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### The Horses of Gettysburg

More than 3 million horses and mules participated in the Civil War, and it is estimated that 1.5 million died as a result of their service. They are truly the unsung heroes of this devastating and all-consuming conflict, and are often forgotten, as the drama of the battles are explored. Find the impact of the horse on the battle, the civilians and the soldiers. We will look at the requirements for the care and feeding, the training necessary to make them battle ready and the aftermath of the battle that forced those left behind after the armies departed to deal with the thousands of dead horses.

#### About our Speaker:

As a native of Gettysburg Linda Clark found her passion for books and the Civil War through a juvenile fiction book presented by her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at the Eisenhower Elementary School. Now a retired elementary school librarian and emeritus Licensed Battlefield Guide, Linda enjoys researching the citizens of her home town and telling their personal stories of the Battle of Gettysburg. Hopefully these people of the past will inspire readers of today. She and her husband have a Gettysburg address with a view of the setting sun behind the Blue Ridge.