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## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS NAVY SEALS

**Wheaton, Ill., August 23, 2021** – The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park continues its acclaimed Date with History series with a virtual program featuring author and former Navy SEAL **Benjamin H. Milligan**. He will discuss his newly published book, “By Water Beneath the Walls: The Rise of the Navy SEALs.”

The presentation (via Zoom) is on **Thursday, September 2, at 7 pm CST**. The program is free, but registration is required at [FDMuseum.org](http://FDMuseum.org).

Milligan’s engaging book, released in July, captures the remarkable history of the SEALs, one of the world’s most elite commando forces. It is also the story of how U.S. special operations came to be, and how the SEALs emerged as America’s first permanent commando force, when other units seemed predestined to seize that role.

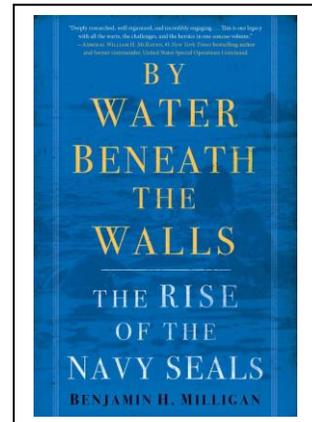


The SEALs are well known for their successful capture/kill and counterterrorism missions against seemingly impossible odds. Milligan will share some details from hair-curling, epic raids carried out by his heroic naval predecessors and contemporaries. This program should have listeners on the edge of their seats!

Milligan became a Navy SEAL in 2001. He is a recipient of the Bronze Star and other awards. A native of Indianapolis, he currently lives in Wheaton and has three sons.

Milligan plans to attend the Cantigny Car Show on Sunday, September 19, to sign copies of his book from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The First Division Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 am to 5 pm, with extended hours until 8 pm on Wednesdays. Entry is included with Cantigny’s parking fee. Face coverings are currently required inside the museum, regardless of Covid-vaccination status. More information is online [FDMuseum.org](http://FDMuseum.org).



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

The [First Division Museum](http://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.