

## **First Division Museum Welcomes Army Translator Ashraf Rahman**

**WHEATON, IL, November 20, 2009** — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to a free presentation by Ashraf Rahman, an Iraqi interpreter and liaison officer for the U.S. State Department, on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:30 pm.

The speaker will discuss his experience in Iraq as a linguist, during which time he has interviewed more than 6,000 individuals in English and Arabic for the U.S. Department of Defense. In his role with the State Department, Rahman was on staff at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and instrumental in high-level communications between the embassy and senior foreign government officials.

Rahman clearly brings a unique inside perspective on U.S.-Iraqi relations, setting up what is sure to be a fascinating exchange on Dec. 2.

Doors will open at 6:45 pm. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 630 260 8227.

This event is part of the First Division Museum's popular series, *A Date with History*. The programs, held on the first Wednesday of each month and other select dates, feature an evening of lively discussion with authors, panelists, historians and special speakers. For information about upcoming programs, please visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

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### **About the Cantigny First Division Foundation**

The Cantigny First Division Foundation, part of the McCormick Foundation, promotes public learning about America's military heritage and affairs through the history of the Big Red One—the famed 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. It is located on the grounds of Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois, the home of the late Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the *Chicago Tribune* and a veteran of the First Division in World War I.

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