Press Release

First Division Museum Names Winners in Photo Contest

"Snapshots from the 1st Division" exhibit opens June 2

WHEATON, IL, April 28, 2010 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny is pleased to announce the winners of its 1st Division Photography Contest. The top prize goes to Specialist Michael Griffiths of the 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Division. His photo of a night fire exercise at Goshta, Afghanistan, will be included in the museum's summer exhibit, "Snapshots from the 1st Division," which opens June 2 and runs through Labor Day.

"Our goal was to show the public, from a soldier's viewpoint, the full range of roles that 1st Division soldiers are playing in the Global War on Terror," according to Teri Bianchi, exhibits manager for the museum. "The contest was open to any soldier assigned to or operating with any element of the Division, and we asked for images depicting their most recent deployment and training."

The Second Place winner is Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Boland, Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, Task Force Danger U.S. Division-South, Basrah, Iraq. Boland is from San Antonio, Texas.

Third Place belongs to Captain Christian Durham, Commander, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Division. Durham's hometown is Hephzibah, Georgia.

Griffiths, from McKeesport, Pennsylvania, will receive prizes valued at $1,000 for his first-place image. Boland and Durham will be awarded prizes worth $750 and $500, respectively, and their photos will also be included among the 83 to be displayed. All three soldiers will be invited to the First Division Museum this summer for a first-hand look at the exhibit.

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About the Cantigny First Division Foundation
The Cantigny First Division Foundation, part of the 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. The centerpiece of these efforts is the First Division Museum, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2010. The world-class military museum and McCormick Research Center are located on the grounds of Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois. The 500-acre Cantigny estate was home to Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the *Chicago Tribune* and a veteran of the First Division in World War I.

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