



News Release

“Presenting Pauline”: Women’s History Month Lecture on March 6

WHEATON, IL, Feb. 26, 2013 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces a free presentation by Pauline Fraser and her biographer, Louis Brass, on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 pm. They will discuss *Presenting Pauline: I was a dancer*, published in 2011. The book tells the remarkable story of Fraser’s years as a London stage performer during World War II.

Through her life as a tap dancer, Fraser met some of the greatest military leaders including General George Patton and performed with Hollywood stars like Hermione Gingold. She even helped track spies for the British Intelligence Agency and worked as a fire watcher during the London Blitz.

In 1945, Fraser married a U.S. Army Air Force officer and came to the United States on the first War Brides ship. They later settled in Naperville, Illinois, where Fraser directed dance and community theater.

Louise Brass, biographer, is originally from London and now resides in the United States. She is the author of a detective miniseries and creator of a children’s audio book. Brass is a former theater editor and columnist at *Screen Magazine*.

Doors open at 6:45 pm on March 6. A book signing will follow the presentation and copies of *Presenting Pauline* 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.

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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.

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