



The Swamp Fox

VFW Post 4667 Newsletter

December 2007

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Lifetime Membership Fees	
<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Through 30	\$425.00
31-40	\$410.00
41-50	\$375.00
51-60	\$335.00
61-70	\$290.00
71-80	\$225.00
81 and over	\$170.00

See Bill Sword for details

COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings, Fellow Comrades:

This is the beginning of the Holiday Season and the year 2007 will soon be history.

We have accomplished several things in the past year with the Memorial Day Celebration being one of our highlights. Preparations are now being made for the Memorial Day 2008 Celebration.

We had our Appreciation Dinner in September with over 250 people in attendance. We had entertainment by the Blue Ridge Job Corp Chorus and Jeff Campbell, which was enjoyed by all.

Our Roy Ernest Memorial Golf Day was a success and we all look forward to Jim Mellinger planning our 2008 tournament.

We honor all of our veterans on November 11, for dedication to our country and for continued service to our VFW Post. At our November meeting we honored A.V. O'Neill as Comrade for the year 2007 for his dedicated service to our Post. He was the second recipient of this recognition as Cecil Carter was recognized in 2006.

We also honored Porter Heath for all his dedicated service to the VFW Post and our community activities.

Now, the Holiday Season is here and we are planning our VFW Christmas Party for Sunday, December 2, 2007, at 2:00 PM. We encourage you and your family to attend, as we will have a visit from Santa for the children, as well as other entertainment and refreshments.

Mark your calendar for our District Meeting, which will be at our Post on Sunday, January 13, 2008, with registration starting at 10:30 AM.

May you and your family have a safe and great Holiday Season.

We ask for your prayers and your continued support.

Respectfully your Commander, Herbert "Turk" Johnson

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Prestion H. Boone

David E. Brooks

David J. Deskins

Ervin C. Johnson

Paul C. Knecht

Douglas E. Thomas

Michael H. Wampler

DISTRICT MEETING

The Ninth District meeting will be held at Francis Marion Post 4667 on January 13, 2008 at 10:30 AM. State Representative – Cmdr Jimmy Lee Wallace.

TAPS

It is sad to report that the below comrades have departed our ranks and gone before us to join that last great encampment of our Supreme Commander. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their loved ones.

06-07	Tuell, Winefield H.	795 Skyview Dr.	Chilhowie
06-08	Pennington, Herbert F.	1305 Owl Lane	Marion
07-07	Speer, Terry E.	233 Coyner Ave.	Marion
08-14 (L)	York, Dennis Lee	2390 Riverside Rd.	Marion
08-22 (L)	Sturgill, Clarence J.	816 Chatham Hill Rd.	Marion
08-24 (L)	Barker, Herbert L.	29 Blueberry Lane	Troutdale
08-25 (L)	Griffitts, Frank O.	PO Box 8	Chilhowie
09-11	Hunt, James G.	PO Box 165	Chilhowie
09-17	Copenhaver, John F. Jr.	16311 Monroe Rd.	Glade Spring
10-18	Matthews, J. Aubrey	PO Box 859	Marion
10-25 (L)	Moore, Grover T.	1249 W. Chilhowie St.	Marion
10-27 (L)	Jones, Williams E.	PO Box 1021	Marion

DONATIONS

Since July 1st the following donations have been made to our communities:

Chilhowie Area Food Pantry	Food Pantry	500.00
Marion Civitan Club	Fish-O-Rama	500.00
Marion Dixie Baseball	Donation	400.00
Marion Senior High School	Volleyball Camp	350.00
Museum of the Middle Appalachians	Donation	300.00
Boy Scout Troop 832	Donation	400.00
Town of Marion Recreation Depart.	Football Equipment	962.90
Marion Lions Club	Donation	300.00
Boy Scout Troop 646	Fall Camp	250.00
Chilhowie High School	Teams Meals	325.00
Kiwanis Club Marion	Children Program	500.00
Marion Senior High School	Quarterback Club	575.00
Mountain C.A.P.	Back to School	300.00
Sugar Grove Combined School	4 th Grade Trip	300.00
Sugar Grove Combined School	PTO	300.00
Children Miracle Network	Donation	100.00
Mt. Zion Temple	Donation	100.00
Smyth County D.A.R.E. Program	Donation	100.00

AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings, Sisters,

These past few months have been challenging as your president. We have accomplished several good things including nine new members since June. We want to welcome these new members – Patricia Ann Bearman, Ruby Brooks, Dorothy Cregger, Laura K. Farmer, Joyce Long, June Long, Eileen Robinson, Jane Umbarger, and Helen Vernon.

We have now started having our meetings at 6:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at the same time the Post meets. We have a meal of hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by Cecil Carter and his kitchen crew to start off our evening. We have had an increase of over 250% in members attending our meetings.

Martha Long, Historian, is setting up a scrapbook of the many activities we are participating in along with the Post.

We have made an effort to use the poppies in different displays, such as wreaths, candle ring center pieces for tables and are working on a display to be sent to state to compete in the Poppy Contest.

We are working with the Post on the Patriot's Pen essay contest. Martha and John Long are chairs of this project.

Eileen Robinson made the evening of Treats given for Halloween as a day to be remembered by the children as she greeted the children with her witch's charm.

We have had a successful ticket raffle for three \$100.00 gift certificates to Ingles. Winner names will be drawn late November.

We have a cake raffle on the first Saturday of each month at Bingo. This has been a success and on an average we receive \$70.00 monthly.

The VFW Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 2, 2007, at 2:00 PM. The Ladies Auxiliary will be helping to serve the refreshments and assisting as Santa's Elves.

The 2008 Memorial Day Celebration Planning Committee is now meeting and if any of you would like to assist with this celebration please let me, Helen Vernon or Penny Johnson know what you would like to assist in doing.

Remember our District Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2008, at our Post and registration will start at 10:30 AM, with lunch served around noon.

We wish each of you a blessed Christmas Season and may we always remember the reason for the season. Respectfully your President, Cora Lee Catron

POST CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Post Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 2:00 PM. All community members are welcome to attend. Come on out and join in - bring the children and grandchildren for a fun afternoon. Each child attending will receive a present.

NEW POST EMAIL ADDRESS

Commander	VFW4667.commander@embarqmail.com
Quartermaster	VFW4667.quartermaster@embarqmail.com
Swamp Fox	VFW4667.swampfox@embarqmail.com

ROY ERNEST MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2007 Roy Ernest Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Holston Hills Country Club on September 21, 2007. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful golfing day that started with a luncheon served on the Patio by Mrs. Cathy Cook.

We recognized the three top teams at our cookout that was held on September 28, 2007, at the VFW Post.

First Place Team – Hugh Slagle, Malcolm Ellis, Jesse Sage, and Drew Ernest.

Second Place Team – Tim Bradley, Ralph Hayton, Bill Wagner and Roy Ernest.

Third Place Team – J.W. Cumbow, Gene Sage, Bill Smith and Jim Bishop

All participants and their spouses were served a delicious meal at the cookout with music entertainment by Jeff Campbell of Saltville.

This was a great tournament and those of you that were unable to participate really missed a great day of comradeship.

OPERATION UPLINK

Around the nation ... and around the world ... more than two million deployed military personnel and hospitalized veterans struggle with the hardships associated with being far from home. Unfortunately, the cost of long distance telephone calls can create a severe strain on a slender military pay packet or the depleted finances of an older veteran.

Launched in 1996, *VFW Operation Uplink* is an innovative program that provides free pre-paid phone cards to active-duty military personnel and hospitalized veterans. Through the generous support of VFW and Ladies Auxiliary VFW Posts and members, and other caring citizens, *VFW Operation Uplink* has already distributed millions of prepaid phone cards.

Wartime Creates Dramatic Need

Since the events of September 11, 2001, the need for *VFW Operation Uplink* phone cards has risen dramatically. Thousands of troops have been deployed, many for a year or more. Countless phone cards have been distributed to Afghanistan, Iraq and other “hot spots” around the world to ease the pain of separation and keep morale high for America’s defenders.

In 2006, *VFW Operation Uplink* began hosting “Free Call Days” throughout Iraq. On special holidays like Independence Day and Christmas, troops can call home at no charge from more than 200 Internet cafes for a full 24-hour period.

Responding in Times of Crisis

Reaching home becomes even more critical in times of crisis or emergency. That’s why *VFW Operation Uplink* regularly springs to action to provide *VFW Operation Uplink* phone cards in response to national or military tragedies. In addition, *VFW Operation Uplink* phone cards are regularly distributed just prior to deployments.

VFW Operation Uplink provides an easy way for individuals and organizations to make an immediate difference in the lives of hospitalized veterans and active-duty military personnel.

BUDDY POPPY

Among all the flowers that evoke the memories and emotions of war is the red poppy, which became associated with war after the publication of a poem written by Col. John McCrae of Canada. The poem, "In Flanders Field," describes blowing red fields among the battleground of the fallen.

For more than 75 years, the VFW's Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the well being of their dependents.

The VFW conducted its first poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

It was during the 1923 encampment that the VFW decided that VFW Buddy Poppies be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with some form of financial assistance. The plan was formally adopted during the VFW's 1923 encampment. The next year, disabled veterans at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh assembled VFW Buddy Poppies. The designation "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time.

In February 1924, the VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting the VFW all trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are

genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name "Buddy" Poppy.

Today, VFW Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals.

The minimal assessment (cost of Buddy Poppies) to VFW units provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of our nation's veterans.

In Flander's Field

by John McCrae

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead.
Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw,
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us, who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders Fields.

VA BURIAL AND PLOT-INTERMENT ALLOWANCES

What Are VA Burial Allowances?

VA burial allowances are partial reimbursements of an eligible veteran's burial and funeral costs. When the cause of death is not service-related, the reimbursements are generally described as two payments: (1) a burial and funeral expense allowance, and (2) a plot interment allowance.

Who Is Eligible ?

You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if:

you paid for a veteran's burial or funeral **AND**

you have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer **AND**

the veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

the veteran died because of a service-related disability ***OR***

the veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death ***OR***

the veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay ***OR***

the veteran died in a VA hospital, in a nursing home under VA contract, or while in an approved state nursing home.

How Much Does VA Pay?

Service-Related Death. VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths on or after September 11, 2001. VA will pay up to \$1,500 for deaths prior to September 10, 2001. If the veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased may be reimbursed.

Nonservice-Related Death. VA will pay up to \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses, and a \$300 plot-interment allowance for deaths on or after December 1, 2001. The plot-interment allowance is \$150 for deaths prior to December 1, 2001. If the death happened while the veteran was in a VA hospital or under VA contracted nursing home care, some or all of the costs for transporting the deceased's remains may be reimbursed.

How Can You Apply?

You can apply by filling out VA Form 21-530, *Application for Burial Benefits*. You should attach proof of the veteran's military service (DD 214), a death certificate, and copies of funeral and burial bills you have paid.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATES

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans.

History

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. Statutory authority for the program is Section 112, Title 38, of the United States Code.

Administration

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates which bear the current President's signature expressing the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligibility

Eligible recipients include the next of kin and loved ones of honorably discharged deceased veterans. More than one certificate may be provided.

Application

Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC in person at any VA regional office or by U.S. mail or toll-free fax. Requests cannot be sent via email. Please be sure to enclose a copy of the veteran's discharge and death certificate to verify

eligibility, as we cannot process any request without proof of honorable military service. Please submit copies only, as we will not return original documents.

If you would like to apply for a Presidential Memorial Certificate, or if you requested one more than eight (8) weeks ago and have not received it yet, we ask that you complete the application and submit it to us. Complete VA Form 40-0247 Application for Presidential Memorial Certificate.

NEW ELIGIBILITY LISTINGS FOR VFW MEMBERSHIP

On October 9, 2005, the National Council of Administration approved an amendment to Section 101 of the VFW Manual of Procedure to include the *Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM)*, the *Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM)*, the *Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border (AFESR w/GB)*, the *Combat Action Badge (CAB)*, and the *SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol Breast Insignia*.

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL (ACM)

Criteria:

Awarded to service members who deploy to Afghanistan in direct support of *Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)* on or after 24 October 2001, to a date to be determined or the cessation of OEF. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Afghanistan and all air spaces above the land.

To be eligible for the award, the service member must be assigned or attached to a unit participating in OEF for 30 consecutive or at least 60 non-consecutive days in Afghanistan.

IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL (ICM)

Criteria:

Authorized to service members who deploy to Iraq in direct support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)* on or after 19 March 2003, to a date to be determined or the cessation of OIF. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Iraq; the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles; and, all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous waters out to 12 nautical miles.

To be eligible for the award, the service member must be assigned or attached to a unit participating in OIF for 30 consecutive or at least 60 non-consecutive days in Iraq.

AIR FORCE EXPEDITIONARY SERVICE RIBBON WITH GOLD BORDER (AFESR W/GB)

Criteria:

The Gold Border, a device authorized in April 2004, to be worn on the *Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (AFESR)*, represents participation in combat operations by Airmen who were engaged in conducting or support combat operations in a designated combat zone.

**COMBAT ACTION BADGE
(CAB)**

Criteria:

Authorized from 18 September 2001, to a date to be determined. Award for qualifying service in any previous conflict is not authorized.

The requirements for award of the *Combat Action Badge (CAB)* are branch and military occupational specialty immaterial. Assignment to a Combat Arms unit or a unit organized to conduct close or offensive combat operations, or performing offensive combat operations is not required to qualify for the CAB. However, the CAB is not intended to award all soldiers in a combat zone or imminent danger area.

May be awarded to any soldier.

Soldier must be performing assigned duties in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay is authorized.

Soldier must be personally present and actively engaged by the enemy and performing satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed rules of engagement.

Soldier must not be assigned/attached to a unit that would qualify the soldier for the award of the *Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB)* or *Combat Medical Badge (CMB)*.

SSBN NUCLEAR DETERRENT PATROL BREAST INSIGNIA

Criteria:

Authorized 21 January 1961. The *SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol Breast Insignia* is authorized for officer and enlisted personnel when the following criteria are met:

- 1) Individuals must be permanently assigned to the unit or military personnel assigned temporary assigned duty.
- 2) The unit must operate under an alert posture during for any period of time during the patrol.
- 3) For units that do not assume an alert posture during a patrol cycle, cognizant type commanders will determine a unit's eligibility for the award based on the operational commitments.

A normal patrol is 60-90 days.

Often, a recognized campaign medal is warranted but not issued or issued only upon request, due to the secrecy of these patrols.

VFW ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates	Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates
<u>Expeditionary</u>	Navy/Marine Corps	Feb. 12, 1874 - Open	Germany (<i>West Berlin</i>)		May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 1990
<u>Spanish Campaign</u>	Army Navy	May 11, 1898 - Aug. 16, 1898 Apr. 20, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898	Korea		Sep. 3, 1945 - Jun. 29, 1949
<u>Army of Cuba Occupation</u>	Army	Jul. 18, 1898 - May 20, 1902	Japan		Sep. 3, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
<u>Army of Puerto Rico Occupation</u>	Army	Aug. 14, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898	<u>Navy Occupation Service Medal</u>		
<u>Philippine Campaign</u>	Army Navy	Feb. 4, 1899 - Dec. 31, 1913 Feb. 4, 1899 - Sep. 15, 1906	Italy		May 8, 1945 - Dec. 15, 1947
<u>China Relief Expedition</u>	Army Navy	Jun. 20, 1900 - May 27, 1901 Apr. 5, 1900 - May 27, 1901	Trieste		May 8, 1945 - Oct. 26, 1954
<u>Cuban Pacification</u>	Army Navy	Oct. 6, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909 Sep. 12, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909	Germany (<i>except West Berlin</i>)		May 8, 1945 - May 5, 1955
<u>Mexican Service</u>	Army Navy	Apr. 12, 1911 - Jun. 16, 1919 Apr. 12, 1914 - Feb. 7, 1917	Austria		May 8, 1945 - Oct. 25, 1955
<u>First Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Jul. 29, 1912 - Nov. 14, 1912	Asiatic Pacific		Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
<u>Haitian Campaign</u>	Navy	Jul. 9, 1915 - Dec. 6, 1915 Apr. 1, 1919 - Jun. 15, 1920	<u>Korean Service Medal</u>		
<u>Dominican Campaign</u>	Navy	May 4, 1916 - Dec. 5, 1916	Army, Navy, Air Force		Jun. 27, 1950 - Jul. 27, 1954
<u>World War I Victory</u> (with battle or service clasp incld. Siberia and European Russia)	Army Navy	Apr. 6, 1917 - Apr. 1, 1920 Apr. 6, 1917 - Mar. 30, 1920	<u>Navy & Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal</u>		
<u>Army Occup. of Germany</u>	Army	Nov. 12, 1918 - Jul. 11, 1923	Cuban Military Operation		Jan. 3, 1961 - Oct. 23, 1962
<u>Second Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Aug. 27, 1926 - Jan. 2, 1933	Thailand Military Operation		May 16, 1962 - Aug. 10, 1962
<u>Yangtze Service</u>	Navy	Sep. 3, 1926 - Oct. 21, 1927 Mar. 1, 1930 - Dec. 31, 1932	Iranian, Yemen & Indian Ocean Operation		Dec. 8, 1978 - Jun. 6, 1979 Nov. 21, 1979 - Oct. 20, 1981
<u>China Service</u>	Navy	Jul. 7, 1937 - Sep. 7, 1939 Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 1, 1957	Lebanon		Aug. 20, 1982 - May 31, 1983
<u>American Defense Service</u> (with foreign service clasp)	Army-Navy	Sep. 8, 1939 - Dec. 7, 1941	Libyan Expedition		Jan. 20, 1986 - Jun. 27, 1986
<u>European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign</u>	Army-Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Nov. 8, 1945	Persian Gulf		Feb. 1, 1987 - Jul. 23, 1987
<u>American Campaign</u> (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty outside continental limits of the U.S.)	Army-Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946	Panama (pre and post invasion)		Apr. 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989 Feb. 1, 1990 - Jun. 13, 1990
<u>Asiatic-Pacific Campaign</u>	Army-Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946	Operation Sharp Edge - Liberia		Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 21, 1991
<u>Army of Occupation</u> (30 consecutive days of duty)			Operation Distant Runner - Rwanda (11th Marine Exped. Unit USS Peleliu)		Apr. 7-18, 1994
Italy		May 9, 1945 - Sep. 15, 1947	<u>Vietnam Service Medal</u>		
Germany (<i>except West Berlin</i>)		May 9, 1945 - May 5, 1955			Jul. 4, 1965 - Mar. 8, 1973
Austria		May 9, 1945 - Jul. 27, 1955	<u>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal</u> (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty)		
			Lebanon		Jul. 1, 1958 - Nov. 1, 1958
			Taiwan Straits		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jan. 1, 1959
			Quemoy & Matsu Islands		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jun. 1, 1963
			Vietnam		Jul. 1, 1958 - Jul. 3, 1965
			Congo		Jul. 14, 1960 - Sep. 1, 1962
			Laos		Apr. 19, 1961 - Oct. 7, 1962
			Berlin		Aug. 14, 1961 - Jun. 1, 1963
			Cuba		Oct. 24, 1962 - Jun. 1, 1963

Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates	Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates
Congo		Nov. 23-27, 1964	Operation Desert Thunder - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea support.</i>		Nov. 11, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998
Dominican Republic		Apr. 23, 1965 - Sep. 21, 1966			
Korea		Oct. 1, 1966 - Jun. 30, 1974			
Cambodia		Mar. 29, 1973 - Aug. 15, 1973	Operation Desert Fox - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, USN Red Sea support.</i>		Dec. 16, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998
Thailand (only those in direct support of Cambodia)		Mar. 29, 1973 - Aug. 15, 1973			
Operation Eagle Pull - <i>Cambodia (includes evacuation)</i>		Apr. 11-13, 1975			
Operation Frequent Wind - <i>Vietnam (includes evacuation)</i>		Apr. 29-30, 1975			
Mayaguez Operation		May 15, 1975			
El Salvador		Jan. 1, 1981 - Feb. 1, 1992	Personnel assigned to support units serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan.		Jan. 17, 1991 - Apr. 11, 1991
Lebanon		Jun. 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987			
Operation Urgent Fury - <i>Grenada</i>		Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983			
Eldorado Canyon - <i>Libya</i>		Apr. 12-17, 1986			
Operation Earnest Will - <i>Persian Gulf (only those participating in, or in direct support)</i>		Jul. 24, 1987 - Aug. 1, 1990			
Operation Just Cause - <i>Panama (USS Vreeland & other SVS-designated aircrew mbrs. outside the Conus in direct support)</i>		Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990			
United Shield - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995			
Operation Restore Hope - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995			
Operation Uphold Democracy - <i>Haiti</i>		Sep. 16, 1994 - Mar. 31, 1995			
Operation Joint Endeavor - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, the Adriatic Sea & airspace.</i>		Nov. 20, 1995 - Dec. 19, 1996			
Operation Vigilant Sentinel - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, & Persian Gulf.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Feb. 15, 1997			
Operation Southern Watch - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long., Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Mar. 18, 2003			
Operation Maritime Intercept - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long., Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Mar. 18, 2003			
Operation Joint Guard - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.</i>		Dec. 20, 1996 - Jun. 20, 1998			
Operation Northern Watch - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf W of 56° E Long., and Incirlik AB, Turkey (only pers. TDY to ONW)</i>		Jan. 1, 1997 - Mar. 18, 2003			
Operation Joint Forge - <i>Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.</i>		Jun. 21, 1998 - Open			
			Southwest Asia Service Medal		
			Operation Desert Shield/ Operation Desert Storm (combat areas of operation only)		Aug. 2, 1990 - Nov. 30, 1995
			Kosovo Campaign Medal		
			Operation Allied Force - <i>Kosovo Air Campaign</i>		Mar. 24, 1999 - Jun. 10, 1999
			Kosovo Defense Campaign - <i>Ground Action</i>		Jun. 11, 1999 - Open
			Combat Infantryman Badge & Combat Medical Badge	Army	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
			Combat Action Ribbon	Navy, Marine, Coast Guard	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
			Combat Action Badge	Army	Sep. 18, 2001 - Open
			SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol Breast Insignia	Navy	Jan. 21, 1961 - Open
			Korea Duty		Jun. 30, 1949 - Open
			Service on the Korean Peninsula or in its territorial waters for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty.		
			Korea Defense Service Medal		Jul. 28, 1954 - Open
			Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
			Afghanistan Campaign Medal		Oct. 24, 2001 - Open
			Iraq Campaign Medal		Mar. 19, 2003 - Open
			Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with GOLD BORDER		Apr. 2004 - Open
			Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay		
			<p>This information is to be used for guideline purposes only. The separation document or DD 214 MUST reflect campaign medal service to establish eligibility. Service in Korea without the issuance of a campaign medal can be established with additional, support documentation. Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay can be established with pay records.</p>		

VFW Post 4667 meets the first Thursday of each month at our Post Home on Goolsby Street. Our fellowship and meal begins at 6:15 PM with the business meeting starting at 7:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend meetings to learn about the VFW, keep informed on local veteran's affairs, learn how we can help our community, and enjoy fellowship.

The Swamp Fox is published in March, July, and December. We welcome letters or recommended articles to be included. Letters and/or articles must be signed and include the writer's address and telephone number for verification purposes. Due to space limitations, letters should be brief and pertain to VFW activities, military news, or items of interest to veterans. Address letters to: FRANCIS MARION POST 4667, Attn: Swamp Fox Editor, P.O. Box 767, Marion, VA 24354 or email articles to: vfw4667.swampfox@embarqmail.com.

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