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***The Secret History of RDX:  
The Super-Explosive that Helped Win World War II***  
**Brown Bag Lecture with Dr. Colin Baxter**

**PROGRAM:** *The Secret History of RDX: The Super-Explosive that Helped Win World War II* | A Brown Bag Lecture with Dr. Colin Baxter

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at noon

**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) Is there anything new to say about the most destructive war in modern history? In the case of RDX, yes! As the most powerful explosive in the world until the atomic bomb, RDX was used on all the war's battlefronts--land, sea, and air. Yet, the stunning accomplishment at what became known as "The Great Holston Ordnance Works," located along the Holston River near Kingsport, Tennessee, is an almost forgotten episode in an enormous war effort. Join the East Tennessee Historical Society on Wednesday, March 13, for a special Brown Bag lecture and book signing as Dr. Colin Baxter discussing the Great Holston Ordnance Works and its role in winning the war.



Emeritus Professor of History at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee, Dr. Baxter was born in England. He holds undergraduate degrees from East Tennessee State University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Athens, Georgia, and is the author of four books and numerous articles.

The program is sponsored by the Harriet Z. Albers Memorial Fund 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. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at [www.EastTNHistory.org](http://www.EastTNHistory.org).

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