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MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch
PROPOSER: Supreme Bylaws Committee
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article I, Section 120 of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
Section 120. Life Memberships. A. Life Membership Plan A. Any person who is a valid Life Member in good standing in the Military Order of the Cootie as of January 1, 2001, will be honored and shall retain the same privileges and rights as an annual dues paying member. The Life Membership Plan "A" is forever closed, and no new applications will be accepted in the Plan "A" Life Membership Fund. B. Life Membership Plan B. Any member who is a Life Member in good standing in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America and is in good standing with the Military Order of the Cootie as of January 1, 2001 or thereafter, may become a Life Member by payment of the proper Life Membership fee to the CCDB or Quartermaster. A member at large in good standing may become a Life	**Section 120 Life Memberships.** **This article undergoes a complete rewrite.**	Section 120. Life Memberships. The Military Order of the Cootie Supreme Pup Tent authorizes the establishment and administration of Life Membership Plans within the Military Order of the Cootie. Each plan reflects the Per Capita Tax (PCT) in effect at the time the plan was adopted. Only the plan currently open shall accept new applications. a. Life Membership Plan A (Closed). Plan A permanently closed on December 31, 2000. Any person who was a valid Life Member in good standing as of January 1, 2001, shall retain all rights and privileges of membership for life, subject to continued good standing. No new applications shall be accepted under Plan A. Plan A funds shall remain in a frozen Life Membership Fund account. No rebates shall be issued from Plan A until the

Member by paying the proper fee to the appropriate Grand Quartermaster or Supreme Quartermaster if they hold a valid VFW Life Membership.

C. Life Membership Fee Plan D. A Life Membership Plan "D" shall be established using the current$12.00 Per Capita Tax and the following fee schedule:

1) Plan "C" shall be closed and no new members will be accepted after May 31, 2025. Plan "D" will take effect June 1, 2025.
2) Any member who is a Life Member in good standing in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America and is in good standing with the Military Order of the Cootie may become a Life Member by payment of the proper Life Membership fee to the CCDB or Quartermaster. A member at large in good standing may become a Life Member by payment of the proper fee to the Supreme Quartermaster if they hold a valid VFW Life Membership.
3) The applicable fee from the Life Membership fee schedule set forth herein will be determined by using the applicant's attained age as of December 31st of the calendar year in which the application is submitted regardless of the actual date of birth. *See Table Below*

D. General. A Life Member shall not be subject to any

account balance reaches $150,000.00.

b. Life Membership Plan B (Closed).

Plan B permanently closed on October 31, 2006.

No new applications shall be accepted.

All existing Plan B members retain full Life Membership rights, subject to continued good standing.

Plan B funds shall be administered under the Life Membership Fund provisions set forth in subsection G of this Section.

c. Life Membership Plan C (Closed).

Plan C permanently closed on May 31, 2025.

No new applications shall be accepted.

All existing Plan C members retain full Life Membership rights, subject to continued good standing.

Plan C funds shall be administered under the Life Membership Fund provisions set forth in subsection H of this Section.

d. Life Membership Plan D (Current Plan).

Plan D is the only Life Membership Plan currently open for enrollment. It became effective June 1, 2025.

further membership dues, levies or life membership dues of any kind. A Life Member shall have all the benefits and privileges of the Pup Tent, Grand Pup Tent, and Supreme Pup Tent membership as long as the member shall live. A Life Member subsequently found ineligible for Life Membership in either organization shall forfeit such Life Membership and fees paid. A Life Member who shall be discharged from either organization due to a disciplinary action shall forfeit such Life Membership, and in any event, no refund of fees will be made.

E. Per Capita Tax (PCT).

1. Life Membership Fund Plan A. The funds from this "LMF frozen account" will remain in Plan A with no rebate, at any level, until the LMF frozen account reaches $150,000.00.
2. Life Membership Funds Plan B, C and D. The Life Membership Funds will work similar to an annuity. The Supreme Quartermaster will pay the annual PCT for each Plan "B", "C" and "D" Life Member from the Life Membership Funds no later than September 30th of the new membership year. The LMC will submit a proposed distribution schedule to the New Supreme Council of

e. Eligibility requires that the applicant:
   (1) Be a Life Member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States;
   (2) Hold current annual membership in the Military Order of the Cootie;
   (3) Have attained the 3rd Degree in the Military Order of the Cootie; and
   (4) Be in good standing at the time of application.
   (5) Applications shall be submitted with payment of the applicable Life Membership fee to the CCDB, Quartermaster, or Supreme Quartermaster, as appropriate.
   (6) Members at Large may apply through the Supreme Quartermaster.
   (7) The applicable fee shall be determined using the applicant's attained age as of December 31 of the calendar year in which the application is submitted.

INSERT FEE SCHEDULE BELOW

f. General Provisions Applicable to All Plans.

A Life Member shall not be subject to future membership dues, levies, or additional life membership fees.

A Life Member shall retain all benefits and privileges of Pup Tent, Grand Pup Tent, and Supreme Pup Tent membership for life, provided the member remains in good standing.

A Life Member found ineligible for

Administration at the Supreme Scratch. The Council of Administration will not change or modify the Life Membership Committee recommendation. They will approve, deny, or table the recommendation. No rebate will be paid to the Pup Tents, Grands, or Supreme Headquarters without prior approval of the Supreme Council of Administration. No rebate will be made to any contingent of the Military Order of the Cootie, which is in arrears to the Supreme Organization. If the Supreme Council of Administration does not act on the rebate by a 2/3 vote by November 15th of the current year, the Supreme Quartermaster will pay rebates using the total annual interest earned as of June 30th at a distribution rate of 30% to the Pup Tent, 30% to the Grands, 30% to the Supreme Headquarters, and the remaining 10% retained in the LMF. The subsequent rebate, when earned, is to be paid based on the number of Plan "B", "C", and "D" Life Members on the rolls of the Organization as of June 30th of the current year. No rebate will be paid to the Pup Tents or Grands or Supreme, if the calculated amount to be

Life Membership in either the VFW or the Military Order of the Cootie shall forfeit Life Membership status without refund.

A Life Member discharged due to disciplinary action shall forfeit Life Membership status without refund.

g. Per Capita Tax (PCT).

The Supreme Per Capita Tax shall be $12.00 per capita unless amended by proper authority.

h. Life Membership Fund (LMF) Administration — Plans B, C, and D.

The Life Membership Fund shall operate as an interest-bearing fund.

The Supreme Quartermaster shall pay the annual Per Capita Tax for each Plan B, Plan C, and Plan D Life Member from the Life Membership Fund no later than September 30 of each membership year.

The Life Membership Committee shall submit a proposed distribution schedule to the Supreme Council of Administration at the Supreme Scratch.

The Council of Administration may approve, deny, or table the recommendation. The Council shall not amend the recommendation.

No rebate shall be paid to Pup Tents, Grands, or Supreme Headquarters without prior approval of the Council of

paid to the Pup Tents, Grands, and Supreme is less than $1.00 per Plan "B", "C", of "D" Life Member or the annual earned interest for the current year drops below 6%.

Administration.

No rebate shall be paid to any contingent that is in arrears to the Supreme Organization.

If the Council of Administration fails to approve or deny a rebate by a two-thirds (2/3) PASS vote prior to adjournment of the Supreme Scratch, the Supreme Quartermaster shall distribute earned interest as of May 31 using the following formula:

- 30% to Pup Tents
- 30% to Grands
- 30% to Supreme Headquarters
- 10% retained in the Life Membership Fund

For Independent Pup Tents, the Grand portion shall be paid to Supreme Headquarters.

Rebates shall be calculated based on the number of Plan B, Plan C, and Plan D Life Members on the rolls as of May 31.

No rebate shall be issued if:

- The calculated distribution equals less than $1.00 per Life Member; or
- The annual earned interest rate for the year is below 6%.

Through age 30	$395.00
31 – 40	$375.00
41 – 50	$355.00
51 – 60	$320.00

61 – 70	$285.00
71 – 80	$220.00
81 and up	$175.00

II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

Clarification of Life Membership plans, treatment of Independent Pup Tents, requirement that all three degrees have been completed, and align dates with the current MOC year. Restructure the section to aid in readability.

A2-Ver 1

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch
PROPOSER: Supreme Bylaws Committee
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article III, Section 303 of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
Roster, Appointive Officers. The Seam Squirrel shall appoint the Sky Pilot, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, Keeper of the Lousy Records, Shyster, Pill Pusher, Hungry Cootie, Shirt Reader and may appoint any of the following positions as needed: Hospital Chairperson, Newshound (Public Relations), Wind-Jammer (Bugler), National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson, and if deemed necessary an assistant C.C.D.B. They shall enter upon their duties immediately upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the annual Grand Scratch and may be removed at the pleasure of the Seam Squirrel.	Roster, Appointive Officers. The Seam Squirrel shall appoint the Sky Pilot, Provost Marshal, ~~Jimmy Legs, Keeper of the Lousy Records, Shyster, Pill Pusher,~~ Hungry Cootie~~,~~ **Hospital Chairperson.** ~~Shirt Reader.~~ **The Seam Squirrel may appoint** any of the following positions as needed: **Jimmy Legs, Keeper of the Lousy Records, Shyster, Pill Pusher, Shirt Reader,** ~~Hospital Chairperson,~~ Newshound (Public Relations), Wind-Jammer (Bugler), National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson, and if deemed necessary an assistant C.C.D.B. **and other positions as deemed appropriate.** ~~They shall enter upon their duties immediately upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the annual Grand Scratch and may be removed at the pleasure of the Seam Squirrel.~~	Roster, Appointive Officers. a. The Seam Squirrel shall appoint the Sky Pilot, Provost Marshal, Hungry Cootie and the Hospital Chairperson. b. The Seam Squirrel may appoint any of the following positions as needed: Jimmy Legs, Keeper of the Lousy Records, Shyster, Pill Pusher, Shirt Reader, Newshound (Public Relations), Wind-Jammer (Bugler), National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson, and if deemed necessary an assistant C.C.D.B. and other positions as deemed appropriate.

II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

Change of the list of appointive officers to allow the Seam Squirrel to appoint only the officers that are needed for Pup Tent operations. This change closely matches the changes made by the VFW Post operations in the VFW National Bylaws.

A3-Ver 1

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch
PROPOSER: Supreme Bylaws Committee
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article III, Section 304(B) of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
Shavetails shall be elected and installed between the fifteenth (15th) day of January and the last day of March, unless otherwise provided for by special dispensation granted by the Grand Commander concerned. The Shavetails thus elected or appointed, and subsequently installed, shall assume the duties of their respective offices immediately upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the conclusion of the Grand Scratch. Pup Tent Officers not within a Grand shall assume the duties of their respective offices July 1.	Add to Section 304(B) the following: **Independent Pup Tent Officers not within a Grand shall assume the duties of their respective offices June 1st (the beginning of the Cootie year (1 June through 31 May)).**	Shavetails shall be elected and installed between the fifteenth (15th) day of January and the last day of March, unless otherwise provided for by special dispensation granted by the Grand Commander concerned. The Shavetails thus elected or appointed, and subsequently installed, shall assume the duties of their respective offices immediately upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the conclusion of the Grand Scratch. **Independent Pup Tent Officers not within a Grand shall assume the duties of their respective offices June 1st (the beginning of the Cootie year (1 June through 31 May)).**

II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

Adds clarification language to reflect that Independent Pup Tents assume duties on June 1 (beginning of the Cootie year).

A4-Ver 1

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch
PROPOSER: Supreme Bylaws Committee
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article IV, Section 407C of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
Appointive: The Grand Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, Hospital Chairperson, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Deputy Inspectors, VAVSR, Aides-de-Camp, National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson. The Grand Commander, if deemed necessary to, may select an Assistant Quartermaster. They shall enter upon their duties upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the Annual Grand Scratch and may be removed at the pleasure of Grand Commander during that term.	Appointive: The Grand Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, Hospital Chairperson, VAVSR, **The Grand Commander may appoint** Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Deputy Inspectors, Aides-de-Camp, National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson. The Grand Commander, if deemed necessary to, may select an Assistant Quartermaster. They shall ~~enter upon~~ assume their duties upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the Annual Grand Scratch and may be removed at the pleasure of Grand Commander.	Appointive: a. The Grand Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, Hospital Chairperson, VAVSR. b. The Grand Commander may appoint Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Deputy Inspectors, Aides-de-Camp, National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson. The Grand Commander, if deemed necessary to, may select an Assistant Quartermaster. c. They shall assume their duties upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the Annual Grand Scratch and may be removed at the pleasure of Grand Commander.

II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

Change selected required appointive officer positions to optional as needed by the Grand Commander.

A5-Ver 1

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch
PROPOSER: Supreme Bylaws Committee
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article V, Section 505B of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
Appointive: The appointive officers of the Supreme Pup Tent shall be a Supreme Chief of Staff, Supreme Adjutant, Supreme Inspector, Supreme Hospital Commissioner, Supreme Shirt Reader, Supreme Provost Marshal, Supreme Jimmy Legs, Supreme Editor, Supreme Director of Public Relations, Supreme Aides-de-Camp, Supreme Deputy Inspectors, Supreme Deputy Chiefs of Staff (one of each for every ten Pup Tents within any one State), Supreme Life Membership Chairperson, and such other Supreme appointments as circumstances from time to time require.	Appointive: The appointive officers of the Supreme Pup Tent shall be a Supreme Chief of Staff, Supreme Adjutant, Supreme Inspector, Supreme Hospital Commissioner, Supreme Shirt Reader, Supreme Provost Marshal, Supreme Jimmy Legs, ~~Supreme Editor, Supreme Director of Public Relations, Supreme Aides-de-Camp, Supreme Deputy Inspectors, Supreme Deputy Chiefs of Staff (one of each for every ten Pup Tents within any one State), Supreme Life Membership Chairperson, and such other Supreme appointments as circumstances from time to time require.~~ **or any additional appointments made by the Supreme Commander.**	Appointive: The appointive officers of the Supreme Pup Tent shall be a Supreme Chief of Staff, Supreme Adjutant, Supreme Inspector, Supreme Hospital Commissioner, Supreme Shirt Reader, Supreme Provost Marshal, Supreme Jimmy Legs, or any additional appointments made by the Supreme Commander.

II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

Change selected required appointive officer positions to optionally needed by the Supreme Commander.

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MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch
PROPOSER: Supreme Bylaws Committee
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article V, Section 525 of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
Duty of the Supreme Council of Administration. a. As existing b. As existing c. As existing d. As existing	e. **Paid Supreme appointive officer(s) shall be confirmed by majority vote of the Supreme Council of Administration.**	Duty of the Supreme Council of Administration. a. As existing b. As existing c. As existing d. As existing e. **Paid Supreme appointive officer(s) shall be confirmed by majority vote of the Supreme Council of Administration.**

II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

Appointed paid officers for the Supreme Commander are to be approved by the Supreme COA.

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MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch
PROPOSER: Supreme Bylaws Committee
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article V, Section 528 of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
Vacancies. a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Supreme Commander, the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander shall at once succeed to the duties and title of that position and the Supreme Junior Vice-Commander shall become the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander. All other vacancies occurring in any of the elective offices of the Supreme Pup Tent, shall be filled by the Supreme Council of Administration in the following manner: The Supreme Commander shall notify the members of the Supreme Council of	Vacancies. a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Supreme Commander, the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander shall at once succeed to the duties and title of that position and the Supreme Junior Vice-Commander shall become the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander. All other vacancies occurring in any of the elective offices of the Supreme Pup Tent, shall be filled by the Supreme Council of Administration in the following manner: The Supreme Commander shall notify the members of the Supreme Council of Administration that the vacancy exists, and thirty (30) days thereafter shall **convene a virtual or in person meeting of the Supreme Council of Administration to elect a replacement for the vacant**	Vacancies. a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Supreme Commander, the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander shall at once succeed to the duties and title of that position and the Supreme Junior Vice-Commander shall become the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander. All other vacancies occurring in any of the elective offices of the Supreme Pup Tent, shall be filled by the Supreme Council of Administration in the following manner: The Supreme Commander shall notify the members of the Supreme Council of Administration that the vacancy exists, and thirty (30) days thereafter shall convene a virtual or in-person meeting of the Supreme Council of Administration to elect a replacement for the vacant office. The Supreme Council of Administration shall hold a

Administration that the vacancy exists, and thirty (30) days thereafter shall advise them the names and members presented for the vacancy. Members of the Council may vote to fill each vacancy in a sealed envelope marked "Ballot" enclosed in an envelope and forwarded direct to the Supreme Adjutant. These ballots shall be opened at a time specified by the Supreme Commander, by tellers appointed by him/her in the presence of such officers of the Supreme Pup Tent as the Supreme Commander may designate.	**office.** ~~advise them the names and members presented for the vacancy.~~ **The Supreme Council of Administration shall hold a vote to elect a replacement for the vacant office.** ~~Members of the Council may vote to fill each vacancy in a sealed envelope marked "Ballot" enclosed in an envelope and forwarded direct to the Supreme Adjutant. These ballots shall be opened at a time specified by the Supreme Commander, by tellers appointed by him/her in the presence of such officers of the Supreme Pup Tent as the Supreme Commander may designate.~~	vote to elect a replacement for the vacant office.
b. The Cootie receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office designated. In the case of the name of only one person is proposed for office, said person shall be duly elected to the vacancy.	b. ~~The Cootie receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office designated. In the case of the name of only one person is proposed for office, said person shall be duly elected to the vacancy.~~ **In the case of no clear majority winner, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot, and a new election shall take place until a candidate receives a clear majority of the votes.**	b. In the case of no clear majority winner, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot, and a new election shall take place until a candidate receives a clear majority of the votes.

II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

Updating language to allow use of virtual meetings and vote to replace vacant positions at the Supreme Pup Tent.

A8-Ver 3

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch
PROPOSER: Supreme Bylaws Committee
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article VII, Section 706 of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
New Section – No verbiage	**Section 706 - Cootie Bug.** **a. The official Cootie Bug consists of the following bugs in the Cootie Depot: Bronze Bug (7137), Gold Bug (7136), Flag Bug (7040), and 100 Bug (7100). The Blue Louse bug is an authorized bug but is not available for purchase from the Cootie Depot.** **b. Third Degree members of the MOC, in good standing, shall wear a cootie bug on the outer collar while attending any MOC or VFW functions.** **c. Auxiliary members are not entitled to wear the official Cootie bug, except for there, however, authorized to design and sell their own bugs so long as they are not designed to be confused**	Section 706 - Cootie Bug. a. The official Cootie Bug consists of any Bug sold in the Cootie Depot: The Blue Louse bug is an authorized bug but is not available for purchase from the Cootie Depot. b. Third Degree members of the MOC, in good standing, shall wear a cootie bug on the outer collar while attending any MOC or VFW functions. c. Auxiliary members are not entitled to wear any official Cootie bug, however, the MOCA is authorized to design and sell their own bugs so long as they are not designed to be confused with the official MOC Cootie Bug. d. Grands are authorized to create Grand-specific lapel pin bugs. Such bugs shall not

	with the official MOC Cootie Bug.	replace the official cootie bugs when worn on the collar.
	d. Grands are authorized to create Grand-specific lapel pin bugs. Such bugs shall not replace the official cootie bugs when worn on the collar.	

II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

Reflects that the Cootie Bug authorized for use by third degree members and identifies the authorized bugs for use.

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MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch
PROPOSER: Supreme Bylaws Committee
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article VIII, Section 801 of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
Discipline of Members. A. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, no member shall have their membership in the Military Order of the Cootie terminated or suspended, nor may any member be relieved of office, unless such member has been advised in writing of the charges against them and afforded the opportunity to request that such charges be heard and determined at a Disciplinary Hearing as hereinafter provided. B. The term “Disciplinary Action” is substituted for and replaces the term “Court Martial” wherever that term appears in the Bylaws or any other official documents of this organization.	Discipline of Members. A. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, no member shall have their membership in the Military Order of the Cootie terminated or suspended, nor may any member be relieved of office, unless such member has been advised in writing of the charges against them and afforded the opportunity to request that such charges be heard and determined at a Disciplinary Hearing as hereinafter provided. B. The term “Disciplinary Action” is substituted for and replaces the term “Court Martial” wherever that term appears in the Bylaws or any other official documents of this organization. C. **At any time charges are initiated on a Cootie holding office, the**	Discipline of Members. A. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, no member shall have their membership in the Military Order of the Cootie terminated or suspended, nor may any member be relieved of office, unless such member has been advised in writing of the charges against them and afforded the opportunity to request that such charges be heard and determined at a Disciplinary Hearing as hereinafter provided. B. The term “Disciplinary Action” is substituted for and replaces the term “Court Martial” wherever that term appears in the Bylaws or any other official documents of this organization. C. **At any time charges are initiated on a Cootie holding office, the**

	Supreme Commander or Grand Commander having jurisdiction, may at their discretion suspend the accused member from an elected or appointed position pending a final decision on the disciplinary action, provided that, with respect to salaried positions, said suspension will be with pay.	**Supreme Commander or Grand Commander having jurisdiction, may at their discretion suspend the accused member from an elected or appointed position pending a final decision on the disciplinary action, provided that, with respect to salaried positions, said suspension will be with pay.**

II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

Updating to reflect that the Supreme or Grand Commander may suspend a Cootie from a position. Language is from Section 905 of the VFW National Bylaws.

A10-V1

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch
PROPOSER: Grand of California
DATE: 5/16/2026
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article 5, Section 505. C/D/E/F/G of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

*Instructions: Show additions in **bold italics** and deletions with strikethrough.*

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
Supreme Council of Administration: The Supreme Council of Administration shall consist of the following officers: All elected officers (see paragraph A.), the immediate Past Supreme Commander, Supreme Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Hospital Commissioner, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, all Grand Commanders, and two (2) Councilmembers representing the separate Pup Tents. Each Councilmember is elected for one (1) year terms. Councilmembers will remain members of the Council of Administration	~~all Grand Commanders, and two (2) Councilmembers representing the separate Pup Tents. Each Councilmember is elected for one (1) year terms.~~ ***...one (1) representative from each Grand, to be elected by their respective Grand for a term of three (3) years; and one (1) representative of the Independent Pup Tents, to be elected by the members of the Supreme Scratch for a term of three (3) years.*** ~~D. When Grand Commanders are unable to attend the Supreme Scratch or Supreme~~	The Supreme Council of Administration shall consist of the following officers: all elected officers (see paragraph A.), the Immediate Past Supreme Commander, Supreme Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Hospital Commissioner, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, ***one (1) representative from each Grand, to be elected by their respective Grand for a term of three (3) years; and one (1) representative of the Independent Pup Tents, to be elected by the members of the Supreme Scratch for a term of three (3) years.*** Representatives

until said Council of Administration is dissolved by the Supreme Commander.

D. When Grand Commanders are unable to attend the Supreme Scratch or Supreme Meetings, the Grand's Senior Vice Commander will take the place of the Grand Commander. In their absence or disability, the Grand's Junior Vice Commander shall discharge the duties the Council Member. An East Region Councilmember shall represent all separate Pup Tents east of the Mississippi River and a West Region Councilmember shall represent all separate Pup Tents to the west. In addition to representation, the Council Members will provide administrative oversight, advice, counsel, and training as may be required by the Supreme organization. Each Region will develop a rotational schedule to determine which Independent Pup Tent is next in line to have the council member.

E. Each Region shall elect a Vice Council Member for a term to run concurrent with the Supreme Council Member ~~Meetings, the Grand's Senior Vice Commander will take the place of the Grand Commander. In their absence or disability, the Grand's Junior Vice Commander shall discharge the duties the Council Member. An East Region Councilmember shall represent all separate Pup Tents east of the Mississippi River and a West Region Councilmember shall represent all separate Pup Tents to the west.~~ In addition to representation, the Council Members will provide administrative oversight, advice, counsel, and training as may be required by the Supreme organization. ~~Each Region will develop a rotational schedule to determine which Independent Pup Tent is next in line to have the council member.~~

E~~. Each Region shall elect a Vice Council Member for a term to run concurrent with the Supreme Council Member and will be from the Pup Tent next in line for a Supreme Council of Administration Member.~~

~~F. Each Region shall hold an annual Scratch, at a central~~ shall serve for the term specified or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Members shall remain part of the Council of Administration until said Council is dissolved by the Supreme Commander. **Members of the Council of Administration shall not be authorized reimbursement while serving and attending Supreme events.** Council of Administration scratches **shall** incorporate the use of technology for virtual meetings provided that procedures are adopted pertaining to the conduct of such Scratches and that it allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously.

D. In addition to representation, the Council Members will provide administrative oversight, advice, counsel, and training as may be required by the Supreme organization.

and will be from the Pup Tent next in line for a Supreme Council of Administration Member.

F. Each Region shall hold an annual Scratch, at a central point, at least thirty (30) days prior to the National V.F.W. Convention and annual Supreme Scratch. The Supreme Council of Administration Member for the Region shall preside and the regular order of V.F.W. business procedures shall be used. Such scratches may incorporate the use of technology provided that procedures are adopted pertaining to the conduct of such scratches and that it allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously. The Scratch shall transact all business relative to the Region, including election of the next Council Member and Vice Council member; with due respect to the approved rotational schedule. Each Pup Tent shall be entitled to the same number of delegates as provided for at the Supreme Scratch.

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II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

The current composition of the Supreme Council of Administration, which includes all Grand Commanders as members, was adopted following the dissolution of the Supreme Districts at Supreme Scratch 2021. Under the previous structure, District Councilmembers served two (2) year terms, which provided a degree of continuity and institutional knowledge within the Council.

Under the present system, most Grand Commanders serve only one (1) year terms within their respective Grands. As a result, their participation on the Supreme Council of Administration is limited to approximately three (3) meetings, with their final meeting often occurring after they are no longer serving as Grand Commander. This structure has resulted in limited continuity, reduced long-term planning capability, and a diminished ability to maintain consistent oversight and direction within the Council.

Additionally, the current provision for two (2) Councilmembers representing Independent Pup Tent regions has proven to be ineffective in practice. At the time of its adoption, the distribution of Independent Pup Tents between regions was relatively balanced. However, current conditions reflect a significant imbalance, with one region representing substantially more Pup Tents than the other. This disparity has led to unequal representation and challenges in effectively advocating for the interests of all Independent Pup Tents.

The proposed amendment establishes one (1) representative from each Grand, elected by their respective Grand, to serve a term of three (3) years. This change allows Grand Commanders to focus on the duties and responsibilities of their office, while ensuring that each Grand maintains consistent representation within the Supreme Council of Administration. Furthermore, the establishment of a three (3) year term promotes continuity, preserves institutional knowledge, and enhances the Council's ability to engage in long-term planning and governance.

The amendment also provides for one (1) representative of the Independent Pup Tents, elected by the members of the Supreme Council of Administration, to serve a three (3) year term. This approach simplifies representation and allows for selection based on the needs of the organization as a whole.

For maximum effectiveness, it is recommended that the terms of these representatives be staggered to ensure continuity of experience and leadership within the Supreme Council of Administration.

III. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

This is to certify that the above proposal was presented at a regular **Scratch** of _____ (Pup Tent Name/Number) on _____ (Date). A quorum was present, and the proposal was approved by vote.

Signed: _____ (Pup Tent Seam Squirrel)
Attest: _____ (Pup Tent Hungry Cootie)

IV. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE Grand

This is to certify in accordance with Supreme Bylaws, Article X, Section 902 that the above proposed bylaw revision was endorsed at a **Grand COA or Grand Convention** of ____CALIFORNIA_____ (Grand Name) on ___5/16/2026_____ (Date). A quorum was present, and the endorsement was approved by the Grand.

Signed: ANTHONY A. PRECIE Anthony A. Precie (Grand Seam Squirrel)
Attest: TAMERA WALTERS Tamera Walters (Grand Hungry Cootie)

Note: Independent Pup Tents shall submit directly to the Supreme Adjutant and Supreme Bylaws Committee Chair.