge became the voice of every rifleman of any service or any theater. He was the prototypical unsung hero, anonymous and unheralded, appalled at the senseless waste, sickened by the slaughter, alternately scared to death and mad as hell."

The announcement of Sledge's induction was made at the July 10 noontime Learning Lunch at the History Museum of Mobile. Dr. Sidney Phillips, Katharine Phillips Singer, and History Museum of Mobile Director Dr. David E. Alsobrook spoke at the Learning Lunch, and all three wrote letters of support for Sledge's nomination to the Hall of Fame.

"Dad's inclusion in the Alabama Men's Hall of Fame is a great honor," said Eugene Sledge's son, John Sledge, who is also a recognized author and local architectural historian. "We're very pleased that his legacy will be so honored in the state he always loved."

"It's a very proud moment for our city when a native Mobilian is honored in this way," said History Museum of Mobile Director Dr. David E. Alsobrook. "We're all very happy for the entire Sledge family."

The Alabama Men's Hall of Fame exists to "recognize those men native to or identified most closely with the state of Alabama who have made significant contributions on a state, national or international scale within their professional fields of activity and concern," according to its website.

The induction ceremony will happen at Samford University in September 2013.

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