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9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY and VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

Events on September 11 part of First Responders Appreciation Weekend at Cantigny

Wheaton, Ill., August 31, 2021 – The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park invites everyone to the **Heroes of 9/11 Memorial Ceremony** at 11 am on Saturday, September 11. The event will be held adjacent to the museum's outdoor exhibit comprised of two structural steel beams from the former World Trade Center buildings in New York. The memorial is dedicated to those lost in the terrorist attacks 20 years ago and honors the first responders who served that day and continue to serve in our local communities.

The Cantigny ceremony also will pay tribute to the families of 9/11 victims; post/911 War on Terrorism fallen soldiers, veterans, and their families; essential caregivers; and Gold Star families.



Parking is free before noon on September 11.

Following the ceremony, Cantigny and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation's Veterans Program will host a **Post 9/11 Veterans Resource Fair** from 12:30 to 3 pm, in the First Division Museum Pavilion. The event will offer resources tailored to young veterans and their families. A variety of Chicagoland nonprofits and programs plan to exhibit—participating organizations are listed below and posted at FDMuseum.org. Non-veteran guests are welcome and encouraged to learn about volunteer opportunities and additional ways to support veterans in their neighborhoods.

The September 11 events coincide with **First Responders Appreciation Weekend** at Cantigny Park. On Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12, first responders, military service members and veterans will receive free parking all day, a \$10 value, by showing a valid ID.

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.

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Post 9/11 Veterans Resource Fair Exhibitors:

[Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network \(IL-AFLAN\)](#)

[Code Platoon](#)

[College of Dupage Veterans Services](#)

[Dog Tag](#)

[IDVA State Approving Agency](#)

[Illinois Department Of Veterans' Affairs](#)

[Illinois Joining Forces](#)

[Revelation Golf](#)

[Trickster Cultural Center](#)

[Veterans Assistance Commission of DuPage County](#)

[Vetjobs- CASY/MSCCN](#)

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About the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park

The [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.