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MUSEUM DIRECTOR TO LEAD BATTLE TOUR

Paul Herbert from First Division Museum to be featured historian on European Battlefield Tour

Wheaton, Ill., April 19, 2016 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park today announced that its director, Dr. Paul Herbert, will be the featured historian on a tour of European battlefields sponsored by the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

The 8-day tour this September will focus on the battle sites of the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division in WWI and WWII. Stops include Normandy, Cantigny and Soissons in France. While in Normandy the tour will highlight the actions of Lt. John Spalding, who led soldiers on D-Day (June 6, 1944) and Walt Ehlers, who received the Medal of Honor for going above and beyond the call of duty three days later. The tour will extensively cover the actions of the 1st Infantry Division's landing on Omaha Beach and the combat following.

"This is a great opportunity to share the history of the famed 'Big Red One' in the actual places where the history took place," said Herbert. "On this tour, guests will stand in the foot prints of soldiers from nearly 100 years earlier and learn about their extraordinary deeds and courage."

A retired Army colonel, Herbert is the executive director of the First Division Museum in Wheaton, Ill. A 1972 West Point graduate, he earned a PhD in history from Ohio State University and graduated from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Herbert held a variety of operational assignments, including command of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, and service on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. He has extensive experience leading military history tours in the U.S. and Europe.

The "Across Two World Wars Tour" departs from Paris on September 21. Full details are available on the [National WWII Museum's educational travel page](#) or call 877.813.3329, ext. 257.

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About the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park

The First Division Museum, part of Robert R. McCormick Foundations, 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 online at www.FirstDivisionMuseum.org.