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Manassas National
Battlefield Park

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Manassas National Battlefield Special Event

For immediate release

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Date: May 23, 2006

Event Name: **Guest Lecture and Book-signing**

Date: **Sunday May 28, 2006**

Time: **1:00 p.m.**

Location: **Manassas National Battlefield
Park Visitor Center
6511 Sudley Rd. Manassas, VA 20109**

Sponsor: **National Park Service and Eastern National**

Event web site: **www.nps.gov/mana**

Admission cost: **Lecture is free with price of park admission
\$3.00/adult (good for 3 day admission pass)
children under 17 free**

Event description:

Author JAY WERTZ will give a public lecture on his research for his new book ***The Civil War Experience***. Mr. Wertz is the co-author of *Smithsonian's Great Battles and Battlefields of the Civil War* with prominent historian Edwin C. Bearss. He is also the producer-director of the award-winning 13-part documentary series *Smithsonian's Great Battles of the Civil War* for the Learning Channel and Time-Life Video. He lives in San Diego, California.

Published by Presidio Press, ***THE CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCE*** offers more than a gripping account of the military, political and social events of the war and its heroes, from great leaders and generals to common soldiers. Wertz invites us to relive this momentous period in history by holding and examining 19 full-color campaign maps, more than 200 specially researched photographs, diaries, letters, orders and broadsides, newspapers, and posters, which until now have remained filed or exhibited only in the finest public archives and private collections. As a bonus, ***THE CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCE*** includes a unique audio CD containing 72 minutes of readings of extraordinary first-hand accounts from American journals, diary entries and letters. ***THE CIVIL WAR EXPERIENCE*** provides a unique visual, auditory and tactile journey into the world of the 1860s that will be a treasure for Civil War buffs and casual historians, adults and children discovering our nation's history for the first time.

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