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# Cootie Courier



**All of the Lousy News that's Unfit to Print**



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**April-June 2016**

# From The Supreme Commander

## Listen Cooties,

Well we are at the end of the year and I would like to thank everyone for all their support. Even though we did not make 100% we gave it our all, and for that I thank you.

I would like to thank all my officers for their hard work! Especially my chief of staff Rod Fifield. He is an amazing person and a great friend.

To all the Grands that made 100% congratulations! We have accomplished a great deal this year and it was due to all your hard work. I will be moving on and turning the reins over to the new Supreme Commander. I know you will support him as much as you did me and we will have another great year!

To all the past Supreme Commanders; thank you for your guidance and support and being there when I needed advice. To the council; thanks for making sure the organization keeps on track.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers! I wish you the best and always remember hospitalized veterans are our number one priority.

Thank you again for allowing me to be your Supreme Commander this past year! It has been an honor and privilege to represent the Military order of the Cootie, and it was FUN!

**Yours in LOTCS,  
Donald J. Lynch  
Supreme Commander 2015-2016**



## From The Desk of the Senior Vice Commander

**Listen Cooties,**

The year is coming to a close quicker than one can imagine. Many changes during the last month that has caused me to put my Cootie life in overdrive.

As you may have heard some changes came about and I was notified by Commander Lynch that I am now the Supreme Senior Vice Commander. He said *"Are you ready"*. Being a veteran we are always ready; but sometimes it causes one to reach deeper sooner than planned.



I know with all the support of the Cooties throughout our organization that anything is possible. In the Navy they would say, "When you are on board, you have the duty." Well Cooties, I am on board and ready to assume the duties assigned.

It is a bit ironic as I brought Commander Lynch into the Cooties as members of Chokum Chingo Put tent 8, Songtan-si, Korea back in the middle 90's. Now I am in position to assume command of our organization from him. There is only one other Cootie, who joined the MOC in Pup Tent 8, that is a Past Supreme Commander, Joe McCullough. I will be the first to become Supreme Commander still active in the grand of Pacific. PSC Marty Ellingwood is from Pup Tent 15 in Angeles City, Philippines, my current Pup Tent.

Thank you for your steadfast support of the MOC and one another. Together we can make a difference. If you have suggestions, please let us know. Communicating together can improve what we do at all levels. Thank you once again Cooties. I look forward to seeing you at the Convention in July.

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

**James D. Malott  
Supreme Sr. Vice Commander**



## From the Supreme Sky Pilot



It has been an interesting year for us. We went to Tomb Trek and the National Home Christmas party. Both were enjoyable and both touching moments worth remembering. The trip to Green Bay for commander Don's homecoming was very interesting. Here in Houston we have one of the newest stadiums in football. So, to visit a national landmark with a long tradition was fun. Both stadiums are great and both are a great place to watch a football game. They are like Cooties, we are all a bit different, and each of us come from a different background; but we can all take care of our comrades and make them laugh.

As many of you know, right after we came home from Green Bay, Sheila's mom passed away. Your out pouring of cards, letters, and other expressions of caring and love touched both Sheila and my own hearts.

Last year I made a point to work on two important programs started by Past Supreme Chaplain Steven Smith; the Sky Pilot Wings pin and the Hero Angel Award. As long as I am Supreme Chaplain, I will do all I can to encourage these programs. However, this year I have been working on another important project. The new Sky Pilot Manual and Handbook will be available. The Manual section provides detailed instructions for Sky Pilots at any level to do their job; while the Handbook section provides examples of prayers, services, and other material to help make the job easy. I would encourage all Sky Pilots to pull it down from the Supreme website, and make use of it. Just go to [LOTCS.org](http://LOTCS.org) and pull down the menu on the right side of the page. You will find the Sky Pilot's page. You will see the Manual and Handbook. Download it and print it double sided. I want to thank the committee of Chaplains and Sky Pilots who helped me with this project. They include Dale Iannello, Jennifer Smith, and Tom Darling.

I have been honored to serve you as your Supreme Chaplain for the last two years, and with your blessings and votes look forward to continue serving you next year. You are why I am honored to say with a smile, "Yes, I am a Cootie" and am blessed to serve as you Sky Pilot.

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Allan T. Perkins**  
**Supreme Chaplain**  
**[atp1991@sbcglobal.net](mailto:atp1991@sbcglobal.net)**

## From the Supreme Quartermaster



**Listen Cooties,**

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather and getting ready for the Supreme convention in Charlotte, NC. It takes a lot of work to prepare for convention. We had a good year but membership could have been better. We all have to get out there and bring in new Cooties and try to get the old or older cooties more involved.

Please read the By-Laws, two years ago we changed the process for audit reports. Pup Tents, you only have to send your reports to the Grand Quartermaster. Those Pup Tents not in a Grand and Grand reports should be the only reports sent to Supreme headquarters.

Be sure to check out the supply room at convention, as there will be several items on sale and perhaps a new item or two.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Charlotte for a lousy time. As usual I am running for Supreme Quartermaster again this year and ask for your support.

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Gary Dressel  
Supreme Quartermaster**

# FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

## Listen Cooties,

This year's Supreme Blood reports have been quite sporadic and a bit mixed up. Some reports were received on hand written forms, some came in on line, some Cooties reported their own donations, some Pup Tent Vampires reported donations, some Grand chairmen reported Cooties donations, and some were reported by both the Cootie and the Grand Chairman. We ended up with some double reporting of donations and different mailing addresses. There has also been confusion over units. We are changing the description of units to reflect "Donations." Any donation should count as one "Donation." Whole blood or platelets are still a donation for that date. It has been very difficult to keep things accurate and precise. I have done everything possible to make sure those reporting Cooties will be recognized for their generous donations. So, I hope everything gets to the right people. I have certificates and pins for each Cootie that donated this year.

Now that I have completed the online reporting form for the year 2016/2017 and have synchronized the form information to the data base, I believe that next year will be a lot smoother. This next year **ALL COOTIES MUST** report their own donations online. Please **DISCARD ALL PAPER** reporting forms. I understand that some people may not have computer access, but all they have to do is give their information to a friend to report online for them. Therefore, we eliminate the need for Pup Tent Blood Chairmen or Grand Blood Chairmen to report to Supreme for their members. It will be much easier for everyone, if each individual Cootie reports his or her own donations.

If each Grand chooses to support a Grand Blood Chairmen or Pup Tent Blood Chairman for their own record keeping or their own awards, I would certainly support that effort. But, Supreme records need to be reported by each individual Cootie or in an individual Cootie's name.

With the database system, The Supreme Vampire can send any sort of report to anyone that needs it. If a Grand Blood Chairman wants a report of all the donators in their Grand, we can email that in one day's time. We can give you any sort of information on the report that you need. All the

information from the online reports will be kept in a database to be recorded on an Excel Worksheet.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions about this process, please feel free to contact The Supreme Vampire at [supreme@vampire.puptent1.org](mailto:supreme@vampire.puptent1.org). Or use the contact form online at the bottom of the page.  
[www.vampire.puptent1.org](http://www.vampire.puptent1.org)

All Cooties can find the most recent Excel Worksheet that I have for the 2015/2016 year on the Supreme Reports page. If you find any changes that need to be made, please do not refer to a line number, as line numbers change all the time. Please refer to a reporting date and the reporting Cootie's Name. Let me know what changes need to be made. Next year's automated process should make the entire reporting process much more accurate.

**Yours in LOTCS**  
**Your Supreme Vampire**  
**Jim Schinman**



**Certificate and Pin for BLOOD Donations**



## **From the Supreme Inspector**

**Listen Cooties,**

I am the Supreme Inspector for the 2015-2016 MOC Year. Please send all inspection reports to me. My contact information is at the end of this article. Inspection reports can mailed to me or scanned and sent to my email address attached as a word document or a PDF file.

Currently we are missing only 11 Pup Tent inspections out of 334 for 96.7% for Supreme. They are: **AL-13, Eur-1, ID-3, LA-1, NV-5, NJ-35, OH-4, OH-9, OH-54, OH-72, and OK-1** report. Please do not be the Pup Tent or Grand that keeps us from getting 100% inspected.

If you would like to miss out on the phone calls and emails that will come from me reminding you to get your inspections in, then please get your Pup Tents inspected and get your reports in. Supreme does forward inspection reports that get sent there, but it would speed up the process and lessen the load at Supreme HQ if inspections were sent directly to me.

Thanks to all the Grands that are sending in reports, it makes my job easier and I appreciate it.

**Yours in LOTCS,**

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# MOC Inspection Report

6/6/2016

Grand	#OF PUP TENTS	PUP TENTS INSPECTED	Dist INSPECTED	DATE comp.	Grand Insp.	PERCENT	Pup Tents that are inspected
AL-13	1	0				0%	
AK-2	1	1		1/15/2016		100%	
AK3	1	1		2/22/2016		100%	
AZ	9	9		11/23/2015 yes		100%	
AR	6	5		5/31/2016		83%	3,8,13,14,21
CA	17	17		5/16/2016		100%	
CO	6	6		3/25/2016 yes		100%	
DE	3	3		10/10/2015 yes		100%	
DC	1	1		11/23/2015		100%	
EUR	2	1		8/1/2015		50%	6,
FL	25	25	7	4/5/2016 yes		100%	
GA	7	7		3/1/2016 yes		100%	
HI	1	1		3/14/2016		100.00%	
ID-3	1	0				0%	
IL	10	10		7/27/2015 yes		100%	
IA	3	3		3/25/2016		100%	
KS	4	4		1/15/2016		100%	
KY	5	5		2/22/2016 yes		100%	
LA	5	4		2/22/2016 yes		80%	3,6,11,19
MD	8	8		1/15/2016 yes		100%	
MA-14	1	1		4/30/2016		100%	
MA-34	1	0				0%	
MA52	1	0				0%	
MI	8	8		10/20/2015 yes		100%	
MN	17	17		3/14/2016 yes		100%	
MS	7	7		2/22/2016 yes		100%	
MO	9	9		9/4/2015 yes		100%	
MT	6	5		3/25/2016		83%	6,10,11,21,25
NE	3	3		4/30/2016 yes		100%	
NV-2	1	1		4/5/2016		100%	
NV-3	1	1		3/25/2016		100%	
NV-5	1					0%	
NH	2	2		5/16/2016		100%	
NJ	12	9		6/6/2016		75%	7,10,28,38,39,41,57,86,95
NM	7	7		1/8/2016		100%	
NY	8	8	3	4/12/2016 yes		100%	
NC	9	9		5/24/2016 yes		100%	
ND	5	5		11/23/2015		100%	
OH	22	18		5/25/2016 yes		82%	1,5,6,7,16,18,24,25,28,44,45,47,50,68,71,83,86,92
OK	5	4		12/10/2015 yes		80%	2,4,16,17
OR	9	9		3/7/2016 yes		100%	
PAC	10	10		1/15/2016		100%	
PA	15	15	2	11/23/2015 yes		100%	
SC	7	7		11/23/2015 yes		100%	
SD	3	3		10/10/2015 yes		100%	
TN	6	6		5/8/2016 yes		100%	
TX	13	13		11/23/2015		100%	
VA	9	9		10/10/2015		100%	
WA	8	8		11/23/2015 yes		100%	
WV-6	1	1		2/16/2016		100%	
WI	14	14	2	11/23/2015 yes		100%	
TOTAL	335	318				95%	

2015-2016 Membership Report 5/31/2016											
Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
GOLD DIVISION											
17	CALIFORNIA	94.76%	32	204	14	734	984	1031	13	46	+
23	OHIO	88.15%	8	88	27	713	836	945	4	35	
SILVER DIVISION											
25	FLORIDA	91.27%	48	242	29	508	827	905	7	77	
18	MINNESOTA	89.10%	13	153	13	436	615	688	6	26	
14	TEXAS	93.54%	29	129	41	454	653	697	5	70	+L35
RED DIVISION											
9	ARIZONA	95.66%	38	119	3	239	399	415	6	41	
10	ILLINOIS	87.94%	6	80	5	260	351	398	4	11	
8	MARYLAND	100.00%	9	71	32	265	377	377	1	41	
8	MICHIGAN	89.58%	7	65	4	227	303	336	2	11	
10	NEW YORK	76.67%	7	49	14	160	230	300	1	21	
10	PACIFIC AREAS	95.17%	28	120	9	400	557	580	23	37	
16	PENNSYLVANIA	106.15%	60	214	8	258	540	504	9	68	+
10	VIRGINIA	88.32%	18	90	7	265	380	428	3	25	
14	WISCONSIN	86.80%	11	206	8	225	450	515	4	19	
WHITE DIVISION											
7	GEORGIA	81.92%	6	47	1	236	290	354	0	7	
9	MISSOURI	86.11%	27	72	1	214	314	360	10	28	
12	NEW JERSEY	89.14%	22	76	45	179	322	359	1	67	
7	NEW MEXICO	91.67%	1	74	0	146	221	240	2	1	
9	NORTH CAROLINA	95.63%	17	86	22	226	351	366	4	39	
8	WASHINGTON	100.95%	22	73	21	204	320	315	3	43	+
BLUE DIVISION											
6	ARKANSAS	69.13%	9	34	6	112	161	230	2	15	
6	COLORADO	92.07%	2	84	6	117	209	227	2	8	
2	EUROPE	99.58%	5	9	1	226	241	237	6	6	
5	KENTUCKY	93.01%	5	56	1	151	213	229	1	6	
8	MISSISSIPPI	102.48%	30	53	0	248	331	322	5	30	
6	NORTH DAKOTA	79.10%	2	0	44	114	160	201	2	46	
10	OREGON	102.83%	3	134	5	128	270	318	1	8	+
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	83.79%	15	43	18	170	246	290	6	33	
6	TENNESSEE	92.28%	13	99	6	123	241	259	3	19	
GREEN DIVISION											
4	DELAWARE	71.01%	9	34	0	82	125	169	5	9	
4	KANSAS	101.35%	24	138	1	64	227	223	5	25	+
5	LOUISIANA	84.25%	9	52	9	53	123	146	0	18	
7	MONTANA	85.45%	9	0	43	101	153	165	14	52	
3	NEBRASKA	100.00%	8	23	4	107	142	140	7	12	
3	NEVADA	73.68%	3	0	3	0	6	18	0	6	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	96.52%	6	50	6	50	112	115	2	12	
5	OKLAHOMA	89.44%	12	46	1	104	163	180	3	13	
PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION											
2	INDIANA	36.67%	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	
3	IOWA					36					
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	100.00%	8	36	1	65	110	109	2	9	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALASKA 2	74.29%	0	6	0	20	26	35	0	0	
1	ALASKA 3	76.00%	0	0	0	19	19	25	0	0	
1	ALABAMA 13	97.18%	0	0	11	58	69	71	0	11	
1	CONNECTICUT 14	92.31%	0	0	0	12	12	13	0	0	
1	DC 1	100.00%	2	14	0	11	27	26	1	2	
1	HAWAII 1	88.46%	1	7	0	15	23	26	0	1	
1	IDAHO 3	96.30%	0	14	0	12	26	27	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	89.09%	4	25	9	11	49	55	1	13	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 34	25.00%	0	0	0	5	5	20	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	88.46%	0	21	0	2	23	26	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	74.19%	0	0	0	65					
1	NEVADA 3	87.88%	0	0	0	26					
1	NEVADA 5	73.68%	0	0	0	8					
1	WEST VIRGINIA 1	72.22%	0	11	0	15	26	36	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	164.71%	4	19	1	4	28	17	0	5	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 30	52.38%	0	0	0	11	11	21	0	0	
SUPREME Pup Tent											
	SUPREME Pup Tent	100.00%		26		445	471	471	2	0	
357	TOTALS	91.62%	592	3292	480	9139	13368	14590	178	1072	

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



MOC SUPREME GENERAL ORDER #4  
2015-2016

1. 97th Supreme Scratch and 55th Convention to be held in Charlotte, SC at the Renaissance Suites on the 28th through the 31st of July 2016. Reservations can be made through our website at LOTCS.ORG or by calling 1-888-236-2427. If you call, you must mention to them that you are with the "MOC." Failure to mention this may result in the denial of the special room rate of \$125.00 per night (plus tax). There is a shuttle service to and from the airport, service to the LYNX light rail and within a 3 mile radius. Hotel parking is complimentary. The hotel is also offering a \$2.00 off coupon for the breakfast buffet. Free in room wireless internet.
2. The 97th Supreme Banquet will be held on Saturday, 30 July, 2016 with social hour from 6PM to 7PM, with dinner beginning at 7PM. Installation of Supreme Officers for 2016 -2017 will be held immediately following the banquet. Cost of tickets is \$50.00 and there will be a choice of Beef, Chicken or Vegetarian. Tickets are available prior to the Supreme Convention by filling out the form listed in the Cootie Courier or through the website. A limited number of tickets will be available at the Supreme Scratch. However, only Chicken may be available. Seating is limited so get your tickets early.
3. All Pup Tents are reminded to forward copies of Election Reports for the 2016-2017 membership year to Supreme Headquarters. Pup Tents without election reports for the New Year are not in good standing and may not be represented at either their Grand or Supreme Conventions. There are still 24 Pup Tents that have not sent in their Reports. **No Election Report = no vote.**
4. In accordance with provisions of Section 534 of the Supreme By-Laws, all Pup Tents are required to register, in advance, at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch. Failure to register shall be grounds for the Pup Tent to be declared in arrears to the Supreme Pup Tent and appropriate action may be taken. Advance registration for the Supreme Scratch is \$15.00 and \$17.00 for registration received after 30 June 2016. **No Delegate fee = no vote.**
5. On-site Registration for the 97<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention will begin on 23 July 2016 during the 117th VFW National Convention. Look for the MOC/MOCA booth.
6. Cooties at all levels are reminded that the Supreme Program Book for 2016-2017 administrative year will be available in August 2016 on the MOC web site [www.LOTCS.org](http://www.LOTCS.org). Care should be taken to secure this copy for further reference throughout the New Year, as there are changes to the Supreme Programs.
7. Membership packets for 2016-2017 were mailed in June 2016 to the Grand Quartermaster of record as provided on the Election Warrant. Grand Quartermasters are instructed to mail out the individual Pup Tents packages to their respective CCDB's. Pup Tents that have not sent in an Election Warrant, have not secured a Bond for the office of CCDB, or have less than eleven (11) members will not receive a packet until these discrepancies have been corrected.
8. The Supreme Commander invites all Cooties at all levels to join us in Charlotte to participate in the V.F.W. Patriotic Celebration. The uniform will be: Cootie hat, Cootie shirt (any style) (Gold if you are authorized), and black pants. The Patriotic Celebration takes place Tuesday evening at the BB & T Ballpark. Details to follow. Subject to change.
9. Any Pup Tent that would like to receive information from Supreme Headquarters electronically, send an email to: [supremehqmoc@lotcs.org](mailto:supremehqmoc@lotcs.org).

**BY COMMAND OF:**



Donald J. Lynch  
Supreme Commander

**OFFICIAL:**



Gordon K. Lam  
Supreme Adjutant



## From the Supreme President



### Auxiliary Members,

My year as your Supreme President MOCA is coming to an end and I want to say thank you to all of your support.

Everywhere that I have gone this year has been just great! Just to meet so many auxiliary members and just to see the hard work that you are doing to keep the organization going, is just wonderful.

Your hospital work to keep the veterans **SMILING IN THE BEDS OF WHITE** is just remarkable and thank you for supporting my project this year, **"MOVING FORWARD TO SECURE**

**HOMELESS VETERANS."** Thanks for your support on all the MOCA programs!

Many thanks to my Supreme Commander, Don Lynch, for all his support this year and the best of everything to him. It has been a pleasure!

I would especially like to thank the staff at Supreme Headquarters (Gary, Delpha and Ann) for all the support you have shown to me this year!

My best to all newly elected officers for the coming year 2016-17.

Loyally,  
Peggy I. Bell  
Supreme President MOCA

## I was Kidnapped...

I am/was (see picture below) the property of Nila Caulder (Pup Tent #3 Block Buster Aux.) She took me to the 2014 Tomb Trek and let me sit in the hospitality room on the bar that Block Buster's Pup Tent #3 was running.

I am a red devil bulldog. She used to take me to the Devil Dog and Marine Corps. meeting in Maryland. But someone stole me and tried to make a joke out of it and asked for me from the Grand of Maryland.

I did not belong to any Grand or Pup Tent of the Cooties. I belong to...

I was in the car because I had been at a Marine Department Aux. meeting earlier that week. I wanted to sit on the bar while Nila served drinks. As I sat there on the bar, I was kidnapped.

I know that I'm missed by many. Nila posted that I could be found. That's the person that has kidnapped me.

(Nila) I have like this...

Hi everyone, I have finally made it home after almost two (2) years of being away. I was DOG NAPPED. I am happy to say that the Devil Dogs of MD are glad that I am home safe and sound. A big thank you goes out to the Cootie from Dunedin, Florida, that sent me home. I saw that... the person... must have had a lapse of memory about... able to see you all at Tomb Trek in 2015.

Nila Caulder  
7844 Shore Road  
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**Emil Soltesz is announcing his  
candidacy for the high office of  
Supreme Junior Vice Commander  
for the 2016 - 2017 year**

Emil joined Dugan Nugent, VFW Post 2133 in Cleveland, Ohio in 1995. In 1997 he became the Commander of his Post serving in that position for 18 consecutive years until 2015. During his tenure he was recognized as an All State Commander for the first of many times in 1999 and in 2002 had the honor of being an All American Commander.

Before joining, Emil became active with the Military Order of the Cootie at The Grand of Ohio's Easter Treat in 1999. He joined Vin Rouge, Pup Tent 1 in Berea, Ohio in 2000 and after a few years he transferred to Vin Coho, Pup Tent 92 in Willoughby, Ohio. In 2006 he assumed command of Fourth District, Grand of Ohio, serving two terms and being awarded the Grand's Five Star for both terms. Emil served as the Grand of Ohio Surgeon in 2005 working through the chairs to eventually become the Grand Commander of Ohio. He served as Grand Commander 2011 and again in 2012 having the honor of becoming an All Star Grand Commander the second term. He was elected the Grand of Ohio Chaplain in 2014 and continues to serve as such. Emil continues to serve as the CCDB of Vin Coho, Pup Tent 92 since 2010 and the CCDB of 7<sup>th</sup> Supreme since 2013.

Emil served the Supreme Organization as Supreme Photographer in 2012-2014 under three Supreme Commanders. He was elected to the office of Supreme Historian in 2014 and is currently serving as Supreme Historian. He has the support of his wife, Cheri, who is also active in MOCA Pup Tent 92 and MOCA Grand of Ohio serving as Treasurer in both. Emil is retired from Modern Tool & Die.



## ***From the Desk of the Great Blue Louse***

***Listen COOTIES,***

***It is time we thought of the Convention, where we adopt new By-Laws, elect new officers for the New Year and Pass out Awards.***

***The awards are going to those Grand's and Pup Tents that submitted reports. Hospital being the most prestigious. I know most of you do your Hospital work, but if you don't submit a report ... how can we give you an award? Are we supposed to read your minds? Like the saying goes "The job is never done, until the paperwork is finished."***

***How do we expect to grow if we don't recruit younger members into the VFW? Without them we have no source for our own membership.***

***In advance let me wish us all a successful convention and congratulate all our newly elected officers. May we have a fantastic year. Let us not forget our Auxiliary; we are lost without them! For every member you recruit, have them bring in their family members that are also eligible. We grow together!***

***Yours in LOTCS,***

***GBL***





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## From the Supreme Tomb Trek Chairman

### Listen Cooties and Auxiliary,

I'm *ecstatic* to let everyone know that **Tomb Trek** will **CONTINUE!!** The dates for this year are October 28-30.

In March, I attended meetings with the Arlington National Cemetery leadership. They explained the intent of the letter that I received. It definitely was not about making us stop honoring our brothers, sisters, husband, wives, mothers and fathers. They wholeheartedly understood that we have a rich tradition of this honor and they want us to continue.

However, there are some extenuating factors that were explained. Currently the "Old Guard" is 30% down in manning (thank you sequestration). The Guards not only perform duties at the Tomb, but are also performing ceremonies throughout the cemetery. With manning down this low, placing more upon this group of honorable men and women is something we should not consider. Another factor is safety. The roads around the Tomb are very narrow. As in past years, when you have busses, cars, tour trollies and foot traffic it tends to become a hazard. ANC leadership is very concerned with this. Remembering past treks when we returned to the busses, it is normally packed and somewhat of a challenge to get the busses moving. To this reason is why they are very much considering closing the roads off around the Tomb.

Working with us, the leadership of ANC has offered us other memorial venues. With our origins placing back to WWI they have offered us two memorial sites where we can continue our honor; the Argonne Cross or General Black Jack Pershing grave site. We believe these locations tie in very nicely with the Cootie WWI beginnings and provide some benefits that are not available at the Tomb. These locations will allow the Cooties to conduct a unique ceremony at a unique location that will really be a standout.

On 3 April the 4th Supreme, the MOC and MOCA met. I gave a presentation of what was entailed at the meetings, and to decide the future of Tomb Trek. After completing the presentation, we had much discussion, all positive, but the most relevant is that Tomb Trek will not terminate. The decision was made to continue the laying of wreathes from Pup Tents, Grand's, Districts and Supreme at the Argonne Cross. This memorial depicts not only our beginning as the Military Order of the Cootie, it has direct linkage to Veterans Day. Another facet as to why the Argonne Cross was selected is that the grave of Sgt. Edward Younger is near this memorial. For those that don't know of Sgt. Younger, he was the individual that

selected the first Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He was a VFW member and a Cootie from PT 1 in Washington DC. The year following the first wreath laying at the Tomb, Sgt. Younger asked Congress to extend this honor to the Military Order of the Cootie to have the honor of laying a wreath. No one in congress would deny him this request.

Once the ceremony is completed at the Argonne Cross, we have the approval for the Supreme Commander and President, along with the line officers, to continue the 82nd year of tradition and honor to lay one wreath at the Tomb.

The Tomb Trek Committee will be in full swing to ensure that this event is as memorable as before with a weekend full of friendship and fun, but most of all honor.

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

**Mark Newman  
Tomb Trek Chairman  
Past Supreme Commander  
Supreme 3 Year Trustee**





# TOMB TREK AGENDA



## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	REGISTRATION – Main Lobby
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION CONTINUES – Main Lobby
5:30 PM	4 <sup>TH</sup> SUPREME DISTRICT MOCA: Mezzanine #2
7:00 PM	SUREME COMMANDER & PRESIDENT RECEPTION (Virginia Hospitality Room - 1st Floor)

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	REGISTRATION FINAL – Main Lobby
10:00 AM	MOC & MOCA COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETINGS: Located off the Main Lobby, Rooms Directly to your left, North and South Ballroom.
2:00 PM	4 <sup>TH</sup> SUPREME DISTRICT MOC: Mezzanine #2
6:00 PM	COCKTAIL HOUR: Galaxy Room, 16 <sup>th</sup> Floor - <b><u>TICKET HOLDERS ONLY</u></b>
7:00 PM	BANQUET: Galaxy Room, 16 <sup>th</sup> Floor - <b><u>TICKETS HOLDERS ONLY</u></b>

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS FROM THE HOSPITALITY ROOM INTO THE COCKTAIL HOUR OR BANQUET

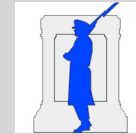
## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	MEMORIAL SERVICE – Main Lobby Ballroom
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	LOADING OF THE BUSES
9:30 AM	DEPART FOR CEMETERY
10:00 AM	ARRIVE AT THE ARGONNE CROSS
10:20 AM	WREATH PRESENTATION CEREMONY BEGINS
11:30 AM	CEREMONY CONCLUDES WITH PLAYING OF TAPS
11:45 AM	LOAD BUSES AND DEPARTING BACK TO THE HOTEL
12:15 PM	SUPREME COMMANDER & PRESIDENT WREATH PRESENTATION AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN
12:30 PM	LOAD BUS AND DEPARTING BACK TO THE HOTEL



# MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

## 82nd TREK TO THE TOMB REGISTRATION



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### **BANQUET TICKETS**

<b>ADVANCED</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>AFTER 10/1/16</b>	<b>QTY</b>		
CHICKEN \$50.00	<input type="text"/>	CHICKEN \$55.00	<input type="text"/>	TOTAL \$	<input type="text"/>
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Please complete this form, make check payable to **TOMB TREK COMMITTEE** and mail to:

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Ijamsville MD 21754-8806

email: mocadolphin@msn.com



## **Military Order of the Cootie Supreme Headquarters**

**82nd TOMB TREK 2016**

### **ARLINGTON NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERY**

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

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

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, Virginia 22204  
Telephone: 703-521-1900

#### **ROOM RATES: \$105.00** plus tax.

Contact Hotel directly for reservations and mention Military Order of the Cootie  
for discount.

Cutoff Date for room block reservations is 14 October 2016.

**Parking is \$ 10.00 per day.**

#### **Other Information:**

**Wreath Registration = \$ 25.00**

#### **ADVANCED REGISTRATION:**

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

#### **AFTER 1 OCTOBER 2016:**

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

# MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

## 82nd TOMB TREK WREATH REGISTRATION



**\*\*PLEASE WRITE ENTRIES LEGIBLY\*\***

### **MOC (only 1 order per form)**

PUP TENT NAME & #

GRAND OF

### **MOCA (only 1 order per form)**

PUP TENT NAME & #

GRAND OF

### **GRAND (may order for both on form)**

GRAND PUP TENT OF

AUXILIARY TO GRAND  
OF

### **DISTRICT (may order for both on form)**

SUPREME DISTRICT #

SUPREME AUXILIARY  
DISTRICT #

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NAME

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PHONE #

TOTAL AMOUNT  CHECK #  DATE

Each wreath is **\$ 25.00**. (\$5 goes towards the design, compilation and printing of the booklet) Your order must be received before **1 October 2016** 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 earmark "Tomb Trek Wreath Registration" and mail to:

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**OTHER INFORMATION: WREATH REGISTRATION \$25.00**

#### **ADVANCED REGISTRATION:**

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

#### **AFTER 1 OCTOBER 2016:**

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

Forms for Registration and Wreaths will be found on the [lotcs.org](http://lotcs.org) website, under the Events tab and will be in the September 2016 Cootie Courier. Make Checks payable to **"Tomb Trek Committee"** and send them with completed forms to:

**Jane Channell, 2728 Hillside Court, Ijamsville, MD 21754-8806**

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



# 4th Supreme District



Dennis Fairell of Maryland PT 27 and Margaret Ann Simental of West Virginia Auxiliary to PT 6 were elected to represent 4th Supreme District on the Supreme Council for the next two year period 2016-2018. Members from Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia held the 4th Supreme Council of Administration April 1-3, 2016 in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware to make decisions related to Tomb Trek and hold their elections. The new council members will be officially installed in Charlotte with the Supreme Council. The weekend included a visit to a local winery, and some impromptu shopping and large gatherings at the excellent restaurants in Rehoboth Beach. All that attended would like to send a great big WELL DONE to Marc Garduno for planning and coordinating our C of A.



A great representative line-up of 4th Supreme MOCA volunteers and officers in our organization. From Left to Right: Mary Francis Adkins, WV006; Jane Channel, PSP MD021; Vickie Petersen, VA002; Lula Lamb, VA013; Gail Payne, VA009; Delpha Martin, Current 4th Supreme Council VA014; Margaret Ann Simental, incoming 4th Supreme Council WV006; Mary Brisbon, DC001; Georg Jean Zimmerman, PA059; Faye Simerly, DE004; Lisa Horan, VA001 and Helen Cherry, MD027.

# Grand of Illinois



8th Supreme Jr. Vice Commander and Past Grand of Illinois Commander Steve York presents the Officers Obligation to the newly elected Grand of Illinois candidates.



8th Supreme Jr. Vice Commander and Past Grand Commander Steve York accepts the gavel from outgoing Grand of Illinois Commander Ralph Diederich and presents it to incoming Grand of Illinois Commander Willie Nowlin.

*Photos by: Wayne "Shutterbug" Gaylord*



# Grand of Louisiana



Lafayette Nits 24 Cooties doing Rest Area Coffee Break fundraiser  
Dickie Easingwood, Jim Cacoulidis  
Seam Squirrel Mike Unruh, John Shelander,



# 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 14, 2016):** Stephanie A. Eeckhout is the new "Grand Seam Squirrel" for the Grand Pup Tent of Maryland for the year 2016-2017. Installation was performed at the Grand Scratch on May 14, 2016 held at Hagerstown Clarion Hotel in Hagerstown, Maryland. The installation was performed by Past Grand Commander Clayton Deaver (45<sup>th</sup> Grand Commander (1992-1993)). Grand Seam Squirrel Eeckhout is the first female Grand Seam Squirrel or Grand Commander in the Fertile Hunting Grounds of Maryland. Cootie Eeckhout has served in the line of the Grand of Maryland as well as Seam Squirrel, Blanket Bum, Hind Gimlet and Tight Wad of Block Busters Pup Tent 3 of Glen Burnie, Maryland. Cootie Eeckhout is a member and current Commander of VFW Post 160, Glen Burnie, Maryland. She served in the U.S. Army. Congratulations Grand Seam Squirrel Eeckhout!!!



Photo courtesy of Ralph Bell







# 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 15, 2016):** Carrol "Randy" Peaker is the Grand Pup Tent of Maryland's "Seam Squirrel of the Year" and "Cootie of the Year" for the year 2015-2016. The awards were presented at the Grand Scratch banquet on May 15, 2016 held at Hagerstown Clarion Hotel in Hagerstown, Maryland. The awards were presented by Grand Seam Squirrel Michael R. Hadley and PGC Michael V. Channell. Cootie Peaker has served at Seam Squirrel, Blanket Bum, Hind Gimlet and Tight Wad of Sypaw Pup Tent 10 of Aberdeen, Maryland as well as Grand Chief of Staff and Area 2 Commander. Cootie Peaker is a member of VFW Post 6054. Congratulations Randy for a Job well done!



Cootie Carrol "Randy" Peaker (left) receiving his "Seam Squirrel of the Year" Award from Grand Seam Squirrel Michael R. Hadley (right).

Photo courtesy of Kathy Carlson



Released June 10, 2016

# Grand of New Hampshire Pup Tent #1



Cootie Wagon at Veteran Appreciation Day  
Hudson Fish & Game Club  
April 30, 2016  
Cooties, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Hudson JROTC, et al



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# Grand of New York C of A



MOC Grand Commander, Tom Howard,  
Pup Tent 2 "Wild Bunch



MOCA Grand President, Binita Turner,  
Pup Tent 2 "Wild Bunch "



# Grand of South Carolina

*One great Veteran group helping another Veteran group.*



On June 25, 2016 members of MOC/MOCA Pup Tent 10 Crummy Bugs in Ladson, SC showed up to help out their local American Legion. We **"WOWed"** them with our support for their fundraiser. Over 30 MOC/MOCA members attended.

*Submitted by Judy Duncan.*

# Grand of Washington



Raymond Bednar was awarded the Cootie of the Year of the Grand of Washington by the outgoing Commander Dwight I. Booth Jr. at the PT #4 Scratch in Lakewood, Washington



# Grand of Washington



MOC/MOCA Grand of Washington special project for USO Club JBLM at McChord AFB. MOCA Treasurer Maggie Wilson, presented a check for \$596.50 and MOC Grand Commander Dwight I. Booth Jr. presented a check for \$734.50, for a total value of \$1,331.00 to USO Mobile Manager Vic Lee. They also provided 6 ½ cases of hot coffee cups to USA Club JBLM.

Front row right to left: Hardy Nettles, Josie Wells. Back row left to right: Sno Nieves, Becki Beach, Vic Lee, Mercedes Nepute, Dwight Booth, Maggie Wilson, Tommy Darnell and Cootie of the Year (2015-2016) Raymond Bednar. USO Club Manager Andrew Oczkewicz provided the MOC/MOCA group with a BIG thank you and several military individuals said thank you also.



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**From the Editor**



**Listen Cooties**

This has been a Lousy year! I would like to give a great big **Booooo** to all of my Pestiferous Brothers and Sisters for all of the Lousy pictures and articles from this past year! Please keep them coming and mail them to [cootiecourier@lotcs.org](mailto:cootiecourier@lotcs.org). Try to send clear pictures of those Lousy events in JPEG, PDF, BMP or TIF format. For the articles, please send Word for PDF documents.

This next year remember to be as annoying and mischievous as possible so that some VFW comrade will take those backward steps and become a part of the infestation that we call the Military Order of the Cootie!

***Yours in LOTCS,***

***Dale A. Iannello***

***Editor,  
Cootie Courier***





<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>PUP TENT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>PUP TENT</u>
Aldridge, James	AL	13	May, Kenneth C.	MN	11
Foster, Michael B.	AZ	2		MN	
Schwenkler, Scott	AZ	2	Fuller, Donald	MN	19
Gibbons, Harry	AZ	9	Meurer, Wilton L.	MN	19
Stanton, Harold	AZ	9	Goos, Earle R.	MN	45
Sharman, Lyle	AZ	777	Purnick, James M.	MN	54
Bump, John Reynolds	CA	7	Evenski, Edward W.	MN	62
Carver, Charles	CA	7	Decker, Donald	MN	88
Lawson, Richard	CA	7	DeVos, Edward	MN	88
Oddo, Frank	CA	7	Domeier, Edward	MN	88
Ruiz, Richard	CA	43	Kettner, T. Delbert	MN	88
Arthur, David	CA	44	Larson, Orice L.	MN	88
Burns, Herbert	CA	44	Nelson, Henry H.	MN	88
Craig, Russell C.	CA	44	Otto, Harlan	MN	88
Farnsworth, Ralph	CA	44	Sinclair, Dean N.	MN	88
Heye, Daniel	CA	44	Wasnick, William T.	MN	88
Lovelace, George	CA	44	Pfeiffer, Frank L.	NC	3
Matheney, Sylvanus	CA	44	Pope, Joe Frank	NC	3
Piry, John	CA	44	Taylor, Michael J.	NC	14
Poteat, John	CA	44	Elder, George C.	NC	24
Snelson, Raymond	CA	44	Thies, William	ND	8
McCray, Willie Jr.	CA	69	Witt, Walter	NE	7
Quinn, Eugene	EU	6	Forte, Dominick	NJ	95
Welch, George R.	FL	17	Toomey, James B.	NY	32
Evans, Roland J.	FL	23	Sweitzer, Benjamin	OH	5
Calabro, Alfred	FL	41	Dietrich, Phillip	OH	68
Flores, Vincent Sr.	FL	41	Goldsmith, Michael	OH	68
Gartman, Billy E.	FL	41	Ortiz, Joseph	OH	68
Smith, Frank	FL	41	Niedzwiecki, Paul M.	OK	MAL
Wentworth, Richard	FL	41	Brinegar, Perry James	OK	16
Russell, Tom	FL	56	Dehoe, Louis	OK	16
Brown, Melville C.	GA	5	Ebish, Richard	OK	16
Van Eperen, Roger H.	GA	5	McGee, Darrell	OK	16
Brewster, Joseph	IL	3	Sterett, Jack Layne	OK	16
Eggert, George Sr.	IL	3	Thorton, Kenneth	OK	16
George, Richard	IL	3	Driscoll, James	PA	44
Scharringhausen, Edward	IL	3	Doty, Dennis L.	PC	11
Maurer, Lee	IL	62	Carlson, Michael E.	SC	10
Maier, Harry	KY	7	Ireland, John Jr.	SC	14
Gansenberg, Walter	MA	14	Murphy, W. Warren	SC	14
Patalano, Ronald	MA	14	Ellison, Thelma E.	TX	55
Brown, Frank D.	MD	10	Farnsworth, Robert H.	TX	55
Kief, Frederick	MD	10	Smith, D. W.	TX	55
Hoogerhyde, David	MI	14	Broughman, Eugene	VA	2
Gragert, Marvin	MN	2	Loy, Marvel (Bob)	VA	9
Borries, Charles H.	MN	11	Powers, Edward	VA	9
Hermesen, Laverne	MN	11	Ballard, Wendell G.	WA	18
Olson, Norman O.	MN	11	Galliford, John L.	WI	2
Mattson, Norris S.	MN	11	Holzwarth, LeRoy F. (Hoo	WI	41
			McKee, George	WV	6
			Vincent, Thomas O.	WV	6