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**“DATE WITH HISTORY” GOES ABOARD THE USS MISSOURI**

*Lecture series continues this month and October with live programs online*

**Wheaton, Ill., September 10, 2020** – The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces two virtual events in its acclaimed Date with History series, viewable online via Zoom. Both programs are free but require advance registration at [FDMuseum.org](http://FDMuseum.org).

- Thursday, September 24 at 7 pm  
**An Evening Aboard the USS Missouri**  
Educator Neil Yamamoto discusses the USS Missouri and the battleship’s role in World War II. The ship’s place in history was secured on September 2, 1945, as the site of Imperial Japan’s formal surrender to the allied powers, officially ending the war. The speaker will share details of the surrender ceremony in Tokyo Bay and describe the “Mighty Mo’s” role throughout the latter part of WWII. The grandson of WWII American veterans, Mr. Yamamoto has served the [USS Missouri Memorial Association](http://USSMissouriMemorialAssociation.org) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for the past 13 years, as a guide, supervisor, and most recently as the ship’s Education Outreach Coordinator.
- Thursday, October 8 at 7 pm  
**Harriet Tubman and the Combahee River Raid**  
Author and African American historian Edda Fields-Black will discuss Harriet Tubman’s Civil War service with the U.S. Army Department of the South and, as a commander, her role in helping free 756 slaves from Lowcountry rice plantations in the June 1863 Combahee River Raid. Tubman is best known as a “conductor” on the Underground Railroad. This lecture, worth two PD credits for Illinois teachers, sheds new light on a mostly untold chapter in Tubman’s life. Dr. Fields-Black is an associate professor at Carnegie Mellon University in the Department of History.

The First Division Museum is currently open Wednesday through Sunday by reservation only. Morning and afternoon entry sessions are available. To register and for more information, visit [FDMuseum.org](http://FDMuseum.org). Museum admission is free. Parking at Cantigny is \$5.

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**About the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park**

The First Division Museum, part of 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. Outside, tanks are displayed from every era, along with artillery pieces and a personnel carrier. The Robert R. McCormick Research Center, open to the public, houses the museum’s library, archival and photo collections. For more information, visit [FDMuseum.org](http://FDMuseum.org).