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DELMAS BATTLE

Delmas J. Battle, a native of Carthage, Mississippi, completed coursework for a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts Education from Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Alcorn State University) in the fall of 1969 and was awarded his degree in May 1970. He later earned a Master of Science degree in Technical Education from Memphis State University in 1977, with additional studies in administration, supervision, and general science.

His professional teaching career began in December 1969 at Geeter High School in the Memphis City School System. Shortly after, Battle was drafted into the U.S. Army. He completed basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, followed by Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he earned a diploma in Substance Storage Specialization and a certificate in Property Disposal. He served in Da Nang, South Vietnam, managing property receiving and inspection responsibilities. He rose to the rank of Sergeant (E-5) and completed his service at William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas. After an early release, he joined the National Guard Maintenance Brigade in Carthage, becoming one of the first African Americans in the Leake County unit.

In August 1972, Battle returned to teaching in Memphis, working at Fairview Junior High School (1972–1996), Hamilton Junior High (1996–2002), Longview Middle School (2002–2004), and Mitchell High School (2004–2006), retiring after 36 years in education. He taught industrial arts, science, and math, and also volunteered as a football and track coach. Battle trained students in carpentry, drafting, CAD, building and construction, and other trades, emphasizing safety and hands-on skills in essential technical careers.

He is a committed member of the Memphis community, serving as a trustee at Grace United Methodist Church and a member of several veteran and Masonic organizations. He is active in the Memphis Alcorn Alumni Chapter and received his 50th Golden Diploma during the university's 2020 commencement ceremony.

Battle is married to Marian Williams Battle. They have two adult children, Amandalo and Michael, and two granddaughters, Aria and Ava. The family resides in Memphis, Tennessee.