

First Division Museum at Cantigny Welcomes Military History Educators

Conference focuses on America's wars since 1920, and what students need to know

WHEATON, IL, April 30, 2009 — The Cantigny First Division Foundation, part of the McCormick Foundation, is playing a key supporting role in helping high school and junior college teachers develop compelling military history lesson plans. This weekend (May 2-3) at the First Division Museum, select educators from around the country will hear from a range of prominent authors and historians in the second of a two-part conference series called "What Students Need to Know About America's Wars."

The conference is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Research Institute, based in Philadelphia. The Cantigny First Division Foundation is co-sponsor and host. This is the fourth FPRI conference to be held at Cantigny.

"We're really excited to bring the very best military historians in the country to Cantigny to meet with some of the very best secondary school teachers," said Paul Herbert, executive director, Cantigny First Division Foundation. "It's one way we support teachers and help pass our military heritage on to a rising generation of citizens through education."

About 40 teachers will attend the conference, each selected from a much larger pool of candidates. Presenters will focus on U.S. war involvement since 1920. Speaker topics include:

- The Gathering Storm: From World War I to World War II
- The Korean War
- The Global War on Terrorism
- The American Culture of War

Among the guest lecturers will be Rick Atkinson, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Army at Dawn* and *The Day of Battle*. Also appearing is Allan Millett, recipient of the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award in military history from Chicago's Pritzker Military Library.

Part one of the "What Students Need to Know" series, conducted in July 2008 at Cantigny, covered the colonial wars through World War I.

Further details about this weekend's conference are online at fpri.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 1st 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. For more information, please visit firstdivisionmuseum.org.

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