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PAUL HERBERT TO DISCUSS AMERICA’S MILITARY ROLE IN IRAQ

Wheaton, Ill., February 17, 2015 — The First Division Museum invites the public to a free presentation on Wednesday, March 4, at 7:30 pm, at Le Jardin inside the Cantigny Park Visitors Center.

Dr. Paul Herbert, First Division Museum executive director, will examine the United States Army’s role in the war in Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom—from 2003 until American forces departed in 2011.

In 2014, the headquarters of the Army’s 1st Infantry Division was ordered to Iraq to advise and assist the Iraqi military fighting against ISIS. In light of the rise of ISIS and the civil war in Syria, this is an opportunity to consider America’s experience to date in Iraq and what circumstances in the future might or might not warrant further involvement.

Dr. Herbert is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., and the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He also holds a Ph. D. in History from the Ohio State University. A retired Colonel, United States Army, Dr. 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.

Doors open at 6:30 pm on March 4, with food and beverages available for purchase. Admission and parking are free.

This event is part of the First Division Museum’s *Date with History*, a monthly series featuring lively discussions with authors, panelists, historians and special guests. Information about upcoming programs is online at 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.