

## “MORE THAN A MEDAL” SCREENING AUGUST 9

*Documentary examines efforts to investigate possible denial of the Medal of Honor to minority veterans of World War I*

**Wheaton, Ill., July 26, 2022** – The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park announces a public screening of “More Than a Medal,” a documentary exploring the work of the Valor Medals Review Project by the George S. Robb Centre for the Study of the Great War at Park University in Parkville, Mo.

The screening, a special edition of the museum’s Date with History series, is **Tuesday, August 9, at 7 pm**, in the Cantigny Visitors Center Theater. Admission is free but registration (at [FDMuseum.org](http://FDMuseum.org)) is required due to limited seating. Parking is \$5 per car.

The event will open with remarks by Park University’s Tim Westcott, Ph.D., director of the Robb Centre, associate professor of history, and associate archivist.



The Robb Centre is the home of the Valor Medals Review Project, a team of researchers and historians performing a systematic investigation into minority veterans of the Great War (1914-1921) who, despite deserving deeds, may have been unjustly denied high-level valor awards owing to their racial or religious background.

“More Than a Medal,” produced by Lame Deer Films in cooperation with the Robb Centre, interweaves the efforts of the researchers working against time; untold heroic stories of courage on the battlefields of France, on the seas and in the air; and the experiences of modern-day descendants who maintain cautious hope of gaining proper recognition for their loved ones. The documentary is 25 minutes.

The First Division Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm, with extended hours on Tuesday evenings in the summer. Admission is free with paid parking (\$5 per car weekdays; \$10 weekends). Visit [FDMuseum.org](http://FDMuseum.org) for additional details.

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### **About the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park**

The First Division Museum, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation and located at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois, 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](#).

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