

## **Enhancement of Capability to Perform Mission through Membership in Professionally Related Organizations**

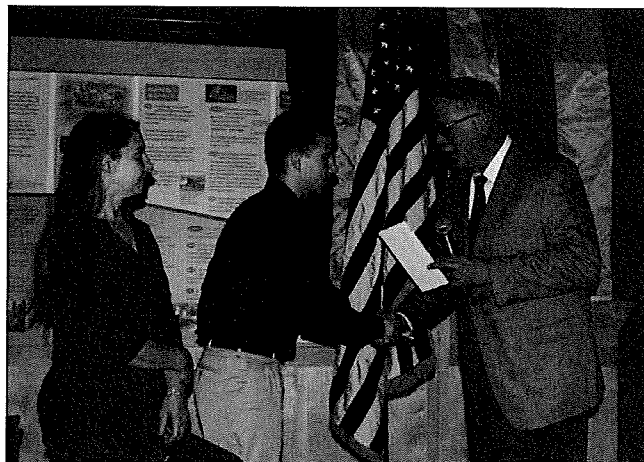
The Society is a member of the following organizations:

Minnesota Historical Society  
Minnesota Art Conservation Center  
Minnesota Council of Non-Profits  
Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce  
Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian  
The Minnesota Alliance of Local History Museums

## **Education through Promoting and Enriching Higher Education**

### **Mike Colalillo Medal of Honor Scholarship**

In 2013 this scholarship award was won by Aaron Donais, a history major at the University of Minnesota Duluth. The amount was increased in 2013 to \$1000. The requirement to apply for the scholarship is the writing of an essay on an aspect of military history relevant to the county. Donais' paper was written on the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, known as the Red Bull Division. The locally better known 125<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion was a unit of the 34<sup>th</sup> Division, based out of Duluth. The award was presented by the Veterans' Memorial Hall Advisory Committee Chair Dennis Hughes at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans' Remembrance Dinner, held at the Great Hall of the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center. The dinner event this year featured the opening of the Albert J. Amatuzio Research Center, an archive for veterans' history documents, oral histories and photographs.



Scholarship winner Aaron Donais with his mother and VMHAC Chair Dennis Hughes at the 9th Annual Remembrance Dinner in December

The endowment fund for this scholarship was deposited in 2012 with the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. The first dividend check of \$813 was given to the Society in 2013. From 2014 on, the Society will request that this interest income will be added back into the principal.

Scholarship information is available on the Veterans' Memorial Hall website: [www.vets-hall.org](http://www.vets-hall.org).

## **Intern Created Exhibits**

### ***Never Forgotten: The Man behind the Medal***

Three interns in the VMH program, from UMD and the College of St. Scholastica, worked during spring semester 2013 to produce an exhibit on the brief life of Major Henry A. Courtney, Jr., one of only two Duluthians from WWII who received the Medal of Honor, the military's highest honor. The opening was held in early May in the Great Hall of the Depot and was very well attended. Some members of Courtney's family and some of his surviving friends were among them. The exhibit is still up in the Fesler Gallery and when it is taken down it will become part of the Society's Traveling Exhibits Program.

*Courtney* Intern exhibit creators Patrick Fenske, Steve Hendrickson and Matt Mehrkens at exhibit opening, May 2013, along with two unidentified guests, who may be Courtney family members



## **Education through Artifact Collection, Preservation and Display**

### **Albert J. Amatuzio Research Center**

The Albert J. Amatuzio Research Center, focus of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans' Remembrance Dinner, was created in 2013 through a generous donation made by