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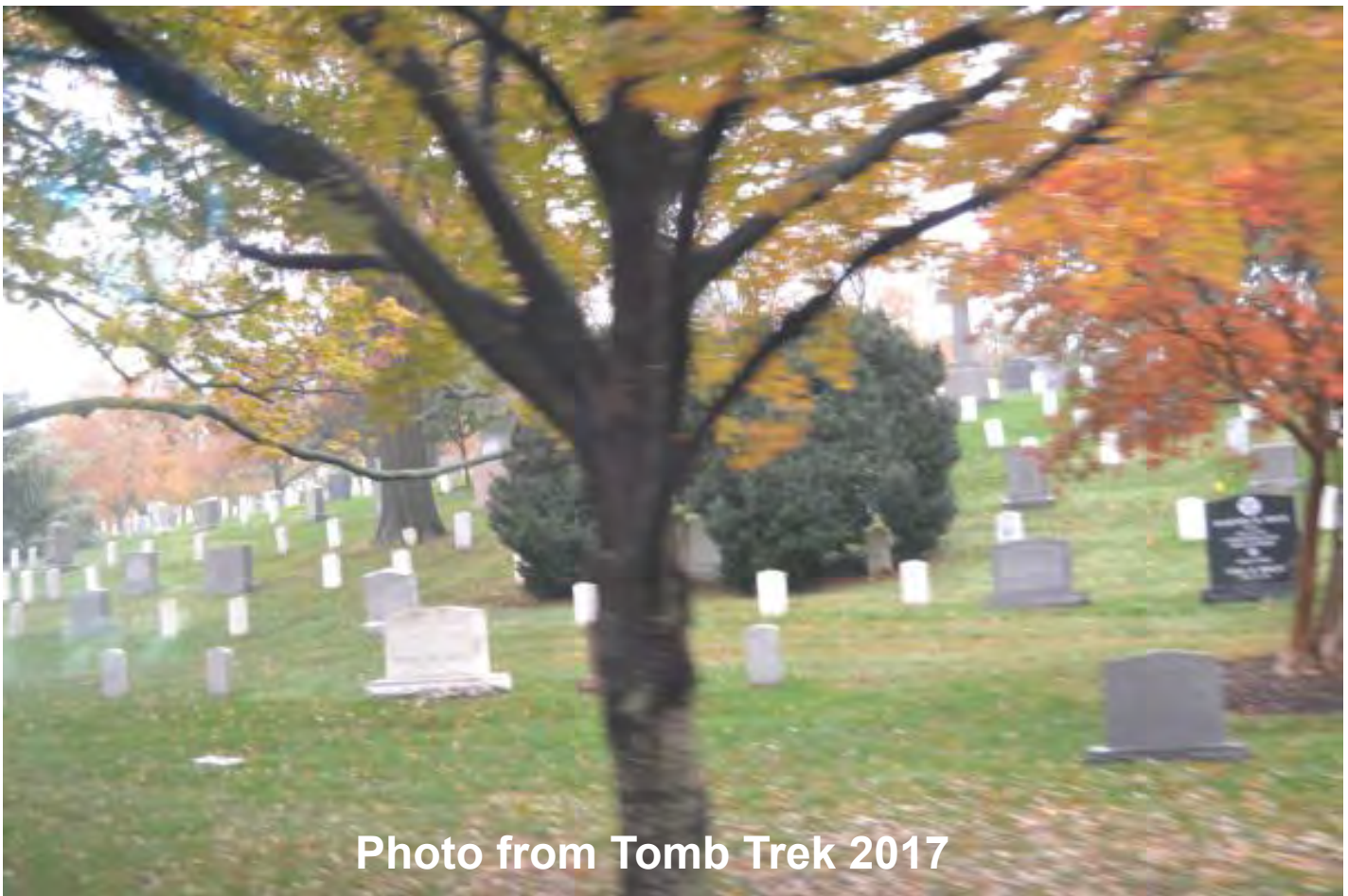


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From the Supreme Commander

Listen Cooties,

I just got back from Cootie Christmas at the National Home and it was a great time. Watching all the families was great. I hope you all take the time to visit the National Home; it is a very worthwhile experience.

We are halfway through the year already. I would ask that you please report all of your Hospital work. So, at the end of the year I can give a good report to VFW Commander-in-Chief and beat the record for previous years because I know we are doing the work. This is so important; not only to maintain our tax free status, but also so that the Senate and Congress know how much we do for our brothers and sisters in arms and maybe we can get them to do more. Hopefully, we can at least make them feel a little bit guilty. Very few of these people are veterans and they need to know how much of a sacrifice military service to this country really is. I know they cannot understand all that the military does and goes through. But, this is one way we can try to show them we have a lifetime commitment to our brothers and sisters no matter where they serve! I am sure that you all understand this, but most of the leaders of our country do not. We, as an organization, need to stand together even more than we already do, so that all of our nation realizes we are serious about veteran's issues of the day. I know that our main objective is Hospital work. But, if you are like me, you do whatever it takes to help our troops, no matter what!

My aim this year was to increase communication from the top to the bottom of the MO C. I hope you feel that it is getting better for each and every one in our great Organization. If you do not, please let me know if you have an idea to further this process. I told everyone that I am not the smartest person in world, but just a guy from the hills of Nebraska and I believe that everyone has a good idea to help the Cooties.

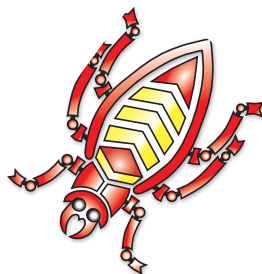
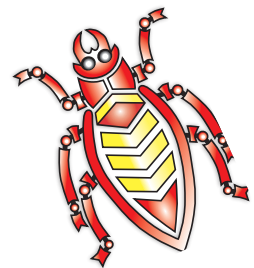
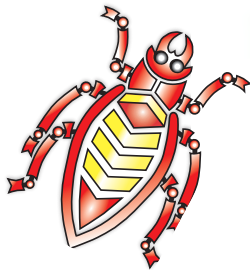
I look forward to seeing many of you when I visit and then again at Supreme Convention in Kansas City. I hope that you feel the same vigor and anxiety I feel when I think about this country's failure to take care of our "Heroes" who have served "Honorably" and then come home without a welcome or thank you from the heart of a "Nation."



Cooties, thank you for all that you do each day. Please know that what I say comes from my heart and not just to hear myself talk. I am here to serve you and try to make our organization the best that it can be.

Yours in LOTCS,

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

Listen Up Cooties,

It seems like Tomb Trek was yesterday, Thanksgiving has come and gone, Christmas is over and we welcomed in the New Year. Now is the time to get back to our programs and wrapping up the year.

Let's not get too far ahead. Tomb Trek was a little moist this year and all in attendance participated with the spirit of the event (another lousy job by the Tomb Trek Committee). We gathered in Arlington, in a tradition years in the making, to lay wreaths to honor those who have gone before us. Thanksgiving was wonderful! So much for the diet and hello to breaking another weight record. I know one turkey that did not get pardoned this year.

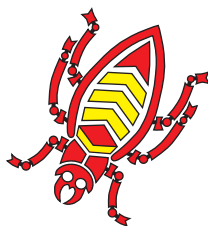


Christmas at the National Home brought back many memories. The event is hosted by the Grand of Michigan and its Auxiliary and kitchen duty fell to the Grand of Florida and its Auxiliary with another lousy job by both. We met with the staff and heard about some of the plans for the facility which included the M.O.C. & M.O.C.A. house. The house will get new countertops in the kitchen and all new appliances that were donated. The upstairs bath will be gutted and will be totally remodeled, and the living room ceiling will be replaced. The home will be repainted inside, cleaned up and be ready for occupancy. There were eight homes in the complex that were vacant as of Cootie Christmas. Then off to the Community Center to wait for Santa's visit. This was typical mayhem and fun with children and adults just enjoying the festivities. Back at the hotel was a dinner and visiting with our brothers and sisters. Departing is always sad. However, it was back home to prepare for the holidays. Home was not all that different from Cootie Christmas, just on a lot smaller scale.

I am now looking forward to Easter Treat at the National Home, sponsored by the Grand of Ohio and its Auxiliary. This event involves dinner with some of the families and children; making up about a hundred baskets; an Easter egg hunt; an ice cream social for all and a skating party at a local rink.

In closing, I look forward to visiting Pup Tents, Grands and the Supreme Convention. Here is to a lousy New Year and thank you to all who have supported me and taken appointments for the ensuing year.

**Yours in L.O.T.C.S,
Emil Soltesz,
Supreme Sr. Vice Commander
2017-2018**



From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

I hope that everyone had a safe and lousy Christmas and New Year. Now it is time to start working on membership. Membership is currently at 75%, we need to do better.

This year we had 20 pup tent that were 100% plus 2 by the end of November, certificates and pins have already been sent to the Grand Commanders. The winner of a 3 day stay at Supreme Convention is the Seam Squirrel of Pup Tent 16, Grand of Maryland, Thomas Frasier. The winner of a 2 day stay and a banquet ticket is the Seam Squirrel of Pup Tent 16, Grand of Ohio, Mark Colon, and the winner of a 1 day stay is the Seam Squirrel of Pup Tent 19, Grand of California. Congratulations to the 3 winners and to all the Pup Tents that were 100% plus 2 by the end of November. It takes a lot of work to get that done. For the winners please remember to bring your letter with you if you are coming to the Supreme Convention.



Elections are coming up, please ensure that the shavetails that are elected have paid their dues and are Cooties in good standing. Remember to send your election reports to Supreme Headquarters and to the Supreme Adjutant. Per the By-Laws a copy of your election report is due to Supreme Headquarters by April 30, 2018. This year I am not going to hound you about sending your election reports in. This means that if Headquarters does not have a copy of your election report your Pup Tent may not have a vote at Supreme Convention.

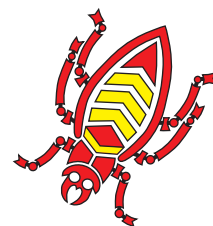
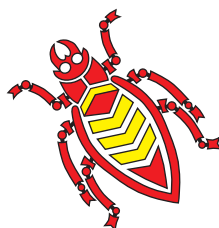
Hopefully all you Grand Commanders have sent in your visitation requests which were due to Headquarters by 12/31/2017. If not, please get them in as soon as you can so that the Supreme Commander can select the Grands that he wants to visit.

Grand Quartermasters do not forget to send in the required \$1.00 per Cootie for the Supreme Commanders Special Project and the \$1.00 per Cootie for the MOC/MOCA house at the VFW National Home.

Reservations for the Supreme Convention in Kansas City are coming along. Remember that the cut-off date for making reservations is June 24, 2018.

Yours in LOTCS,

Gary Dressel
Supreme Quartermaster
2017-18



From the Supreme Sky Pilot

Listen Cooties,

I hope you each had a joyous and reverent holiday season. Things have been busy and rewarding for Sheila and I.

One of the things Chaplain Dale and I have been talking about is an update of the cards we



provide for our Sky Pilots to use in their work. If you go to the Supreme Website, LOTCS.org, You will see them and can download them for your use. Besides the Grand Sky Pilot/Chaplain cards that have been available for some time, we have added a set of Pup Tent Sky Pilot cards for all our local Sky Pilots to use. These new cards work just like the old ones. Download the masters and use them with the Avery 8315 Card template.

The New Year also means the Cootie program year is half over. It is time to consider Cooties who you want to recommend deserving of recognition. That includes *Sky Pilot of the Year*. I need inputs for Supreme Sky Pilot of the Year by June. It is not too long to start putting your input together.

For the last few years I've been honored to assist with the Ceremony for the Four Chaplains at Houston's Michael E. DeBakey VAMC. The ceremony, and others like it take place around country on 3 February each year. I would like all of us to consider Rabbi Goode, Father Washington, Pastor Fox, Pastor, and Poling. Their mission, like ours, was to serve the spiritual needs of our military and veterans. Can we learn from these heroes and preform our tasks with love and compassion?

Yours in LOTCS,

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From the Supreme Inspector



Listen Cooties,

I hope that everyone had a Lousy Christmas and New Year. Keep those inspection reports coming in. My new e-mail address is: tearlb59@twc.com. Please make a note of it.

Yours in LOTCS,

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



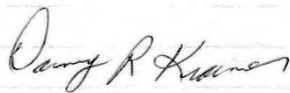
MOC General Order #2 2017 - 2018

1. Pup Tents, Districts, Grands, and Auxiliaries are reminded that they are to file IRS Form 990 within five months and fifteen days of the close of their fiscal year. Units whose income for 2017 was less than \$50,000.00 can elect to file Form 990-N an electronic informational return instead of a paper return. Those units whose income was over \$50,000.00 will still have to file the regular Form 990 or 990-T.
2. Cooties at all levels are reminded that ***Cootie Sunday this year is 11 February 2018.*** All Cooties should make special effort to visit our hospitalized Veterans on this date.
3. Pup Tents are reminded that Supreme By-Laws state that Pup Tents shall elect their Shavetails no sooner than 15 January 2018. Election and installation must be completed and the “*Election Report*” mailed to Supreme Headquarters no later than 31 March 2018. Pup Tents who cannot fulfill this obligation must have approval of the Grand Commander for extension of the time beyond the deadline. Pup Tents not in a Grand must have the approval of the Supreme Commander to extend the time to elect and install.
4. The Pup Tent Election Report Form is available on the website www.lotcs.org under the heading Forms, then under the heading Pup Tents. Download the Form and fill it out and either mail or e-mail the completed form to the Supreme Adjutant and to Supreme Headquarters.
5. Notice to all Grands and Pup Tents. There were several By-Law changes adopted by the 97th Supreme Convention which will affect all levels of the Supreme Organization. If your set of By-Laws are outdated, then you need a new set to be in compliance. You can get a FREE PDF version by emailing the MOC Supreme Quartermaster and asking for one or order an updated edition of the Supreme By-Laws through the Supreme Supply Department at a cost of \$12.
7. In accordance with Supreme Policy, all Grands are to inform Supreme Headquarters of the dates and places of their Grand Scratch so that proper representation may be assigned. Completed forms are to be mailed to Supreme Headquarters no later 31 December 2017.
8. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws Section 308 Paragraph B – The installing officer shall forward immediately after installation, a report, properly signed to the Supreme Adjutant and to the Grand Adjutant where a Grand Pup Tent exists.
9. All suggested by-law amendments and changes to the 2017 By-Laws and Ritual need to be submitted by 15 Feb to Judge Advocate Jerry Constable (electronically or snail-mail) so that there is adequate time to review, coordinate editorial changes (for grammar, syntax, format) and get them to the Editor for publishing. Please include a name and contact information so that he can contact the correct individual to coordinate with them.
10. All Pup Tents are reminded that ALL continuous members that have failed to pay their dues by 31 DEC 2017 are no longer members in good standing.

11. As soon as finalized, information and all necessary forms for the 99th Supreme Scratch to be held in Kansas City, MO will be available on the website www.lotcs.org under the heading Events.

12. The next Cootie Courier will be coming out in April 2017. Any Cooties planning on announcing their candidacy need to have their article in by March.

BY COMMAND OF:



Danny R. Kramer

Supreme Commander

OFFICIAL:



Gordon K. Lam

Supreme Adjutant



MOC Hospital Report

Date: 01/15/2018					
Grand	Goal	Reports	Cooties	Total Monies	Percentage
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Gary Dressel					
DE	\$32,000.00	18	882	\$86,804.90	271.27%
DC	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
MD	\$81,000.00	43	506	\$65,905.44	81.36%
PA	\$127,250.00	60	1,715	\$162,489.53	127.69%
VA	\$88,000.00	14	259	\$35,631.21	40.49%
WV	\$12,500.00	3	35	\$7,021.95	56.18%
TOTALS	\$340,750.00	138	3,397	\$357,853.03	105.02%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#2 - Louis C. McVey					
AL	\$11,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
FL	\$168,125.00	48	603	\$70,689.26	42.05%
GA	\$1,359.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
LA	\$27,750.00	1	6	\$285.30	1.03%
MS	\$54,000.00	22	587	\$63,875.42	118.29%
NC	\$72,250.00	23	367	\$26,518.62	36.70%
SC	\$52,250.00	25	505	\$48,190.95	92.23%
TN	\$51,125.00	6	113	\$8,447.35	16.52%
TOTALS	\$438,359.00	125	2,181	\$218,006.90	49.73%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Jeff Keen					
IL	\$68,625.00	39	323	\$36,492.96	53.18%
IN	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
KY	\$48,375.00	17	18	\$23,795.80	49.19%
MI	\$62,375.00	19	96	\$38,188.25	61.22%
OH	\$203,000.00	650	1,443	\$119,966.65	59.10%
WI	\$95,000.00	92	1,057	\$166,510.99	175.27%
TOTALS	\$477,375.00	817	2,937	\$384,954.65	80.64%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - Neil Johnson					
IA	\$24,500.00	71	601	\$91,003.31	371.44%
KS	\$51,625.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MN	\$117,000.00	63	708	\$89,865.92	76.81%
MO	\$81,625.00	46	694	\$140,397.72	172.00%
MT	\$30,375.00	7	49	\$3,555.28	11.70%
NE	\$29,375.00	27	789	\$63,645.85	216.67%
ND	\$42,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
SD	\$24,250.00	10	141	\$18,057.96	74.47%
TOTAL	\$401,250.00	224	2,982	\$406,526.04	101.31%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Gordon Lam					
AR	\$37,250.00	29	56	\$5,577.26	14.97%
CO	\$48,750.00	299	477	\$124,523.73	255.43%
EURO	\$21,000.00	7	11	\$1,760.90	8.39%

NM	\$47,125.00	17	155	\$24,951.55	52.95%
OK	\$29,625.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TX	\$128,250.00	39	581	\$75,369.57	58.77%
WY	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
TOTAL	\$312,000.00	391	1,280	\$232,183.01	74.42%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Vaughn Gates					
AK	\$11,250.00	49	87	\$16,947.07	150.64%
AZ	\$95,000.00	54	1,601	\$227,741.82	239.73%
CA	\$188,750.00	554	1,624	\$741,377.38	392.78%
HI	\$5,250.00	1	1	\$67.90	1.29%
ID	\$5,750.00	1	1	\$1,284.45	22.34%
NV	\$25,500.00	71	150	\$17,048.66	66.86%
OR	\$81,125.00	44	385	\$82,509.33	101.71%
PAC	\$129,625.00	25	1,028	\$85,110.05	65.66%
WA	\$64,500.00	5	146	\$20,378.31	31.59%
TOTAL	\$606,750.00	804	5,023	\$1,192,464.97	196.53%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 - Kenneth Eith					
CT	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
ME	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
MA	\$21,500.00	2	4	\$633.48	2.95%
NH	\$23,750.00	10	163	\$16,774.31	70.63%
NJ	\$69,000.00	13	112	\$14,031.22	20.34%
NY	\$48,250.00	8	34	\$8,808.46	18.26%
TOTAL	\$162,500.00	33	313	\$40,247.47	24.77%
PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION)					
AK#2	\$6,750.00	55	204	\$7,662.59	113.52%
AK#3	\$4,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
AL#13	\$11,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
DC#1	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
HI#1	\$5,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
ID#3	\$5,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#14	\$10,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#34	\$4,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#52	\$6,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Supreme	\$3,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
WV#6	\$12,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$71,000.00	55	204	\$7,662.59	10.79%
Supreme Total					
	\$2,738,984.00	2,532	18,113	\$2,832,236.07	103.40%
DIVISION STANDINGS					
GOLD	0	0.00%	BLUE	0.00	0.00%
SILVER	0	0.00%	GREEN	0.00	0.00%
RED	0	0.00%	PURPLE	0.00	0.00%
WHITE	0	0.00%	BLACK	0.00	0.00%
Telephone: 573-757-5046, Olin Parks					

MOC Inspection Report

Supreme Inspection as of 12-31-2017

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Dist Inspected	Date Completed	Grand Inspection	Percent	Pup Tents that are Inspected
AL-13	1	0				0%	
AK-2	1	0				0%	
AK-3	1	0				0%	
AZ	9	1				11%	777
AR	5	4				80%	3,13,14,21
CA	17	17		11/27/2017		100%	
CO	6	0				0%	
DE	4	4		9/3/2017	Yes	100%	
EUR	1	0				0%	
FL	23	13	1,9			57%	to many to list
GA	4	0				0%	
HI	1	0				0%	
ID-3	1	0				0%	
IL	9	9		8/1/2017		100%	
IA	4	1				25%	69
KS	4	4		9/26/2017		100%	
KY	5	5		12/7/2017		100%	5
LA	4	0				0%	
MD	8	8		11/24/2017		100%	Total still shows 8 PT 21 Defunct
MA-14	1	0				0%	
MA-34	1	0				0%	
MA-52	1	0				0%	
MI	9	7				78%	12,14,21,24,32,34,96
MN	16	0				0%	
MS	5	0				0%	
MO	9	0				0%	
MT-10	1	0				0%	Grand is Gone, so is PT-6 and 21
MT-11	1	0				0%	
MT-24	1	0				0%	
MT-25	1	0				0%	
NE	3	3		8/1/2017		100%	
NV-2	1	0				0%	
NV-3	1	0				0%	
NV-5	1	0				0%	
NH	2	0				0%	
NJ	11	0				0%	
NM	5	0				0%	
NY	8	0				0%	
NC	9	9		8/1/2017		100%	
ND	5	0				0%	
OH	21	14				67%	getting close
OK	5	0				0%	
OR	10	9				90%	1,4,6,8,9,12,20,22,69
PAC	10	8			Yes	80%	1,2,7,8,11,13,15,303
PA	15	9				60%	18,29,33,44,45,48,58,59,99
SC	7	0				0%	
SD	3	0				0%	
TN	6	0				0%	
TX	12	5				42%	13,24,36,55,100
VA	8	2				25%	2,9
WA	8	3				38%	4,6,14
WV-6	1	0				0%	
WI	13	6				46%	3,6,9,14,21,41
TOTAL	319	141		7		44.20%	

MOC Membership Report

12/31/2017

Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
GOLD DIVISION											
17	CALIFORNIA	94.72%	28	188	2	573	791	833	6	30	
21	OHIO	86.54%	8	49	15	540	612	706	3	23	
SILVER DIVISION											
23	FLORIDA	77.01%	38	167	15	370	590	770	2	53	
18	MINNESOTA	89.96%	10	116	10	345	481	528	8	20	
13	TEXAS	73.58%	3	68	3	394	468	636	2	6	
RED DIVISION											
8	ARIZONA	95.48%	23	113	15	231	382	398	6	38	
9	ILLINOIS	84.23%	1	72	1	177	251	298	1	2	
9	MARYLAND	81.02%	2	51	22	228	303	374	2	24	
10	MICHIGAN	75.09%	5	18	3	194	220	293	2	8	
8	NEW YORK	76.61%	0	46	12	109	167	218	2	12	
10	PACIFIC AREAS	75.68%	8	45	2	394	449	592	7	10	
15	PENNSYLVANIA	73.01%	18	130	12	244	404	552	3	30	
8	VIRGINIA	69.27%	8	10	3	246	267	384	2	11	
13	WISCONSIN	80.34%	7	146	5	173	331	412	3	12	
WHITE DIVISION											
4	GEORGIA	88.46%	1	33	2	171	207	234	0	3	
9	MISSOURI	86.48%	13	108	1	186	308	355	2	14	
11	NEW JERSEY	72.07%	1	78	3	127	209	290	1	4	
5	NEW MEXICO	60.27%	0	0	0	132	132	219	0	0	
9	NORTH CAROLINA	73.21%	20	23	0	192	235	321	0	20	
8	WASHINGTON	75.09%	2	53	4	155	214	285	1	6	
BLUE DIVISION											
6	ARKANSAS	65.48%	0	13	2	95	110	168	0	2	
6	COLORADO	70.75%	5	45	0	100	150	212	1	5	
5	KENTUCKY	79.70%	0	34	1	127	162	202	4	1	
5	MISSISSIPPI	67.21%	1	8	0	155	164	244	3	1	
5	NORTH DAKOTA	90.61%	4	71	2	89	166	181	2	6	
11	OREGON	60.86%	4	80	4	111	199	327	0	8	
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	73.28%	4	32	2	132	170	232	1	6	
6	TENNESSEE	71.00%	10	50	4	101	165	231	3	14	
GREEN DIVISION											
4	DELAWARE	76.52%	3	24	2	71	100	132	1	5	
4	KANSAS	29.11%	0	18	1	43	62	213	0	1	
4	LOUISIANA	46.28%	4	0	5	47	56	121	1	9	
6	MONTANA	65.60%	1	0	0	81	82	125	2	1	
3	NEBRASKA	69.49%	0	6	2	74	82	118	1	2	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	84.85%	2	45	5	32	84	99	1	7	
5	OKLAHOMA	52.94%	1	4	0	67	72	136	0	1	
PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION											
3	IOWA		6	40	3	39	88	111	2	9	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	77.00%	1	25	2	49	77	100	3	3	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALASKA 2	75.00%	0	0	0	20	20	28	0	0	
1	ALASKA 3	100.00%	1	0	0	19	20	19	1	1	
1	ALABAMA 13	95.74%	0	10	0	35	45	47	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	100.00%	4	3	0	79	86	85	1	4	
1	HAWAII 1	63.64%	1	0	0	13	14	22	0	1	
1	IDAHO 3	66.67%	0	8	0	8	16	24	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	77.27%	6	16	3	9	34	44	0	9	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 34	77.78%	0	9	1	4	14	18	0	1	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	107.41%	4	23	0	2	29	27	0	4	
1	NEVADA 2	90.16%	0	0	0	54	54	61	0	0	
1	NEVADA 3	81.82%	0	0	0	18	18	22	0	0	
1	NEVADA 5	81.82%	0	0	0	8	8	22	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	50.98%	0	0	0	26	26	51	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	94.48%				445	445	471		0	
326	TOTALS	78.14%	258	2078	169	7334	9839	12591	80	427	

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

Supreme President's Message

Happy New Year to all! Hopefully all had a Christmas and New Year's that was safe and one that brought you all the things you requested. It's time to say a hearty "Welcome to our new Auxiliaries and to those who have revitalized and are growing." We have new Auxiliaries and we have lost several too. If you know of an Auxiliary not in a Grand which is nearby look in on them and help if you can.

We ended 2017 with less than 69% in membership. Let's beat those bushes and get membership in. Remember, if dues are not paid, members are not in good standing and cannot attend meetings, receive hospital hours or hold office until those dues are paid. The Supreme Treasurer received numerous dues dated over a week ago. My dream for our Grands and Auxiliaries is to attain the elusive goal of 100%.



It was a busy past month (Angel's wings made it fly by so fast). The Cootie Christmas was well attended. Commander Dan and I enjoyed it so much, just watching the kids open presents. Thanks to the Grand of Florida and Michigan for all they did to make it so successful. The Supreme Commander and I provided a Christmas music CD and DVD to each house. When I got home it was rush-rush and then off again to Kentucky to attend a Christmas party hosted by both Nit Pickers #7 and Simpall #9. We had a great time and attended a Nit Pickers Auxiliary meeting the next day.

Now is the time for each Auxiliary to begin the selection and nominations for Officers for the ensuing year. Remember elections and installations must be completed by 31 March 2018. For those Auxiliaries considering folding, PLEASE contact me and let's see what we can do to save your MOCA. An Auxiliary turned in the charter with no minutes indicating a vote to close. So, it was returned, giving them time to regroup. Guess what? They just turned in 29 members! Isn't that exciting! It is also time for those considering running for Supreme Guard to get their letters of intent written and mailed.

Lots of Christmas cards were sent and received, which revealed a slight problem with our Auxiliaries and members when several cards were returned to me. Sisters and Brothers, it is your personal responsibility to inform your Auxiliary Secretary and Treasurer that you have moved so they can provide that information to Supreme. I know many have had great holidays and others have experienced sadness. To those we wish Condolences and to our sick Get well. God Bless and keep each one of you and Thank you for the Get Well cards!

My toes are healed, and the stitches will come out tomorrow. It's hard when you can't walk; it helps us to remember how our military amputees feel. Thanks too for all the funds being sent in for my Special Projects: the 4 -H Barns and the Valhalla Ranch (PTSD) keep the funds coming.

Loyally,

Penny Sue Cacoulidis

Penny Sue Cacoulidis
Supreme President

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



From Supreme MOCA Membership Marilyn Peck

Brothers and Sisters,

My thanks to all who are collecting annual dues and recruiting new members! If you have been a bit slow in these activities, now is the time to up the ante! We only have 4 more months to go.

If you wish to be recognized for recruiting, please send in the recruiter form. Also send me copies of your new membership transmittal for male members to be eligible for the special "most male members recruited" contest. If your auxiliary is in a Grand, that is all you must send me. Grand Treasurers should all be sending me a copy of their transmittal form (I just need the totals by Auxiliary, not the detail list by name!). If you are not in a Grand, I need a copy of the transmittal that you are sending to the Supreme Treasurer. I'd like to keep it as simple as possible!

Membership has been "slow but steady." I certainly want the "steady" part to continue but ask everyone to step up the speed. Remember that all membership information for 2018 must be received by the Supreme Treasurer no later than April 30, 2018.

Over the past few years, our membership has been declining. This is the year for us to put a halt to that and start to grow. We are a great organization with an important mission. In order to continue our hospital efforts and our support of the National Home, we must increase our membership. That means recruiting new members and keeping our current members. So, go out, recruit and also make sure that all of our current members remember why they joined and "sign up" for another year of assistance to our Veterans.

Yours truly,

Marilyn Peck
MOCA Membership



Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie Supreme General Order #2 Series 2017-2018



1. **MEMBERSHIP**: Any member not currently holding a 2018 membership dues card is NOT a member in good standing. They cannot attend meetings nor claim hospital hours and are ineligible to be elected or hold an office. Payment of their dues will restore all rights immediately.
2. **AUXILIARIES**: Not having 10 or more members paid for the current year are no longer in good standing with the Supreme organization. The Auxiliary cannot conduct any business, nor elect and install new officers, until the required number of members has been paid.
3. **GRAND PRESIDENTS**: It is your responsibility to visit all the VA Hospitals in which you have a VAVS Representative and Deputies. Plan your visit so you have time to talk with the Director of Voluntary Services at each VA and see that your representatives & deputies are performing their duties. Are they attending meetings? Has their joint review been done? Ask for a copy, the VA should have one. If there is a problem, as Grand President, you should be planning on appointing replacements.
4. **GRAND PRESIDENTS**: For those who have not already done so, please send your Request for Supreme Representative for your Grand Convention to me now. Every effort will be made to send your choice. But, bear in mind that it is not always possible. **SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS OF YOUR CONVENTION.**
5. **TREASURERS ON ALL LEVELS**: No checks are to be made out to any Supreme or Grand Chairman. The exception is to the Chairman who hosted an event for the local Auxiliary and had to expend personal funds which the Auxiliary will then vote to reimburse. All other funds for an event are to be payable to the Treasurer. NO President has the right to remove a Treasurer without following the guidelines in the Bylaws. Charges are to be in written form with Article and Section and described. Removal must be at a Regular Meeting, or Special Meeting in which ***every member*** receives written notification, whether be it on District or Auxiliary level. Checks for the Supreme President's Love Gift are to be made out to Supreme MOCA & sent to Penney Howard, P.O. Box 34, Flora Vista, NM 87415.
6. Anyone who has the Supreme President's pins on consignment: Please sell them and send the money to the Supreme Treasurer, and let the Supreme President know so you can be marked off the list. We currently have on hand 60 pins and Auxiliaries who have not purchased any, several may have Auxiliary members wishing to purchase pins. In the event you believe you cannot sell them, please return the pins and we will be able to sell them in another Grand.
7. **SUPREME DISTRICT AUXILIARIES**: Auxiliaries within a Supreme District must have their District dues paid before March 31, 2018. These dues are to be sent to the Supreme District Treasurer. Names & addresses can be found in the Supreme Roster book.
8. **HISTORIANS**: Please forward any pictures, news articles, programs, or other mementos from visits by the Supreme President to Supreme Historian Linda Borreson 10724 Xavis St. NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 Farmington. Please send a copy of pictures to the Cootie Courier editor at cootiecourier@lotcs.org. Specify the names of all people in the picture, the location, date it was taken and the event.

9. **LOCAL MOC AUXILIARIES**: Nominations, elections, and installations of officers must be completed between January 15th and March 31st, 2018; **unless** the Supreme President has given her approval in writing, to delay it. Officers elected will assume their duties upon the installation of their Grand President. MOC Auxiliaries not within a Grand will assume their duties at the same time as their Pup Tent. All Installation warrants must be submitted within 15 days. The exception is those Grands having Conventions less than 30 days before Supreme; then warrants are sent in immediately.

10. **AUXILIARIES ON ALL LEVELS**: Must have their own EIN to maintain their non-profit status under the umbrella of the Supreme Organization. This number is to be provided to the Supreme Quartermaster, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.

11. Bylaws are revised every 5 years. Please submit any resolutions for changes to the Bylaws that you wish to present for consideration at a future convention to PSP Marjorie Johns, 14306 Artic Ave, Rockville, MD 20853-2252.

12. To those who are experiencing illness, we extend the best wishes for a speedy recovery and to those who have lost loved ones, we extend our most profound and deepest sympathy from the Supreme Organization. Please ensure ALL the sick and departed members are reported to your Grand Chaplain as well as names are sent to the Supreme Chaplain Jennifer Winn, 952 Avatar Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

BY ORDER OF: ATTESTED TO:

Penny Sue Cacoulidis

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Supreme President

Georg Jean Zimmerman

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Supreme Secretary

Supreme MOCA Hospital Report

December 18, 2017

GRA ND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBE RS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
Supreme District #1--Vickie Peterson, Commissioner											
DE	\$8,250.00	10	56	53	240	454.00	4804.00	434.00	0	11344.26	137.51
MD	\$25,500.00	14	418	127	7744	1939.50	3181.00	1286.51	0	45467.58	178.30
PA	\$24,250.00	24	17	30	648	244.00	1346.00	2602.34	2	7898.48	32.57
VA	\$42,500.00	10	18	29	434	173.00	1556.00	7331.88	1	11450.87	26.94
WV	\$10,500.00	6	69	87	3264	670.75	2147.00	290.00	0	15715.99	149.68
Total	\$111,000.00	64	578	326	12330	3481.25	13034.00	11944.73	3	91877.18	82.77
Supreme District #2--Marietta Ann Hill, Commissioner											
FL	\$90,750.00	23	53	105	2380	1039.75	7168.00	6195.35	11	30645.23	33.77
GA	\$7,000.00	1	11	11	40	33.75	200.00	86.31	0	875.37	12.51
LA	\$29,000.00	13	24	57	940	345.50	1290.00	3020.41	0	10992.04	37.90
MS	\$22,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NC	\$53,000.00	9	99	108	1382	724.25	5844.00	2294.17	2	19444.17	36.69
SC	\$41,500.00	12	12	34	211	200.50	2126.00	337.50	0	5156.42	12.43
TN	\$25,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$269,000.00	58	199	315	4953	2343.75	16628.00	11933.74	13	67113.22	24.95
Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner											
IL	\$23,000.00	25	23	57	242	567.00	2120.00	1673.45	3	14756.10	64.16
KY	\$13,000.00	8	129	164	1094	453.25	5341.00	1228.38	0	12196.91	93.82
MI	\$42,500.00	33	215	319	4083	1463.00	8759.00	3962.05	0	38178.96	89.83
OH	\$53,500.00	57	180	255	5325	1224.50	7588.00	7323.46	2	35998.26	67.29
WI	\$51,750.00	30	84	179	3313	926.50	8228.20	4186.46	3	26230.98	50.69
Total	\$183,750.00	153	631	974	14057	4634.25	32036.20	18373.80	8	127361.21	69.31
Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner											
IA	\$4,250.00	15	29	51	139	220.50	1177.00	551.00	0	5688.06	133.84
KS	\$24,000.00	19	150	159	4038	758.25	5871.50	1743.26	1	19663.81	81.93
MN	\$70,500.00	23	319	396	10715	1886.50	15018.00	5890.99	6	50534.09	71.68
MO	\$57,250.00	105	320	478	12337	3527.50	29179.60	33980.48	6	117610.75	205.43
MT	\$9,250.00	6	397	397	6332	2465.00	8575.00	725.00	0	57511.25	621.74
NE	\$18,750.00	13	109	170	2571	706.50	5665.00	1258.06	2	17982.74	95.91
SD	\$16,000.00	3	7	15	56	57.00	635.00	165.00	0	1539.25	9.62
Total	\$195,750.00	184	1331	1666	36188	9621	66121	44314	15	270530	138.20
Supreme District #5 -- Charlotte Lattin, Commissioner											
AR	\$20,000.00	7	8	32	305	251.00	1977.00	4492.19	0	10429.02	52.15
CO	\$26,000.00	19	37	77	3934	487.75	5480.00	1743.70	0	13509.66	51.96
NM	\$41,000.00	26	49	102	1687	1095.75	10833.00	6404.73	0	32630.51	79.59
TX	\$41,250.00	9	9	44	551	364.50	3776.00	2184.65	0	10932.77	26.50
Total	\$128,250.00	61	103	255	6477	2199.00	22066.00	14825.27	0	67501.96	52.63
Supreme District #6 --Cathy Seippel, Commissioner											
AK	\$7,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
AZ	\$36,750.00	32	280	325	10102	3179.75	13753.11	7807.96	0	81436.76	221.60
CA	\$56,500.00	17	89	125	3738	1843.50	5773.00	9807.51	0	52186.66	92.37
NV	\$16,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OR	\$38,000.00	42	157	344	1167	1998.00	12673.00	1771.88	10	48601.00	127.90
WA	\$33,500.00	7	28	31	1370	257.50	612.00	897.33	0	6789.64	20.27
Total	\$188,250.00	98	554	825	16377	7278.75	32811.11	20284.68	10	189014.05	100.41
Supreme District #7 -- Rebecca Jacobson, Commissioner											
MA	\$9,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NJ	\$33,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NY	\$28,250.00	75	205	217	10415	1525.50	4253.00	1943.06	2	36938.51	130.76
Total	\$71,500.00	75	205	217	10415	1525.50	4253.00	1943.06	2	36938.51	51.66
Supreme Donations											
Total	\$1,147,500.00	693	3601	4578	100797	31083.75	186949.41	123619.07	51	850336.05	74.10
Submitted By		JANIS WIMMER			Supreme Hospital Commissioner						

Supreme MOCA Membership Report

December 30, 2017

State	2017	2018	%
Division 1 (75-100)			
Illinois	92	20	21.74%
Kansas	96	65	67.71%
Maryland (+ DC#1 7/7/17)	102	56	54.90%
Mississippi	91	87	95.60%
Nebraska	75	51	68.00%
Tennessee	100	85	85.00%
6 Grands	556	364	65.47%

Division 2 (101-160)			
Arizona	147	114	77.55%
Colorado	104	87	83.65%
Louisiana	116	49	42.24%
New Jersey	135	110	81.48%
New York	113	86	76.11%
Oregon	152	126	82.89%
Washington	134	97	72.39%
7 Grands	901	669	74.25%

Division 3 (161-210)			
Michigan	170	173	101.76%
New Mexico	164	98	59.76%
South Carolina	166	108	65.06%
Texas	165	139	84.24%
Virginia	170	133	78.24%
Wisconsin	207	195	94.20%
6 Grands	1042	846	81.19%

State	2017	201778	%
Division 4 (211 & over)			
California	226	144	63.72%
Florida	363	274	75.48%
Minnesota	282	197	69.86%
Missouri	229	172	75.11%
North Carolina	212	139	65.57%
Ohio	214	140	65.42%
6 Grands	1526	1066	69.86%

Division 5 (Auxiliaries not in a Grand)			
Alaska #2	29	25	86.21%
Arkansas #13	55	27	49.09%
Arkansas #14	25	10	40.00%
Delaware #2	16	10	62.50%
Delaware #4	17	11	64.71%
Georgia #5 (adopted 8/15/17)	16	17	106.25%
Georgia #66	12	0	0.00%
Iowa #6 (new 9/23/16)	17	12	70.59%
Kentucky #7	23	21	91.30%
Kentucky #9	29	30	103.45%
Massachusetts #14	38	0	0.00%
Montana #10	37	15	40.54%
Nevada #2	25	10	40.00%
Nevada #3	17	0	0.00%
Nevada #5	23	0	0.00%
Pennsylvania #13	18	0	0.00%
Pennsylvania #44	28	23	82.14%
Pennsylvania #59	51	24	47.06%
South Dakota #1	22	17	77.27%
South Dakota #12 (N 9/28/16)	17	14	82.35%
South Dakota #20	25	12	48.00%
West Virginia #6	42	20	47.62%
	582	298	51.20%
TOTALS			
	4607	3243	70.39%

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

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Grand of Michigan 101.76%
 Auxiliaries Not In A Grand
 Georgia #5 106.25%
 Kentucky #9 103.45%

AVAILABLE ONLINE & IN THIS COURIER!!

1. 2018 Convention Registration
2. 2018 Delegate Sheets
3. 2018 Booster Sheets
4. 2018 Convention Book Ad Forms

Supreme Commander Dan Kramer's Homecoming

2017-18 HOMECOMING MARCH 9-11, 2018

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

Headquarters and registration will be at:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CCDB Jim Holmstedt
300 Poplar St
Sutherland, NE 69165

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

For further information, contact one of the Cooties below:

James Holmstedt
Tel: 308-520-2227
holmstedtj@yahoo.com

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

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

NAME(S): _____

GRAND OF _____ PUP TENT _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

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

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

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

TOTAL = \$ _____

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

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99th 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 844-269-2821, 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:

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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. 57th 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: _____

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Grand: _____ Aux # _____

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

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 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.

Supreme Convention Credentials Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie

Auxiliary Name _____ Auxiliary No. _____
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This is to Certify that Sister(s):

Delegates

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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



57th SUPREME AUXILIARY

ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

The 57th 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 57th 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

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
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- **BOOSTERS:**\$2.00

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



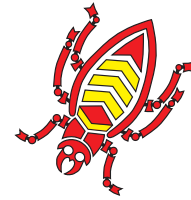
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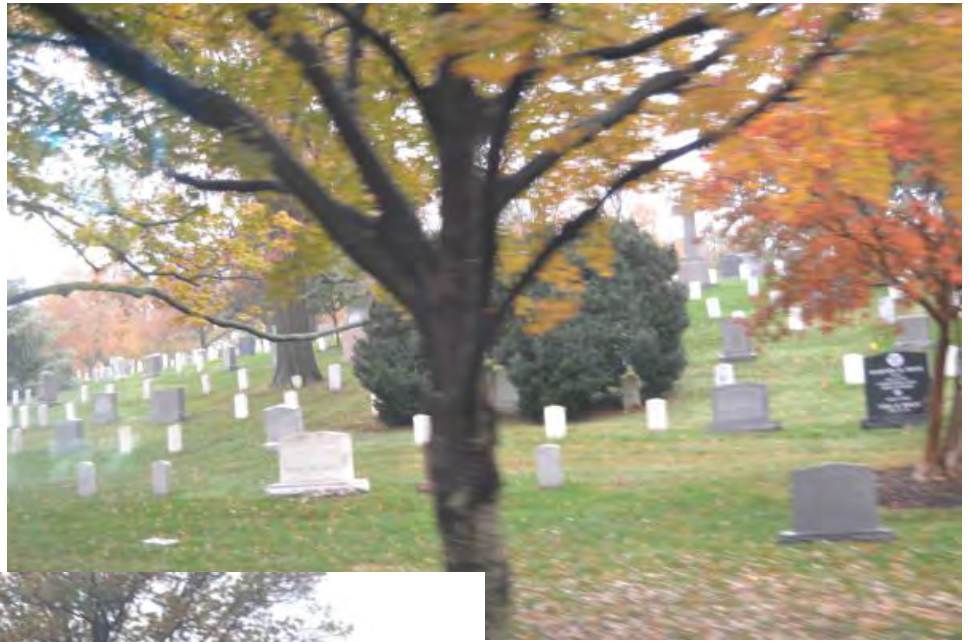
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Tomb Trek 2017







From the VFW National Home

VFW Post #6754 has been providing tree donations to the VFW National Home for almost 70 years!

Since 1948, William F. Moore, Post #6754, "The Spruce Post," out of Alpena, MI has been happily providing the families of the VFW National Home for Children one of the most quintessential symbols of the Holiday Season, the Christmas Tree. The Post members go to local tree farms and cut the trees themselves and deliver them to the National Home, making sure that no child would be denied the cheer that a beautiful Christmas tree brings to the home.

The families anticipate their tree arrival every year and rush to get them up and decorated in time for the Santa Firetruck delivery at the beginning of December.

Thank you Post #6754 for almost 70 years of bringing Christmas joy to the National Home!

Meghan Mitchell
Communication Specialist
VFW National Home for Children



Coolie Christmas 2017





Cootie Christmas Visit

Several MOC/MOCA went on a visit while at Cootie Christmas. In attendance were PSC Don Lynch, Supreme Hospital Commissioner Olin Parks, Supreme Sr. Vice President Pat Potter, Supreme Chaplain Jennifer Winn, Eddie and Roslin Dandridge, Delpha Martin, Barbara Simpson, Linda Borreson and Max. We sang Christmas Carols and handed out craft kits, and chatted with the veterans. As cooties say, we had "A LOUSY TIME!!!"



Photos courtesy of Barbara Simpson



We Celebrate the Four Chaplains



Rev. Clark V. Poling



Rev. George L. Fox



Rev. John P. Washington



Rabbi Alexander D. Goode

Who Were the Four Chaplains?

The relatively new chaplains all held the rank of first lieutenant. They included a Methodist minister, Rev. George L. Fox; a Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, of the Reform movement; a Roman Catholic priest, Rev. John P. Washington; and Reformed Church in America minister, Rev. Clark V. Poling. Their backgrounds, personalities, and faiths were different, although Goode, Poling and Washington had all served as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. They met at the Army Chaplains School at Harvard University, where they prepared for assignments in the European theater, sailing on board USAT Dorchester to report to their new assignments.

Their Story

USAT Dorchester left New York on Jan. 23, 1943, en route to Greenland, carrying the four chaplains and approximately 900 others, as part of a convoy of three ships.

The ship's captain, Hans J. Danielsen, had been alerted that Coast Guard sonar had detected a submarine. Because German U-boats were monitoring sea lanes and had attacked and sunk ships earlier during the war, Captain Danielsen had the ship's crew on a state of high alert even before he received that information, ordering the men to sleep in their clothing and keep their life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable.

During the early morning hours of Feb. 3, 1943, at 12:55 a.m., the German submarine U-223 off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic torpedoed the vessel, which knocked out the Dorchester's electrical system, leaving the ship dark. Panic set in among the men on board, many of them trapped below decks. The chaplains sought to calm the men and organize an orderly evacuation of the ship, and helped guide wounded men to safety.

One witness, Pvt. William B. Bednar, found himself floating in oil-smeared water surrounded by dead bodies and debris. “I could hear men crying, pleading, praying,” Bednar recalls. “I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going.”

Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, tried to reenter his cabin but Rabbi Goode stopped him. Mahoney, concerned about the cold Arctic air, explained he had forgotten his gloves.



Courtesy of the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

“Never mind,” Goode responded. “I have two pairs.” The rabbi then gave the petty officer his own gloves. In retrospect, Mahoney realized that Rabbi Goode was not conveniently carrying two pairs of gloves, and that the rabbi had decided not to leave the *Dorchester*.

As life jackets were passed out, the supply ran out before each man had one. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They helped as many men as they could into lifeboats, and then linked arms and, saying prayers and singing hymns, went down with the ship.

According to some reports, survivors could hear different languages mixed in the prayers of the chaplains, including Jewish prayers in Hebrew and Catholic prayers in Latin.

Some 230 of the 904 men aboard the ship were rescued. Life jackets offered little protection from hypothermia, which killed most men in the water. The water temperature was 34 °F (1 °C) and the air temperature was 36 °F (2 °C). By the time additional rescue ships arrived, “hundreds of dead bodies were seen floating on the water, kept up by their life jackets.”

As I swam away from the ship, I looked back. The flares had lighted everything. The bow came up high and she slid under. The last thing I saw, the four chaplains were up there praying for the safety of the men. They had done everything they could. I did not see them again. They themselves did not have a chance without their life jackets.

—Grady Clark, survivor

Awards

On Dec. 19, 1944, all four chaplains were posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Congress also attempted to confer the Medal of Honor on each of the four chaplains, but the stringent requirements for that medal required heroism performed “under fire,” and the bravery and ultimate sacrifice of these men did not technically qualify, since their actions took place after the torpedo attack. Therefore, members of Congress decided to authorize a special medal intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor. This award, the Four Chaplains’ Medal, was approved by a unanimous act of Congress on July 14, 1960, through Public law 86-656 of the 86th Congress. The medals were presented posthumously to the next of kin of each of the four chaplains by Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker at Ft. Myer, Virginia on Jan. 18, 1961.

Remembering the Four Chaplains

Four Chaplains Day

In 1988, Feb. 3 was established by a unanimous act of Congress as an annual “Four Chaplains Day.” Some state or city officials commemorate the day with official proclamations, sometimes including the order that flags fly at half-staff in memory of the fallen chaplains.



It was a transformational moment for America, the first time all three denominations were recognized by the mainstream population as serving together and with common purpose.

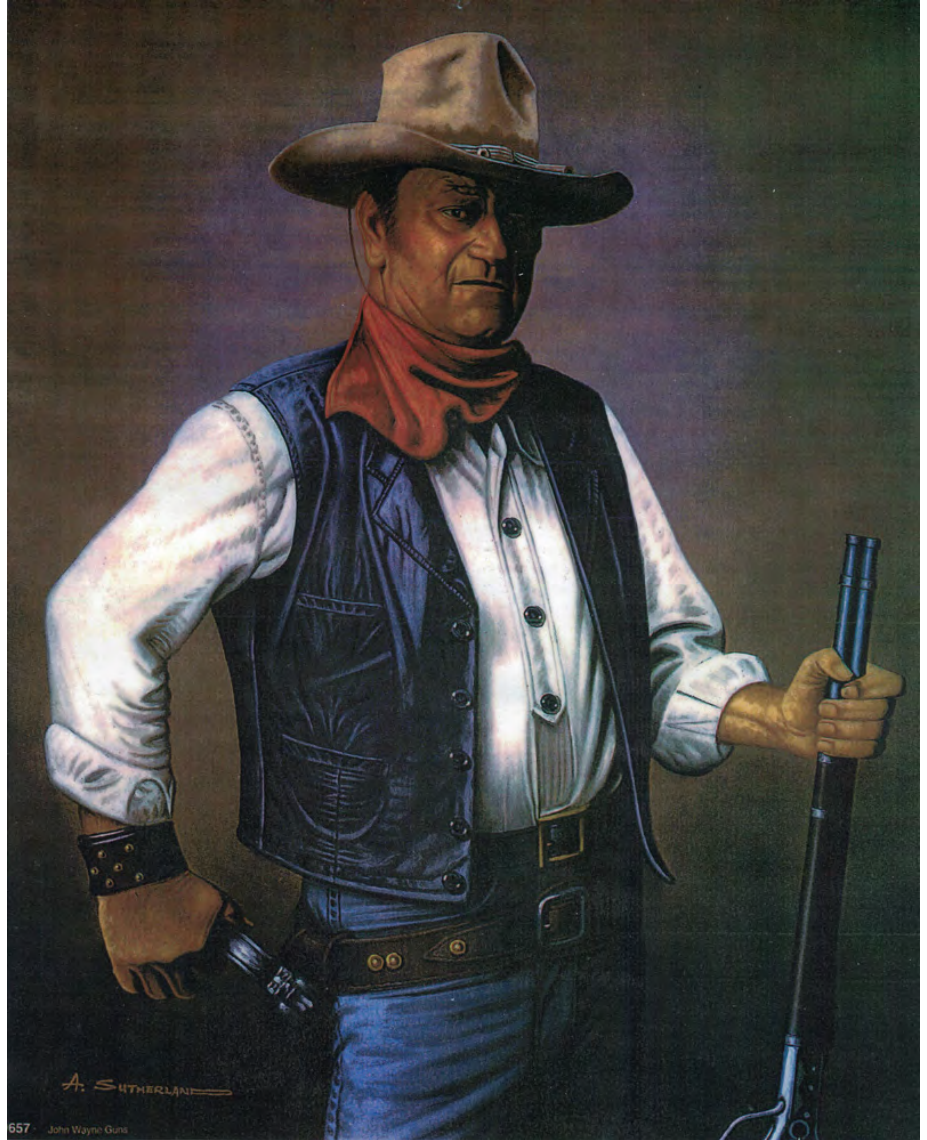
John Wayne, "The Duke"

A true Story by William E. Lally

John Wayne (the Duke) was born on 26 May 1907 and passed away 11 June 1979.

My name is William Lally and I was born on the 15th of March 1935 and this is my story and I stand by it. As a child growing up, John Wayne has always been my IDOL and it all began when I first saw him in one of his old films when I went to the theatre near my home. Every time that heard there was a film with John Wayne, I would make sure that I saw it.

In 1959 I was stationed in Germany and I received order on my new assignment. I was being assigned to the 4th Army Headquarters located at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. This assignment turned out to be one of the best the Army had ever given me. This assignment gave me a chance to meet my IDOL. Most people never get the chance to meet their IDOL, but I was lucky. In 1960 John Wayne was making the film "The Alamo" and it was located in Bracketville, Texas. I was with the "Motion Picture Section" with the 4th Army "Photo Lab" and our section was invited by John Wayne to come to Bracketville and watch some of the scenes that were in the film "The Alamo." One scene I will never forget as I was sitting there in the bed of a pickup truck was when they drove Long Horn

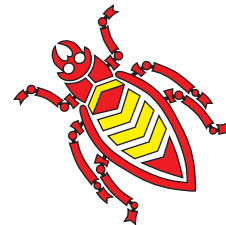
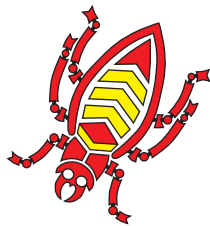


cattle through a Mexican encampment. My section chief had a friend who was from United Artists and he asked him if he would shoot a newsreel of the premier of "The Alamo." He couldn't do it because he was working part time for one of the TV stations shooting the news. So, he asked me if I would do it. I said yes. I was supposed to shoot a number of things concerning the actors in the film for John Wayne to take to London for the premier there. On the night of the premier in San Antonio, Texas it rained like mad. But by then I had done all

the shooting to include shots of people standing in line to see the film. Then, as I was getting into the elevator and going up to one of the party room for publicity staff, John Wayne with one of the females stepped in the same elevator that I was in. He looked at my name tag, which read United Artists, and he asked me what I was doing. I told him that I was shooting a newsreel for him to take to London for the premier there. He said to me, "I hope it is good and I hope that I'm satisfied with it." He shook my hand and smiled. And that is how I met my IDOL and I stand by my story.



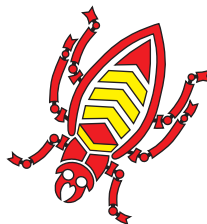
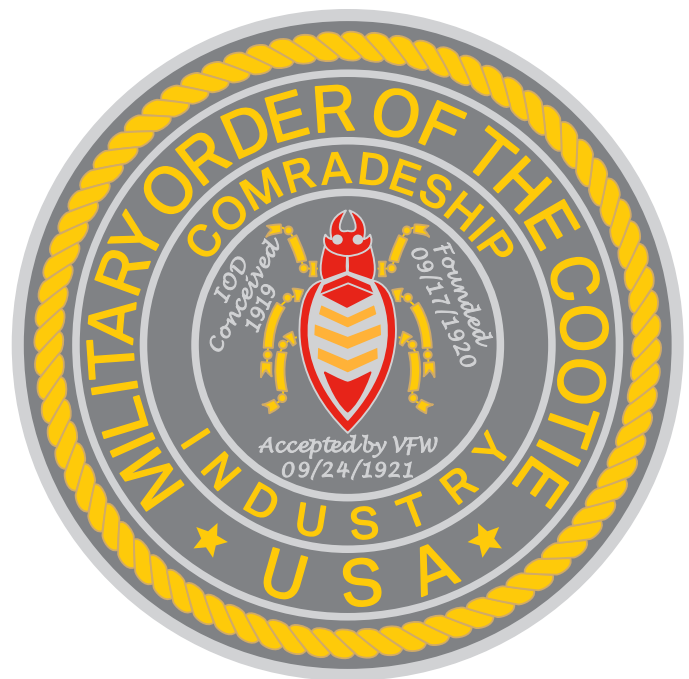
William E. Lally, All Star Seam Squirrel



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.





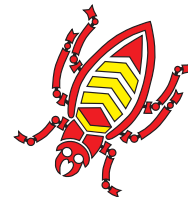
The price for a mailed copy of the **Cootie Courier** has increased to **\$10.00/Year**.
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Go Treasure Hunting

A few days ago (November 26, 2017) a British news agency reported the story of an amazing discovery. The story began when a 35-year-old taxi driver in India, Maksud Khan, came to the emergency room complaining of severe stomach pain. At first doctors suspected food poisoning. But on a hunch they took X-rays of the man's abdomen and what they saw shocked them. A mass of metal was lodged in the Khan's stomach. Then, during surgery they discovered the source of his stomach pain. Khan had swallowed 15.4 pounds of metal objects, including 263 coins. The man made himself a human piggy bank.

Unfortunately, money wasn't the only thing he was consuming. The surgeons also discovered over 100 nails, dozens of razor blades, links of chain, and other metallic objects in his stomach. Khan confessed that he'd started the habit of swallowing coins and nails after suffering a bout of depression. Surgeons believe Khan will suffer no long-term health issues from his unsavory habits, provide he stops them. However, they also admitted that he wouldn't have lasted much longer. Some of the nails were imbedded in his stomach lining and would have soon punctured it.

Depression often does this to people. It distorts their view of reality and makes life look so dismal and bleak that it doesn't seem worth living. It leads them to do self-destructive things – even to throw away life itself. Therefore, our mental and emotional health is something we need to guard with utmost care.

But as Maksud Khan fed himself dangerous objects due to his depression, we daily feed ourselves things that will bring on depression. I'm talking about the steady diet of absolute garbage we consume through the media. Simply watching (or listening) to the news can tie our stomach into knots, raise our blood pressure, increase our anxiety level, and leave us with a sense of despondency.

This is because almost all the news that's reported is negative – as if only bad things happen in life. All the success stories, all the inspiring accounts of kindness and faithfulness, and all the heroic achievements are deliberately ignored. Even if the news you watch expresses your own political views, it will be presented in a disturbing way.

Add to this all the violence, carnage, and celebration of evil in movies and television. It's no wonder so many people see no future for our nation or for the whole of humanity. They've opened their hearts and minds to a continual doomsday message through the media.

The real tragedy is that we're oblivious to the love and blessings of God that surround us and fill our lives.

You don't see it? Sure you don't. You're so conditioned to look for the bad that you're oblivious to all the good.

We all need to change our habits and begin to hunt for the treasures God's given us. As kids we all loved those puzzles to find the "ten hidden objects" in a picture. Years ago a series of "Where's Waldo" books were best sellers. These books had no stories, no plot, not even any words. All they contained were pictures of crowds and somewhere, hidden in the crowd, was a guy named Waldo, wearing a red and white stocking cap, horn-rimmed glasses, and a red and white striped shirt. Kids

and adults went wild over these books. We love to look for hidden things.

May I suggest a healthier and far more rewarding form of entertainment? Play the game “Treasure Hunt”, aka “Count your Blessings.” On your way driving to work, or during moments of reflection, begin to look for God’s “hidden” blessings.

You can begin by thanking God for your health. It’s something none of us gives any thought to - until we get sick. Yet your body is a whole universe of engineering marvels, all working in perfect harmony to keep you alive. Night and day, without your notice God is keeping your heart pumping blood through 50,000 miles of arteries, veins, and capillaries to nourish the trillions of cells in your body and then to carry away their waste. God keeps your lungs breathing, your kidneys filtering blood, and your immune system fighting off countless invasions from microbes. Can you imagine what life would be like if we had to consciously perform these tasks ourselves? We’d be overwhelmed. How could any of us manage the individual maintenance and replication of trillions of cells in our body? Fortunately, God takes care of it for us and we should pause to thank Him for that.

Thank God for this miracle planet that God’s created for our safe and comfortable habitation. The Earth is a rare oasis in a vast and hostile universe – as far as we know, the only one of its kind anywhere. Astrobiologists have identified at least twenty essential components a planet must have to support complex life: e.g. a strong magnetosphere to protect us from the sun’s solar wind, a clear oxygen-nitrogen atmosphere to allow the sun’s rays to warm us, liquid water, plate tectonics, a location at just the right distance from a star with a non-fluctuating output of energy, etc. The Earth has all these critical components. The vast majority of planets don’t have any of them. No other planet has all of them. Only this beautiful jewel of a planet is specially designed by our loving Creator for our home.

The list of treasure that fills our lives is endless. The tragedies God has spared us from, the dark nights He’s carried us through, the spouse who loves us, the children who’ve fulfilled our lives – all of them are blessings for which we should give thanks. This practice and habit will safeguard you against depression and despair. Counting blessings, hunting for the treasure we already possess, and thanking God will help us see clearly when darkness and gloom shroud our pathway.

Oh, just one more thing. Remember the guy who had 263 coins in his belly? Well, there’s a far better thing to do with your wealth than to stash it in your stomach, or even in your bank. Give it to those in need and thereby store up treasure for yourself in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). “When you help the poor you are lending to the Lord—and he pays wonderful interest on your loan!” (Proverbs 19:17, TLB). Preparing for eternity and focusing on pleasing God will do wonders to improve your outlook for the future.

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, I’ve got it all wrong. I’ve been filling my soul and mind with poisonous garbage and spending all my conscious moments pursuing self-gratification. It’s turned me into a worried and despairing wreck. Dear Lord, please open my eyes to Your love and goodness to me. Help me to hunt for the treasures You’ve already given me. Train me, O God, to give You thanks for everything. Amen.

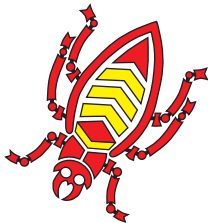
Courtesy of Retired Army Chaplain David Causey from his series “Insightful Illustrations”

All Hail the Supreme Vampire



Even the Supreme Commander cowers to the Supreme Vampire. He was such a good sport!

Courtesy of Supreme Vampire Jim Schinman



Membership

Alert! Alert! A lousy day to all my pestiferous and most annoying brethren out there. My name is *Newby Nit*. One of our Cootie brethren invited me to become a part of this *Crummy* organization. For this I send out a gigantic Boooo! I have just begun my journey to become a Cootie. From my position in the grand scheme of Cootieness I “*believe*” that every member of the “*Specie Pediculi*” should work those seams and bite those VFW members who are worthy of membership. Don’t be afraid now! The hunting grounds are ripe with curious Atoms seeking to know what we really do! Do you see the Cootie hat behind me? That is what I’m trying to attain. I know that once I do, that is not the end of my journey. I must continue to bite, bite and bite some more to serve our fellow veterans and their families. So, let’s all get out there and bite. I’m counting on my brethren to show me the way and how to use this “Blue Ointment.” It’s for happiness or something, right?

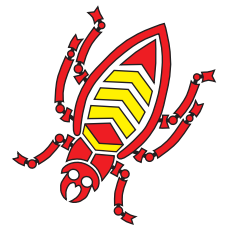
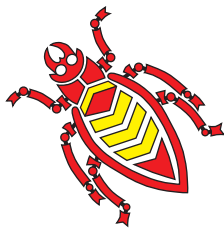


Grand of Florida

The Grand of Florida welcomes the Yellow River Bellies to the Happy Hunting Grounds.



Yellow River Bellies/Pup Tent #1 was instituted by Florida Grand Commander Tom Browne on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at Post 5450 in Crestview. John Hamilton past Supreme Commander was instrumental in helping get the PupTent started.

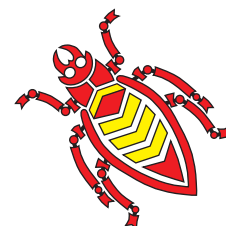
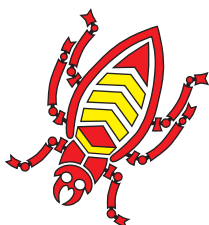


Grand of Maryland



Cootie Blockbuster Pup Tent #3 at the VAMC in Baltimore when we donated the \$1500 check for a special wheelchair (photo on the next page, with the thank you letter). In the photo are Stephanie Eeckhout, Grand of Maryland Seam Squirrel; Kathy Carlson, Pup Tent 3 Seam Squirrel; Amber Wardell, Pup Tent 3 Grayback; and Dave Reynolds, VAVS Baltimore Staff.

Courtesy of Stephanie Eeckhout, Cootie 345, Grand Seam Squirrel, Maryland





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December 4, 2017

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Military Order of the Cootie Blockbuster Pup Tent 3
P.O. Box 363
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Dear Military Order of the Cootie Blockbuster Pup Tent 3:

I want to take this opportunity to thank your organization for donating money toward the purchase of a Staxi wheelchair to support the needs of our Veteran patients at the Baltimore VA Medical Center. These easy to use, sturdy wheelchairs will assist caregivers, family member and VA employees/volunteers while transporting Veteran patients comfortably to important clinic appointments at the medical center.

Attached is a photograph of the donor plaque on the back of the Staxi wheelchair that was purchased thanks to the generosity of your organization. This Staxi wheelchair is now being utilized to support the transportation needs of our Veteran patients throughout the Baltimore VA Medical Center.

On behalf of the patients, staff and volunteers at the VA Maryland Health Care System, please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your outstanding support of our Veteran patients at the Baltimore VA Medical Center.

Sincerely,

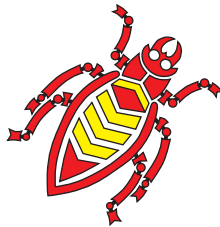
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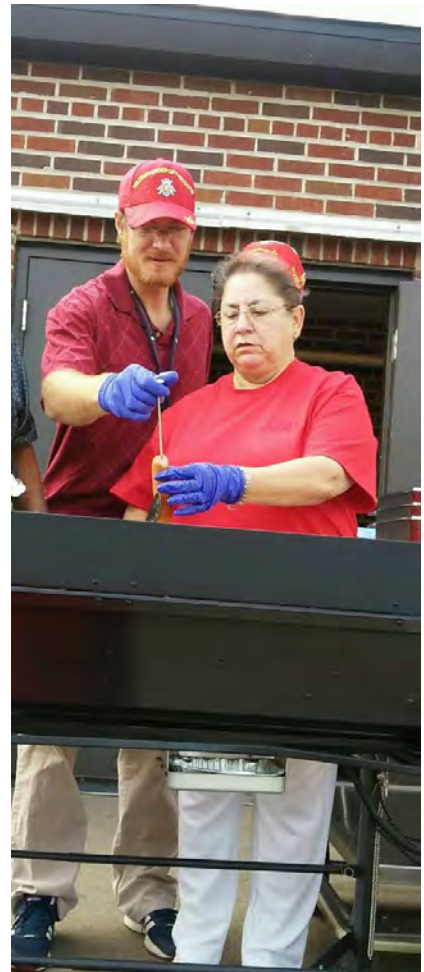
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RED HAT DAY in MINNESOTA

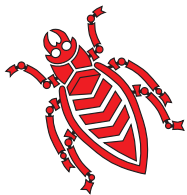
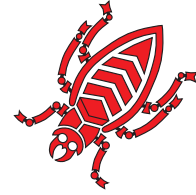
The Grand of Minnesota prepared a lunch meal of brats & dogs for the patients at the VA Medical Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The meat temperature was just right and there was a Happy Grand Commander looking on as they got ready to take them to the kitchen and dining Hall. An absolutely “Lousy” meal for a great bunch of Heroes!!!

Submitted by Frank Presfield

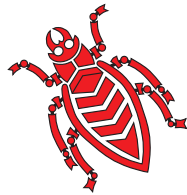
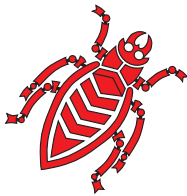




Grand of the Pacific Areas



Christmas Day visit to 121 Army Community Hospital at USAG Yongsan. Steven Tharp, Tony Williams, Tremaime Williams and Loyd Williams, representing VFW 8180, Cootie Pup Tent 8, Sons of The American Legion 37, and Boy Scouts Troop 89, distributed fruit and candy to patients, staff, and two beautiful newborns.



Ernest Lee, Leon Ellison, and Tony Williams, all VFW 8180 & Cootie Pup Tent 8 members, support the Seoul Veterans Community at the annual USAG Yongsan Retiree Appreciation Day event, 18 NOV 2017.

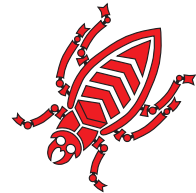
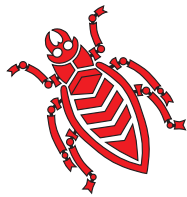
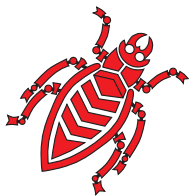
Photos courtesy of Tony Williams
VFW 8180 Life Member (Chaplain 2016-17)
Pup Tent 8 Life member

Grand of Pennsylvania

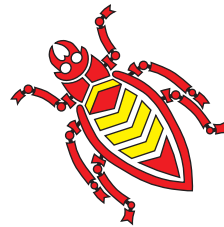
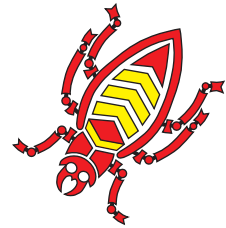


Photo caption: VFW Post 5020 hosted the Central Pennsylvania Combat Veterans' ride for charity on Saturday, August 26. Front row: Combat Vets organizers Chad Williams and Mike Williams with VFW Post 5020 Chaplain/Past PA Grand Commander Charles Vaux. Back row organizers Seed Seesman and Josh Capouellez with VFW Post 5020 Quartermaster Floyd Hauth. More than 100 motorcyclists participated in the ride.

Submitted by Floyd Hauth



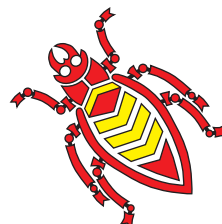
Grand of Tennessee



Cooties from around the world were present during the annual wreath laying ceremony at the National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. It was a cold and rainy day at the cemetery, but no one complained.

It was a great, yet solemn ceremony done by the Cooties and the Auxiliary. Pup Tent 9 of Johnson City along with Pup Tent 5 of Smyrna, had members there laying wreathes; as well as supporting the Grand Commander of Tennessee, Charles Goodreau (Pictured above).

Submitted by Past Grand Commander, John Rydzewski of Pup Tent 5



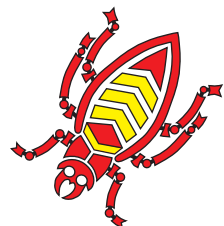
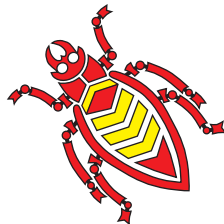
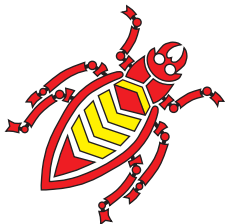


The Cooties and Auxliary of Pup Tent 5 in Smyrna, TN gathered at the VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro, TN for their annual carnival in May.

Pup Tent 5 manned the snow cone machine which was a popular stop due to the high temperatures that we had that day. A fun time was had by all!

Pictured from left to right: Cootie Darell Birk; Past Grand Commander Gilbert LaForrest; Grand Commander Charles Goodreau; Past Grand Commander John "Buy a Round" Rydzewski and Cootie Auxiliary member Tim Wise.

Submitted by Past Grand Commander, John Rydzewski of Pup Tent 5



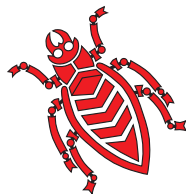
Grand of South Carolina



The MOC/MOCA of PT 10, Ladson, SC visited to “Veteran’s Victory House” for Veteran’s Day with over \$2,000.00 of requested donations that were given to the residents and their Activity Room. ([www.state.SC.us/dmh/victory house](http://www.state.SC.us/dmh/victory%20house)) .

L-R: Norris Stephens, President MOCA Sandy Rowland, Betty Brewster, Amy Aviles, Judy Duncan, Dana Alves, Grand President of SC Marietta Hill, Bonnie Gulendon, Betty Gander, Sandi Myers and Gary Gander.

Submitted by Judy Duncan, Historian, email: jduncan004@yahoo.com.





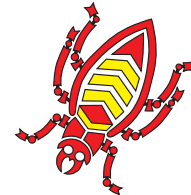
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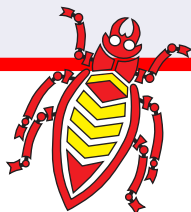
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Alert! Alert!

A huge *Boooo* to those “*Specie Pediculi*” who have written articles for this issue. I really appreciate everyone’s input. Without my Brethren I couldn’t publish all of this news that’s unfit to print.

In this issue you will find pictures from Tomb Trek and Cootie Chistmas. If you want to see more pictures of these most Lousy events, go to the “Gallery” page of the Supreme website: <http://lotcs.org/gallery.html>.

The month of February finds us with a couple of dates to remember. The first is the celebration of “*Four Chaplains*” day on February 3rd. In this issue there is an article explaining why we celebrate that day. The second date is February 11th, “*Cootie Sunday*.” On this lousy day all of my most annoying and pestiferous brethren I know will be visiting veterans in hospitals and nursing homes to “*Keep ‘em Smilin’ in Beds of White*.”

Finally, as the Supreme Quartermaster says in his article, our membership should be a priority as this year comes to a close. Each time I take a look at the “*TAPS*” section, I notice that our ranks continue to dwindle at an alarming rate. Our brethren have moved on to the great hunting grounds in the sky and are watching from above to see if we are maintaining our ranks. If every Cootie, Greyback and Nit would just recruit “one” member, our ranks would swell and we would achieve that 100% mark. So, let’s get out there and *bite, annoy, exasperate, irk* and totally *antagonize* those unsuspecting Atoms to become a part of our “*Crummy Fraternity*.”

Yours in LOTCS,

Dale A. Iannello

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