



# The Swamp Fox

VFW Post 4667 Newsletter

July 2005

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## Lifetime Membership Fees

<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Through 30	\$245.00
31-40	\$235.00
41-50	\$215.00
51-60	\$195.00
61-70	\$165.00
71-80	\$125.00
81 and over	\$85.00

*See Bill Sword for details*

## COMMANDERS CORNER

My Fellow Comrades,

We have just returned from the state VFW convention in Richmond. Our new department officers are in place and we all need to wish them a successful year. As you are aware, our new department commander is from our area. Dan Boyer from the Independence post is now at the helm. Dan seems like a good guy and has always been very active in the fight for veteran's benefits. Let us support him in his endeavors to improve veteran's benefits and keep our concerns in front of our lawmakers.

As we approach the summer season, many of us will be leaving town for vacations. I hope that each of you has a safe and happy summer vacation season. With July 4<sup>TH</sup> approaching, let us pause to remember those who fought for this country's independence so many years ago. It's because of their courage and convictions that we have an independence day to celebrate!

I thank all of you for the many hours you have contributed to the work of the VFW. Let's all try to recruit new members and achieve 100% membership this year. With your support of our recruitment effort, I know we can succeed! Please continue to pray for our troops around the world and ask god for their safe return.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Roger L. Hall

Robert A. Ross

James D. Wingler

## TAPS

With sincere sadness and regret, we report that the below comrades who 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.

02-22-05 L	Glen R. Billings	301 Deans Branch Rd.	Marion
02-28-05 L	James W. Stamper	434 Shuler Hollow Rd.	Marion
03-20-05 L	Archie R. Cornett	5553 Sugar Grove Hwy	Sugar Grove
03-29-05 L	Jackie D. Poston	526 Catron St.	Marion
04-14-05 L	Clarence P. Hester	653 S. Church St.	Marion
04-20-05 L	Dean R. Elswick	1678 Chestnut Ridge Rd.	Chilhowie
05-12-05 L	Lewis S. Trimmer	478 Branch Spring Rd.	Chilhowie
05-22-05 L	Malcolm M. Brown	PO Box 427	Marion
06-02-05	Max E. Barker	517 Cedar Spring Rd.	Sugar Grove
06-12-05	Archie R. Davidson	360 Horse Bend Rd.	Chilhowie
06-23-05 L	Luther J. Henderlite	6711 Lee Hwy	Atkins

## HOW TO SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS

**First**, find out if the veteran is eligible. If you have a question on eligibility, call the Post Home at 783-7971.

**Second**, explain benefits of belonging to VFW such as:

- ✓ 12 free meals,
- ✓ 12 copies of VFW magazine,
- ✓ Free accident insurance,
- ✓ helping with Post projects, veterans fellowship,
- ✓ and our Post Service Officer who will work with you on veteran's benefits.

**Third**, you get all the above for only \$20 a year. Where else could you find a bargain like this?

## DONATIONS

For the period ending June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 the following donations have been made to our communities:

American Red Cross	Donation	\$1,000.00
Chilhowie Elementary School	Smyth Math & Science Contest	\$400.00
Marion Intermediate School	Special Education Trip	\$400.00
Marion Intermediate School	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip	\$600.00
Northwood High School	FBLA Trip	\$400.00
Sugar Grove Combined School	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip	\$350.00
Sugar Grove Youth League	Youth League	\$500.00
Young Life	Donation	\$200.00
March of Dimes	Walk America	\$1,000.00
Marion Senior High School	Sponsor Voice of Democracy	\$250.00
Marion Senior High School	FBLA Club	\$900.00
Marion Senior High School	Senior Trip	\$550.00
Rich Valley Agriculture Fair	Free Rides for Children	\$250.00
S.C.A.L.E.	Adult Literacy Program	\$500.00
South West Virginia 4H Center	Education Center Program	\$300.00
Marion Senior High School	Completion of Various Projects	\$861.00
U.S.A.R. Family Support Group	Family Readiness	\$300.00
American Cancer Society	Relay for Life	\$500.00
Atkins Elementary School	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip	\$500.00
Chilhowie High School	Project Graduation	\$400.00
Marion Intermediate School	PTO Closet	\$300.00
Marion Little League	Team Sponsor	\$500.00
Marion Middle School	Security System	\$600.00
Marion Primary School	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Trip	\$400.00
Marion Senior High School	Power Point Program	\$350.00
Northwood Senior High School	After Prom Program	\$300.00
Rich Valley Elementary School	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip	\$500.00
Habitat For Humanity	Donation	\$500.00
Smyth-Bland Regional Library	Reading Program	\$400.00
Smyth County School Board	Wee Read Program	\$500.00
Marion Civitan Club	Rish O Rama	\$500.00
Marion Dixie Baseball	Donation (16-10 Year Olds)	\$400.00
Marion Middle School	Imagine Destination	\$300.00
Town of Marion	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks	\$300.00
Marion Senior High School	Summer Program	\$300.00
Smyth Career & Technology Center	National Electronic Competition	\$300.00
Mt. Rogers I D C	Special Olympics	\$300.00
Smyth County Free Clinic	Donation	\$500.00
Chilhowie high school	Baseball Program	\$100.00
Marion Rotary Club	After Prom Party	\$200.00
Northwood Middle School	Trip to Gatlinburg	\$200.00
Boy Scout Troop #294	Start New Troop	\$200.00
Virginia Tech	Kirby – Spring Semester Scholarship	\$1,000.00
UNC Wilmington	Christina Williams – Scholarship	\$1,000.00

Total: \$20,411.00

## **VFW POST 4667 AWARDED 2005 JENNIFER C. BYLER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Through the years, the Department of Charitable Gaming has recognized and honored qualified and permitted charitable gaming organizations in the Commonwealth of Virginia for their outstanding quality of service to both their organization and their community, and their efforts toward enhancing the image of charitable gaming. In addition, the Department also recognizes the outstanding social services provided by these organizations, and their ability to offer services to people and organizations in need – the true purpose of charitable giving. Of course, this goal could not be met without talented and committed people and members who volunteer their services and contribute enormously to their charitable causes.

On June 7, 2005, the Charitable Gaming Board recognized four charitable organizations with the 2005 Jennifer C. Byler Award of Excellence. Each of these organizations exhibited strong leadership and exercised solid fiscal control of its gaming operation. Audits and inspections conducted by the Department of Charitable Gaming found a high level of commitment by each organization in complying with state laws and regulations. Finally, each organization was recognized for the extraordinary services to our community that have been provided through funds raised by charitable gaming.

2005 Byler Award of Excellence  
Francis Marion VFW Post 4667  
Southeastern Virginia Chapter – ALSAC  
Spout Spring Ruritan Club  
Warwick Moose Lodge 1711



**Governor Warner's Chief of Staff William H. Leighty and Charitable Gaming Board Chair Ruth Modlin Ellett present the Byler Award for the Francis Marion VFW Post 4667 to Bill Sword, Bingo Chairman and Quartermaster.**

The Francis Marion VFW Post 4667 has held a charitable gaming permit since January 1997. Today they are setting a new record in that they are the first three-time Award of Excellence recipient; they previously received the award in 2000 and 2002.

VFW Post 4667 members volunteer for many community projects and provide countless volunteer hours towards providing their honor guard for military rites and other ceremonies throughout Southwest Virginia and adjacent states in honor of their comrades. They continue to impact their community with the funds generated from their charitable gaming activities. The list of outstanding contributions to their community includes:

- Donations to the local public school systems and school clubs
- Providing multiple technical and academic scholarships
- Supporting local volunteer fire departments and rescue squads
- Donations to American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, and American Diabetes Society, community action programs and literacy programs

We once again congratulate VFW Post 4667 for their outstanding charitable contributions not only to their community, but also to their continued commitment to our veterans and their families.

## **DISTRICT THREE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO MOUNTAIN HOME MEDICAL CENTER**

Attention Veterans....

- ✓ Are you a client of James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Mountain home (Johnson City, TN)?
- ✓ Do you need reliable transportation to appointments?
- ✓ Are you will to pay \$1.00 for a round trip?

If you are a client of James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Mountain home (Johnson City, TN), District Three Governmental Cooperative is here to help!

In April 2004, District Three began operating a regular scheduled route from the Smyth And Washington County areas to the Mountain Home VA Medical Center on the first Tuesday of each month. The cost for this service is \$1.00 round trip.

For more information you can contact Brenda Jones at 276-783-8157, 1-800-541-0933, stop by 4453 Lee Highway, Marion, VA 24354, or email Brenda at [bjones@smyth.net](mailto:bjones@smyth.net).

## **VETERAN SERVICES**

Annually, VFW service officers process thousands of veteran's claims, which have resulted in the recovery of hundreds of millions dollars in disability compensation claims for veterans. Service officers, who must pass rigorous testing and annual certification, also assist veterans in discharge upgrades, record corrections, education benefits and pension eligibility.

In addition, service officers regularly inspect VA health care facilities and national cemeteries, and employment specialists monitor laws concerning veterans' preference in federal employment.

The VFW also monitors medical and health issues affecting veterans as well as providing veterans with up-to-date information on diabetes, post-traumatic stress, Agent Orange exposure and Persian Gulf Syndrome.

To help veterans, the VFW Tactical Assessment Center is a 24-hour help line for veterans with questions or concerns about VA entitlements. (1-800-vfw-1899)

15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VFW POST 4667 ROY ERNEST MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Roy Ernest was a Post Trustee for many years and Post Commander from July 1978 until his death on June 13, 1982. He started the post's life membership program.

Where: Holston Hill County Club, Marion, Virginia  
When: Tuesday, September 8, 2005. Lunch: 11:00 AM Tee Time: 12:00 PM  
Format: Captain's choice. Four man teams will be determined by the Tournament Committee.  
Play from Gold Tees.

- Rules: 1. Each team must use at least one (1) tee shot from every member on each regulation 9 holes. Mark your scorecard to indicate this choice.  
2. You may place the ball for every shot within one club length of the chosen ball no closer to the hole. Ball cannot be removed from the rough, hazard, or placed onto green.  
3. When putting, you may tap-in without penalty.  
4. Three man teams - Each player will alternate putting twice upon reaching the green, but only three shots will be played elsewhere.

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$100.00 Gift Certificate (4 @ \$25.00)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$60.00 Gift Certificate (4 @ \$15.00)  
3<sup>rd</sup> place \$40.00 Gift Certificate (4 @ \$10.00)

Prizes for nearest to pin on par 3 holes and longest drive.

Hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixins on the patio from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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ENTRY FORM: Cut along dotted line and returned to VFW Post 4667, PO Box 767,  
Marion, Virginia 24354

ELIGIBILITY: VFW MEMBER TIME: September 8, 2005 – 11:00 AM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HANDICAP: \_\_\_\_\_ Holston Hill Country Club Members.

\*\*\*\*\* OR \*\*\*\*\*

HANDICAP: \_\_\_\_\_ LOWEST SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE?? \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEE: Holston Hills Country Club Members .....\$20.00

Non-HHCC Members .....\$40.00

Make Check Payable to VFW Post 4667 Golf Tournament

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE RETURN BEFORE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 \*\*\*\*\*

## VFW Post 4667 Memorial Name Application

To be eligible for a name to be placed on the memorial, the service member must be currently in or have honorably served in the U.S. military.

**Print** in capital letters (blue or black ink only) the name of the service member *exactly as it is to appear on the memorial*. Nicknames may be used.

### First Name or Nickname

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### Middle Name, Initial or Nickname

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### Last Name

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Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Conflicts Served In (i.e. WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Countries Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

If Still Living, Place of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

### Name of Person Submitting Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that the above named person is now in or has honorably served in the U.S. military. I authorize VFW Post 4667 to place the above indicated name on the Post memorial. ***I understand that I bear responsibility for the correct spelling of the name. Once the name is placed on the memorial no changes will be made.***

Signature of person applying: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-----VFW USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE-----

Verified by/date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Paid (\$50.00)      Cash \_\_\_\_\_      Check #/amount \_\_\_\_\_

Donation:              Cash \_\_\_\_\_      Check #/amount \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please Turn Application Over)  
(Application Continued)**

In order to ensure that only the names of U.S. military veterans are placed on the memorial, we are requiring verification that the person whose name is placed on the memorial is currently in or has *served honorably* in the U.S. military. ***It is the responsibility of the person applying to provide an adequate form of verification so that eligibility can be determined.*** Some examples of acceptable forms of verification are: DD-214 (Discharge papers), veteran's organization membership card (i.e. VFW, American Legion, etc.), photograph of service member in uniform with other service members, photo of service members name on a monument or memorial.

***You must attach a form of eligibility to this application. Applications without a form of verification will not be processed.***

All payments by check should be made out to "VFW Post 4667" and on the memo line please indicate "VFW Memorial".

Donations to help with the construction and maintenance of the memorial are welcomed. All donations to the project are tax deductible. You can indicate the amount of donation on the front of this form or mail your donation to the VFW. Please indicate on the check memo line "VFW Memorial Donation".

Please mail completed applications or donations to:

VFW Post 4667  
Attn: VFW Memorial  
PO Box 767  
Marion, VA 24354

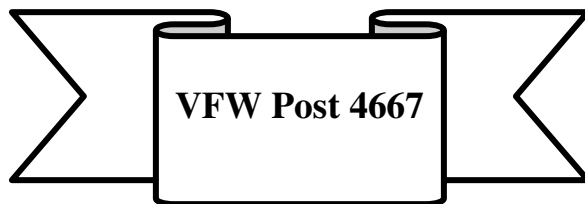


## WWII VE DAY COMMEMORATION WEBSITE ONLINE

As the nation and the world commemorate the 60th anniversary of victory in Europe, a special website has been created. The purpose of the online commemoration is to honor those who served and to acquaint or reacquaint all Americans with the significance of World War II as the seminal event of the 20th century.

The address for the website is: <http://www.60wwii.mil/Presentation/Common/index.cfm>

Only a veteran has earned the right to belong to the VFW. We are proud of our motto: "***We honor the dead by helping the living.***" If you know of a veteran that is not a member, please make an effort to sign them up. You can pick-up a membership application at our next meeting.



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: Editor Swamp Fox, P.O. Box 767, Marion, VA 24354 or email to John Arthur at [johnarthurjr@area-net.com](mailto:johnarthurjr@area-net.com).

*The Swamp Fox* is available at [www.vfw4667.org](http://www.vfw4667.org). The Post web site is voluntarily maintained by comrade John Harmon. All comments or recommendation pertaining to the site should be addressed to [john.harmon@jharmon.com](mailto:john.harmon@jharmon.com)

***For an organization to be a success,  
it takes a team effort ---  
Be part of the team and  
participate...***

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