



Francis “Swamp Fox” Marion

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Francis Marion was a lieutenant colonel in the Continental Army and later brigadier general in the South Carolina Militia during the American Revolutionary War.

Because of his ability to disappear in the swamps and fields to regroup with his volunteer troops, he could launch surprise attacks. This repeated tactic against his enemies soon earned him the nickname “Swamp Fox”.

His use of guerrilla tactics helped set in motion the decline of open battles in the conflict. Marion is considered one of the fathers of modern guerrilla warfare, and is credited in the lineage of the United States Army Rangers.

Francis “Swamp Fox” Marion was one of the main influences for the main character in the 2000 movie *The Patriot*, starring Mel Gibson.

The city of Marion and the Swamp Fox Festival bear his name.