



Press Release

First Division Museum Welcomes Author B.G. Burkett

WHEATON, IL, August 24, 2010 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to hear B.G. Burkett, co-author of *Stolen Valor: How the Vietnam Generation Was Robbed of its Heroes and its History*. The free program will take place Wednesday, September 1, at 7:30 pm.

Burkett, a Vietnam veteran, uncovered what he claims is a massive distortion of history through more than 10 years of research in the National Archives. *Stolen Valor*, winner of the Colby Award for Outstanding Military Book, reveals how the negative cultural stereotype of Vietnam veterans is grossly inaccurate, and how the honor of true American heroes has been compromised by the media and by those who misrepresent their Vietnam service records.

A book signing will follow Burkett's presentation, and books will be available for purchase.

Burkett served as a 1st LT with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade and was awarded the Bronze Star, the Vietnamese Honor Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. In 2003, he was presented the Army's highest decoration for civilians, the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, by former President George H.W. Bush. In 2005, Burkett was inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame. He also was the object of an award-winning segment on ABC's *20/20*, as well as acclaimed articles in *Texas Monthly* and *Reader's Digest*.

Doors open at 6:45 pm on September 1. Admission and parking are complimentary. 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 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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