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The Manhattan Project National Historical Park **A Brown Bag Lecture with D. Ray Smith**

PROGRAM: *The Manhattan Project National Historical Park* /a Brown Bag Lecture with D. Ray Smith

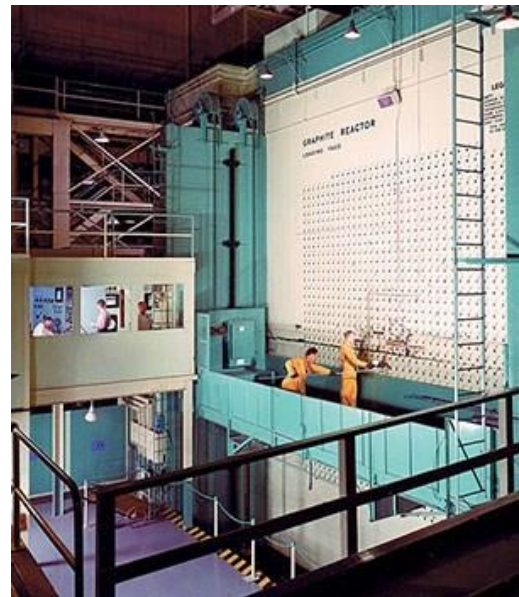
DATE: Noon, Wednesday, August 14, 2019

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

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

(Knoxville, TN) After a decade of study and collaboration, the Manhattan Project National Historical Park became a reality in 2010. Consisting of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Hanford, Washington; and Los Alamos, New Mexico, MAPR preserves the history and tells the story of the birth of the atomic age in America. In a Brown Bag lecture at noon on Wednesday, August 14, D. Ray Smith will discuss the formation and history of the park, along with its national importance.

D. Ray Smith served on the committee to establish the themes for the new park and on the National Park Service’s Scholars Forum Roundtable, and testified before a U.S. House subcommittee. Ray has spent both his professional and personal life preserving the region’s history, especially that of Oak Ridge and Y-12. He is the official City of Oak Ridge Historian, a popular newspaper columnist and author, film producer, and the recipient of numerous local and national recognitions. At his 2017 retirement from Y-12, Ray was awarded the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Distinguished Service Gold Award and recently was recognized by the East Tennessee Historical Society with an Award of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement in History.



The lecture is sponsored by the Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel and Crematory and is free and open to the public and 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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