
Local History Teachers Selected to Attend WWII Battlefield Study in Sicily

WHEATON, IL, May 1, 2012 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park has chosen two high school history teachers to attend a unique educational and professional development exercise that will be delivered on location in Sicily. This bi-national study will take them through battle sites of the American and Canadian forces during the World War II Sicilian Campaign in 1943.

The museum has selected Carolyn Latshaw, a history teacher at Lincoln Park High School in Chicago; and Joshua Totten Greenwood, a history teacher at Nashua High School South in Nashua, New Hampshire. These teachers were chosen from a national pool of many qualified teachers and graduate students. Latshaw and Greenwood, along with the museum's research historian Andrew Woods, will embark on the week-long program from June 8-17. They will join a group of 20 others including students, educators, historians and military officers who will visit the World War II battlefields of Syracuse, Catania, Gela, Barrafranca, Valguarnera Assoro, Agira, Troina and Messina. They will learn first-hand about the challenges overcome by the Allied soldiers who fought in this rough terrain against a desperate and determined enemy.

In Sicily, the selected teachers will study specifically the role of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division in these battles. Each participant will also give a soldier presentation, selecting one Allied soldier killed during the campaign to speak about.

“We’re delighted to send these two outstanding educators on this unique experience. We know they will return with a better appreciation for America’s military history and a desire to share that with their students.” said Paul Herbert, First Division Museum executive director.

This Canadian-American battlefield study is run through the [University of New Brunswick’s Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society](#) and in partnership with the [Canadian Forces Combat Training Centre](#), the [Department of Military History at the United States Army Command and General Staff College](#), and the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park. Since 2008, the First Division Museum has sponsored two teachers or graduate students, and one museum staff member to attend the battlefield study. In addition to the sponsorship, the museum also provides primary resource documents such as maps, photographs, and other official army documents from its McCormick Research Center, to support the historical context of these battles.

Graduate students and teachers interested in applying for the 2013 battlefield study should contact museum educator Melissa Tyer, at mtyer@firstdivisionmuseum.org.

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About the First Division Museum

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, 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. 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.

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