

First Division Museum Welcomes Filmmaker JD Johannes on Nov. 16

WHEATON, IL, November 7, 2011 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park invites the public to a free lecture by documentary filmmaker JD Johannes on Wednesday, November 16, at 7:30 pm.

Johannes will discuss his recent time in the Khost province of Afghanistan where he filmed the troop surge known as Task Force Duke, conducted by soldiers of the Army's 1st Infantry Division. Members of Task Force Duke were charged with tracking the most dangerous insurgent group in Afghanistan and dismantling the Pakistan-backed Haqqani network in the eastern mountains.

Johannes will recount what he witnessed during his embedment and share supporting footage. The evening's images and insights should be of great interest to those who follow our country's current military operations and strategies.

A former Marine, JD Johannes is an accomplished journalist and storyteller. He is the creator and director of the *Outside the Wire* series of documentaries about the war in Iraq. His reporting from Iraq and Afghanistan has appeared in *TIME*, *National Review Online*, *TCS Daily* and the *Topeka Capital Journal*, and his footage has aired on the History Channel and A&E network.

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 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 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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