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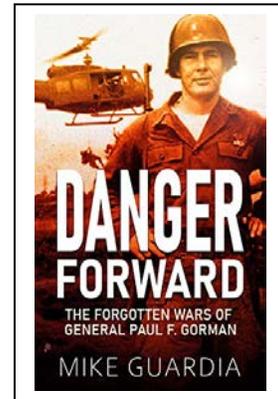
“DANGER FORWARD” AUTHOR ON APRIL 7

Date with History guest will discuss the life and legacy of General Paul F. Gorman

Wheaton, Ill., March 24, 2022 – The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park continues its acclaimed Date with History series with an online program featuring author, military historian, and U.S. Army veteran [Mike Guardia](#). He will discuss his 2021 book, “Danger Forward: The Forgotten Wars of General Paul F. Gorman.”

The free presentation (via Zoom) is on **Thursday, April 7, at 7 pm CT**. To receive a link, register in advance at FDMuseum.org.

Guardia’s biography depicts a career military man of exceptional valor, and a forgotten hero of the latter 20th century. A 1950 West Point graduate, Paul Gorman entered the officer ranks at the outset of the Cold War. Like many of his classmates, he served on the frontlines in Korea. He was decorated for valor in the numerous hilltop battles of 1952. Following the Korean Conflict, he commanded an infantry company in West Germany, defending NATO from the Red Menace.

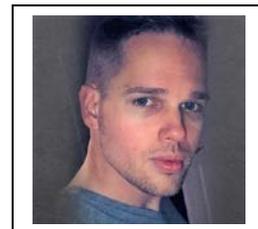


In Vietnam, as a Lieutenant Colonel commanding the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment (1st Infantry Division), Gorman demonstrated audacious leadership and courage under fire during the Battle of Bong Trang. For his actions, he earned the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation’s second-highest award for valor.

Between two combat tours in Vietnam, Gorman became the principal architect of *The Pentagon Papers*, and served on the U.S. delegation to the Paris Peace Talks. During the darkest days of the post-Vietnam malaise, Gorman stood at the forefront of revitalizing the U.S. Army’s training methods as it transitioned to an all-volunteer force.

In his last assignment, Gorman served as Commander in Chief of U.S. Southern Command – during Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada and when America was actively supporting the Contras in Nicaragua. He retired as a four-star General in 1985.

Mike Guardia is an ‘Amazon Top 100’ Bestselling Author and military historian. With the army, he served six years on active duty as an Armor Officer. He is the author of the widely acclaimed “Hal Moore: A Soldier Once...and Always,” the first-ever biography chronicling the life of LTG Harold G. Moore,



whose battlefield leadership was popularized by the film *We Were Soldiers*, starring Mel Gibson.

He has twice been nominated for the Army Historical Foundation's Distinguished Book Award and was named Author of the Year in 2021 by the Military Writers Society of America. He is currently appearing in Season 1 of the History Channel series *I Was There*.

Guardia holds a BA and MA in American History from the University of Houston and now lives in Minnesota.

The First Division Museum is open daily (except Mondays) from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free with paid parking (\$5). Visit FDMuseum.org for additional details.

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About the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park

The [First Division Museum](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org), part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, 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 museum's main exhibit hall, First in War, transports visitors to the trenches of World War I, the beaches of World War II and the jungles of Vietnam. A second exhibit hall, Duty First, explores the 1ID's history in more recent times. The Robert R. McCormick Research Center, open to the public, houses the museum's library, archival and photo collections. Outside, tanks from every era are interpreted, along with artillery pieces and a personnel carrier. Solemn memorial markers and commemorative statuary also command visitors' attention. The museum's "Footsteps of the First" travel program, in partnership with Academic Travel Abroad, will explore Normandy and other key sites in Western Europe, October 6-15, 2022. Full details, including the itinerary and registration, are on the museum [website](http://FirstDivisionMuseum.org).