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**“Becoming the Volunteer State: Tennessee in the War of 1812”
A Brown Bag Lecture and Gallery Tour by Myers Brown**

PROGRAM: A Brown Bag Lecture and Gallery tour for *Becoming the Volunteer State: Tennessee in the War of 1812* by exhibit curator Myers E. Brown II

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, February 6, 2013

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

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch

Myers E. Brown II, curator of extension services for the Tennessee State Museum, will present a Brown Bag Lecture and gallery tour on Wednesday, February 6, on the new exhibition at ETHS *Becoming the Volunteer State: Tennessee in the War of 1812*, a traveling exhibition from the Tennessee State Museum commemorating the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, which will be on display at the Museum of East Tennessee History until May 19.

Myers Brown will discuss the *Becoming the Volunteer State* exhibition, a traveling exhibition that explains the important story of the War of 1812, fought against Great Britain, culminated in the Battle of New Orleans in January 1815. While this conflict is often overlooked by the American public, it was incredibly important in establishing the American national identity. Some noted historians refer to it as the “second American Revolution,” which marked the United States true independence from Britain. The war in the south was particularly a Tennessee war, waged predominately by Tennessee militia, volunteers, or regular army units raised in the state. So many Tennesseans volunteered for service that the state soon began to be known by its now-famous nickname, the “Volunteer State.” The victory at the Battle of New Orleans propelled Andrew Jackson to the White House and established Tennessee at the forefront of American politics. The exhibition uses important art, portraits, uniforms, weapons and period artifacts from the era, as well as a broad variety of documentary art, maps, and illustrations to recreate a flavor of the times.

Free and open to the public, the program is sponsored by the Harriet Z. Albers Memorial Fund. 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. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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