



Army General to Speak about Iraq at Cantigny on March 8

WHEATON, IL, February 25, 2011 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, invites the public and media to a presentation by Major General Vincent K. Brooks on Tuesday, March 8, at 7:30 pm.

Brooks, Commanding General the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division, and members of his leadership team will discuss the Division's recent deployment to southern Iraq.

The 1st Infantry Division Headquarters deployed from its base at Fort Riley, Kansas, to Iraq in January 2010. For the next 12 months it was the headquarters of Multi-national Division – South, located in Basra. Its many successful missions included assisting the Iraqi Security Forces during the March 2010 national elections, overseeing the responsible drawdown of U.S. troops in Iraq, and working with Iraqis to build new hospitals and other key infrastructure.

Brooks and his staff selected Cantigny as the location for a 3-day “off-site” review of their Iraqi experience because of Cantigny's deep roots in 1st Division history going back to Colonel McCormick's service in the division in World War I. In addition to public outreach activities, the 1st Division group will present artifacts for the First Division Museum collection. Some of these items will be on display March 8.

There will be ample opportunity before and after Brooks' remarks for one-on-one conversations with senior officers and non-commissioned officers with extensive experience in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“This is a rare opportunity for the public to hear directly from the commanders leading our efforts in Iraq,” said Colonel (Retired) Paul Herbert, Executive Director of the First Division Museum. “We're honored to facilitate such an important exchange with the public.”

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