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## From the MOC Supreme Commander

I am honored to represent this Lousy organization as your Supreme Commander. I am here because of you and your support and trust in me to help lead the MOC. I will do my best not to let you or the VFW down during this year.

I set my theme this year as "To Serve and Honor". Two small words, 5 letters each, that mean so much to this great organization. We as members of the Military Order of the Cootie and the women of the MOC Auxiliary understand the significance of these words. We initially dedicated 2 to 4 years to this great nation in service as a member of the Armed Forces. We swore an oath to serve and protect this nation from all enemies, no matter what. Our families swore to support us in our efforts and made us stronger by doing so. Many of us joined the military and never expected to have to face combat, but we dedicated ourselves to that cause should it be necessary. As a result we saw combat, saw our friends perish at the hands of the enemy, spent time in places and situations we never wish to recall, but in the end, we turned the bad memories and heart rending experiences into a greater drive and love for this country and those who have sworn to defend her. We continue to provide service today, helping support those who have been injured in the continued battle against terrorism, those who still suffer from injuries, seen and unseen, from battlefields long past, and those who may need nothing more than someone to remember them with a smile and a kind word.

This service, no matter the uniform, is what makes this a great nation and the Military Order of the Cootie such a wonderful organization. We honor each other everytime we meet and exchange greetings in a time honored fashion, whether it be a salute, a hug, a hand shake, or just a hello across the way. We also honor our rich heritage as veterans of foreign wars – sharing ourselves with others and trying to make their day just a bit brighter.

This year, we continue these traditions of service and honor. We support our VFW Commander-in-Chief, John Hamilton and his goals for the VFW as we have always done. I have made only one promise to the Chief, that is, we will be the Lousiest Cooties we can be and we will ensure the veterans in our VA hospitals, our local hospitals and nursing homes will have a smile or two because we cared enough to visit them and help out. We will honor them through our service and in so doing have a Lousy Cootie year!

The goals I have set for this year follow:

- 1) Increase & Multiply – Stop the bleed on our membership rolls. We must grow to survive and my goal is to attain 100% in membership this year with at least 4 new Pup Tents.
- 2) Serve & Honor – Exceed our expectations in serving those who need us...I believe last year's Hospital final tally was around \$3.6M. I would like to see us easily reach \$4M in service credit this year.
- 3) VFW Booster – We need to support our VFW Commander-in-Chief. I know we do it, it's just a matter of reporting. Work with the Pup Tents and make it a duty of the Grand Inspector to get the Pup Tent to complete at least 1 Booster report during the inspection. If you've already inspected the Pup Tent and they haven't turned a report in, have some spare report forms available at a C of A or your Grand Scratch and get them filled out there.
- 4) Special Projects – These are not for our glory, but rather for the children and family we pledged to support in 1923. Work with the Pup Tents to meet their goals for the Special Projects.

Please do not forget to help and work with our most important asset as Cooties, that being the MOCA. Supreme President Lorna is leading this fantastic group of sisters. Ensure our success, by helping to ensure theirs. They are here to help us help our Veterans. I have pledged my support and assistance to making this a great year for the MOCA, and in so doing, making the MOC the Lousiest possible.

Yours in L.O.T.C.S

Jerry Constable

**Supreme Commander, M.O.C.**



## From the MOCA Supreme President



I can not believe our year is finally

here! I am so blessed to have Commander Jerry at my side. I believe we are a good combination and we will lead you well.

Communication is definitely important, and we haven't been doing that. We have to stay in touch to be efficient. We can not let petty differences effect our organization. Please ladies, leave your differences at the door. We are here for one purpose, and that is to work for our Veterans.

Commander Jerry and I attended the Sharing and Caring Boat ride this month. Wow, I never knew it could be that hot in Pennsylvania! I'm used to triple digits here in California, but that was hot!! The Veterans on the ride were so happy to have everyone there for them. With every smile you knew you were doing something important, you made them feel as though they were important. AND as we know, they are the important ones. The oldest man there was 99, and he had a ball being recognized. May I still be around at 99!

As always, I want to thank everyone for all the work you do for our organization. Without you we could not survive, but we have to get our membership up. Please talk to all your VFW Sisters and ask them to join. We need

the support.

Remember that we are "Working together in Perfect Harmony" and by working together we show our dedication to our Country and the Freedoms our Military have provided us.

Respectfully,

Lorna L. Piper,

**Supreme President**



## From the MOC Supreme Sr Vice Commander

Listen Cooties,

I sincerely thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Supreme Senior Vice Commander. I am humbled and deeply honored if this honor you have bestowed upon me and will serve you to the best of my ability. With the Supreme Convention behind us, lets all get behind our Supreme Commander and make his year one he will cherish.

As we start this year I would like everyone to remember our jingle, "Closer than a Brother, Busier than a bee". I know everyone has heard this before, however we need to recruit. For the VFW; so that the Commander in Chief can obtain and maintain our veterans rights and benefits. For the MOC; to keep them smiling in beds of white. No one does it better than us. Time is ticking away, so lets get out there and have some fun!

Our next event will be Tomb Trek. Have you registered yet? Bought your banquet or bus ticket? If not, don't worry. We will have a registration table there for you to purchase these items. The Cootie hospitality rooms will be in full swing again as last year, with one exception, the Grand of Virginia will be on the top floor again. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. If you haven't been to a Tomb Trek, your missing a time in your life you wont forget. See you there!

I would like to thank all you Cooties and MOCA for what you unselfishly devote daily to "**Honor and Serve**" our veterans, community and youth.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events, so till then be safe, have fun and God Bless.

**Mark M. Newman**

**Supreme Sr. Vice Commander**



## From the MOC Supreme Jr Vice Commander



First let me thank everyone for the support, I am honored and humbled to have been elected as your Junior Vice Commander. So many people to thank and so little time, but most importantly thanks to my wife, Janis, for putting up with several trips over the last 4 years and of course thanks to my Grand and my Department for all they did. Now we need to support Commander Constable and Senior Vice Newman and make this the best year ever for Supreme.

Special thanks to Pete Laythe and Marty for the advice and support, through good and bad we made it!

Cooties lets hit the road running and complete programs quickly. It can be done with some "elbow grease" and with Grand Commanders doing some pushing. I have no doubt this will be a great year for Commander Constable and Supreme.

Lets put aside any ill feelings or anything negative and support all the officers and programs. As I said many times, I am here to support all cooties and will do whatever it takes for us to reach new heights.

Past Supreme Commander Lyons, thanks for a great and fun-filled installation, the hat and "get up" for our Commander will be hard to beat -

Congrats to Commander Constable and Senior Vice Newman – let's go get it done

Dave Wimmer

**Supreme Jr. Vice Commander**

## From the MOC Supreme Quartermaster

As always, it's time to think about membership. The Supreme Organization is at a little over 70%. Let's all get out there and recruit at least one new member or bring back into our ranks a member that has gone by the way side. At the Supreme Convention several of you came up to me and told me you were working on establishing a new pup tent. So far we at headquarters have not received any paperwork relating to the establishment of a new pup tent. I know it takes a lot of hard work and perseverance to start a new pup tent.

We are planning on changing the way that we process and handle membership processing and renewals for next year at the Grand and Pup Tents. If you are a Grand quartermaster and would like find out how this process is changing please contact me at headquarters 412-824-2240 or on my cell phone at 703-447-3607 and I would be happy to talk you thru the new process. I would actually like to test the process this year and would be glad to send some of you the new forms that we plan on using. That way we could test the process and work out any kinks that might be found. I look forward to hearing from some of you.

We at headquarters are trying to establish a quick turn around on all supply orders. We are ordering special orders usually within one day of receipt and are trying to fill supply requests within one day of receipt even if it means partially filling your requests.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you at Tomb Trek, if you have any problems getting reservations at the Double Tree please contact me and I will see what I can do to assist.

**Gary Dressel**

**Supreme Quartermaster**



## FROM the Supreme EDITOR

**Deadline for the next issue will be Dec 30, 2012.** If you have anything that you would like in the next issue send me an e-mail at [cootieditor@gmail.com](mailto:cootieditor@gmail.com) and I'll get it in. Since we are going electronic we will not be constrained by the number of pages that we can do. Having said that I will have to make some adjustments for those that need/want a paper copy. So remember if you want all the news that is to Lousy to print anywhere else, you have to go electronic.

Your in L.O.T.C.S.

**Jesse E Kitson**

**Supreme Editor**

## From the MOC Supreme Judge Advocate

### Cooties Listen,

I am deeply humble and want to thank each and every Cootie that supported my campaign for this high office position of Supreme Judge Advocate this past year. I believe I have met the goals establish in supporting and providing abundance of support and guidance within the supreme organization. I ask that we continue to support the Organization in membership as well as our Parent Organization along with our other programs. Remember, for the village to be strong, everybody needs to support. I have announced my candidacy for the office of Supreme Junior vice Commander in the year 2015. I hope that members thereof will support me in my tenure. I will continue to pledge in supporting the Supreme Commander in the legal aspect, too include parliamentary, Demeter Rules, National By-Laws, and the Military Order of the Cooties By-Laws. I hope to see you at the Council of Administration at Tombtrek in Arlington Va. In the meantime, I am going to leave you with a Questions & Answers; what does section 219 in Article II for Pup Tents? That answer will show up in the next Cootie Courier. Again, thank you and let's continue to work hard on our membership, obligations and have plenty of fun!

**Yours in L.O.T.C.S.**

**Franky A. Hicks, BH**

**Supreme Judge Advocate**



## MOC SUPREME GENERAL ORDERS #1 2012-2013

1. Having been duly elected at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Scratch held in Reno, Nevada July 28, 2012 I, Gerald "Jerry" L. Constable, hereby assume command of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States. All previous Supreme appointments have now expired. Cooties will now revert to their previous and proper tassels.
  2. Cooties at all levels are reminded that the disassociation mandate of 1959 remains in full force and is still in effect.
  3. Notice is hereby given that the logo, bug, official seal, hat and the name Military Order of the Cootie are the trade marked and copy-written property of the Supreme Pup Tent, Military Order of the Cootie of the United States and may not be used without the express written consent of the Supreme Pup Tent. Violators of this order will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
  4. Supreme Headquarters is established as being located at 604 Braddock Ave. Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Office hours at Supreme Headquarters are from 9AM to 5PM Monday through Friday, Eastern Time. Supreme Headquarters, MOC is closed for all Federal Holidays.
  5. The Supreme Budget was approved by the Supreme Council of Administration July 29, 2012 and is in effect.
  6. Registered Delegates to the 93<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Scratch who were unable to attend can request a copy of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Ad Book for the cost of \$1.50 to cover postage while supplies last. The book will be mailed to the delegate who makes the request.
  7. There is a limited supply of 93<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Scratch Pins available for \$3.00 each. This unique pin is truly a collector's item. Cooties and sisters who did not get a chance to purchase some at the Supreme Scratch can still complete their collection by sending a note with a check for the number of pins requested. Shipping and handling is FREE on this item.
  8. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, Section 533, and having failed to register at least 1 delegate, the following Pup Tents are in arrears to the Military Order of the Cootie of the U.S. **AR** 6, 13; **AZ** 7; **CO** 23; **CT** 14; **FL** 2, 3, 6, 10, 19, 37, 43, 55, 56, 57, 59, 63, 65, 75, 77, 78, 92; **GA** 4, 5; **IL** 32, 65, 66, 67, 77, 78, 82; **IN** 1, 2, 16, 24; **KS** 7; **KY** 4, 10; **LA** 6, 11, 13, 14, 22; **ME** 21; **MD** 2, 4, 9, 13, 25; **MA** 14; **MI** 7, 13, 32; **MN** 3, 5, 9, 17, 19, 26, 37, 63, 65, 99; **MS** 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17; **MO** 11, 17; **MT** 4, 13, 26; **NE** 4, 8, 9; **NH** 3, 12; **NJ** 15, 22, 39, 59, 86, 95; **NM** 12, 17, 21; **NY** 6, 35, 42, 43, 46, 54, 55, 69; **NC** 8, 14, 89; **ND** 1, 2, 5, 7, 12; **OH** 4, 10, 11, 20, 24, 25, 28, 48, 54, 60, 63, 71, 84, 86, 92; **OK** 4, 6, 16, 17; **OR** 15; **PC** 10; **PA** 6, 14, 24, 33, 34, 38, 39, 44, 48, 50, 58, 65, 77; **SC** 1, 2; **TN** 4, 5, 9, 17; **TX** 5, 6, 11, 15, 16, 19, 27, 41, 47, 88; **WA** 1; **WI** 2, 3, 15, 22, 33, 35, 38, 39.
  9. Notice to all Cooties, there were several By-Law changes adopted by the 93<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Convention which will affect all levels of the Supreme Organization. You can order an updated edition of the Supreme By-Laws through the Supreme Supply Department.
  10. Announcement is made of the TREK TO THE TOMB OF THE UNKOWNS to be held on Sunday, NOVEMBER 4, 2012 at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.
  11. The Supreme Council of Administration will meet at 9:00AM at the Doubletree Hotel 300 Army-Navy Drive Arlington, Virginia on Saturday, November 3, 2012. All voting members of the Supreme Council are required to attend unless excused by the Supreme Commander.
  12. Reporting for all programs are due no later than May 31, 2013.
- Supreme Policy was approved by the Council of Administration on July 28, 2012 and is in effect.

BY COMMAND OF:

Gerald "Jerry" L. Constable  
**Supreme Commander**

OFFICIAL:

Jason A. Miller  
**Supreme Adjutant**

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## MOC AUXILIARY GENERAL ORDERS #1 - Series 2012-2013

(Please read, obey and file for future reference)

Having been duly elected and installed as Supreme President of the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie, I hereby assume the duties of this office. I will endeavor to perform these duties to the best of my ability.

All previous appointments are null and void. All members not currently holding a Supreme Office shall revert back to the proper tassels. (By-Laws Article VII, Section 707).

The *Cootie Courier* is recognized as the official method of communications between the Supreme Organization and all Supreme Officers, Chairmen, Grand, and local Auxiliaries. The General Orders and President's Message will be printed therein and are to be read at the first meeting following receipt of the current issue of the *Cootie Courier*, and then filed.

The *Cootie Courier* will be sent to all Supreme Officers, Chairmen, and Presidents on all levels. Individuals may receive a free email copy by emailing a request to [cootieeditor@gmail.com](mailto:cootieeditor@gmail.com). Hard copy subscriptions may be purchased for \$4.00 annually. Anyone wishing to receive a hard copy should send their name and address along with payment to Supreme MOC Headquarters, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.

Grand and Supreme District Secretaries: General Orders, Information Letters, and Minutes should be sent to the Supreme President, Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, and the Supreme Hospital Commissioner. **As a matter of courtesy, please also send a copy to Supreme MOC Headquarters, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.** The Audit and Treasurer's Report should be included in the minutes. If your Grand is within a Supreme District, a copy may be sent to your Supreme District President.

Secretaries at all levels: Please forward any changes of Officers or addresses to the Supreme Secretary AND Treasurer.

All Official Communications to the Supreme President must be done in writing and come through proper channels. Any local Auxiliary should send their communications to their Grand President and the Grand President to the Supreme President. Any communications not sent through proper channels will be returned to the Grand President. All decisions will come from the Supreme President in writing.

Grand Presidents: Please send the Supreme President the dates of Testimonials, Homecomings, and Grand C of A meetings, as well as any special functions your Grand may hold so that I may visit as many Grands as possible this year.

Grand Presidents and Supreme District Presidents: In the President's packet you received, there is a form to request a Supreme Representative for your Grand or District Convention. This will aid in making Representative assignments and obtaining the best available fares. The rest of the information can be sent to the Supreme President as soon as it becomes available. Please include what the Grand will be responsible for (pay for) i.e. hotel, banquet ticket, registration, etc. so that the Representative is prepared. Please have these forms completed and sent in by December 31, 2012.

Grand Presidents and Supreme District Presidents: In the President's packet, there is a form for adding or replacing VAVS Representatives and Deputies. If any Representative or Deputy is not able to regularly attend her meetings, she should be replaced. The President is responsible for filling out this form and sending to the Supreme VAVS Representative Gloria Rogers.

Auxiliary Treasurers: Send Transmittals with the Per Capita tax to your Grand Treasurer and make the checks payable to the Grand MOC Auxiliary. Auxiliaries not in a Grand are to send the Transmittals directly to the Supreme Treasurer and the check for the Per Capita tax should be made payable to the Supreme MOC Auxiliary. Please indicate on the application if this is a new, transferred, or reinstated member. Please be sure that three Sisters have signed the application where indicated. If the application does not have all three signatures, it will be returned for correction. Be sure the address on the application is complete and correct. We need a valid mailing address for all members. Please do not hold Transmittals. Send them in as soon as possible.

Presidents on all levels: The 2012-2013 President and Treasurer are the only authorized signatures on all accounts (checking, savings, CD's). All checks must have these two signatures. Checks should be imprinted with the Auxiliary Name, Number, and State. Any checks received by Supreme not having two signatures will be returned.

Audits must be done quarterly and should be completed by October 15<sup>th</sup>, January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, and July 15<sup>th</sup>. The Audit Form can be found in the current Supreme Program Book. The Audit Form, bank statements, checkbook, Treasurer's Book, and the books or the Secretary must be signed by at least two of the three elected Trustees. Local Auxiliaries should forward the copies of the completed Audit Form to their Grand Treasurer. Auxiliaries not in a Grand should forward their Audits to the Supreme Treasurer.

Checks from the Supreme Auxiliary not cashed within 90 days of receipt will be voided. Any Auxiliary on any level sending bad checks to the Supreme Auxiliary will be responsible for the amount of the check and any fees incurred.

Inspectors: Inspections may begin one week after the close of the Supreme Convention. Inform the Auxiliaries of the planned inspection date so that they will be prepared. Inspections may not be done at a Council of Administration meeting, but must be done at a regularly scheduled meeting of the local Auxiliary. The Inspector should verify that the books of the Secretary and Treasurer are being audited. They should also verify that the office of the Treasurer is bonded and that the bond is in possession of the President. The Hospital Chairman should have the figures for the Hospital Program and the green copies of the Hospital Reports available. If a problem is found during the Inspection, you should notify the Grand President immediately. The Grand Inspector will mail Supreme's copy of the Inspection Form to Supreme Inspector Janis Wimmer. (see roster corrections in this edition for her correct address)

Hospital Chairmen: Send your reports in monthly to your Grand Chairman. No report over 90 days old will be accepted. Be sure that any report that is returned for correction has the date of receipt stamped on it so that it will not be considered late when it is corrected and returned. Grand Hospital Chairmen and Auxiliaries not in a Grand should send their reports to their District Hospital Commissioners.

Clown Reports: the Clown reporting year has been extended by one month so reports for 2012 – 2013 will be accepted from May 1, 2012-April 30, 2013. Please correct your Supreme Program Book.

Auxiliaries at all levels having By-Laws should review them to be sure that they do not conflict with the Supreme Auxiliary By-Laws. All such By-Laws must be submitted to the Supreme President for approval.

Auxiliaries at all levels: Please remember to support your Pup Tent MOC. Our organization exists because of them and if they close, we will too.

The 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Tomb Trek to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be November 5-7, 2012. Reservation forms and hotel information are included elsewhere in this edition of the *Cootie Courier*. Please pay attention to the cut off dates. The dress required for presenting a wreath is printed in the Supreme Program Book and includes appropriate white pants for the first time. **ANY SISTER THAT IS NOT ATTIRED IN THE REQUIRED UNIFORM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT A WREATH.** Please read the dress code carefully so that you will be able to present a wreath for your Auxiliary.

The VFW National Home for Children Christmas Party will be December , 2012. This is a wonderful experience. If you have never had an opportunity to visit the Home, it will be a real treat. Reservation form for the banquet and hotel information are also included in this edition of the *Cootie Courier*. Please donate to the Grand of Michigan for the Christmas Party as well. Information on this can be found in the Supreme Program Book.



The Supreme President's Special Project is the Wheelchair Games. Please donate or sponsor a special project for this worthy cause. All donations should be sent to the Supreme Treasurer. Follow instructions in the Supreme Program Book for reporting (include a copy of your Hospital form).

The VFW National Home Special Project for 2012 – 2013 is supporting their Dental Program. All contributions or donations from fundraisers should be sent to the Supreme Treasurer. Don't forget to REPORT.

The theme for this year is WORKING TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY. The Supreme President's pins and charms will be available at the Tomb Trek. Shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, and other items are available from Patty Bromley and the order form is in the Supreme Program Book 2012 - 2013. Order forms will also be available at Tomb Trek.

To those who are ill, or Best Wishes for a speedy recovery. To those who have lost loved ones, know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Attested:  
Marilyn Peck  
Supreme Secretary

By Order of:  
Lorna lee Piper  
Supreme President

### MOC ROSTER & PROGRAM BOOK CHANGES

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## MOC Christmas Party for the Children at The National Home

Please put the VFW National Home for Children MOC Christmas Party on your calendar. It will be Nov. 30th & Dec. 1, 2012 at the Quality Suites Hotel, 901 Commerce Drive off West Saginaw Street in Lansing, Michigan 48917.

The hotel price remains at an affordable \$82.00 per night for a two-room suite with refrigerator, micro-wave and two televisions. There is room for up to five (5) people. The price of your room includes a Full hot breakfast. You can all the hotel directly at 517-886-0600 to make your reservation. Remember to tell them that you are with the "Cootie Holiday Party" to get the special room rate and reserve by the deadline of Friday, November 16, 2012. This is also a pet friendly hotel. The hotel offers complimentary airport transportation. Important: You should let the hotel personnel know when you make your reservation of your time of arrival in Lansing to insure that they can pick you up. If it's a very late flight they need to know to insure pick-up.

Banquets tickets will remain at \$35.00 per person this year. Requests and checks for tickets should be made out to the Grand of Michigan MOCA and mailed to Nadia Schelter, MOC-MOCA Christmas Banquet Coordinator, 9750 Riverside Drive, Grand Ledge MI 48837. Telephone 517-626-6942 and her e-mail address is [anaida6488@aol.com](mailto:anaida6488@aol.com). The menu will be beef and chicken with all the trimmings. Also anyone cancelling their reservation for the banquets less than one week beforehand will NOT receive any reimbursement. Once the number of dinners is given to the hotel, we pay for them whether they are used or not. As in past years, events at the National Home will be on Saturday, December 1st. A schedule of events will be available at the hotel.

PLEASE: If you are making donations for the benefit of the children and are mailing, please make your check out to the Grand of Michigan MOC, earmarked for the VFW Cootie Christmas Party. Mail to Grand Quartermaster Ernie Paulin, 710 Aldrich, Linden, MI 48451. If you are bringing it with you, please make checks out as above. Donations are down this past year and we don't want to short-change the Children's Christmas, so any and all help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Fun and frolic will be provided at the hotel (hospitality room etc. on Friday night, November 30th, 2012 beginning at 5PM. A complimentary drink and snacks will be provided by the hotel.

Submitted by: William Bastian, Chairman, MOC

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**2012-2013 Membership Report  
August**

Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
<b>GOLD DIVISION (1000+)</b>											
22	CALIFORNIA	77.64%	10	17	12	968	1007	1297	1	22	
32	OHIO	80.85%	4	10	7	853	874	1081	1	11	+
<b>SILVER DIVISION (600-999)</b>											
32	FLORIDA	58.58%	3	18	7	532	560	956	1	10	
21	MINNESOTA	82.94%	9	68	9	551	637	768	1	18	
21	PENNSYLVANIA	58.74%	0	0	10	373	383	652	0	10	
20	TEXAS	83.44%	6	40	31	548	625	749	4	37	+
<b>RED DIVISION (400-599)</b>											
9	ARIZONA	73.82%	7	44	0	262	313	424	6	7	
13	ILLINOIS	78.41%	3	27	11	275	316	403	1	14	
14	MARYLAND	82.96%	5	39	9	322	375	452	0	14	+
10	MICHIGAN	72.91%	1	8	0	314	323	443	0	1	
14	NEW JERSEY	65.00%	1	24	16	232	273	420	0	17	
13	NEW YORK	72.37%	1	1	15	279	296	409	1	16	
9	PACIFIC AREAS	71.88%	0	0	0	368	368	512	0	0	
10	VIRGINIA	77.78%	6	38	1	270	315	405	0	7	
16	WISCONSIN	61.09%	5	70	0	250	325	532	1	5	
<b>WHITE DIVISION (300-399)</b>											
11	GEORGIA	74.36%	1	46	0	243	290	390	2	1	+
6	MISSOURI	67.42%	1	3	1	233	238	353	3	2	
11	NEW MEXICO	57.70%	1	41	1	148	191	331	0	2	
9	NORTH CAROLINA	74.19%	2	2	3	246	253	341	0	5	
9	WASHINGTON	70.34%	0	29	2	199	230	327	2	2	
<b>BLUE DIVISION (200-299)</b>											
7	ARKANSAS	64.66%	5	20	0	125	150	232	0	5	
8	COLORADO	62.99%	1	2	4	153	160	254	0	5	
4	EUROPE/ Susp NB	94.69%	0	1	1	230	232	245	2	1	+
8	KENTUCKY	63.83%	1	27	2	150	180	282	1	3	
8	LOUISIANA	42.93%	0	13	0	75	88	205	0	0	
9	MISSISSIPPI	82.70%	0	1	7	231	239	289	1	7	
7	NORTH DAKOTA	49.39%	0	1	0	120	121	245	1	0	
9	OREGON	49.60%	0	1	0	124	125	252	1	0	
10	SOUTH CAROLINA	60.31%	0	0	0	158	158	262	0	0	
8	TENNESSEE	49.02%	1	9	1	114	125	255	1	2	
<b>GREEN DIVISION (126-199)</b>											
4	DELAWARE	47.68%	0	0	0	72	72	151	0	0	
3	INDIANA	75.81%	0	0	0	94	94	124	0	0	
4	KANSAS	30.90%	0	0	0	55	55	178	0	0	
6	MONTANA	70.37%	3	0	2	90	95	135	1	5	
6	NEBRASKA	83.09%	0	0	0	113	113	136	0	0	
5	NEVADA	73.97%	5	1	0	102	108	146	1	5	
4	NEW HAMPSHIRE	105.71%	7	18	29	57	111	105	0	36	+
6	OKLAHOMA	61.40%	1	0	1	103	105	171	1	2	
<b>PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION (125 or less)</b>											
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	60.71%	0	0	0	68	68	112	0	0	
<b>BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)</b>											
	ALASKA 2	48.78%	0	0	0	20	20	41	0	0	
	ALASKA 3	88.00%	1	0	0	21	22	25	0	1	
	ALABAMA 13	82.86%	0	0	0	58	58	70	0	0	
	CONNECTICUT 5	72.73%	0	0	0	8	8	11	0	0	
	CONNECTICUT 14	93.75%	0	0	0	15	15	16	0	0	+
	DC 1	50.00%	0	0	0	11	11	22	0	0	
	HAWAII 1	59.09%	0	0	0	13	13	22	0	0	
	IDAHO 3	40.74%	0	0	0	11	11	27	0	0	
	IOWA 16	69.57%	0	0	0	32	32	46	0	0	
	MASSACHUSETTS 14	18.60%	0	0	0	8	8	43	0	0	
	MASSACHUSETTS 34	82.61%	0	13	0	6	19	23	0	0	
	WEST VIRGINIA 1	72.55%	0	11	0	26	37	51	0	0	
	WEST VIRGINIA 6	37.50%	0	0	0	6	6	16	0	0	
	MAINE 21	72.63%	0	0	0	69	69	95	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	100.00%				375	375	375		0	
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>71.01%</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>10379</b>	<b>11295</b>	<b>15907</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>273</b>	

+ Division Leader  
^ Tied for Division Lead  
\* Achieved 100%

## MOCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT (September 15, 2012)

State	2012	2013	%
<b>Division 1 (75-120)</b>			
Arkansas	102	82	80.39
Colorado	117	20	17.09
Illinois	115	12	10.43
Kansas	97	36	37.11
Kentucky	82	17	20.73
Mississippi	107	19	17.76
Nebraska	107	59	55.14
Nevada	65	0	0.00
Tennessee	120	0	0.00
<b>9 Grands</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>26.86</b>

<b>Division 2 (121-200)</b>			
Louisiana	126	0	0.00
Maryland	157	75	47.77
New Jersey	187	0	0.00
New Mexico	185	85	45.95
New York	169	13	7.69
Oregon	131	0	0.00
Pennsylvania	121	42	34.71
South Carolina	192	73	38.02
Virginia	189	124	65.61
<b>9 Grands</b>	<b>1457</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>28.28</b>

<b>Division 3 (201-300)</b>			
Arizona	208	102	49.04
California	206	41	19.90
Michigan	205	124	60.49
Missouri	249	128	51.41
North Carolina	277	132	47.65
Texas	238	0	0.00
Washington	216	0	0.00
Wisconsin	225	76	33.78
<b>8 Grands</b>	<b>1824</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>33.06</b>

State	2012	2013	%
<b>Division 4 (301 &amp; over)</b>			
Florida	549	224	40.80
Ohio	361	0	0.00
Minnesota	369	102	27.64
<b>3 Grands</b>	<b>1279</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>25.49</b>
<b>Division 5 (Auxiliaries not in a Grand)</b>			
Alaska #2	30	0	0.00
Delaware #2	32	0	0.00
Delaware #4	17	12	70.59
D. C. #1	24	0	0.00
Georgia #1	17	0	0.00
Georgia #9	11	0	0.00
Georgia #13	42	21	50.00
Georgia #66	20	6	30.00
Indiana #2	12	0	0.00
Iowa #16	20	0	0.00
Massachusetts #14	34	23	67.65
Montana #10	48	10	20.83
Oklahoma #1	17	0	0.00
Oklahoma #16	0	0	0.00
South Dakota #1	41	11	26.83
South Dakota #20	25	13	52.00
Snake State #6	24	0	0.00
	<b>414</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>23.19</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5886</b>	<b>1682</b>	<b>28.58</b>

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Number Of PT's	Number of PT'S	Number VFW Com-Mittee Members	Number VFW Post Officers	Number VFW Dist. Officers	Number VFW State Officers	VFW Booster Plan Submitted	Number VFW Members Recruited	Number Cooties Working Events	Number VFW Activities Worked	Number Hours Cooties Worked	Number Miles Cooties Traveled	Cash Gifts Donated to VFW
GOLD DIVISION 1000+												
22 CA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
36 FL		13	33	32	6	1 NR		83	424	446	8,201	25,753 \$1,480.00
32 OH	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SILVER DIVISION 600-999												
13 MI	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
22 MN		8	47	31	25	11 NR		82 NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
9 PAC		9	80	105	47	19 YES		14	387	572	1,931	8,155 \$15,490.00
23 PA		1 NR	NR	NR	NR	YES		0	145	44	435	3,649 0
20 TX	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RED DIVISION 400-599												
10 AZ		9	37	31	16	5 YES		63	546	1,202	10,740	80,431 \$3,239.00
11 GA	?	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	918	1,364	11,285	22,725 \$19,030.00
15 IL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
14 MD	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
14 NJ	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
13 NY	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
9 VA		1	11	10	3	3 YES		45	41	57	3,340	7,480 \$500.00
17 WI	?		32	32	19	22 NR		79	238	131	964	3,052 \$1,150.00
WHITE DIVISION 300-399												
4 EUR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	YES	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
9 MS		1	9	5	3	0 YES		0	119	116	287	2,816 0
6 MO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
11 NM	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	YES	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
9 NC		3	20	19	5	1 NR		30	300	300	1,797	4,189 0
9 WA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	YES	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BLUE DIVISION 200-299												
7 AR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
8 CO	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	YES	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
8 KY		1 NR	NR	NR	NR	YES	NR		17	21	89	273 0
8 LA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
8 ND		1	6	3	0	2 NR		24 NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
9 OR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
10 SC		1	6	7	3	1 YES		25	97	89	1,330	2,550 \$3,150.00
8 TN		1	5	5	2	3 YES		63 NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
GREEN DIVISION 126-199												
4 DE	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	YES	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
5 IN	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
4 KS	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	YES	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
2 MA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
9 MT	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
6 NE	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
5 NV		5	30	29	13	7 YES		252 NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
4 NH	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
6 OK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION 125 OR LESS												
3 AL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
3 SD	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BLACK DIVISION												
AK #2	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
AK #3	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CT #5	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CT #14	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
DC #1	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
HI #1	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ID #3	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
IO #16	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WV #1	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WV #6	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ME #21	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WY #1	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TOTAL		54	316	309	140	214	15	760	3,232	4,342	40,399	161,073 \$44,039.00

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VFW Booster Chairman

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MOC AUXILIARY HOSPITAL REPORT

Sep-12

State	Quota	Credits	Members	Miles	Patients	Hours	Blood	%
SUPREME DISTRICT #1 HELEN CHERRY, COMMISSIONER								
DE	\$2,450.00	795.6	28	2349	310	308	0	32.47
DC	1,200.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MD	7,850.00	1285.5	191	9033	10,486	1506	2	16.38
PA	6,050.00	1649.03	22	649	154	124.5	2	27.26
VA	9,450.00	9736.58	38	1754	891	306.5	2	103.03
WV	1,200.00	1150.25	64	1664	2,644	341	0	95.85
Total	\$28,200.00	14616.96	343	15449	14,485	2586	6	51.83
SUPREME DISTRICT # 2 MARY FREDERICK, COMMISSIONER								
AL	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FL	27,450.00	5456.41	85	3690	1,585	2294	0	19.88
GA	4,500.00	2108.47	21	811	255	32	0	46.85
LA	6,300.00	81.5	3	18	22	18	0	1.29
MS	5,350.00	658.24	6	45	61	19	0	12.3
NC	13,850.00	2814.2 3	87	6173	2,846	1526.5	1	20.32
SC	9,600.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TN	6,000.00	1038	55	1676	1,203	501	1	17.3
Total	\$73,050.00	12156.82	557	12413	5,972	4390.5 2	2	16.64
SUPREME DISTRICT # 3 LOIS BROWN								
IL	\$5,750.00	5884.72	107	3205	1,379	711	15	102.34
IN	600	2198.13	351	1626.2	4,925	1694.5	0	366.36
KY	4,100.00	2198.13	127	5811	1,013	2296	0	53.61
MI	10,250.00	11149.93	351	16262	4,925	1694.5	0	108.78
OH	18,050.00	12952.51	80	3400	2,267	1740	0	71.76
WI	11,250.00	3172.14	86	4179.4	3,148	293	0	28.2
Total	\$50,000.00	37555.56	1102	34483.6	17,657	8429	15	75.11
SUPREME DISTRICT # 4 CAROLYN BELL, COMMISSIONER								
IA	\$1,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KS	4,850.00	1711.61	64	1566	788	140	7	35.29
MN	18,450.00	6146.22	325	9821	7,650	1029	8	33.31
MO	12,450.00	3369.91	295	8819.5	7,225	1360.5	4	27.07
MT	2,400.00	70.75	1	3	0	2	1	2.95
NE	5,350.00	6438.48	126	17224	7,605	563.5	1	120.35
SD	3,300.00	668.61	70	595	367	253	0	20.26
Total	\$47,800.00	18405.58	881	38028.5	23,635	3348	21	38.51
SUPREME DISTRICT # 5 LINDA LAURIMORE, COMMISSIONER								
AR	\$5,100.00	2481.46	29	1846	346	99	0	48.66
CO	5,850.00	583.2	103	1507	1,083	3965	0	9.97
NM	9,250.00	283.08	21	391	165	92	1	3.06
OK	850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TX	11,900.00	11018.54	185	5503	10,985	9245	0	92.59
Total	\$32,950.00	14366.28	338	9247	12,579	13401	1	43.6
SUPREME DISTRICT # 6 MAGGIE SMITH, COMMISSIONER								
AK	\$1,500.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AZ	10,400.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CA	10,300.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NV	3,250.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OR	6,550.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	1,080.00	2314.52	130	2603	1,441	576.5	0	214.31
Total	\$33,080.00	2314.52	130	2603	1,441	576.5	0	7
SUPREME DISTRICT # 7 PENNY LASKEY, COMMISSIONER								
MA	1,080.00	310.25	32	539	149	73	0	28.73
NJ	9,350.00	1863.88	71	1368	650	545	0	19.93
NY	8,450.00	931.76	54	552	926	140	2	11.03
Total	\$18,880.00	3105.89	157	2459	1,725	758	2	16.45
Supreme Donations								
Total	\$283,960.00	102521.61	3508	114683.1	77,494	33489	47	36.1
SUBMITTED BY: PAMELA HAMILTON, SUPREME HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER								

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**From the MOC Supreme Surgeon**

I would like to start first by thanking you again for reelecting me as your Supreme Surgeon. Again, I will perform this honor and privilege you have bestowed upon me with the best of my abilities and have PHUN while doing so. Thank You.



**Now on to the more serious subject – The Flu.**

**What to Do If You Get Sick This Flu Season**

If you develop the flu, it is advisable to get plenty of rest, drink a lot of liquids, and avoid using alcohol and tobacco. Also, you can take medications to relieve the symptoms of flu (but never give aspirin to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms – and particularly fever – without first speaking to your doctor.)

**(1) What you need to know! Why get Vaccinated?**

Influenza is a contagious disease. It is caused by a virus which spreads from person to person. Anyone can get the flu, for most it lasts only a few days some get much sicker. Influenza can lead to pneumonia and is dangerous to people with heart or breathing problems. Influenza kills about 36,000 people a year in the United States mostly among the elderly. Influenza vaccine (you can prevent the flu although it will not prevent other flu like illnesses.

**(2) Inactivated Influenza Vaccine**

There are two types of influenza vaccine: The flu shot (inactivated killed) (A live weakened vaccine) this is sprayed into the nostrils. Influenza vaccines are updated each year because the viruses are constantly changing. It takes about two weeks for protection to develop after the vaccination.

**(3) Who should get vaccinated?**

It is recommended for people who are at risk of complication from influenza and for people who can spread to those at high risk.

- People at high risk are those who are over 65 years of age.
- People who live in a long-term care facility.
- People who have long term health problems.
- People who have muscle or nerve disorders.
- People who have a weakened immune system (AIDS/HIV).
- People who can spread influenza to those at high risk.

**(4) When should you get the vaccine?**

The best time is October/November/ or early December. Influenza usually peaks in February but can peak as late as May, so the vaccine can be beneficial in most years.

L.O.T.C.S.  
Gordon Lam  
Supreme Surgeon



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A **NITPICKER** is a Critic – To be concerned with or find fault with insignificant details.  
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### MOCA Inspection Report

CATEGORY 1	STATE	NUMBER OF AUXILIARIES	# OF GRAND DISTRICTS	GRAND INSPECTED	# OF AUXILIARIES INSPECTED	%	DATE 100%
	ARKANSAS		3		0	0.00%	
	COLORADO		4		0	0.00%	
	GEORGIA		4		0	0.00%	
	KANSAS		3		0	0.00%	
	KENTUCKY		3		0	0.00%	
	LOUISIANA		5		0	0.00%	
	MISSISSIPPI		4		0	0.00%	
	NEBRASKA		4		0	0.00%	
	NEVADA		3		0	0.00%	
	NEW JERSEY		5		0	0.00%	
	PENNSYLVANIA		5		0	0.00%	
	TENNESSEE		5		0	0.00%	
	VIRGINIA		5		2	40.00%	
CATEGORY 2							
	ARIZONA		7		1	14.29%	
	CALIFORNIA		8		0	0.00%	
	ILLINOIS		8		0	0.00%	
	MARYLAND		8		0	0.00%	
	MICHIGAN		12		1	8.33%	
	MISSOURI		6		0	0.00%	
	NEW MEXICO		6		0	0.00%	
	NEW YORK		8		0	0.00%	
	NORTH CAROLINA		9		0	0.00%	
	OREGON		6		0	0.00%	
	SOUTH CAROLINA		7		0	0.00%	
	WASHINGTON		8		2	25.00%	
	WISCONSIN		8		1	12.50%	
CATEGORY 3							
	FLORIDA		22	5	0	0.00%	
	MINNESOTA		12		0	0.00%	
	OHIO		15		0	0.00%	
	TEXAS		11		2	18.18%	
CATEGORY 4							
	ALASKA 2		1		0	0.00%	
	DELEWARE 2		1		0	0.00%	
	DELEWARE 4		1		0	0.00%	
	DIST OF COLUMBIA 1		1		0	0.00%	
	INDIANS 1		1		0	0.00%	
	INDIANA 2		1		0	0.00%	
	INDIANA 25		1		0	0.00%	
	IOWA 16		1		0	0.00%	
	MASSACHUSETTS 14		1		0	0.00%	
	MONTANA 4		1		0	0.00%	
	MONTANA 6		1		0	0.00%	
	MONTANA 10		1		0	0.00%	
	OKLAHOMA 1		1		0	0.00%	
	OKLAHOMA 16		1		0	0.00%	
	SOUTH DAKOTA 1		1		0	0.00%	
	SOUTH DAKOTA 20		1		0	0.00%	
	WEST VIRGINIA 6		1		0	0.00%	

### MICHIGAN NITPICKERS PROGRAM

I hope that by now you have all read about the Grand of Michigan inviting you to become a member of the "Michigan Nitpickers". We also have extra items for sale – Nitpicker Bolos, Nitpicker Money Clips, and Nitpicker Tie Clips.

As you are aware, the proceeds of this new Cootie Program will 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 will choose how the proceeds will be used.

It is really easy to become an "ANNUAL MEMBER" (Silver) - just 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. Make your check or money order payable to: MOC Grand of Michigan and mail to Chairman PGC Bob Routhier Jr. Post Office 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.

*Submitted by PGC Bob Routhier, Jr.*

# MOC SUPREME HOSPITAL REPORT

Date: 05/27/2012

Grand Goal	Reports	Visits	Cooties	Patients	Hours	Miles	Gifts	Total Monies	Percentage	
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Gary Dressel</b>										
DE	\$34,200.00	195	444	567	3,228	2,997	34,739.00	\$5,934.62	\$48,141.74	140.77%
DC	\$4,600.00	2	2	14	56	56	350.00	\$250.00	\$1,069.00	23.24%
MD	\$102,100.00	61	283	931	5,064	3,931	43,305.00	\$9,882.55	\$70,276.50	68.83%
PA	\$144,300.00	84	568	2,561	6,048	8,692	74,474.00	\$126,127.23	\$256,061.79	177.45%
VA	\$87,300.00	96	484	1,677	8,480	9,089	70,611.20	\$99,753.45	\$234,605.89	268.74%
WV	\$19,300.00	17	290	186	9,124	2,636	10,295.00	\$2,649.26	\$40,335.56	208.99%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$391,800.00</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>5,936</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>27,401</b>	<b>233,774.20</b>	<b>\$244,597.11</b>	<b>\$650,490.48</b>	<b>166.03%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#2 - Louis C. McVey</b>										
AL	\$11,700.00								\$0.00	0.00%
FL	\$213,800.00	132	968	1,876	27,695	7,486	72,730.00	\$36,901.78	\$142,493.39	66.65%
GA	\$83,400.00	61	203	445	3,961	2,743	36,357.00	\$19,548.92	\$54,691.98	65.58%
LA	\$41,500.00	28	116	342	1,683	1,021	10,498.00	\$3,929.78	\$19,441.69	46.85%
MS	\$62,200.00	13	65	104	3,554	315	4,715.00	\$12,752.78	\$38,215.39	61.44%
NC	\$70,900.00	62	379	692	3,015	2,512	27,451.00	\$5,522.13	\$43,906.23	61.93%
SC	\$57,500.00	50	342	1,099	5,736	3,897	45,328.00	\$7,943.76	\$67,877.56	118.05%
TN	\$51,400.00	20	77	197	488	591	6,000.00	\$2,207.65	\$11,173.90	21.74%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$592,400.00</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>4,755</b>	<b>46,132</b>	<b>18,565</b>	<b>203,079.00</b>	<b>\$88,806.80</b>	<b>\$377,800.14</b>	<b>63.77%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Don Martindale</b>										
IL	\$97,700.00	79	536	893	10,323	3,921	40,971.00	\$13,097.61	\$84,219.18	86.20%
IN	\$25,900.00	2	10	15	198	35	300.00	\$150.00	\$757.25	2.92%
KY	\$60,000.00	42	321	1,778	3,845	3,640	99,667.00	\$10,443.13	\$102,353.27	170.59%
MI	\$103,500.00	108	615	951	10,179	5,985	11,002.00	\$36,618.79	\$136,295.78	131.69%
OH	\$217,800.00	30	211	452	2,126	2,410	8,882.00	\$8,933.17	\$42,281.45	19.41%
WI	\$114,800.00	124	975	3,008	47,241	13,121	122,920.50	\$34,414.41	\$266,447.90	232.10%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$619,700.00</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>2,668</b>	<b>7,097</b>	<b>73,912</b>	<b>29,112</b>	<b>283,742.50</b>	<b>\$103,657.11</b>	<b>\$632,354.83</b>	<b>102.04%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - Charles James</b>										
IA	\$21,800.00									0.00%
KS	\$37,900.00	27	183	1,300	4,800	1,761	193,269.50	\$4,546.31	\$62,011.00	163.62%
MN	\$161,900.00	38	379	893	8,667	1,553	31,885.98	\$4,428.69	\$35,798.99	22.11%
MO	\$62,300.00	47	388	679	8,175	4,096	39,895.00	\$3,987.49	\$65,642.58	105.37%
MT	\$33,700.00	10	140	176	941	408	4,176.00	\$1,331.50	\$8,219.11	24.39%
NE	\$35,900.00	14	91	147	2,521	381	11,371.00	\$3,710.27	\$13,483.79	37.56%
ND	\$52,800.00	3	33	121	1,598	223	1,077.00	\$2,365.00	\$9,994.02	18.93%
SD	\$24,000.00	81	1,295	935	1,971	1,346	33,243.00	\$6,452.66	\$50,947.62	212.28%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$430,300.00</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>2,509</b>	<b>4,251</b>	<b>28,673</b>	<b>9,767</b>	<b>314,917.48</b>	<b>\$26,821.92</b>	<b>\$246,097.11</b>	<b>57.19%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Robert Coffman</b>										
AR	\$43,300.00	45	318	1,311	5,097	4,313	66,545.00	\$16,077.90	\$84,694.38	195.60%
CO	\$52,700.00	34	252	681	9,278	2,004	22,092.00	\$12,424.60	\$43,072.48	81.73%
EURO	\$64,600.00									0.00%
NM	\$68,400.00	68	564	1,441	5,947	6,885	87,670.00	\$62,977.05	\$169,919.60	248.42%
OK	\$34,300.00	80	418	254	2,807	3,198	25,512.92	\$13,124.10	\$60,661.53	176.86%
TX	\$165,300.00	116	910	1,747	30,698	7,169	55,037.40	\$24,625.18	\$130,900.04	79.19%
WY	\$7,400.00									0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$436,000.00</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>2,462</b>	<b>5,434</b>	<b>53,827</b>	<b>23,568</b>	<b>256,857.32</b>	<b>\$129,228.83</b>	<b>\$489,248.03</b>	<b>112.21%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Gary Boudreau</b>										
AK	\$8,800.00	5	13	42	327	132	1,114.00	\$697.01	\$2,667.97	30.32%
AZ	\$78,700.00	87	864	1,385	17,573	7,801	97,719.50	\$34,808.98	\$155,749.34	197.90%
CA	\$262,900.00	130	1,010	3,207	37,982	19,438	240,576.40	179,740.01	\$480,686.33	182.84%
HI	\$5,000.00									0.00%
ID	\$5,800.00									0.00%
NV	\$32,800.00	30	224	353	24,848	1,153	7,996.00	\$19,961.56	\$36,940.25	112.62%
OR	\$51,200.00	68	479	1,130	3,256	5,678	52,238.90	\$14,170.70	\$99,557.33	194.45%
PAC	\$113,600.00	109	1,312	2,204	6,133	6,700	77,684.00	\$40,942.86	\$143,943.62	126.71%
WA	\$66,200.00	74	797	1,608	15,717	4,529	34,991.28	\$35,567.56	\$102,744.63	155.20%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$625,000.00</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>4,699</b>	<b>9,929</b>	<b>105,836</b>	<b>45,431</b>	<b>512,320.08</b>	<b>\$146,148.67</b>	<b>\$1,022,289.47</b>	<b>163.57%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 - Allen "Red" Rhodes</b>										
CT	\$2,800.00									0.00%
ME	\$22,400.00									0.00%
MA	\$20,000.00	11	71	98	3,706	454	3,534.00	\$14,217.35	\$20,954.61	104.77%
NH	\$31,900.00	17	54	110	374	220	11,522.00	\$1,782.00	\$9,049.26	28.37%
NJ	\$87,600.00	87	269	745	8,560	3,429	33,201.00	\$23,245.95	\$75,042.84	85.67%
NY	\$79,800.00	31	167	219	12,982	1,536	5,723.00	\$4,408.75	\$25,936.85	32.50%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$244,500.00</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>25,622</b>	<b>5,639</b>	<b>53,980.00</b>	<b>\$43,654.05</b>	<b>\$130,983.56</b>	<b>53.57%</b>
<b>PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION)</b>										
AK#2	\$8,800.00	4	11	30	228	96	790.00	\$489.01	\$1,919.61	21.81%
CT#5	\$2,800.00									0.00%
DC#1	\$4,600.00	2	2	14	56	56	350.00	\$250.00	\$1,069.00	23.24%
HI#1	\$5,000.00									0.00%
ID#3	\$5,800.00									0.00%
ME#21	\$20,000.00									0.00%
WY#1	\$7,400.00									0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$54,400.00</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>1,140.00</b>	<b>\$739.01</b>	<b>\$2,988.61</b>	<b>5.49%</b>
<b>Supreme Total</b>										
	\$3,339,700.00	2,418	17,120	38,574	366,002	159,482	1,858,670.58	\$782,914.49	\$3,549,263.62	106.27%
<b>DIVISION STANDINGS</b>										
GOLD (1000+)	CA	182.84%	BLUE (200-299)	AR	195.60%					
SILVER (600-999)	WI	232.10%	GREEN (126-199)	KS	163.62%					
RED (400-588)	VA	268.74%	PURPLE (25-125)	SD	212.28%					
WHITE (300-399)	NM	248.42%	BLACK	DC#1	23.24%					

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# 78th TOMB TREK 2012

## ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

This year the Trek to the Tomb of the Unknowns will be held on 1, 2, 3, 4 November 2012.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army-Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia, 22202, (703) 416-4100. Room rates \$115.00 plus tax. Contact Hotel directly for reservations and mention Military Order of the Cootie for discount. Parking is \$ 10.00 per night.

### Other Information:

Cost of wreaths remains at \$ 25.00; Banquet cost remains at \$ 50.00; Bus cost remains at \$10.00; Registration cost remains at \$15.00. These are **PRE-REGISTRATION** amounts. Forms for these items are found elsewhere in the *Cootie Courier*.

### 78th TOMB TREK WREATH ORDER

**MOC**  
 Pup Tent: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOCA**  
 Pup Tent: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND**  
 Grand Pup Tent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Auxiliary to Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost of the wreath is \$ 25.00. Your order must be received before 1 October 2012 to be printed in the Annual Tomb Trek booklet.. Wreath orders will be accepted after this date **BUT will not** be printed in the booklet. Please complete this form, make check payable to **TOMB TREK COMMITTEE** and ear mark "Tomb Trek Wreath Order" and mail to:  
 Jane Channell  
 2728 Hillside Court  
 Ijamsville MD 21754-8806

### ADVANCED REGISTRATION 78th TOMB TREK

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pup Tent/Auxiliary Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meal Selection: Chicken  Beef  Special

	ADVANCED	AFTER 10/1/12
FULL REGISTRATION	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00
REGISTRATION ONLY	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
BANQUET ONLY	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00
BUS TICKET ONLY	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00

Please complete this form, make check payable to **TOMB TREK COMMITTEE** and mail to:  
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## TOMB TREK DRESS CODE

Guidance for Proper Attire to present Wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier;

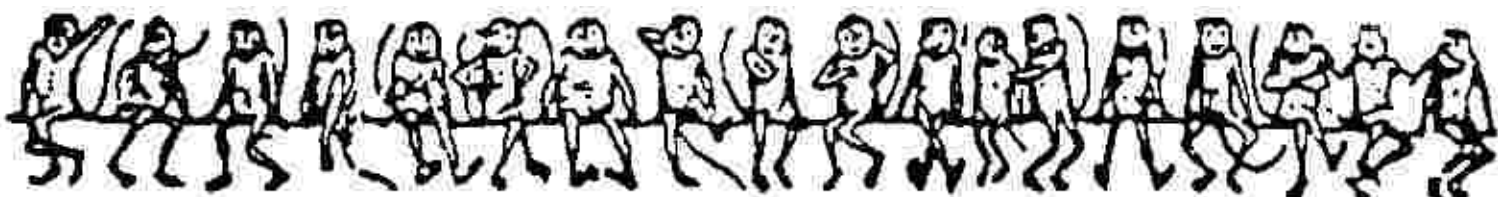
To present wreaths at our annual Tomb Trek, it is imperative participants dress accordingly and our appearance is in keeping with the dress standards expected of such a dignified occasion.

The first and foremost, both organization's by-laws should detail their approved formal dress code. Formal dress attire should be in good, clean and safe condition. Beyond the organization's formal dress attire, the DOD requires all wreath presenters to wear white gloves; this is their dress standard for public ceremonies.

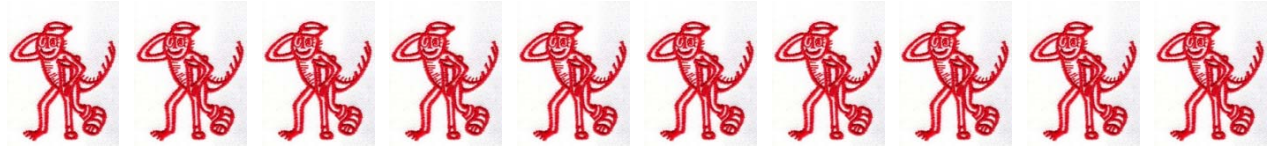
An example, for your review and approval, may be the MOC formal attire of the formal red blazer, white shirt, white pants (with or without red strip), red socks, white shoes (suited for safety and comfort) , proper cover and white gloves. The MOCA formal dress include a white skirt with appropriate stocking, or pants, red blazer, white closed shoes (for safety, comfort and mobility) and cover .

The DOD dress code allows for proper foot wear depending on weather conditions, rubber boots or galoshes are permitted during rainy ceremonies. Snow boots are permitted if it is snowing or in ground cover, an overcoat is permitted in the event of cold weather and these are encouraged for health reasons.

Above all, this is a solemn public appearance, dress standards and the uniformity regulated by our organization by-laws ensures the respect and honor due this event. Tomb Trek Committee members reserve the right to deny participation in the event to any member not properly dressed for the ceremony.



## From the MOC Supreme Hospital Commissioner



### Cooties listen up,

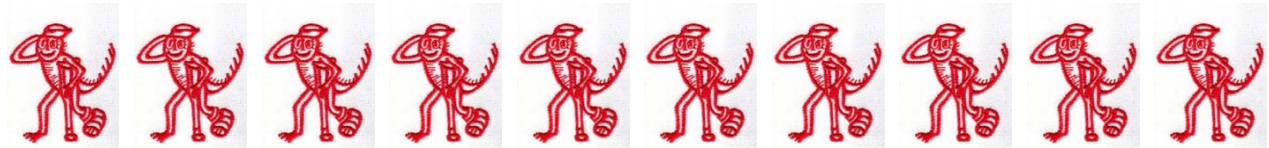
I would like to thanks to all Pup Tents and Grand's for making this year a supreme year for the Hospital Program. If you haven't notices, the Supreme Hospital Program reached 106.27% of its goal. Congrats to all Pup Tents, Grand's and Supreme Districts that achieved over 100%. I would name them, but this would take up a lot of space in this publication.

On a sadder note, one of my Supreme District Hospital Commissioners has passed. Allen "Red" Rhodes District 7 has gone on to more fertile grounds. With his passing I had to get a replacement for district 7. The new Supreme District 7 Hospital Commissioner is **Supreme Hospital District #7**: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY: **William Fowler**, 47 State Street, Tully, NY 13159-3218. Telephone: 315/696-6335. E-mail:cootibill@msn.com. Thank you William for accepting this task.

We had a great year last year and I would like to see this continue on this year. Remember, if you do it, report it and thanks again for your support in the Supreme Hospital Program.

Sterling Moninghoff

Supreme Hospital Commissioner



## COOTIES DOING COOTIE STUFF

### MOC PT-8 MEMBER CELEBRATES 100<sup>th</sup> POW-MIA PERFORMANCE

A life member of Pup Tent 8 in Sprung Leak, North Carolina recently performed his 100<sup>th</sup> Missing Man Table ceremony. David Hamel performed at American Legion Post 382 in Sanford, NC for an audience of over 90 people as part of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club Patriot Run fundraiser for Army Fisher House. The Shyster of Pup Tent 8 and retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, is widely known throughout North Carolina. Nationally, Dave has performed hundreds of volunteer hours for thousands of spectators and remains in very high demand. He also currently serves as the NC State POW-MIA Chairman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Twelve years ago, he identified a great need of veterans groups to recognize those who have not returned from war. Although the round white table with items and empty chair were recognizable, he wanted the table or the missing man to come alive, at least in spirit. So he developed, refined, and produced, a very unique Prisoner of War – Missing In Action table ceremony or "Missing Man" ceremony. He has produced several versions adaptable for a variety of audiences and ceremonies. These include background music, spotlights, table item narration, singing of up to three songs with gloved hand gestures and symbolism, and a final hand salute including the playing of Taps.

It all started in the spring of 2000, where Dave organized a POW-MIA ceremony detail with sabers and flags as part of a Senior NCO Induction ceremony. He narrated the meaning of the various rose, candle, lemon, and salt, table items. "It went very well" he said, "but something seemed to be missing. Who was the missing man and what would he say to the audience? Could the empty chair be an aircraft ejection seat?" Of Dave's 30 active duty years in the Air Force in the aircraft maintenance career field, his primary duty was as an egress or escape systems technician. He's also credited with 3 "saves," pilots who ejected safely out of a disabled aircraft directly due to his recent maintenance of the canopy, seat, and parachute system. One was from an F-15 Eagle fighter jet that went down in Daun, West Germany in 1978. The other two were the front and back-seater from an SR-71 Blackbird over the South China Sea near the Philippine Islands in 1989 during an operational mission. He went on to say that though he missed serving in the Vietnam War by just over a year or so, he was trained by Vietnam veterans throughout his maintenance career. "I remember my sergeants in the egress shop talking about those who "punched-out" of F-4s, F-105s, and B-52s. Many were shot down and killed or missing in action but many became POWs." Then it suddenly became clear to him after a Memorial Day ceremony in 2000 in Altus Oklahoma. Someone Played "Some Gave All", a Billy Ray Cyrus song, on the juke box, and it (the ejection seat pilot) 'spoke to him.' "It was him in the empty chair. I had to learn that song," he said. And so he did, adding gloved hand gestures. And that's where Dave's legacy really began. He was then selected to a very special duty assignment and became the Director of the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute and Enlisted Heritage Hall Museum and moved to Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex, Alabama...the only position of its kind in the Air Force.

From 2000 through 2004, some highly notable performances have been for the Department of Defense National Prayer breakfast in Washington DC; two Air Force Sergeants Association International Conventions in Jacksonville Florida and Columbus Ohio; the American Legion's Forty and Eight Society National Convention in Salt Lake City Utah, several Alabama state conventions for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and Forty and Eight Society, as well as various posts throughout Alabama. As Alabama State Commander of the Korea Defense Veterans in 2003, he performed at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War at the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall's Monument Park and for the Alabama Ex-Prisoners of War and Alabama Veterans Administration. Throughout the nation, he has also performed for large graduations at the Air Force Senior NCO Academy, 5 Air Force NCO Academies, 4 Airman Leadership Schools, and the Southeast Regional Recruiters Banquet, as well as special performances for the World War II Army Air Corps Enlisted Pilots Association, Vietnam Working Dog Association, and a Jolly Green Association Reunion. At the end of his tour, Dave returned to aircraft maintenance for his final assignment at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina as the A-10 Thunderbolt II (or Warthog) Maintenance Superintendent, then Chief Enlisted Manager for the 23d Fighter Group, home of the famous "Flying Tigers" who were very active in Iraq and Afghanistan at that time. He continued to perform and have significant impact throughout the

region.

From 2004 through 2007, some notable presentations have been for Womack Army Hospital Medal of Honor dedication, 82d Airborne Brigade Dining Out, and 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Field Artillery Regiment Gunslinger Welcome Home events on Fort Bragg; Georgia Air National Guard Career Advisors Conference in Savannah; and several Chief and Senior NCO Induction ceremonies, annual awards, Air Force Balls, and Maintenance Professional of the Year awards banquets at Pope and Seymour-Johnson Air Force Bases.

Since his retirement in 2007, Dave remained very active at his AMVETS post and also performed at Hill Air Force Base Utah for a huge Maintenance Professional of the Year banquet of nearly 1000 aircraft maintainers and guests, as well as to a Vero Beach Florida Police Department Retiring Officer dinner. Closer to home, he has performed for Fayetteville Chapter Ex-POWs, the Fayetteville Veterans Park Dedication, Memorial Day celebrations at Freedom Park, Harnett County Veterans Park Monuments Dedication in Lillington, Western Harnett High School JROTC Military Ball, Sand Hills Veterans Cemetery Wreaths Across America, and the Travelling Vietnam Wall Memorial ceremonies in Kinston, as well as several veterans groups state conventions.

Dave, your nation-wide performances are truly legendary. Thanks for a job well Done, Chief!



Grand of New Jersey Installation. Above: MOCA Supreme President Gloria Roberts and incoming MOCA Grand President Cheryl Ann Stranahan. Cheryl Ann is receiving her duties upon installation.

Below: The MOC is trying to find a leader and MOCA Supreme President Gloria Roberts thinks that she can do the job and is trying to convince the installing officer of that fact. MOC Supreme Editor Jesse Kitson is 'helping' with that.



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On May 28, 2012, the Pup Tent visited the Minneapolis Veterans Home. We put on bingo and had ice cream and cookies.

Pictured are from left to right: Marge Stoick, President; Reva Swanson; Eddie Eibon; Lorraine Maley; Lucy King; Junior Johnson; Paul Johnson; Lori Martens; Marie McKenzie; Jim Pentico; Marv Gragert; Gordy Zeman; Chuck Sasse; Pat Bjur-Johnson; Sadie Graham; Jo Zenan; Wally Bothun; Fran Taranto, Seam Squirrel; Jerry Maley.



On June 19, 2012, the Pup Tent visited the Fergus Falls Veterans Home. Along with visiting the residents we put on bingo. Those attending are pictured left to right:

Joe Mach; Fran Taranto, Seam Squirrel; Marv Gragert; Wally Bothun; Gordy and Jo Zeman; Roger Johnson; Lorraine Maley; Chuck Sasse; Marge Stoick, President; Shirley Johnson; Lori Martens; Carol Tewrey; Reva Swanson; Junior Johnson; Eddie Eibon; Karen Fliflet; Jim Pentico; Marie McKenzie; and Jerry Maley.



In May 2012 the Department of Minnesota and the Grand of Minnesota sponsored Balloon trips at the National Home. There were three flights in all, Dozens of Home residents, children, staff and Boy Scouts camping at the Home had Balloon rides. The project was a complete success. Pictured by the gondola are the crew arranged by the Home and at right Jim Turila representing the Grand of Minnesota.



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April, Ron and Riders



Brian checks on riders

A poker run sponsored by Grand of 9133 was held on Saturday June 23. They had stops at the VFW posts in Cooties from each post helping in Brian and April Scarsbrough did a turned out to be a huge success. used to help local veterans.



Joe, Ron and Brian cooking

NC, Pup Tent 2, Mixed Breed, at Post Over 75 motorcycle riders participated. Swansboro, Havelock & New Bern with the run. Cootie husband and wife team, great job of organizing the run which Proceeds from the fund raiser will be

Flag and motorcycles

more motorcycles



On July 14, 2012 the Pup Tent visited the Hastings, MN Veterans Home . Along with visiting the residents we put on a picnic cooking brats and hamburgers. Everyone had a great time.

Pictured are left to right:  
 Front row: Sadie Graham, Marv Gragert, Jerry Maley, Marge Stoick. President and Fran Taranto, Seam Squirrel.  
 Second row: Junior Johnson, Chuck Sasse, Paul Johnson, Lucy King, Marie Frederickson, Jim Pentico, Shirley Johnson, Lorraine Maley.  
 Not pictured: Joe Mach, Pat Bjur-Johnson, Rosey Anderson, Roger Johnson.





New Jersey convention parade mug shots. Top—out going officers Grand Commander Frank and President Brooks, incoming Grand Treasurer Betty Piccione. Center—Jr Girls Unit and future Cooties. Bottom—VFW Dist 3 Commander PSC Ralph Corno with outgoing VFWLA Dist 3 President Clare Prevot and incoming President Betty Piccione, Cooties extraordinaire



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Grand of Maryland**  
**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES**  
**OF THE UNITED STATES**



*"The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars"*

**Hagerstown, Maryland (May 20, 2012):** James T. Brady was installed as the Grand Commander of Maryland at the Grand Scratch held in Hagerstown, Maryland. The Grand Commander became a Cootie in July 2001. His Third Degree was conferred in November of that year. He has held the offices of Grand Quartermaster, Grand Judge Advocate, Grand Senior Vice Commander, Tomb Trek Treasurer and 4th Supreme District Quartermaster. He is very active in his Pup Tent, Blockbusters Pup Tent 3 and has held the offices of Seam Squirrel (current), Blank Bum and Hide gimlet. He is a member of Harry L. Cooper VFW Post 160 (Glen Burnie, Maryland) and has served as Post Commander, Quartermaster and Trustee. Jim served in the U.S. Marine Corps with duty in Vietnam.



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### “THE OREGON COOTIE TRAIL” PROJECT

**OBJECTIVE:** The Grand of Oregon invites members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, MOC, and MOCA to become a member of “The Oregon Cootie Trail” Project.

**MISSION:** To raise funds that will benefit the VFW National Children’s Home and the Oregon House; and other programs of the Grand of Oregon that assist our veterans and their families.

**MEMBERSHIP:** This project commemorates the pioneers of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century who led the way to the settlement and future development of the land then known as the Oregon Territory. From the wagon train formation areas of Western Missouri and Iowa, to their final destination of Oregon and the Pacific Ocean, the eight pins of this project represent the present day States through which the Oregon Trail extended. To become a full member of “The Oregon Cootie Trail” Project and receive all eight pins along with a membership pin and certificates, submit your donation of just \$60, to the Grand of Oregon as shown on the application form. To become a member only, submit a donation of \$20. You will receive the membership pin only. Individual pins may be obtained for only \$5 each. In all cases, submit \$3.50 to cover shipping charges.

**SUBMIT TO:** Make all checks or Money Orders payable to: GRAND OF OREGON. Include \$3.50 for shipping charges on all orders. Mail along with the application form below to: T.O.C.T. Project, Dennis Marsh, Chair, P.O. Box 212, Florence, OR 97439. Make sure your name and address are readable. The Grand of Oregon thanks you for your support of this project.

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“THE OREGON COOTIE TRAIL” PROJECT  
APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand/Pup Tent #: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Membership Package: \$60.00  
(All Pins, Certificates, etc., included)

Partial Membership (Membership Pin only): \$20.00

Individual State Pins: \$5.00 each

Denote State Pin desired:

Missouri \_\_ Iowa \_\_ Nebraska \_\_ Kansas \_\_ Wyoming \_\_ Idaho \_\_ Washington \_\_ Oregon \_\_

Add cost of Shipping to all Orders: \$3.50

Total Cost of Order: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### GRAND OF OREGON CONVENTION/SCRATCH MARCH 31, 2012



## SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE HELD FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

A socks and underwear drive was initiated by the Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent #9 located at VFW Post 2593 in Arnold, MO. Pam Ecker and Kathy Anderson, co-chairmen, along with the assistance of all the entities housed at the VFW Post, asked for donations for this drive. Along with the donations of product, chances were sold on gift baskets with different themes that were raffled off at the VFW's Friday night bingo. Proceeds were used to purchase additional socks and underwear. All items were donated to the Jefferson Barracks Division of the St. Louis VA Medical Center. The total value of items donated exceeded \$1,450. A sincere THANK YOU to all who contributed and we know our veterans thank you!



*Members of the Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie, Pup Tent #9, gather around the pile of donations received from their Socks & Underwear Drive.*



Part of the Grand of Oregon's delegation to the Supreme Convention in Reno led by 2012-2013 Grand Commander John Wrinkle (center front).



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*"The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars"*

**Glen Burnie, Maryland (June 24, 2012):** William H. Hopkins is the Grand Pup Tent of Maryland's "Seam Squirrel of the Year" and "Cootie of the Year" for the year 2012-2013. The awards were presented at the Grand Scratch CofA on June 24, 2012 held at VFW Post 160 in Glen Burnie, Maryland. The awards were presented by Grand Seam Squirrel James T. Brady and PGC Doug Purnell. Cootie Hopkins has served at Seam Squirrel, Blanket Bum, Hind Gimlet and Tight Wad of Rodents Pup Tent 17 of Lanham, Maryland. Cootie Hopkins is a member of VFW Post 8950. He served in the U.S. Army and is a veteran of the Korean War. Cootie Hopkins is an avid and dedicated hospital worker and a published author.



Photo courtesy of Ralph Bell



Released September 3, 2012



New Supreme Commander Jerry Constable on stage front - finally!



**Submitted By: Chris Vail PT 5 Grand of GA**

**Subject:** FW: Vietnam Service and Post-service Data

In case you haven't been paying attention these past few decades after you returned from Vietnam, the clock has been ticking.

The following are some statistics that are at once depressing yet, in a larger sense, should give you a HUGE SENSE OF PRIDE.

"Of the 2,709,918 Americans who served in Vietnam, less than 850,000 are estimated to be alive today, with the youngest American Vietnam veteran's age approximated to be 54 years old."

So, if you're alive and reading this, how does it feel to be among the last 1/3rd of all the U.S. vets who served in Vietnam? I don't know about you guys, but kinda gives me the chills, considering this is the kind of information I'm used to reading about WWII and Korean War vets.

So, the last 14 years, we are dying too fast, only a few will survive by 2015, if any. If true, 390 VN vets die a day. So, in 2190 days from today, if you're a live Vietnam veteran, you are lucky... in only 6 years.

These statistics were taken from a variety of sources to include: The VFW Magazine, the Public Information Office, and the HQ CP Forward Observer - 1st Recon April 12, 1997.

#### STATISTICS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN UNIFORM AND IN COUNTRY VIETNAM VETERANS:

- \* 9,087,000 military personnel served on active duty during the Vietnam Era (August 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975).
- \* 8,744,000 GIs were on active duty during the war (Aug 5, 1964-March 28,1973).
- \* 2,709,918 Americans served in Vietnam, this number represents 9.7% of their generation.
- \* 3,403,100 (Including 514,300 offshore) personnel served in the broader Southeast Asia Theater (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, flight crews based in Thailand, and sailors in adjacent South China Sea waters).
- \* 2,594,000 personnel served within the borders of South Vietnam (Jan. 1,1965 - March 28, 1973). Another 50,000 men served in Vietnam between 1960 and 1964.
- \* Of the 2.6 million, between 1-1.6 million (40-60%) either fought in combat, provided close support or were at least fairly regularly exposed to enemy attack.
- \* 7,484 women (6,250 or 83.5% were nurses) served in Vietnam.
- \* Peak troop strength in Vietnam: 543,482 (April 30, 1968).

#### CASUALTIES:

The first man to die in Vietnam was James Davis, in 1958. He was with the 509th Radio Research Station. Davis Station in Saigon was named for him.

Hostile deaths: 47,378

Non-hostile deaths: 10,800

Total: 58,202 (Includes men formerly classified as MIA and Mayaguez casualties). Men who have subsequently died of wounds account for the changing total.

8 nurses died -- I was KIA.

61% of the men killed were 21 or younger.

11,465 of those killed were younger than 20 years old.

Of those killed, 17,539 were married.

Average age of men killed: 23.1 years

Total Deaths: 23.11 years

Enlisted: 50,274 - 22.37 years

Officers: 6,598 - 28.43 years

Warrants: 1,276 - 24.73 years

E1: 525 - 20.34 years

IIB MOS: 18,465 - 22.55 years

Five men killed in Vietnam were only 16 years old.

The oldest man killed was 62 years old.

Highest state death rate: West Virginia - 84.1% (national average 58.9% for every 100,000 males in 1970).

Wounded: 303,704 -- 153,329 hospitalized + 150,375 injured requiring no hospital care.

Severely disabled: 75,000, -- 23,214: 100% disabled; 5,283 lost limbs; 1,081 sustained multiple amputations.

Amputation or crippling wounds to the lower extremities were 300% higher than in WWII and 70% higher than Korea.

Multiple amputations occurred at the rate of 18.4% compared to 5.7% in WWII.

Missing in Action: 2,338

POWs: 766 (114 died in captivity)

As of January 15, 2004, there are 1,875 Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

#### DRAFTEES VS. VOLUNTEERS:

25% (648,500) of total forces in country were draftees. (66% of U.S. armed forces members were drafted during WWII).

Draftees accounted for 30.4% (17,725) of combat deaths in Vietnam.

Reservists killed: 5,977

National Guard: 6,140 served: 101 died.

Total draftees (1965 - 73): 1,728,344.

Actually served in Vietnam: 38% Marine Corps Draft: 42,633.

Last man drafted: June 30, 1973.

#### RACE AND ETHNIC BACKGROUND:

88.4% of the men who actually served in Vietnam were Caucasian; 10.6% (275,000) were black; 1% belonged to other races.

86.3% of the men who died in Vietnam were Caucasian (includes Hispanics).

12.5% (7,241) were black; 1.2% belonged to other races.

170,000 Hispanics served in Vietnam; 3,070 (5.2% of total) died there.

70% of enlisted men killed were of northwest European descent.

86.8% of the men who were killed as a result of hostile action were Caucasian; 12.1% (5,711) were black; 1.1% belonged to other races.

14.6% (1,530) of non-combat deaths were among blacks.

34% of blacks who enlisted volunteered for the combat arms.

Overall, blacks suffered 12.5% of the deaths in Vietnam at a time when the percentage of blacks of military age was 13.5% of the total population.

Religion of Dead: Protestant -- 64.4%; Catholic -- 28.9%; other/none -- 6.7%

#### SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS:

Vietnam veterans have a lower unemployment rate than the same non-vet age groups.

Vietnam veterans' personal income exceeds that of our non-veteran age group by more than 18 percent.

76% of the men sent to Vietnam were from lower middle/working class backgrounds.

Three-fourths had family incomes above the poverty level; 50% were from middle income backgrounds.

Some 23% of Vietnam vets had fathers with professional, managerial or technical occupations.

79% of the men who served in Vietnam had a high school education or better when they entered the military service.

63% of Korean War vets and only 45% of WWII vets had completed high school upon separation.

Deaths by region per 100,000 of population: South -- 31%, West --29.9%; Midwest -- 28.4%; Northeast -- 23.5%.

#### DRUG USAGE & CRIME:

There is no difference in drug usage between Vietnam veterans and non-Vietnam veterans of the same age group. (Source: Veterans Administration Study)

Vietnam veterans are less likely to be in prison - only one-half of one percent of Vietnam veterans have been jailed for crimes.

85% of Vietnam veterans made successful transitions to civilian life.

#### WINNING & LOSING:

82% of veterans who saw heavy combat strongly believe the war was lost because of lack of political will.

Nearly 75% of the public agrees it was a failure of political will, not of arms.

#### HONORABLE SERVICE:

97% of Vietnam-era veterans were honorably discharged.

91% of actual Vietnam War veterans and 90% of those who saw heavy combat are proud to have served their country.

74% say they would serve again, even knowing the outcome.

87% of the public now holds Vietnam veterans in high esteem.

#### INTERESTING CENSUS STATISTICS & THOSE TO CLAIM TO HAVE "Been There":

1,713,823 of those who served in Vietnam were still alive as of August, 1995 (census figures).

During that same Census count, the number of Americans falsely claiming to have served in-country was: 9,492,958.

As of the current Census taken during August, 2000, the surviving U.S. Vietnam veteran population estimate is: 1,002,511. This is hard to believe, losing nearly 711,000 between '95 and '00. That's 390 per day.

During this Census count, the number of Americans falsely claiming to have served in-country is: 13,853,027. By this census, **FOUR OUT OF FIVE WHO CLAIM TO BE Vietnam vets are not.**

The Department of Defense Vietnam War Service Index officially provided by The War Library originally reported with errors that 2,709,918 U.S. military personnel as having served in-country. Corrections and confirmations to this erred index resulted in the addition of 358 U.S. military personnel confirmed to have served in Vietnam but not originally listed by the Department of Defense. (All names are currently on file and accessible 24/7/365).

Isolated atrocities committed by American soldiers produced torrents of outrage from anti-war critics and the news media while communist atrocities were so common that they received hardly any media mention at all. The United States sought to minimize and prevent attacks on civilians while North Vietnam made attacks on civilians a centerpiece of its strategy. Americans who deliberately killed civilians received prison sentences while communists who did so received commendations.

From 1957 to 1973, the National Liberation Front assassinated 36,725 Vietnamese and abducted another 58,499. The death squads focused on leaders at the village level and on anyone who improved the lives of the peasants such as medical personnel, social workers, and school teachers. - Nixon Presidential Papers.



Submitted by Smokey Stover

#### **For The Good Of The Order:**

**40/1000 = 0.04 ( more about this later)...**

We are ageing. We need help. Have you heard these words before? They were spoken. If you enjoyed yourselves during July, it was because of all the hours volunteered during that period. What makes this Post? Is it the cooking or the cleaning or the general maintenance and up keep? Is it the coordination or the program planning and execution? Let there be no doubt; it is all of the previous. However the implementation of all the things we need is not a what but **whom.. and that is YOU !!!**

Of course, additional assistance is always needed. Nevertheless, **always take pride in what you do.** Are you an elected or appointed Post leader? Alternatively, do you think of yourself as simply a working Post member? In either case, your skills and abilities should be acknowledged. Recognition of accomplishments is an honor to be cherished by the recipient and known by all others. Food for thought: you may have already become a major Post personality...

**OK,** now the numbers mentioned at the beginning of this section. What do they mean? First, all numbers are rounded. A little more than 1000 comrades belong to this Post. (This does not include the membership of the Ladies Auxiliary.) Did you realize that we were that large? All right, so what is the 40? That figure represents the approximate number of comrades who belong to our Honor Degree – **The Military Order of the Cootie.** The last figure – 0.04 – is the numerical percentage of comrades who are recognized members of that Honor Degree, and not all are in the area ~ nor all capable of being active.

Now arises the often-asked question: **Why am I not a Cootie?** Ask yourself what do they do and what must I do. If you do not know the answers to these questions, or why we wear the crazy, colorful clothing, ask a Cootie (look for the Bug on our collar). We will tell you. Isn't it time for you to join us? **We think the time is NOW...** Norris Stevens, Post 3433 Chaplain Summerville, SC Grand Judge Advocate, Grand of South Carolina

From the VFW National Home

For Immediate Release

Contact: Veronica LaDuke  
517.663.7012

VFW National Home for Children applauds Military Order of the Cootie Star Donor Organizations

Eaton Rapids, MI – With deep gratitude, the VFW National Home for Children honors our 2012 Star Donor Organizations. Nearly 600 organizations from across the United States and the Department of Europe earned the title of Star Donor this year. The National Home honored 20 MOC and MOCA organizations this year:

MOCA Supreme	Platinum Star Donor
MOC Supreme Pup Tent	Platinum Star Donor
MOC Grand MT	Gold Star Donor
MOC Grand VA	Gold Star Donor
MOCA to PT 02 NV	Silver Star Donor
MOC Grand GA	Silver Star Donor
MOC Grand MI	Silver Star Donor
MOCA to PT 13 GA	Silver Star Donor
MOC PT 57 FL	Silver Star Donor
MOC PT 05 GA	Silver Star Donor
MOC PT 48 IL	Silver Star Donor
MOC PT 51 MN	Silver Star Donor
MOC PT 08 ND	Silver Star Donor
MOC Grand OR	Silver Star Donor
MOCA to PT 48 IL	Bronze Star Donor
MOC PT 09 WI	Bronze Star Donor
MOCA Grand NC	Bronze Star Donor
MOC PT 29 MI	Bronze Star Donor
MOC PT 69 NY	Bronze Star Donor
MOC PT 70 OH	Bronze Star Donor

“Our Star Donor Organizations contributed more than \$775,000 to the National Home last year, which is a tremendous help to the military and veteran families we serve,” said National Home Executive Director Patrice Green. “We are grateful for the outstanding commitment these organizations have shown to the National Home.”

The National Home’s Star Donor Organization program recognizes organizations for their generous support of the VFW National Home for Children. All levels of the VFW and their Auxiliaries, Military Order of the Cootie and their Auxiliaries and non-VFW organizations that contribute \$500 or more to the National Home during our fiscal year earn this recognition. Star Donor Organizations are recognized at the following giving levels:

- Bronze Star Donor \$500- \$999
- Silver Star Donor \$1,000- \$1,999
- Gold Star Donor \$2,000- \$4,999
- Platinum Star Donor \$5,000 or more

More information on the Star Donor Organizations program can be found on the VFW National Home for Children’s website or by calling 866.483.9642.



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Pictures taken at the VA Hospital in Middleton, WI for which we were giving an Ice Cream Social to all the Veterans and their visitors on August 26th, 2012.

Top picture is Dennis Landen and his Service Dog Vickie

Center picture is Larry Taft and Niel Rossmassler dipping the Ice Cream ( from Left to right)

Bottom picture is Sue Lawrence - Dolly Jenkins and Toots Lange putting the toppings on the Ice Cream with cookies to follow ( also left to right)



## GRAND of PENNSYLVANIA

The term "RECYCLE" has become a watchword for the nation and the Military Order of the Cootie of Pennsylvania. At this year's Grand Scratch, the General Assembly saw fit to adopt the Recycle Pogrom and did in fact recycle Benjamin Bowers, the oldest living and active Past Grand Commander (1966-68). back into the position of Grand Commander of the PA MOC. The intention of this is to utilize his extensive leadership experience to resurrect lagging membership and other vital programs to yesteryears levels. One of his first actions was to combine Pup Tent/District Scratches with a Grand Commander's Visit. The intention of this action is to lessen the demand on parent VFW Posts for dates to hold Cootie activities. The combination scratches also decreases demands of time travel and expenses for Cooties and increases attendance by Pup Tent Shavetails. There are also more opportunities for widespread dissemination of information required by Cooties while providing the ability to monitor compliance with established programs and policies: i.e. acquiring new members of the order, scheduling visits to VA Medical Centers, providing morale, welfare and recreational visitations to PA Veterans Homes and above all to bolster Veterans of Foreign Wars programs and Policies. Commander Bowers also appointed as his Grand Chief of Staff Jack Gunn, who formerly was highly successful as Membership Chairman for the Department of PA VFW.

Shown in Photo: (L-R) Past & Current Grand Commander Benjamin Bowers, Pup Tent SS, PT #26, Wally Bentz, District #4 SS, William Smith, Grand Chief of Staff Jack Gunn



## MOC Press Association

The MOC Press Association met at the Grand Sierra in Reno, Nevada of July 29, 2012 on Sunday morning in the café for breakfast. After enjoying breakfast, Jane Channell, Vice President and her committee announced the winners of the MOC Press Association press contest.

Pup Tent Publication:

1<sup>st</sup> place- Sunny Sloops PT #11 from Phoenix, AZ

2<sup>nd</sup> place- Dune Bugs PT#9 from Forence, OR

Grand Publication:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Grand Oregon

2<sup>nd</sup> place-Grand of Pacific

VFW Publication:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Grimshaw Post 3232 Forence, OR

VFW Publication for District:

Disqualified- only one issue sent in

The 2012-2013 officers were election as follows:

President- Flo Parmelee

Vice President- K. Rosemary Brown

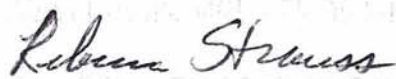
Chaplain- Jane Channell

Secretary/Treasurer- Rebecca Strauss

Sargent At Arms – Warren E. Booker

Photographer – Dennis Marsh

Submitted by



Rebecca Strauss

Secretary/ Treasurer



PRESS ASSOCIATION PUBLICATION CONTEST

BASIC RULES

Each classification is divided between printed and mimeographed categories. Printed category refers to publications that are typeset, printed and usually have half-tone photo reproductions.

All other methods of reproduction (copy machine, ditto, hectograph, etc) are placed in a mimeograph category. Individual entries must contain at least three different issues published and distributed between May 1 and June 30 the following year.

A cover letter must accompany each entry containing the following information; (1) Name and Address of the Editor, (2) Name of Sponsoring Unit, (3) Frequency of Publication and (4) Name and Address of individual submitting entry for competition.

Basic Rules

Judging of all entries, in each classification and category, will be on the basis of the following point system that was established by the MOC Press Association in 1963.

Classification I

V.F.W. Publication  
Published by V.F.W. Post, District or Department.

Classification II

PT Publication  
Published by Pup Tent or Auxiliary.

Classification III

Grand Publication  
Published by Grand, Grand District or Supreme District

Division "A" (35 Points)

How well does the publication promote the aims and objective of the MOC-MOCA organization?

15 points – Hospital Program – reports, promotion, stories, features, editorials.

10 points – National Home – reports, promotion, stories, features, news, stories.

10 points – VFW Booster promotion stories, features, editorials.

Division "B" (20 points)

How well does the publication serve the membership it is published the inform?

10 points – Pup Tent, District, Grand and Supreme participation – news stories, features.

10 points – Chain-of-Command – General Orders, Membership Reports, Columns from chairmen and officers.

Division "C" (20 points) – Newspaper quality

10 points – Format and appearance, layout, design, good composition, variety of style.

10 points – Continuity, regular publication uniform size, regular schedule of appearance with current and timely material.

Division "D" (25 points)

10 points – Quality of writing – understandability, clear detail without unnecessary long wordage. Writing with the purpose of relating facts to the readers.

10 points – Variety – regular features, news stories with catchy heads, use of pictures or illustration, banner heads, imagination in display and layout.

5 points – Objectivity – writing with positive position on issues, opinions in columns by individual and editorials.

Total Possible points 100.

All entries will be giving a general once-over review by the judges prior to point assignments in each of the four divisions. Some publications can be expected to score high in one or two divisions while making low marks in other.

The ideal publication will score well in all divisions thus providing the reader with a well-rounded, readable, interesting publication.

Volume of words will not necessarily be a mark of quality the sheer mass of words will never replace understandability.

Specific questions regarding the rules, judging and point system should be directed to the chairman. Those questions or problems that can not be resolved will be the subject of discussion and final determination for future contest at the annual MOC Press Association meeting.



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND  
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**OCTOBER 21, 2012**

**FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

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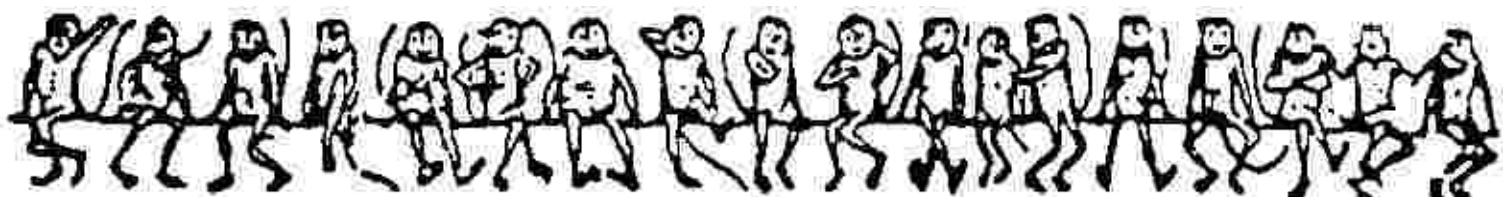
**VFW POST 4903  
1150 N. BEVERLY  
TUCSON, ARIZONA**

The Military Order of the Cootie, Pup Tent 2, in conjunction with National Make a Difference Day, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie, Sahuaro 2, VFW Post 4903, the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4903 and its Jr. Girls Unit, and the Santa Rita High School Cheerleaders are having this event to raise funds for bus passes for the Tucson homeless veterans, to obtain household items for the hundreds of homeless veterans in Tucson that are currently in the SA VA Hospital Homeless and Transitional Housing Program, and to raise monies for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship programs. The Military Order of the Cootie, Pup Tent 2, and its Woman's Auxiliary, will be having a silent auction to benefit the Tucson homeless veterans program, the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4903 will be having a bake sale to benefit the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship programs, and the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4903 Jr. Girls Unit along with the Santa Rita High School Cheerleaders will be having a bike/carwash to benefit the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship programs.

The monies raised for bus passes is needed because most of our Veterans' job search efforts are being done on foot. This program is continuously in need of donations. Although these veterans are given transitional housing, and some food stamps, they are in need of dishes and utensils, pots and pans, linens (sheets, towels, etc.), furniture (particularly dressers), TV's and VCR's, computers, really almost anything that someone might need to set up a new apartment. These items do not have to be new. This is why the Military Order of the Cootie, Sahuaro Pup Tent 2, is asking for donations of these household items to be brought to this event. Due to the individual Veteran's privacy, donations cannot be taken directly to the transitional housing, however, we are asking for help to deliver the donations to the transitional housing warehouse after the event. Also, we are asking for help from the businesses in our community for canopies to provide shade for the event as well as loans of any portable carwash equipment. The contact person to volunteer to help deliver the donations or to provide canopies and portable car wash equipment is Bruce Spencer at [spencerpooltime@comcast.net](mailto:spencerpooltime@comcast.net). In addition, the Military Order of the Cootie, Sahuaro Pup Tent 2, is asking for donations from businesses in our community of new items for the silent auction. The contact person to schedule pickup or delivery of items for the silent auction is Pam Spencer at [vfwlav@comcast.net](mailto:vfwlav@comcast.net).

For anyone wishing to participate in any of the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship programs, if you need an application, or if you want to make a donation to these programs please contact the Commander of VFW Post 4903, Scott Ingersoll, at [etac\\_romad@msn.com](mailto:etac_romad@msn.com). Please note there are deadlines on many of the Scholarship programs so do not delay.

This event is registered with the Points of Light Foundation, Make a Difference Day, HandsOn Network. For information about how to register or about our particular project please contact Brenda Price Duarte, Project Leader, at [bsprice@g.com](mailto:bsprice@g.com) or log on to our link at <http://hansonnetwork.org/MakeADifferenceDay>.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Military Order of the Cootie, the "Honor Degree" of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), is a group of selected and invited VFW members who have demonstrated their belief in assistance to the veterans, their families, and the community at large. Specifically targeted to bring aid and comfort to those veterans who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or homeless, the Cooties, and their Auxiliaries (Cuties) regularly visit hospitals, nursing facilities and transitional housing facilities for the homeless where veterans are housed. These visits, which provide such items as Socks, Personalized Cards, Easter and Christmas gifts and "goodies" are delivered by red and white clad Cooties and Cuties. Their motto is: *Keep'em smiling in beds of white.* The laughter and antics of the Cooties and Cuties attempts to do just that. All money derived from their meetings, fundraisers, raffles, etc. goes totally into aiding hospitalized veterans, homeless veterans and their families, and support for the VFW National Home for Children.

The SA VA Hospital Homeless program gets our homeless Veterans off the street and helps our homeless veterans start over again but the system makes it very hard. Our country's veterans, who have fought for our freedom, and through no fault of their own return home with physical and mental disabilities, deserve the community's help so that these homeless veterans can once again become independent and productive in our society.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars nationwide Scholarship programs are:

**Voice of Democracy.** Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars premier scholarship program. Each year, more than 50,000 high school students compete for more than \$2.3 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast script on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is "Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?" Deadline (to the Post) November 1, 2012. Open to students in grades 9-12,

**Patriot's Pen.** This youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy with the prospect of winning U.S. savings bonds. We invite you to join the more than 112,000 students who participated last year in this contest. The top 46 national winners all receive at least a \$1,000 savings bond. The first-place award is currently a \$10,000 savings bond plus an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the winner and a parent or guardian. This year's theme is "What Would I Tell America's Founding Fathers" Deadline (to the Post) November 1, 2012. Open to students in 6th-8th grade.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Scholarship programs are:

**State Scholarship** the deadline is April 1, 2013. This scholarship is available to graduating class of 2013 seniors. They need to be a legal resident of Arizona and the son, daughter, sister, brother, grandson, granddaughter of a member of the VFW or Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW.

**Young American Creative Patriotic Art.** Students in 9th – 12th grade are eligible to participate. The entry must have been completed during the current school year and will be judged on originality of concept, presentation and patriotism expressed, the design technique, and the total impact of the work.

The youth of our Country are our future and it is important that we promote patriotism in our country through the Scholarship programs listed above.

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PT 38 of NJ. Monthly visit to Menlo Park, NJ Veterans Home. Left to Right: Bob Amrozewicz, Rich Furlong, Dennis Beauregard, Tom Carroll, Tom Hacket. Seated: SS 'Bo' Galleger, Pat Wiley



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Coonfield, Shannon	6	AR	Sosebee, Hayes W. "Sonny"	65	FL
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Hogan, Edwin	5	CA	Callina, Paul A.	75	FL
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Adams, Jesus I.	6	CA	Mertens, Reid	77	FL
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