



Lecture Series on Counterinsurgency Continues June 8

WHEATON, IL, May 20, 2011 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny invites the public to a free lecture by Dr. Andrew A. Wiest on Wednesday, June 8, at 7:30 pm.

The program will be the last in a three-part series at the museum devoted to counterinsurgency, or COIN. Wiest will add context to the discussion by focusing on the history of this war strategy with particular emphasis on its application in Vietnam.

“COIN was an essential and often misunderstood aspect of the Vietnam War,” said Wiest. “It was also perhaps the most influential element of that war on today’s military policy.”

Specializing in the study of World War I and Vietnam, Wiest is widely published. His most recent book, *Vietnam’s Forgotten Army: Heroism and Betrayal in the ARVN*, won the Society for Military History’s Distinguished Book Award in 2009.

Wiest currently directs the Center for the Study of War and Society at the University of Southern Mississippi, his alma mater. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Chicago, in 1990.

Wiest served as a Visiting Senior Lecturer at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, in the United Kingdom, and as a Visiting Professor in the Department of Warfighting Strategy in the United States Air Force Air War College. Since 1992 he has been active in international education, leading a study abroad program on World War II to London and Normandy each summer, and developing the award-winning Vietnam Study Abroad Program.

Doors open at 6:45 pm on June 8. 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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