
“Last of the Doughboys” Author Richard Rubin to Speak on June 12

Free presentation at the Cantigny Visitors Center includes book signing

WHEATON, IL, June 3, 2013 — The Robert R. McCormick Museum and First Division Museum at Cantigny Park invite the public to a presentation by Richard Rubin, author of “The Last of the Doughboys: The Forgotten Generation and Their Forgotten War.”

Rubin will speak on Wednesday, June 12, at Le Jardin inside the Cantigny Park Visitors Center. Doors open at 6:15 pm for the 7 pm presentation. Admission and parking are complimentary.

Released in May, “The Last of the Doughboys” was 10 years in the making. The book is based on Rubin’s quest to interview every last living doughboy—the informal term for American soldiers who served in World War I (1914-18). No doughboys are alive today, but when Rubin began his cross-country research there were several dozen still with us, ranging in age from 101 to 113.

In the book, the veteran doughboys share their personal stories from one of humanity’s most devastating conflicts—on the ground, on horseback, in tanks and even in the air. The result is a sweeping new look at the Great War, and a moving meditation on character, grace, aging and memory.

A book signing will follow Rubin’s presentation and copies of “The Last of the Doughboys” will be available for purchase.

Richard Rubin is also the author of “Confederacy of Silence: A True Tale of the New Old South,” published in 2003. His writings have appeared in the *Atlantic*, *New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *Smithsonian*, *Parade*, *New York* magazine and *AARP The Magazine* on topics ranging from war and racism to genealogy and collecting.

More information about Cantigny Park, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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