

SOUTHERN MISSOURI CHAPTER OF FCF
1969

In January 1969, there were 31 members in Southern Missouri District FCF. Nineteen were initiated into FCF at Pow-wow, June 21, 1969.

When the FCF territories were established, the Southern Missouri District was one of nine (9) Districts, which made up the Midwest territory. In late 1968, four more states were added. They were North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. The territory now reached from the Canadian boarder to the Gulf of Mexico. Rev. John Eller, our Southern Missouri District FCF President, was also the Midwest Territorial Representative.

During this period, the Identification Staff was considered an essential part of the Frontiersman outfit.

The first National Royal Ranger Congress met in Dallas, Texas on August 20, 1969.

A total of 19 candidates were initiated into the Southern Missouri District FCF, on June 21, 1969, at Pow-wow. This included Fred Deaver, from Kansas, later called Hawk Eye. He later became the National FCF President.

A business meeting was held, Friday night, September 12, 1969, in Daniel Boone's house. The business portion consisted primarily of the election of officers.

President	John Eller
Vice-president	Virg Palmer
Scribe	Jim Tripp
Scout	David Barnes
Assistant Scout	Dave Bogart

At the District FCF meeting, September 12-13, 1969, at Daniel Boone's home in Defiance, MO., Daniel Boone was selected as the Chapter name. The National Commander, Johnnie Barnes, later called Strongheart, spoke briefly about the famous frontiersman, Simon Kenton.

During 1969, Lt. Col. John Eller, President of Daniel Boone Chapter and Midwest Territorial Representative, was elevated to the position of National FCF President. Rev. Elton Bell was given the position of Midwest Territorial Representative

1970

The Fall Outing was held at Fort Osage, August 21-22, 1970. In spite of very rainy weather, eleven (11) candidates were initiated.

The National Royal Ranger Committee announced the establishment of three steps of recognition in the FCF program: 1. Frontiersman 2. Buckskin 3. Wilderness

As of September 1970, the total (active?) membership of the Daniel Boone Chapter, was 115. Nineteen were initiated at the Fall Outing, August 22, four (4) were initiated in Illinois and approximately 22 were initiated at Pow-wow.

Prior to September 1970, the National Royal Ranger office asked chapter President, John Eller, to fill the newly established position of National FCF President. John Eller notified the District officers, that he would not be available for re-election as Daniel Boone Chapter President.

At the Fort Osage business meeting, on August 22, 1970, the president was asked to appoint a special committee to study an expansion program for our District FCF operation. The President appointed Commander Don Bixler to serve as Chairman, with others to serve from the Kansas City area. It was understood that consideration would be given to dividing the district into four regions, with one Chapter President and four regional Vice-Presidents in charge of each 'lodge'.

Most of this information was acquired from the archives of the Daniel Boone Chapter and from personal knowledge.

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