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**East Tennessee Historical Society Honors Fentress County Initiative  
with History Awards of Excellence**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 12, 2017 – The East Tennessee Historical Society’s (ETHS) annual Awards of Excellence were presented at the organization’s Annual Meeting on May 2, 2017 at the Foundry on the World’s Fair Site 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. One Fentress County initiative was among the 27 awards presented.

- **Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic Park** was honored with an *Award of Distinction* for their recent renovations. In preparation for the World War I Centennial, this important historic site has undergone significant changes to recapture the look and feel of the 1920s/1930s—the renovation and remodeling of the York home and the York General Store to house a visitor center and interpretive panels and guided tours on the hour.

**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 *Newsline*, 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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