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CANTIGNY OFFERS “THE WWII VEHICLE EXPERIENCE”

First-time event on Oct. 18 includes riding in a military convoy!

Wheaton, Ill., September 22, 2014 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces a one-of-a-kind event at which “recruits” will enjoy a hands-on experience with the vehicles used by soldiers during World War II.

Registration is now open for “Reporting for Duty: The WWII Vehicle Experience,” on Saturday, October 18. Cost is \$75 per person and includes lunch, a personalized dog tag and event t-shirt.

The museum’s vintage fleet includes a CCKW Truck, Halftrack, Scout Car, Motorcycle, Medical Jeep and LCVP (WWII landing craft).

At the event, participants will receive instruction about each vehicle and also the weapons used by American and German forces during the war. They will also be shown how the medics treated and transported casualties in the field.

Following a WWII-style lunch, participants will finish their day by riding in a convoy of select vehicles from the fleet.

“The WWII Vehicle Experience” is a first-time program developed in response to public demand. The museum anticipates a high level of interest, and up to three five-hour sessions will be offered, the first beginning at 9 am. Each session is limited to 20 participants.

The program will involve a significant amount of physical activity, and the ability to climb in and out of vehicles up to 8 feet high is required. All participants must sign a waiver of liability and be at least 18 years old. Advance registration (required) is online at firstdivisionmuseum.org/vehicles.

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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.