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AUGUST PROGRAM EXPLORES PERSIAN GULF WAR

Wheaton, Ill., July 22, 2021 – The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park continues its acclaimed Date with History series with a virtual program titled “This Will Not Stand: The U.S. Army’s Road to Victory During the Persian Gulf War.” The program will focus on the 1990-91 conflict in which the U.S. led a coalition of 35 countries in defeating Saddam Hussein’s army.

The presentation (via Zoom) is on **Thursday, August 5, at 7 pm CST**. The program is free, but registration is required at FDMuseum.org.

Scheduled speakers are Molly Bompane, curator at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) in Carlisle, Pa., and Jeff Hawks, education director for the Army Heritage Center Foundation.

A current USAHEC exhibit, opened in 2020, uses the Center’s rich artifact and archival collection to tell the story of how the Persian Gulf War unfolded and how it was fought. The exhibit also examines the significant changes and transformation that occurred within the Army after Vietnam through its deployment to the Persian Gulf, which ultimately led to its success in the Gulf War.

Bompane will discuss the exhibit’s development, significance, and historical context. Hawks, a Gulf War veteran, will bring his experience as an educator to the conversation. Detailed biographical information for each speaker is posted online at FDMuseum.org.

The First Division Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday. Entry is included with Cantigny Park’s parking fee. More information is online FDMuseum.org.

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About the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park

The First Division Museum, part of the 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. The museum’s main exhibit hall, First in War, transports visitors to the trenches of World War I, the beaches of World War II and the jungles of Vietnam. A second exhibit hall, Duty First, explores the 11D’s history in more recent times. The Robert R. McCormick Research Center, open to the public, houses the museum’s library, archival and photo collections. Outside, tanks from every era are interpreted, along with artillery pieces and a personnel carrier. Solemn memorial markers and commemorative statuary invite quiet reflection.