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## From the Supreme Commander

**Dear Cooties,**

So far this year I have made it down to Ft. McCoy, Florida to the Veterans Village for a visit and a great time was had by all. Next stop was the Sharing and Caring Cruise and the laying of a wreath on the water for our veterans. I will be having a Meet and Greet at Tomb Trek this November instead of a Homecoming; as everyone needs to attend this event at least once. Cootie Christmas is coming up too and the kids enjoy this every year as do the Cooties. I look forward to seeing y'all at these upcoming events.

**Your Supreme Commander and friend Steve W. Ruger Sr.**

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# From the Supreme Sr. Vice Commander

## Listen Cooties!

I want to thank you for trusting me to serve as your Supreme Senior Vice Commander! I am looking forward to a crummy year serving under Supreme Commander Steve Ruger. I hope to visit as many Grands as possible. We try to have Supreme representation at the Grand conventions in the Spring, but that is difficult with so many Grands. I don't mind traveling to your Fall, Winter or Spring Grand Councils of Administration if you would like a visit. Schedules fill up quickly with Tomb Trek and Cootie Christmas already calendared. Please have your Supreme Rep. requests for your Grand Scratch to Supreme Adjutant Gordon Lam by Tomb Trek. We are assigning Supreme officers at that time. The calendar fills up quick so please have your requests in on time.



I had a terrible time attending the Grand of Arizona's Joint Opening and Scratch last month. Before the Scratch the Cooties invaded the Prescott VA with steaks and the fixins' to feed to the residents. They also provided a band for entertainment. It was a beautiful afternoon full of food and entertainment. Grand Commander Bob Hysko had to pull out the big gavel to keep the crummy bunch in order. We were honored to have 12<sup>th</sup> Supreme Rep Al Morton and MOCA Supreme Chaplain Cathy Seippel.

Next month I will be representing the MOC at the Albuquerque Fisher House Grand Opening at the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center. I look forward to be a part of such a great program.

As we gear up for our Supreme Council of Administration in D.C., be sure to get your wreaths ordered and you have the appropriate attire. Soon after Tomb Trek, we have Cootie Christmas at the National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. If you have never been to Tomb Trek or the National Home, I highly encourage you to attend these wonderful events.

I encourage all of you to be active members





of your VFW post and invite your fellow Comrades to become a Cootie. We have an advantage in our recruiting since we already know our audience. We don't have to go out and 'hunt' for recruits like we do in the VFW. Last year, the VFW recruited record numbers so there aren't any excuses why our numbers don't increase this year. Often times, we simply have to ask to get new members. We must make membership our primary focus.

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

**Darin Combs  
Supreme Senior Vice Commander  
2019-2020**



### **From the Supreme Jr. Vice-Commander**

**Dear Fellow Comrades,**

**I**t is the time of year when Grands have Fall conferences and the opportunity to promote GROWTH. GROW your membership by being the member who others enjoy being around. GROW your membership by building up the membership instead of rumor mongering and tearing down individuals. GROW yourself by being familiar with the current Program Book and share with membership. Be the person who shares ideas for improvement in activities that are PHUN and rewarding; thus promoting retention which is paramount in GROWTH. Each of us have the duty to help make our individual Pup Tents efficient and effective. We can promote GROWTH by sharing our record of activities in the media that is present for your use: Local newspapers, television spots, and social media (Facebook). GROWTH occurs as people recognize that the Military Order of the Cootie is the best public relations tool a local VFW post has; out in the community sharing and caring with veterans! Be part of the GROWTH! Help get all unpaid memberships paid now and remind members that miss pup tent scratches about the scheduled date. Volunteer to pick them up and take them with you. We are all in the same boat! So, let's act like it and make sure we are moving forward!!!

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Olin Parks  
Supreme Jr. Vice Commander  
2019-2020**

## From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

I want to thank everyone for all the support you showed to me by reelecting me for another year as the Supreme Quartermaster. Your support was and is greatly appreciated. The Supreme Convention in Orlando was a major success, we sold out of almost everything we brought to convention by Friday afternoon. Your patience at the supply area was appreciated especially with the long lines of Cooties waiting to spend their money.



Now, it is time to start working on getting the Cooties back on track by increasing our membership numbers. If the VFW could be 100% in membership for the first time in 27 years, why can't we be 100% in membership. Let's get out there and recruit some of these new VFW members into our lousy fraternity.

We are still missing a number of Bonds. A few election reports and late delegate fees from the past convention. If you do get them in to Supreme Headquarters your Pup Tent will be put under suspension and possibly declared defunct. We are losing enough Pup Tents because of just old age; we do not need to lose Pup Tents because someone forgot about a delegate fee or to process a bond.

When processing new members please remember to include a copy of the Cootie application with your transmittal that you send to the Grand Quartermaster, he needs the same information that I need here at headquarters. The same applies to life membership applications.

If you think of new items that you would like the supply department to start carrying, please let us know so we can work on getting the items that you want. We enjoy working with the **COOTIES** and being a part of this awesome Organization.

Yours in LOTCS,

Gary Dressel  
Supreme Quartermaster  
2019-2020



# From the Supreme Surgeon

## FLU SEASON

The flu season is upon us. Here are some things you must know about the 2019-2020 flu season.

1. **Symptoms:** Flu symptoms include chills, fever, achy muscles, cough, sore throat, and headache. Flu symptoms can develop suddenly and severely. These symptoms range from mild to severe.
2. **Risk Factors:** Flu risk factors include children younger than 4; adults older than 65; living in a nursing home or long-term care facility; currently pregnant or up to two weeks postpartum; weakened immune system; chronic illness or have a body mass index 40 or higher.
3. **Colds vs. Flu:** A cold is milder than the flu and comes on gradually. Most cold symptoms occur above the neck, while flu symptoms impact your whole body.
4. **Diagnosis:** The most common way to diagnose the flu is the rapid influenza diagnostics test. Your Physician will swab the back of your nose or throat and check the sample for antigens. The results will be available in less than 30 minutes.
5. **Treatment:** The flu is treated with an antiviral such as Tamiflu or Relenza. If these treatments are taken within two days of the onset of symptoms, these can lessen symptoms and decrease the length of time you may be sick. Whether you are treated with medications or not, the best way to treat the flu is rest, drink fluids and use any other remedies that best alleviate the symptoms, such as pain reliever for headaches and achy muscles.
6. **Prevention:** The best way to prevent the flu is to get the flu vaccine. The injection protects against the three or four flu viruses that research determines will be the most common that year. Despite popular theories, the vaccine cannot give you the flu. Practicing good hygiene, such as washing your hands, coughing or sneezing into a tissue, avoiding crowded areas, avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth and cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects, can also decrease your risk of catching the flu.

Remember to get your flu vaccination this year, especially if you are visiting patients in the hospital. You can get your flu vaccination through your physician or at most pharmacies.

Please take care of yourself this flu season. If you feel that you are experiencing symptoms of the flu, get to your physician right away.

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

Dani Hernandez  
Supreme Surgeon  
2019-2020

## From the VFW National Chaplain

**My fellow Comrades,**

I pray your year has gotten off to a great start. In Galatians 6:9 it says: ***“Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.”*** Stay on course and lose not sight of your vision.

State Chaplains, I encourage you to reach out to your District Chaplains. Encourage them. Assist them as they reach out to the Post Chaplains in their District. Conduct Chaplain Workshops to teach the importance of Chaplains to be an example and to be the bright light in their community on behalf of the VFW.

I am here to serve you as you serve your fellow comrades.

Let us go forth into the world in peace and dedicated to Your service, O Lord. Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and the afflicted, and honor all people. Let us love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of His Spirit. And may God’s blessing be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

**Yours in Comradeship,**

**Jim Jenkins**  
**VFW National Chaplain**





## From the Supreme Inspector

Cooties,

I have the lousy duty of serving as your Supreme Inspector for the Cootie year 2019-2020.

There is a revised Inspection report now out and can be found on the Cootie website at LOTCS.org. Please start using the new form. Old forms will be accepted during this Cootie year only. As always, you can email your reports to me or send it via mail to my address listed. Have a lousy day!

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# From the Supreme Papa Clown

## A New Clown in Town

What was the first thing you were told when some crawling creature invited you to be a Cootie?

Most probably, “Our official Motto is, ‘Keep ‘em Smilin’ in Beds of White’.”

We learn from the very beginning that caring for veteran patients and helping them to laugh is in our souls. It is at the core of being a Cootie. We are expected to regularly go to hospitals and nursing homes to coax a smile and a laugh from veteran patients.

The clown program is our most obvious way to do this.

I know, there have been a few of us, who have been clowning for years, but not that many. So, we are working to recognize our MOC clowns as the elite of the elite. Yes, we are all part of the Honor Degree of the VFW. But, the clowns are those of our members who live being a Cootie.

Not to mention, our clowns have so much fun. We want you to join that fun.

The basic rules are very simple. 1. Your clown does not have to look like a ‘traditional clown’. 2. You need to wear at least three ‘clown items’. This may be any fun or funny item of clothing or accessory. For a long time, I was known as “the Hick”, and wore a straw hat with all kinds of animals crawling around it. 3. Show up at your pup tent or grand’s hospital event in clown gear at least three times during the year and report it.

I want to make this column fun, and informative. So I would love you to send me pictures of you as your MOC clown. Tell me who you are, what crummy pup tent you play with, and where you do your hospital work.

I am working on a Clown training PowerPoint and would like to use some of your pictures in it.

I will post three or four on this column at each issue of the Courier. I’ll also try to answer any questions you might have.

Together let’s build the MOC Clown Program and show our auxiliary partners that we can, and will, do our share of the work.

**Allan T. Perkins “Archibald O’Perk”**

**Supreme Poppa Clown**

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# Papa Clown Keeps 'em Smilin' in Beds of White



## **MOC Supreme General Order #2 2019 - 2020**

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 2019 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 16 February 2020. All Cooties should make special effort to visit our hospitalized Veterans on this date.
3. Notice to all Grand's and Pup Tents. There were several By-Law changes adopted by the 100th Supreme Convention which will affect all levels of the Supreme Organization. If your set of By-Laws are outdated, 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.
4. In accordance with Supreme Policy, all Grand's 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 October 2019. Grands are reminded of the request to send the Supreme Adjutant a copy of your General Orders and/or list of events. The Supreme Commander and Officers wish to be more visible and possibly send a representative to your function.
5. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, Section 534, and having failed to register at least 1 delegate, the following Pup Tents are in arrears to the Military Order of the Cootie of the US and subject to suspension if not received by Nov 30, 2019: AR 03, CA 34, NC 08, 57, OH 04, PA 38, SC 09, TN 04, WI 08.
6. In Accordance with Supreme By-Laws Section 308, and having failed to submit an Election Report, the following Pup Tents are considered suspended until such report is submitted to Supreme Headquarters: CA 23, 34, IA 16, OH 04, PA 38.
7. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, Section 314(G) and 413(F) maintaining a current Bond, the following Grands & Pup Tents do not have a valid Bond: AR 03, 14, 21, CA 07, 34, 38, DE 01, FL 02, 55, 57, 66, 75, GA 05, IA 06, 16, KS 07, MA 14, MT 11, NV 05, NJ 07, 39, NY 42, 65, NC 79, OH 04, 24, 25, 86, 118, OR 24, PA 38, 48, SC 03, SD 12, TX 60, VA 05, 11, WI 08, 14, 21.
8. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, the following Pup Tents Charter has been revoked or declared Defunct; MA 34, MD 25, NJ 28.
9. All suggested by-law amendments and changes to the 2019 By-Laws and Ritual need to

be submitted by 15 Feb to the By-Laws Review Chairman Mark Larkin (Mark.Larkin1966@gmail.com or snail-mail). Chairman Larkin will in turn forward to all appropriate Board members. Deadline is 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 2019 are no longer members in good standing.

11. As soon as finalized, information and all necessary forms for the 101<sup>st</sup> Supreme Scratch to be held in Reno, NV will be available on the website [www.lotcs.org](http://www.lotcs.org) under the heading Events.

12. As a reminder: The Cootie Courier is published in:

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Supreme Adjutant**





# MOC Hospital Report

Date: August Report					
Grand	Goal	Reports	Cooties	Total Monies	Percentage
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Gary Dressel</b>					
DE	\$31,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
DC	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
MD	\$75,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
PA	\$115,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
VA	\$79,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
WV	\$12,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$313,250.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#2 - Louis C. McVey</b>					
AL	\$11,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
FL	\$144,500.00	19	161	\$18,654.68	12.91%
GA	\$35,000.00	3	120	\$10,553.25	30.15%
LA	\$24,000.00	4	28	\$2,125.70	8.86%
MS	\$42,500.00	2	66	\$5,782.90	13.61%
NC	\$69,750.00	8	143	\$11,698.77	16.77%
SC	\$38,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TN	\$37,000.00	2	121	\$7,725.46	20.88%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$402,500.00</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>\$56,540.76</b>	<b>14.05%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Jeff Keen</b>					
IL	\$47,250.00	15	116	\$11,650.53	24.66%
IN	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
KY	\$53,750.00	12	120	\$19,757.49	36.76%
MI	\$44,500.00	6	108	\$18,600.31	41.80%
OH	\$116,750.00	205	254	\$32,778.36	28.08%
WI	\$77,000.00	48	317	\$49,776.68	64.65%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$339,250.00</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>\$132,563.37</b>	<b>39.08%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - Olin Parks</b>					
IA	\$24,500.00	21	110	\$16,088.96	65.67%
KS	\$32,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MN	\$94,500.00	17	251	\$24,588.15	26.02%
MO	\$90,000.00	25	526	\$97,293.85	108.10%
MT	\$24,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NE	\$27,250.00	7	191	\$13,855.20	50.84%
ND	\$37,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
SD	\$25,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$355,500.00</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>\$151,826.16</b>	<b>42.71%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Ron Johnson</b>					
AR	\$34,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
CO	\$48,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
EURO	\$22,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NM	\$38,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%

OK	\$24,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TX	\$93,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
WY	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$260,500.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Vaughn Gates</b>					
AK	\$15,500.00	22	57	\$9,300.24	60.00%
AZ	\$98,000.00	15	661	\$81,686.16	83.35%
CA	\$154,000.00	19	575	\$124,836.51	81.06%
HI	\$5,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
ID	\$4,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NV	\$24,000.00	17	36	\$4,334.15	18.06%
OR	\$67,250.00	7	57	\$15,455.60	22.98%
PAC	\$118,750.00	21	282	\$23,216.20	19.55%
WA	\$57,000.00	8	47	\$18,028.95	31.63%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$543,500.00</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>\$276,857.81</b>	<b>50.94%</b>
<b>SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 -Jesse Kitson</b>					
CT	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
ME	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
MA	\$25,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NH	\$23,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NJ	\$58,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NY	\$42,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$149,250.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION)</b>					
AK#2	\$8,500.00	4	105	\$10,431.69	122.73%
AK#3	\$7,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
AL#13	\$11,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
DC#1	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
HI#1	\$5,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
ID#3	\$4,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#14	\$12,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#34	\$5,750.00	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%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,250.00</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>\$10,431.69</b>	<b>14.85%</b>
<b>Supreme Total</b>					
	<b>\$2,363,750.00</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>4,347</b>	<b>\$617,788.10</b>	<b>26.14%</b>
<b>DIVISION STANDINGS</b>					
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>BLUE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>RED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>PURPLE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>WHITE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
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# MOC Inspection Report

Supreme Inspection as of 09-24-2019

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Dist Inspected	Date Completed	Grand Inspection	Percent	Pup Tents that are Inspected
AL-13	1	0			N/A	%	
AK-2	1	0			N/A	%	
AK-3	1	0			N/A	%	
AZ	8	0				%	
AR	5	0				%	
CA	14	0				%	
CO	6	0				%	
DE	3	0				%	
EUR	1	0			N/A	%	
FL	22	0				%	
GA	4	3			Yes	75%	5,59,66
HI	1	0			N/A	%	
ID-3	1	0			N/A	%	
IL	6	6		8/15/2019		100%	
IA	4	0				%	
KS	4	4		9/6/2019		100%	
KY	6	5				83%	2,6,7,9,16
LA	3	0				%	
MD	9	0				%	
MA-14	1	0			N/A	%	
MA-34	1	0			N/A	%	
MA-52	1	0			N/A	%	
MI	7	0				%	
MN	15	0				%	
MS	5	0				%	
MO	11	8				73%	1,8,9,11,12,14,15,17
MT-10	1	0			N/A	%	
MT-11	1	0			N/A	%	
MT-24	1	0			N/A	%	
NE	3	0				%	
NV-2	1	0			N/A	%	
NV-3	1	0			N/A	%	
NV-5	1	1			N/A	100%	
NV1,3	2	0			N/A	%	
NJ	9	0				%	
NM	5	0				%	
NY	7	0				%	
NC	10	0				%	
ND	5	0				%	
OH	16	0				%	
OK	5	0				%	
OR	10	0				%	
PAC	9	0				%	
PA	12	1				8%	18
SC	7	0				%	
SD	3	0				%	
TN	4	0				%	
TX	11	3				27%	13,55,68
VA	8	0				%	
WA	7	0				%	
WV-6	1	0				%	
WI	10	0				%	
						%	
TOTAL	291	31		2		10.65%	



# MOC Membership Report

2019-2020 Membership Report 9/28/2019											
Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
<b>GOLD DIVISION</b>											
14	CALIFORNIA	73.03%	3	65	1	413	482	660	3	4	
16	OHIO	73.50%	0	0	0	355	355	483	1	0	
<b>SILVER DIVISION</b>											
22	FLORIDA	46.45%	4	27	3	247	281	605	1	7	
15	MINNESOTA	67.60%	2	45	0	219	266	392	2	2	
11	TEXAS	74.42%	6	52	3	228	289	387	6	9	
<b>RED DIVISION</b>											
8	ARIZONA	64.00%	6	25	1	224	256	400	8	7	
6	ILLINOIS	58.97%	1	3	0	111	115	195	0	1	
9	MARYLAND	70.37%	1	43	1	183	228	324	1	2	
7	MICHIGAN	55.14%	0	8	0	94	102	185	0	0	
7	NEW YORK	40.45%	1	0	0	71	72	178	0	1	
9	PACIFIC AREAS	77.23%	2	6	0	364	372	483	1	2	
12	PENNSYLVANIA	59.26%	14	52	3	191	260	432	5	17	
8	VIRGINIA	64.02%	2	0	0	208	210	328	0	2	
10	WISCONSIN	52.38%	4	35	2	134	174	336	1	6	
<b>WHITE DIVISION</b>											
4	GEORGIA	84.72%	2	36	1	83	122	144	0	3	
11	MISSOURI	61.46%	11	47	1	169	228	371	7	12	
9	NEW JERSEY	69.27%	6	45	11	89	151	218	1	17	
5	NEW MEXICO	59.35%	0	0	0	92	92	155	0	0	
10	NORTH CAROLINA	63.89%	2	16	9	157	184	288	2	11	
7	WASHINGTON	66.38%	7	35	2	116	160	235	4	9	
<b>BLUE DIVISION</b>											
5	ARKANSAS	71.43%	9	6	16	69	100	140	0	25	
6	COLORADO	37.17%	0	0	0	71	71	191	0	0	
6	KENTUCKY	75.57%	3	36	2	126	167	221	1	5	
5	MISSISSIPPI	61.14%	0	0	0	108	108	175	1	0	
5	NORTH DAKOTA	62.58%	1	23	0	73	97	155	0	1	
10	OREGON	38.35%	2	0	1	104	107	279	3	3	
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	70.79%	6	20	0	115	141	202	0	6	
4	TENNESSEE	48.68%	1	1	12	60	74	152	1	13	
<b>GREEN DIVISION</b>											
3	DELAWARE	69.23%	0	0	0	81	81	117	0	0	
4	KANSAS	51.88%	11	17	0	41	69	133	0	11	
3	LOUISIANA	40.40%	0	8	1	31	40	99	0	1	
3	NEBRASKA	72.32%	0	8	2	71	81	112	0	2	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	51.92%	1	21	1	31	54	104	1	2	
5	OKLAHOMA	96.51%	4	11	26	42	83	86	0	30	
<b>PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION</b>											
3	IOWA		0	0	0	40	40	102	0	0	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	46.15%	0	0	0	48	48	104	0	0	
<b>BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)</b>											
1	ALASKA 2	51.43%	0	0	0	18	18	35	0	0	
1	ALASKA 3	86.21%	1	0	4	21	26	29	1	5	
1	ALABAMA 13	77.78%	0	0	0	35	35	45	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	103.66%	6	0	0	79	85	82	0	6	
1	HAWAII 1	95.24%	0	8	0	12	20	21	0	0	
1	IDAHO 3	82.35%	0	6	0	8	14	17	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	17.65%	0	0	0	9	9	51	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	3.70%	0	0	0	1	1	27	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1	58.06%									
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	42.86%									
1	MONTANA 10	89.58%	0	0	0	43	43	48	0	0	
1	MONTANA 11	105.13%	0	0	0	31	31	39	0	0	
1	MONTANA 24	38.46%	0	0	0	5	5	13	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	85.00%	0	0	0	51	51	60	0	0	
1	NEVADA 3	80.95%	0	0	0	17	17	21	0	0	
1	NEVADA 5	94.44%	0	0	0	8	8	18	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	48.15%	0	0	0	26	26	54	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	94.48%				445	445	471		0	
291	TOTALS	63.04%	119	566	103	5668	6508	10202	51	222	

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

# Supreme President's Message

## Auxiliary Members,

I am very proud, humble and honored to serve as your 2019 – 2020 Supreme President of this great organization. I pledge to you that I will fulfill the duties of this high office to the best of my abilities.

I thank each of you for your friendship and support on my journey to this position.

The 2019 – 2020 year will be a year of teamwork. We MUST work together within our Auxiliaries, Grands, and Supreme District and with the MOC. We are just that team, always dedicated to the care of our veterans and military personnel. Let us never forget their sacrifices to our country.

As a team, we can grow in membership by recruiting new members and retaining our old members. Let's continue training members on programs and each office within our organization. Let's share ideas on ways to encourage members to return, helping with programs and working for our veterans. We must share our knowledge with others in order for our organization to continue to grow.

I have faith we will be ***"Running To Support Our Veterans."***

Loyally,

**Marquitta "Nikki" Hill**  
**Supreme President**  
**2019 - 2020**



# Supreme MOCA Membership

## MOCA Supreme Membership,

**T**his year, we must all REALLY make an effort to achieve our 100% before the end of December. At a minimum, we need to be at 90% by 12/31/19. Our goal must be to grow the organization!

The lifeblood of our organization is our members. If we continue to lose them through lack of collecting their dues, then “shame on us.” To grow the organization, we also need to recruit new members. There are so many Auxiliary members who don’t have the slightest idea as to who we are and what we do. Get out there and tell them. Remember we are a Fun organization but we also do an amazing amount of great work in the Hospitals and at the National Home. We need to start “tooting our horn.”

I believe that this will be the year that we grow. Check our current membership standings in this Cootie Courier. Figure out how you personally can increase those membership numbers and then go out and DO it!! It is up to each one of us to strengthen our numbers and this will be the year we start turning things around. This can and will be our first 100% year in a VERY long time.

**Loyally,**

**Marilyn Peck**  
**Supreme MOCA Membership Chairperson**  
**2019-2020**  
[mpeck@vfwauxca.org](mailto:mpeck@vfwauxca.org)



# Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie

## General Order #1 Series 2019 - 2020

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Supreme President of the Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie I hereby assume the duties of the office.
2. All previous appointments are hereby declared null and void.
3. **Bonds:** All Auxiliaries and Grands must bond their President and Treasurer by August 31, 2019. Per the By-Laws change adopted at the July 2019 Convention in Orlando. This means you will now have 2 bonds and pay the premium per \$1,000 as outlined on the bond form.
4. **Membership Kits:** If you have not received your membership kits, please make sure Supreme has received your 2019 – 2020 election reports. Please send a copy of your election report to the Supreme President and Supreme Treasurer.
5. **Dues:** Auxiliary Treasurers, please remember to send all dues and transmittals to the Grand Treasurer as soon as you receive them. Grand Treasurers, please make sure all dues and transmittals are mailed to the Supreme Treasurer as soon as you receive them. Please do not hold any dues or transmittals. All dues are due to Supreme Treasurer by December 31, 2019 to be a current member on January 1, 2019. **Remember VFWA dues are to be paid first.**
6. **Bylaws and Rituals:** Please make sure you purchase a new Bylaws and Rituals manual due to changes that were made at Supreme Convention.
7. **Hospital Pins:** Please turn over all **100 hours hospital pins** to Hospital Commissioner Janis Wimmer in order to receive your next hospital pin. If you do not turn in your 100 hours hospital pin, then you must pay \$5.00. Failure to do so will result in you not receiving your next earned hospital hours pin.
8. **Chaplains:** Please send your monthly report to your Grand Chaplain. *Auxiliaries not in a Grand* please send those reports to our Supreme Chaplain. *Grand Chaplains* please send your monthly report to our Supreme Chaplain, with a copy going to your Supreme District Chaplain. It is important that we send cards to our members. Please report any deaths of members to not only our Supreme Treasurer, Penney Howard but to our Supreme Chaplain, Cathy Seippel.
9. **Hospital Chairmen:** Please send your reports to your Grand Chairman. *Grand Chairmen:* Please compile the reports & send them to the District Hospital Commissioner. *Auxiliaries not in a Grand:* Please send your reports to your District Hospital Commissioner. 2019-2020 Hospital forms are on the website – [www.lotcs.org](http://www.lotcs.org). Supreme Hospital Commissioner, Janis Wimmer, asks that every Auxiliary use the new forms.
10. **Supreme President Special Project:** Susan Cihlar is the new chairman for this program. Updated forms and Susan Cihlar's information will be updated on the website.
11. **Tomb Trek Official Auxiliary Uniform:** MOCA Uniform should be a white shirt/blouse that buttons to the neck of good quality permanent press or cotton broadcloth; to be worn with pants or skirt of similar material. The length of the skirt (A-Line or straight skirt) shall be no shorter than one (1) inch above the knee and no longer than four (4) inches below the knee. Pants should be of dress quality (NO tights or Jeans). The length of the pants should cover the top of the shoe. Only white shoes with low heels will be worn at Tomb Trek due to the fact that wreaths are presented on turf and walking in heels would be a detriment to your safety. A red blazer type jacket will be worn over the uniform with no patches or pins on the jacket. Ties should be a "Colonel Sanders" type of tie or solid

dress red tie. The MOC Tie with embroidered Cootie is acceptable. All ties will be worn with shirt buttoned at the neck, MILITARY Style. Jewelry will be held to a minimum. NO HOOP or dangling earrings and NO NOSE or LIP rings. The red and white garrison cap or pillbox hat is required and should reflect your most recent position. Examples are online on the MOCA MART. Remember, if it would not be acceptable as a Military uniform, it is not acceptable at TOMB TREK.

12. **Secretaries on all levels:** Please forward any changes of officers and addresses to the Supreme President, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer.

13. **Grand Presidents and Supreme District Presidents:** Please remember the Supreme Representative Request Form is due to the Supreme President by December 31, 2019. Please get them in on time.

14. **Grand Secretaries, Supreme District Secretaries and Auxiliaries not in a Grand Secretaries:** General Orders, Information Letters and Minutes should be sent to the Supreme President, Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Senior and Junior Vice Presidents and the Supreme Hospital Commissioner. The audit and Treasurer's Report should be included in the minutes.

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

16. The 85th Annual Trek to Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be October 31 thru November 3rd, 2019. Reservation forms and hotel information are on the website [www.lotcs.org](http://www.lotcs.org) and in the Supreme President's program book. Please pay attention to the cut off dates. ANY MEMBER THAT IS NOT ATTIRED IN THE REQUIRED DRESS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT A WREATH. Please read the dress code carefully so that you will be able to present a wreath for your Auxiliary/Grand (Refer to #11).

17. Supreme President's Pins are now on sale for \$3.00 each or \$75.00 for a bag of 25.

18. **Website:** Please check the website for Supreme President's Message, forms and additional information at [www.lotcs.org](http://www.lotcs.org) and then click on the MOCA Emblem.

19. Supreme President's cell phone number is (601) 596-7546 and e-mail address [NicoleVFW@yahoo.com](mailto:NicoleVFW@yahoo.com).

20. To those who are ill, our best wishes for a speedy recovery. To those who have lost loved ones, we extend our sympathy and prayers.

**Attested By:**

**Georg Jean Zimmerman**  
**Supreme Secretary**



**By Order Of:**

**Marquitta "Nikki" Hill**  
**Supreme President**

# **Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie**

## **General Order #2 Series 2019 - 2020**

1. I am sending sincere prayers to the Grand of Florida, Grand of North Carolina and Grand of South Carolina during Hurricane Dorian.
2. **Treasurers:** Please Do Not hold dues. Auxiliary Treasurers, please make sure when you receive 2020 dues from members, you are completing transmittals and sending dues to your Grand Treasurers. *Grand Treasurers:* Please send those 2020 dues to our Supreme Treasurer, Penney Howard, P.O. Box 34, Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034. *Auxiliaries Not in a Grand:* Please send your 2020 dues and transmittals to Penney.
3. **Officers:** All local, Grand, District and Supreme Officers, please make sure your dues are paid. Remember, if your dues are not received to Supreme Treasurer by December 31st then on January 1st you will not be in good standing to hold your current office.
4. **Bonds:** All Auxiliaries and Grands should have their 8/2019 to 8/2021 bond by now. Per the recent By-Laws change, all Treasurers and Presidents are to be bonded.
5. **Audits:** Trustees, please make sure you are auditing the Secretary and Treasurer books (minute book, checkbook, ledger, receipt book, deposit book and bank statements). All audits are to be mailed to Supreme Treasurer on time.
6. **Chaplains:** Please report monthly to your Grand Chaplain, who will then report to our Supreme Chaplain, Cathy Seippel, 1146 Vail, Camp Verde, AZ 86322. *Auxiliaries Not in a Grand:* Please send your reports directly to Cathy. Please send all names of members who are ill or passed away to Supreme Chaplain Cathy. Supreme Chaplain Cathy will send out e-mails each month notifying members who are in need of cards. If you are a Chaplain of your Grand and Auxiliary not in a Grand and did not receive an e-mail from Cathy in the month of August, please send her an e-mail with your correct e-mail address.
7. **Grand Presidents:** You should have started your inspections and visits to your Auxiliaries in your Grand. Please do not hold those *Inspection Reports*. As soon as you do a visit/inspection forward the inspection form to Supreme Inspector, Renee Graham, 3839 Quailhollow Ct., Springfield, OH 45502 and Supreme President, Marquitta Hill, P. O. Box 1461, Tupelo, MS 38802. *Auxiliaries Not in A Grand:* As Supreme President, I will be visiting some Auxiliaries not in a Grand and I have assigned individuals to complete the rest of the Auxiliaries not in a Grand inspections. All inspections for auxiliaries shall be completed by December 31, 2019.
8. **Grand Presidents:** Please send me a bio with a headshot picture of you in your MOCA hat. This will allow me to get to know each of our Grand Presidents. Also, please send the dates of your Grand C of A's and special events to my e- mail: NicoleVFW@yahoo.com.
9. **Auxiliary Secretaries:** Please send updated officer information and changes of officers to your Grand Presidents. Auxiliary Secretaries, please forward the information to Supreme President, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer.
10. To those who are ill, our best wishes for a speedy recovery. To those who have lost loved ones, we extend our sympathy and prayers.

**Attested By:**

**Georg Jean Zimmerman**  
**Supreme Secretary**

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**By Order Of:**

**Marquitta "Nikki" Hill**  
**Supreme President**



# Supreme MOCA Membership Report

## MOCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September 23, 2019

State	2019	2020	%
<b>Division 1 (under 100)</b>			
Illinois	68		0.00%
Kansas	97		0.00%
Louisiana	78		0.00%
Maryland	93	33	35.48%
Mississippi	97	36	37.11%
New York	93	28	30.11%
<b>6 Grands</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>18.44%</b>

<b>Division 2 (101-150)</b>			
Colorado	103	27	26.21%
New Jersey	108		0.00%
New Mexico	122	21	17.21%
Oregon	140	32	22.86%
Washington	145	2	1.38%
<b>5 Grands</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>13.27%</b>

<b>Division 3 (151-180)</b>			
Arizona	157	69	43.95%
North Carolina	163	35	21.47%
Ohio	176	35	19.89%
South Carolina	160	62	38.75%
Texas	168		0.00%
Virginia	158	36	22.78%
Wisconsin	178	80	44.94%
<b>7 Grands</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>27.33%</b>

State	2019	2020	%
<b>Division 4 (181 &amp; over)</b>			
California	203	61	30.05%
Florida	263	20	7.60%
Michigan	183	112	61.20%
Minnesota	259	80	30.89%
Missouri	200	104	52.00%
<b>5 Grands</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>34.03%</b>

State	2019	2020	%
<b>Division 5 (Auxiliaries not in a Grand)</b>			
Alaska #2	29		0.00%
Arkansas #13	21		0.00%
Delaware #2	22	12	54.55%
Delaware #4	22		0.00%
Georgia #5	15	10	66.67%
Georgia #66	19	4	21.05%
Iowa #6	9		0.00%
Kentucky #7	26	7	26.92%
Kentucky #9	35	13	37.14%
Massachusetts #14	37		0.00%
Montana #10	31	27	87.10%
Nebraska #10	51	39	76.47%
Nevada #2	17		0.00%
Nevada #5	20		0.00%
Pennsylvania #33	14	16	114.29%
Pennsylvania #44	29		0.00%
Pennsylvania #59	39	10	25.64%
South Dakota #1	21	12	57.14%
South Dakota #12	18		0.00%
South Dakota #20	21		0.00%
Tennessee #5	44	24	54.55%
Tennessee #9	13		0.00%
Tennessee #26	24		0.00%
West Virginia #6	26	28	107.69%
	<b>603</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>33.50%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>			
	<b>4015</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>26.77%</b>

### 100% Auxiliaries this Month

Maryland #27	100.00%
Minnesota #51	100.00%
Mississippi #12	100.00%
Pennsylvania #33	114.29%
So Carolina #9	141.67%
West Virginia #6	107.69%
Wisconsin #23	136.36%

### ATTENTION TREASURER'S:

NEW BY-LAW: Get your PRESIDENT BONDED as well as your TREASURER for 2019-21 in the same amount on both with the same Bonding Company!!

Forms are available on the website under MOCA, Forms, Treasurer.

# Supreme MOCA Hospital Report

September 27, 2019											
GRA ND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBE RS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
<b>Supreme District #1--Vickie Peterson, Commissioner</b>											
DE	\$11,000.00	3	13	14	32	66.25	666.00	170.00	1	1757.18	15.97
MD	\$23,250.00	7	57	61	4291	594.50	1984.00	1300.00	2	14983.74	64.45
PA	\$20,500.00	15	21	26	495	238.50	990.00	1686.11	1	7202.89	35.14
VA	\$39,500.00	23	63	82	1078	498.25	3521.00	11142.92	11	22871.40	57.90
WV	\$6,500.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	394
Total	\$100,750.00	48	154	183	5896	1397.50	7161.00	14299.03	15	46815.20	46.47
<b>Supreme District #2--Anna Holm, Commissioner</b>											
FL	\$65,750.00	40	280	309	2250	1753.50	10944.00	3995.20	8	45068.79	68.55
GA	\$8,500.00	2	17	21	260	62.00	998.00	119.00	0	1656.82	19.49
LA	\$19,500.00	8	11	19	498	306.00	1084.00	2831.67	0	9883.73	50.69
MS	\$25,500.00	17	257	280	3978	941.25	4044.00	1035.51	0	22826.86	89.52
NC	\$40,750.00	27	152	251	1677	1222.75	10368.00	11817.04	1	40841.57	100.22
SC	\$40,000.00	31	31	88	1426	379.50	3232.00	2703.50	2	11713.71	29.28
TN	\$20,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$220,250.00	125	748	968	10089	4665.00	30670.00	22501.92	11	131991.47	59.93
<b>Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner</b>											
IL	\$17,000.00	24	20	59	428	632.00	2851.00	2680.07	3	17330.81	101.95
KY	\$15,250.00	6	29	33	147	140.75	2357.00	893.12	0	4397.01	28.83
MI	\$45,750.00	14	109	133	1253	726.00	9837.00	867.20	0	18615.68	40.69
OH	\$44,000.00	35	58	104	2295	636.75	4375.00	6418.62	0	21389.83	48.61
WI	\$44,500.00	30	72	176	4623	1076.50	8507.00	2068.72	4	27534.78	61.88
Total	\$166,500.00	109	288	505	8746	3212.00	27927.00	12927.73	7	89268.11	53.61
<b>Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner</b>											
IA	\$2,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
KS	\$24,250.00	17	187	214	4960	1116.75	12709.00	3600.03	0	30562.00	126.03
MN	\$64,750.00	21	163	328	18423	1373.75	20473.00	2709.92	11	36554.20	56.45
MO	\$50,000.00	66	130	407	5902	912.50	18024.00	10977.56	7	34077.80	68.16
MT	\$7,750.00	4	131	158	2249	1207.00	4044.00	500.00	0	28284.01	364.95
NE	\$12,750.00	9	31	65	698	385.00	5495.00	303.61	0	9754.66	76.51
SD	\$15,000.00	1	1	6	35	67.50	579.00	150.00	0	1753.19	11.69
Total	\$176,750.00	118	643	1178	32267	5063	61324	18241	18	140986	79.77
<b>Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner</b>											
AR	\$5,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
CO	\$25,750.00	5	5	11	152	77.25	246.00	1042.72	0	2819.15	10.95
NM	\$30,500.00	9	15	27	413	115.25	2054.00	1334.00	0	4220.45	13.84
TX	\$42,000.00	42	70	157	1332	654.75	5786.00	3619.34	0	19193.99	45.70
Total	\$103,500.00	56	90	195	1897	847.25	8086.00	5996.06	0	26233.59	25.35
<b>Supreme District #6 --Cathy Seippel, Commissioner</b>											
AK	\$7,250.00	5	5	8	66	21.50	300.00	137.41	0	664.24	9.16
AZ	\$39,250.00	43	164	171	2670	1236.00	5177.00	3058.47	0	31655.05	80.65
CA	\$50,750.00	7	8	28	335	1181.50	2007.00	5152.71	1	32076.52	63.20
NV	\$9,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OR	\$35,000.00	31	73	123	1382	801.50	3792.00	1057.71	1	19662.42	56.18
WA	\$36,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$177,750.00	86	250	330	4453	3240.50	11276.00	9406.30	2	84058.22	47.29
<b>Supreme District #7 -- Rebecca Jacobson, Commissioner</b>											
MA	\$9,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NJ	\$27,000.00	10	18	38	537	273.00	1458.00	547.00	0	6907.27	25.58
NY	\$23,250.00	23	116	116	6105	880.00	1646.00	1061.61	0	21136.05	90.91
Total	\$59,500.00	33	134	154	6642	1153.00	3104.00	1608.61	0	28043.32	47.13
<b>Supreme Donations</b>											
Total	\$1,005,000.00	575	2307	3513	69990	19577.75	149548.00	84980.77	53	547395.75	54.47
Submitted By		JANIS WIMMER Supreme Hospital Commissioner									

**Supreme President's Special Project  
Is  
Two-Fold**

**Part One of the SPSP is the Valhalla Ranch in Colorado**

**Part Two is the adoption of a Veteran with PTSD residing in any  
Medical Facility or receiving Home Care**

**VALHALLA RANCH FOR VETERANS WITH PTSD**

The vision for Valhalla Ranch is that it will be a place where veterans and their families can gather for retreats, help in dealing with their everyday fight with PTSD. Valhalla Ranch is a 501c3. They offer a safe place for veterans who suffer from severe PTSD and in doing that they offer some time away from the real world. Often veterans get more frustrated with official counseling which only brings back the horror and makes the nightmares even worse. Valhalla exists to provide connection, purpose, and hope to veterans and their families, so they can experience the joy of a purposeful life. To reach this end, Valhalla will equip, motivate, and assist veterans and train mental help providers to work with the veterans. It costs \$150.00 to train one veteran in Suicide Intervention. Please help make this a successful project to help our veterans who are suffering every day with the nightmare of PTSD. **Donations for this part of the program; payable to Supreme MOCA and earmarked SPSP-Valhalla Ranch; will be sent to our Supreme Treasurer; Penney Howard no later than April 30, 2020. In-Time Donations of \$25.99 are needed to qualify for a certificate.**

**ADOPTION OF A VETERAN WITH PTSD RESIDING IN ANY  
MEDICAL FACILITY OR RECEIVING HOME CARE**

Please contact any Medical Facility and request a veteran to adopt. **Adoption of a veteran in a medical facility should be reported on a MOCA hospital report form with "SPSP" noted in the Information Column. Copies must be attached to your Year End Report.**

**Projects done when adopting of a veteran in home care should be reported on your Year-End Report, but hours, mileage and funds spent is only reportable to the VFWA Veterans and Family Support Program.**

Provide items to make a veteran's day easier. Send cards on their birthday and on holidays. If working with a medical facility, arrange to set up an account for them to purchase items in the facility's canteen. Provide them with socks, slippers, toiletry items, new PJ's, snacks... Use your imagination and work with the staff of the home care team or the medical facility to meet the veteran's needs. Let our veterans know they are not forgotten.



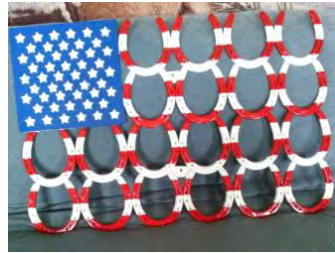


**Supreme President's Special  
Projects  
2019 – 2020  
Valhalla Ranch**



A SPSP Raffle will be held at Tomb Trek.  
There will be Two (2) winners who will each receive one (1) Horseshoe Pumpkin,  
and Two (2) winners who will receive one (1) Horseshoe Snowman.  
PLEASE BE ADVISED the Snowmen will have Stove Pipe Hats

**Also back by Popular Demand,  
The Horseshoe Flag.**



The Flag will be raffled at the Supreme Convention in Reno, Nevada in July, 2020,  
And will be shipped to the winner by the Manufacturer.

Please be advised that winners of the raffle items at Tomb Trek  
will also be eligible to win the Horseshoe Flag.  
SO, the earlier you enter, the more chance you have to win.

Tickets which are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 (BONUS TICKET!!!) are attached.

Checks earmarked "SPSP Raffle" and Ticket Stubs should be mailed to:

Penney Howard, Supreme Treasurer  
P.O. Box 34  
Flora Vista, NM 87415

For Questions, Contact:

Susan Cihlar, SPSP Chairman  
489 Monroe Blvd.  
Painesville, Ohio 44077  
440-358-1148  
pegasus3030@yahoo.com



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# TOMB TREK AGENDA



## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM: REGISTRATION:

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: REGISTRATION: *Main Lobby* (Meal Order closes **NOON**)

2:30 PM - 5:00 PM: REGISTRATION CONTINUES: *Main Lobby*

5:30 PM: 4<sup>TH</sup> SUPREME DISTRICT MOCA: *Mezzanine #2*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM REGISTRATION PICK UP FINAL: *Main Lobby*.

9:00 AM: MOCA COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING: *North Ballroom*

10:00 AM: MOC COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING: *South Ballroom*

1:00 PM: 4<sup>TH</sup> SUPREME DISTRICT MOC: *South Ballroom*

6:00 PM: COCKTAIL HOUR: *Galaxy Room, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor* - **TICKET HOLDERS ONLY**

7:00 PM: BANQUET: *Galaxy Room, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor* - **TICKETS HOLDERS ONLY**

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS FROM THE HOSPITALITY ROOM INTO THE COCKTAIL HOUR OR BANQUET. MUST HAVE BANQUET TICKET.**

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

9:00 AM: MEMORIAL SERVICE: *South Ballroom*

9:30 AM; LOADING OF THE BUSES

10:00 AM: DEPART FOR CEMETERY

10:15 AM: ARRIVE AT THE ARGONNE CROSS

10:30 AM: WREATH PRESENTATION CEREMONY BEGINS

11:30 AM: CEREMONY CONCLUDES WITH PLAYING OF TAPS

11:45 AM: LOAD BUSES AND DEPARTING BACK TO THE HOTEL

(NOTE: SUPREME OFFICERS AND THEIR GUESTS WILL LOAD ON BUS #1)

12:15 PM SUPREME COMMANDER & PRESIDENT WREATH PRESENTATION AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN

12:30 PM: SUPREME OFFICERS LOAD BUS AND DEPARTING BACK TO THE HOTEL



**Military Order of the Cootie  
WREATH REGISTRATION  
85th TOMB TREK**

Nov. 1 - 3, 2019



**MOC:**

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

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

**MOCA:**

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

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

**GRAND:**

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

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

**SUPREME DISTRICT:**

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

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

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Each registration is \$ 25.00. (\$5 goes towards the design, compilation and printing of the booklet) Your order must be received before 1 October 2019 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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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 REGISTRATION 85th 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 10/1/2019</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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Supreme Cootie of the Year Program 2018-2019

## Listen Cooties!

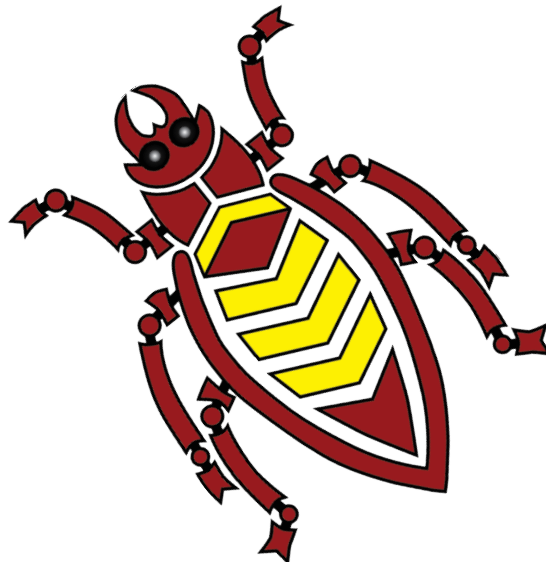
I know there are numerous Species Pediculi in our Grands that are constantly working the seams, keeping them smiling and being closer than a brother. If you know of such a lousy Cootie that you would like to submit to be considered for the award "Cootie of the Year", please send me a detailed description of what this Cootie has performed to:

**Mark M. Newman, PSC 13-14**  
**348 David Hall Road**  
**Dover, DE 19904-5463**  
**Email: mnewman122@gmail.com**  
**Phone: 302-222-7558**

If you have any questions, please contact me. If you can't get your nomination to me thru the above means, then bring it to the Supreme Convention and give it to me or any Past Supreme Commander. We know there must be some deserving Cooties out there, so let us know and provide us with the opportunity to make a selection. The Cootie that is selected will then be presented the Award during Supreme Convention Banquet.

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Mark M. Newman**  
**Past Supreme Commander**  
**2013-2014**



**PARADISE ELITE TRAVEL**  
**JOIN US FEBRUARY 6-10, 2020**  
**WE WELCOME YOU ALL**  
**MARQUITTA HILL'S HOMECOMING**

**SAILING ON THE 'CARNIVAL VALOR FROM  
NEW ORLEANS, LA TO COZUMEL, MEXICO**



**Boarding Thursday, 2.6.2020 no later than 2:00 pm EST**  
**Friday, enjoy a Fun Day at Sea**  
**Saturday, dock in Cozumel from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm**  
**Sunday, enjoy another exciting day at sea**  
**Monday, 2.10.2020 return to New Orleans, LA**

**8D Balcony, cruise only rates start at: \$546.00 PP DO 6B Ocean view, cruise only rates start at: \$434.00 PP DO 4G Inside cruise only rates start at: \$396.00 PP DO 4E Inside cruise only rates start at: \$386.00 PP DO**

**PP (PER PERSON) DO (BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>\$ 50.00 (non-refundable) deposit</b>	<b>Due December 28, 2018</b>
<b>\$150.00 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit</b>	<b>Due April 1, 2019</b>
<b>\$150.00 3<sup>rd</sup> deposit</b>	<b>Due August 1, 2019</b>
<b>BALANCE IN FULL</b>	<b>Due by November 1, 2019</b>

**CRUISE ONLY RATE INCLUDES: Taxes & Fees for cruise only, Prices are per person based on double occupancy.**

**GRATUITIES, AIR FARE PRE/POST HOTEL, TRANSFERS AND TRAVEL INSURANCE ARE NOT INCLUDED**

**At this time passports are not mandatory but strongly advised.**  
**Travel insurance is not included but strongly advised.**

**Booked with Travel Advisor, Marquitta Hill, 601-596-7546 and  
NicoleVFW@yahoo.com**

***Please Note: All prices are subject to change and are based on availability***

# PARADISE ELITE TRAVEL

**Insurance:** Starting at \$49.00

**Additional Port Fees:** None

## Beverage Programs:

- (1) Cheers Program** – Pre-purchase: \$51.95 per day plus 15% gratuity  
 - Purchase onboard: \$56.95 per day plus 15% gratuity

Cruise Duration	Pre - Purchase Price \$51.95 USD Per Day	On Board Purchase Price \$56.95 USD Per Day
	Price Including 15% Gratuity	Price Including 15% Gratuity
4 day	\$238.97	\$261.97

### This program includes:

- All spirits (including cocktails), as well as beer and wine by the glass with a \$20.00 or lower menu price
- Sodas, Zero-Proof frozen cocktails, energy drinks, specialty coffee, hot tea, 500ml bottled water and other non-alcoholic bottled beverages
- Large format water bottles in the Dining Room and Specialty Restaurants
- 25% discount off the menu price for any spirit or wine by the glass above \$20.00
- 25% discount off the menu price for wine and champagne by the bottle
- 25% discount off beverage seminars and classes

### This program EXCLUDES:

- Beverages promoted and sold in souvenir glasses
- Bottles of liquor
- Beverages offered at gangway
- Beverages offered through room service, mini bars and/or in-stateroom beverage programs
- Sharing cocktails, floaters, pitchers, tubes and buckets
- Beverages offered through enomatic wine machines and self-serve beer stations
- All other beverage-related programs including merchandise, cigars and cigarettes
- Food items

### (2) Bottomless Bubbles –

Adults: \$7.50/day plus 15% gratuity

Kids: \$4.95/day plus 15% gratuity

Cruise Duration	17 Years of Age and Younger \$4.95 USD Per Day	18 Years of Age and Older \$7.50 USD Per Day
	Price Including 15% Gratuity	Price Including 15% Gratuity
4 day	\$22.77	\$34.50

\*\*\*\*\*PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*\*\*

# PARADISE ELITE TRAVEL CONTACT FORM

**\*\*\*Please provide legal name for boarding pass \*\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## **Type of Cabin**

8D Balcony - \$546 \_\_\_\_\_ 6B Ocean view - \$434 \_\_\_\_\_ 4G Inside - \$396 \_\_\_\_\_

4E Inside - \$386 \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance** \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (Starting at \$49.00)

## **Hotel (More Information coming soon)**

2/05/2020 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

## **Beverage Program:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cheers Program - \$238.97 (Pre- Purchase \$51.95 per day plus 15% gratuity – per person)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottomless Bubbles – Adult - \$34.50 (\$7.50 per day plus 15% gratuity – per person)

## **Food Gratuity:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 day cruise - \$55.96 (Pre-Purchase Standard Stateroom \$13.99 per person per day)

Please make Check/Money Order payable to **Marquitta Hill**  
Memo: 2020 Homecoming Cruise

For credit cards and additional information, please call me at (601) 596-7546

**Please send form and payment to**  
**Marquitta Hill**  
**P. O. Box 1461**  
**Tupelo, MS 38802**

**\*\*You will receive receipts\*\***



# 91st GRAND OF MICHIGAN MOC VFW NATIONAL HOME COOTIE CHRISTMAS PARTY December 7, 2019

This year the Grand of Michigan will again host and sponsor the 91st VFW National Home "Cootie Christmas Party". To help make this a great party for the children of the Home, your donations are requested. Please remember to make your donations payable to: MOC Grand of Michigan, and send to Ernest A. Paulin, Grand of Michigan Quartermaster, 710 Aldrich Street, Linden, MI 48451-9050.

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 \$96.00/night. Be sure to say it is for the Military Order of the Cootie! CALL Banquet Coordinator Naida Schelter at (517) 626-6942 for reservations and send a check for Banquet reservation to Naida Schelter, 9750 Riverside Dr, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. POC for MOC Grand Sr. Vice Cootie Christmas Chairman Russell Makowski, 23732 E Le Bost Novi, MI. 48375 e-mail: [ramak43@yahoo.com](mailto:ramak43@yahoo.com) phone: 248-442-0213.



# 37th Grand of Ohio Easter Treat Program

Each year, the Grand of Ohio is host to the Children of the VFW National Home. Upcoming will be the 37th Annual Cootie Easter Treat and all are invited to participate. Mark your calendar for the dates 3-5 April 2020 continuing success for this Easter Program for the children depends on how good your hearts are and how open your wallets are. Please send your contributions early so we can buy the necessary supplies to ensure the kids have the biggest and best Easter ever.

The VFW National Home opens their doors each year for the Cooties of Ohio to host this gala event for the children of the National Home and we need your help and support to continue the great event. Donations can be made out to Grand of Ohio, and Sent to Grand Quartermaster, Chuck Cihlar, 489 Monroe Blvd., Painesville, Ohio 44077, Telephone 440-358-1148. You may email your request so please place in the subject line of the email "MOC SUPREME EASTER TREAT". Your donations will not go unrecognized.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** (Dates subject to change.) \*Friday 3 April 2020 • Arrival of personnel and set up of baskets for delivery on Saturday. Dinner with Ohio House residents \*Saturday 4 April 2020 • Final Basket Preparations. Meet the Easter Bunny and basket presentation in the Community Center, Ice cream social, Easter Egg Hunt at the gym, then off to Jackson for Roller Skating. \*Sunday 5 April 2020 • Attend Church with the Children from the National Home and then on our way to our own homes. This is a long weekend of fun and frolic with the kids from the National Home, and the only program where you get to actually interact with the kids for the whole weekend. What a great experience. Thank you in advance for your help and support for the program.

# VFW National Home for Children

## A Special report from the VFW National Home for Children

Learn How A Grandfather's Military Service Gave Robyn A New Chance At Life



Robyn – *"I was imagining us homeless. We didn't really have any family here at the time so I didn't have any help, I was embarrassed because I couldn't take care of the kids."*

Robyn's personality exudes energy and vibrancy. She's warm, engaging and up-beat, but a few years ago her children sensed something wasn't quite right with their mom. Robyn, a single parent with three children, had lost her job as a legal secretary when her boss retired. Even when she was working she was having a hard time making ends meet. Unemployment brought her struggle to a whole new level of desperation.

Robyn's grandfather, Robert Alexander, was a World War II decorated paratrooper and medic in the Philippine theatre. The bravery that earned him a purple heart, the bronze star and several other medals gave Robyn and her three children a new chance at life.

Because of his VFW membership, Robyn learned she qualified to live at the VFW National Home for Children, a place designed specifically to aid active duty military and veteran families as well as their descendants in times of need.

Because of the support of VFW and Auxiliary members across the country, four years later Robyn and her children were ready to venture back on their own with a Stable and bright future ahead.

"I would like to thank the VFW members for their generosity and tireless efforts, which have enabled me to put my life priorities first to regain my financial independence and confidence to stand on my own two feet. I am forever grateful. God Bless!"



We have houses available so if you know a family like Robyn's that needs help, have them call our Military and Veteran Family Helpline at 800-313-4200. To see Robyn's video and more visit [vfwnationalhome.org/stories](http://vfwnationalhome.org/stories).





# 101<sup>st</sup> Supreme Scratch Harrah's Casino Hotel Reno, Nevada



Cooties and Sisters will gather in Reno, NV at Harrah's Casino Hotel Reno, the weekend of 24-28 July, 2020 for the 101<sup>st</sup> 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 17, 2020 at the group rate, however, the stay must be through Saturday July 26, 2020. Early departures will pay a penalty. Cut-off for reservations is June 29, 2020. The Supreme Banquet will be held on Saturday July 25, 2020 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 – 101<sup>st</sup> SUPREME SCRATCH Reno, NV, 23-26, July 2020

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND OF: \_\_\_\_\_ PT#: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pup Tent Delegate: ☐

Current Grand Commander: ☐

Immediate Past Grand Commander: ☐

Past Supreme Commander: ☐

Voting member of Supreme Council: ☐

**FEE TOTAL: \$15.00**

Registration for the 101<sup>st</sup> Supreme Scratch is \$15.00 per delegate. **ALL PUP TENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE TO THE 101<sup>st</sup> 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, 2020.** Attach a separate sheet for multiple delegates with required funds for each delegate being registered. **Registration after the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline and at the Scratch will be \$20.00.**





## 101<sup>st</sup> Supreme Convention, Reno Nevada

July 23-July 26, 2020

We have selected Harrah's Casino Hotel located at 219 North Center Street, Reno, NV 89501. Phone number is 775-786-3232. The room rate is \$84.00 plus a \$14.00 resort fee, plus taxes per day. The hotel has set up an online reservation link to make reservations. The rooms at the hotel are set up for double occupancy if you add addition people to your room the hotel will charge you \$10.00 per day during your stay. Maximum number of people in a room is 4. The hotel has a shuttle from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport. I have been informed that the hotel is located about 5 miles from the convention center. There is no shuttle from the hotel to the convention center, but cabs are available at a cost of about \$10.00 each way.

As usual the hotel will have a limited number of rooms available for those cooties that want to stay in the cootie hotel and attend the VFW convention.

I am looking into obtaining information on wheelchair or electric cart rentals and will post that information as I receive it. With the hotel being downtown Reno there are numerous locations to eat within a reasonable walking distance. Plus, several dining locations within the casino. The hotel offers a senior buffet buy one at regular price and get one free.

**Parking is FREE.**

I will post additional information as I receive it.

**101<sup>st</sup> SUPREME SCRATCH  
PROGRAM BOOK  
ADVERTISING ORDER FORM**

The 101<sup>st</sup> Supreme Scratch will be held at Harrah's Casino Hotel Reno, Reno, Nevada on July 23 through 26, 2020. We're sure that you want to tell the whole world about your Pup Tent, your Shavetails, your Grand or maybe even your business. Here's a way to get WORLD-WIDE exposure with an ad in the 101<sup>st</sup> Supreme Scratch Program Book.

To begin, simply create an ad (in **BLACK AND WHITE, PLEASE! NO COLOR!**) and send it along with this form and your check for the required amount to:

101<sup>st</sup> Supreme Scratch  
Supreme Headquarters, MOC  
604 Braddock Ave  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145-2068  
EMAIL: [supremehqmoc@lotcs.org](mailto:supremehqmoc@lotcs.org)

You can also email your ad to Headquarters and mail this form & check. We have to have time to make this book something special, so get creative and tell the world YOUR story! **DEADLINE IS JULY 1<sup>st</sup> 2020** and any ads received after that date will be returned.

**AD PRICES**

- **FULL PAGE** (*Best Bang for your Buck!*) .....\$150.00
- **½ PAGE**.....\$100.00
- **¼ PAGE** .....\$50.00
- **BOOSTERS** .....\$2.00
- **INSIDE COVERS** ..... CALL FOR PRICE

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

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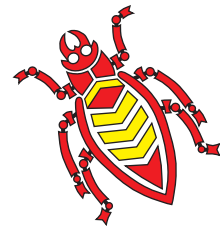
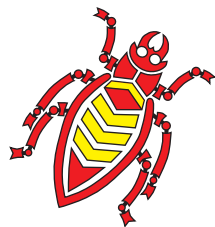
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# VFW Big Boys

The VFW big boys came by the Cootie Store at Supreme Convention and in case you don't recognize them, pictured are Hal, VFW Senior Vice and Doc, VFW Commander and Chief.



# Pray for this Country

There is a nation whose people are statistically the most generous people on earth. Whose gifts to charitable causes exceed \$410 billion annually – a higher amount than any other nation and greater than the economies of many industrialized countries.

There is a nation whose people adopt more orphaned and abandoned children from abroad – at an average cost of \$35,000 and regardless of their race or color - than any other nation. In fact, two million of its citizens, 18 years and younger, were born in other countries but were adopted by loving people of this most compassionate nation.

There is a nation whose armed forces do not fight wars of conquest, but only to deliver the oppressed and defend the helpless. And although its Army possesses devastating power, its soldiers find their greatest satisfaction bringing relief to the victims of catastrophe, performing humanitarian operations, and delivering clothes and toys to children.

There is a nation whose borders must be guarded, not to keep its people from escaping, but to control the flood of immigrants hungry for its limitless opportunities for a better life.

There is a nation whose enduring ability to self-govern has been praised by historians for more than two centuries. In fact, 170 years ago the famed French historian and statesman Alexis de Tocqueville came from his own country, ravaged by revolutions and political upheavals, to find out how this special nation had managed to make democracy work. His ten-year exhaustive study led him to conclude, that the secret of this nation's greatness was the inherent goodness of its people.

This special nation of which I speak, this most generous nation, this most compassionate – yet most powerful – nation is America. Americans remain the most compassionate and generous people on the planet, and they remain the hope of every oppressed people.

Just listen to the timeless testimony of Richard Wurmbrand – a man who was tortured for his faith for 14 years in Romanian prison camps during its Communist regime. He writes,

“Every freedom-loving man has two fatherlands: his own and America. Today, America is the hope of every enslaved man, because it is the last bastion of freedom in the world. Only America has the power and spiritual resources to stand as a barrier between militant Communism, terrorism, and the people of the free world. ...I have seen fellow prisoners in Communist prisons beaten, tortured, with 50 pounds of chains on their legs – praying for America ... that America will not fall and will remain free.”

Never forget. America remains a prayer of hope on the lips of the oppressed.



Therefore, it behooves every person of faith - who lives in or benefits from America – to pray for this country. Never believe that America is “too corrupt, too perverse, or too far gone.” God was willing to spare the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah from judgment if He could find only ten righteous people in them (Genesis 18:32). Will He not therefore hear our prayers on behalf of America that has millions of those who believe in and love God (1 Timothy 2:1-4)? God told the exiles of Israel to pray and seek the wellbeing of the nation in which God had planted them (Jeremiah 29:7). That nation was the idolatrous Babylon – the so-called “mother of harlots.” If God wanted His people to pray for such a wicked place, isn’t it likely that He wants us – who are called to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:14-16) – to pray for America?

**PRAYER:** Almighty and Merciful Father, from whom all blessings flow, we pray on behalf of the United States of America, that You will bless our land, heal our many divisions, and mend our every flaw. Please, dear Lord, raise up godly men and women to fill the ranks of leadership in our government that America may be led on the path of righteousness. Give heavenly wisdom to our leaders and help them to resolve the perplexing problems of our world. May Your divine will be done in our next elections and give us the President and leaders that we need, not what we deserve. Above all, O God, pour out Your Spirit upon us and breath a revival in our land. Turn the hearts of Americans everywhere to you in faith and repentance and to each other in love and reconciliation. O God of glory, raise America to true greatness and grant it supreme success as Your instrument of peace and your torch of freedom throughout the world. Amen.

***Courtesy of Chaplain David Causey, U.S. Army retired***



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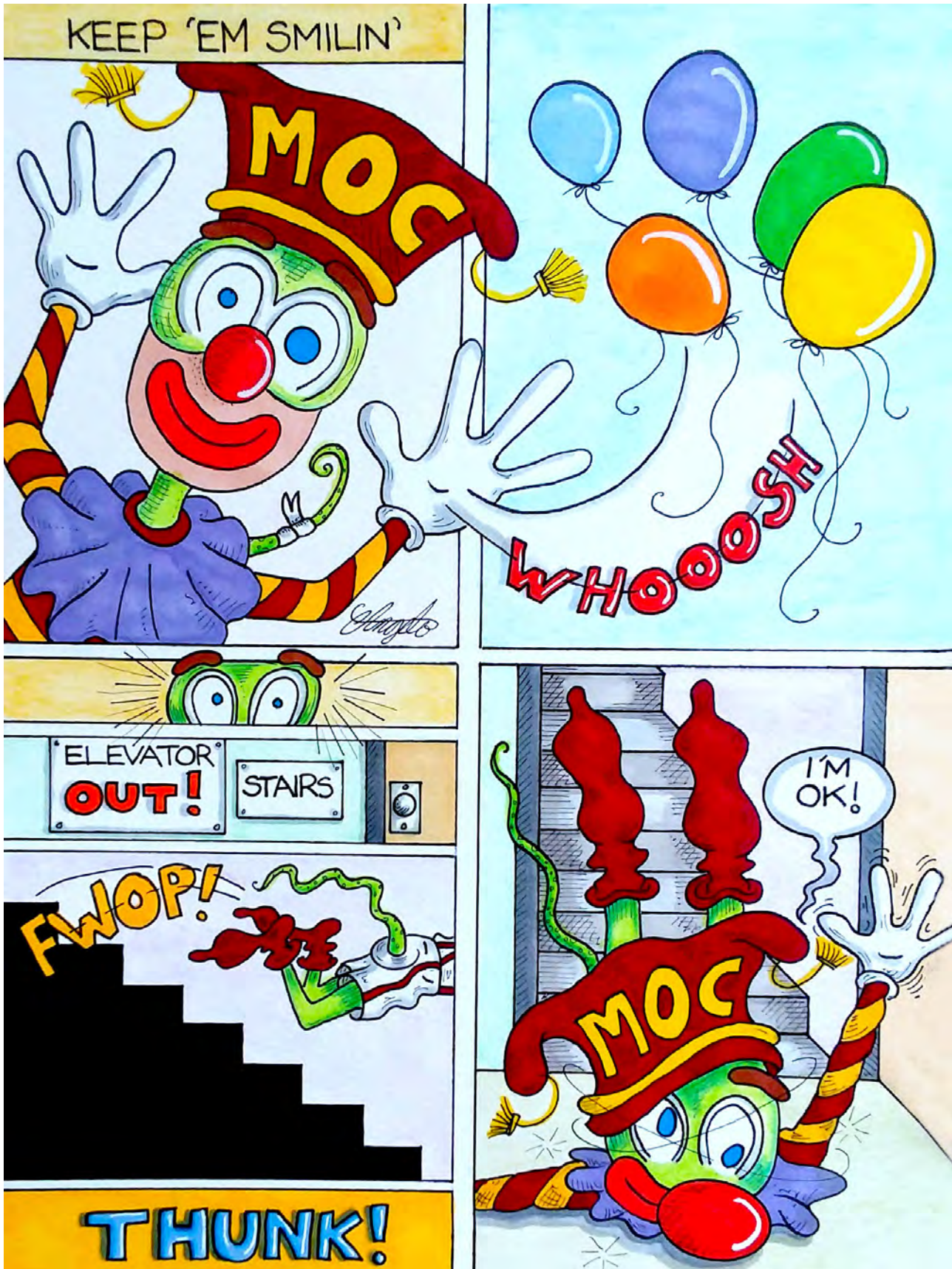
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# Papa Clown Takes a Tumble





# Grand of Arizona



Not so long ago...

... in a galaxy not so very far away...



## COOTIES CINEMA WORLD PREMIERE

Arizona State Veterans Home - Tucson

August 9, 2019 (Tucson): *Thanks to the efforts of the Grand of AZ Military Order of the Cootie, a special benefactor, and volunteer agency staff, we have developed and dedicated a new cinema for our Tucson Veterans Home residents and their families! The cinema includes a state-of-the-art, THX-certified sound system with 4K/UltraHD including a laser projector displaying onto a 133" diagonal 16:9 screen. We'll use this cinema for Special Event movies, presentations, events and more! The Cooties Pup Tent 11 Cinema is a wonderful addition to the Arizona State Veterans Home. We thank the Cooties and their very special benefactor on this project for providing us with these high-tech and entertaining means to better serve Arizona's veterans and their families.*

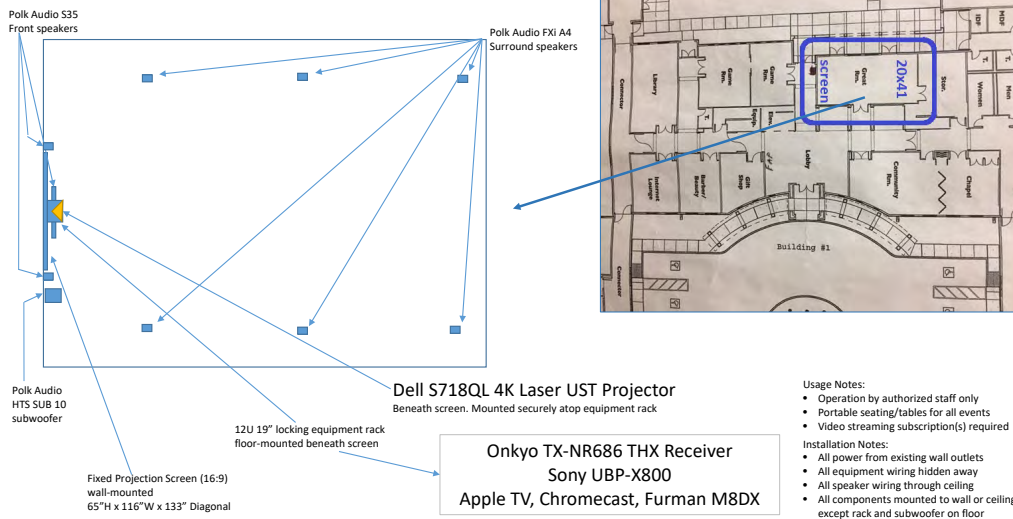
In the beginning... There was a dream.



Resident Lounge – COOTIE CINEMA MOCKUP



PROPOSED ASVH-TUC Resident Lounge Movie Theater in Bldg #1 – Premiere August 2019  
4K, HD, THX 7.2 audio, UHD DVD, Apple TV, Chromecast

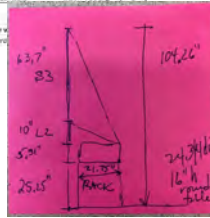


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  - Portable seating/tables for all events
  - Video streaming subscription(s) required
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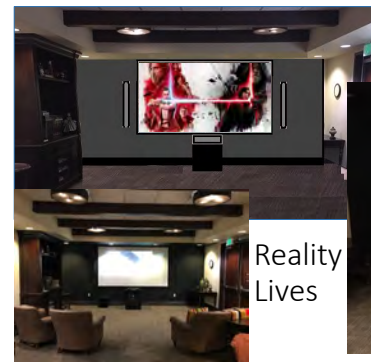
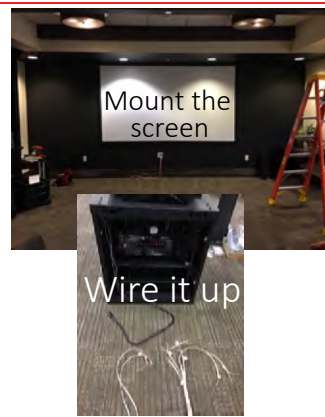
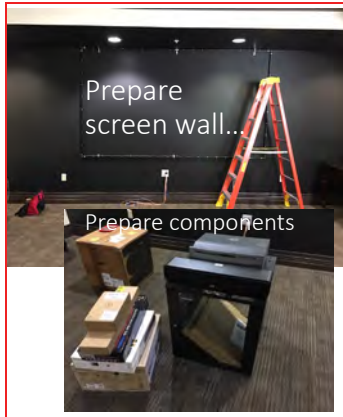


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2	UHD DVD Player	Sony UBP-X800	Amazon.com	1
3	Amplifier	Onkyo TX-NR686	BDU Photo	1
4	Video Streamer 1	Apple TV (4K) 128G	BDU Photo	1
5	Video Streamer 2	Google Chromecast Ultra (4K)	BDU Photo	1
6	Center Left Right	Polk Audio S35	Amazon.com	3
7	Surrounds	Polk Audio FXI A4 Black (7.1 x 12 x 13.4 in) pairs	Amazon.com	3
8	Subwoofer	Polk Audio HTS SUB 10 10-inch Powered Subwoofer	Amazon.com	1
9	Subwoofer Cable	Monoprice 15' 15A Subwoofer Cable 15'	Amazon.com	1
10	Speaker Mounts	Not needed with FXI A4 speakers		0
11	Speaker Wire	Pyramid High Quality 12g Speaker Wire	BDU Photo	5
12	Cable Ties	Various cable ties for speaker wires and other	BDU Photo	0
13	Power Conditioner	Furman M8DX C Power Conditioner	Amazon.com	1
14	Equipment Cooling Fan	AC Infinity CLOUDPLATE F75 2U Rack Mount Fan Panel	BDU Photo	1
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16	Equipment Shelf	StarTech 2 RU Universal Vertical Shelf (2nd)	BDU Photo	0
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A dream A/V system for our Veterans



And, yes, Morris helped, too.



"Keep it down in there, Hoomans. I need my sleep." -Morris

# Grand of California

"Cooties Annual Burger Bash" 13th July 2019  
Hosted by Pup Tent #43 Chinchies

Our Annual Burger Bash was a success with 100% of the proceeds going to support "Our Veterans in Hospitals!" We sold out of Burgers and Hot Links and we had Raffle Baskets, 50/50 drawing and a lot of "Cootie Oil." Everyone was a "Winner" and a Lousy time was had by all "Cooties" and friends who attended the "Burger Bash!"

*Submitted by Steve Kemp, Grand Historian of California*



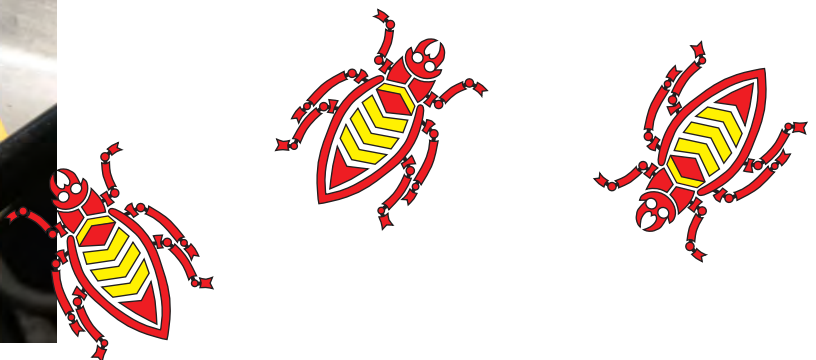
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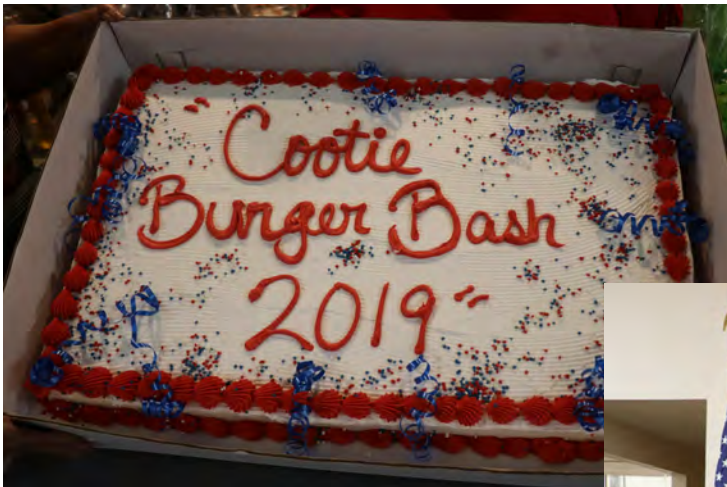
Cooties Phil & Johnny Burger Masters



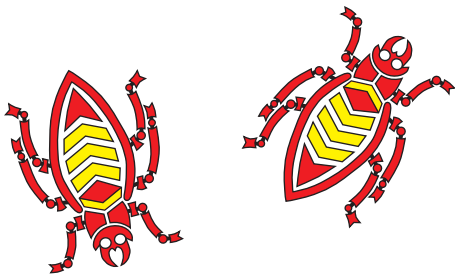
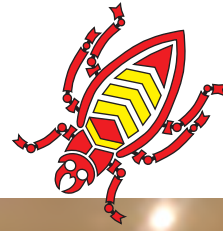
Chinchies Best Burgers







Chinchies Cake.



Chinchies Gift Baskets



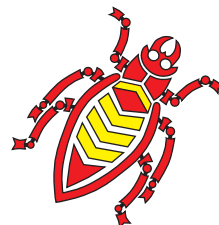
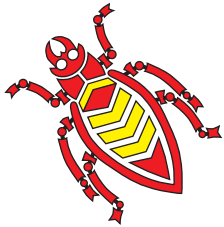
Pup Tent #43 Chinchies working crew.



# Grand of Delaware

**VFW Department of Delaware Commander Mark Garduno never misses a chance to clown around or prove he is a Cootie at heart.**

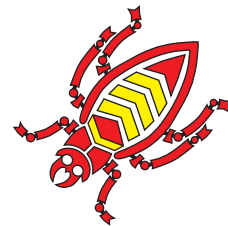
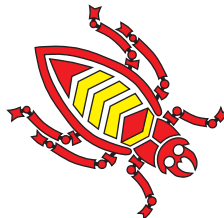
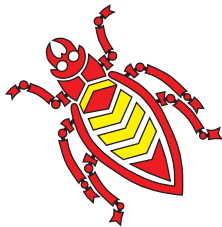
**A**nother chance to show Cooties having fun during a scratch. June 2019 Grand of Delaware Scratch, VFW Commander -n-Chief BJ and Senior Vice Doc were both present but Mark stole the show. This was not an easy task since the cheerleader was dressed as a ballet dancer.





# Grand of Maryland

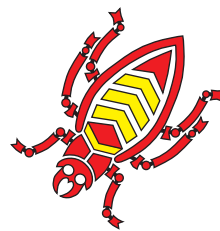
Here is the Grand Seam Squirrel of Maryland and his Crummy band of Cooties having a Lousy time at the 100th Supreme Scratch in Orlando, Florida.





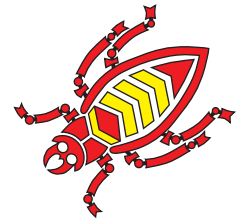
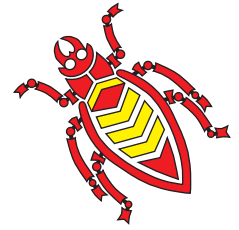
This is what Top Notch Pup Tent 1 Military Order of the Cooties and Auxilitary call keeping it lousy. Spending an afternoon of BINGO with residents of the DC VA Medical Center, Community Living Center, Building 6, August 21st. We keep them Smiling in Beds of White.

Courtesy of Georgia A. Eaves, Hungry Cootie



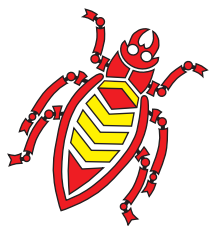


# Grand of Michigan



Military Order of the Cootie are ready to march in the Romeo Peach Festival Parade on Labor Day.

Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary are ready to march in the Romeo Peach Festival Parade on Labor Day.

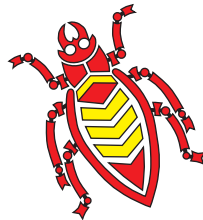
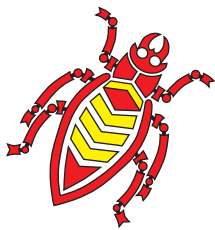






Michigan Grand Commander Eddie Dandridge is getting ready to step into the commander's truck and line up in formation for the Romeo Peach Festival parade.

Courtesy of Eddie Dandridge Sr



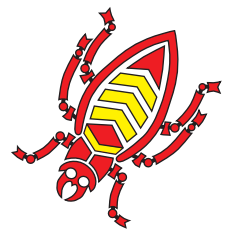
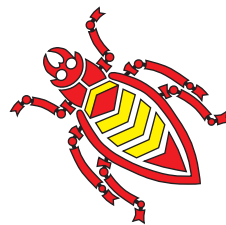
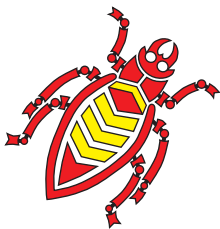


# Grand of Missouri

Congratulations to the All Star Captain Jim Thorpe!



## Looking Lousy at September the C of A





# Grand of New Jersey

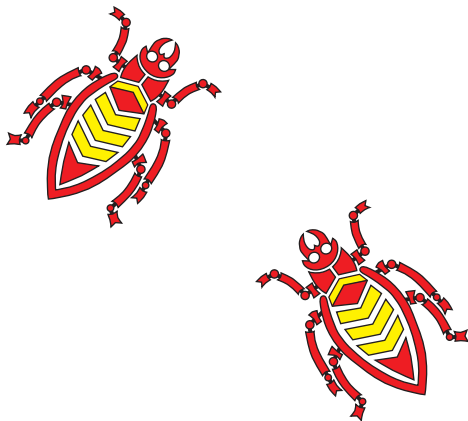
## Grand of New Jersey Cootie College held at VFW POST 2179, Middletown, New Jersey

Over 30 MOC and MOCA members attended the school of instruction, which was very informative. Pup Tent 38 provided a breakfast and barbeque lunch for all attendees. A "Lousy" time was had by all.

*Courtesy of Robert Lasowski, CCDB PT 38*



New Jersey State MOC Cootie College  
sign notification posted at VFW Post 2179







Left to Right - Mrs. and Jesse Kitson; Pup Tent Seam Squirrel George Bateman; New Jersey Grand MOCA President Gloria Corno; New Jersey Grand Commander Ralph Corno; Past New York Grand Commander Rick Gales.



Rick Gales, Past NY Grand Commander; Jesse Kitson; Supreme and Grand of New Jersey Adjutant, Ralph Corno, Grand Commander of New Jersey.

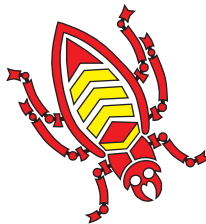
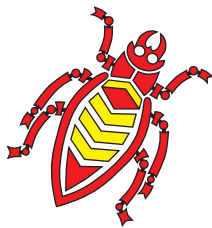


# Grand of North Dakota



Left to Right are Arvaal Olson, VAVS Rep; Steve Volk, Cootie QM/ADJ; Dave Rice, ND State VFW Commander; Jim Hapala, Cootie District 10 Commander at the Annual Fargo VA Voluntary Service Kick Off Banquet.

Courtesy of Steve Volk



# Grand of Pacific Areas

**"Keep Them Smiling in Beds of White"**

## ***AROUND THE PACIFIC SEAMS***

Pup Tent 11 Pictures taken on 6 July at the FilAm Friendship Day celebration.



An assortment of VFW 11447 members, PT11 cooties, American Legion Post 123, and VFW 2485 as well as the staff of VFW 11447.



Ice cream eating contest including on right Jerry Rowe PT11 past SS our oldest member and center Troy Derby PT11 prospective cootie who will become our youngest member. Troy's initiation first degree (incubation) will be held 5 September.



## **“Keep Them Smiling in Beds of White”**



L-R-Dave Niemela PT11 HG, Troy Derby PT11 prospect, Bill Castle PT11 cootie, Dave Houle PT11 cootie, Lee Vatter PT11 SP and Don Robbins PT11 BB.

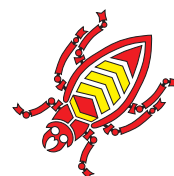
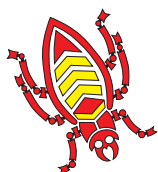
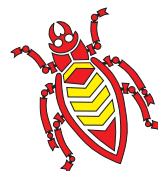
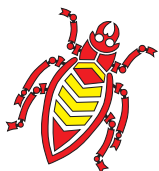


Don Robbins PT11 BB with the VFW staff

## **“Keep Them Smiling in Beds of White”**



PT11 SS Dan Wilson and PT15 SS Tom Aldridge with the VFW staff.



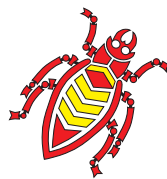


# Grand of South Dakota



On June 11, 2019, the Cootie Clowns of MOCA Pup Tent #1 in Sioux Falls, SD visited the VA Medical Center in Sioux Falls to distribute notepads and pens to the hospitalized veterans in honor of Flag Day. The clowns generated a lot of smiles from the veterans and their families.

Courtesy of Kay Anderson



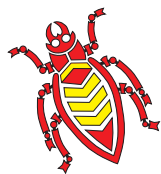
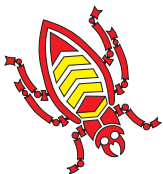


# Grand of Tennessee

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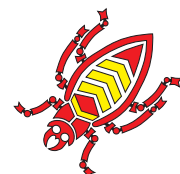
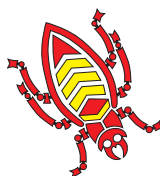
The Cooties of Pup Tent #5 in Smyrna, TN had a busy month of July. Here we see three Past Grand Commanders cooling off with some Cootie Milk. These guys were replacing all of the rotted wood on a fellow veteran's shed who is recovering from a bad fall. The temperature was hot but the Milk was cold. Shown in photo are: PGC John "Buy a Round" Rydzewski; PGC Darrell "All Rise" Birk and PGC Charlie "Where's Neutral" Goodreau.

Other volunteers Tom "TK" Kinder and Tim "Can I have a Tylenol" Wise also joined to help out the aging commanders get the shed repaired and worked on tightening up boards on the handicap ramp. Home owner and fellow Cootie James Crook (Not pictured) was happy to have this project completed.



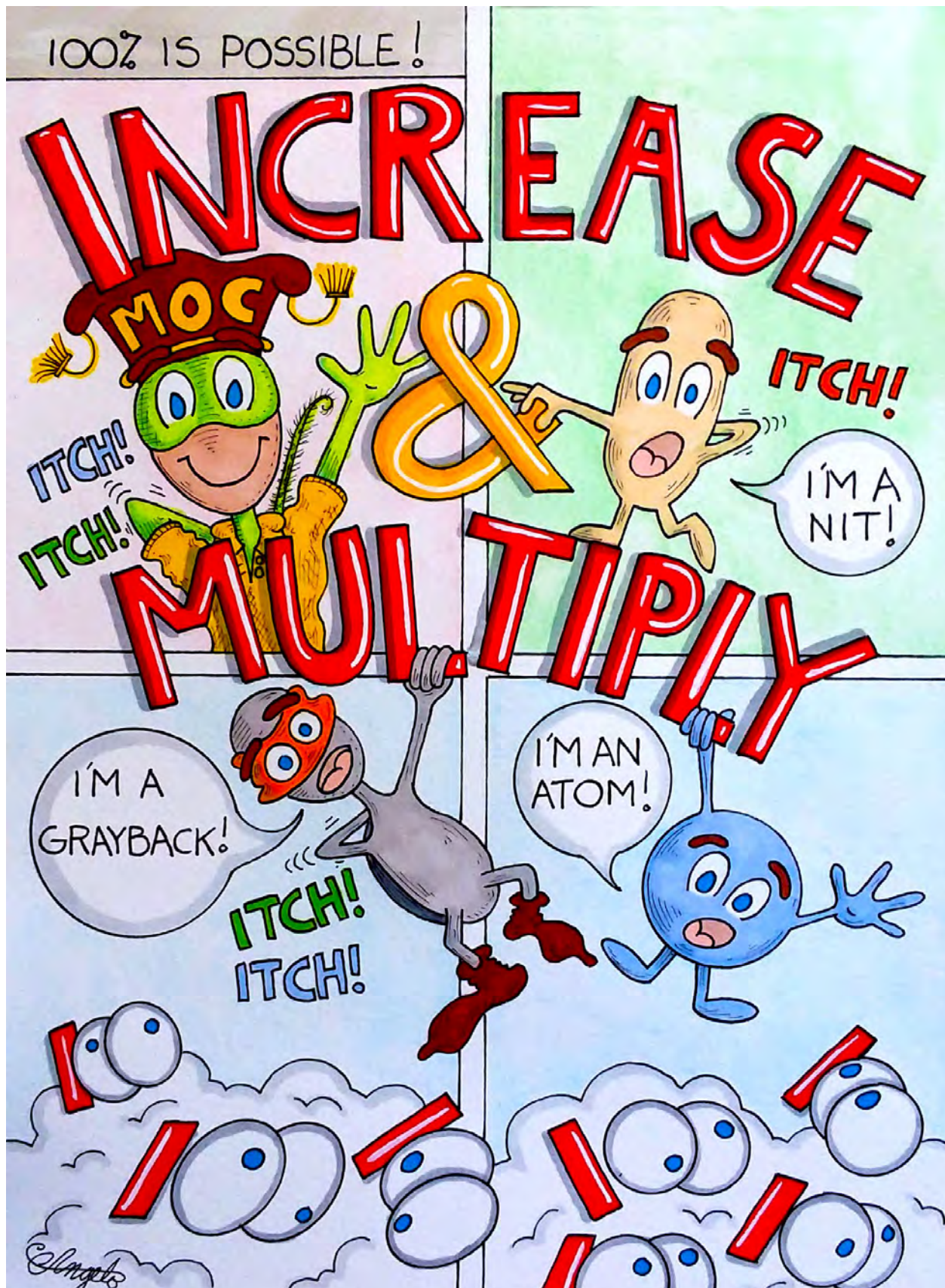


The annual 4th of July Bash was busy day for Cooties, VFW members and their Auxiliaries. The work and cost were shared between the four groups; burgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. There was a bouncy house, toys, games, cotton candy and snow cones for all of the youngsters to enjoy. Pictured is the winner of this homemade afghan being presented to the winner by Post 8422 Commander Darrell Birk and Put Tent 5 Seam Squirrel Charlie Goodreau. Tickets were sold on the blanket for several weeks to raise money to help veterans. Special thanks to Charlie Goodreau's sister Kim who took the time to make and donate this beautiful item. This is the second item that she has made for us to raffle off to raise money. Thank you Kim!!!





# Increase and Multiply



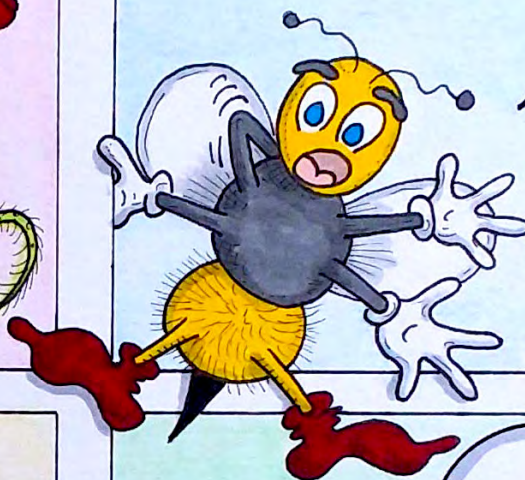


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# MOCA



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MEMBERS TOO?



REALLY?  
SIGN ME  
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THANKS!





COOTIE VOCABULARY

# INVAD THE SEAMS

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INCREASE & MULTIPLY!







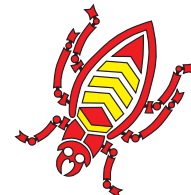
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## Alert, Alert!

This is our 100 year anniversary. I *believe* that our *Crummy Fraternity* is able to get VFW members to take those backward steps and join us. We not only need to work those seams, we also need to invade those seams. On *Pinterest* there are many cartoons available for any Cootie to download and use as they wish so that we can achieve 100% membership. Just go to: <https://www.pinterest.com/supremehqmoc/cootie-cartoons/>.

In this issue you will find new input from our *Papa Clown Allan Perkins*. There are a couple of cartoons that I drew about Papa Clown to make us laugh and smile. Did you know that all Cooties are doctors? Yes, it's true! As the saying goes, "Laughter is the best medicine!" And Papa Clown knows how to "Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!"

Remember when you submit articles to the Cootie Courier to include the names of those in the pictures. The following file types are accepted: PDF, Word, JPEG, TIFF and HTML. If you've noticed on past issues, I select the best photo for the cover page. So, if you want to be on the cover, send in your Lousiest photo. The deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the previous month before publication. The deadline is also posted on the Cootie Courier page on the Supreme website: <https://www.lotcs.org/courier.html>. When you go to this page, a pop up will ask you to register online for the Cootie Courier. Please do so. That way you won't miss what's happening.

Remember to keep all of those who are being affected by storms throughout our country in your thoughts and prayers. And, as always, drink lots of Cootie Milk (or as Steve Kemp says, Cootie Oil) so that you are lubricated to invade those seams! Some seams are really hard to work, eh? But, persistence pays off!

*Yours in LOTCS,*

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