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Andrew Jackson's Hermitage Wins 2015 AASLH Award of Merit

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (June 19, 2015) – The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) proudly announces that The Hermitage is the recipient of an Award of Merit for the exhibit “Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm.” The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 70th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

On Jan. 8, The Hermitage launched the exhibit to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. “Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm” delves into the life of Andrew Jackson, including his military and presidential careers. The exhibit's launch marked the first comprehensive change to the exhibit content in the Andrew Jackson Center in 25 years, and Born for a Storm is part of a new campaign to revisit Jackson's place in history and shift the focus of the National Landmark site from the mansion to the man.

This year, AASLH is proud to confer 60 national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, books and organizations. The winners represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history. Presentation of the awards will be made at a special banquet during the 2015 AASLH Annual Meeting in Louisville, Ky., on Friday, Sept. 18. The banquet is supported by a generous contribution from the History channel.

The AASLH awards program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards not only honor significant achievement in the field of state and local history, but also bring public recognition of the opportunities for small and large organizations, institutions and programs to make contributions in this arena. For more information about the Leadership in History Awards, call AASLH at 615-320-3203, or go to www.aaslh.org.

The American Association for State and Local History is a not-for-profit professional organization of individuals and institutions working to preserve and promote history. From its headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., AASLH provides leadership, service and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful in American society. AASLH publishes books, technical publications, a quarterly magazine and a monthly newsletter and maintains numerous affinity groups and committees serving a broad range of constituents across the historical community. The association also sponsors regional and national training workshops and an annual meeting.

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