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### **East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Monroe County Historic Site and Volunteer With History Awards of Excellence**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 19, 2016 – The East Tennessee Historical Society's (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization's Annual Meeting on May 3, 2016 at the Foundry on the World's Fair Park in Knoxville. Since 1982, the Society has been annually recognizing individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation, promotion, programming and interpretation of the region's history. Two Monroe County initiatives were among the 31 awards presented.

- **Fort Loudoun State Historic Area** received the *Award of Distinction* for an exhibit. A new exhibit consisting of a tent and accoutrements for five or six soldiers now gives visitors an example of the challenges faced by common enlisted men on campaigns in the wilderness, such as Fort Loudoun (1756 – 1763). The items are based on actual period lists and records. Constructed to travel, the exhibit is easily taken to schools and other groups.
- **Floyd A. DeBoef** received the *Award of Distinction* for his volunteer work. Each weekend, "Mr. Floyd" can be found at Fort Loudoun State Historic Area, greeting and assisting visitors and running the gift shop, thus freeing staff for other services. He is also credited with being integral to the success of all programs during his tenure. DeBoef is 92, served on a PT boat, and is a veteran of the Normandy Invasion.

#### **About the East Tennessee Historical Society:**

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society has 2,000 members across the United States. Its active publications program includes the biannual genealogy magazine *Tennessee Ancestors*; the annual *Journal of East Tennessee History*; and *Newslines*, as well as other books pertaining to the region's history. The Society also sponsors the Museum of East Tennessee History, East Tennessee National History Day, and the family heritage programs "First Families of Tennessee" and "Civil War Families of Tennessee."

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