

Lea Hall

AGE

- Lea Hall was originally constructed around 1940 - 1941

SIZE

- Lea Hall is approximately 36,000 S.F.

PURPOSE

- Lea Hall is an academic building supporting both high school and college curriculums

HISTORY

- The current Lea Hall is the third building named in honor of Captain Lea. Lea hall was designed to almost duplicate Wilson Hall and was built on the old the site of the old headquarters building. Construction of the existing Lea Hall began in 1940.

NAME

- Lea Hall was named in honor of Captain Joseph C. Lea
- Captain Joseph C. Lea was born in Tennessee in 1841 and reared in Missouri. During the Civil War, he served with the Confederate Army, was twice wounded and attained the rank of Colonel, but was fondly called "Captain".
- Upon his arrival in Chaves County in 1878, Captain Lea quickly became one of it's leading citizens, both in business and public service. He was a visionary who convinced Colonel Goss to establish Goss Military Institute and then provided the land and money to build the fledgling school. Captain Lea was instrumental in getting a bill passed establishing New Mexico Military Institute and was appointed to the first Board of Regents.

