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From the Supreme Commander

Listen Cooties,

Now that Tomb Trek and Cootie Christmas are over it's time to get back to being as "Busy as a Bee" so that we are able to "Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White." Our veterans and their families depend on this great organization!

Alert! Alert! Our organization needs Cooties! Are you doing your part to select unsuspecting *Atoms* to take those backward steps and become a part of this *Crummy Fraternity*? If you were to look back through our *Crummy* history you would find many pictures that indicate we are truly a "*Band of Brothers*" who really care! Don't let our organization go away! A hundred years from now we want to look down from those happy hunting grounds in the sky and say with proudly, "'What a Crummy Fraternity' I was a part of!"



Yours in LOTCS,

Steve W. Ruger Sr.

Supreme Commander

2019-20

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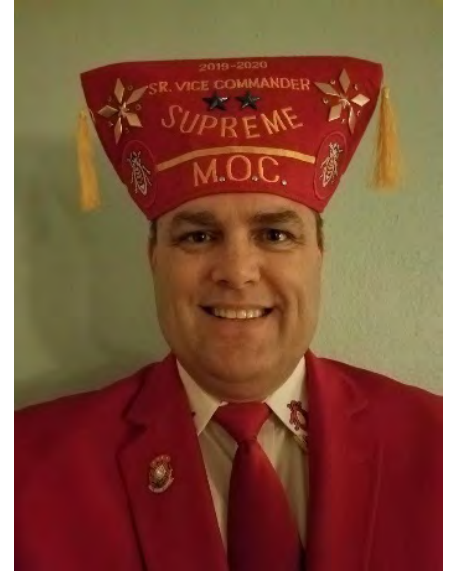


From the Supreme Sr. Vice Commander

Alert, Alert! Cooties!

I hope everyone had a lousy Christmas and start to a new year! It was terrible seeing everyone at Tomb Trek! Once again, the team did a *horrendous* job setting up the Council of Administration and visit to Arlington National Cemetery. The visits from year to year never get old.

In straight talk, the visit to the National Home for Children for the annual Cootie Christmas was very exciting! It is always exciting seeing the children enjoy the show, Santa and the gifts. The staff does an outstanding job hosting us and answering any questions we have. The museum is a **MUST SEE** at the home if you have not seen it. In fear of leaving someone out, I will not name anyone specific, but suffice it to say that everyone involved did an outstanding job putting everything together. I heard comments about how great the food was fed to the staff and to the residents, the entertainment and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus visiting.



On a less joyous note, our organization took a big hit in membership as a result of purging the deceased from our roster. As many of you know, the VFW had a big hit earlier this year. Obviously, if our parent organization takes a hit, we are going to as well. Our membership numbers declined by almost 1,100 members. Many of you may recall the organization's membership standings I presented at the Supreme Convention in 2018 showing that at our current decline, we would drop below 10,000 members in 2021 and our organization will only be around until 2031. ***With the decrease we just experienced, our new life expectancy is 10 years from now*** This year, we are on track to drop below 10,000 members. *Cooties, I love this organization and the great work we do for our Veterans!* When the question is asked, "Do we give up and turn our shags in?" The overwhelming answer is, **"NO!"** However, **'talk is cheap'** and that is all we are doing as evident in our membership numbers. In the past we have had several incentive programs, but nothing has worked. *Only 2 of the past 20 years did we experience growth; 1999 and 2012.* I hope to serve as your Supreme Commander next year and *welcome* any ideas you may have where we might be able to increase our numbers. Many may say that we will keep the Cooties alive until the last member is left standing alone (i.e. 2030). Is it truly feasible to maintain a national organization with only 1,000 members? 5,000? 10,000? There was once talk that 20,000 was the point where we fold up our organizational flag. We have a lot of stake and need to take a long hard look at our organization's future. **What do you want to do?** Of course, we all say, **"Grow."** We can talk about 'my Pup Tent' and all of its successes, but we need **HUGE** suc-

cesses as a whole. If you have a PT or Grand that is doing all of the right things and actually hitting 100%+ it means little if the *entire organization* isn't growing. *I would like for everyone to answer this question and send me their personal response: "What incentive must there be to motivate a Cootie to recruit 5 members?"* The VFW actually **GREW** last year so we have the pool from which to get our members. We can discuss and even argue (as brothers and sisters do sometimes) about being qualified to be a Cootie and that we can't just take anybody, timelines, positions, etc. Or, that there shouldn't be incentives to recruit; but the numbers don't lie. *We are simply not getting it done and haven't for over 20 years.*

When will we start? What incentive must YOU have to recruit 5 new Cooties this year? I am waiting to hear from you.

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

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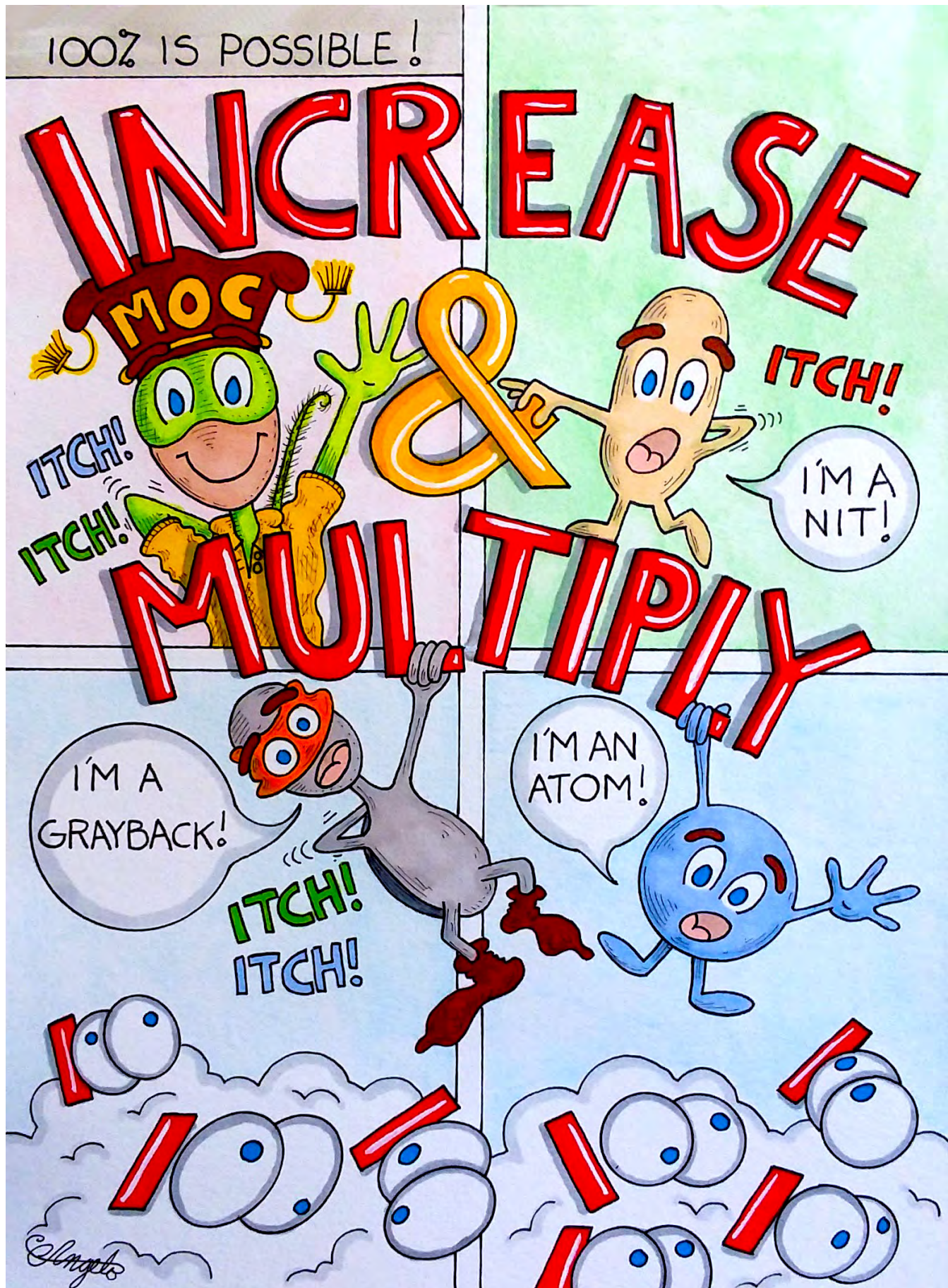
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Believe and We Will Achieve!



From the Supreme Jr. Vice-Commander

Brother and Sister Veterans:

As we have officially entered a brand-new year, it is important that we have set new goals for ourselves and have the resolve to follow through. I hope that one of your New Year resolutions is to stay in closer contact with your fellow pup tent members, before they feel unneeded or unwanted. We need to be vigilant in making sure that our organizational climate is adjusted for maximum enjoyment/activity for the members of each pup tent. This should assure ourselves that we are being responsible, caring veterans to our own members as well as those that we see in hospitals, veteran's homes and rest homes. We are our brother's keeper. Let's honor our bonds and heritage so we have a meaningful legacy. One could assume correctly that this is a retention policy and procedure. This organization has given me the honorable method of seeing my fellow veterans, fellow Cooties and those we come to see. Frankly, I can say this is one of the most rewarding portions of my life...I hope you feel the same.



Yours in LOTCS,

Olin Parks

Supreme Jr. Vice Commander

2019-2020

From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

First, I hope everyone had a lousy Christmas and New Year celebration. Well the holidays are over, and it is time to get to work on Cootie stuff. Membership is the most important thing that needs everyone's attention. Last year the VFW dropped 80,000 plus members from their rolls as being deceased. I had the VFW run their list against our list of life members and it works out that we lost almost 1,100 Cooties that had not been reported as deceased. We need to get our numbers back. It is everyone's responsibility to get out there and recruit new Cooties. Remember, we are the "Honor Degree of the VFW" and as such we hold ourselves to a higher standard to take care of our sick and disabled veterans.



I want to congratulate the winners of our membership contest for the Pup Tents. First place went to Ivery Chamblis from Pup Tent 62, Grand of Illinois; second place went to Lewis Young from Pup Tent 6, Grand of Kansas, and third place went to Kenneth Allison Pup Tent 12, Grand of Missouri. Congratulations on getting that membership in a timely manner. I look forward to seeing you at our convention in Reno, NV in July.

I will be processing the life membership rebate checks in February. Please cash the checks when you receive them. I will be sending the checks to the Grand Quartermasters and they should then send the checks to the Pup Tent. Every year there are several checks that do not get cashed and I thank you for your donations to headquarters as we can always use the money.

Now let's all get out there and recruit new members into this great organization!

Yours in LOTCS,

**Gary Dressel
Supreme Quartermaster
2019-2020**

From the Supreme Surgeon

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

As the winter season approaches, do you find yourself losing interest in your favorite activities or having low energy? Well, the cause of this can be Winter Darkness Season Depression or Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

The cause of winter depression is unknown, but scientists believe it can come from ions in the air, genetics or brain chemicals. However, some scientists have concluded that this depression can develop in people who are sensitive to light or lack of it. This can be caused by the falling back of the time during Daylight Saving Time. The problem stems from waking up before dawn and not the fact that the sun sets one hour earlier. People who suffer from this depression often feel better when they are exposed to bright light in the morning.

Signs and symptoms of SAD:

- Depressed most of the day, nearly every day
- Lost of interest in activities you once enjoyed
- Low energy
- Trouble sleeping
- Change in appetite or weight
- Difficulty concentrating
- Feeling hopeless, guilty, worthless
- Frequent thoughts of suicide or death

Fall and winter SAD

- Oversleeping
- Appetite changes, craving for foods high in carbohydrates
- Weight gain
- Tiredness or low energy

Spring and summer SAD

- Insomnia
- Poor appetite
- Weight loss

- Agitation or anxiety

Causes

- Your biological clock (Circadian rhythm). Due the reduced level of sunlight in the fall and winter, your body's internal clock is disrupted and can lead to depression.
- Serotonin levels. Reduced sunlight can cause a drop in your serotonin levels and can lead to depression.
- Melatonin levels. The change in seasons can change the balance of your melatonin levels and cause disruption in your sleep patterns.

Risk factors

- Diagnosed more often in women
- Occurs more frequently in young adults
- Family history
- Major depression or Bipolar Disorder
- Living far from the equator

You should see your *doctor* if you feel down for many days and can't get motivated to do things you normally do.

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

**Dani Hernandez
Supreme Surgeon
2019-2020**

From the Supreme Papa Clown

Last Cootie Courier I introduced myself in this new position. I also told you:

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.

Sadly, none of you took me up on this offer. I still want to publish your clowns. So send them along.

But, because I don't have your pictures, here a couple of my friends from the Grand of Texas.



This is my old friend, Jay Sanders, from Baytown Texas. We can learn several important things from his clown. We can take one item and build an entire clown around it. In this case it is the Cootie Red hat. Then, found this beautiful red morning coat in a second hand store and he was well on the way to building his cootie.

I have given several Cooties a unique piece of clothing to start their clown. The most important clue to finding a great clown is to build a clown for yourself which fits the zany side of your personality.

Remember, the basic rules to be certified as a Cootie Clown 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. 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. Oh, and have a good time.

I will leave you with another point to becoming a great Cootie Clown. Whenever you get the chance; practice. My friend saw the colonel sitting here and we decided it would be a fine idea to sit with him, and have a little talk. So we did. We took pictures and

talked with the Colonel for several minutes.

Have a blessed and fun time helping others laugh.

Yours in LOTCS,

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MOC Supreme General Order #3 2019 - 2020

1. 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.
2. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, Section 314(G) and 413(F) Maintaining a current Bond, the following Pup Tents do not have a valid Bond and are considered suspended until such report is submitted to Supreme Headquarters: CA 38, NV 05, NJ 39, NY 65.
3. All Pup Tents are reminded to forward copies of Election Reports for the 2020-2021 membership year to Supreme Headquarters. Pup Tents without election reports for the New Year are not in good standing and may not be represented at either their Grand or Supreme Conventions. Pup Tents whose election reports have not been received 01 May 2020 may be suspended in accordance with the Supreme By-Laws and can be declared defunct if corrective action is not taken by 01 July 2020. While it is the duty of the Installing Officer to forward election reports, Seam Squirrels, both incoming and outgoing, should take it upon themselves to see that this procedure is carried out. No Election Report = no vote.
4. Membership packets for 2020-2021 are in process and will be mailed in June 2020. They will be mailed to the Grand Quartermaster of record as provided on the Election Warrant. Grand Quartermasters are instructed to mail out the individual Pup Tent's packages to their respective CCDB's. Pup Tents that have not sent in an Election Warrant, have not secured a Bond for the office of CCDB, or have less than nine (9) members will not receive a packet until these discrepancies have been corrected.
5. All Grand Commanders are reminded that their Grand must be at least 80% Inspected to have a voice or vote at the Supreme Scratch. Please review the latest Inspection Report.
6. In accordance with provisions of Section 534 of the Supreme By-Laws, all Pup Tents are required to register, in advance, at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch. Failure to register shall be grounds for the Pup Tent to be declared in arrears to the Supreme Pup Tent and appropriate action will be taken. Advance registration for the Supreme Scratch is \$15.00 and \$20.00 for registration received after 30 June 2020. No Delegate fee = no vote.

7. 101st Supreme Scratch and 59th Convention to be held in Reno, NV at Harrah's Casino Hotel located at 219 North Center Street, Reno, NV. You can call the hotel at 775-786-3232 or use link on LOTCS.org. Please remember to mention Military Order of the Cootie convention in July 2020.

8. The 101st Supreme Scratch Advertising Order Form and the Booster MUST be received by Headquarters No Later than June 15, 2020. Forms for both are on the Supreme website. You can also email your ad to Supreme Adjutant Gordon Lam – lams88101@outlook.com and mail the form & check to Supreme Headquarters, 604 Braddock Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Be creative. Remember – All forms and money are sent to Supreme Headquarters.

9. ATTENTION: Grand Commanders, Supreme Council Members and Past Supreme Commanders. Look hard at the Registration Form. If you want to have your own vote, register as such. If you register as a Pup Tent Member, that's what you are. If you plan on flip flopping votes, you will need to register more than once.

10. All Supreme Officers and Chairmen are required to submit in writing a report detailing their activities no later than thirty (30) days before the start of the Supreme Convention. Reports are submitted to the Supreme Adjutant. Deadlines for submitting reports are 25 June 2020.

11. The Grand Commanders and Quartermasters will receive one email towards the first week of June showing what information is missing from their respective Pup Tents. No Election Reports, No Inspection, No Convention Registration.

BY COMMAND OF:

Steve W. Ruger Sr.

Steve W. Ruger, Sr.
Supreme Commander

OFFICIAL:

Gordon K. Lam

Gordon K. Lam
Supreme Adjutant



MOC Hospital Report

Date: November Report					
Grand	Goal	Reports	Cooties	Total Monies	Percentage
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Gary Dressel					
DE	\$28,500.00	9	68	\$8,183.83	28.72%
DC	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
MD	\$78,750.00	29	446	\$85,004.90	107.94%
PA	\$105,000.00	30	1,043	\$116,404.98	110.86%
VA	\$78,000.00	20	434	\$66,647.33	85.45%
WV	\$12,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTALS	\$302,750.00	88	1,991	\$276,241.04	91.24%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#2 - Louis C. McVey					
AL	\$11,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
FL	\$144,500.00	51	507	\$62,707.33	43.40%
GA	\$35,000.00	11	286	\$24,305.13	69.44%
LA	\$24,000.00	75	85	\$15,838.01	65.99%
MS	\$42,500.00	15	346	\$38,845.14	91.40%
NC	\$69,750.00	16	220	\$21,697.46	31.11%
SC	\$38,750.00	16	220	\$21,697.46	55.99%
TN	\$37,000.00	13	379	\$30,079.96	81.30%
TOTALS	\$402,500.00	197	2,043	\$215,170.49	53.46%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Jeff Keen					
IL	\$47,250.00	29	221	\$26,318.04	55.70%
IN	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
KY	\$53,750.00	31	275	\$35,212.57	65.51%
MI	\$44,500.00	6	108	\$18,600.31	41.80%
OH	\$116,750.00	556	745	\$82,236.81	70.44%
WI	\$77,000.00	105	700	\$125,028.27	162.37%
TOTALS	\$339,250.00	727	2,049	\$287,396.00	84.72%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - Olin Parks					
IA	\$24,500.00	25	189	\$28,515.09	116.39%
KS	\$32,250.00	106	262	\$25,044.11	77.66%
MN	\$94,500.00	36	459	\$46,254.76	48.95%
MO	\$90,000.00	47	1,005	\$155,499.30	172.78%
NE	\$27,250.00	11	238	\$17,246.32	63.29%
ND	\$37,500.00	14	77	\$3,128.52	8.34%
SD	\$25,250.00	6	286	\$44,847.22	177.61%
TOTAL	\$331,250.00	245	2,516	\$320,535.32	96.77%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Ron Johnson					

AR	\$34,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
CO	\$48,000.00	1	7	\$384.30	0.80%
EURO	\$22,000.00	2	2	\$39.91	0.18%
NM	\$38,750.00	11	73	\$21,106.98	54.47%
OK	\$24,500.00	10	399	\$45,108.97	184.12%
TX	\$93,000.00	17	219	\$40,447.40	43.49%
WY	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
TOTAL	\$260,500.00	41	700	\$107,087.56	41.11%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Vaughn Gates					
AK	\$15,500.00	55	117	\$21,880.26	141.16%
AZ	\$98,000.00	35	1,673	\$215,880.37	220.29%
CA	\$154,000.00	61	1,620	\$352,290.56	228.76%
HI	\$5,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
ID	\$4,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NV	\$24,000.00	40	82	\$10,254.66	42.73%
OR	\$67,250.00	20	186	\$44,919.27	66.79%
PAC	\$118,750.00	174	1,383	\$128,035.33	107.82%
WA	\$57,000.00	17	112	\$24,129.97	42.33%
TOTAL	\$543,500.00	402	5,173	\$797,390.42	146.71%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 -Jesse Kitson					
CT	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
ME	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
MA	\$22,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NH	\$25,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NJ	\$52,250.00	51	113	\$14,884.13	28.49%
NY	\$42,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$143,000.00	51	113	\$14,884.13	10.41%
PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION)					
AK#2	\$8,500.00	6	249	\$38,829.77	456.82%
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%
MT	\$24,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#14	\$12,250.00	3	5	\$736.92	6.02%
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%
TOTAL	\$94,500.00	9	254	\$39,566.69	41.87%
Supreme Total					
	\$2,322,750.00	1,751	14,585	\$2,018,704.96	86.91%
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%
E-mail: ccihlar1@yahoo.com					

MOC Inspection Report

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	1		11/3/2019	N/A	100%	
AK-3	1	0			N/A	%	
AZ	8	8		10/29/2019		100%	
AR	5	1				20%	21
CA	14	0				%	
CO	6	0				%	
DE	3	0				%	
EUR	1	0			N/A	%	
FL	22	10				45%	1,2,8,18,23,32,41,59,66,98
GA	4	4		10/3/2019	Yes	100%	
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	7				78%	1,3,4,10,16,17,27
MA-14	1	0			N/A	%	
MA-34	1	0			N/A	%	
MA-52	1	0			N/A	%	
MI	7	5				71%	12,14,21,24,32
MN	15	0				%	
MS	5	2				40%	7,17
MO	11	10				91%	1,5,8,9,11,12,14,15,17,56
MT-10	1	0			N/A	%	
MT-11	1	0			N/A	%	
MT-24	1	0			N/A	%	
NE	3	3		10/31/2019	Yes	100%	
NV-2	1	0			N/A	%	
NV-3	1	0			N/A	%	
NV-5	1	1		8/3/2019	N/A	100%	
NV1,3	2	0			N/A	%	
NJ	9	1				11%	8
NM	5	2				40%	7,14
NY	7	0				%	
NC	10	10		10/22/2019	Yes	100%	
ND	5	1				20%	8
OH	16	14				88%	
OK	5	4				80%	2,4,16,17
OR	10	9				90%	1,4,,6,8,9,12,20,22,23
PAC	9	0				%	
PA	12	6				50%	18,29,33,44,58,59
SC	7	7		11/22/2010		100%	
SD	3	0				%	
TN	4	0				%	
TX	11	5				45%	13,36,55,69,88
VA	8	0				%	
WA	7	6				86%	3,4,6,9,11,18
WV-6	1	0				%	
WI	10	0				%	
						%	
TOTAL	291	132		8		45.36%	

MOC Membership Report

2019-2020 Membership Report 12/31/2019											
Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
GOLD DIVISION											
14	CALIFORNIA	78.79%	14	90	2	416	522	660	6	16	
16	OHIO	87.78%	3	53	8	359	423	483	5	11	
SILVER DIVISION											
22	FLORIDA	62.48%	19	105	4	250	378	605	4	23	
15	MINNESOTA	93.37%	12	131	2	222	367	392	5	14	
11	TEXAS	81.40%	9	72	4	231	316	387	9	13	
RED DIVISION											
8	ARIZONA	80.50%	13	79	3	227	322	400	11	16	
6	ILLINOIS	86.67%	3	52	0	113	168	195	2	3	
9	MARYLAND	83.95%	5	76	3	188	272	324	6	8	
7	MICHIGAN	101.62%	11	78	5	94	188	185	0	16	
8	NEW YORK	40.45%	1	0	0	71	72	178	0	1	
9	PACIFIC AREAS	83.44%	7	26	1	368	402	483	5	8	
12	PENNSYLVANIA	81.71%	28	128	8	193	357	432	7	36	
8	VIRGINIA	67.99%	3	6	5	209	223	328	1	8	
10	WISCONSIN	64.29%	4	35	6	134	174	336	1	10	
WHITE DIVISION											
4	GEORGIA	88.89%	4	40	1	83	128	144	0	5	
11	MISSOURI	86.52%	21	125	1	173	320	371	11	22	
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	75.35%	9	40	9	160	218	288	5	18	
7	WASHINGTON	66.38%	7	35	2	116	160	235	4	9	
BLUE DIVISION											
5	ARKANSAS	71.43%	9	6	16	69	100	140	0	25	
6	COLORADO	73.30%	10	56	2	72	140	191	1	12	
6	KENTUCKY	81.00%	7	42	2	128	179	221	3	9	
5	MISSISSIPPI	61.71%	1	0	0	108	109	175	1	1	
5	NORTH DAKOTA	96.75%	4	71	0	75	150	154	2	4	
10	OREGON	54.84%	3	43	2	105	153	279	4	5	
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	87.13%	13	44	1	115	173	202	2	14	
4	TENNESSEE	48.68%	1	1	12	60	74	152	1	13	
GREEN DIVISION											
3	DELAWARE	76.92%	0	9	0	81	90	117	0	0	
4	KANSAS	78.95%	17	41	6	41	105	133	0	23	
3	LOUISIANA	80.81%	0	48	1	31	80	99	0	1	
3	NEBRASKA	87.50%	3	17	4	74	98	112	3	7	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	73.08%	2	42	1	31	76	104	1	3	
5	OKLAHOMA	125.58%	19	18	29	43	109	86	1	48	
PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION											
3	IOWA		2	19	11	43	75	102	3	13	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	46.15%	0	0	0	48	48	104	0	0	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALASKA 2	102.86%	3	15	0	18	36	35	0	3	
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	67.74%									
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	80.95%									
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	91.67%	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	94.44%	0	25	0	26	51	54	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	99.36%		23		445	468	471		0	
292	TOTALS	63.04%	280	566	166	5721	6508	10201	106	446	

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

Supreme President's Message

Auxiliary Members,

Happy New Year to everyone! I pray each of you had a wonderful and blessed holiday with family and friends. Now it's time to get back to working for our Veterans and this great organization.

Officers: All local, Grand, District and Supreme Officers, please make sure your dues are paid. Remember, if your dues have not been received by our Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard by December 31st than you are no longer a member in good standing and can no longer hold your current office.

Inspections: Grand Presidents, please make sure all auxiliary inspections within your Grand have been sent. Remember, inspections were due by December 31, 2019.

Grand Presidents: Supreme Representative request forms are due to me NOW. Please e-mail or snail me to me ASAP.

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.

Let's continue Running To Support Our Veterans.

Loyally,

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



Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie

General Order #3 Series 2019 - 2020

1. Tomb Trek: I would like to personally thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to come out and honor our fallen veterans.
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. EIN Numbers: Each Auxiliary and Grand must have their own EIN number. If you do not have an EIN Number, please apply for one as soon as possible. Please contact Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard for any assistance.
4. 990: Each Auxiliary and Grand please remember to file your 990 each year to keep your nonprofit status.
5. Institution of New Auxiliary: Local Auxiliaries may be formed with the Application of Ten (10) or more eligible for membership as indicated: They **MUST BE NEW** or **REINSTATED** members. **TRANSFERRED** members are **NOT INCLUDED** in the **FIRST TEN**. Evidence of **ELIGIBILITY** shall be submitted to the Organizer, who shall have Certification from the Seam Squirrel, that the Pup Tent voted at a regular Scratch (meeting) to have an Auxiliary. The Organizer (MOC Auxiliary Member) must complete the Charter Application and mail to Supreme Treasurer with Charter Fee of \$50.00.
6. Membership: Our goal is to reach 100% in membership by retaining, recruiting and reinstating members. Remember to reach out to your current membership by contacting them via phone, letter or personal visit to encourage them to pay their 2020 dues. Don't forget to hold Membership Drives and invite VFW Auxiliary members to attend to gain more information about the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary.
7. 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.
8. Bylaws and Rituals: Please make sure you purchase a new Bylaws and Rituals due to changes being made at Supreme Convention.
9. Grand Presidents: Please notify Supreme President of any auxiliaries needing assistance to continue to function and maintain.
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

By Order Of:

Marquitta “Nikki” Hill
Supreme President



Supreme MOCA Membership Report

December 16, 2019

State	2019	2020	%
Division 1 (under 100)			
Illinois	68	62	91.18%
Kansas	97	66	68.04%
Louisiana	78	63	80.77%
Maryland	93	55	59.14%
Mississippi	97	82	84.54%
New York	93	80	86.02%
6 Grands	526	408	77.57%

Division 2 (101-150)			
Colorado	103	66	64.08%
New Jersey	108	0	0.00%
New Mexico	122	75	61.48%
Oregon	140	116	82.86%
Washington	145	77	53.10%
5 Grands	618	334	54.05%

Division 3 (151-180)			
Arizona	157	113	71.97%
North Carolina	163	61	37.42%
Ohio	176	124	70.45%
South Carolina	160	127	79.38%
Texas	168	64	38.10%
Virginia	158	85	53.80%
Wisconsin	178	147	82.58%
7 Grands	1160	721	62.16%

State	2019	2020	%
Division 4 (181 & over)			
California	203	61	30.05%
Florida	263	120	45.63%
Michigan	183	166	90.71%
Minnesota	259	179	69.11%
Missouri	200	163	81.50%
5 Grands	1108	689	62.18%

State	2019	2020	%
Division 5 (Auxiliaries not in a Grand)			
Alaska #2	29	14	48.28%
Arkansas #13	21		0.00%
Delaware #2	22	12	54.55%
Delaware #4	22	23	104.55%
Georgia #5	15	10	66.67%
Georgia #66	19	4	21.05%
Iowa #6	9		0.00%
Kentucky #7	26	21	80.77%
Kentucky #9	35	34	97.14%
Massachusetts #14	37		0.00%
Montana #10	31	32	103.23%
Nebraska #10	51	47	92.16%
Nevada #2	17		0.00%
Nevada #5	20		0.00%
Pennsylvania #33	14	17	121.43%
Pennsylvania #44	29	26	89.66%
Pennsylvania #59	39	27	69.23%
South Dakota #1	21	16	76.19%
South Dakota #12	18		0.00%
South Dakota #20	21		0.00%
Tennessee #5	44	35	79.55%
Tennessee #9	13		0.00%
Tennessee #26	24		0.00%
West Virginia #6	26	28	107.69%
	603	346	57.38%
TOTALS			
	4015	2498	62.22%

100% Auxiliaries since 9/23/19

Arizona #777	121.05%
Delaware #4	104.55%
Florida #23	100.00%
Illinois #79	100.00%
Kansas #7	100.00%
Louisiana #6	100.00%
Michigan #34	108.33%
Missouri #1	108.33%
Missouri #11	100.00%
Montana #10	103.23%
New York #42	100.00%
Ohio #5	100.00%
Ohio #83	113.89%
Oregon #1	100.00%
Oregon #4	104.55%
Wisconsin #14	100.00%
Wisconsin #22	106.25%

CONGRATULATIONS

GREAT JOB!!!

Supreme MOCA Hospital Report

MOCA HOSPITAL REPORT											
December 31, 2019											
GRA ND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBE RS	PATIE TS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	Bloo d	TOTAL CREDITS	%	
Supreme District #1--Vickie Peterson, Commissioner											
DE	\$11,000.00	7	30	31	64	105.25	1346.00	182.00	1	2743.83	24.94
MD	\$23,250.00	17	111	118	6445	1304.25	3661.00	2444.50	4	32367.88	139.22
PA	\$20,500.00	23	40	51	1014	366.50	2866.00	4800.28	2	13466.10	65.69
VA	\$39,500.00	38	124	144	1774	975.75	7304.00	17079.72	13	40105.44	101.53
WV	\$6,500.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	591
Total	\$100,750.00	85	305	344	9297	2751.75	15177.00	24506.50	20	88683.24	88.02
Supreme District #2--Anna Holm, Commissioner											
FL	\$65,750.00	59	457	526	4754	3254.00	17500.00	12843.62	12	88671.32	134.86
GA	\$8,500.00	5	41	48	660	107.75	1375.00	152.00	0	2774.26	32.64
LA	\$19,500.00	9	18	26	823	331.00	1434.00	3020.01	0	10684.82	54.79
MS	\$25,500.00	34	511	555	6964	2027.75	9802.00	2570.51	0	49668.55	194.78
NC	\$40,750.00	38	281	426	2502	1958.75	13379.00	14273.19	1	60316.06	148.01
SC	\$40,000.00	67	67	170	3529	1074.75	6082.00	6249.75	2	31336.84	78.34
TN	\$20,250.00	3	16	29	355	182.00	940.00	1561.00	0	5796.70	28.63
Total	\$220,250.00	215	1391	1780	19587	8936.00	50512.00	40670.08	15	249248.56	113.17
Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner											
IL	\$17,000.00	29	24	70	478	673.50	3425.00	2933.04	4	18599.97	109.41
KY	\$15,250.00	9	32	38	185	150.75	2382.00	1137.74	0	4870.63	31.94
MI	\$45,750.00	28	183	236	2262	1200.50	14999.00	1460.84	0	30631.98	66.96
OH	\$44,000.00	64	119	205	3651	1409.70	9062.00	10783.92	0	42974.87	97.67
WI	\$44,500.00	52	124	294	7696	1912.75	17530.00	3424.69	4	49011.40	110.14
Total	\$166,500.00	182	482	843	14272	5347.20	47398.00	19740.23	8	146088.84	87.74
Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner											
IA	\$2,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
KS	\$24,250.00	29	304	351	8576	1847.50	18597.00	4665.37	0	48930.08	201.77
MN	\$64,750.00	40	430	709	29643	3410.50	39327.00	5601.59	12	88014.15	135.93
MO	\$50,000.00	127	290	642	9996	2104.50	29065.00	17558.31	10	69083.89	138.17
MT	\$7,750.00	8	233	260	3564	1951.00	6300.00	1190.00	0	46067.05	594.41
NE	\$12,750.00	14	41	91	869	503.50	6302.00	513.50	1	12749.71	100.00
SD	\$15,000.00	1	1	6	35	67.50	579.00	150.00	0	1753.19	11.69
Total	\$176,750.00	219	1299	2059	52683	9885	100170	29679	23	266598	150.83
Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner											
AR	\$5,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
CO	\$25,750.00	14	16	45	550	339.50	2761.00	3052.27	0	11094.54	43.09
NM	\$30,500.00	31	30	70	1153	1470.25	8084.00	5773.50	0	40059.40	131.34
TX	\$42,000.00	68	96	234	2021	1385.25	8472.00	10889.27	0	40821.66	97.19
Total	\$103,500.00	113	142	349	3724	3195.00	19317.00	19715.04	0	91975.59	88.87
Supreme District #6 --Cathy Seippel, Commissioner											
AK	\$7,250.00	17	17	26	206	113.50	990.00	402.75	0	3100.78	42.77
AZ	\$39,250.00	64	253	266	4164	1812.25	10460.00	4531.47	0	46862.11	119.39
CA	\$50,750.00	13	27	58	579	1302.25	4224.00	6607.21	1	36564.31	72.05
NV	\$9,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OR	\$35,000.00	43	113	172	2026	900.00	5354.00	1232.62	1	22277.18	63.65
WA	\$36,250.00	34	184	273	10295	1616.75	6851.00	9144.18	1	35106.93	96.85
Total	\$177,750.00	171	594	795	17270	5744.75	27879.00	21918.23	3	143911.30	80.96
Supreme District #7 -- Rebecca Jacobson, Commissioner											
MA	\$9,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NJ	\$27,000.00	25	56	100	965	1194.75	3673.00	3526.00	0	30981.83	114.75
NY	\$23,250.00	38	223	223	12144	1673.25	2817.00	1343.61	0	39469.78	169.76
Total	\$59,500.00	63	279	323	13109	2868.00	6490.00	4869.61	0	70451.61	118.41
Supreme Donations											
Total	\$1,005,000.00	1048	4492	6493	129942	38727.20	266943.00	161098.46	69	1056957.19	105.17
Submitted By JANIS WIMMER Supreme Hospital Commissioner											

Supreme President's Special Project

As of November 15, 2019

We are off to a great start with the Supreme President's Special Project donations to the Valhalla Ranch. We still have a long way to go to reach our goals, but as of the Report received at Tomb Trek, our total is \$2,759.99.

Congratulations to the winners of our Horseshow Art pieces at Tomb Trek:

Ohio Auxiliary Vin Twas MJM #83 won a Pumpkin

Shelley Solheid of Minnesota Lucky 'Leven won the Snowman

Julie Constable of Ohio #83 won the Elf

Alice Burrell from Delaware won a Pumpkin

Don't forget that we will be raffling a Horseshoe Flag at the Supreme Convention.

Our Top Six donors to the program thus far are:

- 1) California #69 Lunar Tics with \$23.26 per member
- 2) Texas #36 Three Acres with \$6.46 per member
- 3) Mississippi #12 Friendly Possom at \$5.00 per member
- 4) Michigan #32 Caraboa at \$3.52 per member
- 5) Ohio #92 Vin Coho with \$3.45 per member
- 6) South Carolina #3 Spartan with \$3.23 per member

NOTE: To view a complete breakdown of donations and to download tickets, go to the MOCA News page: https://www.lotcs.org/MOCA/moca_news.html

Please contact me if you have any questions about the program, and keep up the great work!!

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

**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.

M.O.C.A. 59th Supreme Convention
Reno, Nevada
July 23 – July 26, 2020

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 27, 2020.**

Late (June 28 and after) and On-site Registration is \$25.00.

NOTE: Registration includes the Supreme President's Printed Program Book for 2020-2021 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 27, 2020.

PLEASE print or type ALL information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Ph: () _____ Cell Ph: () _____

E-mail: _____

Grand: _____ Aux # _____

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

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 28, 2020 and at the Supreme Convention will be \$25.00. To gain admission to the Convention session, you must possess a current official 2020 membership dues card.

Supreme Convention Credentials Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie

Auxiliary Name _____ Auxiliary No. _____
City _____ State _____ Date _____

This is to Certify that Sister(s):

Delegates

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Alternates

1. _____
2. _____
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4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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

In Witness whereof we hereunto affix our signatures.

President _____

Secretary _____



2020 Advertisements for MOCA Convention Book



59th SUPREME AUXILIARY ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

The 59th Supreme Convention will be held at Harrah's Casino in Reno, NV on July 23 through 26, 2020. 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 59th 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 6, 2020. FYI: We are also doing BOOSTER SHEETS to be printed in this book with the MOC's blessings.

AD PRICES

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

NAME: _____ GRAND _____

AUXILIARY NAME _____ # _____

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

CHECK NUMBER _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

PHONE # () - . Email: _____

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



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



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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

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

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

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PARADISE ELITE TRAVEL

Insurance: Starting at \$49.00

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- (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
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- 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

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Type of Cabin

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4E Inside - \$386 _____

Insurance _____ YES _____ NO (Starting at \$49.00)

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2/05/2020 _____ Yes _____ No

Beverage Program:

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_____ 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)

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Supreme Cootie of the Year Program 2019-20

Listen Cooties!

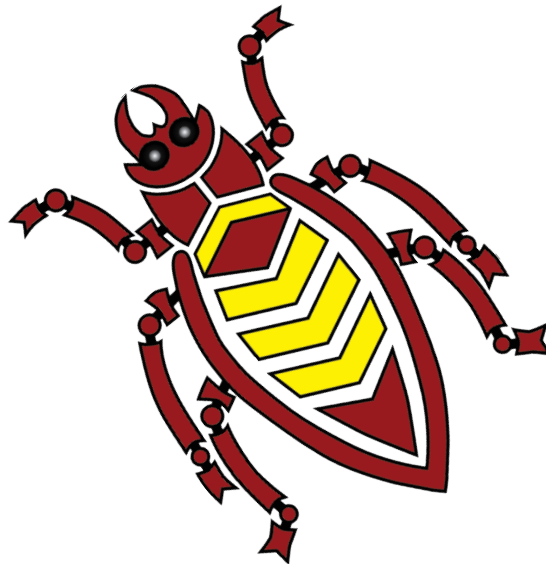
I know there are numerous Species Pediculi in our Grands that are constantly working the seams, keeping them smiling and being closer than a brother. If you know of such a lousy Cootie that you would like to submit to be considered for the award "Cootie of the Year", please send me a detailed description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



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

Coming home after three tours in Iraq, Shawn Hoskins had a hard time leaving his wartime experiences behind.



“I still smell the gunpowder...the jet fuel...the blood...every day,” he says. “Things that I saw, things I had to do there, I don’t like to talk about. There’s nothing that will take it away.”

Wife Melinda adds, “When he has a rough night, like in a storm, he sometimes doesn’t know where he is. It takes him back to something.”

Unfortunately, Shawn came home to financial difficulties that he was in no state to overcome, difficulties that quickly began to spiral and ultimately resulted in the family of six being evicted from their home.

That’s when they heard about the VFW National Home for Children. After an interview, they came here to live and to put their lives back together.

“It still makes me cry when I think about it,” Shawn says. “This place is a godsend.” Melinda adds, “It was like a TV show – the quiet, the serenity.”

Shawn was assigned a caseworker who patiently helped him to heal. Daycare was provided for the youngest girls, while both Shawn and Melinda worked and began restoring their finances.

With the family stress relieved, all the kids relaxed and enjoyed each other as well as their idyllic new community. And now, after two years at the National Home, the family has been able to return to their hometown, ready to build a life on their own.

“Words cannot describe my gratitude for the VFW National Home,” Melinda says. “They gave us hopefulness, they gave us peace, at a time when we were still at war in our house.”

The family smiles more now. The joy is back in Shawn and Melinda’s marriage.

“And it’s all because of the VFW National Home,” Shawn says.

For families touched by the stresses of deployment and war, it can be difficult to provide a safe and loving home. Perhaps a mother struggles to financially provide for her family. Or a father needs to work through the things he saw and dealt with while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. The children might not be doing well in school and need a caring adult to mentor and guide them.

That's where the VFW National Home for Children steps in. For struggling military and veteran families, the National Home offers the chance to heal and grow, a chance to work on moving forward. The National Home's community is open to families of **active-duty military personnel, veterans and descendants of members of the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary.**

The VFW National Home for Children is located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, surrounded by peaceful farms and small-town neighbors. The National Home has 42 single-family homes, as well as spacious playgrounds, a licensed daycare, a community center, and recreational facilities for its families.

The families living there have a real chance to rebuild their lives. The family may live in the National Home's community for up to 4 years, during which time they are provided free of charge: housing, case management services, which includes one-on-one support and assistance with creating and achieving family goals, on-site licensed child care, life skills training, tutoring and other educational services, all of which are designed to provide them with the tools to create a lasting life and home for their children once they leave the National Home.

And the National Home's dedication and service to veterans, active duty members, and their families goes beyond the walls of the campus, through their Military and Veteran Family Helpline at 800-313-4200. The Helpline is staffed Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by caring professionals who provide information and connections to needed services wherever they are in the United States. It can also serve as the first step to living in the National Home community.

Since 1925, the National Home has been offering help, hope, and honor to the families of our nation's active duty military and veterans. They are a nonprofit organization and receive no government funding. They are run solely by private donations.

For more information on the VFW National Home for Children, visit <http://www.vfwnational-home.org/> call 800-424-8360. To reach the Military and Veteran Family Helpline, call 800-313-4200 or e-mail help@vfwnationalhome.org.



101st Supreme Scratch Harrah's Casino Hotel Reno, Nevada



Cooties and Auxiliary will gather in Reno, NV at Harrah's Casino Hotel Reno, the weekend of 24-28 July, 2020 for the 101st 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 – 101st 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 101st Supreme Scratch is \$15.00 per delegate. **ALL PUP TENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE TO THE 101st 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 30th deadline and at the Scratch will be \$20.00.**



101st 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.

**101st SUPREME SCRATCH
PROGRAM BOOK
ADVERTISING ORDER FORM**

The 101st 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 101st 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:

101st Supreme Scratch
Supreme Headquarters, MOC
604 Braddock Ave
Turtle Creek, PA 15145-2068
EMAIL: 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 1st 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
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NAME: _____ GRAND _____

PUP TENT NAME _____ PT NUMBER _____

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Military Order of the Cootie
REGISTRATION 86th TOMB TREK
November 6-8 2020



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Full Registration	\$85.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
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**Military Order of the Cootie
WREATH REGISTRATION
86th TOMB TREK
November 6-8 2020**



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Pup Tent & #: _____

Grand of: _____

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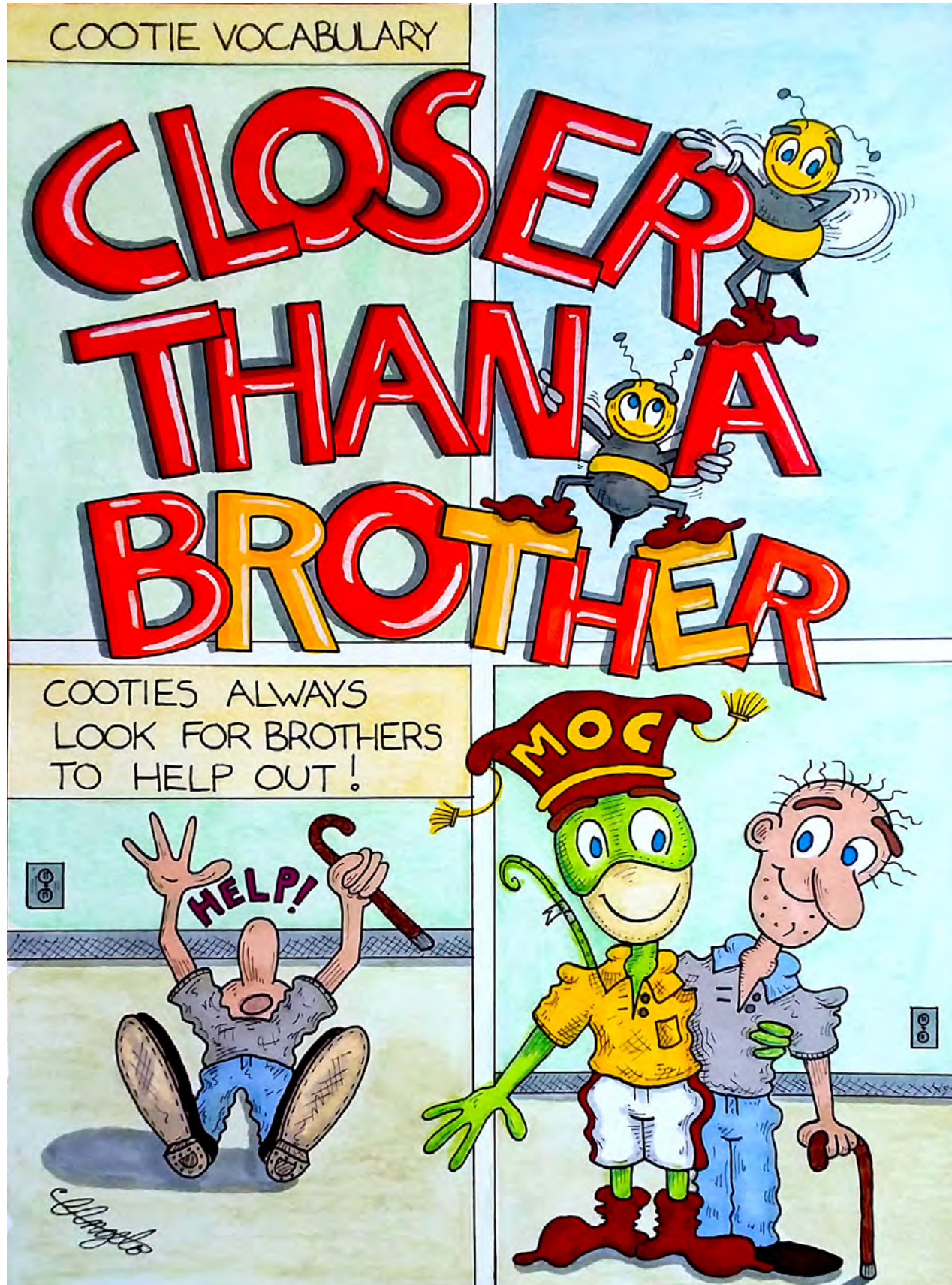
Each registration is \$ 25.00. (\$5 goes towards the design, compilation and printing of the booklet) Your order must be received before 1 October 2020 to be printed in the Annual Tomb Trek booklet. Wreath orders will be accepted after this date BUT will not be printed in the booklet.

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Cootie Vocabulary



William Enoch Turns 100 on January 20th
Happy Birthday William!



William is proof positive that Cootie Milk does a body good
and that Blue Ointment really take care of those aches and
pains as we get older!

About a week ago (October 24, 2019) an article appeared in the news about a lazy horse at a riding stable in South Korea. Every time the owner saddles and tries to mount him, the horse, named Jingang, collapses to the ground and plays dead. A video posted with the article shows how adept at playing dead the horse has become. He falls to the ground, puts his hooves in odd positions, closes his eyes, and lets his tongue dangle from his mouth. He's quite the actor.

Jingang's owner has been trying to train him to carry riders around the Korean countryside. But so far he's being completely uncooperative. Fortunately for Jingang, his owner finds his antics amusing. He even credits him for being smart. For most horses buck their riders – expending a great deal of energy. But Jingang simply falls down, putting forth no effort at all.

While Jingang's theatrics are amusing, we must give credit to his owner who tolerates his laziness. If Jingang tried his stunts north of the DMZ, where millions of people border on starvation, he'd soon become a meal for an entire village. There'd be no toleration for his "passive resistance." His success at getting out of work, his very survival, depends completely upon the kindness and tolerance of his owner. If his owner placed no value on his life, he'd turn that horse into sausage.

When I read about Jingang it reminded me of something among humans. I once read a book by a prominent pacifist theologian. In his argument for the efficacy of non-violent resistance he used a story from the Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus about Pontius Pilate. Early in his tenure as Roman governor, the Jews protested against Pilate's posting of the Emperor's images in Jerusalem. Pilate summoned the Jews to the arena where they were surrounded by soldiers with swords drawn. He threatened them with death if they did not accept the images. When they fell to the ground, even offering their necks to the sword, Pilate relented and removed the images. Voila, it was a triumph of passive resistance.

But let's be honest. There were other factors at work here. One of them was Roman justice – which condemned the needless slaughter of noncombatants. Another was the value that Roman culture placed upon life – though this was somewhat limited. Another was the accountability that Pilate owed to his Emperor. In other lands, despotic tyrants would have gladly slaughtered the passive-resistant Jews – as Hitler did in Europe many years later. Clearly, this passive-resistance succeeded largely in part to a culture that sympathized with it.

This applies to the passive-resistance methods used by Gandhi in India during the British occupation and by Martin Luther King, Jr. in the American South during segregation. The success of those methods depended largely upon the Christian-based governments and cultures that valued human life and individual rights. And in the case of America, President

Eisenhower called in the Army to enforce desegregation in the South (e.g. Little Rock, AR, 1957). It wasn't passive-resistance alone that succeeded.

In contrast, look at what happened when mere hunger strikes, peaceful protests, and passive-resistance was employed in Red China in 1989, especially in Tiananmen Square. Thousands perished in the crackdown and the seven months of martial law followed. How would Stalinist Russia have responded to passive-resistance? Stalin boasted that the death of one is a tragedy, but the death of a million is a statistic. He had no qualms about killing millions of his own people, nor did Mao Zedong. These tyrants placed no value on human life.

Everyone in America who condemns our nation as evil, racist, and warmongering - and everyone who calls for its destruction - only survives by the goodness, justice, and kindness of the land they hate. Such people have nothing but contempt for the land that guards their human rights and provides them with opportunities for success. We are never more loathsome or contemptible than when we bite the hand that feeds us and curse the one who benefits us.

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, please bless our nation and the men and women in uniform who protect it. Please protect America and its men and women in uniform from all their enemies – both foreign the domestic. And grant them supreme success as Your torch of freedom and Your instrument of peace throughout the world. Amen.

Courtesy of Retired Army Chaplain David Causey



Tomb Trek



Coolie Christmas







4th Supreme

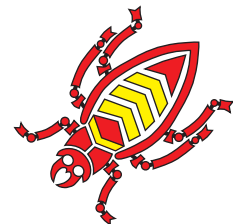
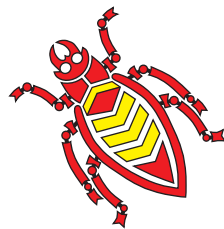
4th Supreme getting inspections and hospital work done...

Sometimes ya just gotta have a little fun. Fall festival at the Coatsville PA Veterans Medical Center includes Del Val 44 holding an annual spaghetti Dinner. HQ Staff included time to do their annual inspection and participated in the festival and of course taste tested the spaghetti; can't let the patients have all the fun. Sir Max provided pet therapy and just had a day of being everyone's puppy.



The 2 ladies on the right are Donna Hox and Millie Lemon special friends of the auxiliary. Front row Mary Van Orden Del Val 44 PSP, Yolanda Estes Del Val 44 PDP, Janet Bossman Del Val 44 PDP, 4th Supreme Inspector Delpha with SIR MAX1010 and Lee Estes MOC life member at large. Back row Eileen Bannon Del Val 44 Aux President, Carolyn Hook Del Val 44, Peter Hook Pup Tent 44 also Dept. of PA Chaplain and Supreme Quartermaster Gary Dressel was hiding behind Janet Bossman.

Courtesy of Delpha Martin



Grand of Arizona

Christmas party at the Tucson State Veterans Home. Arizona Pup Tent 2 packed gifts the night before and delivered them to the Arizona State Veterans Home and the VA Hospital CLC.

Photos courtesy of Maynard "Mike" Uhlig, CCDB, PT 13 and AZ PGC



The Night Before Santa's elves were quite busy packing the gifts for veterans



PT2 at Vet Home



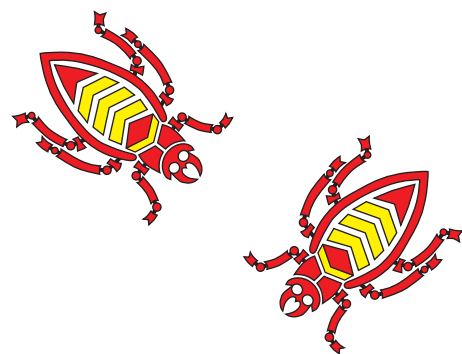
Seam Squirrel PT 2

AZ PT 11 holds many events monthly. They are the most active and hard working Seam in Arizona. They provide Cootie Mobile service at the Phoenix VA 5 days a week and 8 hour tours. (The driver in the Cootie Mobile Team picture is John Barnard and he is blind. He is their dispatcher.) They also provide monthly "Dog" races rotating between the State Veterans Home and VA Hospital and additionally a Shells and Bones (Surf and Turf) dinner at their canteen dining room, also monthly for veterans that can be transported from the Home and VA. Finally, PT 11 sponsors/supports the Phoenix State Veterans Home Christmas party by serving lunch and providing entertainment.

Photos courtesy of Maynard "Mike" Uhlig, CCDB, PT 13 and AZ PGC



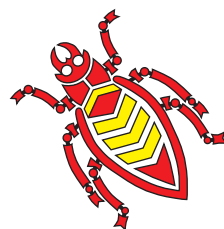
Cootie Mobile Team



Dog Races



Shells and Bones dinner





Christmas Entertainment



PT 11 Cooties saying hello to veterans at the State Home Christmas Party



Christmas Crew at the State Home

Salute & Support—Winter 2019—January

Charles Peterson—The Saint of Mobility for Veterans



Sometimes miracles happen and lives are changed because one person has an open heart, eyes to see and ears to hear and willing to be the middleman between a 'have' and a 'need'. So many people have items and the generosity to help those with specific needs but connecting the two is the frustrating dilemma. People willing to donate much needed items often fail to find a willing recipient. And people in need have limited access to those willing to give. This is especially true for Veterans with the most basic of needs.... the ability to move from here to there.... mobility. Limited access to activities, people, organizations and even medical care because of their inability to move without assistance, makes contact with potential solutions even harder.

But there is a hero on the horizon. In the summer of 2017, **Charles Peterson**, an Army Vietnam Veteran became aware that the VA does not accept previously owned medical equipment. He also realized that if someone would field the donation phone calls, and become known as the catalyst for connecting those in need with donated, high quality used mobility scooters or wheelchairs, the problem could be solved. And so it began.

He got the word out to the VA and other organizations that he would be willing to connect people with needs to people with donations. Calls soon came in and so did donations. He soon heard of a Veteran in Stockton in need of a powered wheelchair. He tracked down him down, loaded up a chair and drove to the Vet's home. The Veteran and his wife saw him as he drove up. Charles unloaded the chair, gave it to the Veteran, who immediately took it for a test drive down the driveway...and returned with tears in his eyes. His wife was also crying. They thanked him as Charles said good-bye and drove off.

One day after picking up two walkers from a family in Roseville, Charles stopped for lunch. He saw a Marine Veteran standing against a table. He asked him if he needed help but the man didn't respond. A woman told Charles that he doesn't talk much. He asked the woman if he needed walker and she said yes because he had been shot in both legs and his neck and could barely move his feet. Charles then asked if he could use a powered chair. When the Veteran heard Charlie mention a chair, he started crying in the restaurant. Charles got their contact info and helped get the Veteran to her vehicle. Later he took a powered chair to this Marine at his home. The Veteran and his friend both cried and thanked him for the chair as he left.

Sometimes the calls come in tandem.... a person willing to give and someone needing that exact item. One day, Charles received a call from a family wanting to donate a six-wheel Quantum wheelchair and a four-wheel GOGO to a Veteran. Shortly thereafter, he received a call from a Veteran who, in the previous 3 years, had suffered two heart attacks, a cardiac surgery and having both legs removed just below the knees. This Veteran had been homeless but now lived in an apartment but his current chair wouldn't fit through the bathroom doorway. Charles loaded up the Go Go and took it to the Vet who then rode it all around his apartment, including the bathroom and began crying and thanking Charles for the amazing gift.



In April of 2018, an East Bay family wanted to donate a J-6 powered chair but insisted it be given to a Veteran. Charles donated it to Marine, **Michael Britsch**, (left) a young Veteran living in Loomis who was in need of a chair. Coordinating with VFW Post 1487 where Charles is a member, arrangements were made to purchase and install a large ramp to complete the accessibility miracle for this young man. The donating family was very happy to see a Veteran received the chair after reading the Loomis newspaper article detailing the event.



Christmas came early when Charles visited a Veteran's Home on December 13th and found a double leg amputee Vietnam Veteran sitting in a small wheel chair. Charles then gave him a Quantum chair to use.

That could have been Charles's last good deed of the year but just before Christmas, a McClellan family donated a Quantum chair. Early in December, Charles had visited a disabled Vietnam Veteran in Yountville needing a large chair to meet his needs after losing both legs. Charles received permission for the donation from Cal-Vet and gave this Quantum chair to this Veteran on December 20th. The Veteran cried as Charles said good-by.

Charlie Peterson—AGAIN!!!!

By Marilyn Metzger

In the last issue of Salute and Support, I profiled a Veteran because he had an open heart, eyes to see and ears to hear and was willing to be the middleman between a 'have' and a 'need'. **Charlie Peterson** has done it again, and again, and again. This time, I was blessed to have been a part of the divine connection that Charlie made happen so many times before.

A few years ago when I moved into this area, I began attending a local church and soon became a part of "The Back Row Gang". There were a few of us loners who sat in the back and over time became friends. The key player was a Korean Army Veteran, **Ken Wing**...a gifted CB man and mechanic. He was also the earliest bird and getting there an hour early to spread out the row to give us more leg room and save seats for the rest of the gang, thus earning the title, "Captain".

In early April, Ken text me to say he would not be attending church anytime soon due to bicycle accident. He and his grandson often rode together from Rosemont to downtown on the American River bike trail. Ken who suffers from severe neuropathy from Korean frostbite, didn't feel where his foot was on the ground as he dismounted. He lost his balance and fell, fracturing his left hip. After a stay in the hospital, he was sent to Eskaton Lodge for rehabilitation. I eventually was able to connect with him about a week after the accident. As we ended our conversation, Ken shared that his next task would be to contact the VA in hopes of expediting his request for an electric chair because his neuropathy had been worsening and he wanted to have options of mobility in the future, not anticipating having to NEED a chair. I told him I knew someone who may have an easier solution to Ken's need.



I immediately emailed Charlie telling him of Ken's injury and his request for an electric chair. Within MINUTES Ken replied saying, "I have a six-wheeled Jazzy 600 ES sitting in my garage right now. This chair is only three weeks old and was given to me by a family from Roseville. It was purchased for a Veteran the same week he passed away." He then told me what the rest of his day looked like and asked if he could drop it off at 1700 hrs that day! I contacted Ken, who then contacted his son, David and arrangements were made for this amazing chair to be delivered to Ken's home. I wasn't going to be left out of this moment so I also drove over, met David, hugged Charlie and left

after taking the above picture of Charlie and David with the chair. Ken had to be patient as he wasn't released from rehab until a week or so later but did send me a picture of the type of chair he was going to receive because he just didn't believe that this blessing had really just happened!

Charlie wasn't done for the day though yet. When he left Ken's house, he took off for Citrus Heights to pick up a Per-mobil F 3. This is a very specialized chair as it has 3 different controls....one for hand control, one that hangs around your neck and the main control on the right arm rest. The seat moves up and down, forward and back, tilts and lays flat....price tag new, \$30K. And Charlie had just the Veteran in mind. ...a disabled amputee. Early in May, Charlie delivered his 33rd chair to this Veteran. But this time, something new happened....the Veteran gave him a check for \$500



Thank you to all those who fill the hearts and lives of our Veterans. We are so thankful to all the individuals, organizations and communities who take the time and effort to let our Veterans know how much they are appreciated!

A "C of A" was held in Selma, CA from September 26-29. Cooties from 11 Pup Tents were at the C of A. Cooties went to the VA Hospital in Fresno for a "BBQ". We had PT #6 Jack-A-Lopes Grill Master "Mike Herman" doing the Hamburg's & Hot Dogs. We had Cootie "Mitch Dees" PT #16 Solano Chiefs providing all of the entertainment. We served 100 "Veterans and Staff". "A Lousy time was had by all Cooties who worked the BBQ."

"We are our Veteran's Keepers."

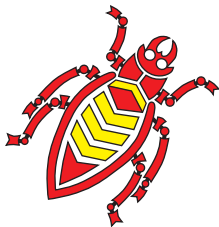
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Pup Tent #43 Chinchies.

October 19th 2019 the "Chinchies" mustered at the VA Hospital in Long Beach, CA for a "Pastrami Sandwich Lunch." Along with all of the trimmings, potato salad, macaroni salad, pasta salad, sodas, water and all of the condiments. We served around 100 veterans and VA Staff. All Cooties had a Lousy time at the Lunch to **"Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White"**.

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Grand of Florida



Past Grand Presidents from BoWeevil #8 in Florida, Jerry-Ann Henry & Kathy Godard at Orlando V A Halloween party.

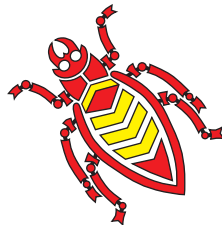
Grand of Illinois



Christmas party at Danville VA on November 30, 2019. Hosted by MOC and MOCA -#62 of Illinois.

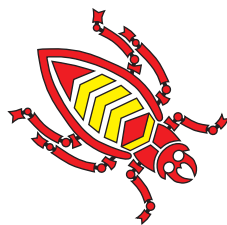
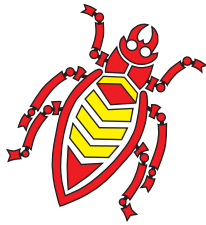
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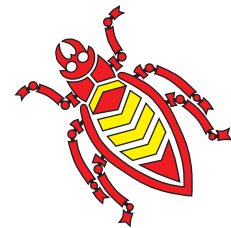
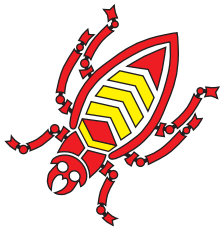
Courtesy of Dawn. Mozingo



Grand of Maryland

At Tomb Trek courtesy of Ms VaNette Jones





Grand of Michigan

Greetings, Comrades and Auxiliary Sisters! – The Grand of Michigan held its 91st Grand of Michigan Cootie Christmas Party on the 7th of December at the VFW National Home for Children. The Grand of Michigan was able to provide gifts for over 89 Children. Santa (Ben Light) with the help from the Supreme Commander Steve Ruger, Supreme Auxiliary President Marquita Hill, Grand Commander Eddie Dandridge, Grand President Rosalyn Dandridge our Department Representatives Dept. Sr. Vice Scott Gloger, and Dept. Auxiliary President Delta Steege pass out gifts to the Children.

“Keep ‘Em Smiling in Beds of White”

Photos Courtesy of PGC Robert E. Wilson



‘Busy day for the Clauses...
Santa and Mrs Claus



Grand of Michigan Members with Mrs Claus



L Ben Light as Santa and PGC Bob Routhier Jr.



Santa given hugs



Santa passing out gifts'



Santa (Ben Light) and Mrs. Claus (Penny Sue Cacoulidis)



Santa helpers...the work is never done...



Hospitality Room' – Grand Sr. Vice Russell Makowski, Grand Commander Eddie Dandridge, PGC Eric Bell, PGC Robert Routhier Jr., and PGC Patrick Henderson



Supreme Officers...Grand Commander Eddie Dandridge, Grand President Rosalyn Dandridge, Ben Light (Santa Claus), Supreme Auxiliary President Marquita Hill, Supreme Commander Steve Ruger, Penny Sue Cacoulidis (Mrs. Claus), Dept. Auxiliary President Delta Steege, and Dept. Sr. Vice Scott Gloger

Grand of Tennessee



The Cooties and Auxiliary of Pup Tent #5 "Sunuppers" in Smyrna, TN took a day of rest to enjoy some well deserved Cootie Milk and Cootie chow. Gifts were exchanged and all had a Lousy time.

Cooties of Smyrna were fortunate to get a large amount of chicken donated from our local "Chick-fil-A" to take to the veterans at the VA hospital in Murfreesboro, TN during their Christmas visit. The men and women in the hospital enjoyed the treat of chicken as well as cupcakes and cookies. The Cooties also provided cards and stockings filled with goodies for Christmas. A fun time was had by all! All here in the Grand of Tennessee hope everyone has a happy and healthy New Year. Remember to "Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!"

Submitted by PGC John "Buy a round" Rydzewski

Grand of Washington

Recently we lost a valued member in our Cootie community, *Charles (Chuck) E. Vitiritti Jr.* Chuck always was there to answer your questions about being a Cootie. If Chuck didn't know the answer, he would find one for you! He served as our Grand Quartermaster and belonged to Lucky Eleven, Pup Tent #11. Chuck emulated the Cootie motto of *"Keep e'm Smilin' in Beds of White."* Chuck definitely knew how to turn a frown upside down! On the VFW side he was our State Commander. Chuck will be sorely missed by us all! Please take a moment to read his obituary below and say a prayer for his family. I know that he's looking down from those great hunting grounds in the sky watching over us all!

Yours in LOTCS,

Dale Iannello
Grand Chaplain

Charles E. Vitiritti, Jr.

Chuck was born on October 19, 1946, in Chicago, IL, and died on November 8, 2019, at his home in Seattle. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War, and after returning home, he spent the rest of his life involved with Veteran organizations and causes. He was active in the Skyway VFW Post #9430 and the Washington Memorial Veterans Advisory Board. Chuck worked as a factory foreman for Preservative Paint (later Kelly Moore) for over 40 years, retiring in 2009 when they relocated the factory out of state. He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Pam, and their daughter Connie, both of Seattle; three siblings, John (Sally) and Ken Vitiritti and Barbara (Bobby) LoPresti, all of the Chicago area; and by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.





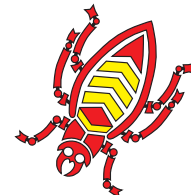
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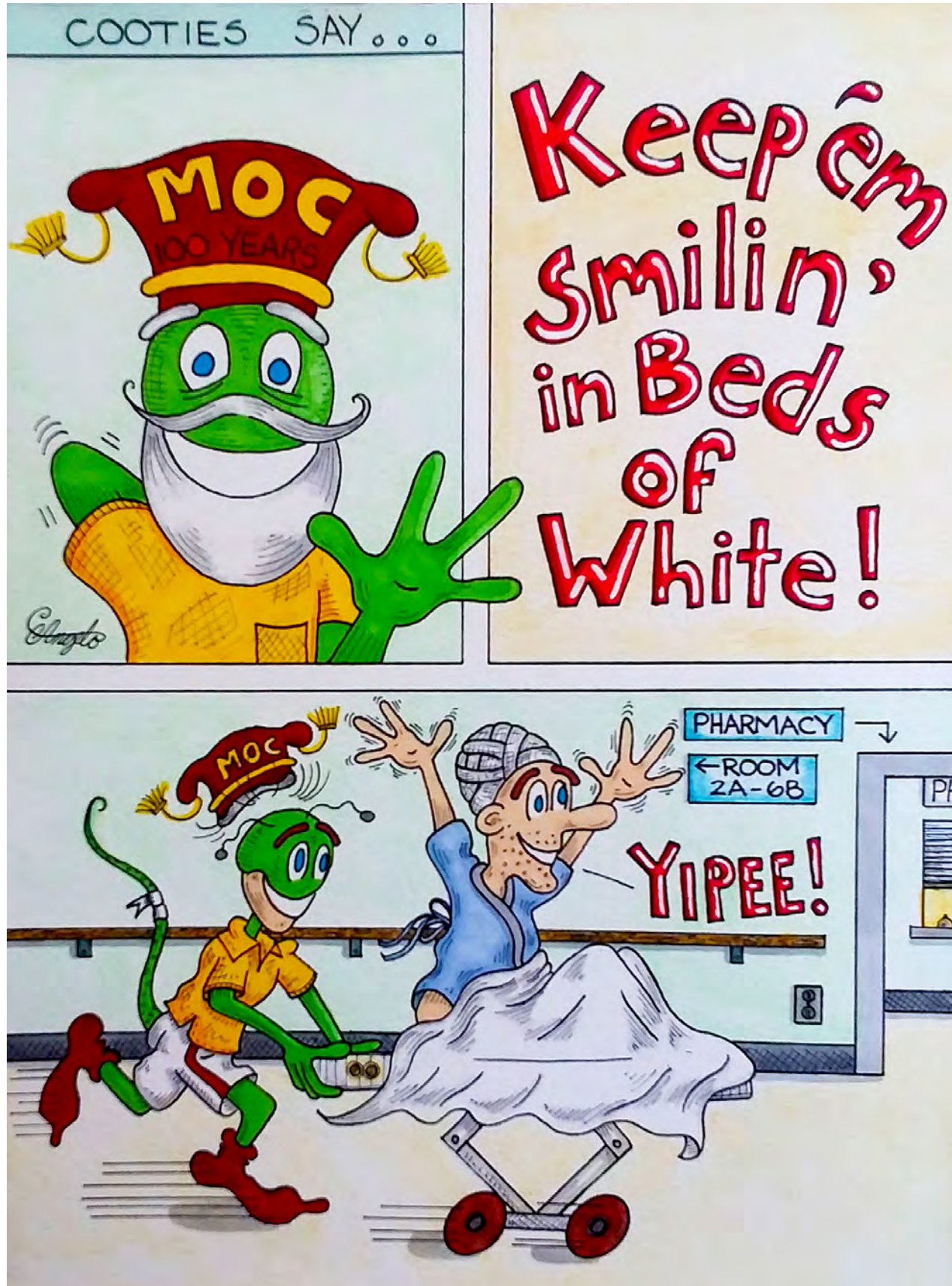
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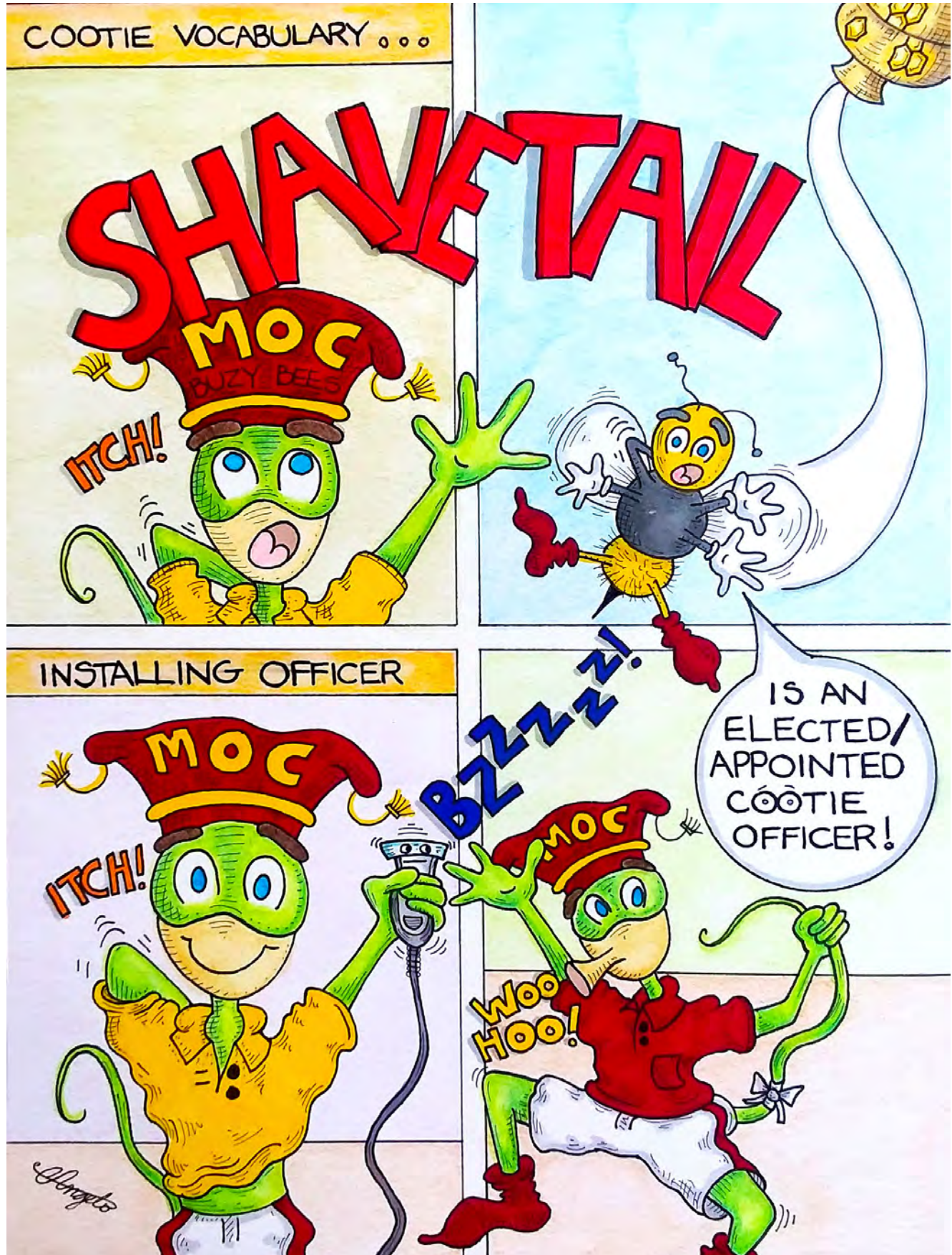
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Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!
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This is what Cooties say...



What's a Shave Tail?



A Lousy New Year to all! To echo the article from our Supreme Sr. Vice-Commander I believe that our membership roles are in dire straights. However, the light is at our doorstep! The VFW has increased its membership from which we select our Atoms to take those backward steps and become Nits. All we have to do is choose. Don't be afraid to work those seams! On Pinterest there are a whole bunch of cartoons that I drew to help in recruiting. All you have to do is select the cartoons that you want and download them to print out and post at your Pup Tents. Or, just send them to other Cooties to remind them that together we can **Increase and Multiply**. (Which is our duty, eh?) Here is the link to Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/supremehqmoc/cootie-cartoons/>

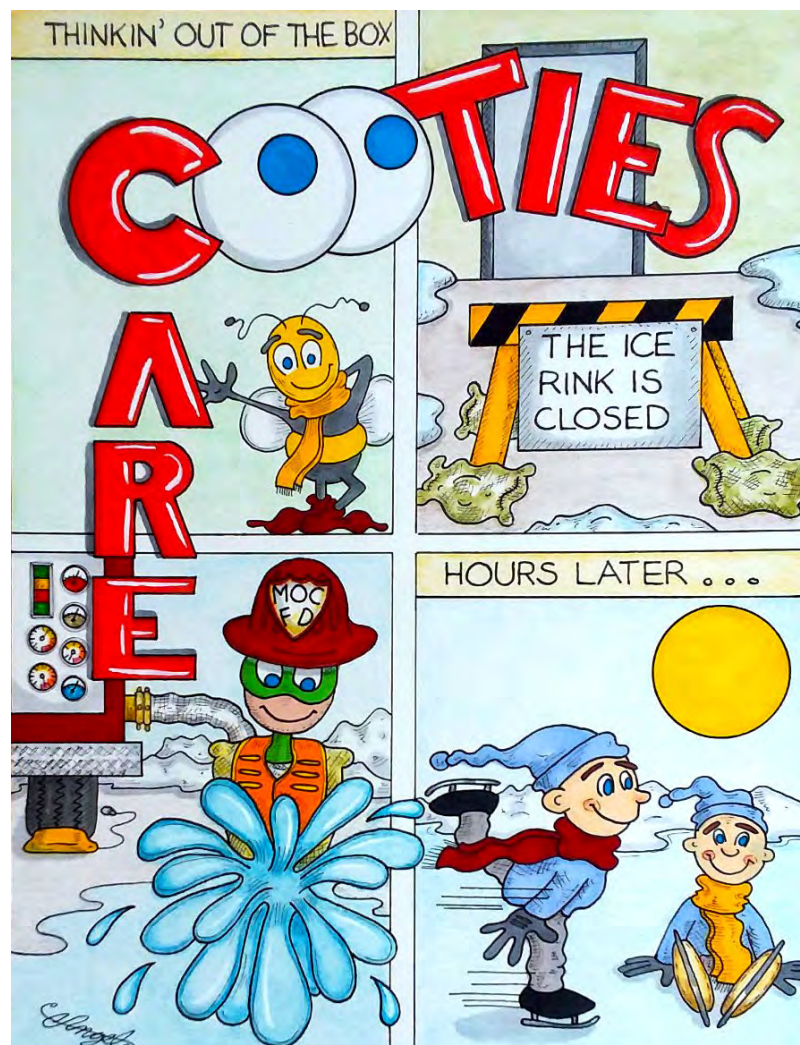
If you have pictures or articles to submit, send them to cootiecourier@lotcs.org. I accept Word, PDF, PNG, JPEG, TIF formats. Please try to include what the content is about, where it took place and who was there. Also, the Grand or Pup Tent that has the Lousiest picture is the one that I usually place on the front page. So, be creative!

Thank you for the content for this issue! Without everyone's input the Cootie Courier wouldn't exist. Remember to **"Keep 'em Smilin in Beds of White!"**

Yours in LOTCS,

Dale A. Iannello

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