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“Knoxville National Cemetery” **A Brown Bag Lecture with Jack Neely**

PROGRAM: *“Knoxville National Cemetery”* / a Brown Bag Lecture with Jack Neely

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, October 17, 2018

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch

(Knoxville, TN) Well cared for and with gleaming uniform white stones, Knoxville’s National Cemetery still doesn’t look ancient, but in fact it’s one of the city’s best-preserved relics of the Civil War. Its establishment was a priority of General Burnside when his army occupied Knoxville in 1863, and some graves are exactly where they were during the Confederate siege. Buried here are both black and white Union soldiers, along with more than 1,000 “Unknowns,” as well as U.S. veterans from most wars since. In a Brown Bag Lecture on Wednesday, October 17, Jack Neely will discuss the history and importance of Knoxville’s National Cemetery.



Jack Neely is the executive director of the Knoxville History Project, a well-known local author, historian, and for many years authored the popular “Knoxville’s Secret History,” that ran in the *Metro Pulse*.

The lecture is sponsored by the Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel & Crematorium and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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