First Division Museum social story

The guide is designed for visitors with developmental disabilities and utilizes visual messages for those who would like to know more about our exhibits and activities.
I am going to visit the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park.
When I get to the museum I will enter the lobby.

During my visit, I will need to follow museum manners.

I will stay with my adult.
I will use my walking feet and keep my hands at my sides.
I will take turns with other children or adults in exhibits.
Drinks are allowed only in the lobby.
If I need help visiting another part of Cantigny Park I can ask a volunteer at the kiosk to call the tram for me.

The volunteers and employees hope that I enjoy my stay and will do their best to answer any question I might have about the exhibits.
With adult permission, I can take one of the I Spy activities offered at the First Division Museum.
I can find the restrooms, water fountains, research center, library and elevator by following the signs. I can ask a volunteer if I need any help.
The bathrooms have both automatic hand dryers or paper dispensers. The automatic hand dryers can be loud.
I will use the water fountains for drinking water and will wait my turn if there is a line.
I can visit the Colonel Robert R. McCormick Research Center located downstairs.
I can ask the librarian a question about available materials. There is also a reading area I can make use of.
If I need a break there is a Quiet Space in the lobby or outside.

In the quiet space, I can sit down.  
I can take deep breaths.  
I can stretch.  
I can rub my hands together.
There are several things I can see at the First Division Museum. With adult permission, I can walk through the First in War gallery.

This gallery includes wartime objects that span from World War I through the Vietnam War.
The First Division Museum can sometimes be dark, the floors are also uneven in some areas.
There are signs that remind me not to touch.
The First Division Museum can sometimes be noisy.

There are several videos playing.
If it is too noisy or dark I can ask my adult to skip the movie through this door.
There are statues made of plaster and plastic dressed in wartime clothing throughout the museum.
I will experience different environments throughout the First Division Museum to see what war is like throughout the world for the First Division soldiers.
I can also walk through the Duty First gallery.

This gallery includes objects and information about the all-volunteer army.
The exhibit includes firearms and statues in full uniform.

All the firearms have been disabled.
There are simulated wartime activities.

I can ride a Bradley Fighting Vehicle with my adult, it is loud and vibrates, and shows tanks shooting.

I can also choose not to ride in it.
There is a virtual reality house raid. I have to put on a headset. It can be scary and I do have the option of skipping it.
The Duty First gallery also has several touch screens so that I can watch soldiers tell their stories. If I am having a hard time hearing the soldiers I can choose the option for captions.
There are a lot of things to see and do at the First Division Museum. I hope I will come back with my family and friends!