



**News Release**

## **Ready, Set, Fire! Cantigny Catapult Contest Set for October 27**

*Teams invited to build and demonstrate medieval war machines in annual competition*

**WHEATON, IL, October 15, 2012** —The First Division Museum will host the second Cantigny Catapult Contest on Saturday, October 27, at 10 am.

Teams of up to four people are challenged to build a catapult designed to launch a baseball as far as possible. Two divisions, Youth and Adult/Family, will compete for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals based on distance and a Grand Prize of \$100 for the event's longest launch. Each team gets three chances with their best launch counting as their score.

Complete contest rules and the required team registration form are posted online at [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org). The website also features a video blog offering catapult design tips and photos from the inaugural contest in 2011.

Last year's event attracted 26 teams, including several middle school and high school teams. The switch this year to baseballs (instead of tennis balls) is expected to result in longer launches. Official distance is measured by where the ball first touches down.

Spectators are welcome at the Cantigny Catapult Contest, which takes place on the park's Parade Field. An emcee will announce the distance of each launch and provide information about the competing teams.

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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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