



Press Release

13th Annual Civil War Symposium at First Division Museum on October 2

“Living history” actors will portray Civil War times at Cantigny Park October 2-3

WHEATON, IL, September 24, 2010 — The First Division Museum and Cantigny Park are the places to be for Civil War history buffs, educators and curious onlookers the weekend of October 2-3.

More than 100 attendees, primarily history teachers, are expected at the 13th Annual Civil War Symposium on Saturday, October 2, from 9 am to 5 pm. Presentations will include:

- *Slavery as a Cause of the Civil War*
Bruce Levine, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- *The War Begins: Lincoln and Fort Sumter*
Russell McClintock, St. John's High School
- *Propagandists for Secession: Edmund Ruffin of Virginia and Robert Barnwell Rhett of South Carolina*
William K. Scarborough, University of Southern Mississippi
- *Grant Before the War: The Long Road to Command*
Joan Waugh, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)

The one-day symposium is open to the general public. Fees, further information and a downloadable registration form are online at FirstDivisionMuseum.org or interested parties may call 773 948 9001 or e-mail chicago.archives@nara.gov. Special rates are available for teachers, students, senior citizens, veterans and active-duty military. Teachers can earn 6.25 continuing education credits for the event.

Civil War “living history” re-enactors portraying soldiers and civilians will camp at Cantigny during the weekend. Abraham Lincoln and Harriet Tubman will perform outside the First Division Museum on October 2, and spectators can witness artillery demonstrations, infantry drills and skirmishes on the Cantigny Parade Field both days. A battlefield surgeon will perform at the camp’s hospital tent (caution: not for the faint of heart!). A full schedule of weekend events is posted online at FirstDivisionMuseum.org.

Outdoor events and activities are free of charge with paid parking (\$5 per vehicle). Participation fees apply only to the Civil War Symposium at the First Division Museum.

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About the First Division Museum

The First Division Museum at Cantigny, part of the 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 online at FirstDivisionMuseum.org.

About Cantigny

Cantigny, part of the Chicago-based McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. Cantigny Park is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit CantignyGolf.com.

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