

# THE STONEWALL

June 2000

## This Month's Event

### *The Small Arms of 1<sup>st</sup> Manassas*



**Presented by Jim Burgess**

Manassas National Battlefield Park  
Curator of Collections

**Where:** Centreville Public Library

**When:** June 8, 2000, 7:30 pm

**Details:** Jim will discuss the variety of small arms used by the men of 1<sup>st</sup> Manassas including an 1842 Harpers Ferry smoothbore musket.

### "Minie" Bullet News

- **Next Month's Meeting**  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm Centreville Public Library  
Bill Miller, McClellan's Siege of Yorktown
- **Jul 1 - Jul 3**  
The Gettysburg 137th Reenactment  
At the Historic Blackhorse Tavern & Farm. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association for land acquisition and Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg for monument preservation.
- **June 8, 2000 at 8:00 p.m.**  
Internet chat session with author Jeff Szara  
The Civil War Experience Web Site  
(<http://www.cwexperience.com>)

## Last Month's Event

### *The Opening Stages of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign*

Presented by Ed Bearss

Once again Ed Bearss delivered a lively presentation to a packed house. Those able to attend were treated to a detailed account of the troop movements, battlefield dispositions, and the engagements of Sherman's campaign of maneuver in Northern Georgia.

Some of the highlights from Ed's presentation include the following gems:

- James Birdseye McPherson was an able but overrated commander of a small corps.
- Confederate Brigadier John Herbert Kelly deserved at least as much female adulation than John Pelham.
- Despite demonstrated ability, neither Nathan Bedford Forest nor Patrick Cleburne had a chance of army command because they lacked the West Point background that Jefferson Davis felt all important.



Image of Ed Bearss  
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