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ETHS Offers Special Programs in Honor of National Medal of Honor Day

Brown Bag Lecture: *Medal of Honor Quilt Project*
&
Documentary Film Premiere: *Conspicuous Gallantry: The 2014 Medal of Honor Convention*

PROGRAMS: *Medal of Honor Quilt Project*, a Brown Bag Lecture with Kit Brown and Quilting Team
Conspicuous Gallantry: The 2014 Medal of Honor Convention, a Documentary Film Premiere by the University of Tennessee School of Journalism and Electronic Media

DATE: Brown Bag Lecture: Wednesday, March 25, at noon
Film Premiere: Thursday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE



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(Knoxville, TN) The East Tennessee Historical Society will host two special events, March 25-26, to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and Knoxville's hosting of the 2014 Medal of Honor.

Wednesday, March 25, Noon: Brown Bag Lecture: *Medal of Honor Quilt Project* with Kit Brown and Quilting Team

When local quilters learned that the 2014 Medal of Honor Convention would meet in Knoxville, their first thought was, "wouldn't it be great to meet these guys—and give them a quilt!" Over the 20 months leading up to the September 2014 convention, quilters across East Tennessee created individual quilts for each living recipient and several Gold Star families, for a total of 115 quilts. On Wednesday, March 25, join project coordinator Kit Brown and the team of quilters for a free Brown Bag lecture in which they will share their stories and memories from the quiltings and the conference.

The program is sponsored by the Harriet Z. Albers Memorial and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available.

March 26, 7:00 p.m.: Documentary Film Premiere: *Conspicuous Gallantry: The 2014 Medal of Honor Convention*

On Thursday, March 26, the East Tennessee Historical Society is pleased to host the debut showing of the film *Conspicuous Gallantry: The 2014 Medal of Honor Convention*, a 45-minute documentary chronicling the convention held in Knoxville, September 2014, and including interviews with ten Medal of Honor recipients and numerous others involved with or attending the convention. The award-winning documentary was a service learning collaboration between the 2014 Medal of Honor Convention and the University of Tennessee School of Journalism and Electronic Media. Participating students and faculty will be present to offer insight into the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet and interview Medal of Honor Recipients and to work with the convention.

The film showing is free and open to the public and will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information on the Medal of Honor Project and to view the film trailer, please visit medalofhonorproject.org.

March 25-26: Knoxville's 2014 Medal of Honor Convention Commemorative Quilt on Display at Museum of East Tennessee History

The Museum of East Tennessee History is honored to have been chosen as the permanent home for the 2014 Medal of Honor Quilt. This very special item was donated by the 2014 Medal of Honor Convention. The quilt is rich in symbolism, featuring the names of Tennessee's 32 Medal of Honor winners, plus another 12 born in the state but serving elsewhere, the mottos for each branch of service, Knoxville's SunSphere, and a map with stitched outlines of all Tennessee counties, and more.

About East Tennessee Historical Society

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is widely acknowledged to be one of the most active history organizations in the Southeast, and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education. For 181 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage -recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

The historical society pursues its education mission through publications, lectures, conferences, school programs, museum exhibits, and heritage programs such as the popular First Families of Tennessee and the Civil War Families of Tennessee. The East Tennessee History Center houses the staff and programs of the East Tennessee Historical Society, the Museum of East Tennessee History, the Calvin M. McClung Collection, and the Knox County Archives. For more information visit the website at www.eastTNhistory.org.

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