



Lecture on Combat Infantry at First Division Museum on August 3

WHEATON, IL, July 21, 2011 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to a free lecture by renowned author and military historian John C. McManus on Wednesday, August 3, at 7:30 pm.

McManus will discuss his latest book, *GRUNTS: Inside the American Infantry Combat Experience, World War II Through Iraq*. Published in 2010, the book examines the critical role of “foot soldiers” in achieving victory.

A St. Louis native, McManus is widely regarded as an expert on the history of modern American soldiers in combat and has written numerous books on the subject. He was recently named to the History News Network’s prestigious list of Top Young Historians.

McManus earned an M.A. in American history from the University of Missouri in 1991 and a Ph.D in American history and military history from the University of Tennessee in 1996. He participated in UT’s Normandy Scholars program and, in the process, studied on-site at the Normandy battlefields. Also while at Tennessee, he served as assistant director of the Center for the Study of War and Society, helping oversee a major effort to collect the first-hand stories of American veterans of World War II.

McManus currently serves as associate professor of U.S. military history at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo. He teaches courses on the Civil War, World War II, Vietnam, Military History and the American combat experience in the 20th century.

A book signing will follow the presentation on August 3. Doors open at 6:45 pm. 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.

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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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