



# THE DAILY NEWS

FROM THE OLD HICKORY ( FCF) CHAPTER  
ON THE HORSE CREEK ALONG THE GREEN RIVER  
THIS MAY BE HOW (FCF) GOT STARTED OCT. 1862

**Some folks think it got started this way.  
I'm not too sure about it myself, but ya never know.....**

According to a French and Turkish source, FCF actually originated during the American Revolution when a man named James Cumbersome (often called Jim the Klutz in what was a much less politically correct day), became so excited / nervous, at the British onslaught, that he loaded a cannon with three balls instead of one. (The explosion was so loud, that rumor says a small quake was felt near Elvis' home in Tennessee.) I'm sad to report, that after the explosion, all of the American troops were subsequently captured by the British forces without a struggle (they were still holding their ears).



This incident became known as the "Fractured Cannon Fiasco" (or FCF) by the American troops.

However, all 12 captured Americans did escape. Their escape, it is said, was due to some beads that Jim accidentally spilled on the floor. The story is told that the guards slipped on the beads and all of the Americans escaped. Because of this, beads are still an important part of FCF to this very day. Eventually stories of the accident, the escape, and the "deaf dozen" were forgotten. However, the initials FCF are still used by the "Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship". Although the FCF now fights spiritual battles instead of inner ear disturbances caused by cannon explosions, The FCF has always been a group of rough, tough, and smelly men that comes together to live in the woods, get chiggers, poison ivy, and other itchy stuff. My reliable source for this information was unable to answer other questions regarding the origins of FCF, mainly because he was suffering from inner ear problems and had a green, foul smelling liquid running out of his right nostril. Also, he kept mumbling something about his buck-skin pants had caught a fungus. This was probably significant, but I couldn't figure out what it meant.

