



Press Release

Panel Will Explore Role of U.S. Army Chaplains in Combat Zones

WHEATON, IL, September 23, 2010 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to a panel discussion on the role of military clergy at a free program on Wednesday, October 6, at 7:30 pm.

The panel will be composed of current and former U.S. Army chaplains who bring a first-hand perspective on the spiritual dimensions of war:

- Chaplain Wesley V. Geary, Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired), served in combat with the Army's 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam and also at Ft. Riley, Kansas, where the Division is presently based;
- Major David E. Wake is an active-duty Chaplain who served with the 1st Division in Iraq;
- Henry E. Wake, David's father, was a chaplain with the Division during the 1980s. He retired from the Army as a Colonel.

According to Geary, Army chaplains serve both God and country by bringing their unique gifts to the soldiers of our nation in the challenging, diverse and ever changing environment of the Army. While the benefits and pay of an Army chaplain are often better than what a minister normally receives, the requirements and stakes are much higher. Just like the soldiers they serve, chaplains must endure the hardships, separations and physical dangers that accompany war.

Doors open at 6:45 pm on October 6. Admission and parking are complimentary.

The 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 visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org.

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About the First Division Museum

The First Division Museum at Cantigny, 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 stands in tribute to all who have served our country in the armed forces. The museum's main exhibit hall transports visitors to the trenches of World War I, the beaches of World War II and the jungles of Vietnam. Outside, tanks are displayed from every era, along with personnel carriers and artillery. The Robert R. McCormick Research Center, open to the public,

houses the museum's library, archival and photo collections. Visit the First Division Museum at Cantigny online at FirstDivisionMuseum.org.

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