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Newcomer House Porch Program Scheduled for August 5 & 6, 2017 – South Mountain Artillery

Keedysville, MD – As part of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area's (HCWHA) 2017 Porch Program Series, the South Mountain Artillery will conduct live cannon firing demonstrations on August 5 and 6 at 11:30 AM and 2:00 PM. The demonstrations will be followed by living historians presenting interpretive talks about Captain John Tidball, Captain of Battery A, 2nd US Artillery, and his U.S. Horse Artillery, who pulled cannons up the steep hill beside the Newcomer House.

Volunteer docents will staff the Newcomer House from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM to share knowledge about the Newcomer House and offer assistance to visitors to the three-county Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

This is the second season of Porch Programs at the [Newcomer House](#), HCWHA's Exhibit & Visitor Center at Antietam National Battlefield. Visitors of all ages are invited to interact with experts on a variety of Civil War topics, ranging from first aid to family history. Exact times and other details will be posted on the Heart of the Civil War calendar of events, heartofthecivilwar.org/events.

Remaining Porch Programs for 2017:

- August 5 & 6: John Tidball with the South Mountain Artillery Crew
- Saturday, September 16: Basic Battlefield First Aid & Contemporary First Aid
- Saturday, October 7: Advances in Veterinary Medicine from the Civil War
- Saturday, November 4: 19th Century Photography with John Milleker
- Saturday, December 2: Newcomer House Illumination

The Newcomer House is located at 18422 Shepherdstown Pike in Keedysville, MD. On each of these days, the Newcomer House will be open from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For more information, contact Newcomer House Manager Rachel Nichols at rbknichols@gmail.com or (240) 308-1740.

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