



**News Release**

## **Military Historian Lewis Sorley to Speak on December 5**

**WHEATON, IL, Nov. 29, 2012** — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces a free presentation by Dr. Lewis Sorley on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 pm. Sorley will discuss his book, *Westmoreland: The General Who Lost Vietnam*.

Sorley's book is based on extensive archival materials and more than 170 interviews with those who served with William C. Westmoreland. It covers the general's earliest days of military service to his command in Vietnam from 1964 to 1968 during the Tet Offensive.

Sorley is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and holds a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. A former soldier, his U.S. Army service included tank and armored cavalry units in Vietnam and Germany. He served on staff at the Pentagon and also taught at West Point and the Army War College.

The author of seven books, Sorley's work includes *A Better War: The Unexamined Victories and Final Tragedy of America's Last Years in Vietnam*, nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

Museum doors open at 6:45 pm on Dec. 5. A book signing will follow Sorley's presentation and copies of *Westmoreland* will be available for purchase.

Admission and parking are complimentary. For more information, please call 630.260.8227.

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 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 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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