



News Release

‘Warrior’s Rage’ Author to Speak on September 5

WHEATON, IL, August 27, 2012 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park invites the public to a free presentation by Colonel Douglas A. Macgregor (retired), author of *Warrior’s Rage: The Great Tank Battle of 73 Easting*.

Macgregor will speak on Wednesday, September 5, at 7:30 pm in the Cantigny Visitors Center Theater.

On February 26, 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, the lead troops of “Cougar Squadron,” the 2nd Squadron of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, charged out of a sandstorm and caught Iraq’s Republican Guard Corps in the open desert along the North-South grid line of a military map known as the “73 Easting.” Taken by surprise, the defending Iraqi armor brigade was rapidly swept away by American tank and missile fire. It was the largest tank battle in the history of the U.S. Army since World War II.

Warrior’s Rage plunges the reader into the fight and its aftermath, explaining how a victory won decisively by soldiers on the battlefield was lost by a U.S. Army chain of command remote from the fighting. Macgregor asserts that the Army never appreciated the power of its own armored force or the enemy’s weakness.

Colonel Macgregor served 28 years on active duty in the U.S. Army, beginning as a cadet at West Point. He is a decorated combat veteran who trained and led Cougar Squadron into battle. Until *Warrior’s Rage*, however, a thorough insider’s examination of the Battle of 73 Easting had never been written. Audience members will experience Macgregor’s passion for “setting the record straight” by revealing the geostrategic consequences and importance of the epic battle for future defense understanding.

Doors open at 6:45 pm on September 5. A book signing will follow Macgregor’s presentation and copies of *Warrior’s Rage* 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 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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