

Wednesday Dinner Social Cantigny

Wednesday, October 28

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In addition to enjoying a wonderful sit-down meal at La Jardin, we will have exclusive access to explore Cantigny's two history-rich museums:

The **Robert R. McCormick Museum** depicts the country home of a family that made the Chicago Tribune the "World's Greatest Newspaper". The mansion was built in 1896 with a massive expansion in the early 1930's. It contains many amenities that were unique in that era.

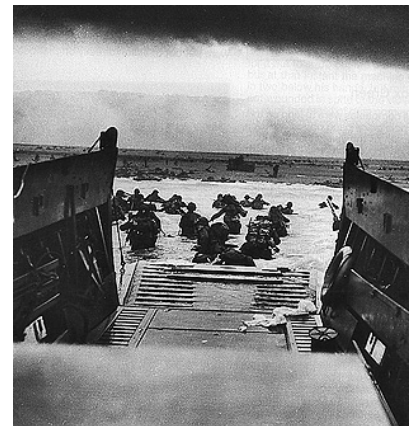
Upon his death, the Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust established Cantigny as a public park and created a charitable trust to fund programs serving children, communities, and country.



First Division Museum: Explore American history as seen through the eyes of the First Infantry Division (The Big Red 1) and gain a renewed appreciation for those who serve to protect our freedoms. With more than 38,000 square feet, the First Division Museum provides an immersive and stimulating experience for visitors of all ages.

The museum tells the story of the First Division from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm through interactive galleries. In the 2,700 square foot Temporary Exhibit Gallery, different exhibits are rotated. In the lobby, temporary exhibits can often be found. Some tell the story of the division today; others display interesting historic artifacts that have been donated to or acquired by the museum.

One of the newest additions to the First Division Museum is an LCVP (Landing Craft, Vehicle and Personnel). Made famous in the opening scene of the movie, Saving Private Ryan, more than 22,000 "Higgins Boats" were manufactured during WWII. Found rusting in a field in France, this newly restored LCVP is one of only twelve known in existence today.



Menu Options

Indicate your meal selection when registering on-line for the meeting.

Beef: Tender 8 oz. **filet of Black Angus beef** filet with haricot vert and wax beans, baby red twice baked potato and a boursin veal jus.

Seafood: Fresh **halibut encrusted in hazelnuts**, served with arugula and spaghetti squash. Finished with sunchoke beurre blanc.

Vegetarian: Artichoke and porcini **risotto** served with asparagus tips in a black mushroom furmet.

Itinerary

- 5:45 pm – Buses begin departure from the front of Westin
- 6:15 pm – Last bus departs for Cantigny
- 6:00 pm – Begin guided tours begin at the Mansion
 - Open tours of the First Division Museum
 - Cash bar cocktails available in La Jardin (sorry, drinks are not permitted on the tours)
- 7:30 pm – Dinner served in La Jardin
- 9:00 pm – Begin boarding buses back to Westin