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WHEATON COLLEGE TEAM TO DEBATE DRONE POLICY

Wheaton, Ill., November 10, 2014 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park welcomes the Wheaton College Debate team on Wednesday, November 19, at 7:30 pm. The award-winning team will debate the resolution, “The use of drones by the military causes more harm than good.”

Drones have become a major tool in U.S. counterterrorism policy. In at least five countries – Yemen, Somalia, Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan – U.S. drones patrol the skies. They are used to launch lethal strikes against suspected terrorists.

As the Obama Administration moves toward refinement and transparency of standards, drone strikes continue to spark outrage in countries where they are conducted. The program is controlled by the CIA which limits public knowledge of drone policy and procedures.

It is unclear what new standards governing targeted killings and drone strikes the White House will develop for U.S. operations or will propose for global rules.

Spectators are encouraged to attend this important debate on November 19, where they will see the rules and procedures of an official parliamentary debate in action. Wheaton College’s parliamentary debate program began in 2003 and promotes the development of persuasive, articulate and critical thinking. Wheaton teams compete in the prestigious National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence and consistently earn both debate and speaking awards at local, regional and national tournaments, including the National Parliamentary Debate Association championship.

Museum doors will open at 6:45 pm. Admission and parking are complimentary. For more information, please call 630.260.8185 or visit 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 Foundation, 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.