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MUSEUM WELCOMES “BIG RED ONE” REUNION

Wheaton, Ill., June 8, 2015 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park welcomes veterans of the U.S. Army’s renowned 1st Infantry Division (the “Big Red One”) from June 17-21. The national reunion will be conducted at the Westin hotel in Lombard by the Society of the First Infantry Division, headquartered in Ambler, Pa.

The First Division Museum invites veterans attending the reunion to Cantigny Park for tours of the museums and gardens and to play golf. The museum’s largest artifacts, including a World War II landing craft and Vietnam era UH-1 Huey helicopter, will be on display especially for the reunion as well as the general public.

The 1st Infantry Division is the Army’s oldest Division. It served with great distinction in World War I, World War II, Vietnam and Desert Storm as well as in Germany and the U.S. during the Cold War. Elements of the 1st Infantry Division have participated extensively in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The annual Big Red One reunion draws upwards of 600 veterans from around the country. Cantigny last hosted the event in 2004. Those who served in the 1st Infantry Division or any unit attached to it are encouraged to attend. Further details, including the reunion schedule of events, are online at 1stID.org.

To contact the First Division Museum at Cantigny, call 630.260.8130 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.