



**News Release**

## **“Five Lieutenants” Author James Carl Nelson to Speak on April 3**

**WHEATON, IL, March 18, 2013** — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces a free presentation by author James Carl Nelson on Wednesday, April 3, at 7:30 pm.

Nelson will discuss *Five Lieutenants: The Heartbreaking Story of Five Harvard Men Who Led America to Victory in World War I*, published in 2012. The book tells the story of five junior officers who took up the call to arms in the spring of 1917 and met differing fates. The men participated in the first American-led offensive of World War I at the Battle of Cantigny in 1918 where they were subjected to the hardships and challenges of war. *Five Lieutenants* presents a unique and fascinating account of citizen soldiers and their personal sacrifices.

Nelson earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota and worked as a staff writer for *The Miami Herald*. He is the author of *The Remains of Company D: A Story of the Great War*, which follows the members of Company D, 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, United States First Division, from enlist to combat during WWI.

Doors open at 6:45 pm on April 3. A book signing will follow the presentation and copies of *Five Lieutenants* will be available for purchase.

Admission and parking are complimentary. For more information, please call 630.260.8227.

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](http://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 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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