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**NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR HERITAGE CENTER
CELEBRATES “CHARACTER-DRIVEN HISTORY”
WITH PRESENTATION, LECTURE**

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. -- Did you know Chattanooga is considered the “birthplace” of the National Medal of Honor? National Parks Partners hosted a historical presentation on September 13 about the history of the prestigious military award featuring guest speaker Keith Hardison, Executive Director of the Charles H. Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center, as part of the 16th Annual Moccasin Bend Lecture Series at the IMAX Theatre in Chattanooga.

Hardison shared intriguing, lesser-known facts about Medal of Honor recipients, many of whom earned this recognition while on various campaigns across the Tennessee Valley.



PHOTO: (Left to Right) Guest speaker Keith Hardison, Executive Director of the Charles H. Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center, Greg Vital, founder of the Moccasin Bend Lecture Series, Rita

Vital, and Tricia Mims, Executive Director of National Park Partners, attend “Character-Driven History” talk as part of the 16th Annual Moccasin Bend Lecture Series presented by National Park Partners.

Located in downtown Chattanooga at the TN Aquarium Plaza, the National Medal of Honor Heritage Center is a 19,000-square-foot facility featuring dynamic, award-winning exhibits that tell the real-life stories of the Medal of Honor recipients and how they exemplify six common character traits which represent the highest ideals of our country: Patriotism, Citizenship, Courage, Integrity, Sacrifice and Commitment. Through these incredible stories of bravery and valor, visitors leave with the conviction that they too can be a hero by emulating these values in their daily actions to help make their community a better place.

The National Medal of Honor Heritage Center is open Monday – Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm, Sunday 10:00am – 3:30pm. For admission rates and tickets please visit MOHHC.org/visit.

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