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HISTORIC WAKE FOREST CEMETERY WALKING TOUR MAY 12

WAKE FOREST, NC – May 1, 2012 – The Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board is sponsoring a free walking tour at the Wake Forest Cemetery on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. until noon. The cemetery is located at 400 N. White St., less than a quarter-mile from downtown Wake Forest.

The self-guided tour will celebrate the lives of the men and women who established the Wake Forest community, as well as its culture and destiny.

Docents will be stationed at various locations throughout the cemetery to share interesting stories about specific gravesites, as well as photographs of loved ones bearing their ancestral names. Representatives of the Sons of Confederate Veterans clad in Confederate uniforms and carrying Civil War-era firearms will also be on hand to share tales of soldiers who served in the War Between the States. Ladies in period costume from the same era will also participate, along with representatives of the Wake Forest-Rolesville Junior ROTC, under the direction of Colonel Dimitri Belmont.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the tour as a special handout will be provided highlighting interesting points of interest throughout the cemetery grounds. Designed to promote healthy interaction between a child and their parents or accompanying adult, the photos and sites highlighted in the handout will help educate visitors about the cemetery's historical significance.

Admission is free and parking will be permitted in designated areas of the cemetery.

In case of inclement weather, updated information about the tour will be provided on the homepage of the Town's website, the Town's Facebook page, Community Channel 10, and by calling the Wake Forest Weather Line at (919) 435-9569. Smart phone users who have downloaded the Town of Wake Forest app will receive a push notification message informing them of any schedule changes. In the event of rain the tour will be rescheduled for May 19.

For more information about the Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/cemeterytour.aspx or contact Betty Pearce at (919) 435-9570 or bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov.

To download the Town of Wake Forest app, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/app.aspx.

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