



**News Release**

## **Military History Author John Sloan Brown to Speak on March 7**

**WHEATON, IL, February 20, 2012** — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park host a free presentation by military history author and retired Brigadier General John Sloan Brown on Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30 pm. The public is invited.

Brown will discuss how the United States Army responded to the challenges of the end of the Cold War by reinventing itself as the most capable ground warfare machine in the world. His fascinating book on this topic, published in October, is titled *Kevlar Legions: The Transformation of the U.S. Army, 1989-2005*.

Brown was chief of military history at the U.S. Army Center of Military History from 1998 to 2005. He retired in 2005 as a brigadier general after 34 years of service to the U.S. Army. His other published works include *Draftee Division: The 88th Infantry Division in World War II* and chapters about the Army in the 1990s and in the Global War on Terrorism in *American Military History, vol. 2, The United States in a Global Era, 1917–2008*. Since retiring, Brown has been a historical consultant for the American Battle Monuments Commission.

A book signing will follow Brown's presentation and copies of *Kevlar Legions* will be available for purchase.

Doors open at 6:45 pm. Admission and parking are complimentary. For more information, 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](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

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### **About the First Division Museum**

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, part of the 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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