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## **Panel Will Discuss Illinois National Guard's Role in Afghanistan**

**WHEATON, IL, August 26, 2011** — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to a free presentation on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:30 pm. Members of the 1-178<sup>th</sup> Infantry of the Illinois National Guard will discuss their deployment to Afghanistan in 2008-2009 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, and the role of the National Guard in the current conflict.

The following panel of battalion leaders will share their experiences and also speak to challenges that arose due to their not being active-duty soldiers:

- **Colonel Dan Fuhr**  
Served as the Battalion Commander and currently serves as the Deputy Brigade Commander
- **Lieutenant Colonel Glen Petersen**  
Served as the Executive Officer and currently serves as the Battalion Commander
- **Command Sergeant Major Douglas Danielson**  
Served as the Operations Sergeant Major and currently serves as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major
- **First Sergeant Andrew Fowles**  
First Sergeant for Company D
- **Sergeant First Class Terry O'Neill**  
Platoon Sergeant in Company B, serving as Acting First Sergeant
- **Sergeant First Class William Hornbeck**  
Platoon Sergeant in Company D

Doors open at 6:45 pm on September 7. Admission and parking are complimentary. For more information, call 630.260.8187.

The event is part of the First Division Museum's popular series, *A Date with History*. The monthly programs feature an evening of lively discussion with authors, panelists, historians and special speakers. Information about upcoming programs is online at [FirstDivisionMuseum.org](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

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### **About the First Division Museum**

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. 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. 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](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).

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