PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

10:00 am  Welcome
10:15 am  Overview of Civil War Cavalry uniform and tack
10:45 am  History of the Morgan Horses in the Civil War
11:00 am  Cavalry Drill
11:30 am  Overview of Battell & US Government Morgans
12:30 pm  Lunch break & petting opportunity
1:00 pm  Running at the heads—saber attack practice with dummies
1:30 pm  1912-18 Morgan Military Demo
2:00 pm  Cavalry Drill
2:30 pm  Q & A with 1st VT Cav Members

Note schedule is subject to change.

For 140 years, Morgan horses have called this place home.

Middlebury, Vermont publisher, Joseph Battell, commissioned the Weybridge Stock Farm in 1878 to house his collection of the era’s finest Morgans. 1907 it became the US Government Morgan Farm, a cavalry remount station. Under the USDA, the Government Morgan Farm bred Morgans until the 50’s as cavalry mounts. In 1951, the University of Vermont became the steward of this incredible facility and its horses. The now “UVM” Morgan herd is one of the highest regarded in the Morgan world, known for conformity in type, confirmation, and athleticism. The farm opened to the public to promote the Morgan breed in the 1970s, and established the Friends of UVM Morgans community of donors. The apprenticeship program began in 1973 and to date over 220 people have completed this integrated educational program in equine management.

Today as a part of the UVM College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the UVM Morgan Horse Farm is home to a herd of about 40 Morgan Horses. The farm offers horses for sale, stallions at stud, breeding services, & educational events and activities for students and public alike. New for fall 2019 is an equine academic internship, worth 15 credits through the University of Vermont.

Visitors are welcome and experience guided tours between May and October. A small admission fee directly benefits the operations. For more information, including a calendar of events, visit: www.uvm.edu/morgan.
Cavalry Day 2018

The Morgan horse has deep roots in Vermont and New England, as well as the development of America. As the first breed of horse developed in the United States, these hardy, versatile horses helped clear the land for agriculture, brought settlers west, and carried mail with the pony express. Morgans gained much notoriety as cavalry horses as the 1st Vermont Cavalry Regiment rode south to participate in the Civil War. The physical prowess of these horses allowed them to be strong and maneuverable in battle, while their work ethic, fearless spirit, and loyal temperament earned them the respect and admiration of both sides.

Cavalry Day 2018 celebrates the Morgan’s important place in cavalry history. From 10am-3pm, enjoy reenactments, historical displays in the main barn, and informational talks about the history of the Morgan and of the US Government Farm. See schedule for details.

Event Partners:
1st Vermont Cavalry Co. K
We participate in living history programs, parades and re-enactments. We have all found that Vermont is rich in Civil War history and we are always unearthing information or artifacts that relate directly to our ancestors who served. For more information or to inquire about joining, please email Lt. Timothy L.: Short ssi@sover.net

Champlain Valley Historical Reenactors
Vermont’s premier Civil War reenacting group. We welcome individuals and families who are interested in participating in living history events that focus on the period of the Civil War. If you are interested in visiting with us or joining us please email: webmaster@cvhri.com.

LTC Christian Heidorf, Dead Creek Ranch
Morgan horse breeding program in Ft. Edward, NY. Author of two books on the Civil War: Gettysburg, The 125th Anniversary and Shoulder Arms!. LTC Heidorf has prepared articles and delivered presentations on Morgan military history and conducts historical demonstrations, programs and military salutes on his Morgan horse Coal Creek Black Oak. Email: dcrmorgans@yahoo.com

Morgan Horse Heritage Foundation
A non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Morgan Horse history, artifacts, and supporting and engaging in Morgan Horse projects. http://morganhorseheritagefoundation.org

Embroiders’ Guild of America, Green Mountain Chapter
Our mission is to promote appreciation of the needle arts, historic and contemporary, through education, outreach and practice. The opportunity to help with the reproduction of the historic 1st Regiment, Vermont Cavalry flag was one we couldn’t pass up. gmc.vt.epa@gmail.com