

**First Division Museum to Host Author Sean Naylor**

**WHEATON, IL, July 8, 2009** — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to a free presentation by award-winning *Army Times* reporter Sean Naylor on Wednesday, August 5, at 7:30 pm.

Naylor will discuss Operation Anaconda, the largest battle of the Afghan war to date. He was one of only eight journalists allowed to accompany troops into the March 2002 battle, and his first-hand information is chronicled in *Not a Good Day to Die: The Untold Story of Operation Anaconda*. As the book explains, what was intended as a grand gesture turned into a missed opportunity to crush what remained of al-Qaida and Taliban forces in Afghanistan at the time.

A book signing will follow Naylor's presentation.

Doors 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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