

## **First Division Museum Hosting Desert Storm Workshop**

**WHEATON, IL, May 14, 2009** — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, part of the McCormick Foundation, will host a workshop this Saturday, May 16, focusing on Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Leaders from the U.S. Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division who served in the 1991 conflict will attend and provide input that will guide how Desert Storm might be depicted in a new gallery proposed for the First Division Museum.

“This is an important opportunity to hear first-hand from those who commanded our country's successful operations in Iraq nearly 20 years ago,” said Paul Herbert, executive director, Cantigny First Division Foundation. “Their insights and recollections will help us present the history of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division during that era as accurately and completely as possible.”

Workshop attendees will consist primarily of retired senior officers of the Army. These include Lieutenant General (Ret) Thomas Rhame, the commanding general of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division during Desert Storm and now vice president of the Association of the U.S. Army and President of the Society of the First Division. One active duty officer, Lieutenant General Robert Wilson, will also be participating in the workshop.

Operation Desert Storm was the Army's code name for the U.S.-Allied response to Iraq's assault on neighboring Kuwait. The conflict introduced a new era of military technology as aerial and ground battles played out in Iraq, Kuwait and outlying areas of Saudi Arabia. Operation Desert Shield was the first phase of Desert Storm during which American forces destroyed key elements of Iraq's military infrastructure.

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

The Cantigny First Division Foundation (CFDF) 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 also chronicles and preserves the 1<sup>st</sup> Division's illustrious history, and conducts public outreach through the Cantigny First Division Museum, Robert R. McCormick Research Center and the Cantigny Military History Series. CFDF is part of the McCormick Foundation and 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 1<sup>st</sup> Division in World War I. For more information, please visit [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

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