



Press Release

First Division Museum Welcomes Author John Grenier

WHEATON, IL, April 14, 2010 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to a free evening program on Wednesday, May 5, at 7:30 pm. Author John Grenier will discuss *The First Way of War: American War Making on the Frontier*.

Grenier's book, published in 2008, details the warfare tactics employed in early American conflicts and their role in shaping our nation's military heritage.

The term *petite guerre*, or little war, has often been used to describe the guerrilla tactics used by early American soldiers since the Revolutionary War. Disrupting enemy troops and supply lines, and diminishing the enemy's will to fight back, was not only America's first way of war, it has evolved into the counterinsurgency and specialized troop tactics used today.

Doors will open at 6:45 pm on May 5. 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 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. The centerpiece of these efforts is the First Division Museum, which celebrates its 50th 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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