



**News Release**

## **First Division Museum to Showcase Historic Desert Storm Map**

*Donated war map, newly restored, will be on exhibit throughout April*

**WHEATON, IL, March 26, 2012** – The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park plans to unveil a restored map showing the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division's path through Iraq during Desert Storm in February 1991. The map is part of a new display opening Tuesday, April 3, at 11 am.

Retired Major General Robert Shadley, the map's donor, will attend the unveiling.

General Shadley donated a large collection of Desert Storm documents to the First Division Museum in 2008, including the map. The collection includes daily action logs, after-action reports, operation plans and reports and other military documents generated during his service in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. As head of Division Support Command, he kept the Big Red One supplied during the 100-hour ground war.

Piecing together smaller maps into one large map (55 ¾" by 56"), General Shadley charted the Division's advance into enemy territory during Desert Storm. However, by 2010, the huge map was starting to come apart as the tape holding it together deteriorated. Since important notations had been written across the tape, the map was in danger of losing its historical information.

Last November, the museum's Robert R. McCormick Research Center engaged Graphic Conservation Company, Chicago, which took on the challenge of restoring the Shadley map. The four-month project was successfully completed this month.

The First Division Museum is pleased to have this important part of 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division history preserved for posterity and research. The map will be on display in the First Division Museum's lobby throughout April.

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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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