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## First Division Museum Welcomes Filmmaker JD Johannes

**WHEATON, IL, February 22, 2010** — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to an evening with independent filmmaker JD Johannes, on Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30 pm.

Johannes will speak on “A Changing Battlefield: The Evolution of Counterinsurgency in Iraq.” His presentation will include a briefing, photos and video from his recent 45-day embedded visit with the 1<sup>st</sup> Division’s 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade in Iraq. The trip was sponsored by the First Division Museum.

The battlefield in Iraq has indeed changed. As Johannes will explain, the former battlefields were city streets and dusty villages where soldiers conducted raids and hunted down insurgent leaders. The new battlefield is based on people—in the offices and hospitality rooms of Iraqi leaders, building relationships and providing advice.

Johannes is an accomplished journalist and storyteller. A former Marine, he is the creator and director of the *Outside the Wire* series of documentaries about the war in Iraq. His reporting from Iraq and Afghanistan has appeared in *TIME*, *National Review Online*, *TCS Daily* and the *Topeka Capital Journal*, and his footage has aired on the History Channel and A&E network.

Doors will open at 6:45 pm. Admission and parking are free. For more information, please 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. The centerpiece of these efforts is the First Division Museum, which celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. The world-class military museum and McCormick Research Center are located on the grounds of Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois. The 500-acre Cantigny estate was home to Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the *Chicago Tribune* and a veteran of the First Division in World War I.

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