



News Release

Leadership in Action: African American MilitaryMakers on Feb. 20

Celebrate Black History Month with a free presentation at the First Division Museum

WHEATON, IL, Feb. 13, 2013 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park invites the public to a free Black History Month program that promises to be educational and inspirational.

“Leadership in Action: African American MilitaryMakers” will feature Hurricane Katrina veteran Lt. Gen. Russell L. Honoré, author of *Leadership in the New Normal*, and Maj. Gen. Alfred K. Flowers, the longest-serving African American in the U.S. Air Force. Plan to attend on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Lt. Gen. Honoré and Maj. Gen. Flowers will share their perspectives on authentic, modern leadership, illustrating their insights with stories from their life experiences as widely respected military leaders. They will be joined by a senior non-commissioned officer from the active 1st Infantry Division as well as Col. Eugene F. Scott, who will serve as panel moderator.

The program will begin with a brief presentation about the evening’s sponsoring organization, *The HistoryMakers*, the nation’s largest African American video oral history archive (thehistorymakers.com). An informal reception will follow the program. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

The event is free, including admission and parking, but those wishing to attend are asked to register in advance with Y’Hoshua Murray at 312.674.1900 or YM@TheHistoryMakers.com.

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About the First Division Museum

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Chicago-based 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.

About The HistoryMakers

The HistoryMakers, with support from the McCormick Foundation, is engaged in a project entitled *MilitaryMakers: Correcting The Missing Historical Record*. The *MilitaryMakers* project is being guided by an expert group of advisors that include Tuskegee Airman Roscoe Brown; Maj. Gen. Arthur Holmes; *African American Soldier* author Lt. Col. (Ret.) Michael Lee Lanning; former *New York Times* General Counsel

Solomon Watson IV; documentary film producer Frank Martin; *American Patriots* author Gail Lumet Buckley; and Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Clara Adams-Ender. Beginning by recording the life oral histories of African American service members, *MilitaryMakers* will start the process of wide-scale dissemination of this lost history to scholars, military museums, associations, schools, parents, teachers and students alike. Visit the *MilitaryMakers* online at <http://www.thehistorymakers.com/makers/militarymakers>.

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