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MILITARY HISTORY AUTHOR RICHARD S. FAULKNER TO SPEAK JULY 9

Wheaton, Ill., June 26, 2014 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces a presentation by author Richard S. Faulkner on Wednesday, July 9, at 7:30 pm. He will discuss his book, “The School of Hard Knocks: Combat Leadership in the American Expeditionary Forces,” in the Cantigny Visitors Center Theater. Admission and parking are complimentary.

Released in 2012, “The School of Hard Knocks” examines the selection and training process for junior officers during the years prior to and throughout World War I. Faulkner makes a compelling case that shortfalls in officer training contributed mightily to the high death toll suffered by the American Expeditionary Forces in the Great War.

“The School of Hard Knocks” is a notable addition to the historical literature of WWI. For his effort, Faulkner won the Society for Military History’s Distinguished Book Award for Best Work in American Military History in 2013.

Faulkner retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He’s now a professor of military history at the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

A book signing will follow the presentation, and copies of “The School of Hard Knocks” will be available for purchase in the Cantigny Shop.

This 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.

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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 Foundation, 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.