



News Release

Author and Iraq War Veteran Miyoko Hikiji to Speak March 5

WHEATON, IL, February 24, 2014 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces a free presentation by author Miyoko Hikiji on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 pm. She will discuss her book, “All I Could Be: My Story as a Woman Warrior in Iraq,” published in 2013.

An Iowa native, Hikiji served in the U.S. Army from 1995-98 as a supply clerk and armorer in Air Defense Artillery, stationed at Fort Polk, La., and Fort Bliss, Tex. She returned home after completing her initial enlistment, joined a transportation unit in the Iowa National Guard and began her studies in journalism and psychology at Iowa State University.

After Sept. 11, 2001, Hikiji was mobilized for the Force Protection Security team at Camp Dodge for six months. She resumed her studies afterward but was mobilized again in 2003 and deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During her 400-day tour of duty she ran more than 70 supply convoy, security and raid missions. Simultaneously, she worked as the unit correspondent and administrative sergeant.

Hikiji earned two B.S. degrees from Iowa State in 2004, in journalism/mass communication and psychology.

Museum doors open at 6:45 pm on March 5. A book signing will follow the presentation, and copies of “All I Could Be” will be available for purchase. Admission and parking are complimentary. For more information, please call 630.260.8187.

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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