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1st Sergeant's Column

I'm doing the writing for the August Regimental Dispatch as our Company Commander, Tony Turley is very busy this month w/preparing his house in Chesterfield to go on the real estate market as well as moving furniture and other household items to the Turley family home in Abingdon, VA. The major F Company event for August is our Muster (22-23 Aug 20) which is going to be a two-day event in the Shenandoah Valley dealing w/Jackson's Valley Campaign and led by Travis Clements. Please see the schedule below and make your plans to attend as Travis's has put together an excellent tour!

Saturday- 22 August

Meet at 0900 at the Kernstown Battlefield Visitors Center (www.kernstownbattle.org)- GPS location is Kernstown Battlefield, 610 Battle Park Dr., Winchester, VA 22602. Key landmark for location is the entrance road right next to the Subaru dealership off Route 11 on the south side of Winchester. During the AM we will be touring the Kernstown battlefield, and then Jackson's headquarters in Winchester.

Lunch (bring your own!!!) will be around 1230 hours back at the Kernstown Battlefield VC which has picnic facilities and bathrooms. From here we head out

at around 1330 hours for Front Royal w/three stops including Massanutten Mountain and Jackson's HQ in Elkton and the Miller Kite house. This drive will be up the picturesque Page Valley to Luray to the crest of Massanutten Mt. We wind up the day at the Clement's vacation home (1115 Barrenridge Rd., Fishersville, VA) where we will be dining on BBQ, macaroni and cheese and baked beans. Now we will be bivouacking at this site for the evening which has three queen beds in three separate bedrooms plus one set of twin beds and three separate couches which ought to be sufficient for our tour group's sleeping arrangements.

Sunday- 23 August

Everyone up and ready to move out by 0730 as we get on the road for breakfast at a local's pancake house, Kathy's Restaurant in Staunton, VA. By 0930 we'll be on the road to see Jed Hotchkiss house and grave (Jackson's map maker), down the Parkersburg Pike to Mt. Solon and Bridgewater and end up at the Turner Ashby Monument at Harrisonburg to conclude our tour at around 1300 hours. At this point you can get back on the road home or our group can lunch in Harrisonburg and then hit the road.

Please note the following logistical needs:

(1) Face masks and Hand Sanitizer- During the pandemic everyone needs to take prudent measures so bring needed face masks as well as hand sanitizer as we are all going to be direct proximity to each other for a period of time as well as entering historic sites and restaurants where other persons will be located.

(2) Sat Lunch and Water- You need to pack your own bag lunch for Sat at Kernstown battlefield as we will not be stopping at a restaurant. Additionally, everyone needs to bring bottled water and any other drinks or snacks you may want on the trip sufficient for two days.

(3) Bedding- While sufficient beds will most likely be available for everyone at Travis's you may want to consider bringing along an additional air mattress's or sleeping pad, blankets and/or pillow to insure everyone is sufficiently comfortable for their overnight stay.

(4) Participation and Guests- When your platoon Corporal calls you about participation in this Muster you need to respond promptly. Guests are welcome

just as long as they follow along w/tour schedule and the group, but you need to make sure your Corporal knows how many guest(s) will be attending.

(5) Additional Information on Tour- If you have any additional questions, etc. on the Muster tour they should be addressed directly to Travis Clements (aperappraisal@verizon.net) or call him at 540-421-0735.

Respectfully,
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Cooler weather coming soon



Reenactments coming soon too



Just hang in there

Ode to Joe

