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Local Author and Veteran Neal Thompson Visits April 17

Naperville attorney's book challenges conventional views on the Cold War and Vietnam

Wheaton, Ill., April 2, 2018 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park welcomes Neal F. Thompson on Tuesday, April 17. He will discuss “Reckoning: Vietnam and America’s Cold War Experience, 1945-1991.”

The free presentation inside the Cantigny Visitors Center begins at 7:30 pm. Parking also is complimentary.

Published in 2013 following years of exhaustive research, Thompson’s book examines how political agendas shaped our country’s Cold War policy, involvement in Vietnam and views on communism. The author challenges conventional wisdom in each of these areas in a thought provoking examination of U.S. history post World War II.

Thompson entered the U.S. Army in 1970 and served a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. Following his discharge in 1974, he joined the Illinois National Guard, serving for 28 years before retiring in 2003. Thompson attended Triton Junior College in River Grove, Ill., and the University of Illinois at Chicago, receiving a degree in history. He graduated from Northwestern University Law School in 1981. A resident of Naperville, Thompson currently practices law in Chicago.

Doors open at 6:30 pm on April 17. Copies of “Reckoning” will be available for sale and a book signing will follow the program. A cash bar and limited food menu will be available. Coffee is complimentary.

This event is part of the First Division Museum’s *Date with History*, an ongoing series featuring lively discussions with authors, panelists, historians and special guests. Information about upcoming programs is online at fdmuseum.org.

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About the First Division Museum

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, fully renovated in 2017 and 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. Visit the museum online at fdmuseum.org.