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CANTIGNY TO HOST CIVIL WAR ACTIVITIES OCT. 4-5

Highlights include “living history” actors, Civil War encampment, artillery demos, mock battles and musical/theatrical performances

Wheaton, Ill., September 24, 2014 — The First Division Museum and Cantigny Park welcome Civil War history buffs, families and curious onlookers the weekend of October 4 and 5.

Civil War “living history” re-enactors portraying soldiers and civilians will camp at Cantigny during the weekend. Abraham Lincoln, Mary Todd Lincoln, U.S. Grant and Harriet Tubman will be honored guests, and spectators can witness artillery demonstrations, infantry drills and skirmishes on the Cantigny Parade Field. A battlefield surgeon will conduct his life-saving work in the camp’s hospital tent.

Visitors also will enjoy live music from the Civil War era, including roving performances by the Battlefield Balladeers.

Events and activities are free of charge with paid parking (\$5 per vehicle). Details and a daily timeline of events are posted online at FirstDivisionMuseum.org.

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About the First Division Museum

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