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VIETNAM AUTHOR JAMES ZUMWALT TO SPEAK OCTOBER 1

Wheaton, Ill., September 16, 2014 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces a presentation by author James G. Zumwalt on Wednesday, October 1. He will discuss his book, “Bare Feet, Iron Will: Stories from the Other Side of Vietnam’s Battlefields.” The free program begins at 7:30 pm in the Cantigny Visitors Center Theater.

The author, and every male member of his immediate family, served in Vietnam. In 1988, his older brother died from Agent Orange-related cancers linked to his military service.

In 1994, traveling to Vietnam for the first time since the war, Zumwalt met with Vietnamese leaders to discuss the Agent Orange issue. As he learned about the conflict from a new perspective, the author realized that as difficult and tragic as the war had been for Americans who served, it had taken perhaps an even greater toll on the Vietnamese.

For “Bare Feet, Iron Will,” Zumwalt returned to Vietnam more than 50 times to interview hundreds of North Vietnamese Army (NVA) and Viet Cong (VC) veterans, in addition to Vietnamese civilians. His book reveals many fascinating stories, some of them deeply personal.

A book signing will follow Zumwalt’s presentation, and copies of “Bare Feet, Iron Will” will be available for purchase in the Cantigny Shop. Admission and parking are complimentary.

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 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.