



For Immediate Release

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***31 Days of Glory* Concludes With Glory Days Memorial Day Celebration and SwampDogs Spectacular Fireworks Night**

What: The month-long event honoring soldiers, vets and their families concludes this weekend with a series of events and celebrations. Festivities begin on Saturday with the SwampDogs' Spectacular Fireworks Night. The first 500 fans will receive a magnetic schedule courtesy of Freeman, Barrett and Johnson CPAs PA and Healy Wholesale. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. and first pitch is at 7:05 p.m. Prior to the start of the game, all current and former US military members in attendance will be recognized. One lucky active duty military family will win a Family Four Pack with four free tickets to the game and vouchers for four free hot dogs and drinks, and will throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

On Sunday night, the Fayetteville Downtown Alliance will host a free showing of the movie *The Blind Side* and a picnic in Festival Park. On Memorial Day, the Fayetteville Downtown Alliance's *10th Annual Glory Days Downtown Memorial Day Celebration* will feature family-oriented activities including a pancake breakfast, a formal ceremony at Freedom Memorial Park, a car show, bake sale, live music, arts and crafts, food vendors, the "Patriot's Crit" Bicycle Races, a Kids Corner, vintage military equipment and gear exhibits, carriage rides and more, including "Walk A Mile in their Boots," a walk from Festival Park to Freedom Memorial Park. The SwampDogs will host the kid's area with the Sweethearts and SwampDogs players, a bounce house, face painting, and Jenkins Place Horse Parties' wagon rides, among other activities.

The *Memorial Day Ceremony* at Freedom Memorial Park will pay tribute to veterans past and present with a guest speaker and events including posting of the colors, a toast to the flag, wreath presentations to monuments, singing of the National Anthem and "America the Beautiful," bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace," and rendering of honors. Admission to all Memorial Day events is free.

Who: *31 Days of Glory* reflects the collaboration of more than 20 community organizations dedicated to supporting the military. Put on by the entire community, *31 Days of Glory* is for anyone who wants to experience our military heritage and honor our brethren in the services — past and present.

When and Where:

SwampDogs Spectacular Fireworks Night

Saturday, May 29, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at J.P. Riddle Stadium – General admission: \$6.00, discount with military ID: \$5.00. Children 4 and under are free.
Address: 2823 Legion Rd., Fayetteville, NC

Movie & Picnic in the Park

Sunday, May 30, 2010, 7:30 p.m. at Festival Park.
Address: Corner of Rowan St. & Ray Ave., Fayetteville, NC

Fayetteville Downtown Alliance 10th Annual Glory Days Downtown Memorial Day Celebration

Sunday, May 31, 2010, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Festival Park.
Address: Corner of Rowan St. & Ray Ave., Fayetteville, NC

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 31, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at Freedom Memorial Park.
Address: Corner of Hay St. & Bragg Blvd. (across from the Airborne & Special Operations Museum), Fayetteville, NC

Pancake Breakfast

Monday, May 31, 2010, 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Festival Park.
Tickets can be purchased on site or prior to the event at the Sunshine House on Cliffdale Rd. Each ticket costs \$5.00.
Address: Corner of Rowan St. & Ray Ave., Fayetteville, NC

NC State Cyclists Criterium – “Patriots Crit”

Monday, May 31, 2010, 8:00 a.m. along Hay Street.

“Walk A Mile in their Boots”

Monday, May 31, 2010, 9:15 a.m. beginning at Festival Park.
Address: Corner of Rowan St. & Ray Ave., Fayetteville, NC

Additional Details: With various patriotic and military attractions and events taking place throughout the month, *31 Days of Glory* offers lively and fun activities for all ages. For more information and a complete schedule of events, please visit www.31daysofglory.com.

For additional information, please contact Melissa Rivera at 919-956-9400 ext. 211.