



**News Release**

## **“Battle of Kursk” Co-Author to Speak on August 1**

**WHEATON, IL, July 25, 2012** — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park invites the public to a free presentation by David M. Glantz, co-author of *The Battle of Kursk*, a groundbreaking book detailing what was arguably the greatest battle of World War II.

**Make plans to attend on Wednesday, August 1, at 7:30 pm.**

The Battle of Kursk in 1943 has been described as immense in scope, ferocious in nature and epic in consequence. It occurred in the Soviet Union and was one of the largest tank engagements in world history. Losses totaled nearly 200,000 Soviets and 50,000 Germans within the first 10 days of fighting.

In the book, co-authored by Jonathan M. House, Glantz separates myth from fact and discusses what really happened at Kursk and how it affected the outcome of the war. The Battle of Kursk, historians agree, marked the turning point of the war on the Eastern front and brought Hitler’s blitzkrieg to a crashing halt.

A book signing will follow the presentation and copies of *The Battle of Kursk* will be available for purchase.

Doors open at 6:45 pm. Admission and parking are complimentary. For more information, please call 630.260.8187.

The event is part of the First Division Museum’s popular series, *A Date with History*. The monthly programs feature an evening of lively discussion with authors, panelists, historians and special speakers. Information about upcoming programs is online at [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

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### **About the First Division Museum**

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Robert R. McCormick Foundations, promotes public learning about America’s military heritage and affairs through the history of the Big Red One—the famed 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Park online at [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

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