Vietnam War Historian to Discuss Tet Offensive

Edwin Moïse will share insights about a key event on its 50th anniversary


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

The 1968 Tet Offensive, launched by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army, was one of the largest military campaigns of the Vietnam War. The Communist forces were defeated despite achieving partial surprise. But they were considerably stronger than U.S. intelligence expected and the campaign severely undermined support for the Vietnam War in the United States.

Moïse, professor of history at Clemson University, holds a bachelor’s degree in history from Harvard University, a master’s in Southeast Asian Studies from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in history, also from Michigan. He teaches courses in Modern China, Modern Japan, the Vietnam War and Modern Military History. His books include Historical Dictionary of the Vietnam War, The A to Z of the Vietnam War, Tonkin Gulf and the Escalation of the Vietnam War and the college textbook, Modern China.

Doors open at 6:30 pm on September 12. 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.