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1st INFANTRY DIVISION BAND PERFORMS ON JUNE 30

Free concert includes visit by Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard

Wheaton, Ill., June 23, 2021 – The [First Division Museum at Cantigny Park](#) welcomes the [1st Infantry Division Band](#) on Wednesday, June 30, at 6 pm. The free one-hour concert will take place in the Tank Park, in front of the museum. No tickets are necessary but Cantigny's weekday parking fee of \$5 per car applies.

On tour from "Big Red One" headquarters in Fort Riley, Kansas, the 1st Infantry Division Band is the musical ambassador for the U.S. Army's premier fighting force. The soldiers visiting Cantigny comprise an ensemble of the band specializing in popular music, including country and classic rock.



The 1st Infantry Division Band will be joined by the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard. Established in 1992, the unit provides a link to Fort Riley's historic past. Troopers and horses are outfitted in the uniforms, accouterments, and equipment of the Civil War period. The color guard will offer wagon rides pulled by two mules and an encampment with the horses.

The concert is lawn seating. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets, and picnics are welcome. Several food vendors will be on site.

During the summer, the First Division Museum offers extended hours on Wednesdays (including June 30), closing at 8 pm. Entry is included with paid parking. Cantigny Park stays open one hour past sunset on summer Wednesdays.

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About the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park

The [First Division Museum](#), part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, 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. The museum's main exhibit hall, First in War, transports visitors to the trenches of World War I, the beaches of World War II and the jungles of Vietnam. A second exhibit hall, Duty First, explores the 1ID's history in more recent times. The Robert R. McCormick Research Center, open to the public, houses the museum's library, archival and photo collections. Outside, tanks from every era are interpreted, along with artillery pieces and a personnel carrier. Solemn memorial markers and commemorative statuary invite quiet reflection.