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Popular space below MIT's Great Dome to be renamed in honor of fallen veterans

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

MIT will soon rename a popular gathering space below its Great Dome for alumni who died while serving in the military during wartime, campus officials said.

Lobby 10 will be renamed "Memorial Lobby" at a formal dedication scheduled for 5 p.m. on Nov. 18, the institute [announced](#).

The ceremony will feature a mixed honor guard of MIT ROTC cadets and MIT Police officers along with several speeches by veterans and MIT officials, musical performances and a benediction, officials said.

Engraved on the lobby's walls are memorials listing MIT alumni who died in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, officials said. Those inscriptions were restored last year to make them more legible.

Members of the institute's ROTC programs have traditionally used the lobby told hold an annual 24-hour silent vigil, officials said.

For at least the past two years, some students, faculty and campus organizations lobbied for the lobby to be renamed.

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