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VETERANS DAY AT CANTIGNY PARK

Tribute includes evening luminary display and two performances of “War Letters”

Wheaton, Ill., October 29, 2014 — The [First Division Museum at Cantigny Park](#) will commemorate Veterans Day with a solemn tribute to those who died in combat while serving our country.

At sunset (5 pm) on Tuesday, November 11, the park will light approximately 2,000 luminary candles, placed on the Cantigny Parade Field and along walkways. This is the seventh year for Cantigny’s massive luminary tribute to fallen soldiers and all military veterans.

Admission and parking are complimentary throughout Veterans Day at Cantigny.

Living history sentries representing soldiers of World War I, World War II and Vietnam will watch over the light display. Visitors are invited to walk through the rows of lights or observe the display from a designated driving route. The tribute will take place rain or shine, concluding at 9 pm.

The First Division Museum will offer extended hours, remaining open until 9 pm. Performances of “War Letters” will be offered inside the museum at 6 pm and 8 pm. The program features living history re-enactors reading actual letters written and posted by soldiers through the years.

Also at the museum, [Trickster Art Gallery](#) from Schaumburg and the Native Veterans group of Illinois will present their Wall of Honor. At 7 pm, drum and dance performers will mark the opening of the traveling exhibit.

[Cantigny Post 556 of the American Legion](#) will host tables at the museum and Visitors Center, and the Cantigny Shop and Bertie’s Coffee Shop will be open throughout the evening. Veterans are invited to enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee at Bertie’s from 5 to 9 pm.

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About the First Division Museum

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit 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.