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## Civil War Night!

### **EDWIN BEARSS**

Historian Emeritus, U.S. National Park Service

Speaking about his long awaited new book

#### **FIELDS OF HONOR**

Pivotal Battles of the Civil War

**Thursday, June 22nd**

**Pritzker Military Library,  
610 N. Fairbanks Court, Chicago  
5:00 p.m. - Complimentary Reception  
6:00 p.m. - Presentation and Live web cast**

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Few historians have ever captured the drama, excitement, and tragedy of the War Between the States quite like Edwin Bearss. The acclaimed "Homer of the Civil War" has won a huge, devoted following with his extraordinary battlefield tours and eloquent soliloquies about the heroes, scoundrels, and little-known moments of a conflict that still fascinates America. Antietam, Shiloh, Chickamauga, Gettysburg: these hallowed battles and more than a dozen more come alive as never before, rich with human interest and colorful detail culled from a lifetime of study.

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Edwin C. Bearss is the America's premier battlefield historian. The former Chief Historian of the National Park Service and its current historian emeritus, Bearss leads tours of America's battlefields more than 300 days per year. A tireless advocate for preservation of Civil War battlefield sites, he has testified before Congress on numerous occasions. He is on the board of directors of the Civil War Preservation Trust and has been honored by nearly every group in the United States that supports Civil War education and preservation.

Bearss, Edwin C. *FIELDS OF HONOR: PIVOTAL BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR*. Washington: (2005). 1st, 480p., illus., maps. \$28.00

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