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**This issue is dedicated to the memory of Past Supreme Commander Johnny Howard. Happy Hunting Brother!**



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## From the Supreme Commander

**Listen Cooties,**

Our year is over and I want to thank you for all of the hard work you have done and continue to do! It has been my pleasure to serve as your Supreme Commander this year. I feel we have attained several goals for OUR organization and I hope we have improved communication, as this was one of my goals this year. I have never served in a capacity such as this with any organization and ended with such pride of what we have accomplished. For me, and I hope you, this has been a great year. I hope to see you all in Kansas City at Supreme Convention, and remember to have phun. Thank you for your support and I wish all the very best in life.

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Dan Kramer  
Supreme Commander  
2017-18**



# From the Supreme Sr. Vice Commander

## Listen Up Cooties,

A journey that started out being measured in years, months and weeks is now being counted down in days and hours. For this opportunity I am grateful, and I thank my fellow Cooties for making it possible. I thank the Grand of Ohio for all their help and support. And I thank my wife Cherilyn, who continues to be at my side as usual for almost fifty years.

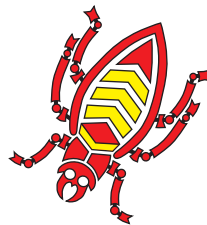
In my travels this year I have enjoyed the hospitality and comradeship of so many. Working, talking and having fun with my fellow Cooties, I have a greater appreciation for their dedication. We all share in a common purpose and collect memories of those we work with and for. Wherever you go and whatever you are doing, remember, we are Cooties and we are in this together: "Closer than a brother, busier than a bee!" Me, I am another Cootie and I am in there pulling with you.

This year again I am asking for your support in seeking the high office of Supreme Commander. I look forward to seeing everyone in Kansas City, Missouri this coming July. Please be safe and take care.



## L.O.T.C.S.

**Emil Soltesz**  
**Supreme Sr. Vice Commander**



## From the Supreme Jr. Vice-Commander

### Listen Cooties!

I would like to thank everyone for the “*Hospitality*” that I have received this year. I have enjoyed meeting all of my fellow Cooties in my travels. I am “*Proud*” of the Cooties out there who are working hard to keep our organization alive. If you don’t want to be the one doing all the work, find a few new Cooties to train to help you. That way you can choose your help. If each Cootie does this, then our Organization will grow in membership. I look forward to seeing everyone again at the Supreme Convention.



**“KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE”**

Yours in LOTCS,

Steve W. Ruger Sr.  
Supreme Jr. Vice Commander 2017-2018  
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## From the Supreme Quartermaster

### Listen Cooties,

By the time you get to read these words of wisdom some of you should have received your membership packages for our 100th year. Please start collecting the dues and sending it to your Grand Quartermasters. If you are not in a Grand send the money to Supreme Headquarters.

Effective immediately when processing transmittals, if you are processing a new cootie or a life membership application and you do not include a copy of the new cootie application or life membership application the transmittal will not be processed. We will scan the transmittal and any associated documentation and return it to you via email. Once you have the proper documentation you can scan what was missing and send it to headquarters and we will then process your transmittal. The reason for this change is that all too often the applications are not forwarded to headquarters and we have no information on the new cootie or the information needed for a life membership. One more thing on this subject, please use the forms that are on our website. The reason for this is that cooties are good at filling in the blanks. The new forms have all the information that we need, the old forms do not have all the information that we need. You would be surprised at how many applications we receive that do not have city, state and zip code on the application. On the old forms there is no place to put your phone number and email address and city, state and zip code are not separate blanks as on the new forms.

Because of your support in purchasing supplies and other stuff from the supply department we had another lousy year at headquarters. If you are coming to the Supreme Convention the supply department will have a number of convention specials and a couple of new items that you may like. Check it out!

I hope everyone has a lousy summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Supreme Convention in Kansas City.

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

**Gary Dressel  
Supreme Quartermaster**



## From the Supreme Historian



As Supreme Historian, I was off and running on my second year. It all began with the Supreme Convention July 2017 in New Orleans, LA. We had great subjects and took some awesome pictures of the incoming Supreme officer's installation and banquet.

Then it was on to Washington, D.C. for Tomb Trek in October 2017. The events covered in pictures and video, are available on our Supreme website gallery. We had some double duty for this event, at the wreath laying at the Argonne Cross (WWI) and then on to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. The Supreme Commander and Supreme Auxiliary President did a great Cootie job. I was very surprised to have had the National Park Service allow me to get into place on short notice for more coverage. This was our second year with making two stops and this year seemed to have been the smoothest, thanks to all

those that planned the event. For those that may have missed this event, we were able to video it.

Please allow me to thank Ralph Bell, Grand of Maryland, for his superb help with pictures and video of the Supreme installation, banquet, and the Tomb Trek. (Ralph's wife has been in the hospital recently; please keep her in your prayers. You may not know that Ralph and I served together in Vietnam Co. B 229<sup>th</sup> A.H.B. First Air Cav. 1968-69.)

With the year moving way to fast, it was time for Cootie Christmas at the National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, MI. The Grand of Florida has sponsored the event for 23 years. We were on duty for a long week cooking for the staff and hosting a Family Christmas Party. The Cootie Christmas Party in the National Home Gym was well attended by all our Supreme Cootie line officers and members of the MOC and MOCA. It was great to see all working with the children and assisting in the events. The Christmas Family pictures are always great. The Supreme Officers were provided a CD of this event as well as several pictures featured in the Cootie Courier.

Then on the way to the picnic at "The VFW Veterans Village", at Ft. McCoy, Florida; VFW Veterans Village Director, LTC Alcides "Al" Lugo, Jr. USA (R), rolled out the red carpet for the MOC and MOCA a very nice crowd was on hand. The VFW Veterans Village, owned by the Department of Florida, is a retirement home for Veterans of all wars and auxiliary members. The Village has the lowest rates for a facility of its kind and receives no financial outside assistance other than those provided by the VFW, VFWA & Friends of the Village. Then it was off to 5<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention.

Please be reminded all Grand Historians! Your Historian Books are to be into the Supreme Historian Bill McQuaig, or dropped off at the MOC Supply table no later than 6:00 PM Friday July 27, 2018. This will allow time for the team to judge your hard work. You must identify who will be responsible for picking up the Historian Book. (Good idea to include a complete, legible name and address.) Even though there are not strict requirements to follow, we will be looking for the following items for the Historian Books:

1. Historian Book must be identified with your Grand information.
2. Items deal predominately with Cootie events in which your Grand participated including community involvement.



3. May include VFW / Cootie functions and events where you worked together.
4. Include Cooties working with other organizations.

THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL

In closing, I will have just a few CD copies of some of this year's events that I will bring to Convention. I had no budget, so CDs are limited. If you provide information on the event in which you have an interest, I will try to have a CD for you [mcquaigwt@gmail.com](mailto:mcquaigwt@gmail.com).

I want to thank the Supreme officers and membership for your confidence in electing me to be your Supreme Historian 2016 – 2018. I look forward to serving you in another capacity. Hope to see many of you at our Supreme Convention in Kansas City, MO. Safe travels.

YOURS IN L.O.T.C.S.

William T. "Bill" McQuaig  
Supreme Historian 2016 - 2018



## From the Supreme Sky Pilot

Listen Cooties,

This year our visit to the National Home for the Cootie Christmas Party was particularly significant for Sheila and myself. Watching the gold and red Cootie banner under the Stars and Stripes going up the pole at the Cootie House was one of my proudest moments of my more than 20 years as a Cootie. Our job, as an organization and as individual Cooties, is to support our veterans and their families. It is important that we now have a house with our name on it. Let's do everything we can to continue supporting the National Home, and the Cootie House.



Last time I spoke about the new Sky Pilot/Chaplain reporting program we setup on the Supreme website. A few of you have been using it and I can easily see the good work. Since 1 October 2016, you reported spending 1,115 hours, doing 152 services, requiring you to travel 2,376 miles, and costing \$1,859. This is a lot of work, but it represents less than 10 percent of all our Sky Pilots. Remember I told you at the Supreme Convention this year I wanted to be able to report to the Supreme Commander and C of A all the good work you, our Sky Pilots and Chaplains, are doing. I need you to turn in your reports to make that happen. (If we have any chance of doing that, you need to do your part and turn in your reports.)

We are having another problem you can help me with. I'm sure you know, if you have a member who passes away you need to make a report to your Grand and to the Supreme Chaplain. I get them regularly and, when I can, send out condolence cards from Supreme, offering any help needed. The problem is many of the reports I get are not sent in a timely manner. This means I cannot do anything with them. A card or letter sent when the family and friends are grieving, can be very helpful in healing. But a card sent a month later, when the family has started moving on, just opens old wounds and may do more harm than good. This year I have received two notices which were over six months old. Please help me serve the families of our departed comrades, and submit your reports on time.

I am always honored to serve you, I want to do an even better job, but I need your help. Let's work together.

Yours in LOTCS,

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Supreme Chaplain  
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## **MOC General Order #4 2017 - 2018**

1. 99th Supreme Scratch and 57th Convention to be held in Overland Park (Kansas City), KS at the Marriott Hotel in Overland Park located at 10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS. You can call the hotel at 800-228-9290 or 913-451-8000 (Front Desk). Please remember to mention Military Order of the Cootie convention in July 2018. If you have any problems making a reservation online please contact the hotel at the numbers listed above. The cutoff date for making reservations is June 29, 2018
2. All Pup Tents are reminded to forward copies of Election Reports for the 2018-2019 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. Pup Tents whose election reports have not been received 01 May 2018 may be suspended in accordance with the Supreme By-Laws and can be declared defunct if corrective action is not taken by 01 July 2018. While it is the duty of the Installing Officer to forward election reports, Seam Squirrels, both incoming and outgoing, should take it upon themselves to see that this procedure is carried out. No Election Report = no vote.
3. All Grand Commanders are reminded that their Grand must be at least 80% Inspected to have a voice or vote at the Supreme Scratch. Please review the latest Inspection Report.
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 will be taken. Advance registration for the Supreme Scratch is \$15.00 and \$17.00 for registration received after 30 June 2018. No Delegate fee = no vote.
5. On-site Registration for the 99th Supreme Convention will begin on 21 July 2018 during the 119th VFW National Convention. Look for the MOC/MOCA booth (Booth 125).
6. Cooties at all levels are reminded that the Supreme Program Book for 2018-2019 administrative year should be available in August 2018 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 2018-2019 were mailed in June 2018. They were mailed to the Grand Quartermaster of record as provided on the Election Warrant. Grand Quartermasters are instructed to mail out the individual Pup Tent's 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 nine (9) members will not receive a packet until these discrepancies have been corrected.



BY COMMAND OF:



Danny R. Kramer

Supreme Commander

OFFICIAL:



Gordon K. Lam

Supreme Adjutant



# MOC Hospital Report

Date: End of 2017-18 Administrative Year					
Grand	Goal	Reports	Cooties	Total Monies	Percentage
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Gary Dressel</b>					
DE	\$32,000.00	38	1,259	\$148,185.99	463.08%
DC	\$0.00				
MD	\$81,000.00	73	888	\$108,321.33	133.73%
PA	\$127,250.00	123	3,157	\$314,474.59	247.13%
VA	\$88,000.00	47	1,106	\$185,106.12	210.35%
WV	\$12,500.00	12	119	\$23,366.05	186.93%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$340,750.00</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>\$779,454.08</b>	<b>228.75%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#2 - Louis C. McVey</b>					
AL	\$11,500.00				0.00%
FL	\$168,125.00	92	1,243	\$134,519.34	80.01%
GA	\$45,375.00	26	252	\$33,782.63	74.45%
LA	\$27,750.00	16	134	\$12,864.41	46.36%
MS	\$54,000.00	39	1,111	\$103,077.81	190.88%
NC	\$72,250.00	77	1,111	\$144,903.96	200.56%
SC	\$52,250.00	47	839	\$83,008.21	158.87%
TN	\$51,125.00	25	232	\$24,989.61	48.88%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$482,375.00</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>4,922</b>	<b>\$537,145.97</b>	<b>111.35%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Jeff Keen</b>					
IL	\$68,625.00	75	584	\$84,121.68	122.58%
IN	\$0.00				
KY	\$48,375.00	45	441	\$102,145.55	211.15%
MI	\$62,375.00	33	182	\$71,980.15	115.40%
OH	\$150,500.00	1,068	2,018	\$198,504.04	131.90%
WI	\$95,000.00	169	1,625	\$240,038.37	252.67%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$424,875.00</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>\$696,789.79</b>	<b>164.00%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - Neil Johnson</b>					
IA	\$24,500.00	172	1,765	\$277,938.97	1134.44%
KS	\$51,625.00	88	244	\$24,393.89	47.25%
MN	\$117,000.00	94	1,101	\$139,352.78	119.10%
MO	\$81,625.00	96	1,635	\$287,417.64	352.12%
MT	\$30,375.00	17	296	\$15,870.61	52.25%
NE	\$29,375.00	40	1,033	\$85,605.18	291.42%
ND	\$42,500.00				0.00%
SD	\$24,250.00	19	361	\$79,863.69	329.33%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$401,250.00</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>6,435</b>	<b>\$910,442.76</b>	<b>226.90%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Roy Davis</b>					
AR	\$37,250.00	37	68	\$6,721.37	18.04%
CO	\$48,750.00	480	805	\$171,813.05	352.44%

EURO	\$21,000.00	7	11	\$1,760.90	8.39%
NM	\$47,125.00	36	354	\$48,172.34	102.22%
OK	\$29,625.00	5	26	\$6,844.11	23.10%
TX	\$128,250.00	92	1,733	\$229,751.71	179.14%
WY	\$0.00				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$312,000.00</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>\$465,063.48</b>	<b>149.06%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Vaughn Gates</b>					
AK	\$11,250.00	101	171	\$16,131.31	143.39%
AZ	\$95,000.00	92	2,824	\$386,874.63	407.24%
CA	\$188,750.00	832	2,561	\$1,125,551.46	596.32%
HI	\$5,250.00	12	12	\$814.80	15.52%
ID	\$5,750.00	12	12	\$2,213.40	38.49%
NV	\$25,500.00	116	212	\$25,070.62	98.32%
OR	\$81,125.00	67	721	\$141,939.90	174.96%
PAC	\$129,625.00	58	1,899	\$164,905.06	127.22%
WA	\$64,500.00	45	974	\$161,731.03	250.75%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$606,750.00</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>9,386</b>	<b>\$2,025,232.21</b>	<b>333.78%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 - Kenneth Eith</b>					
CT	\$0.00				
ME	\$0.00				
MA	\$21,500.00	10	37	\$3,346.05	15.56%
NH	\$23,750.00	20	302	\$34,930.78	147.08%
NJ	\$69,000.00	40	330	\$41,033.28	59.47%
NY	\$48,250.00	8	34	\$8,808.46	18.26%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$162,500.00</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>\$88,118.57</b>	<b>54.23%</b>
<b>PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION)</b>					
AK#2	\$6,750.00	117	447	\$17,128.56	253.76%
AK#3	\$4,500.00				0.00%
AL#13	\$11,500.00				0.00%
DC#1	\$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%
Supreme	\$3,250.00				0.00%
WV#6	\$12,500.00				0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,000.00</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>\$17,128.56</b>	<b>24.12%</b>
<b>Supreme Total</b>					
	<b>\$2,730,500.00</b>	<b>4,601</b>	<b>35,822</b>	<b>\$5,502,246.86</b>	<b>201.51%</b>
<b>DIVISION STANDINGS</b>					
<b>GOLD</b>			<b>BLUE</b>		
<b>SILVER</b>			<b>GREEN</b>		
<b>RED</b>			<b>PURPLE</b>		
<b>WHITE</b>			<b>BLACK</b>		
<b>Telephone: 573-757-5046, Olin Parks</b>					



# MOC Inspection Report

Supreme Inspection as of 06-28-2018

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	1		6/21/2018	N/A	100%	
AK-3	1	1		8/27/2017	N/A	100%	
AZ	8	8		1/27/2018	Yes	100%	2,6,10,11,13,14,23,777
AR	4	4		2/28/2018		100%	PT 8 Defunct
CA	17	17		11/27/2017	Yes	100%	PT 5 Defunct 02/2018
CO	6	6		3/30/2018		100%	
DE	4	4		9/3/2017	Yes	100%	
EUR	1	1		1/22/2018	N/A	100%	
FL	24	24	1,6,8,9,11	2/22/2018	Yes	100%	
GA	4	4		11/14/2017	Yes	100%	4,5,59,66
HI	1	1		Apr-18	N/A	100%	
ID-3	1	1		6/26/2018	N/A	100%	
IL	9	9		8/1/2017	Yes	100%	
IA	4	4		6/21/2018		100%	
KS	4	4		9/26/2017	Yes	100%	
KY	5	5		12/7/2017	Yes	100%	5
LA	3	2				67%	3,6
MD	8	8		11/24/2017	Yes	100%	Total still shows 8 PT 21 Defunct
MA-14	1	1		6/20/2018	N/A	100%	
MA-34	1	1		6/27/2018	N/A	100%	
MA-52	1	0				0%	
MI	9	9		5/22/2018	Yes	100%	
MN	16	16		1/29/2018	Yes	100%	
MS	5	5		3/25/2018	Yes	100%	PT 1 Defunct
MO	9	9		6/22/2017	Yes	100%	1,5,9,11,12,14,15,17
MT-10	1	1		6/20/2018	N/A	100%	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	Yes	100%	
NV-2	1	1		5/25/2018	N/A	100%	
NV-3	1	1		2/21/2018	N/A	100%	
NV-5	1	0				0%	
NH1,3	2	0				0%	NH 1 & 3
NJ	10	2			Yes	20%	38,41
NM	5	5		6/22/2018		100%	
NY	8	8		1/18/2018	Yes	100%	NY 45 surrendered charter
NC	9	9		8/1/2017	Yes	100%	
ND	5	5		5/30/2018	Yes	100%	
OH	17	17		4/1/2018	Yes	100%	PT 47 Defunct 1,27/2018
OK	5	2				40%	PT 16,17
OR	9	9		1/6/2018	Yes	100%	PT 17 Defunct
PAC	9	9		6/14/2018	Yes	100%	PT 10 defunct
PA	14	11			Yes	73%	18,29,33,44,45,48,58,59,72,92,99
SC	6	6		3/6/2018	Yes	100%	all done in November
SD	3	3		5/30/2018	Yes	100%	
TN	5	5		4/20/2018	Yes	100%	PT 21 Defunct 4/18
TX	11	11		5/10/2018	Yes	100%	5,11,13,24,36,37,55,60,88,100
VA	8	8		3/14/2018	Yes	100%	All In
WA	8	7				88%	all but PT 3
WV-6	1	0				0%	
WI	13	13		3/23/2018	Yes	100%	PT 5 defunct 4/2018
TOTAL	306	281		32		91.83%	

# MOC Membership Report

5/31/2018

Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
GOLD DIVISION											
17	CALIFORNIA	98.08%	33	212	4	579	828	833	12	37	
21	OHIO	90.51%	16	69	15	541	641	706	4	31	
SILVER DIVISION											
23	FLORIDA	90.78%	50	253	23	373	699	770	5	73	
18	MINNESOTA	97.73%	20	147	10	347	524	528	10	30	
13	TEXAS	81.76%	13	109	3	397	522	636	5	16	
RED DIVISION											
8	ARIZONA	101.01%	28	129	16	231	404	398	6	44	
9	ILLINOIS	88.59%	4	79	4	178	265	298	2	8	
9	MARYLAND	95.99%	9	97	25	229	360	374	3	34	
10	MICHIGAN	94.88%	25	47	3	205	280	293	4	28	
8	NEW YORK	88.99%	4	69	12	109	194	218	2	16	
10	PACIFIC AREAS	85.79%	22	74	17	398	511	591	11	39	
15	PENNSYLVANIA	84.60%	29	177	18	244	468	552	3	47	
8	VIRGINIA	91.93%	16	82	9	248	355	384	4	25	
13	WISCONSIN	90.05%	10	180	8	174	372	412	4	18	
WHITE DIVISION											
4	GEORGIA	94.44%	2	46	2	171	221	234	0	4	
9	MISSOURI	89.58%	13	117	1	189	320	355	5	14	
11	NEW JERSEY	77.51%	7	87	3	127	224	289	1	10	
5	NEW MEXICO	86.30%	0	52	4	134	190	219	2	4	
9	NORTH CAROLINA	100.31%	36	88	4	197	325	321	8	40	
8	WASHINGTON	93.33%	5	92	13	157	267	285	3	18	
BLUE DIVISION											
6	ARKANSAS	92.86%	8	46	7	96	157	168	1	15	
6	COLORADO	100.94%	18	93	2	101	214	212	2	20	
5	KENTUCKY	103.96%	8	72	4	127	211	202	4	12	
5	MISSISSIPPI	86.07%	2	52	0	159	213	244	7	2	
5	NORTH DAKOTA	94.48%	6	75	3	91	175	181	4	9	
11	OREGON	100.72%	25	132	11	111	279	277	0	36	
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	84.05%	9	51	3	138	201	232	7	12	
6	TENNESSEE	85.28%	14	77	6	104	201	231	6	20	
GREEN DIVISION											
4	DELAWARE	93.94%	7	43	2	72	124	132	2	9	
4	KANSAS	53.05%	3	55	9	46	113	213	3	12	
4	LOUISIANA	70.25%	9	21	8	49	87	121	3	17	
6	MONTANA	72.80%	1	8	1	81	91	125	2	2	
3	NEBRASKA	93.22%	5	28	2	75	110	118	2	7	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	89.90%	3	48	5	32	88	99	1	8	
5	OKLAHOMA	69.12%	6	21	0	67	94	136	0	6	
PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION											
3	IOWA		6	40	3	39	88	104	2	9	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	102.00%	5	44	4	52	105	100	6	9	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALASKA 2	82.14%	2	0	0	20	22	28		2	
1	ALASKA 3	105.26%	2	0	0	19	21	19	1	2	
1	ALABAMA 13	95.74%	0	10	0	35	45	47	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	103.53%	7	3	0	80	90	85	2	7	
1	HAWAII 1	90.91%	1	6	0	13	20	22	0	1	
1	IDAHO 3	66.67%	0	8	0	8	16	24	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	77.27%	6	28	5	10	49	44	1	11	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 34	111.11%	6	9	1	4	20	18	0	7	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	107.41%	4	23	0	2	29	27	0	4	
1	NEVADA 2	90.16%				54	54	61		0	
1	NEVADA 3	95.45%				18	18	22		0	
1	NEVADA 5	81.82%				9	9	22		0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	98.04%	0	24	0	26	50	51	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	94.48%				445	445	471		0	
326	TOTALS	91.04%	505	3223	270	7411	11409	12532	150	775	

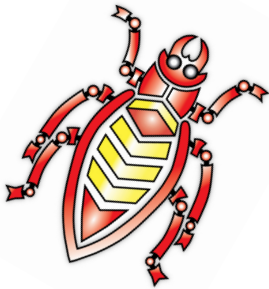
- + Division Leader
- ^ Tied for Division Lead
- \* Achieved 100%

# Ron Johnson for Supreme Jr. Vice Commander

## VOTE for Ron Johnson MOC Supreme Junior Vice Commander 2018-19



ENDORSED BY:  
Arizona, California, Colorado & Virginia, and  
Supreme Districts 5, 11 & 12



# Darin Combs for Supreme Jr. Vice Commander

Listen Cooties!!

Darin Combs joined the VFW while stationed in South Korea. Not only does Darin qualify for the VFW by being stationed in South Korea, he also served a year 'in the desert' in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. In the VFW, Darin was named Triple Crown All American Commander, has served on National Committees. Darin is simply not a 'hat wearer' but makes things happen. He has proven this by earning Century Recruiter twice.



Darin joined the USAF in 1987. After making E-5, Staff Sergeant, he decided to finish his degree in Industrial Engineering and get a commission through ROTC at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC). Darin earned the Commander's Award and served as Detachment Commander while at SIUC. After earning the rank of Captain, Darin transferred to the US Army due to manpower cuts in the USAF, where he retired as a Major.

For several years, Darin served as the Scoutmaster of Troop 81 and is proud to have helped 13 other Scouts join him in the rank of Eagle Scout. Darin also served on the VFW National Scouting Team.



In the Military Order of the Cootie, Darin earned Grand All-Star and named Grand Cootie of the Year. At the Supreme level, he has served as Chief of Staff and currently serves on the By-Laws Committee. Darin comes from the fertile hunting grounds of Sunny Slops, Pup Tent 11 in Phoenix, Arizona. He is primed and ready to take the reins of the future in our fine organization.

## Darin Combs

for

## Supreme Junior Vice Commander

## 2017-2018





## Jerry Constable Candidate for Supreme Judge Advocate

Jerry joined the VFW while stationed at Yong San Garrison, Seoul, South Korea in 1995. Since that time he has enjoyed the privilege of serving veterans in many capacities. He first joined the Military Order of the Cootie in 1998 while stationed at Dyess AFB in Abilene, TX. His first pup tent was Three Acres Pup Tent 36 hosted by VFW Post 6873. He served the Pup Tent as their Sky Pilot from 1999 through 2001. He had the distinction of being honored as an All-American Post Commander in 2001. He was also the District 6, MOC, Surgeon at the same time and was appointed as an Assistant to the Horny Toad Chairman for the Grand of Texas which he held until 2007. He is still an active supporter of the Grand of Texas' program supporting the transportation program, as the only "authorized" salesperson of official Horny Toad jewelry outside the Grand of Texas.



Jerry has served the Supreme organization as the Judge Advocate from 2005 through 2010 and again since 2015 serving under eight Supreme Commanders as well as being the Supreme Shirt Reader under Past Supreme Commander T. P. "Shorty" Lyons. He has served as Supreme Commander 2012-2013 and most recently as the Grand Commander of Ohio.

Jerry is married to Julie Constable, his friend and soulmate for 32 years. They have three adult children, Megan, Nathan, and Cody – all of whom are members of MOCA 83.



# Gary Dressel for Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties:

It's that time of the year again to ask for your endorsement as I am again running for Supreme Quartermaster. I thank you for your support you have given me in the past and ask that you support me again.

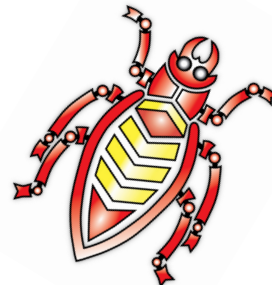
I welcome your support and your ideas on how to improve this great organization. We have a lot to look forward to in the coming year. It will be our 100 year anniversary and we will be in Orlando.

Thank you for all you do for our veterans and this lousy organization.



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

Gary Dressel  
Supreme Quartermaster.



## Allan T. Perkins Supreme Chaplain Nomination

Allan has dedicated his life to service. First serving his country with a 25 year career in the United States Air Force, and retiring in 1991 as an MSgt. Since 1966 and while in the Air Force, Allan served civilian churches and military chapels in a wide range of positions. He continues this service to this day, presently serving his local church as a church board member.

After his retirement, Allan continued to serve as a comrade in the VFW and MOC. He sees his work as a Chaplain in the VFW and Cooties as an avocation; having served as a Cootie Sky Pilot for over 22 years and a VFW Chaplain for over 24 years. Allan has served the VFW as chaplain on the post, district and assistant department levels. He has also served as a Cootie Sky Pilot at the pup tent, district, grand, supreme district, and supreme levels; presently serving as Sky Pilot for Pup Tent 11, the Grand of Texas, and as Supreme Chaplain.



At the request of Supreme Commander Dave Wimmer, Allan developed the standardized get well and sympathy notes for Grand Sky Pilots to use. Allan's efforts as Supreme Chaplain include leading a team of Sky Pilots to develop the new MOC Sky Pilot's Manual and Handbook, which provides detailed instructions and samples; making the job of serving Cooties as a Sky Pilot much easier.

Allan works several times a week serving veterans as a volunteer at Houston's Michael E. DeBakey VAMC. In March 2015, out of 1300 volunteers, Allan was honored by the medical center as Volunteer of the Year. His dedicated service to his comrades was recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution who awarded him their Bronze Citizenship Medal and Service to Veterans Medal. This year, the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation presented him with their Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award (for life time achievement). He also has been presented the MOC Knights Hospitalier Medal.

Allan is a dedicated, experienced chaplain who is humbled and eager to continue servicing as Supreme Chaplain.

## Supreme President's Message

Auxiliary Members,

Hello again, well it's definitely summer the temperatures are in the 90's and above. Hopefully ya'll are staying calm, cool and patient. Gotcha! You thought I was going to say collected! Its been a tremendous year and no matter how hard you try, just one more thing comes up you don't know. Ever have that happen? I learn new things every day.

What does one say in these last weeks of their year? Except, "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart for a successful year. One full of hard work from all in our Programs and in our Hospitals; keeping true to our motto "Keep Them Smiling in Beds of White." This you have done! And even more the love and care you provide our *veterans* in *nursing homes* and *hospitals* is gratifying for all. I have *enjoyed* representing *you* at the 20 plus events I have attended.

Summer is in full swing and the last Grand convention has been held. Rest, relax and get ready for Kansas City. I hope to see the biggest turn-out ever. Now, just some notes to pass along. The Hospital visit I have not had confirmation on, but I am asking for each Grand to send at least 1 lap-robe for the 125 patients. I have asked the Grand of Missouri Auxiliary to find me apples and oranges to put in a bag and I have cookies, crackers, crossword and fill-in puzzles to add. Bags will be assembled Tuesday night after the Patriotic Rally, place to be determined. I believe on Tuesday or Wednesday I will be presenting a check to National President Dee for her Special Project. Now, as to some tidbits for Convention at the Joint meeting, I plan to present our SPSP funds to Matt Littrell. The drawing for flag will also be done same night.

I am told we will have some entertainment at the Banquet. It's been a great year and now time to see the rewards for your hard work. I am so looking forward to Kansas City! Just like the song says, "Kansas City here I come."

I do have couple of requests though, and they are not meant to be mean. When the Supreme President sends a Representative to your Grand remember they are not familiar with your area and they are to be afforded the same *respect* and *courtesy* shown to a Supreme President. I have had issues where some were told, "Learn to pay for your transportation, banquet and other items connected to the visit." No, it's not true that any Representative should have earned the money in the chairs as a Representative. Supreme is paying for





them to be there and they are restricted somewhat on costs. They should be picked up at the airport or what ever commercial mode of transportation they had to use and afforded an itinerary and a *page* to escort them.

Districts, Grand and Auxiliaries make sure your registrations are in for Convention; so you have your program book to work from this year. Some of my chairmen are saying the forms being received are from 2-3 years ago or even older. Then, Auxiliaries want to know why they were disqualified. It is because the program changed, and qualifications were not met. Other than that, it's time to bid you all *adieu* and say See YA at Convention. For those who won't get to come I have enjoyed this year attending all events and Conventions where I got to meet so many of you.

The Cootie Courier message probably says it all, but again "Thank You" for making this a dream come true year! It's like Elvis says, "Follow Your Dream." I did, and I'm content with the year. Sure, there have been up's and down's but that's just life. Remember trivia.

**Loyally,**

**Penny Sue Cacoulidis**  
**Supreme President 2017-18**





## **From Supreme MOCA Hospital Commissioner Janis Wimmer**

### **Auxiliary members,**

I want to thank all the members who worked so hard during the 2017-2018 year working with the veterans and their families in hospitals and nursing homes. There are still members and auxiliaries who are doing the hospital work but not reporting. Please, everyone report your hospital work so that we can show how the MOCA is supporting our veterans and their families.

Remember that hospital work is not going to someone's home and taking care of them. Also, taking veterans to doctor appointments is not MOCA hospital. These are VFWA programs and we do not take credit for that work for MOCA hospital.

The new year for hospital has already started. All the new forms for the 2018-2019 year are on the MOCA web site under hospital. You need to use the correct forms as there have been changes and some of you are still using real old forms. Every auxiliary should register at least one member for Supreme Convention, even if you're not going, so that you will get the program book. It has all the information that you need for the new program year. There are even blank hospital forms that can be copied and filled out by hand if you do not use a computer. If you forgot to register, please contact Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard to order a Supreme Program Book.

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 and received by the 20th of the month.

Some auxiliaries did not report last year. Every auxiliary should be doing hospital work because it is the MOCA's main program and helping our veterans and their families is very much needed. Please send in your hospital reports ASAP do not hold them.

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: 5 members go to the hospital on April 8th; that 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, .75 = 45 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. Some auxiliaries are still making this error and the

Grand Chairmen are not correcting this error.

Remember that blood donations are reported under gifts. Make sure in the information column that you note the date the blood was given.

Hope to see everyone at Supreme Convention. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and meeting members that I have not met.

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

**Loyally,**

**Janis Wimmer  
Supreme MOCA  
Hospital Commissioner**



## Pat Potter for Supreme President

Running Bare # 5, Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary joined with the Grand of Missouri, Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary and Supreme 9<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary to unanimously endorse Patricia (Pat) Potter for the ***Office of Supreme President***.

Pat is a Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, joining under the eligibility of her husband Dale (Viet-Nam Veteran). Pat is a 49-year member of Kohl-Jeck VFW Auxiliary 2866, St. Charles, Missouri.

Pat is a Charter member of Running Bare # 5, Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary. She has held many positions in the Auxiliary including two terms as President. As a member of the Grand of Missouri Auxiliary, Pat has served as Treasurer, Guard, Conductress, Chaplain, Junior Vice President, Senior Vice President and President; first in 1997-98 then again in 2012-2013.

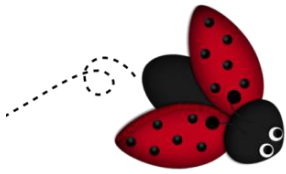
Pat has served the Supreme Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary as: Chief of Staff, Inspector, Historian, Guard, Conductress, Chaplain and is now serving as Senior Vice President.

We ask that you join with us to elect and support Pat as Supreme MOCA President 2018-2019.

Thank you, from the members of MOCA # 5, Grand of Missouri MOCA & Supreme 9<sup>th</sup> District MOCA.

# Billie Cassidy for Supreme Guard 2018-19

## Grand of Tennessee



I am very privileged & proud to announce my Candidacy for the high Office of Supreme Guard to MOC Auxiliary.

I am dual member, a member of the VFW and VFWA as well as the MOC and MOCA. I have held chairmanships for the Grand MOC and MOCA throughout the years. I became the Seam Squirrel for MOC Pup Tent #2, U-ONT-To in Lawrenceburg, TN and received Grand Seam Squirrel of the Year and Grand Cootie of the Year. As our VFW Post does not have a MOC or MOCA, I belong to PUP Tent #2 MOC in Lawrenceburg, TN., and PUP Tent #5 MOCA in Smyrna, TN. I am currently the CCDB for PUP Tent #2. I have also held several positions in Supreme District 6 MOC and MOCA.

I am an Air Force Veteran, retiring after 22 yrs of service. I am a Life Member of VFW and VFW Auxiliary to VFW Post # 4973 located in Linden, Tennessee, where I have served as the VFW Post Commander and been an All-State Commander for five years, becoming an All-American Commander. I was selected as an Aide-de-Camp to the National Commander-in-Chief. I also served on the VFW National Women's Veterans Committee, the State of TN VFW Women's Veteran Chairman and Historian for several years. I am currently the webmaster for the State of TN VFW. I have served as the Post Commander to American Legion and Disabled Americans in the local Chapters. I am a Life Member in the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

I have held several elected and appointed positions in the Department VFW Auxiliary as well as National winning several Department and National Awards. I was selected as an Aide-de-Camp for the National President. I served as the Aide to several National Presidents visiting the Volunteer State of Tennessee. I have been a VFW Auxiliary National Certified Recruiter Trainer for five years. I am currently going up the chairs for the Department VFWA and this year I am the Department Chaplain, Department Membership Chairman and Department's Webmaster.

As a veteran myself, Veterans are and always will be my mission. remembering the Cootie Motto **"Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White"** as I continue to walk towards tomorrow with **"Unwavering Support for our Uncommon Heroes,"** for our veterans of yesterday, today and tomorrow and the freedoms they fought and died for keeping in mind that our Freedom is not Free and that **"We may not know them all, but we owe them all."**

I would appreciate your consideration in electing me for the office of Supreme Guard in Kansas City, MO this July.

Loyally,

Billie Cassidy

## Susan Haines for MOCA Supreme Chaplain

Susan is a past Grand President of Florida for 2015-2016 and a life member of VFWA Rebel Post #5625 located in Chiefland, Florida. Susan has received the Grand Award as an Auxiliary President for MOCA, Cootieville #25 on two occasions and also was honored to receive the Supreme Awards when she was Grand Chaplain and as Florida Grand President (Category: 8 or more Auxiliaries). Susan has held numerous chairs elected and appointed in her VFWA. Susan has been MOCA President for Cootieville #25 from 2007 to 2013 and is again serving as MOCA President this year for her Auxiliary. Susan is currently serving as Supreme Conductress.



Her eligibility for the VFWA and MOCA is through her father who served in World War II in the Army Air Corp and was deployed to the China, Burma and India theatre receiving 2 Bronze Stars during his service. She has a daughter who is also a VFWA life member and a member of the MOCA. She currently works for the Levy County, FL Attorney as a legal assistant.

Susan is proudly endorsed by the Grand of Florida and by her own Cootieville #25 Auxiliary.

Susan has always been active in serving our veterans, MOC/MOCA support of our VA hospitals and the VFW National Home for Children is very important to her. Susan would appreciate your consideration in electing her as Supreme Chaplain in Kansas City, MO this July.



# **Debbie Thie for MOCA Supreme Chaplain**

*Grand of Florida  
&*

*Sons of the Beaches Auxiliary to PT 32  
Requests your vote for our Candidate  
for*

*Supreme Chaplain*

*2018- 2019*

*Debbie Thie*

## **MOCA PT 32**

**ALL OFFICES TO INCLUDE  
PRESIDENT 2014 – 2018**

## **MOCA**

### **GRAND OF FLORIDA**

**ALL OFFICES TO INCLUDE  
PRESIDENT 2014 – 2018  
(WINNING PRESIDENT  
OF YEAR IN HER CLASS)**

## **VFW AUXILIARY**

**Post 10094**

**PRESIDENT 2014-2015  
TREASURER 2015-2018  
SECRETARY 2017-2018**



## **MOCA SUPREME**

**CHAIRMAN OF MENTORING  
PROGRAM 2017 - 2018**

## **MOCA 5<sup>TH</sup> SUPREME**

**SECRETARY 2015 – 2018**

## **VFW AUXILIARY**

**DISTRICT 9**

**PRESIDENT 1999-2001  
TREASURER 1995-1996  
2015-2018  
SECRETARY 2012-2015  
2017-2018  
TRUSTEE 2001-2004**

*Retired in 2013 after serving 30+ years of Civil Service*

*Attended and participated in Tomb Trek for past 5 years*

*Attended Cootie Christmas for past 8 years*

# **Jennifer Winn for MOCA Supreme Jr. Vice-President**

**Sister's & Brother's,**

I am requesting your support as I take the next step forward towards the High Office of Supreme Jr. Vice President.

At the Supreme Level I've had the honor to be Guard & Chaplain. I have been to many Grands as their Supreme Rep. Also, I have participated in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during Tomb Trek weekend for many years. Additionally, I received an honored appointment as Tomb Trek Photographer Chairman.

By the time this is published I will have become a Past Grand President of Virginia. Some of this year's activities include: Sewing/mending/washing of clothing, monthly Bingo parties, Christmas in August & January at Hampton VA Hospital, Casino Day at Hampton VA Hospital and a 3rd Casino Night fundraiser at PT#9. I have made numerous visits to Hampton VA Hospital, local rehab centers & nursing homes; visited all 5 Auxiliaries, inspecting 4 of them. It has been my honor to speak with 2 VFW Auxiliaries about standing up a MOCA. The challenges of today are numerous and in many areas, change will be necessary to ensure the mission of the MOCA continues to thrive. We need to grow in membership and add more Auxiliaries.

I have great dedication and commitment to our members have loved and enjoyed our organization since I became a member of Virginia Beach Coots #9. I take pride in being an Auxiliary member, working as a team keeping our Veterans & Members Smiling and the Cootie Motto of "Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White." Thanks for your supporting Me for the Office of Supreme MOCA Jr. Vice President.

**Loyally,**

**Jennifer Winn**



## **Penney Howard for Supreme MOCA Treasurer**

The Grand of New Mexico MOC Auxiliary and Mt. KIA-MIA Auxiliary #14 proudly endorse Sister Penney Howard for the High Office of Supreme Treasurer. After being elected to office at the July 2014 Convention, Penney has worked hard to take care of Supreme Business in a timely manner. She is trying to help bring our Organization into the 21st Century by sending receipts via email and doing Transmittals on 1 form. She is trying very hard to get us back on a "Balanced Budget" where we do not spend more than we take in.

We would appreciate your support in re-electing Sister Penney Howard as MOCA Supreme Treasurer this July in Kansas City, MO.



# **Cheri Soltesz for Supreme MOCA Treasurer**

## **Endorsed by the Grand of Ohio**

Having received the endorsement and support from the Grand of Ohio and my MOCA PT 92, I am very privileged and honored to announce my candidacy for the high office of Supreme Treasurer to the MOC Auxiliary.

Currently, I am serving as the Grand of Ohio Treasurer and Secretary for 2017 – 2018.

I am a Life Member of the VFWA, VFW National Home for Children and a member of MOCA Vin Coho PT 92. During my membership I have held many chairmanships and offices in both the VFW & MOCA. My credentials as a treasurer are what is important; therefore, the following is what I will bring to the Supreme Treasurer position should you consider my candidacy:

Treasurer of VFW 2133 for 10 years, passing all audits.

Treasurer of Vin Coho PT 92 for last 7 years, passing all audits.

Treasurer of the Grand of Ohio for last 5 years, passing all audits.

Macy's Department Store Parmatown, maintained \$25,000 Vault, \$5,000 Replenishment Drawer and 176 Registers daily, audited monthly by Security: always passed.

Currently, maintaining the books, paying all bills, payroll, Ohio Lottery for a multi-million dollar company: passed an Ohio State Attorney General's audit.

Our Veterans are the lifeline of our freedoms, without them our great nation could not exist. Our Cootie Motto "Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White" helps our hospitalized veterans and our voices in Washington DC helps all of our veterans and active duty personnel in all parts of the world.

I would sincerely appreciate your consideration for the high office of Supreme Treasurer in Kansas City, Mo., at our July Convention.

**With Love & Loyalty,**

**Cheri Soltesz**





## **Cathy Seippel for Supreme MOCA Conductress**



**Sisters and Brothers,**

I am requesting your support as I take this big step in running for Supreme Conductress. At the Supreme level I have had the honor of being Supreme District 6 Hospital Chairman and flag bearer; what a great honor! This has been such a great year! To date, I am 12 Supreme Jr. Vice, Treasurer of the Grand of Arizona and past for the Grand of Arizona. Currently, I feel that I am qualified to fill the office of Supreme Conductress. I have over 2000 plus hours for hospital work in the MOCA. I have been in the MOCA since 2014 in Pup Tent 23. I have worked within the MOCA and VFW and believe that I would be an asset to this great organization. I am hoping you will support me in this endeavor. I hope to see everyone at Supreme convention.

**Loyally Yours,  
Cathy Seippel**



# Supreme MOCA Hospital Report

May 31, 2018											
GRA ND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBE RS	PATIE NTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Bloo d	TOTAL CREDITS	%
<b>Supreme District #1--Vickie Peterson, Commissioner</b>											
DE	\$8,250.00	19	80	77	541	594.00	7384.00	2358.00	0	16786.46	203.47
MD	\$25,500.00	19	491	200	11079	2854.00	5386.00	1927.27	0	67039.01	262.90
PA	\$24,250.00	47	55	72	1468	552.50	4214.00	9300.29	3	21954.63	90.53
VA	\$42,500.00	32	96	112	1301	688.25	6684.00	27356.91	1	43812.71	103.09
WV	\$10,500.00	15	200	218	6926	1719.50	2558.00	726.00	0	39858.85	379.61
Total	\$111,000.00	132	922	679	21315	6408.25	26226.00	41668.47	4	189451.65	170.68
<b>Supreme District #2--Anna Holm, Commissioner</b>											
FL	\$90,750.00	150	299	610	11481	14099.50	45867.75	56590.80	40	380956.01	419.79
GA	\$7,000.00	13	60	97	657	225.50	1774.50	971.27	0	6304.73	90.07
LA	\$29,000.00	28	79	166	4805	1106.00	3116.00	7781.38	0	33157.92	114.34
MS	\$22,750.00	20	118	157	2376	1106.50	8443.00	3336.87	0	29270.47	128.66
NC	\$53,000.00	85	444	594	6437	3573.00	28231.00	30654.08	3	115177.57	217.32
SC	\$41,500.00	53	60	172	3197	1395.75	9202.00	12480.76	2	45243.20	109.02
TN	\$25,000.00	3	50	50	889	1052.00	2458.00	375.00	0	24441.72	97.77
Total	\$269,000.00	352	1110	1846	29842	22558.25	99092.25	112190.16	45	634551.61	235.89
<b>Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner</b>											
IL	\$23,000.00	56	71	148	1194	1184.75	4774.00	7315.84	7	34700.31	150.87
KY	\$13,000.00	17	154	244	1519	715.25	9831.00	3468.25	0	20973.48	161.33
MI	\$42,500.00	69	392	550	7925	2581.00	21429.00	7746.81	0	68948.42	162.23
OH	\$53,500.00	115	417	580	10207	4721.25	16896.00	23001.31	2	131022.90	244.90
WI	\$51,750.00	65	199	360	9883	2140.50	17426.32	6785.68	5	57493.64	111.10
Total	\$183,750.00	322	1233	1882	30728	11342.75	70356.32	48317.89	14	313138.75	170.42
<b>Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner</b>											
IA	\$4,250.00	22	38	82	641	393.50	2896.00	1420.00	0	10698.87	251.74
KS	\$24,000.00	64	475	575	13261	2861.75	26612.00	7454.54	4	75712.68	315.47
MN	\$70,500.00	58	727	976	24546	4631.50	35820.00	13739.93	18	123195.06	174.74
MO	\$57,250.00	238	761	1079	25588	6138.85	55610.10	58633.53	10	204850.01	357.82
MT	\$9,250.00	13	811	812	12489	5367.00	17850.00	2285.00	0	125809.85	1360.11
NE	\$18,750.00	33	211	428	6043	1625.00	15544.00	4989.26	4	43809.17	233.65
SD	\$16,000.00	8	15	27	292	108.50	1367.00	1055.00	2	3693.06	23.08
Total	\$200,000.00	436	3038	3979	82860	21126	155699	89577	38	587769	293.88
<b>Supreme District #5 -- Charlotte Lattin, Commissioner</b>											
AR	\$20,000.00	16	17	60	744	1611.00	3099.00	7437.16	0	44199.07	221.00
CO	\$26,000.00	40	64	163	6352	1007.25	8100.00	4685.95	0	28533.44	109.74
NM	\$41,000.00	59	90	256	4258	3979.00	28796.00	17573.23	0	111331.12	271.54
TX	\$41,250.00	52	51	220	2268	2446.50	10340.00	11832.06	1	68448.24	165.94
Total	\$128,250.00	167	222	699	13622	9043.75	50335.00	41528.40	1	252511.86	196.89
<b>Supreme District #6 --Cathy Seippel, Commissioner</b>											
AK	\$7,250.00	21	21	51	401	204.50	1330.00	2379.30	0	7176.98	98.99
AZ	\$36,750.00	79	686	771	14945	6408.25	30448.22	14879.00	1	163647.79	445.30
CA	\$56,500.00	38	145	233	6325	3680.25	11268.80	43603.95	0	128171.22	226.85
NV	\$16,250.00	1	1	1	18	8.00	20.00	597.00	0	780.20	4.80
OR	\$38,000.00	84	315	760	3968	4184.50	26411.00	5895.66	21	103953.68	273.56
WA	\$33,500.00	83	263	379	8803	3153.00	11759.00	12389.70	0	85136.11	254.14
Total	\$188,250.00	306	1431	2195	34460	17638.50	81237.02	79744.61	22	488865.97	259.69
<b>Supreme District #7 -- Rebecca Jacobson, Commissioner</b>											
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	136	418	455	21052	2931.00	7974.00	2847.91	3	70058.32	247.99
Total	\$71,500.00	136	418	455	21052	2931.00	7974.00	2847.91	3	70058.32	97.98
<b>Supreme Donations</b>											
Total	\$1,151,750.00	1851	8374	11735	233879	91048.60	490919.69	415874.70	127	2536346.85	220.22
Submitted By		JANIS WIMMER			Supreme Hospital Commissioner						

# Supreme MOCA Membership Report

June 15, 2018

State	2017	2018	%
<b>Division 1 (75-100)</b>			
Illinois	92	72	78.26%
Kansas	96	96	100.00%
Maryland (+ DC#1 7/7/17)	102	95	93.14%
Mississippi	91	102	112.09%
Nebraska	75	55	73.33%
Tennessee	100	99	99.00%
<b>6 Grands</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>93.35%</b>

State	2017	201778	%
<b>Division 4 (211 &amp; over)</b>			
California	226	213	94.25%
Florida	363	330	90.91%
Minnesota	282	269	95.39%
Missouri	229	221	96.51%
North Carolina	212	185	87.26%
Ohio	214	194	90.65%
<b>6 Grands</b>	<b>1526</b>	<b>1412</b>	<b>92.53%</b>

<b>Division 2 (101-160)</b>			
Arizona	147	149	101.36%
Colorado	104	106	101.92%
Louisiana	116	70	60.34%
New Jersey	135	135	100.00%
New York	113	103	91.15%
Oregon	152	138	90.79%
Washington	134	135	100.75%
<b>7 Grands</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>92.79%</b>

<b>Division 3 (161-210)</b>			
Michigan	170	193	113.53%
New Mexico	164	158	96.34%
South Carolina	166	160	96.39%
Texas	165	162	98.18%
Virginia	170	167	98.24%
Wisconsin	207	207	100.00%
<b>6 Grands</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>1047</b>	<b>100.48%</b>

<b>Division 5 (Auxiliaries not in a Grand)</b>			
Alaska #2	29	27	93.10%
Arkansas #13	55	27	49.09%
Arkansas #14	25	10	40.00%
Delaware #2	16	21	131.25%
Delaware #4	17	22	129.41%
Georgia #5 (adopted 8/15/17)	16	17	106.25%
Georgia #66	12	20	166.67%
Iowa #6 (new 9/23/16)	17	15	88.24%
Kentucky #7	23	24	104.35%
Kentucky #9	29	31	106.90%
Massachusetts #14	38	37	97.37%
Montana #10	37	31	83.78%
Nevada #2	25	13	52.00%
Nevada #3	17	0	0.00%
Nevada #5	23	17	73.91%
Pennsylvania #13	18	0	0.00%
Pennsylvania #33 (new 4/8/18)		11	
Pennsylvania #44	28	29	103.57%
Pennsylvania #59	51	34	66.67%
South Dakota #1	22	22	100.00%
South Dakota #12 (N 9/28/16)	17	20	117.65%
South Dakota #20	25	12	48.00%
West Virginia #6	42	40	95.24%
	<b>582</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>82.47%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4607</b>	<b>4294</b>	<b>93.21%</b>

DC #1 Added to Grand Maryland then deleted from Auxiliaries not in a Grand 10/6/17

NEW 100.00%  
 CONGRATULATIONS!!! Grand of Colorado 101.92%  
 Grand of Kansas 100.00%  
 Grand of New Jersey 100.00%  
 Grand of Washington 100.75%  
 Auxiliaries Not In A Grand  
 Delaware #2 131.25%  
 Delaware #4 129.41%  
 Kentucky #7 104.35%

SEE YOU IN KANSAS CITY!!!

## MOCA Representative Assignment Dates

	Grand	Location	Rep		
Mar 16-17	District 14	Lawton OK	Penny	completed	
Apr 6-9	Minnesota	Cambridge	Penny	Booked	
Apr 13-14	Virginia	Norfolk	Penny	drive	
Apr 20-22	Wisconsin	Eagle River	Penny	air	Book flight
Apr 27-29	Missouri	Osage Beach	Penny	drive	
May 4-5	Washington	Renton,	Penny	fly	Book flight
6-May	Alaska	Eagle River	Penny	fly	Book flight
May 11-12	West Virginia	Huntington	Penny	drive	
May 18-20	Arizona	Phoenix	Penny	air	Book flight
Jun 1-2	Texas	San Antonio	Penny	drive	
Jun 16th	Massachusetts	Whittion	Penny	air	Book flight
Apr 5-8	New York	Little Falls	Jennifer	X	
April 14rh	Georgia 66	Hinesville GA	Marquitta	X	
Apr 20-22	District 6	Metairie LA	Pat	X	
Apr 20-22	Louisanna	Metarie LA	Pat	X	
Apr 20-22	Mississippi	Biloxi	Susan	X	
Apr 20-22	Tennessee	Smyrna	Marquitta	X	
Apr 26-27	Ohio	Enon OH	Marquitta	X	
Apr 27-28	District 4	Laurel MD	Pat	X	
May 11-12	Illinois	McHenry	Sissy	X	
Jun 1-2	Michigan	Fenton MI	Krosemarie	X	
Jun 1-2	Oregon	Redmond, OR	Jennifer	X	
Jun 1-2	Kansas		Colette	X	
Jun 7-10	Florida	Safety Harbor	Penney	X	
Jun 10-12	New Jersey	Wildwood, NJ	GeorgJean	X	
Jun 22-24	South Carolina	TBD	Susan	X	
June 22-23	District 12	Las Vegas	Pat	X	
JUN 24-25	District 8	McHenry	Marquitta	X	
May 17-20	California	LeMoore	Pat	X	



# 2018 Supreme Scratch Hotel Rewards Flyer



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE TO BE REWARDED.

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## 99<sup>th</sup> SUPREME SCRATCH KANSAS CITY JULY 2018



We have select the Marriott Hotel in Overland Park, the address of the hotel is 10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas 66210. We will have a link on our website so that you can make reservations. The hotel reservation phone number is 800-228-9290, make sure you mention Military Order of the Cootie. The cutoff date for making reservations is June 29, 2018.

I have obtained transportation for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to take Cooties to the VFW convention. There will be 2 trips in the Morning to take people to the convention and 2 trips in the afternoon to bring people back to the hotel. There will be a cost of \$20.00 round trip if you use this transportation. If you know you will using this method of transportation you can prepay for the trips you plan on making and you will be able to pick up your tickets when you arrive at the hotel. Please send the reservation money to Supreme Headquarters. I will be there to distribute the prepaid tickets. You will also be able to get tickets at the hotel. These are 15 passenger vans and space is on a first come first served basis. Taxi fares can run as high \$38.00 one way, Uber is available in the Kansas City area but I do not know the cost. In addition the cost to park downtown near the convention center ranges from \$8.00 to \$20.00 a day to park. The company we are dealing with also offers a limo service to restaurants in the area. Cost is reasonable. Transportation to and from the hotel to the Kansas City airport is available thru the limo service with a 15% discount. The Limo company phone number is 913-221-8592 and ask if you are making a reservation to be picked up at the airport that you use this code **RK2019** when you call in. That code will give you a 15 % discount for the service provided. You could also contact Super Shuttle at 816-471-6050 or 800 258-3825. You should make reservations if using either the Super Shuttle or the Limo service. More information will be posted at a later date.

**If you are planning on purchasing transportation to the convention your payment must be received at Supreme Headquarters by July 7, 2018. Transportation reservations received after that date will be returned and you will have to get them once you arrive at the hotel.**

I was able to negotiate with the hotel an excellent breakfast buffet which they are offering at a discounted rate. All rooms in the hotel have mini refrigerators in the rooms you will also get WIFI in the room for free and free parking. Room rate is \$110.00. As usual there are a limited number of rooms for those Cooties that want to go to the VFW convention, however to get the Cootie rate while attending the VFW convention you must stay thru Saturday night July 28. For those of you that are Marriott rewards members the hotel is also offering 500 additional points per day if you forgo cleaning of your rooms. (See brochure that will be on our website for details).





# 99th Supreme Scratch Marriott Kansas City Overland Park Kansas City, Missouri



Cooties and Sisters will gather in Kansas City, MO at the Marriott Kansas City Overland Park the weekend of 25-29 July, 2018 for the 99th Supreme Scratch. Cooties will be responsible for their own reservations. WIFI and Parking is FREE. There will be a limited number of rooms available for Cooties who would like to check in as early as July 21, 2018 at the group rate, however, the stay must be through Saturday July 29, 2018. Early departures will pay a penalty. Cut-off for reservations is June 20, 2018. There is a NO hotel provided shuttle from the airport to the hotel. The Supreme Banquet will be held on Saturday July 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM. We are currently finalizing all of the specific details for the Convention. More information will be posted to our LOTCS.ORG website in the near future.

## REGISTRATION FORM – 99th SUPREME SCRATCH Kansas City, Missouri, 25-29, July 2018

NAME:

GRAND OF:

PT#:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

CONTACT PHONE:

EMAIL:

HOW ARE YOU REGISTERING **(CHECK ONLY ONE)**  
(Whichever you check, that is how you plan on voting)

Pup Tent Delegate: YES ☐

Current Grand Commander: Yes ☐

Immediate Past Grand Commander: Yes ☐

Past Supreme Commander: Yes ☐

Voting member of Supreme Council: Yes ☐

FEE TOTAL:

Registration for the 99th Supreme Scratch is \$15.00 per delegate. **ALL PUP TENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE TO THE 99th SUPREME SCRATCH PER SECTION 533 OF THE SUPREME BY-LAWS.** Advance registration to be mailed to: Supreme Headquarters, MOC, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145-2068. **Advanced registration should arrive no later than June 30, 2018.** Attach a separate sheet for multiple delegates with required funds for each delegate being registered. **Registration at the Scratch will be \$17.00.**

**M.O.C.A. 57<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention**  
**Kansas City, Missouri**  
**July 25 – July 29, 2018**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

Make Advance Registration checks payable to the **Supreme M.O.C.A.** and mail to Treasurer Penney Howard, P O Box 34, Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034.

Advance Registration is \$20.00. **Due by June 25, 2018.**

Late and On-site Registration is \$25.00.

**NOTE: Registration includes the Supreme President's Printed Program Book for 2018-2019 or in CD with Roster included, you have to choose one or the other.** Please be sure to mail your advance registration so it is received by the Supreme Treasurer before June 30, 2018.

PLEASE print or type ALL information

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand: \_\_\_\_\_ Aux # \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Supreme Officers and Grand Presidents, please indicate your title below:

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**Choose one:**

**Printed Book**    ☐

**OR**

**CD with Roster**    ☐

## Credentials for Supreme Convention

### Section 322, paragraph C Delegates to Conventions

Delegates and Alternates to the Supreme Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Supreme Convention, one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election.

The Auxiliary President **does not** have a Vote at the Supreme Convention, unless she has been elected a Delegate.

The Auxiliary Secretary shall send a complete list of elected delegates and alternates to the Supreme Treasurer immediately following election, either **Email** [moca-supreme-treas@comcast.net](mailto:moca-supreme-treas@comcast.net) or by **mail** Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard, PO Box 34 Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034. **We have eliminated Credential Cards so this step is essential even if you don't think your Delegates are attending Supreme Convention, send their names in.**

The number of Delegates per auxiliary will be based on per capita tax that has been received in this office at the time of their election. It is very important that the installation report be correctly filled out and received by the Supreme Treasurer so you are allowed to vote.

Advance Registration is sent to the Supreme Treasurer with the fee of \$20.00. Any member may register for the convention and receive a packet. Please make a list of these members; giving their name, address, auxiliary name, number and State. If you do not plan to attend and you want your packet picked up by another auxiliary sister or mailed to you, please specify on your request.

Registration after June 25, 2018 and at the Supreme Convention will be \$25.00. To gain admission to the Convention session, you must possess a current official 2018 membership dues card.

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### Supreme Convention Credentials Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie

Auxiliary Name \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This is to Certify that Sister(s):

#### Delegates

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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#### Alternates

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_

Have been elected delegates and alternates of this Auxiliary to the Supreme Convention.

In Witness whereof we hereunto affix our signatures.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_



# 2018 Advertisements for MOCA Convention Book



## 57<sup>th</sup> SUPREME AUXILIARY

### ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

The 57<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Overland Park (Kansas City), KS on July 25 through 29, 2018. We hope that you would like to tell EVERYONE what your Auxiliaries and Grands have been up to. Here is a way, place your advertisement in our MOCA 57<sup>th</sup> Convention Book this year.

To begin, simply create an ad (in BLACK AND WHITE, no color Please!) and send it along with this form to:

**MOCA Supreme Treasurer**

**Penney Howard**

**PO Box 34**

**Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034**

**E-mail: [moca-supreme-treas@comcast.net](mailto:moca-supreme-treas@comcast.net)**

It would be easiest if you E-mailed a copy of your ad as well as snail mail a copy with your check (made out to MOCA Supreme). In order to have time for the book to be printed I need to receive these ads by June 9, 2018. FYI: We are also doing BOOSTER SHEETS to be printed in this book with the MOC's blessings.

### AD PRICES

- **FULL PAGE** (*best bang for your buck*) .....\$150.00
- **½ PAGE**.....\$100.00
- **¼ PAGE**.....\$50.00
- **BOOSTERS:** .....\$2.00

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRAND** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUXILIARY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **#** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIZE: (CIRCLE ONE):**    **FULL PAGE**    **½ PAGE**    **¼ PAGE**

**CHECK NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE # ( ) - . Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember to send your **BLACK & WHITE** ad copy with your check to SUPREME MOCA TREASURER. Thanks see you in July!



MOC AUXILIARY SUPREME BOOSTER  
\$2 per Name sent by GRAND of \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

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**Please Mail Forms and Money By June 9th for Printing**  
**To: MOCA Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard**  
**P O Box 34 - Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034**



# Supreme Amendments

## B-1 Amendment to By Laws Section 407. Officers. B. Elective:

**Submitted by: Grand of North Carolina**

### Section 407 Currently reads:

**B. Elective:** Elective officers of each Grand Pup Tent shall be a Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chaplain, Historian and Council Members as provided in **Paragraph D** of this Section.

However, **Section. 407. Officers Paragraph A** states “The officers of the Grand Pup Tent shall consist of the same officer as compose the Local Pup Tent with the addition of a Chief of Staff, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Inspector, Deputy Inspectors, VAVSR and Aides- de-Camp. All officers shall prefix the word “Grand” to their title.

In keeping with Section 407.A. and making this part of the By-Laws correct and consistent, we should change Section 407.B. to read as above and correct any other area of the By-Laws to read anywhere it says Grand Commander to Grand Seam Squirrel/Commander, Grand Sr. Vice Commander to read Grand Blanket Bum/Sr. Vice and so on and so forth with the rest of the Grand Offices elected and appointed. Which basically means that all Grand Officers will be allowed to be called by Cootie “proper” names, the same as they are at the Pup Tent Level. Therefore making Section 407.A. Correct and consistent with all Cootie Jargon. **All officers shall prefix the word “Grand” to their title.**

With emphasis on the last sentence. **All officers shall prefix the word “Grand” to their title.** In order for this Statement to be true paragraph “B. Elective:” Section Should be changed for each office to read as below.

**Section 407. Officers B. Elective:** Elective officers of each Grand Pup Tent shall be a Grand Seam Squirrel/Commander, Grand Blanket Bum/Senior Vice Commander, Grand Hide Gimlet/Junior Vice Commander, Grand CCDB/Quartermaster, Grand Shyster/Adjutant, Grand Pill Pusher/Surgeon, Grand Sky Pilot/Chaplain, Grand Keeper of the Crummy Records and Council Members as provided in **Paragraph D** of this Section.

Also, the Election Report would need to be changed in order to reflect the By-Laws.

## B-2 Amendment to By Laws Section 201. Formation of.

**Submitted by: Supreme Quartermaster**

### Section 201. Formation of. Currently reads:

A Pup Tent may be formed by charter from the Supreme Pup Tent on application of not less than fifteen (15) members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States who may be members of the Military Order of the Cootie in accordance Section 101 of the MOC By-Laws; provided, however, the number of Pup Tents in any Grand shall be governed by a majority vote of the Grand Council and where no Grand Pup Tent exists, it shall be a decision of the Supreme Pup Tent. Such application shall be made in accordance with the By-Laws of the Military Order of the Cootie.

The change was incorporated in Indianapolis in 2010 to remove the requirement for exclusively 15 NEW Cooties to form a Pup Tent, allowing current Cooties who may be at a location without a Pup Tent to be a part of the initial set of Cooties. The thought being they could pro-

vide great assistance to a new Pup Tent from their experiences AND it would be easier to get the required number of Cooties if existing Cooties were allowed to be part of the initial cadre.

Therefore it is recommended that Section 201 be amended to read as follows:

A Pup Tent maybe formed by charter from the Supreme Pup Tent on application of not less than fifteen (15) members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. These members can be new members, reinstated or transfers from another Pup Tent in accordance with section 101 of the MOC By-Laws: provided, however, the number of Pup Tents in any Grand shall be governed by a majority vote of the Grand Council and where no Grand Pup Tent exists, it shall be a decision of the Supreme Pup Tent. Such application shall be made in accordance with the By-Laws of the Military Order of the Cootie.

### **B-3 Amendment to By Laws Section 401. Formation:**

**Submitted by: Grand of Ohio, PT 83**

#### **Section 401 Currently reads:**

#### **Section 401. Formation.**

- A. Whenever three (3) or more Pup Tents with a total membership of at least one hundred twenty-five (125) members have been organized in any State, Foreign geographical area or Foreign Possession, a Grand Pup Tent may be organized, in said State or Possession.
- B. Charters of Grand Pup Tents shall be signed by the Supreme Commander and counter-signed by the Supreme Adjutant and shall be issued to each Grand Pup Tent immediately upon the permanent organization thereof.
- C. When the strength of a Grand Pup Tent falls below the required three (3) Pup Tents and/or the one hundred twenty-five (125) members, the Supreme Commander may withdraw the Grand Pup Tent Charter and may establish a Provisional Grand Pup Tent in such State or Possession.
- D. Application for Charter of a Grand Pup Tent shall be forwarded to Supreme Headquarters accompanied by a charter fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, to the Supreme Pup Tent.
- E. Any Grand Pup Tent must conform to the provisions of Paragraph A to retain status as a Grand Pup Tent.

Based on the situation currently within the Northeast portion of the US, there are only a few viable Pup Tents mostly within the Black Division (i.e., without a Grand). A proposal was floated to implement a Grand of New England to provide support and oversight for that geographic area. However, based on the current By-laws, Grands within the US are formed within A state. Because of the wording in Subsection A and C, a By-Law change would be required to support a regional Grand within the CONUS.

Therefore it is suggested to change Section 401 to read as follows:

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- F. Establishment of a Geographic Area Grand covering more than one VFW Department would require the approval of all Department Commanders having jurisdiction within the proposed Grand Area.

## **Proposed By-Law Change**

### **ARTICLE V - Supreme Pup Tent**

**Section 534.** Registration Fee at Supreme Scratch. Now reads

#### **Section 534. Registration Fee at Supreme Scratch.**

- A.** Advance registration fee for the Supreme Scratch will be **\$15.00**.
- B.** Registration at the Supreme Scratch will be **\$17.00** and shall be required of all members before voice or vote can be heard, if in attendance at the Supreme Scratch.
- C.** Each Pup Tent is required to register, in advance, at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch by the payment of the fee.
- D.** Each Grand Commander, voting members of Supreme Council and Past Supreme Commanders are required to register as said office in order to cast their individual votes.
- E.** Pup Tents failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears and will be subjected to a late fee penalty and will be required to pay **\$17.00** to bring the Pup Tent out of arrears and back in good standing with the Supreme organization

#### **Justification:**

- A.** The current By-Laws only reflect a Late Fee of \$2.00 difference.
- B.** There is no incentive for submitting a Registration Fee on time.

**Therefore we recommend** Article V, Section 534, be amended as stated below:

#### **Section 534. Registration Fee at Supreme Scratch.**

- A.** Advance registration fee for the Supreme Scratch will be **\$15.00**.
- B.** Registration at the Supreme Scratch will be **\$20.00** and shall be required of all members before voice or vote can be heard, if in attendance at the Supreme Scratch.
- C.** Each Pup Tent (to include the Grand Pup Tents) is required to register, in advance, at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch by the payment of the fee.
- D.** Each Grand Commander, voting members of Supreme Council and Past Supreme Commanders are required to register as said office in order to cast their individual votes.
- E.** Pup Tents failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears and will be subjected to a late fee penalty and will be required to pay **\$20.00** to bring the Pup Tent out of arrears and back in good standing with the Supreme organization.

**This By-Law change was proposed by Gordon K. Lam, Grand Commander of New Mexico, submitted to the New Mexico Grand Council of Administration Meeting on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2017, at which this proposal was PASSED by Vote by the MOC of New Mexico Council of Administration meeting on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2017**



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE



### 84th TOMB TREK 2018 ARLINGTON NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERY

This year **Tomb Trek** will be held on 2 Nov thru 4 Nov 2018.

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

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

**ROOM RATES:** \$109.00 plus tax.

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

Cutoff Date for room block reservations is **1 October 2018**.

Parking is \$ 10.00 per day.

#### **ADVANCED REGISTRATION:**

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

#### **AFTER 1 OCTOBER 2018:**

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

**NOTE: 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.**

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348 David Hall Road, Dover, Delaware (302) 222-7558 [mnewman122@gmail.com](mailto:mnewman122@gmail.com)





## Military Order of the Cootie REGISTRATION 84th TOMB TREK



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

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pup Tent/Auxiliary Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Meal Selection: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please enter how many of each meal selection.)

<u>Type of Registration</u>	<u>Advanced Registration</u>	<u>After 10/1/2018</u>
Full Registration	\$85.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Registration Only	\$20.00 _____	\$25.00 _____
Banquet Only	\$50.00 _____	\$55.00 _____
Bus Ticket	\$15.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
# Regular _____		
# Handicap _____		

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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  
84th TOMB TREK**



**MOC:**

Pup Tent & #: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOCA:**

Pup Tent & #: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND:**

MOC: \_\_\_\_\_

MOCA: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPREME DISTRICT:**

MOC District #: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary District #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Each wreath is \$ 25.00. (\$5 goes towards the design, compilation and printing of the booklet) Your order must be received before 1 October 2018 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 2018**



## **90th GRAND OF MICHIGAN MOC**

### **VFW NATIONAL HOME COOTIE CHRISTMAS PARTY,**

**December 1, 2018**

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 "Cootie Christmas".**

**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**

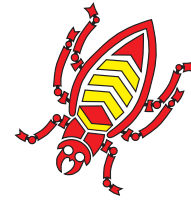
**Military Order of the Cootie! CALL Banquet Coordinator Naida Schelter at**

**(517)626-6942 or email: [anaida6488@aol.com](mailto:anaida6488@aol.com), for reservations; \$42 per**

**person. DON'T DELAY. Hospital Visit will be November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting at**

**12:30pm in the hotel lobby. Please see PGC Eric Bell or**

**[www.mocgrandofmichigan.com](http://www.mocgrandofmichigan.com) for additional information.**



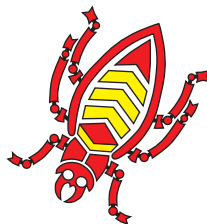
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## **Military Order of the Cootie 100 Year Anniversary Coin**

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.







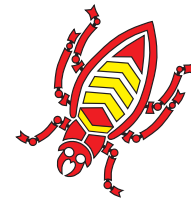
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# Grand of Florida

Florida Grand Convention 8-10 June 2018



Grand of Florida Installation of 2018-2019 Officers. Gary Godard, Grand Commander installed by PGC Chester Pyatt; Kathy Godard (Yes wife of) installed by Ivy Shafer, President of the Grand of Michigan. Both Gary & Kathy are from BoWeevil #8, home of Gene Thomas, PSC. Gene was able, at 96, to make the Grand Convention in Safety Harbor, FL.

*Courtesy of Jerry-Ann Henry, PGP and Grand Secretary*





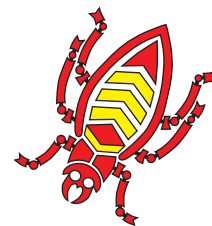
# Grand of Maryland



Top Notch Pup Tent 1 MOC and the MOCA spent a lousy afternoon with the residents of the Community Living Center at the DC VAMC playing Bingo. The residents celebrated with TnT in observance of their 94th chartered year. Besides the bingo, we had a horrible feast of cupcakes and ice cream. ANOTHER LOUSY COOTIE EVENT! Those pictured left to right are Niketia Davis Rec Therapist , Georgia Eaves Hungry Cootie, Mary Brisbon MOCA President, Francine Cornish member Auxiliary and Clint T. Townsend Seam Squirrel. Pictured in the wheel chair is Ms. Hunter, a resident of the community living center. MOC member Joe Repress participated, but he left before we took the picture.



Military Order of the Cootie Seam Squirrel Clinton Townsend and Auxiliary President Mary Brisbon of Top Notch Pup Tent 1 of Washington, DC celebrated the voluntary service of the DC Veterans Administration Medical Center at their awards banquet.



# Grand of New Hampshire



Tilton Veterans' Home Barbeque  
May 20, 2018





Lousy cooks of the pucks and sliders



Lousy server of the pucks and sliders



Lousy Cooties from Pup Tent 1 & 3

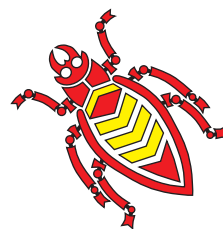
# Grand of New Jersey



From Pup Tent PEE 38, Grand Of New Jersey. Seam Squirrel, Charles "BOE" Gallagher, is handing over a \$500.00 check to Dianne Hammond, President of The New Jersey Gold Star Mothers Association. He also presented her with a 100 year Cootie anniversary challenge coin. She was thrilled with the donations.

This is the third year in a row that Pup Tent PEE 38 has run a breakfast for the Gold Star Mothers. In that period of time, we have donated over \$3,000.00 to that organization and have served over 200 free breakfasts to the mothers and their families.

We would like to also thank our parent organization, VFW Post 2179 in Middletown, New Jersey for the use of their kitchen and facilities. VFW Post 2179 has also sponsored three picnics in three years for the New Jersey Gold Star Mothers.





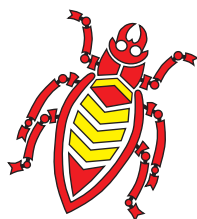
# Grand of North Dakota



Above: Cootie Steve Sanders, Hungry Cootie for Red River Rats Pup Tent #34, Grand of Minnesota. The veterans that are with him are hospitalized at the Fargo, ND VA Hospital. Voluntary Services at the Fargo VA organized a trip for these veterans to the annual Rib Fest held in Fargo, ND. Pup Tent #34 paid for their meals. Cootie Steve was our representative at the event to pay for the meals.

*Courtesy of John Lopez*

*CCDB Pup Tent #34  
10th Supreme District Council Member*





Bob Bird of PT2 of Bismarck-Mandan is the Cootie of the Year for 2017-2018.



Grand Commander Richard Fuller gives Supreme Commander Dan Kramer his Eagle Gift.





New officers for North Dakota Grand 2018-2019.

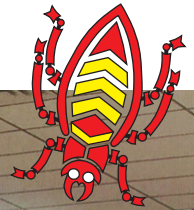


New Grand Commander for 2018-2019 Jerry Darling gets sworn in by Supreme Commander Dan Kramer.

*Courtesy of Steve Volk*



# Grand of Tennessee



On April 20-21, 2018 the Cooties and Auxiliary of all Pup Tents in Tennessee invaded VFW Post 8422 in Smyrna, TN for a Grand C of A convention. There was great Cootie chow, Cootie Milk and Cootie camaraderie!!!

The Cooties also had some serious buzziness to take care of. Such as "Cooking the Books" and electing Grand officers for the next year.

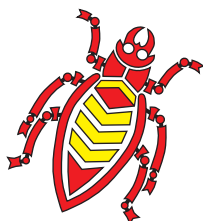
As all good things must come to an end, the reign of Charlie Goodreau as Grand Commander has ended. He has turned the gavel over to the newly elected Grand Commander Darrell Birk from Pup Tent 5 in Smyrna, TN. All of the incoming officers had the honor of being sworn in by the Past Supreme Commander Maurice Theriac.

Along with all the fun came a lot of work to prepare for this event. Many people from the VFW as well as MOC and Auxiliary members helped out. Starting at the top with Post Commander (and Cootie) Bob Landis, down to the people who just volunteered their help. Thanks to all who mad this event so extravagant!!! Keep up the good work and *"Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!"*

Submitted by PGC John "Buy a Round" Rydzewski

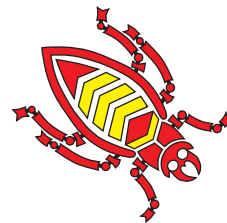
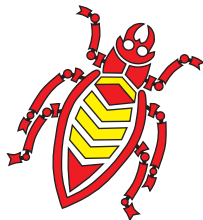


Pictured Above: Darrell Birk being sworn in as the Grand Commander of Tennessee along with his other Grand officers.





From left to right: Grand Commander Darrell Birk, Past Supreme Commander Maurice Theriac and Past Grand Commander Charlie Goodreau.

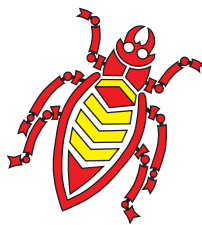




# Grand of Texas



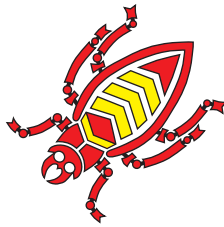
Pup Tent 13, Grand of Texas presented a bingo machine with board to the VA Hospital Dom in Temple, Texas. Present were Grand Commander Brian Smock, Grand JVC Lex Atnip, Grand Chief of Staff Clarence Hill, Grand Historian Carl Johnson, Grand MOCA President Sandy Smock, and MOCA members Edna Hill, Rose Marie Johnson, and Barbara Moore.



# Grand of Washington

## Flying High

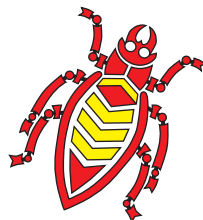
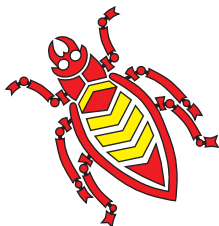
Supreme Commander Dan Kramer and Supreme President Penny Cacoulidis pose in a SR-71 spy plane on their visit to the Grand of Washington.







Supreme Commander Dan Kramer and Supreme President Penny Cacoulidis pose with outgoing Grand Commander Ross Walker and Grand President Carolyn Darnell during the Grand Scratch dinner. And that's Ross's service dog Hiker standing loyally by his side.







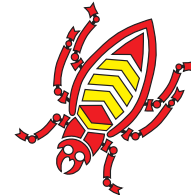
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## **Listen Cooties,**

This issue of the Cootie Courier is dedicated to Past Supreme Commander Johnny Howard who has passed on to our Happy Hunting Grounds in the sky. Please read his obituary at the end of this issue. For those who had the opportunity to know him, his motto during his term as Supreme Commander (2008-2009) was “Stand Fast for Vets”. Let all Specie Pediculi keep Johnny’s family in our prayers in these coming days, for he will be truly missed by all.

As in the last issue of our ripped, torn and most Crummy rag and news that’s unfit to print, the Supreme Scratch is fast approaching and so are the deadlines for all of our programs. I hope that all Specie Pediculi are as “Busy as a Bee” getting everything done. Our happy hunting grounds are ripe with unsuspecting atoms. Let’s round them up so that they’ll take those backward steps and become a part of our Crummy Fraternity. For those who are weary, apply that “Blue Ointment of Happiness” and remember to drink gallons and gallons of Cootie Milk! It’s totally Lousy for you!

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Dale A. Iannello**  
**Editor**  
**Cootie Courier**



NAME	STATE	PUP TENT	NAME	STATE	PUP TENT
Carpenter, Benny	CA	40	Doster, Charles R.	NC	89
Deckwa, Clarence	CA	40	Andersen, Gilbert M.	ND	6
Doyle, James	CO	1	Bloomquist, Dale F.	ND	10
Horn, Bill JR	CO	1	Wilcox, Marlyn D.	NE	7
Starkey, Raymond	CO	1	Grzesklewicz, Richard	NJ	86
Hogan, Robert	FL	32	Hann, Joseph	NJ	86
Kopp, Richard	FL	32	Mitchell, William	NJ	86
George Yunko	FL	32	Ford, Joe	NM	7
Ramiez, Florencio	FL	59	Salisbury, Bruce	NM	14
Nelson, Bruce	IL	79	Frederick, Arthur E.	NV	2
Mallinson, Ben	KS	2	Smith, Frank B.	OH	18
Allen, Dale D.	KS	3	Brankamp, John	OH	83
Allen, James E.	KS	3	Masek, John F.	OH	92
Baker, Max A.	KS	3	Nathan, John R.	OR	1
Clark, Daryl E.	KS	3	Lucas, Charles T	PA	72
Schmidt, Allen	KS	3	Bowers, Benjamin	PA	99
Sullivan, Allan R.	KS	3	Peddy, John Lee	PC	7
Urban, Michael	KS	3	Henon, Jerry	SC	3
Belardo, Joe	KS	6	Glover, Andrew	SC	13
Norman, Alvin M.	KS	6	Dummermuth, Donald	SD	1
Rivera, Louis I.	KS	6	Elle, Sigmund R.	SD	1
Maske, Jim	KS	7	Popkes, Berdell E.	SD	1
McCafferty, Michael E.	KS	7	Marvin Stearns	TX	11
Mains, Robert Willis JR	KY	2	Lawrence Taylor	TX	05
Staubach, George C	KY	2	Donald Hammill	WA	9
Clarence Baker	KY	09	Lazich, Emil	WI	38
Thomas Burris	KY	09			
Hall, Edward	MA	14			
Landis, Wallace	MI	5			
Rose, Delmar	MI	5			
O'Connel, Michael R.	MN	MAL			
Whitney Jr., Robert	MN	15			
Kaardal, Elmer A.	MN	88			
Beach, Junior E.	MS	6			
Roberts, Joe E.	MS	15			
Black, Vernon	NC	78			
Graham, Samuel	NC	78			

# In Memory of Johnny Howard



Johnny (wheel chair) some of his officers and Supreme Chaplain Steve Smith (Past NC Dept. Chaplain)

It is with a heavy and sadden heart to report that one of our own has been called upon by his maker. Memorial Services were held Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> at VFW Post 7315 Havelock, NC for Johnny “I love you MAN” Howard, Past Military Order of the Cootie Supreme Commander 2008-2009 who hails from Cootie Pup Tent # 3, hosted by VFW Post 7315, Havelock, NC. Johnny passed away on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, a proud Vietnam Veteran who retired from the United States Marine Corps in 1985. On top of all that a life member both the VFW and the Cooties. For those who may not know the Supreme Commander is the equivalent to the VFW’s National Commander - in - Chief. Johnny was one of the biggest workers for the VFW and VFW’s cause. As depicted in his own words in his first Article of the Cootie Courier (The Cooties National Newsletter.) Johnny’s Statement read as follows:

“As always we need to increase our Membership. I strongly believe every VFW District should have at least one or more MOC Pup Tents.” “Let’s recruit as many VFW members as possible. Make our new VFW Members welcome. Help them get involved in working in their individual VFW Post. Once worthy, let’s invite all VFW Workers to become Members of our

Great Organization – ASAP. Let's recruit as many VFW Workers into our ranks as possible."

Johnny truly believed, like all Cooties do, that our VFW comes first!!! And helping Veterans is and should be a priority of all Veterans and VFW members. His year's Motto was "Stand Fast for Vets". As all of us need to do...WE ALL need to "Stand Fast for Vets".

Now if you are inspired to follow in this endeavor of "Standing Fast for Vets" and inspired by the Cootie Motto of "Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White". You can contact our MOC Grand Commander Elvis Cook – (910)814-7075, email [guardmacook@aol.com](mailto:guardmacook@aol.com) or Immediate Past Grand Commander, Mark Larkin – (252)503-1471 email [mark.larkin1966@gmail.com](mailto:mark.larkin1966@gmail.com), or the Grand Quartermaster Art Erhardt (252)241-5665 email [aerhardt@ec.rr.com](mailto:aerhardt@ec.rr.com).

