
First Division Museum to Screen “The Story of G.I. Joe”

WHEATON, IL, September 29, 2009 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to a free showing of “The Story of G.I. Joe” on Wednesday, October 7, at 7:30 pm. The classic 1945 film features the famous World War II correspondent Ernie Pyle.

Movie viewers will experience war from a soldier's perspective as Pyle (portrayed by Burgess Meredith) joins C Company, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division during the North Africa campaign in WWII.

Ernest Taylor Pyle (1900-1945) was employed by the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain from 1935 until his death in combat during WWII. His folksy stories about the daily life of soldiers had a wide following in more than 300 papers. Pyle won the Pulitzer Prize for Correspondence in 1944, and his writings are preserved in four books: *Ernie Pyle In England, Here Is Your War, Brave Men* and *Last Chapter*.

Doors for the movie 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 evening programs, held on the first Wednesday of each month and other select dates, typically feature discussion with authors, panelists, historians and special speakers. For information about upcoming programs, please visit 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 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.

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