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Newcomer House Porch Program Scheduled for October 7 2017 – Horses, Mules, and Politics

Keedysville, MD – As part of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area's (HCWHA) 2017 Porch Program Series, George Lewis, retired army colonel and veterinarian, will discuss veterinary medicine during the Civil War on Saturday, October 7. Just as the war led to advances in emergency medicine for humans it also changed veterinary medicine. More than one million horses and mules were used in cavalry and artillery units, supply trains, and other roles. Dogs, oxen, pigeons and even the odd camel and eagle were also pressed into service. Learn how these animals were cared for and the logistical challenges that accompanied them. Lewis will be present from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM for informal discussion, with formal presentations at 11:30 AM and 2:30 PM.

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:

- 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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