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**AUTHOR DAVID MARANISS VISITS AUGUST 19**

*Hear the best-selling author discuss his epic book about Vietnam;  
Prior to lecture, enjoy a concert by the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America;  
Program, concert and parking free!*

**Wheaton, Ill., August 6, 2015** — The First Division Museum invites the public to a free presentation by Pulitzer Prize winner David Maraniss on Wednesday, August 19. He will discuss his highly acclaimed book on Vietnam and the 1960s, “They Marched Into Sunlight.” The program begins at 7:30 pm at Le Jardin inside the Cantigny Park Visitors Center.

Before Maraniss’s lecture, beginning at 6 pm, the Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble of the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America will perform a free concert outside the First Division Museum.

Published in 2003, “They Marched Into Sunlight” tells the epic story of Vietnam through the events of a few gripping, passionate days of war and peace in October 1967. Maraniss skillfully brings a tumultuous time in America back to life while exploring questions about the meaning of dissent and the official manipulation of truth—issues as relevant today as they were decades ago.

David Maraniss is an associate editor at *The Washington Post* and a fellow of the Society of American Historians. He won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting and was a Pulitzer finalist two other times for his journalism and again for “They Marched Into Sunlight.” Maraniss also authored bestselling works on Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, Vince Lombardi and Roberto Clemente. He and his wife, Linda, live in Washington, DC, and Madison, Wis.

Copies of “They Marched Into Sunlight” may be purchased in the Cantigny Shop the evening of August 19. A book signing will follow the lecture.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. The program and parking are free. From 6:30 to 7:30, a cash bar will be available along with a limited food menu. Coffee is complimentary.

These events are part of the First Division Museum’s *Date with History*, a monthly series featuring lively discussions with authors, panelists, historians and special guests. Information about upcoming programs is online at [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

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### **About the First Division Museum**

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, part of Robert R. McCormick Foundation, promotes public learning about America's military heritage and affairs through the history of the "Big Red One"—the famed 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. It stands in tribute to all who have served our country in the armed forces. The museum's main exhibit hall transports visitors to the trenches of World War I, the beaches of World War II, and the jungles of Vietnam. Outside, tanks are displayed from every era, along with personnel carriers and artillery. The Robert R. McCormick Research Center, open to the public, houses the museum's library, archival, and photo collections. Visit the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park online at [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).