



Story of “The Good Soldiers” at First Division Museum on April 27

WHEATON, IL, April 4, 2011 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to a free presentation titled “The Good Soldiers” on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30 pm. Speaking will be Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Finkel and Colonel Ralph Kauzlarich from the Army’s 1st Infantry Division. The two will share their perspectives on Operation Iraqi Freedom, focusing on the “surge” part of that operation in particular.

In 2007, President Bush ordered an increase in the number of American troops in Iraq to provide security to Baghdad and the al-Anbar province. The increase, referred to as the surge, shifted focus in Iraq to help the Iraqis sustain and defend their country without foreign aid.

During the surge, Finkel, a *Washington Post* correspondent, was embedded with the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division. The hard-driving but always optimistic Colonel Kauzlarich commanded that battalion, nicknamed the Rangers. Their harrowing 15-month deployment in 2007-2008 is recounted in Finkel’s book, *The Good Soldiers*, published last August.

A book signing will follow the presentation on April 27. Doors open at 6:45 pm. For more information, call 630.260.8227.

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. For information about upcoming programs please visit FirstDivisionMuseum.org.

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About the First Division Museum

The First Division Museum at Cantigny, 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 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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