



The Swamp Fox



VFW Francis Marion Post 4667

Newsletter

July 2008

Post Officers

Commander	Turk Johnson
Sr. Vice Commander	David Brooks
Jr. Vice Commander	James Brown
Quartermaster	William Sword
Adjutant	Cecil Carter
Chaplain	Joe Ellis
Judge Advocate	J D Baldwin
Surgeon	John Long
Trustees	Cecil Carter
	Claude Heath
	Bill Falke



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VFW POST 4667 OFFICER'S FOR 2008-2009



**Commander
Turk Johnson**



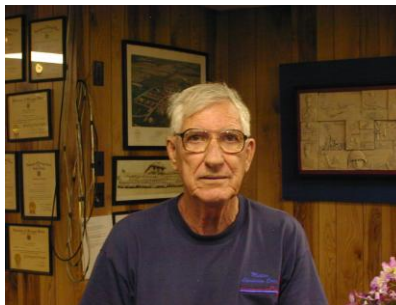
**Senior Vice Commander
David Brooks**



**Junior Vice Commander
James "Tootie" Brown**



**Cecil Carter
Three Year Trustee**



**Claude Heath
Two Year Trustee**



**Bill Falke
One Year Trustee**



**Quartermaster
Bill Sword**



**Chaplain
Joe Ellis**



**Surgeon
John Long**



Judge Advocate – J D Baldwin



Front row: James 'Tootie' Brown, Bill Sword, Herbert 'Turk' Johnson, Joe Ellis, David Brooks
 Back row: Cecil Carter, Claude Heath, John Long, Bill Falke, J D Baldwin

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Richard J. Kennard

Joel Q Rosen

Robert R. Telford

TAPS

It is with sincere sadness and regret that 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.

03-11-09 (L)	Presley, Emmett B.	PO Box 406	Marion	24354
04-06-08 (L)	Hall, Herman H.	PO Box 433	Chilhowie	24319
04-10-08	Kirby, John D.	389 Laurel Springs Rd.	Marion	24354
04-12-08	Cole, Leon W.	16205 Mill Creek Rd.	Chilhowie	24319
04-27-08 (L)	Verlander, Ross	362 Bells View Ln.	Purlear	28665
05-12-08	Cregger, William R.	1843 Ashton Ln.	Marion	24354

DONATIONS

Atkins Elementary School	Fourth grade trip	475.00
Atkins Volunteer Fire Department	Donation	250.00
Chilhowie AAU Basketball	Lady Wizards	300.00
Chilhowie High School	Band marching flags	200.00
Chilhowie High School	Junior/Senior Prom	300.00
Chilhowie Little League	Donation	350.00
Chilhowie Girls AAU Basketball	Girls Warriors team	200.00
Marion Intermediate School	Children with disabilities trip	350.00
Marion Primary School	Wee read program	400.00
Marion Senior High School	Senior trip	400.00
Relay For Life	Farmers Cultivating a Cure	250.00
Settlers Museum Of S. W. Virginia	Donation	400.00
Sugar Grove Combined School	Fourth grade trip	475.00
Sugar Grove Combined School	Year Book	320.00
Boy Scout Troop 93	Eagle scout program	150.00
Marion Little League	Team sponsor	500.00
Marion Senior High School	FBLA	500.00
Reach 2008	Rental of stage	1,000.00
S.C.A.L.E.	Adult literacy program	400.00
Saltville Elementary School	Fourth grade trip	475.00
Mountain View Pediatrics	Reading program	400.00
Chilhowie Elementary School	Fifth grade formal dinner	300.00
Chilhowie Elementary School	Fifth grade trip	480.00
Chilhowie High School	Project graduation	350.00
Marion of Dimes	Donation	1,000.00
Marion Senior High School	Special education trip	400.00
Northwood High School	After prom celebration	350.00
Rich Valley Elementary School	Third grade trip	225.00
Saltville Elementary School	Special education trip	350.00
Smyth County Free Clinic	Donation	1,000.00
Boy Scout Troop 832	Summer Camp	400.00
Chilhowie High School	Baseball program	300.00
Marion Senior High School	Destination Imagination Nation	400.00
Marion Senior High School	Track team	350.00
Saturday Youth Bowling League	Donation	200.00
Smyth County Humane Society	Donation	400.00
Smyth County Mets	12 and under USSSA	300.00
Town of Marion	4 th of July fireworks	350.00

SECOND ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION - 2008

Honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Freedom Is Not Free

Comrades, I am happy to report that we made it through our second annual Memorial Day Celebration. By all accounts, it appears to have been very successful. I have only heard positive feedback from the Post Membership and the community at large.

The success is due to a lot of work by some of the most dedicated people I have had the pleasure of working with, members of the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, other community members as well as local Government officials all striving to honor the memory of our fallen comrades and paying tribute to their survivors.

This year we were pleased with the number of people who came forth and paid tribute to friends and loved ones by requesting the Flag and Cross placement at the courthouse honoring deceased comrades.

The 29th. Army Band from Fort Pickett, VA, was just one of the highlights in the year's parade.

The memorial program at the VFW Memorial was outstanding and we can all be proud that we were able to afford Comrade Charles Lincoln a forum for publicly honoring and paying tribute to those who shielded and cared for him after he was wounded in Vietnam. His story is one of many that some of our comrades have a need to share. We all need to be good listeners when they choose to share them.

I personally want to thank all that served on the Parade Committee and those who worked so hard during the parade, Memorial Service and the food preparation and service. Give yourself a pat on the back! You deserve it.

As we go forward in preparation for future Memorial Day activities, let us always remember the true purpose for our celebration. "Sacrifice is meaningless without Remembrance".

William H. Baldwin, Chairman

All photographs provided by John Arthur.











COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings, Fellow Comrades:

I want to thank each of you for showing your confidence in me by electing me your Commander for the 2008-2009 year and to thank all the officers for their assistance this past year. As we begin the year there are many projects to start or complete and I will be asking for your assistance.

A special thanks goes to all the members and their family and friends that helped to make our Memorial Day Celebration a success. We thank Judge Charles Lincoln for being our keynote speaker and have heard nothing but good comments on his speech. Also, we need to give a special thanks to Mayor David Helms, Town of Marion, and the Civitan Club.

We have just returned from the 86th. VFW State Convention in Richmond where the State VFW recognized and honored our nominee for Police Officer of the year. Sgt Steve Widner of the Marion Police Department was recognized and received this award for his bravery in saving a life.

We were 100% in membership for the year 2007-2008. I would like to encourage you to submit your yearly dues for 2008-2009 as soon as you receive your dues notice. This will help us receive recognition of 100% before the end of December 2008.

Committees will be appointed soon to carry out the many activities of our Post and we will welcome any volunteers for working on a specific committee or to chair a committee. We can only be successful with your help so let us know if we can depend on you.

Comrades, we must work to preserve veterans' rights for now and the future. We ask for your continued prayers and support. Respectfully your Commander, Turk Johnson

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings, Sisters,

The year 2007-2008 has now ended and we have many challenges for the 2008-2009 year. I want to thank you for your support and confidence in electing me your president for this year.

Your officers for this year are:

Senior Vice President	Jeanne Haulsee
Junior Vice President	Sarah Perry
Secretary	Martha Long
Treasurer	Emma "Penny" Johnson
Chaplain	Lorraine Heath
Patriotic Instructor	Dorothy Cregger
Conductress	Helen Vernon
Assistant Conductress	Frances Cline
Guard	Pat Baldwin
Historian	Laura Farmer

We are beginning a new year and need your continued support. Should you have any ideas on how to make our Auxiliary more active for the Post and community please let us know.

We have just returned from the Ladies Auxiliary State Convention and our president for this year is Mary Profitt. At the Convention we learned that by presenting our membership card at Sears we would receive a discount on appliances. It varies on each appliance.

Joanne Tolbert was installed as President of the Ninth District at the State Convention. Her leadership has been very helpful to us during this past year and we look forward to working with her.

The other Ninth District officers are:

Senior Vice President	Dee Dale
Junior Vice President	Emma Johnson
Secretary	Virgie Taylor
Treasurer	Linda Hamann
Chaplain	Edith Ball
Guard	Alma Sexton
Patriotic Instructor	Ana Ruth Anderson
Conductress	Frances Parks
Historian	Frances Miller

We are planning some raffles along with our monthly cake raffle at the first bingo night of the month. Should you want to bake a cake for the raffle let us know which month you will furnish a cake.

We are collecting dues for this year and hopefully will have them collected before December, so if you haven't paid your yearly dues we would appreciate receiving your dues any time.

We need to start our poppy drive and ways to use poppies in displays, etc. Also, we need to recruit new members.

Let's work to make this a successful year. Respectfully your president, Cora Lee Catron

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

We had twenty-seven applications for scholarships this year. We have awarded scholarships to the following students to attend the listed colleges:

Ashley Nicole Caudill	Chilhowie High School	Virginia Highlands Community College
Jeremy Dennison	Chilhowie High School	New York Culinary Institute
Brittany Nicole Heath	Marion Senior High School	Virginia Tec
Margaret Morlock	Marion Senior High School	Marquette University
Rachel Allie Robinson	Northwood High School	Virginia Highlands Community College
Teresa Michelle Williams	Marion Senior High School	Wytheville Community College

ANNUAL VFW POST 4667 ROY ERNEST MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

18TH ANNUAL VFW POST4667 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: Thursday, September 18, 2008 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: -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.
- 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. When putting, you may tap-in without penalty.
-Three man teams - Each player will alternate putting twice upon reaching the green, but only three shots will be played elsewhere.

Prizes: 1st Place \$100.00 Gift Certificate (4 @ \$25.00)
2nd Place \$60.00 Gift Certificate (4 @ \$15.00)
3rd 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

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

ELIGIBILITY: VFW MEMBER TIME: September 18, 2008 – 11:00 AM

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

TOWN/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HANDICAP: _____ Holston Hill Country Club Members.

***** OR *****

HANDICAP: _____ LOWEST SCORE: _____ WHERE?? _____

ENTRY FEE: All Players \$35.00

Make Check Payable to VFW Post 4667 Golf Tournament

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: vfw4667.swampfox@embarqmail.com.

The Swamp Fox is available at: www.vfwpost4667.org. Comrade John Harmon maintains the Post web site. All comments or recommendation pertaining to the web site should be addressed to john.harmon@jharmon.com

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