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### Captain's Column

Gentleman,

September is here and that means our muster is just around the corner. This year Ray Hanson is hosting, and we will be touring the Sharpsburg Battlefield and surrounding sites. Ray informed me that he has been doing reconnaissance and has a full plate for us.

The muster is Sept 10th and 11<sup>th</sup>. Ray and Susan have been gracious enough to offer to put up anyone that would like to stay at their house. I have stayed with Ray and Susan, and they are wonderful hosts so you have no excuse to not come to the muster other than it is on the north side of the Potomac.

The muster is to start Sept 10th at 9:00 AM so be there a few minutes early so we can get started on time if you are not coming the night before. I believe that Greg has some sort of unusual critter he is going to cook on Sat eve and then we should be finishing about noon on Sunday.

Please let Ray know if you are coming early, staying Sat etc. as a courtesy.

That is all for this month's details from me. Remember Cedar Creek is in October and that is our last battle for the year. Then the Parade in Gettysburg in November.

Thank You,

Travis Clements Capt. F. Co 21st Va.

### **Muster September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Gentlemen,

The Antietam muster will begin Saturday morning at 0900. There will be coffee and donuts at the Boonsboro Town Hall meeting chambers, 21 N Main St in Boonsboro Md. We will have a presentation in the prelude to the battle followed by a private tour of the Boonsboro Museum of History about a block down the street.

Then we will caravan to the various sites of the Battle of South Mountain and into the main Battlefield in Sharpsburg. No long driving legs and hiking around is optional, but not needed for this tour. I will give options for lunch places, and we can vote depending on where we are and if you want a place with a bar or not, probably Keedysville or Sharpsburg. We will probably end up at the little-known confederate graveyard memorial in Shepherdstown. There will be lots of local lore included and not just the cut and dry textbook battle stuff.

I'm planning a very laid-back fun day followed by food at my house. There will be optional Sunday events such as a visit to the Confederate mass grave in Hagerstown, but we will talk about that later depending on who is interested.

R. Hanson

**Ode to Joe**

