

82nd TOMB TREK 2016 ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

This year the Trek to the Tomb of the Unknowns will be held on 28 - 30 October 2016.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Hotel, 900 Orme St, Arlington, Virginia, 22204, Room rates \$105.00 plus tax. Parking is \$ 10.00 per day. Contact Hotel directly at (703) 521-1900 for reservations. Mention the **Military Order of the Cootie** for proper rate. Cutoff Date for room block reservations is 14 October 2016.

OTHER INFORMATION: WREATH REGISTRATION \$25.00

ADVANCED REGISTRATION:

Full Registration = \$85.00, Banquet = \$ 50.00, Bus Ticket = \$15.00, Registration Only = \$20.00

AFTER 1 OCTOBER 2016:

Full Registration = \$100.00, Banquet = \$55.00, Bus Ticket = \$20.00, Registration Only = \$25.00

Forms for Registration and Wreaths will be found on the lotcs.org website, under the Events tab and will be in the September 2016 Cootie Courier. Make Checks payable to "**Tomb Trek Committee**" and send them with completed forms to: **Jane Channell, 2728 Hillside Court, Ijamsville, MD 21754-8806**

REMEMBER THAT ONLY COOTIES AND AUXILIARY CONFORMING TO THE FORMAL DRESS REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRESENT A WREATH. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.

Mark Newman, Tomb Trek Chairman, 348 David Hall Road, Dover, Delaware 19904, Tele: 302-222-7558, email: mnewman122@gmail.com

88th GRAND OF MICHIGAN MOC VFW NATIONAL HOME CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016

Each year, the Grand of Michigan is host to the children of the VFW National Home. This year will be the 88th annual Cootie Christmas Party and all are invited to participate (VFW, auxiliaries, MOC, MOCA etc.) The dates for this event will be 2-3 December 2016 and the host hotel is Quality Suites Hotel, 901 Commerce Drive off West Saginaw Street in Lansing, MI 48917. Telephone 517-886-0600 or 1-800-456-6431. Room rates are \$89/night. Banquet tickets will be \$40/person. Harold Whittemore is the MOC Chairman and Joann Beachnau is the MOCA Co-Chair. Naida Schelter is the Christmas Banquet Coordinator and can be reached at 517-626-6942.

Continuing success for this bountiful Christmas Party for the children depends on how open your hearts are and how open your wallets are. Donations in the past few years have been down. The Cooties have been the spearhead of this program since 1925. We are still at it. Donations are accepted all year.

Email: erniepaulin@aol.com for more information.

Please send your contributions early, so we can buy the necessary gifts for the children, making this the biggest and best Christmas Party ever. Make your checks out to: MOC Grand of Michigan ONLY! Earmark: MOC Christmas Party. Do not make any checks payable to the VFW National Home for Children or to your State VFW or auxiliary Department. Send all donations to: **Ernest A. Paulin, Grand Quartermaster, 710 Aldrich Street, Linden, MI 48451-9050. Telephone: 810-735-7920.**

Your donations are necessary for this program to work! Thanks again! Merry Christmas!

34th Grand of Ohio Easter Treat Program

Each year, the Grand of Ohio is host to the Children of the VFW National Home. Upcoming will be the 34th Annual Cootie Easter Treat and all are invited to participate. Mark your calendar for the dates 7, 8 and 9 April 2017 continuing success for this Easter Program for the children depends on how good your hearts are and how open your wallets are. Please send your contributions early so we can buy the necessary supplies to ensure the kids have the biggest and best Easter ever. The VFW National Home opens their doors each year for the Cooties of Ohio to host this gala event for the children of the National Home and we need your help and support to continue the great event. Donations can be made out to Grand of Ohio, and Sent to Grand Quartermaster, **Chuck Cihlar**, 489 Monroe Blvd., Painesville, Ohio 44077, Telephone 440-358-1148. You may email your request so please place in the subject line of the email "**MOC SUPREME EASTER TREAT**". Your donations will not go unrecognized.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: (Dates subject to change.)

***Friday** 7 April 2017 • Arrival of personnel and set up of baskets for delivery on Saturday. Dinner with Ohio House residents.

***Saturday** 8 April 2017 • Final Basket Preparations. Meet the Easter Bunny and basket presentation in the Community Center, Ice cream social, Easter Egg Hunt at the gym, then off to Jackson for Roller Skating.

***Sunday** 9 April 2017 • Attend Church with the Children from the National Home and then on our way to our own homes. This is a long weekend of fun and frolic with the kids from the National Home, and the only program where you get to actually interact with the kids for the whole weekend. What a great experience. Thank you in advance for your help and support for the program.

COOTIE COURIER

RECEIVING THE COOTIE COURIER: We encourage all Cooties to get the *Cootie Courier* delivered via electronic mail. Postage is increasing and the bulk mail is getting slower. If you elect to get your paper via electronic mail, send your request and e-mail to vfwwebmaster@gmail.com. **If you want the Courier delivered by mail it will cost you \$10.00. Send your check to Supreme Headquarters.**

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWS COPY

The *Cootie Courier*; just like all other papers, is looking for current and interesting news that will be interesting to all our readers. Remember that space is always a consideration and most times limited, so please keep articles direct and to the point.

BASIC RULES FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS:

1. Try to have each article contain the five W's — who, what, when, where, why, and oftentimes, how. With "who" use the correct ride, and of important note — insure that all names are spelled correctly!
2. You can send your articles to the *Cootie Courier* Editor by email (preferred method) at vfwwebmaster@gmail.com.
3. Photos submitted via e-mail **MUST** be in a JPEG (.jpg) file.
4. Other ways of submission are land mail to:

Dale Iannello
1013 74th St E Apt C
Tacoma, WA 98404

5. **DO NOT SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE COOTIE COURIER TO SUPREME HEADQUARTERS.** That just delays the time the article is received by the Editor.
6. **PHOTOS:** Strive to use a solid light colored background. Remember that your submitted pictures will not be printed on Kodak photo paper! Remember that this is our Cootie newspaper, so try to have the photos depict Cooties doing MOC/MOCA activities.
7. When submitting your annual election bio sketch, you should ALWAYS include a photo.
8. If you move please submit a change of address. The form is located elsewhere in this publication and available through our website www.lotcs.org. If you change your email address please forward your new one to the editor as well. The editor may edit a submitted story to fit the paper.

SUPREME CHIEF-OF-STAFF PROGRAM 2016-2017

OBJECTIVE: The objective of the Supreme Chief-of-Staff Program is to strengthen the ranks of the Military Order of the Cootie through Pup Tent growth, Pup Tent reinstatement, and working closely with our parent organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, in all areas especially in the area of VFW recruitment.

GUIDELINES: All Chief-of-Staff, Membership Chairmen, and all Cooties will take responsibility for the success of this Program. The following Guidelines are provided for all Cooties:

1. Promote our VFW Honor Degree by encouraging all VFW workers to read Article XII of the VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure Sections.
2. Promote our VFW Honor Degree by presenting to all VFW workers who seek the Seams of any Pup Tent our MOC Invitation Brochure.
3. Report at all VFW Post Meetings and VFW District Meetings what our VFW Honor Degree has done in the name of our VFW.
4. Recruit as many VFW workers as possible into the ranks of our Military Order.
5. Help Pup Tents in need to ensure they are conducting our VFW Honor Degree Business and Programs properly. It is much easier to rebuild a Pup Tent Membership than to organize a new Pup Tent. Always **EXTEND** a helping hand and **NEVER** give up.
6. Grand Chiefs-of-Staff will become familiar with the MOC Pup Tent starter kit. The Starter Kit can be requested through Supreme Headquarters or at www.lotcs.org under the Forms tab. The Starter Kit is a great management tool and all information contained within should be shared with all Pup Tents and Cooties.

REPORTING: Report the increase of all NEW/RE-INSTATED Pup Tents to the Supreme Chief-of-Staff. The Chief-of-Staff Program deadline is 31 May 2017. All reports are due by 01 June 2017.

Calculating New/Reinstates Pup Tents: The Grand must first deduct all declared defunct Pup Tents during the same Program Year to attain the net increase.

SUPREME CHIEF-OF-STAFF PROGRAM AWARDS:

1. Any Cootie organizing a NEW Pup Tent will be awarded **Supreme Deputy Chief-of-Staff** and will receive a Supreme Citation.
2. Any Cootie rebuilding a Pup Tent will be awarded **Supreme Deputy Chief of Staff** and will receive a Supreme Citation.
3. The Grand Chief-of-Staff reporting the most NEW or REINSTATED Pup Tents in each Division will receive a Supreme Citation. Categories will be for first, second, and third place in each Division.
4. The Grand reporting the most NEW and REINSTATED Pup Tents for the current Program Year will receive the Don Bird Traveling Gold Gavel Award for one year. Any Grand winning this trophy three consecutive years will keep the award permanently. Let's recruit as many MOC members as possible.

Supreme Chief of Staff

Darin Combs, 4141 W. Altadena Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85029, Ph. 480-868-9762 Email: ldarin@yahoo.com

SUPREME PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM

2016-2017

Public relations are the art of projecting the image of our organization. This function includes both external and internal information. The purpose is to inform an audience and make them more aware of who, what, and the accomplishments that mark your group. The objective of public relations is to secure a favorable opinion of your group. We do this within the MOC and externally in the VFW and our communities. You, as the PR operative of your Pup Tent and the other officers, should develop contacts within the Post and in your community with civic, business and other social and service groups. By becoming aware of the MOC, they will learn about our aims and objectives. Public Relations are really one of our most vital responsibilities. True success in our programs is dependent upon recognition and awareness by both the VFW and the public.

The public recognizes and supports our efforts, by our knowing more of who we are and what we do; then everything else we do, and including recruiting, is just a little easier. One of the ways to accomplish this task is through publicity. However, bear in mind that there is a great deal of rejection in this line of business. You must have a plan and stick to it. Build a reputation for honesty and accuracy. First, you must become totally familiar with your organization, its programs and personalities. Remember; in order to inform others, you must be fully informed yourself. Understand our programs and how they impact your local community. The Seam Squirrel and other officers must keep you informed of their plans for hospital, nursing home visits and social events. You must have sufficient lead-time to develop your news release in sufficient time. Second, get to know your specific outlets, including the Post PR. Get to know the person responsible for receiving and reviewing your releases at every outlet you can - newspapers, radio, television, cable, magazines, etc. Though not all these outlets are available in every location and are almost impossible to discover in a big city, it is important to know these people if you can. Next, listen carefully to the preferred method and manner of submission. Some papers like direct computer submissions (which you may not be able to do). By responding to the requirement means that your release has a much better chance of being used. Even if your release is not used, the outlet staff will form a favorable opinion of you and the MOC if you do your job well. Always keep in mind that you are competing for space or air time with countless other worthy organizations whose appeal may be as great, or even greater, than your own. By staying within the preset guidelines for all releases can only ensure greater consideration of what will be used by the editor.

Here are the prerequisites - Absolute musts: Make the deadlines -You miss it, you lose it.

1. For all releases, include your organization, your name, your address and your daytime telephone number. Spell out names correctly, give titles and avoid all but the most common abbreviations. In addition to names, correct spelling and grammar are essential. Do not lose your credibility.
2. For news releases such as coming events, a good rule of thumb is to answer the five "W's" -Who, What, When, Where, Why and, if necessary, How. Usually, if one of these elements is missing, it will stand out and you have an incomplete release. Staffs are not going to spend the resources to chase most stories. For "who", specify name or organization; for "what," cite the actual event; for "when", list day of the week, date, and time of day; for "where", name the building, street address and the city (or town).
3. For paper releases, double space your type and use only one side of the paper. Number the pages, if more than one and use one- inch margins, top and bottom, as well as left and right.
4. Remember that every individual appreciates a compliment. When your releases are used, do not fail to express your thanks to those responsible. Keep in mind that every individual act or contact with the public is reflective of you and the organization and can be good public relations. It is your job to guide and direct your Pup Tent,

Grand, District or Supreme in Public Relations.

Elizabeth "Beth" Cooler, Supreme Public Relations Chairman, 1896 Hexam Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309, Telephone: 410-370-5709

CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR PROGRAM 2016-2017

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the Military Order of the Cootie.

MISSION: Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the MOC are second to none. Their labor of love brings true credit to the MOC and its Programs. The Supreme Sky Pilot or Chaplain of the Year Program is an excellent opportunity to recognize your best Sky Pilot or Chaplain. Sky Pilots of the Pup Tent, Chaplains of the Grand District or Area, have been recognized at the Supreme Scratch each year as *Supreme Sky Pilot of the year or Chaplain of the Year* since Cootie Year 1975-1976.

SELECTION:

1. Selection of the *Supreme Sky Pilot of the Year or Chaplain of the Year* is done from letters of nominations sent by Pup Tent Seam Squirrels, Grand District and Area Commanders, Grand Commanders, and Supreme Council members to the Supreme Chaplain.
2. Letters of nomination are judged by a Select Committee of no less than three people who are NOT members of the MOC or VFW, but who understand fully the work or labor of the Chaplain. Any Sky Pilot and Chaplain previously selected as *Sky Pilot of the Year or Chaplain of the Year* on any level is not eligible for recognition a second time.
3. Nomination letters should be written on MOC letterhead.
4. Letters postmarked after 1 June 2017 will not be considered. Nomination letters may be mailed between 1 June 2016 and 31 May 2017.
5. Letter of nomination should contain facts, not just words. We have Sky Pilots and Chaplains who do great work in this organization, so please nominate them and get them recognized by sending your letter to the Supreme Chaplain.
6. Do not let your Sky Pilot or Chaplain down. Please make a nomination for this honor. If you don't nominate them, they cannot be recognized.

Allan T. Perkins, Supreme Chaplain, 4715 Cashel Castel Dr., Houston, TX. 77069.
Telephone 281-450-7825 email: atp1991@sbcglobal.net

SUPREME COOTIE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM 2016-2017

If you know of anyone who deserves to be honored as the Cootie of the Year, please send the biographical information to: *Terrance "Shorty" Lyons, Secretary, Past Supreme Commanders Organization (PSCO), 5274 Belton, Abilene, TX 79605 email: hornytoad1@suddenlink.net*. If you cannot get your nomination into the mail, then bring it to the Supreme Convention and give it to any Past Supreme Commander, who is a member of the PSCO. We know there must be some deserving Cootie out there, so let us know and provide us with the opportunity to make a selection. That Cootie will then be announced at the Supreme Convention.

SUPREME SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS 2016-2017

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Cooties with Supreme Special appointments.

NOMINATIONS: Grand Commanders and Seam Squirrels from the Black Division may submit nominations beginning 31 July 2016, for your deserving Cooties for Supreme Special appointments. Please

nominate your outstanding Cooties early for these appointments so they can proudly wear their new tassels. NOTE: Tassels are not provided for these appointments. Appointees receive certificates and credential cards only. Tassels must be purchased separately at a cost of \$5.00/pair through the Supreme Supply Department. You can send nominations in or hand-carry them in as early as 9:00 am on 31 July 2016, at the new Council of Administration in Charlotte, NC.

APPOINTMENTS: The following are appointments that are available for nomination:

Supreme Deputy Chief-of-Staff
Supreme Deputy Inspector
Supreme Recruiter (VFW or MOC)
Supreme Seam Worker
Supreme Cootie Supporter
Supreme Aide-de-Camp
Supreme Newshound
Supreme Comedian
Supreme Cheerleader
Supreme Cootie Juicer

SUPREME MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2016-2017

The objective of the Supreme MOC Membership Program is to encourage all Pup Tents to SURPASS their 31 May, 2016 membership total by recruiting at least one (1) New member. The Supreme organization recognizes all Grand's and Pup Tents who reach their goal.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE: That we do our duty as any SPECIES PEDICULI to INCREASE and MULTIPLY; this is our goal for 2016-2017. We have a tremendous pool for membership. There are workers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who wish to become a Cootie; all you have to do is ask them. Do your duty and these good comrades will join our ranks and you will become an active species.

QUARTERMASTERS and CCDBs: Membership transmittals must be postmarked by 31 May 2017. Look at the awards Program below and set your goals.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS: Cooties recruiting six (6) or more new or reinstated members into a Pup Tent as verified by the Grand Membership Chairman will receive a Supreme Commander's citation. Any Cootie recruiting ten (10) or more new or reinstated members into a Pup Tent, as verified by the Grand Membership Chairman, will be appointed Supreme aide-de-Camp, recruiting Class and will receive a Supreme Commander's lapel pin and citation.

PUP TENT AWARDS: Pup Tents with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of two (2) new or reinstated members by 31 December 2016 and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will receive a Supreme Commander's Pin, and a Supreme Citation. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership by 31 May 2017 will receive a Supreme Citation.

SEAM SQUIRRELS AND CCDB's: Seam Squirrels and CCDBs with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of two (2) new or reinstated members by 30 November 2016 and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will receive an "Outstanding SS" and "Outstanding CCDB" pin, and a Supreme Citation. The Seam Squirrel's name will be entered into a drawing to win one of the following for the 98th Supreme Convention: 1.) A three day stay; 2.) A two day stay and a banquet ticket; 3.) A one day stay and a banquet ticket. This is only for the Seam Squirrel and is not transferrable and is only for the room and does not include food or transportation costs. Transmittals must be postmarked by 30 November 2016. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership by the end of the 2016-2017 year (31 May 2017) will receive a Supreme Citation.

GRAND AWARDS: Grand's that are 100% in membership by 31 December 2016 will have their Grand Commanders name entered into a drawing to win one of the following for the 98th Supreme Convention: 1.) A three day stay; 2.) A two day stay and a banquet ticket; 3.) A one day stay and a banquet ticket. This is only for the Grand Commander and is not transferrable and is only for the room and does not include food or transportation costs. Transmittals must be postmarked by 31 December 2016. Grand's with 100% paid membership by the end of the membership year 31 May 2017 will receive a Supreme Citation.

COMPUTING YOUR BASE MEMBERSHIP: Computing the quota for each Pup Tent will be as follows: Total membership as of 31 May 2016, PLUS one (1) New or Reinstated. Any deceased members reported during the membership year must be made up. The Supreme Quartermaster's records will be used to compute any membership awards.

Grand Quartermaster's are directed to forward a copy of the Grand membership transmittals to the Supreme Membership Chairman.

Gary Dressel, Supreme Membership Chairman, 604 Braddock Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.
Telephone: 412-824-2240. E- mail: supremehqmoc@lotcs.org

SUPREME LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2016-2017

The Life Membership Program has been approved and is in effect. First, all applicants must be VFW Life members –NO EXCEPTIONS. Second, all applications for Life Membership must be paid-up continuous 3rd Degree members for the current year. The Life Membership dues are as follows:

If you are.....

Through age 30 - \$340.00;
31 through 40 - \$325.00;
41 through 50 - \$305.00;
51 through 60 - \$275.00;
61 through 70 - \$245.00
71 through 80 - \$190.00;
81 and over - \$150.00

SUPREME HOSPITAL PROGRAM

2016-2017

OBJECTIVE: It is the objective of the MOC Hospital Program to encourage all MOC members to actively participate in hospital visitations and volunteer work. A goal of \$250.00 credit per Cootie and \$125.00 credit per MAL has been established for the 2016-2017 program year.

SUPREME COMMISSIONER/HEADQUARTERS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. The Supreme Commander shall appoint the SUPREME HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER.
2. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall ensure that the Supreme Hospital Program is operating within the highest traditions of the Military Order of the Cootie and the Veterans of Foreign Wars at all Veterans Administration medical facilities, community nursing homes, and other similar facilities.
3. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall encourage all Supreme District Hospital Commissioners, Grand Hospital Chairmen and Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
4. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall accept all correctly reported data. Final reports for the 2016-2017 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2017 and postmarked by 20 June 2017. There will be no carry over reporting from the previous year.
5. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to him from the Supreme District Commissioners. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall supply all required forms and reports to the Supreme District Commissioners except for the Hospital Chairman's report that is supplied directly from Supreme Headquarters.
6. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall ensure each Pup Tent achieving 100% or greater in hospital work receives a citation at their Grand Convention.
7. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall consolidate the results received from properly completed Hospital Forms from Supreme District Commissioners and record these results onto the monthly Supreme Hospital activity report form.
8. Members-at-Large (MAL's) as they are part of the grand they will be totaled and counted at the Grand level and included in the Grand's hospital goal.
9. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall advocate and encourage participation in the MOC VAVS Program and not allow the programs to overlap.
10. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall provide the annual Hospital Program goals to the Cootie Courier for publication in the issue following the Supreme Convention and he shall provide pertinent data to the Cootie Courier and Webmaster for publication in each.
11. All Hospital Chairmen (Supreme, District, Grand, and Pup Tent) shall assist in obtaining an Honor Guard for deceased veterans. The Department of Defense is required to provide an Honor Guard consisting of active duty, reserves, National Guard, or members from a Veterans Service organization to recognize deceased veterans for their valor and service.

SUPREME DISTRICT HOSPITAL LEVEL PROGRAM

1. The Supreme Commander shall appoint the SUPREME DISTRICT HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS.
2. The Supreme District Commissioner shall encourage all Grand Hospital Chairmen within their District to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
3. The Supreme District Commissioner shall accept all correctly reported data as performed. Final reports for the 2016-2017 Program year will include all activity through 31 May, 2017 and postmarked by 15 June, 2017.
4. The Supreme District Commissioner shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to them from their Grand and Black Division Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen (if they fall in the Supreme District). The Supreme District Commissioner shall supply all required forms and reports to the Grand Hospital Chairmen except for the Hospital Chairman's report that is supplied directly from Supreme Headquarters.
5. The Supreme District Commissioner shall ensure that all Grand's and Pup Tents are submitted for awards as indicated in the awards section.
6. Further: The Supreme District Commissioner shall consolidate the results received from properly completed hospital forms from Grand Hospital Chairmen and record these results onto the monthly Supreme District Hospital activity report form and forward the completed report to the Supreme Hospital Commissioner.

GRAND HOSPITAL LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Each Grand Commander shall appoint a GRAND HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN.
2. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall encourage all Pup Tent members, within their jurisdiction, to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
3. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall accept all correctly reported data as performed. Final reports for the 2016-2017 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2017 and postmarked by 10 June, 2017.
4. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to them from their Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall supply all required forms and reports to their Pup Tents.
5. Grand Hospital Chairmen shall insure that their Pup Tents report each month's activity on one form. Please do not put more than one month's totals on each reporting form.
6. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall ensure that all Pup Tents are submitted for awards as indicated in the rewards section. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall ensure each Pup Tent achieving 100%, or greater, in hospital work, receives a citation at the Grand Convention. Thirty days before the Grand Convention, the Grand Hospital Chairman shall send a written request to Supreme Hospital Commissioner reporting those Pup Tents which have 100%, or greater, of their hospital goal. This letter ensures the Grand Hospital Chairman receives Pup Tent Hospital Citations in time for presentation at their Grand Convention.
7. Further: The Grand Hospital Chairman shall consolidate all properly completed Hospital forms and attachments from Pup Tents and record these results onto the monthly Grand Hospital activity report form and forward the monthly report to his/her Supreme District Hospital Commissioner. Copies of the Pup Tent hospital reports will be retained by the Grand Hospital Chairman.
8. Supreme Headquarters shall send blank hospital report forms to all Grand Hospital Chairmen.

PUP TENT LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Each Pup Tent Seam Squirrel shall appoint a PUP TENT HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN.
2. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairman is to coordinate and encourage the Pup Tent to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairman shall accept all correctly reported data as performed. Final reports for the 2016-2017 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2017 and postmarked by 5 June 2017.
4. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairman shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations for the Pup Tent. The Hospital Chairman shall consolidate the report and put it on the proper Hospital chairman's report form. The Hospital Chairman will then mail one copy of this form to the Grand Hospital Chairman. Reporting of monthly Pup Tent hospital work will use a separate sheet each month. Do not mix months on one sheet.
5. The Black Division Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen shall coordinate their program with the Supreme District Hospital Commissioner and mail all reports as indicated above directly to him.
6. Members-at-Large (MAL's) will report to the Grand Hospital Chairman only and mail all reports to him/her.

CREDIT ALLOWANCE

1. *Transportation Credit*: \$0.14 per mile per Cootie to and from hospitals domiciles, nursing homes, etc., where sick veterans are visited, excluding family members. Actual cost, instead of mileage, is used if other than POV's are used.
2. *Tolls*: Report actual cost under "mileage" as required.
3. *Hours*: All volunteer visitation, preparation hours, and travel time credited at **\$22.55** per hour per Cootie. Travel time limited to actual hours expended.
4. *Veteran's Funeral Credit*: Credit each Cootie at **\$22.55** per hour, for the number of hours it may require and \$0.14 per mile round trip for attendance at any veteran's funeral. (If more than one Cootie rides in a vehicle, only the driver of the vehicle gets the mileage credit.) Remember that deceased veterans deserve an Honor Guard.
5. *Gifts*: Actual retail cost of the item. By definition, "gifts" include anything bought by the MOC for use or appreciation by the hospitalized veteran. For homemade or home-grown items, the cost is estimated, but never more than retail. Used items are reported at no more than one half their actual costs, keeping in mind the useful life of the item. Operation UP-LINK Calling card donations are credited under this section of the hospital report form.
6. *Clothing Credit*: Itemize all clothing on the Hospital Chairman's report form or attach to the report an itemized consolidated sheet.

7. *Veteran's Transportation*: No credit allowed for transportation of other veterans. These activities are reported to the VFW Post Community Activities Chairman.

8. *Hospital Equipment*: Hospital equipment loaned to individuals is reported to your VFW Post Hospital Program.

9. *Blood Donations*: Report all blood donations to your Pup Tent Blood Chairman. Refer all questions pertaining to blood collections to the Supreme Blood Program Chairman listed elsewhere in this Program Book.

HOSPITAL PROGRAM AWARDS

1. Each Pup Tent that achieves 100% in hospital work will receive a citation from Supreme. Pup Tents that achieve 100% may purchase a 100% Hospital Program Plaque for display in their Post Home. A Pup Tent Hospital Chairman who achieves 100% may purchase a special 100% Hospital Program pin.

2. Each Grand that achieves 100% will receive a citation from Supreme. A Grand Hospital Chairman who achieves 100% may purchase a special 100% Hospital Program pin.

3. Each Supreme District that achieves 100% will receive a citation from Supreme and will be sent two Supreme Commander's pins.

4. Each Grand Hospital Chairman that wins its respective color division (based upon its total membership ranking), shall receive a Hospitalier Knights Medal.

SUPREME HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER

Gordon Lam, 816 Jeanie Dr. Clovis, NM 88101.

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MOC SUPREME DISTRICT HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS

Supreme Hospital District #1: DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV:

Gary Dressel, 12279 Darrowby Mews, Woodbridge, VA 22192-2368.

Telephone: 412-824-2240(Office), 703-447-3607 (cell). E-mail: gary8953@comcast.net

Supreme Hospital District #2: AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN:

Louis McVey, 1039 Vesper Lane, Fayetteville, NC 28311-2457.

Telephone: 910-630-2179. E-mail: louiscmcvey@yahoo.com

Supreme Hospital District #3: IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, WI:

Donald E. Martindale, 28836 Armanda Drive, Warren, MI 48088-4388.

Telephone: 586-771-2881. E-mail: dmarti5500@hotmail.com

Supreme Hospital District #4: IA, KS, MN, MO, MT, NE, ND, SD:

Olin Parks, 2505 S. Ward Ave, Caruthersville, MO 63830.

Telephone: 573-757-5046. E-mail: olinparks@sbcglobal.net

Supreme Hospital District #5: AR, CO, EURO, NM, OK, TX, WY:

Gordon Lam, 816 Jeanie Dr. Clovis, NM 88101.

Telephone: 575-749-0709; Fax: 575-366-4360 E-mail: lams88101@outlook.com

Supreme Hospital District #6: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, PAC, WA:

Michael R. Verville, PSC 517 Box 5025R, FPO AP 96517.

Email: mverville2005@yahoo.com

Supreme Hospital District #7: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY:

William Fowler, 109 Bellewood Drive, North Syracuse, NY 13212.

Telephone: 315-458-2628. E-mail: cootibill@msn.com

SUPREME INSPECTION PROGRAM

2016-2017

OBJECTIVE: It is the objective of the Supreme Inspection Program to ensure that all Grand Pup Tents, Grand Districts/areas and Pup Tents are conducting the Business and Programs of the Military Order of the Cootie in the highest traditions of the MOC. Conducting inspections provides for the necessary tools to locate any problem areas within any level of the MOC that can be corrected, allowing our MOC to operate properly.

SUPREME INSPECTOR: The Supreme Inspector will perform such duties as required by the Supreme Commander by taking charge and supervising the Supreme Inspection Programs in accordance with Sections 330, 432, 516, and 604 of the Supreme By- Laws. The Supreme Inspector will provide Inspection report updates to the Cootie Courier and Webmaster for publication.

GRAND COMMANDERS: Grand Commanders will appoint a qualified Grand Inspector and qualified Grand Deputy Inspectors who will be directly responsible to the Grand Commander for the conduct of Inspections pertaining to the Supreme Inspection Program.

GRAND INSPECTORS: The Grand Inspectors will perform such duties as required by the Supreme Inspector by taking charge and supervising the Grand Inspection Program in accordance with Section 415 of the Supreme By-Laws. All Grand Inspectors will pay close attention to Sections 330, 432, and 604 of the Supreme by-Laws.

INSPECTION GUIDELINES: The following *inspection* guidelines are provided:

1. All Inspectors will be familiar with all Supreme Inspection report forms, quarterly audit form, and bonding procedures.
2. All Inspectors will be familiar with the Supreme By-Laws when inspecting the conduct of any Pup Tent business and MOC Programs, especially the duties of the Seam Squirrel, CCDB, and Hungry Cootie.
3. All Inspectors must be familiar with the Supreme ritual when inspecting the conduct of any work under the Supreme Ritual.
4. Any Pup Tent that has not been inspected will be excluded from all representation at the Grand Scratches/ Convention and Supreme Convention.
5. The Supreme Inspector will accept inspection reports for 2016-2017 beginning on 1 August 2016.
6. Inspection report forms are available on the Supreme web site lotcs.org/forms. They can also be requested through Supreme Headquarters or through the Supreme Inspector.
7. Grand Pup Tents will be inspected by a Supreme Officer who does not belong to that Grand Pup Tent being inspected.
8. Black Division Pup Tents can be inspected by any qualified Pup Tent Inspector who does not belong to the Pup Tent being inspected. Any Black Division Pup Tent can request a Supreme Officer or Grand Officer who is a qualified Inspector to inspect that Pup Tent as long as that officer is not a member of that Pup Tent.

BONDING: Proper Bond can be purchased through Supreme Headquarters. The amount per thousand is \$14.00 and is good for a two year period. If Supreme Headquarters is not the Bonding Company, a legible copy of the Bond must be provided with this year's completed inspection report form. This is a requirement to maintain Tax Exempt status.

INSPECTION REPORTS: Any Grand Pup Tent that had not filed a minimum of 80% of Pup Tent inspection reports will be excluded from all representation at the Supreme Convention. All inspection reports must be received by the Supreme Inspector at least 30 days prior to the Supreme Convention.

AWARDS: All Grand Inspectors who reported their Grand Pup Tent 100% inspected by 30 November 2016 will receive Supreme Deputy Inspector's appointment and a Supreme Citation. All Black Division Pup Tent Seam Squirrels who's Pup Tent is reported 100% inspected by 1 October 2016 will receive a Supreme Citation and a Supreme Commander's Program Pin. All Black Division Pup Tent Seam Squirrels who's Pup Tent is reported 100% by 30 November 2016 will receive a Supreme Citation.

William Hustad, Supreme Inspector, W4489 Exeter Crossing, Monticello, WI 53570, 608-527-2942
WFHus1@tds.net

SUPREME ALL*STAR PROGRAM

2016-2017

The Supreme All-Star Program recognizes outstanding effort by individual Grand's and Pup Tents not in a Grand (Black Division). The Supreme Commander identifies these outstanding Grand's with the Supreme All-Star designation. One Captain of the All Stars is selected each year for overall outstanding effort in all programs.

QUALIFYING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: To be eligible for the All-Star Program, a Grand or Black Division Pup Tent must achieve the goal of 100% of all assigned quota's in each of the four (4) core programs of the MOC by 31 May 2017 in addition to the addendum in item 5:

1. Must be 100% in Membership quota
2. Must be 100% in Hospital quota.
3. Must be 100% in Special Projects.
4. Must have 100% of the Pup Tents in the Grand inspected.
5. Must end the Membership Year with same number of Pup Tents. If you lose one, you need to gain one.

Grand's and Black Division Pup Tents who achieve the five qualifiers will be awarded "All*Star". Then these qualifying Grand's will compete for the award of "Captain of the All Star." Point values are awarded as described in the program below. The top scoring Grand will earn the title of "Captain of the All-Star" Grand. There is only one winner for this award.

POINT VALUES

- a. Hospital quota = 6 Points for each 10% achieved over 100%
- b. Special Project quota = 4 points for each 10% achieved over 100%
- c. Membership quota = 2 points for each 10% achieved over 100%

Eligibility and point totals will be compiled by the office of Supreme Quartermaster who will receive monthly program totals from all Supreme Program Chairpersons. The Supreme All Star Selection team will establish the recipients of the All-Star and the Captain of the All-Stars.

AWARDS

Designated All-Star Grand Commanders, Grand Quartermasters, and Grand Adjutants will each be presented with a distinctive "All-Star" hat with special tassels. The All-Star Black Division Pup Tent Seam Squirrel, Hungry Cootie, and CCDB will each receive a special "All-Star" Pup Tent hat complete with special tassels. One All-Star designee will be awarded as the "CAPTAIN OF THE ALL-STARS."

SUPREME SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2016-2017

Originally designed so VFW National Home high school graduates could secure a degree from a four-year college, the Scholarship Program was later expanded to include other postgraduate education, such as junior college and vocational training. This program is not only for first year students, but also advanced students whose academic records warrant a post-graduate education. Eligibility requirements specified in the Military Order of the Cootie By-Laws apply. The Supreme Quartermaster (SQM) will compile and submit a financial report of the Scholarship Fund to include earnings, commitments and accumulated interest available for expenditure to the annual Supreme Scratch and all Council of Administration meetings.

SUPREME BLOOD PROGRAM

2016-2017

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander fully supports the VFW Blood Program and encourages all Cooties to participate. The Blood Program is a recognition program. **DO NOT REPORT** the Supreme Blood Program as part of the Supreme Hospital Program.

APPOINTMENTS: Each Grand and Pup Tent will appoint a Blood Chairman.

AWARDS: Any Cootie giving blood between 1 June 2016 and 31 May 2017 will receive a *CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION*.

The certificate will be signed by the Blood Chairman and the Supreme Commander. If any Cootie reaches one, five, or ten gallons lifetime total, that Cootie will receive a pin and/or tab with the gallon amount on it.

REPORTING: Having satisfied the above criteria your Pup Tent Blood Chairman must report the work to your VFW Post for Community Service credit. Report all blood donations to your Pup Tent Blood Chairman and the Chairman will report to the Supreme Blood Chairman to get recognition for your Cootie. There are no middlemen in this Program. Chairman will report the total blood donated by a member not just the most current donation.

Jim Schinman, Supreme Blood Chairman, 5040 SW 139th Ave, Beaverton, OR 97005
Telephone: 503-644-7065, E-mail: jimschinman@yahoo.com

SUPREME VFW NATIONAL HOME and SPECIAL

PROJECTS PROGRAMS 2016-2017

Established in 1925, the VFW National Home was created as a home for widows and orphans of deceased veterans. The idea to build such a home came from the Military Order of the Cootie. However, it was through the efforts of a 23-year old girl from Detroit named Amy Ross that the idea became a reality.

OBJECT: Financing of a specific project for the VFW National Home is the objective of this program. We do not replace any other monies that might be used with your donations under this project. Your donations are merely a supplement to other individual donations to the VFW National Home. Pup Tents, Grand's, Cooties, and Auxiliary members at all levels are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause. Selected projects are presented and must be approved by a majority vote at an annual Supreme Scratch. In addition, supporting our VFW National Home is one of our stated objectives.

GOAL: The established goal for this program is an Annual one-dollar donation per Cootie, assessed at the Grand level.

PROCEDURES: Forward monies collected at the Pup Tent to your Grand Quartermaster who will forward them to Supreme Headquarters. All donations must be received through the Grand Quartermaster or Black Division Pup Tent CCDB. Anyone may contribute to the fund Earmark all checks as to what they are for. By encouraging MOC Auxiliary members to contribute, gives both their Pup Tent and Grand credit for the donations. A report on the financial status of the fund is required at the Supreme Scratch and Council of Administration meeting IAW Section 512C & E, By-Laws of the Supreme Pup Tent.

AWARDS: A check for \$25.00 will be awarded to the Grand whose donations lead their membership division with a minimum of 100% on 31 May 2017. Points are awarded for the All*Star Captain Program for those who have attained greater than 100%. Black Division Pup Tents and Grand's reaching 100% will receive a citation from Supreme Commander and Special Projects Chairman.

Stephen R. York, VFW National Home Chairman, 5245 W. Newport Ave, Chicago, IL 60641
Telephone: 773-205-8936 E-mail: sry196lt82arty@att.net

David Schmid, Special Project Chairman, 335 E. Fitzsimmons Road, Oak Creek, WI 53154. Telephone:
414-764-4334 E-mail: davedabug1@yahoo.com

SUPREME VAVS PROGRAM

2016-2017

The Supreme VAVS Representative/Certifying officer will notify the local VA Directors of who is assigned to their VA Facilities. No Grand will contact the VA directly. The Supreme VAVS Certifying officer is the clearing house, so to speak, for the local VAVS representative/Deputy. The appointment is to be recommended by the Grand Commander or Pup Tent Seam Squirrel if there is no Grand.

An awards program is in effect based on hourly service in VA Facilities. For the award, a Cootie Bug pin with VAVS will be sent after reaching 1,000 hours of hospital hours, a tab for 1,000 will be issued upon request of the Grand. There is only one Supreme VAVS representative who is the Certifying officer and one Supreme Deputy VAVS representative.

All local VAVS representatives/Deputies must be regularly scheduled volunteers at their VA Facilities. A representative/Deputy can only service one organization at a time at the same facility. The representative/Deputy cannot be a paid VA employee.

Ray Tarango, Supreme VAVS Representative

43558 7th St, Lancaster, Ca 93535, Telephone: 661-949-9725, email: the-queen-bee@earthlink.net

Richard Bostick, Supreme Deputy VAVS Representative/Certifying Officer

54063 Leigh St, Rubidoux, CA 92509 Telephone: 951-784-1798, email: richardbostick@att.net

GRAND OF PACIFIC AREAS PADDY DADDY PROGRAM 2016-17



OBJECTIVE: The Grand of Pacific invites you to become a member of the Paddy Daddy Program established in 1994 to benefit the VFW National Home at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

MISSION: Proceeds from this program are donated to support the VFW National Home for Children Special Projects from the Grand of Pacific Areas.

MEMBERSHIP: Application can be used for signing up Comrades, Cooties, Friends, Family, and yes, even your Pets can be signed up! Please fill out as many applications as you like for a very good cause.

Send the application to along with a check made out to "Ee CHI GAI Pup Tent # 2, in the amount of USD \$25.00, and your Certificate, Card and Pin will be mailed to you. If you have a question, please do not hesitate to Email George Beck at gbeck@vfw10223.org.

**Ee CHI GAE PUP TENT #2
GRAND OF PACIFIC AREAS
"PADDY DADDY"
VFW NATIONAL HOME SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM
LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



NAME: _____ Mail To: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ George Beck
 HHD 719th MI BN, BX 331
 APO AP 96271-5227
 Email: gbeck@vfw10223.org

POST#: _____ DEPT/GRAND: _____ PT#: _____

Money Order: _____ CHECK: _____ CASH: **\$25.00**

SIGNATURE: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO Ee CHI GAE PUP TENT #2

**PADDY DADDY
Membership Receipt**

Name: _____
 Date: _____
 Amount: \$ _____
 Received By: _____

PENNSYLVANIA KEYSTONE KOPS PROGRAM 2016-2017

OBJECTIVE: The Grand of Pennsylvania invites you to become a member of the Keystone Kops Program established in 1984, which benefits the VFW National Home at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

MISSION: Proceeds from this program are donated to the VFW National Home to assist in the security of the Home and grounds.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership may be obtained in the Grand of Pennsylvania's Keystone Kops with the donation of the indicated amounts for each rank: Patrolman - \$20.00; Sergeant - \$40.00; Lieutenant - \$60.00; Captain - \$80.00; Chief - \$100.00; and Commissioner - \$120.00.
2. Higher rank may be obtained at any time by paying a "Bribe" equal to the difference in cost between current and new rank and returning the old badge. Please add \$3.00 for postage and handling.
3. Make your check or money order payable to: **Keystone Kops** and mail to: *James B. Miller, Grand of Pennsylvania Keystone Kops chairman, P.O. Box 102 Mill Run, PA 15464*. Please be sure to include your mailing address with ZIP code, VFW Post Number, and Pup Tent Number.

TEXAS HORNY TOAD PROGRAM 2016-2017

OBJECTIVE: The Grand of Texas invites you to become a member of the Horny Toad Program which benefits the VFW National Home for Children at Eaton Rapids, MI.

MISSION: Proceeds from this program are used to purchase vehicles for the VFW National Home for Children at Eaton Rapids, MI. During the past 35 years, we have purchased twenty-seven vehicles for the Home ranging from pick-up trucks, vans and station wagons.

PROGRAM INFORMATION/MEMBERSHIP:

1. Annual Horny Toad membership is \$1.00 per year. Annual members should remit \$1.00 dues on a calendar year basis.
2. Life Horny Toad Program membership is \$10.00 - payable only once.
3. Horny Toad Pins and other Horny Toad jewelry are available through the annual Horny Toad Chairman "Shorty" Lyons. Send your check or money order for what jewelry you want with check or money order made out to: Grand of Texas MOC and (ear mark it to the Horny Toad Program).
4. Send your check or money order for either \$1.00 annually or \$10.00 life membership, along with your complete address, your VFW Post number and/or Pup Tent number to individual program chairman listed below
5. Each member will be issued a distinctive numbered membership card and certificate listing his or her name. Also you can sign anyone up to be a Horny Toad member (Life or annual).
6. Grand Horny Toad Chairmen and contact information listed below.

Richard L. Kennedy, Grand Life Horny Toad Chairman 7766 Grassbur Road Bryan, TX. 77808
Telephone (Home): 979-589-3137 Fax: 915-692-8244 E-mail: hornytoad1@lotcs.org

Terrance "Shorty" Lyons, Annual Horny Toad Chairman 5274 Belton Street Abilene, TX 79605
Telephone: (Home) 325-692-7254 (Cell): 325-668-4349 email: hornytoad1@suddenlink.net

THE BLUE GUARD PROGRAM

2016-2017

At the 79th Supreme Scratch, the Great Blue Louse invited the Cooties to join his Blue Louse Guard. Some of you joined and we hope all or more will join us. All the funds raised from the program will be set aside to a Special Fund to support the Cootie Courier, which is one of the Supreme's largest budget items. As everyone knows, every year we struggle to try to keep it going, but it gets harder and harder each year. You have come to our help throughout the years and I, for one, appreciate what you have all done in the past to help.

The Blue Guard Program works as follows:

- Step 1: To become a Blue Guard you must join at this step and must serve one (1) year. You must pay a \$5.00 entry fee plus \$1.00 annual dues. You may wear a Private stripe that cost \$2.00. So the total cost for Step one is \$8.00.
- Step 2: You pay \$10.00 plus \$1.00 dues to earn a Sergeant stripe (if your dues are not sent in by 31 August each year, you have to start over at Step 1). You must have served one year as a Private. The Pin is \$2.00. So the total cost for Step two is \$13.00.
- Step 3: You pay \$15.00 plus \$1.00 dues to earn a Master Sergeant stripe. You must have served one year as a Sergeant. The Pin is \$2.00. So the total cost for Step three is \$18.00.
- Step 4: You pay \$20.00 plus \$1.00 dues to earn a Lieutenant bar. You must have served one year as a master Sergeant. The Bar is \$2.00. So the total cost for Step four is \$23.00.
- Step 5 and Step 6 are reserved for future ranks.

Fred Garcia is the Chairman for The Blue Guard Program, PSC, 909 East Constitution, Victoria, TX 77901. Telephone: 361-582-4359. E-mail: fgcootiepsc@att.net

Remember: On 31 August of each year you may up-grade or send in your \$1.00 dues to remain in good standing!

APPLICATION FOR THE BLUE GUARD PROGRAM

NAME: _____

Grand of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount Paid \$ _____ Card: _____

Highest Office Held: _____

Recruiter: _____

THE BLUE ANGEL PROGRAM 2016-2017

At the 79th Supreme Scratch, the Great Blue Louse invited the Lady Bugs to join his Blue Louse Guard. Some of joined and we hope all or more will join us. I felt that the Blue Guard was not proper for our Auxiliary members. I started the Blue Angels to the house of the Great Blue Louse.

All the funds raised from the program will be set aside to a Special Fund to support the Cootie Courier, which is one of the Supreme’s largest budget items. As everyone knows, every year we struggle to try to keep it going, but it gets harder and harder each year. You have come to our help throughout the years and I, for one, appreciate what you have all done in the past to help. What you have all done in the past to help.

The Blue Angel Program Works as Follows:

- Step 1: To become a Blue Angel any Auxiliary member may join at this step and must serve one (1) year. You must pay a \$5.00 entry fee plus \$1.00 annual dues. You may wear a blue star (“reaching for the Stars). The pin is \$2.50.
- Step 2: You must pay \$10.00 plus \$1.00 dues. You will then earn your wings. You must have served one year as a blue star. The pin is \$2.50.
- Step 3: You must pay \$15.00 plus \$1.00 dues. You will then earn your own cloud. You must have served one year as blue star. The pin is \$2.50.
- Step 4: You pay \$20.00 plus \$1.00 dues. You will then earn your halo. You must have served one year each as a blue star with wings and with your own cloud. The pin is \$2.50
- Step 5 and 6 are reserved future ranks.

Fred Garcia is the Chairman for The Blue Angel Program, PSC, 909 East Constitution, Victoria, TX 77901. Telephone: 361-582-4359. E-mail: fgcootiepsc@att.net.

Remember: On 31 August of each year you may up-grade or send in your \$1.00 dues to remain in good standing!

APPLICATION FOR THE BLUE ANGEL PROGRAM

NAME: _____

Grand of: _____ Auxiliary

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Amount Paid \$ _____ Card: _____

Highest Office Held: _____

Recruiter: _____

4th OREGON TRAIL PROGRAM 2016-2017

The Military Order of the Cootie of the United States Grand of

Oregon is proud to introduce to the

Cootie Nation and MOCA

members everywhere, its latest fundraising project to benefit

veterans in need and

The National VFW Children's Home



"The Oregon Cootie Trail" Project

To become a member costs just \$20

Pins of states that evolved out of the Oregon Territory or were involved with the original Oregon Trail are available for just \$5 each.

A membership package consisting of all 8 pins, a membership pin, and a Certificate of Membership can also be purchased by mail.

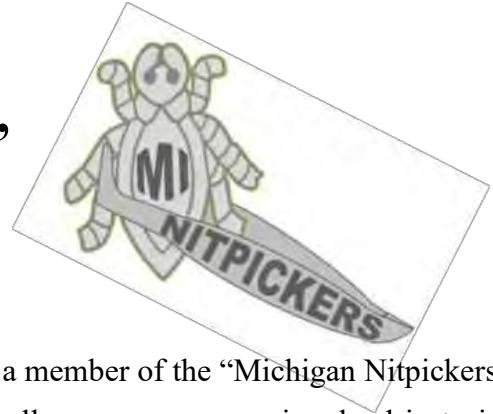


Send a check for \$63.50 (includes S.&H.) made out to: Grand of Oregon and mail to: Dennis Marsh, TO.C.T Chairman, P.O. Box 212, Florence, OR 97439

Be One of the First to Become an Oregon Cootie Trailblazer!



6th “MICHIGAN NITPICKERS” PROGRAM 2016-2017



OBJECTIVE: The Grand of Michigan invites you to become a member of the “Michigan Nitpickers”.

MISSION: Proceeds to the Grand of Michigan to help with all programs we are involved in to include possible donations to the VFW National Home for Cootie Christmas or our Support for the Children of the National Home Cedar Point Trip and Veterans Hospital Work. The Grand of Michigan chooses how the proceeds will be used.

MEMBERSHIP: To become an “ANNUAL MEMBER” (Silver) submit a donation of \$10 plus \$3 shipping. Or to become a “LIFE Member” (Gold) submit a donation of \$30 plus \$3 shipping. You will receive a card and Nitpicker Pin in Gold or Silver based on your donation. (No need for shipping if purchased from a Grand of Michigan representative on location.) **SUBMIT TO:** Make your check or money order payable to: MOC Grand of Michigan and mail to Chairman PGC Bob Routhier, Jr. P.O. Box 117, Clio, MI 48420. Telephone: 810-730-2233. Please be sure to include your mailing address with ZIP code, and include VFW Post and PT Number if applicable. Write in the memo Nitpicker, Annual or Life. *The Grand of Michigan wishes to “Thank You” for your support*

MICHIGAN NITPICKERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NITPICKING is the act of removing nits: the eggs of lice. A NITPICKER is a Critic – To be concerned with or find fault with insignificant details. NITPICKER Synonyms: backseat driver, blamer, complainant, criticizer, disapprover, disputer, doubter, faultfinder, mud-slinger, nagger and quibbler.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Post _____

Name / Number: _____

Pup Tent Name/Number: _____

Membership Type:	Annual Member (Silver)	\$10.00	Plus \$3.00 Shipping
	Life Member (Gold)	\$30.00	Plus \$3.00 Shipping

Make your check or money order payable to: MOC Grand of Michigan and mail to:

Chairman PGC Bob Routhier Jr., P.O. Box 117, Clio, MI 48420

Upon approval of membership application and payment, your Pin Badge and Card will be sent or given to you.

MOC HOSPITALIER KNIGHTS PROGRAM 2016-2017

The MOC has issued a special medal as a fund raiser for the organization. During the Crusades the first knights to enter the Holy Lands opened a hospital. They were named Hospitalier Knights. Later the Knights moved to the Island of Malta. They were then named Knights of Malta. Thus the Cross of Malta was formed by placing four lance heads together.

The Cross of Malta was adopted as the official logo of the VFW. Since the MOC is the Honor Degree of the VFW and since the MOC is the order that services the hospitals and cares for veterans and their families, it is only fitting that the medal be named "HOSPITALIER KNIGHT." This medal comes in Bronze (\$25.00), Silver (\$50.00) and Gold (\$75.00). The application is attached with this program.

SUPREME HOSPITALIER KNIGHT ORDER FOR MEDAL

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Medal:

BRONZE (\$25.00) _____ SILVER(\$50.00) _____

GOLD (\$75.00) _____

Prices include all shipping and handling.

Please make your checks payable to:

MOC Supreme Headquarters And
mail to:

604 Braddock Ave.
Turtle Creek, PA 15145



57th MARYLAND VFW NATIONAL HOME HONORARY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2016-2017

OBJECTIVE: The Grand of Maryland invites you to become a part of the world's most unusual Fire Department (est. 29 April 1956) that is the only Fire Department in which you can buy your promotion legitimately.

MISSION: The money received in support of the Grand of Maryland Honorary Fire Department Program is presented each year to the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, MI.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership may be obtained in the Grand of Maryland Honorary Fire Department with the Donation of the indicated amounts for each rank: Fireman - \$56.00; Lieutenant - \$66.00; Captain - \$71.00; Deputy Chief - \$76.00; Chief- \$81.00; and Commissioner - \$106.00.
2. Make check or money order (no cash please) payable to: Grand Pup Tent of Maryland, and mail to Larry Reid, 8806 Jenna Court, Lanham, MD 20706. Telephone: 301-577-1830. Email: lcreid@verizon.net. Be sure to include your name, address, city, state, and ZIP code, VFW Post Number, and Pup Tent Number.
3. There are no further dues or assessments. All proceeds go the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, MI.
4. Higher rank may be obtained at any time by paying the difference in cost and returning the former rank badge to the Chairman.

Note: Prices include \$ 6.00 Shipping and handling Fee. (Sent Certified)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HONORARY FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL HOME

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

VFW Post Number: _____ Pup Tent Name: _____

Grand Pup Tent Number: _____

Make your check or money order (NO CASH PLEASE) payable to:

MOC Grand of Maryland,

and mail to: Larry Reid, 8806 Jenna Court, Lanham, MD 20706

PAST SUPREME COMMANDERS

SCRATCH	YEAR	LOCATION	COMMANDER	SCRATCH	YEAR	LOCATION	COMMANDER
	1920	Washington, DC	Organizational				
1st	1920	New York	Frederic C. Madden *	51st	1970	Miami Beach	Dr. Frank O. Brasch*
2nd	1921	Detroit	Benjamin Gambill *	52nd	1971	Dallas	Samuel R. Frutoso*
3rd	1922	Seattle	William F. Eighmey *	53rd	1972	Minneapolis	Randy Lofgren*
4th	1923	Norfolk	F. Willard Kime*	54th	1973	New Orleans	Owen W. Ball*
5th	1924	Atlantic City	F. Willard Kime*	55th	1974	Chicago	Jerry Bloir*
6th	1925	Tulsa	Thomas. J. Nottingham*	56th	1975	Los Angeles	George Jeschke*
7th	1926	El Paso	Robert E. Lee Murphy*	57th	1976	New York	Mark A Farrell*
8th	1927	Providence	Val N. Brandon *	58th	1977	Bloomington	John Sparks*
9th	1928	Louisville	Malachi F. Healy*	59th	1978	Dallas	William Frey*
10th	1929	St. Paul	Edward H. Giguere*	60th	1979	New Orleans	Frederick Kauffman
11th	1930	Baltimore	Oscar J. Stearns, Jr.*	61st	1980	Chicago	Eugene D. Thomas, Jr.
12th	1931	Kansas City	Charles F. Wetter*	62nd	1981	Philadelphia	Lionel Fontaine*
13th	1932	Sacramento	Walter C. Winters*	63rd	1982	Los Angeles	William E. Bryce
14th	1933	Milwaukee	Thomas C. Ryan*	64th	1983	New Orleans	Arthur G. Selbo*
15th	1934	Louisville	George T. Dougherty*	65th	1984	Chicago	Robert Graber*
16th	1935	New Orleans	Victor B. Galloway*	66th	1985	Dallas	Bobbie Alton Birdett*
17th	1936	Denver	William J. Crehan*	67th	1986	St. Paul	Eugene E. Calloway *
18th	1937	Buffalo	Thomas McBride*	68th	1987	New Orleans	James H. Patterson*
19th	1938	Columbus	Carl C. Gibson*	69th	1988	Chicago	Albert S. Thomas, Jr.
20th	1939	Boston	Patrick H. Houle*	70th	1989	Las Vegas	Robert M. Cortright*
21st	1940	Los Angeles	William M. Harper*	71st	1990	Baltimore	Thomas J. Atkins*
22nd	1941	Philadelphia	Ashley Beck*	72nd	1991	New Orleans	Myron H. Rowe *
23rd	1942	Cincinnati	Frank Topash	73rd	1992	Indianapolis	Donald V. Nettler *
24th	1943	New York	Daniel A. Tarantola*	74th	1993	Dallas	John E. Hamilton
25th	1944	Chicago	Otto Steinberger*	75th	1994	Las Vegas	Glen Maroney *
26th	1945	Chicago	Austin A. Flanagan*	76th	1995	Phoenix	J.F. "Jack" Holleran *
27th	1946	Boston	Vincent C. Schaaf*	77th	1996	Louisville	Gary Strauss *
28th	1947	Cleveland	Benjamin F. Griffey*	78th	1997	Salt Lake City	Charles D. Short
29th	1948	St Louis	Richard E. Hodges*	79th	1998	San Antonio	Larry Alexander
30th	1949	Miami Beach	A. Thomas Wheaton*	80th	1999	Kansas City	Stephen H. Wheeler
31st	1950	Chicago	Newell Warner*	81st	2000	Milwaukee	C. Marty Ellingwood
32nd	1951	New York	Percy W. Graves*	82nd	2001	Milwaukee	Ken Cole
33rd	1952	Los Angeles	W. J. Gow*	83rd	2002	Nashville	H. Steve Mason
34th	1953	Milwaukee	Ernest H. Moore*	84th	2003	San Antonio	Fernando "Fred" Garcia
35th	1954	Philadelphia	William Wark*	85th	2004	Cincinnati	Rollin' Joe Velasquez
36th	1955	Boston	Raymond Burke*	86th	2005	Salt Lake City	Thomas Tweet
37th	1956	Dallas	Raymond F. Nichols*	87th	2006	Reno	Terrance "Shorty" Lyons
38th	1957	Miami Beach	Ervin F. Rothenbuhler*	88th	2007	Kansas City	Raymond "Ray" Fern*
39th	1958	New York	George E. Hunt*	89th	2008	Orlando	Ralph Corno
40th	1959	Los Angeles	Joseph E. Jacques*	90th	2009	Phoenix	Johnny L. Howard
41st	1960	Detroit	Charles W. Briner*	91st	2010	Indianapolis	C. Maurice Theriac
42nd	1961	Miami Beach	Angus McNaught*	92nd	2011	San Antonio	George Dennis
43rd	1962	Minneapolis	John W. Burnett*	93rd	2012	Reno	Joseph T. McCullough
44th	1963	Seattle	Dr. Vernon G. Olson*	94th	2013	Louisville	Gerald L. Constable
45th	1964	Cleveland	Fred L. Finch, Sr.*	95th	2014	St Louis	Mark Newman
46th	1965	Chicago	Donald Ferguson *	96th	2015	Pittsburg	Dave Wimmer
47th	1966	New York	Patrick McCaulla	97th	2016	Charlotte	Donald Lynch
48th	1967	New Orleans	Darwin Cochran*				
49th	1968	Detroit	George E. Jalbert*				
50th	1969	Philadelphia	Jean R. Brelsford*				

* Deceased

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2016 - 2017

MOC EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
97th Supreme Scratch	Charlotte, NC	27 - 31 July 2016
Sharing & Caring	Pittsburgh, PA	10-11 Sept 2016
82nd Tomb Trek	Arlington, VA	28-30 Oct 2016
Commander Malott President Lam Reception	Arlington, VA	29 Oct 2016
87th Grand of Michigan Cootie Christmas	VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, MI	2-3 Dec 2016
34th Grand of Ohio Easter Treat	VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, MI	7 - 9 April 2017
98th Supreme Scratch	New Orleans, LA	26 - 30 July 2017

VFW EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
117 th VFW National Convention	Charlotte, NC	23 - 27 July 2016
National President Homecoming	Charlotte, NC	28 July 2016
National Council of Administration	Kansas City, MO	27-28 Aug 2016
Commanders in Chief Homecoming	Louisville, KY	8-11 Sept 2016
Big Ten Conference	Kalamazoo, MI	21-23 Oct 2016
Southern Conference	Rogers, AR	27-29 Oct 2016
Western Conference	Honolulu, HI	3-6 Nov 2016
Eastern States Conference	Camp Hill, PA	13-15 Nov 2016
VFW Legislative Conference	Washington, DC	26 Feb – 2 Mar 2017
118 th VFW National Convention	New Orleans, LA	22 - 26 July 2017