



News Release

Combat Journalist Jackie Spinner to Speak on September 4

WHEATON, IL, August 20, 2013 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces a presentation by journalist Jackie Spinner on Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 pm in the Cantigny Visitors Center Theater. Admission is free.

Spinner will discuss her role as a combat journalist embedded with the Army's 1st Infantry Division in Iraq in 2004-05 and 2009-11. She also will reflect on what it's like to be a female journalist in a warzone and why journalists travel to dangerous, war-torn countries.

Spinner was a staff writer for the *Washington Post* for 14 years and covered the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. A 2010-2011 U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Oman, Spinner founded two independent student newspapers in the Middle East: *The Voice* in Iraq and *Al Mir'ah* in Oman.

Most recently, Spinner covered the Arab Spring demonstrations for *Slate* and *The Christian Science Monitor*. She is the author of "Tell Them I Didn't Cry: A Young Journalist's Story of Joy, Loss and Survival in Iraq" (Scribner 2006).

Spinner is an assistant professor of journalism at Columbia College Chicago and is co-director of the traveling photography exhibit "Conflict Zone." The exhibit was hosted by the First Division Museum earlier this year.

Doors open at 6:45 pm on September 4. Admission and parking are complimentary. For more information, please call 630.260.8187.

The event is part of the First Division Museum's popular *Date with History* series. 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.

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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 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.

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