

## **Cantigny Prepares Battlefield for Revolutionary War Reenactment**

*September 12-13 spectacle will feature 500 reenactors and lots of musket fire!*

**WHEATON, IL, September 3, 2009** — Cantigny Park, part of the McCormick Foundation, will stage an authentic **Revolutionary War Reenactment** the weekend of Sept. 12-13. The popular annual event, from 10 am to 4 pm each day, combines fun with history as hundreds of reenactors from the Northwest Territory Alliance converge on the park.

“We’re proud to be partnering with the Alliance for the 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, which speaks to the popularity of this event,” said Matt LaFond, Cantigny Park executive director. “It’s an excellent educational and recreational opportunity for the entire family as Cantigny is transformed into an 18<sup>th</sup> century encampment complete with battle reenactments and artillery demonstrations.”

More than 500 reenactors will pitch tents at Cantigny, just as soldiers did in Revolutionary War times. Battles between redcoats and patriots will consume the Parade Field twice per day with the overtones of firing cannons and muskets. Visitors can walk through the camps and experience soldier life in the late-1700s. True to the period, the soldiers use no “modern” amenities like flashlights, charcoal or electricity.

Northwest Territory Alliance is a non-profit educational organization that studies and recreates the culture, lifestyle and arts of the time of the American Revolution, 1775-1783. It strives to duplicate the uniforms, weapons, battlefield tactics and camp life of the era as accurately as possible. For more information, visit [nwta.com](http://nwta.com).

Cantigny expects 10,000 visitors Sept. 12-13. Also that weekend, Cantigny guests can check out the **Giving DuPage Volunteer Fair**. More than 40 civic organizations will be on site with information on how you can get involved and give back to the community.

Admission to the events is free. Regular parking is \$5 per vehicle.

Cantigny is open every day through October from 7 am to dusk. The park opens at 9 am in November and December. A complete schedule of events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org).

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### **About the McCormick Foundation**

The McCormick Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening our free, democratic society by investing in children, communities and country. Through its grantmaking programs, Cantigny Park and Golf, museums and civic outreach program the Foundation helps build a more active and engaged citizenry. It was established as a

charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest charities, with more than \$1 billion in assets. For more information, please visit [McCormick Foundation.org](http://McCormickFoundation.org).

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