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Past Supreme Commander David C. Wimmer**

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From the Supreme Commander

Listen Cooties,

I just returned home from Caring and Sharing in Pittsburg, PA. This is another great event started by the Cooties. What a lousy weekend to spend with Veterans and other Cooties with nice weather, a boat ride, and I even got to be Captain of the boat for the day! I hope the year is going as lousy for you as it is for me!

Don't forget Tomb Trek is coming up fast, so send in your registration and wreath order.

Please don't forget to send in those hospital reports and to keep working membership so you can help make your Grand an All Star this year. Also, get your programs in to pay for special projects and support the MOC-MOCA Home in Eaton Rapids, MI. After all, it is only two months before Cootie Christmas. Again remember I am only a phone call away if you need something. "Keep them Smilin' in Beds of White." I hope to see you in DC for Tomb Trek.



Yours in LOTCS,

Dan Kramer
Supreme Commander
2017-18
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From the Supreme Sr. Vice Commander

Listen Up Cooties,

With a few turns of the calendar page we move from the Supreme Scratch to a half way mark, looking toward Tomb Trek. Having been elected and installed during the Supreme Scratch in New Orleans, Louisiana, as Supreme Senior Vice Commander; I owe a debt of gratitude that I have no way of expressing to so many Cooties. The best I can do is a sincere thank you to all my Cootie brothers and sisters. I am a Cootie, one of many, and seek to help whenever I can. I pledge my support as a subordinate officer to our Supreme Commander Dan Kramer and will work toward a successful year for him.

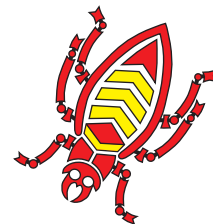


I would be remiss if I did not thank all Cooties and Auxiliary members for the work you have done and continue to do for our active duty service personnel, veterans and families. For those who have not yet joined our ranks and may read this, you are missing out on many memorable moments and comradeship unlike anything you have experienced before. COME ON! JUMP IN! THE WATER IS FINE!

I look forward to coming events and hope to see everyone. Be safe, stay healthy, and God Bless. Oh yes, remember to smile. If nothing else, it makes people wonder what you are up to.

Yours in LOTCS,

Emil Soltesz
Supreme Sr. Vice Commander
2017-2018



From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

Now is the time to work on membership. We are losing our older cooties almost on a daily basis. Congratulations go out to the Grand of North Carolina in starting a new Pup Tent.

If you do not remember whether or not you paid your delegate fees for this past convention, as required by the by laws, your Pup Tent will be identified in the General Orders of the Cootie Courier as being in arrears to the Supreme organization. The same applies for those Pup Tents and Grands that have not sent their bond requests to headquarters. We also have a few Pup Tents that have not forwarded their election reports to headquarters. Not to worry, we will identify all of you in the General Orders.

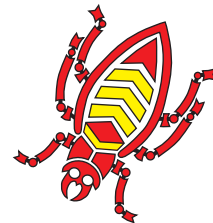


I am working hard to secure a hotel for next year's convention in Kansas City. I hope to be able to let everyone know which hotel will be hosting our convention when we meet for Tomb Trek.

At this year's convention in New Orleans I had some convention specials that we were not able to deliver on. I still have not received the items but I should have them by Tomb Trek. I will still honor the specials at Tomb Trek and will continue to honor the special price thru the month of November. See Delpha at Tomb Trek we will bring the items with us. Since there will not be another Courier issued before the end of this year, I wish everyone a lousy Thanksgiving and an ever lousier Christmas and New Year. Do not forget about Cootie Christmas at the National Home the first weekend in December.

Yours in LOTCS,

**Gary Dressel
Supreme Quartermaster
2017-18**



From the Supreme Sky Pilot

Listen Cooties,

The last few weeks have been extremely stressful for many of us. More than 80 wild fires in the Northwest. Massive hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Many of our members have suffered great loss and others of us lived with great danger close at hand. We need to be compassionate and loving; helping wherever, whenever, and however we can. The very least we can do is pray for our comrades in need.

I was very proud to be able to give hard numbers of the amount of service our Sky Pilots, at all levels, provided last year. Unfortunately, only a very few of you went to the LOTCS.org website and documented your work. We need each and every Sky Pilot, at all levels, to document your work. So many of you do a tremendous amount of work supporting our fellow veterans and get little credit for it. That is why it is very important to tell us about it.

I was humbled to see so many Cooties in New Mexico for Past Supreme Commander Dave Wimmer's memorial service. Cooties from eight different Grands attended. Dave was loved and respected by thousands of us. Be sure to continue to hold Janis and the family up in prayer, and do whatever you can to help.

As I travel around the country, it is always rewarding to spend time with old friends and make new ones. When I see the hard work so many of you are doing to support our comrades, I'm proud to be in this organization with you. I sincerely thank you for allowing me to do this work with you and serve you.

Yours in LOTCS,

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From the Supreme Inspector

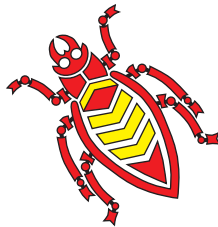


Greetings Cooties and especially Grand inspectors as well as inspectors without a Grand!

I have the lousy honor of serving as **Supreme Commander Danny Kramer's** inspector. Please send in your inspection reports to me at: tearlb@att.net or if you prefer my address: 122 Firesage, Universal City, Texas 78148. You can call me at 210-683-0890 if you have any lousy questions.

Yours in LOTCS,

**T. Earl Bigham
Supreme Inspector
2017-2018**



From the Supreme Surgeon

Listen up Cooties,

It was so awesome to see those of you who could attend the Supreme Convention in the Big Easy! I will cherish some of those memories and try to file very deeply some of the others. LOL! Those of you who were unable to attend we sure did miss you!

Across our nation there has been much loss and devastation. For those of you who have been affected, my prayers are with you. In this time of great sadness, it is important to do all that we can to try to cheer up those who are suffering. This is a great time to practice our motto of **“Keep'em Smilin' in Beds of White.”** Only this time, it will be for those who could use some cheering up in your communities.

You Can **CHANGE THE WORLD!** A Smile is Contagious! Have you ever been in a sour mood and then someone has come along with a huge smile, some laughter or in a really good mood? Perhaps a baby that just looked up at you and smiled? How did this make you feel? When the person you are talking to or the people that surround you are smiling, you won't be able to help but smile! A smile has special powers. You can calm fear, insecurity, hurt and anxiety not only in yourself, but in those that are experiencing those feelings. The next time someone is feeling sad, scared, nervous, whatever it may be, smile with them and see how this makes them feel!

Research has shown that smiling releases serotonin – a neurotransmitter that produces feelings of happiness and wellbeing. It's like a circle of happiness. Smile and you feel happy, you feel happy and you smile! Even when you're not feeling great, try smiling, genuinely, and see how you feel!

SO, the doctor's order for this instalment is to **SMILE!** Smile till your face hurts!

L.O.T.C.S.

Tish McCullough
Supreme Surgeon



MOC General Order #1 2017 - 2018

1. Having been duly elected at the 98th Supreme Scratch held in New Orleans, LA July 29, 2017; I, Danny R. Kramer, 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 trademarked and copyrighted 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 9 AM to 5PM Monday through Friday, Eastern Standard Time. Supreme Headquarters, MOC is closed for all Federal Holidays.
5. The Supreme Budget was approved by the Supreme Council of Administration July 29, 2017 and is in effect.
6. Registered Delegates to the 97th Supreme Scratch who were unable to attend can request a copy of the 97th Supreme Ad Book for the cost of \$1.50 to cover postage while supplies last. The book will be mailed to the delegates who make the request.
7. In accordance with Supreme Policy, all Grands are to inform Supreme Headquarters of the dates and places of their Grand Scratch so that proper representation may be assigned. Completed forms are to be mailed or e-mailed to Supreme Headquarters no later than January 1, 2018.
8. There is a limited supply of 97th Supreme Scratch Pins available for \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. This unique pin is truly a collector's item. Cooties 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.
9. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, Section 534, 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 US and subject to suspension if not received by Nov 30, 2017. AK 03, AL 13, GA 04, ID 03, IL 03, 42, 67, 79, KS 06, LA 19, MO 11, 56, NV 03, 05, NH 03, NJ 07, 10, 28, 41, 57, 95, ND 06, OH 04, OK 02, 04, OR 08, PC 02, PA 08, 13, 38, 39, SD 01, 12, TN 09, 21, 26, WA 03, WV 06, WI 03, 05, 08, 21, 22, 29, 41.
10. In Accordance with Supreme By-Laws Section 308, and having failed to submit an Election Report, the following Pup Tents are considered suspended until such report is submitted to Supreme Headquarters: MN 88, NJ 07, 10, 28, 57, 86, OH 04, 44 and PA 38.

11. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, Section 314(G) and 413(F) Maintaining a current Bond, the following Grands & Pup Tents do not have a valid Bond: AR 03, 08, 21, CA Grand, 5, 07, 16, 30, 38, 49, 89, CO 07, 19, FL 08, 59, 69, 77, HI 01, IL 48, 67, 82, IA 01, 06, 16, KY 05, 09, LA 03, MD 04, 27, MA 34, MI 05, 12, 24, 32, MN 05, 11, 19, 51, 54, 66, 71, 88, MS 01, 06, 07, 12, 17, MO 11, 12, 56, NV 03, 05, NH 01, NJ Grand, 07, 10, 15, 28, 57, 86, 95, NY Grand, 42, 65, NC 78, ND 10, OH 01, 04, 05, 09, 16, 24, 25, 28, 44, 47, 50, OK 02, 04, OR Grand, 12, 17, 20, PA 08, 13, 38, SC 07, 13, SC 01, 12, TN Grand, 09, 26, TX Grand, 01, 11, 16, 60, 100, WA 03, WV 06, WI 03, 05, 08, 09, 14, 22, 38.

12. Notice to all Cooties. There were 10 By-Law changes (B-1, B-3 thru B-12) and 4 Ritual changes adopted by the 97th 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.

13. Each Cootie will be assessed \$2.00, \$1.00 for the Supreme Commanders Special Project and \$1.00 for the annual maintenance fee MOC/MOCA House at the VFW National Home.

14. The 100 year Anniversary Cootie Coin is available through Supply. This coin has been designated as an official "Challenge" Coin.

15. Pup Tents, Districts, Grands, and Auxiliaries are reminded that they are to file IRS Form 990 within five months and fifteen days of the close of their fiscal year. Units whose income for 2016 was less than \$50,000.00 can elect to file Form 990-N an electronic informational return instead of a paper return. Those units whose income was over \$50,000.00 will still have to file the regular Form 990 or 990T.

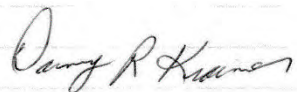
16. Announcement is made of the TREK TO THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS to be held on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at Arlington National Cemetery of Arlington, Virginia. Additional details on Supreme Website.

17. The Supreme Council of Administration will meet at 9:00AM at the Sheraton Hotel, 900 South Orme St., Arlington, Virginia on Saturday, November 4, 2017. All voting members of the Supreme Council are required to attend unless excused by the Supreme Commander.

18. Reporting for all programs are due no later than May 31, 2018.

19. Supreme Policy was approved by the Council of Administration on July 30, 2017 and is in effect.

BY COMMAND OF:



Danny R. Kramer
Supreme Commander



OFFICIAL:



Gordon K. Lam
Supreme Adjutant

MOC Hospital Report

Date: 9/15/2017										
Grand	Goal	Reports	Visits	Cooties	Patients	Hours	Miles	Gifts	Total Monies	Percentage
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Gary Dressel										
DE	\$32,000.00	6	40	58	263	245.00	4,055.00	\$466.00	\$6,558.45	20.50%
DC	\$0.00									
MD	\$81,000.00	17	91	194	854	854.00	8,871.00	\$6,774.19	\$27,273.83	33.67%
PA	\$127,250.00	3	37	67	433	294.00	4,399.00	\$1,165.00	\$8,410.56	6.61%
VA	\$88,000.00	6	37	101	289	481.00	5,043.00	\$1,359.00	\$12,911.57	14.67%
WV	\$12,500.00	3	35	35	994	298.00	845.00	\$183.75	\$7,021.95	56.18%
TOTALS	\$340,750.00	35	240	455	2,833	2,172.00	23,213.00	\$9,947.94	\$62,176.36	18.25%
291										
AL	\$11,500.00									0.00%
FL	\$168,125.00	20	100	270	1,977	1,122.00	21,457.00	\$3,148.30	\$31,453.38	18.71%
GA	\$1,359.00									0.00%
LA	\$27,750.00									0.00%
MS	\$54,000.00	6	134	178	735	589.00	9,581.00	\$6,383.88	\$21,007.17	38.90%
NC	\$72,250.00	7	58	162	403	382.00	4,496.00	476.50	\$9,720.04	13.45%
SC	\$52,250.00	15	107	306	985	1,117.00	13,870.00	\$1,617.12	\$28,747.27	55.02%
TN	\$51,125.00									0.00%
TOTALS	\$438,359.00	48	399	916	4,100	3,210	49,404.00	\$11,625.80	\$90,927.86	20.74%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Jeff Keen										
IL	\$68,625.00	17	80	155	2,766	615.00	7,443.00	\$1,865.00	\$16,775.27	24.44%
IN	\$0.00									
KY	\$48,375.00	7	62	40	372	143.00	2,021.00	\$301.56	\$3,809.15	7.87%
MI	\$62,375.00	9	60	44	1,254	705.50	2,227.00	\$7,494.09	\$23,714.90	38.02%
OH	\$203,000.00	352	441	1,037	2,463	2,896.60	16,328.00	\$2,718.00	\$70,322.25	34.64%
WI	\$95,000.00	33	183	382	7,957	1,891.00	15,875.00	\$10,550.00	\$55,414.55	58.33%
TOTALS	\$477,375.00	418	826	1,658	14,812	6,251.10	43,894.00	\$22,928.65	\$170,036.12	35.62%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - Neil Johnson										
IA	\$24,500.00	20	196	289	6,879	1,829.00	11,825.00	\$6,862.76	\$49,762.21	203.11%
KS	\$51,625.00									0.00%
MN	\$117,000.00	5	16	66	559	289	5,847.00	665.00	\$8,003.53	6.84%
MO	\$81,625.00									0.00%
MT	\$30,375.00									0.00%
NE	\$29,375.00	9	73	192	598	745.00	11,471.00	\$2,190.27	\$20,595.96	70.11%
ND	\$42,500.00									0.00%
SD	\$24,250.00	3	17	51	214	233.00	5,881.00	\$537.00	\$6,614.49	27.28%
TOTAL	\$401,250.00	37	302	598	8,250	3,096.00	35,024.00	\$10,255.03	\$84,976.19	21.18%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Gordon Lam										
AR	\$37,250.00	2	8	8	30	31.00	480.00	\$136.00	\$890.98	2.39%
CO	\$48,750.00									0.00%
EURO	\$21,000.00									0.00%
NM	\$47,125.00	5	22	37	428	227.00	5,548.00	\$1,615.00	\$7,419.37	15.74%
OK	\$29,625.00									0.00%
TX	\$136,375.00	15	100	193	828	609.00	8,747.00	\$3,008.67	\$17,966.20	13.17%
WY	\$0.00									
TOTAL	\$320,125.00	22	130	238	1,286	867.00	14,775.00	\$4,759.67	\$26,276.55	8.21%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Vaughn Gates										
AK	\$11,250.00	3	3	3	16	9.00	90.00	\$0.00	\$215.55	1.92%
AZ	\$95,000.00	8	149	200	2,197	848	7,485.00	3,115.84	\$23,274.87	24.50%
CA	\$188,750.00	214	361	594	4,155	4,422.75	45,116.60	\$29,487.50	\$135,536.84	71.81%
HI	\$5,250.00									0.00%
ID	\$5,750.00									0.00%
NV	\$25,500.00	9	24	23	1,834	114.00	312.00	\$35.00	\$2,649.38	10.39%
OR	\$81,125.00	8	87	54	371	466.00	10,782.00	\$795.46	\$12,813.24	15.79%
PAC	\$129,625.00									0.00%
WA	\$64,500.00	2	17	26	26	189.00	1,152.00	\$46.25	\$4,469.48	6.93%
TOTAL	\$606,750.00	244	641	900	8,599	6,048.25	64,937.60	\$33,480.05	\$178,959.36	29.49%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 - Kenneth Eith										
CT	\$0.00									
ME	\$0.00									
MA	\$21,500.00									0.00%
NH	\$23,750.00									0.00%
NJ	\$69,000.00									0.00%
NY	\$48,250.00									0.00%
TOTAL	\$162,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION)										
AK#2	\$6,750.00	5	5	6	18	14.00	190.00	\$77.84	\$420.14	6.22%
AK#3	\$4,500.00									0.00%
AL#13	\$11,500.00									0.00%
DC#1	\$6,750.00									0.00%
HI#1	\$5,250.00									0.00%
ID#3	\$5,750.00									0.00%
MA#14	\$10,750.00									0.00%
MA#34	\$4,250.00									0.00%
MA#52	\$6,500.00									0.00%
NV#2	\$15,000.00									0.00%
NV#3	\$5,250.00									0.00%
NV#5	\$5,250.00									0.00%
Supreme	\$3,250.00									0.00%
WV#6	\$12,500.00									0.00%
TOTAL	\$103,250.00	5	5	6	18	14.00	190.00	\$77.84	\$420.14	0.41%
Supreme Total										
	\$2,747,109.00	804	2,538	4,765	39,880	21,644.35	231,247.60	\$92,997.14	\$613,352.44	22.33%
DIVISION STANDINGS										
	GOLD	(1000+)			BLUE	(200-299)				
	SILVER	(600-999)			GREEN	(126-199)				
	RED	(400-599)			PURPLE	125 or less				
	WHITE	(300-399)			BLACK					
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MOC Membership Report

8/31/2017

Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
GOLD DIVISION											
17	CALIFORNIA	68.91%	6	0	1	567	574	833	0	7	
21	OHIO	79.32%	6	6	10	538	560	706	1	16	
SILVER DIVISION											
23	FLORIDA	54.18%	6	25	6	368	405	753	0	12	
18	MINNESOTA	76.70%	2	63	3	337	405	528	0	5	
13	TEXAS	64.62%	0	17	1	393	411	636	1	1	
RED DIVISION											
8	ARIZONA	75.13%	15	46	9	229	299	398	4	24	
9	ILLINOIS	59.06%	0	0	0	176	176	298	0	0	
9	MARYLAND	75.13%	1	37	17	226	281	374	0	18	
10	MICHIGAN	66.21%	2	0	0	192	194	293	0	2	
8	NEW YORK	49.54%	0	0	0	108	108	218	1	0	
10	PACIFIC AREAS	68.41%	3	14	1	387	405	592	0	4	
15	PENNSYLVANIA	51.27%	9	25	6	243	283	552	2	15	
8	VIRGINIA	66.67%	2	9	0	245	256	384	1	2	
13	WISCONSIN	53.40%	4	45	1	170	220	412	0	5	
WHITE DIVISION											
4	GEORGIA	88.46%	1	33	2	171	207	234	0	3	
9	MISSOURI	54.65%	1	8	0	185	194	355	1	1	
11	NEW JERSEY	43.45%	0	0	0	126	126	290	0	0	
5	NEW MEXICO	60.27%	0	0	0	132	132	219	0	0	
9	NORTH CAROLINA	71.03%	18	18	0	192	228	321	0	18	
8	WASHINGTON	55.09%	0	0	2	155	157	285	1	2	
BLUE DIVISION											
5	ARKANSAS	62.34%	0	0	1	95	96	154	0	1	
6	COLORADO	48.11%	2	0	0	100	102	212	1	2	
5	KENTUCKY	67.33%	0	11	1	125	137	202	2	1	
5	MISSISSIPPI	63.11%	1	0	0	153	154	244	1	1	
5	NORTH DAKOTA	77.35%	0	51	2	87	140	181	0	2	
10	OREGON	39.55%	0	9	3	111	123	311	0	3	
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	65.52%	0	21	0	131	152	232	0	0	
6	TENNESSEE	49.78%	5	10	0	100	115	231	2	5	
GREEN DIVISION											
4	DELAWARE	56.06%	1	1	0	71	73	132	1	1	
4	KANSAS	20.19%	0	0	0	43	43	213	0	0	
4	LOUISIANA	46.28%	4	0	5	47	56	121	1	9	
6	MONTANA	65.60%	1	0	0	81	82	125	2	1	
3	NEBRASKA	61.86%	0	0	0	73	73	118	0	0	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	54.55%	1	18	3	32	54	99	1	4	
5	OKLAHOMA	50.00%	1	0	0	67	68	136	0	1	
PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION											
3	IOWA		0	0	0	39	39	111	2	0	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	47.00%	0	0	0	47	47	100	1	0	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALASKA 2	75.00%	0	0	0	20	20	28	0	0	
1	ALASKA 3	94.74%	0	0	0	18	18	19	0	0	
1	ALABAMA 13	95.74%	0	10	0	35	45	47	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	95.29%	3	0	0	78	81	85	0	3	
1	HAWAII 1	63.64%	1	0	0	13	14	22	0	1	
1	IDAHO 3	66.67%	0	8	0	8	16	24	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	77.27%	6	16	3	9	34	44	0	9	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 34	77.78%	0	9	1	4	14	18	0	1	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	7.41%	0	0	0	2	2	27	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	88.52%	0	0	0	54	54	61	0	0	
1	NEVADA 3	81.82%	0	0	0	18	18	22	0	0	
1	NEVADA 5	36.36%	0	0	0	8	8	22	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	50.98%	0	0	0	26	26	51	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	94.48%				445	445	471		0	
324	TOTALS	63.54%	102	510	78	7280	7970	12544	26	180	

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

MOC Inspection Report

Supreme Inspection as of 09-15-2017

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Dist Inspected	Date Completed	Grand Inspection	Percent	Pup Tents that are Inspected
AL-13	1	0				0%	
AK-2	1	0				0%	
AK-3	1	0				0%	
AZ	9	0				0%	
AR	5	0				0%	
CA	17	0				0%	
CO	6	0				0%	
DE	4	4		9/3/2017	Yes	100%	
EUR	1	0				0%	
FL	23	0				0%	
GA	4	0				0%	
HI	1	0				0%	
ID-3	1	0				0%	
IL	9	9		8/1/2017		100%	
IA	4	0				0%	
KS	4	0				0%	
KY	5	0				0%	
LA	4	0				0%	
MD	8	0				0%	Total still shows 8 PT 21 Defunct
MA-14	1	0				0%	
MA-34	1	0				0%	
MA-52	1	0				0%	
MI	9	0				0%	
MN	16	0				0%	
MS	5	0				0%	
MO	9	0				0%	
MT-10	1	0				0%	Grand is Gone, so is PT-6 and 21
MT-11	1	0				0%	
MT-24	1	0				0%	
MT-25	1	0				0%	
NE	3	3		8/1/2017		100%	
NV-2	1	0				0%	
NV-3	1	0				0%	
NV-5	1	0				0%	
NH	2	0				0%	
NJ	11	0				0%	
NM	5	0				0%	
NY	8	0				0%	
NC	9	9		8/1/2017		100%	
ND	5	0				0%	
OH	21	0				0%	
OK	5	0				0%	
OR	10	0				0%	
PAC	10	0				0%	
PA	15	0				0%	
SC	7	0				0%	
SD	3	0				0%	
TN	6	0				0%	
TX	12	3				25%	24,55,100
VA	8	2				25%	2,9
WA	8	0				0%	
WV-6	1	0				0%	
WI	13	1				7%	
TOTAL	319	31				9.72%	

Supreme President's Message

It's a GREAT MOCA day! This year is started off well. I am seeing inspections come in and one Grand is already at 100%.

I have just returned from Caring and Sharing in Pittsburgh, PA. What an awesome event and it is such an honor to represent you all. For years I have heard of this event and did not know what it exactly was. I'll share with you what happens and how enjoyable it was. It's a four (4) day event sponsored by many veteran organizations. The Supreme Commander Dan and I were invited to be there on Friday the 8th. This is for our hospitalized Veterans who are brought by their medical facilities at 9:00 AM to the Gateway Clipper Fleet at Station Square and checked in. Then they are given a Caring and Sharing ball cap, treated to refreshments and social time before boarding. Once underway, a gangway is lowered over the water and Commander Dan and I, along with the Pennsylvania Grand Commander, proceeded down a 12-foot gangway where a wreath was dropped overboard in memory of our Veterans. Afterward, dinner was served followed by dancing with the patients. We talked to all Veterans. They were so sweet and a couple a bit rambunctious. Our Veterans were given gifts and upon return to the dock we got to shake each one's hand and thank them for their service to our country. This is such an awesome event and an honor to be invited to attend. Our Supreme Commander was appointed Captain of the boat and he did a great job.



Our Saturday night banquet theme is "Cowboy and the Southern Belle" so let's have fun. My Homecoming will be at Tomb Trek on Sunday afternoon, 5 November from 3-5 PM, in the North Carolina Hospitality Room.

Just a housekeeping note, "Please" have the Grand Secretary send your General Orders, a list of events to all the line Officers and your Representative request in the packet for me. If some Convention details are not available it can be amended. The Treasurer's report was due at the end of August. When inspected, ensure a copy of the bond, audits, three (3) months of bank statements, CD statements, EIN's, date 990 date filed and receipted are available. Inspectors will sign and date all documents. Remember if a motion was made involving money, ensure the dollars voted upon were sent. Members I'm asking for your help. Let's let this be the year we make a 100% by interacting with our VFW's more. We can get those new members and stand up new Auxiliaries.

God Bless and as I write, Irma is over and our members have fared well with no injuries so far. Prayers for those impacted. Porky/Petunia (National Home Pigs) and I will see you all soon.

Loyally,

Penny Sue Cacoulidis

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Supreme President

“Our Veterans Are Like Rare Pearls of the Sea - You Are My Angels”



From the Supreme MOCA Hospital Commissioner Janis Wimmer

Auxiliary members,

Another year is underway. Congratulations to all the Auxiliary Hospital Chairmen and District Hospital Commissioners. The 17-18 Hospital Program has been on the MOCA website since June 1st. Everyone should be using the new forms now. All auxiliary chairmen should be sending in monthly reports to their Grand Chairmen to be received by the last day of the month. Grand Chairmen and auxiliaries not in a Grand should be sending in monthly reports to their District Hospital Commissioners to be received by the 10th of the month. District Hospital Commissioners need to make sure that their monthly report is to me to be received by the 20th of the month. If you have not heard from a chairman in your Grand, you need to contact them and find out if there is a problem that you can help them with. There shouldn't be any "0's" by any auxiliary or Grand. As you can see by the attached Hospital report, there are lots of "0's" on the report.

A mistake that most Chairmen are making is more than one person goes on a hospital visit at the same time—that is only one visit and the number of members are the ones that went. An example is that 5 members go to the hospital on Sept 8th which equals 1 visit and 5 members. Another example is one member makes a hospital visit 3 different times. That equals 3 visits and 3 members.

Remember that travel time is .25 = 15 minutes, .50 = 30 minutes, and 1.0 = 1 hour. Do not send in 20 or 35, etc. Chairmen, please make sure that you check this carefully and correct this if needed.

The new hospital forms are easier now. If you use the one online, it even adds everything up for you. Remember that blood donations are reported under gifts. Make sure in the information column that you note the date the blood was given.

Remember that I am just a phone call or email away if you need any help.

All the best,

**Janis Wimmer
Supreme MOCA Hospital Commissioner
2017-18**



Supreme MOCA General Order #1 Series 2017-2018

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Supreme President of the Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie I do hereby assume the duties of the office.
2. All previous appointments are hereby declared null and void. All members not currently holding a Supreme Office shall revert to the proper tassels. Please refer to Supreme By-Laws Article VII, Section 707.
3. The Cootie Courier is recognized as the official method of communication between the Supreme Organization and all Supreme Officers, Chairmen, Grand and Local Auxiliaries. The General Orders and the President's message will be printed therein and are to be read at the first meeting following receipt of this of the current issue of the Cootie Courier and filed.
4. The Cootie Courier is available for free online at: <https://lotcs.org/courier.html>. Paper copies are available for a minimal subscription price of **\$10.00** to Supreme M.O.C. Headquarters, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.
5. 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. 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.
6. Secretaries on all levels: Please forward any changes of Officers or addresses to the Supreme Secretary and Treasurer.
7. Supreme CDs containing the Supreme Roster and Program book will be available for purchase at Tomb Trek for \$5 each.
8. All official communications to the Supreme President must be 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 communication not sent through proper channels will be returned to the Grand President. All decisions will come from the Supreme President in writing.
9. 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. I would like to make as many visits as the Supreme Budget will permit.
10. Grand Presidents and Supreme District Presidents: In the Supreme President Program Book, CD and website there is a form to request a Supreme Representative for your Grand or District Convention. Although it seems early, please send this form to the Supreme President as soon as you have the date and location of your Convention. This will aid in making Representative assignments and obtaining the best available airfares. The rest of the information can be sent to the Supreme President as soon as it becomes available. Please have these forms completed and sent in by December 31, 2017.
11. Grand Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents not in a Grand: In the President's Program Book, CD and website there is a form for adding and or replacing VAVS Representatives and Deputies. If any Representatives or Deputies are not able to regularly attend their VAVS meetings they should be replaced. The President is responsible for filling out this form and sending it to Supreme VAVS Representative Rebecca Wischmeyer.

12. 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. The check for the Per Capita tax should be made payable to Supreme MOC Auxiliary. **As a reminder, Per Capita is \$7.00 per member effective January 1, 2017.** Please indicate on the application if this is a new, transferred or reinstated member. Please be sure that three Members 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 to have a valid mailing address for all members. Please do not hold Transmittals. Send them in as soon as possible.
13. Presidents on all levels: The 2017-2018 President and Treasurer are the only authorized signatures on all accounts (checking, savings and 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.
14. Audits must be done quarterly and should be completed by October 15th, January 15th, April 15th and July 15th. The Audit form can be found in the current Supreme Program Book, CD and on the website. The Audit Form, bank statements, checkbook, Treasurer's Books and the books of 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.
15. 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.
16. Inspectors: Inspections may begin immediately. Inform the Auxiliaries of the planned inspection date so 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 the possession of the President. The Hospital Chairman should have the figures for the Hospital Program available and the green copies of the Hospital Reports should be available as well. If a problem is found during the Inspection, you should notify the Grand President immediately. The Grand Inspector will mail or email Supremes' copy of the Inspection Form to the Supreme Inspector **Gail Payne, 3709 Palace Place, Virginia Beach, VA 23452** E-mail: gail101@cox.net.
17. Hospital Chairmen: Send your reports in monthly to your Grand Hospital Chairman. 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.
18. Clown pins can be reported for three or more clown visits between May 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017. Visits must be reported on the Hospital Report and the Clown Request form sent to the Supreme MAMA Clown.
19. Auxiliaries on 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 should be submitted to the Supreme President for approval.
20. The 83rd Annual Trek to Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be November 3 thru November 5, 2017. Reservation forms and hotel information are included in the fall 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. **ANY MEMBER THAT IS NOT ATTIRED IN THE REQUIRED DRESS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT A WREATH.** Remember you must have the new hat if you have moved up into a new office your old is not grandfathered for life. Please read the dress code carefully so that you will be able to present a wreath for your Auxiliary.

21. The VFW National Home for Children Cootie Christmas Party will be December 1 - 3, 2017. This is a wonderful experience and if you have never had an opportunity to visit the Home it will be a real treat. Reservation forms for the Banquet and hotel information is on website and will be included in the next issue of the Cootie Courier. **Donations can be sent to the Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard, PO BOX 34, Flora Vista, NM 87415. Donations should be received no later than November 1, 2017 to allow time to send the total donation to the Grand of Michigan.**
22. The Supreme President's Special Project is the **"Long Trail Home – Valhalla Ranch"**. This is a free ranch where for Veterans and military who suffer from the horrific issues connected with PTSD. It helps them to deal with or let go of their problem. Please visit their website www.polytrauma.va.gov to learn more about this program. All donations should be sent to the Supreme Treasurer. Information on the project and the forms you need to complete are in the 2017-2018 Supreme Program Book, CD and website.
23. The VFW National Home Special Project for 2017-2018 is 4-H Programs and the 4-H Barns. Let's get the children more involved out of doors rather than on computers. All contributions or donations from fund-raisers should be sent to the Supreme Treasurer. Don't forget to REPORT.
24. The theme for this year is **"Veterans Are Like Rare Pearls of the Sea - You Are My Angels"**. The Supreme President's pins will be available at Tomb Trek and are also available for consignment from Supreme Pin Chairman, Linda Shelander, 402 Trinity Ln, Fayetteville, NC 28301. Money for consignment pins still goes to Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard. Be sure to earmark your checks what they are for. Shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts and other items are available from MOCA-Mart: http://lotcs.org/WA_eCart/moca_mart.php.
25. The Supreme President's cell phone number is 910-200-7242. E-mail: lady1usmc@twc.com.
26. The Supreme President will have messages on the MOCA webpage. Be sure to check it out at: http://lotcs.org/MOCA/moca_index.html.
27. To those who are ill, our best wishes for a speedy recovery. To those who have lost loved ones we extend our sympathy and prayers.

Attested By:

By Order Of:

Georg Jean Zimmerman

Penny S. Cacoulidis

Georg Jean Zimmerman
Supreme Secretary

Penny S. Cacoulidis
Supreme President

Supreme MOCA Hospital Report

September 6, 2017											
GRAND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
Supreme District #1--Vickie Peterson, Commissioner											
DE	\$8,250.00	1	22	3	25	38.00	1000.00	0.00	0	996.90	12.08
DC	\$5,500.00	1	1	1	18	2.00	3.00	0.00	0	45.52	0.83
MD	\$20,000.00	2	143	20	1490	460.00	514.00	315.00	0	10759.96	53.80
PA	\$24,250.00	1	2	1	35	2.00	25.00	0.00	0	48.60	0.20
VA	\$42,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
WV	\$10,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$111,000.00	5	168	25	1568	502.00	1542.00	315.00	0	11850.98	10.68
Supreme District #2--Marietta Ann Hill, Commissioner											
FL	\$90,750.00	8	13	32	772	158.00	1638.00	1337.35	8	5129.57	5.65
GA	\$7,000.00	1	11	11	40	33.75	200.00	86.31	1	875.37	12.51
LA	\$29,000.00	7	14	19	363	108.00	430.00	2220.32	7	4715.92	16.26
MS	\$22,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NC	\$53,000.00	4	31	36	186	239.50	757.00	458.94	4	5965.65	11.26
SC	\$41,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
TN	\$25,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$269,000.00	20	69	98	1361	539.25	3025.00	4102.92	20	16686.51	6.20
Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner											
IL	\$23,000.00	7	6	12	45	39.50	278.00	265.00	7	1194.65	5.19
KY	\$13,000.00	3	38	54	225	161.50	1420.00	258.00	4	4098.63	31.53
MI	\$42,500.00	7	58	94	767	452.00	1606.00	135.00	14	10552.44	24.83
OH	\$53,500.00	24	69	91	1723	397.00	2531.00	2070.31	40	11377.00	21.27
WI	\$51,750.00	4	12	28	403	102.00	1244.00	45.00	4	2519.26	4.87
Total	\$183,750.00	45	183	279	3163	1152.00	7079.00	2773.31	69	29741.97	16.19
Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner											
IA	\$4,250.00	8	12	14	15	88.50	511.00	200.00	16	2267.22	53.35
KS	\$24,000.00	9	80	80	2258	394.75	2492.50	955.01	13	10205.57	42.52
MN	\$70,500.00	6	120	117	2551	753.50	3347.00	1920.99	7	19381.00	27.49
MO	\$57,250.00	34	84	131	3412	866.25	6704.00	4521.85	49	24994.35	43.66
MT	\$9,250.00	2	121	121	1928	773.00	2175.00	225.00	3	17960.65	194.17
NE	\$18,750.00	2	11	26	419	95.00	850.00	38.06	3	2299.31	12.26
SD	\$16,000.00	1	5	5	25	29.50	194.00	94.00	2	786.39	4.91
Total	\$195,750.00	62	433	494	10608	3001	16274	7955	93	77894	39.79
Supreme District #5 -- Charlotte Lattin, Commissioner											
AR	\$20,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
CO	\$26,000.00	2	6	16	1155	86.00	1113.00	276.00	4	2371.12	9.12
NM	\$41,000.00	8	31	38	377	219.00	1023.00	757.58	16	5839.25	14.24
TX	\$41,250.00	9	9	44	551	364.50	3776.00	2184.65	18	10932.77	26.50
Total	\$128,250.00	19	46	98	2083	669.50	5912.00	3218.23	38	19143.14	14.93
Supreme District #6 --Cathy Seippel, Commissioner											
AK	\$7,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
AZ	\$36,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
CA	\$56,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NV	\$16,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OR	\$38,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
WA	\$33,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$188,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Supreme District #7 -- Rebecca Jacobson, Commissioner											
MA	\$9,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NJ	\$33,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NY	\$28,250.00	10	62	52	3409	504.25	1333.00	358.77	14	11916.23	42.18
Total	\$71,500.00	10	62	52	3409	504.25	1333.00	358.77	14	11916.23	16.67
Supreme Donations											
Total	\$1,147,500.00	161	961	1046	22192	6367.50	35164.50	18723.14	234	167233.30	14.57
Submitted By		JANIS WIMMER Supreme Hospital Commissioner									

Supreme MOCA Membership Report

September 15, 2017

State	2017	2018	%
Division 1 (75-100)			
Illinois	92	0	0.00%
Kansas	96	0	0.00%
Maryland	80	19	23.75%
Mississippi	91	0	0.00%
Nebraska	75	25	33.33%
Tennessee	100	0	0.00%
6 Grands	534	44	8.24%

State	2017	201778	%
Division 4 (211 & over)			
California	226	0	0.00%
Florida	363	0	0.00%
Minnesota	282	101	35.82%
Missouri	229	62	27.07%
North Carolina	212	0	0.00%
Ohio	214	46	21.50%
6 Grands	1526	209	13.70%

Division 2 (101-160)			
Arizona	147	47	31.97%
Colorado	104	64	61.54%
Louisiana	116	0	0.00%
New Jersey	135	0	0.00%
New York	113	36	31.86%
Oregon	152	10	6.58%
Washington	134	45	33.58%
7 Grands	901	202	22.42%

Division 3 (161-210)			
Michigan	170	120	70.59%
New Mexico	164	25	15.24%
South Carolina	166	66	39.76%
Texas	165	0	0.00%
Virginia	170	39	22.94%
Wisconsin	207	84	40.58%
6 Grands	1042	334	32.05%

Division 5 (Auxiliaries not in a Grand)			
Alaska #2	29	0	0.00%
Arkansas #13	55	0	0.00%
Arkansas #14	25	0	0.00%
Delaware #2	16	4	25.00%
Delaware #4	17	0	0.00%
D. C. #1	22	0	0.00%
Georgia #5 (adopted 8/15/17)	16	6	37.50%
Georgia #66	12	0	0.00%
Iowa #6 (new 9/23/16)	17	0	0.00%
Kentucky #7	23	0	0.00%
Kentucky #9	29	16	55.17%
Massachusetts #14	38	0	0.00%
Montana #10	37	0	0.00%
Nevada #2	25	0	0.00%
Nevada #3	17	0	0.00%
Nevada #5	23	0	0.00%
Pennsylvania #13	18	0	0.00%
Pennsylvania #44	28	0	0.00%
Pennsylvania #59	51	6	11.76%
South Dakota #1	22	12	54.55%
South Dakota #12 (N 9/28/16)	17	9	52.94%
South Dakota #20	25	6	24.00%
West Virginia #6	42	16	38.10%
	604	75	12.42%
TOTALS	4607	864	18.75%

WE NEED MEMBERSHIP ASAP!!!!!!!!!!

Supreme Commander Dan Kramer's Homecoming

2017-18 HOMECOMING MARCH 9-11, 2018

The Cooties of Nebraska would like to invite you all to partake of a perfidious celebration dubiously recognizing the Homecoming of our Supreme Commander Dan Kramer and Supreme President Penny Cacoulidis.

Headquarters and registration will be at:

Sandhills Convention Center
Quality Inn & Suites
2102 South Jeffers
North Platte, NE 69101

Make your reservations at 800-760-3333 or 308-532-9090 and make sure to mention the "Military Order of the Cootie". Nightly rates (up to 4 people per room) are deluxe rooms for \$75 +tax and two-room suites are \$99 +tax and include all rooms include a hot breakfast buffet. Cut-off date is February 16th, 2018.

Registration fee is \$15.00 (until Feb 15 then \$25.00) and payable to MOC Wild Bill Cody PT 7.

Homecoming banquet on Saturday night will be a two-meat buffet at \$45.00/person. That cost includes tax and gratuity.

Wild Bill Cody Pup Tent 7 is also having a Homecoming booklet. Cut-off date is February 1st and ad rates are:

Full Page - \$100.00
½ page - \$60.00
¼ Page - \$35.00
Booster Names - \$1.00

CUT-OFF DATES ARE: **BOOKLET ADS – FEBRUARY 1**
 BANQUET AND REGISTRATION – FEBRUARY 15 (after February 16th
 will be \$25.00)
 HOTEL - FEBRUARY 16

Send registrations, banquet payments and ads (*payable to MOC Wild Bill Cody PT 7*) to:

CCDB Jim Holmstedt
300 Poplar St
Sutherland, NE 69165

There are plans for a hayrack ride and tours of Buffalo Bill's Cody Rest Ranch and the Lincoln County Museum at noon on Saturday for \$5/person. North Platte is also home to Bailey Yard with the Golden Spike Tower and Visitor Center, the largest railroad classification yard in the world.

For further information, contact one of the Cooties below:

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holmstedtj@yahoo.com

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cmatthews07@charter.net

Steve Anton
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MOC SUPREME COMMANDER DAN KRAMER
2017-18 HOMECOMING MARCH 9-11, 2018

Homecoming Registration
North Platte, Nebraska
March 9-11, 2018

NAME(S): _____

GRAND OF _____ PUP TENT _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

REGISTRATION: _____ X \$ 15.00 = \$ _____
ATTENDING

BANQUET: _____ X \$ 45.00 = \$ _____
ATTENDING

AD: FULL PAGE - \$100 ½ PAGE - \$60 = \$ _____
¼ PAGE - \$35 BOOSTER NAMES - \$1/ea

TOTAL = \$ _____

Payable to Wild Bill Cody PT 7 and send to CCDB Jim Holmstedt, 300 Poplar St, Sutherland, NE 69165
Attach ad(s) and/or Booster Names when remitting.

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83rd TOMB TREK 2017 ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

This year the Trek to the Tomb of the Unknowns will be held on 3 - 5 November 2017.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Hotel, 900 Orme St, Arlington, Virginia, 22204, Room rates \$99.95 plus tax. Parking is \$ 10.00 per day. Contact Hotel directly at (703) 521-1900 for reservations. Mention the **Military Order of the Cootie** for proper rate. Cutoff Date for room block reservations is 1 October 2017.

OTHER INFORMATION: WREATH REGISTRATION \$25.00

ADVANCED REGISTRATION:

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

AFTER 2 OCTOBER 2017:

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

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

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

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



Military Order of the Cootie REGISTRATION 83rd TOMB TREK



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Pup Tent/Auxiliary Name & Number: _____

Email: _____

Meal Selection: Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian _____

(Please enter how many of each meal selection.)

**NOTE: Full Registration includes 1 Banquet Ticket and 1 Bus Ticket. Please select choice of each.*

<u>Type of Registration</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Advanced Registration</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>After 10/1/2017</u>
Full Registration	_____ x	\$85.00 _____	_____ x	\$100.00 _____
Registration Only	_____ x	\$20.00 _____	_____ x	\$25.00 _____
Banquet Only	_____ x	\$50.00 _____	_____ x	\$55.00 _____
Bus Ticket	_____ x	\$15.00 _____	_____ x	\$20.00 _____

Regular _____

Handicap _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ CHECK # _____ DATE _____

Please complete this form, make check payable to TOMB TREK COMMITTEE and mail to:

JaneChannel
2728 Hillside Court
Ijamsville MD 21754-8806
email: mocadolphin@msn.com



**Military Order of the Cootie
WREATH REGISTRATION
83rd TOMB TREK**



MOC:

Pup Tent & #: _____

Grand of: _____

MOCA:

Pup Tent & #: _____

Grand of: _____

GRAND:

MOC: _____

MOCA: _____

SUPREME DISTRICT:

MOC District #: _____

Auxiliary District #: _____

Each wreath is \$ 25.00. (\$5 goes towards the design, compilation and printing of the booklet) Your order must be received before 1 October 2017 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.

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Cootie Christmas

89th GRAND OF MICHIGAN MOC VFW NATIONAL HOME COOTIE CHRISTMAS PARTY December 2, 2017

Every year, the Grand of Michigan is the host and sponsor of the **“Cootie Christmas Party”** for the children of the VFW National Home. Your donations are necessary for this program to work and we need your **HELP!**

Make your checks payable to: MOC Grand of Michigan, and send to Ernest A. Paulin, Grand of Michigan Quartermaster, 710 Aldrich Street, Linden, MI 48451-9050. Earmark your checks as to how you wish your donation to be dedicated exclusively.

If you wish to **HELP** in the purchasing the gift cards for the children – Earmark “Cootie Christmas Gift Cards.”

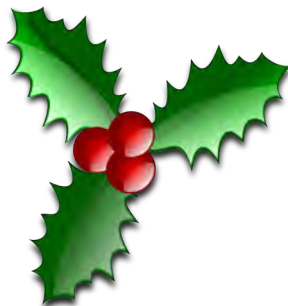
If you wish to **HELP** with the Shuttle Bus cost – Earmark “Cootie Christmas Shuttle Bus.”

If you wish to **HELP** with the Hospitality room beverage and snack cost – Earmark “Cootie Christmas Hospitality.”

If you wish to **HELP** with the Cootie Christmas Lunch – Make your checks payable to: MOC Grand of Florida, and send to Steve Surface, Grand of Florida Quartermaster, 12460 91st Way N., Largo, FL 33773. Earmark “Cootie Christmas Lunch.”

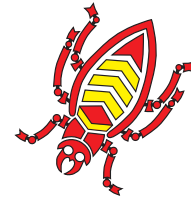
HOTEL INFORMATION

The host hotel is **Quality Suites Hotel**, 901 Commerce Drive off West Saginaw Street in Lansing, MI 48917. CALL (517)886-0600 or 1-800-456-6431 for reservations. Room rates are \$92.00/night. Be sure to say it is for the **Military Order of the Cootie!** CALL Banquet Coordinator Naida Schelter at (517)626-6942 for reservations and send a check for \$40 per person, made out to “MOCA Capitol City #5” and mail to Naida Schelter (email: anaida6488@aol.com), 9750 Riverside Dr. Grand Ledge, MI 48837. **DON'T DELAY!** PGC Eric Bell is the MOC Chairman.



Clown Visit New Orleans





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From the VFW National Home Summer Celebration 2017

As all good things must, the Summer Program has come to an end for the year. Staff and residents gathered today in the auditorium for Summer Celebration; an event to showcase all of the fun things the kids have done and learned in the Summer Enrichment program and to celebrate the accomplishments of the Work Crew.



This year, the program started with each of the Summer Enrichment kids showcasing a project. For some, it was singing, for one it was raising money for the Humane Society. One child did a video tutorial of the H&E building on campus, and others set off bottle rockets that they had been working on in the baseball diamond.

One fun new activity for the kids this year was called "Pound" where they practiced finding rhythms in music and kept in time with objects like pool noodles, buckets, and balls.

After their demonstrations, a microphone was passed around, and each child said what their favorite part of Summer Enrichment was. Things like "water park," "watching Moana," "swimming," and "researching how engines work," were mentioned but the overwhelming majority of them said that they enjoyed all of the reading that they had done.



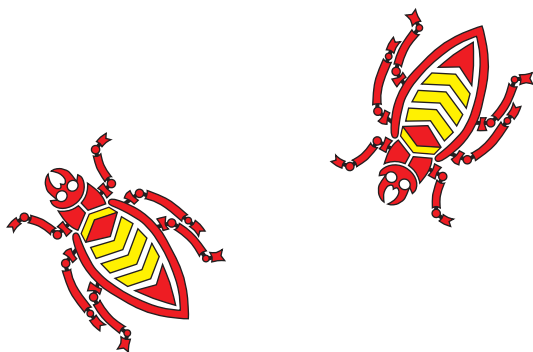
Every summer the National Home's kids participate in Schuller's Summer Reading Program, where they earn points for reading books and can redeem them at the end of the summer for gift cards to use in Schuller book stores. They are looking forward to that trip next week!

There was an overview of the 4H season given by staff members Nancy and Ashleigh. The pigs that we have been getting from MSU have been especially easy to work with, and this year the kids were able to walk them from the pig barn along the back road almost to the pond! Read about 4H in our previous blog.

As is tradition, Brian Lorente, the head of Work Crew gave out his annual awards. Unique and funny awards that always come with a story like the "Mayo Award," "Mr. Reliable," the "Sleeper Award," and "CEO Award."

This summer, Work Crew worked on a lot of projects like sealing the deck by the Scout Cabin at the fishing pond, painting curbs, and fire hydrants, and clearing out and landscaping behind the Community Center.

All and all, another great wrap up to a productive and educational summer season! Thank you to all of the staff who help make summer a time of learning and growth for our kids here at the National Home.



Military Order of the Cootie 100 Year Anniversary Coin

This coin was specifically designed to show the history of the Cooties. At the Supreme Convention in Orlando, FL. We will be celebrating the 100th year of the Cooties. This coin will be available at Tomb Trek this year and on our website. The cost of the coin is \$10.00 each plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling if you order 1 or 2 coins. If you order more than 2 coins the shipping and handling costs will go up.

Everyone should have one of these coins at the Orlando Convention. Challenge your fellow Cooties and celebrate what the Cooties have done for our Veterans over the past 100 years.





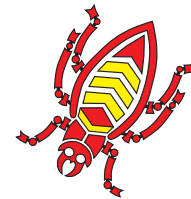
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Women can be Cooties too!



Yes, women can be Cooties too! So, when you're out there in those *"Happy Hunting Grounds"* looking for *"unsuspecting Atoms"* to become part of our *"Crummy Fraternity,"* don't neglect the women that are a vital part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Outstanding women who have served our country proudly and presently serve our veterans from the bottom to the upper echelons of the VFW. Let them know that their service is absolutely appreciated! Spread the *"Blue Ointment of Happiness"* and invite them to take those *"Backward Steps"* to become a part of the Military Order of the Cootie, the *"Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."*

Suicide Prevention

A DECISION WE'RE GUARANTEED TO REGRET

Recently several amazing survival stories appeared in the news. One featured the story of Georgie Knox from Alberta, Canada who struck a coyote with her car at highway speed. She heard a “crunch” sound and assumed she had killed the critter. Then, 21 miles later, someone motioned to her that there was something stuck to the grill of her car. She stopped to find - the coyote implanted in the grill, badly shaken but alive and well. Fish and Wildlife personnel inspected the coyote for injuries, then released him back into the wild.

But a far more obscure, but important story received almost no attention from the media. A 24-year-old woman in the Wuhan prefecture of China, attempted suicide by leaping from a bridge spanning the Yangtze River. The woman, identified only by her surname Li, had been publically shamed by her employer. She was so distressed that she thought death was her only escape. But she didn't die – even though the waters were bone-chilling and river swept her downstream for 25 miles – a journey that lasted five hours! Finally, police plucked her from the frigid waters alive and well.

What struck me about this woman was her comment to the police and media. She told them that, the instant she jumped from the bridge, she immediately regretted her decision. This is why she fought so hard to save her life while in the grip of the turbulent waters.

That very same comment about immediate regret has been voiced by almost all survivors of suicide attempts. Of the 1600-1800 people who have jumped from the Golden Gate Bridge, only 2% have survived the fall. And every one of them has made the same comment – the moment they lunged from the bridge they immediately regretted their decision. Suddenly their eyes were opened and they realized how precious life was to them.

A recent ABC article highlighted this same fact when it featured the story of two such survivors of suicide attempts. The survivors were Kevin Hines and Ken Baldwin. Kevin Hines told an ABC reporter, “The millisecond my legs cleared it, the millisecond of true free fall, (I felt) instant regret for my actions.” Ken Baldwin agreed. “I just vaulted over (the rail), and I realized, at that moment, this is the stupidest thing I could have done.”

Both men also expressed profound gratitude that they have lived to experience unforeseen joys - that they would have otherwise missed had their lives ended. Kevin Hines met the love of his life and married – his father serving as his best man. Ken Baldwin lived to give away his daughter in marriage and to see his first grandchild. Their deep depression at the time they attempted suicide blinded them to all the joys that lay ahead.

Friend, if you are depressed and feeling worthless, helpless, and hopeless – then I assure

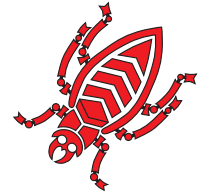
you that your vision is impaired. You're not seeing things as they are. Your life is truly wonderful and God loves you more than you could ever imagine. And He's got so many wonderful chapters of your life left to live. Yes, there is one decision that we will always regret - the decision to throw away God's greatest gift.

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, open my eyes to see all the blessings You have poured into my life and to see the possibilities of good things yet to come. Give me, O God, the will to live and fulfill Your purpose for my life. Amen.

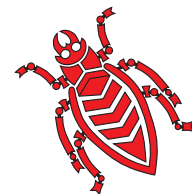
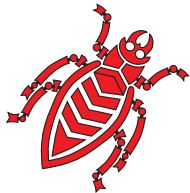
provided by Retired Army Chaplain David Causey



Grand of Virginia



Holding the banner on the left is the Grand Sr. Vice Commander and on the right the Grand Commander (both past Seam Squirrels for Pup Tent #9). Following behind in the orange shirt is the Pup Tent #9 Seam Squirrel.



The Richmond hospital visit was in conjunction with the Grand Convention. In attendance were numerous VA Grand, as well as current Grand Officers. 3rd from the right is GERALYN GRAVATT, President of the FBI Richmond Citizens Academy Alumni Association.

From left to right: Past 4th District Commander, PT13 Seam Squirrel, Incoming Grand Sr. Vice Commander, Incoming Grand QM, 4th District Commander, Incoming Grand Adjutant, FBI President, Outgoing Grand Commander, Incoming Grand Commander

Provided by David Goldstein

Grand of Washington

The 37th National Veterans Wheelchair Games Cincinnati Ohio

TWO GOLD AND TWO SILVER MEDALS FOR WASHINGTON

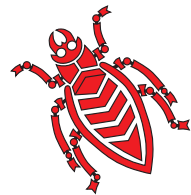


This is Dee Anne on the firing line in the first round with the Beeman AR2078A rifles provided by the Grand of Washington and Pup Tent "Lucky Eleven." They call her Annie Oakley. Dee Anne brought home a silver medal.



This is Richard on the firing line in round two. They couldn't stop raving about how accurate the rifles are and their ability to hold zero.

Submitted by Bob Berleen, Seam Squirrel, Lucky Eleven





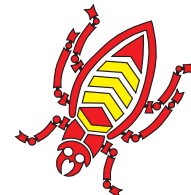
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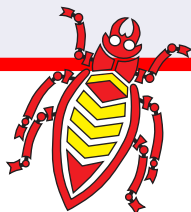
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How the Editor

Alert! Alert! Listen Cooties!

Beside being the editor of our *Crummy* publication, I am also a *Sky Pilot* and *Chaplain* for the VFW. This past September was *Suicide Prevention* month. As we all know, veteran suicide is a serious problem! Let us not just let September be a month for suicide prevention. I am asking all of my most *Pestiferous Brethren* out there to continuously watch diligently for any of our “**Brothers in Arms**” who might have thoughts of harming themselves. Also, know who your VFW Chaplain and Pup Tent Sky Pilot are and have their contact number available. Please let them know if you suspect anyone having thoughts of harming themselves. Below is the crisis contact information that is also on the Sky Pilot page of the Supreme website: http://lotcs.org/sky_pilot.html. I suggest that this information below also be placed on the back of the business cards of any Cootie who is a part of our “*Crummy Fraternity*.” Don’t be afraid to say something to a veteran if you suspect they are going to harm themselves! All Cooties are as “*busy as a bee*” and are quite industrious by nature. I believe that together we will be able to do our part in eliminating veteran suicide.

U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ Veteran Crisis Line

This service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The phone number is:

1-800-273-8255 Option 1

The service also offers confidential chat for veterans and their family members in need at:

VeterancrisisLine.net

Yours in LOTCS,

Dale A. Fannello

**Editor,
Cootie Courier**



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Grand of New Mexico

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Pamela Copple - MOCA # 19

Shirley Parker - MOCA #19

Kay Thomas - MOCA # 20

Grand of North Carolina

Katherine Markley - MOCA # 3

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Lillian “Lee” Bost - MOCA PGP

Grand of Washington

Patricia Bye - MOCA PGP

Barbara Beard - MOCA # 2

Grand of Tennessee

Bernice Dennice – MOCA PGP #26 Angles

Florence Durham - MOCA #26 Angles

Cathie Burness - MOCA #26 Angles

Auxiliaries Not in a Grand

Kentucky

Cheryl Baker - #9 Simpall

Josephine Beck - #7

Montana

Pam Pennington - MOCA #10

South Dakota

Arleene Pascoe - MOCA # 1

West Virginia

Jennifer Jewell - MOCA # 6



In Memory of PSC David C. Wimmer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the MOC and MOCA members who sent cards, flowers, luv gifts, and prayers for PSC David C. Wimmer. David loved his Cooties. He loved to make people laugh and I know that he is no longer in pain. David suffered from Bladder Cancer from 1990. He used to say that, "He had cancer, but cancer did not have him." He fought a long hard battle and God finally ended his suffering on August 9, 2017. He is watching us and knows that we will continue to bring fun into the Cootie organization. My family and I appreciate everything that all of you did to help make his final days happy. He loved reading all the cards that were sent to him. There are not words that can express how thankful we are for everything that all of you have done.

Again, thank you for the cards that I have received. I have really enjoyed all the encouraging words that you have written. Dave will be greatly missed.

With all my Love, Janis Wimmer

