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From the Supreme Commander

Listen Cooties, Cuties and Crummies!

This has been such an AMAZING year for the Military Order of the Cootie! As we look back on our year, we have overcome SO MANY barriers to fulfil our mission to *"Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White"*! I am so proud of what you have done this year! Eric Bell, our Hospital Commissioner reports our organization finished the year at over 110% of our hospital work. Our membership grew over 105%! This is the greatest increase the organization has had for as far back as we have records; over 30 years! Even though COVID tried to get in our way, we were able to make it happen. I have seen pictures of so many Grands setting up recruiting tables at their respective department conventions.

Several states who do not have a Grand are showing interest. Reach out to your Department Commander and leadership to partner together in recruiting members into the VFW. As our Senior Vice Commander Olin Parks has said, *"We have to restock our pond."* The VFW is our fertile hunting ground and when we recruit VFW members, we are recruiting our future prospects. It's a win-win situation!

I continue to host a Zoom meeting for all Council of Administration members on the first Monday of the month. I also host a Zoom meeting for all Grand Commanders on the third Monday of the month. All Cooties are welcome to attend any of those sessions. I am proud of the way we have been very transparent this year and how we communicated at all levels. If you wish to join, please email Supreme Deputy Adjutant Tracy Woodman at h2bdsveets@yahoo.com and she will take care of you. I have received great feedback on how the Zoom meetings are so informative and actually fun. If we can just find a way to collect fines electronically... hmmm.

The Supreme Scratch is scheduled for the first week of August in Overland Park, Kansas. I am told the rooms have been sold out for the hotel. However, there are a few hotels in the area that still have rooms available. I hope you will make an effort to attend. If you do, bring all of your regalia and wear it proudly! Let's turn the place red and white with bugs all over the place! For the banquet Friday night, let's wear red, red and redder! Do you still have a cummerbund? Let's pull them out. So, what if more than half of it is extension elastic! We are finalizing the details of the Supreme Scratch and I am going to HAVE A BLAST! Who's with me?



I want to thank all of you for all of your hard work this year and the hospitality you have shown in my travels. I appreciate how you have treated my Supreme Representatives when I was not able to make the trip to your Grand. I deeply appreciate all of you. I want to thank our Supreme President Jennifer Winn for being such an amazing support and sounding board! Our VFW Commander-in-Chief is not only a HUGE fan of the Military Order of the Cootie, he is a Past Grand Commander! It is because of him the Cooties invaded the VFW Magazine TWICE this year! It has been nearly impossible to get into the magazine until this year. Please thank the Chief when you see him for supporting the Cooties so strongly this year. This year has been so humbling and such an honor to serve as your Supreme Commander. I am very excited for next year and know we will have another amazing year!

Thank you all for all that you do!

Yours in the LOTCS,

**Darin Combs
Supreme Commander
2020-2021**



Supreme Sr. Vice Commander Corner

As we begin a new administrative year, it is always good to review our last year. Your efforts have immensely improved our membership outlook. I see that many are actually using their department meeting areas for organizational information/membership drives. It also appears that you are having the Pup Tents actually involved so that there is a selection process in this method. Amazing that several Grands have mentioned there is real interest in forming new Pup Tents. We need to remember that new Pup Tents need assistance and mentoring...just good old helping hands!!! Otherwise the Pup Tent will die on the vine...no sustenance. Be the helping hand to all our new Pup Tents.



I see that it appears that we lost eight Pup Tents this year. We need to analyze why exactly we are losing Pup Tents and modify meeting dates/times/locations to facilitate our membership. Many times old Pup Tents dissolve and a few years later a new Pup Tent is formed...interesting?

In fulfillment of our VFW pledge, we will be having a rolling contest keyed on each Grand's number of new and/or reinstated VFW members recruited by a Cootie. The Grands are arranged in numerical order relative to their ending membership May 2021 and broken down into competing groups by "natural breaks". At the end of this administrative year we will be issuing "Traveling Trophies" to the Grand who has the highest % of VFW recruitment within their Cootie Grand groups. So...Grand Commanders – administratively figure how you can capture all the Cootie names that are associated with VFW recruitment since June 1 and be ready to send to our Membership Chairman so you can get monthly progress reports and comparisons. The Grand competition ratings will be posted along with this note. This is a noteworthy exercise and we need to add new VFW members to the "pool" we get new Cootie members from.

On a personal note, I wish to sincerely thank all the Grands that I had the pleasure of scratching with. Please forward all your scratch dates and locations for this administrative year to Supreme Headquarters. I cannot help to think that our closer affiliation this year through Supreme visits and Zoom meetings has put us on the path to improving our standing within the VFW and improved our stature within our communities. Together we accomplish great things...happy to be part of the team...

Yours in LOTCS,

**Olin Parks
Supreme Sr. Vice-Commander
2020-2021**

MOC and VFW Membership Percentage Compared

Our goal should be for each Grand to be at least 1% of their respective Department membership See spreadsheet below.

Department	Current	Prior	Percentage	Grand	% VFW are Cooties
Pacific Areas	12041	12055	99.88%	453	3.76%
North Dakota	5697	5879	96.90%	157	2.76%
Delaware	4938	4968	99.39%	114	2.31%
Mississippi	9116	8984	101.46%	173	1.90%
New Hampshire	5593	5733	97.55%	95	1.70%
Kentucky	13233	13541	97.72%	207	1.56%
New Mexico	8503	8913	95.39%	133	1.56%
Maryland	18518	19628	94.34%	288	1.56%
Arizona	22958	23181	99.03%	336	1.46%
South Carolina	14377	14285	100.64%	204	1.42%
Oregon	14663	14636	100.18%	194	1.32%
South Dakota	7829	8073	96.97%	97	1.24%
Montana	7169	6787	105.62%	86	1.20%
Minnesota	32404	33302	97.30%	374	1.15%
North Carolina	22062	21802	101.19%	253	1.15%
Missouri	28267	28865	97.92%	311	1.10%
Colorado	14991	15264	98.21%	155	1.03%
Wisconsin	25779	26373	97.74%	263	1.02%
Kansas	17032	17651	96.49%	171	1.00%
Virginia	32210	32335	99.61%	290	0.90%
Florida	55525	55178	100.62%	491	0.88%
Oklahoma	12074	11601	104.07%	103	0.85%
Washington	23998	23745	101.06%	201	0.84%
Alaska	7110	7092	100.25%	59	0.83%
Arkansas	11448	10729	106.70%	94	0.82%
Nebraska	13580	13795	98.44%	107	0.79%
California	64443	64403	100.06%	488	0.76%
Tennessee	16410	16292	100.72%	121	0.74%
Ohio	50927	52862	96.33%	366	0.72%
Louisiana	11091	10637	104.26%	76	0.69%
Georgia	19543	20315	96.19%	126	0.64%
Michigan	35330	36405	97.04%	227	0.64%
New Jersey	27174	28344	95.87%	169	0.62%

Nevada	7273	7488	97.12%	44	0.60%
Iowa	13061	13484	96.86%	77	0.59%
Texas	63833	65318	97.72%	373	0.58%
Pennsylvania	65454	67312	97.23%	374	0.57%
Europe	15589	15740	99.04%	79	0.51%
New York	40483	42067	96.23%	178	0.44%
Illinois	41122	42142	97.57%	174	0.42%
West Virginia	12089	12000	100.74%	46	0.38%
Hawaii	4288	4271	100.39%	15	0.35%
Massachusetts	17529	18188	96.37%	37	0.21%
Alabama	11069	11234	98.53%	19	0.17%
Indiana	28001	28433	98.48%	37	0.13%
Idaho	6439	6715	95.88%	6	0.09%
Connecticut	10999	11550	95.22%	0	0.00%
Maine	7595	7591	100.05%	0	0.00%
Rhode Island	2890	3005	96.17%	0	0.00%
Utah	4275	4455	95.95%	0	0.00%
Vermont	4694	5061	92.74%	0	0.00%
Wyoming	3992	4108	97.17%	0	0.00%
MAL / Unaffiliated	1389	1429		1408	101.37%
	1028097	1045244		9849	0.96%



Grand Spreadsheet for VFW Recruiter Competition

Cootie Recruitment of VFW Members 2021-22

Grand Membership, PY # VFW Recruited Performance %
RED 330+

Florida	491		
California	488		
Pacific Areas	453		
Minnesota	374		
Pennsylvania	374		
Texas	373		
Ohio	366		
Arizona	336		

White 200-329

Missouri	311		
Virginia	290		
Maryland	288		
Wisconsin	263		
North Carolina	253		
Michigan	227		
Kentucky	207		
South Carolina	204		
Washington	201		

BLUE 150-199

Oregon	194		
New York	178		
Illinois	174		
Mississippi	173		
Kansas	171		
New Jersey	169		
North Dakota	157		
Colorado	155		

Yellow 0-149

New Mexico	133		
Georgia	126		
Tennessee	121		
Delaware	114		
Nebraska	107		
Oklahoma	103		
South Dakota	97		
Arkansas	94		
Iowa	77		
Louisiana	76		

Black Division

Pup Tents not in a Grand

Alaska 2			
Alaska 3			
Alabama 13			
Europe 6			
Hawaii 1			
Idaho 3			
Indiana			
Massachusetts 14			
Massachusetts 52			
Montana 10			
Montana 11			
Montana 24			
Nevada 2			
New Hampshire 1			
New Hampshire 3			
West Virginia 6			



Grand Cootie Recruiter Form

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE - VFW RECRUITERS

Grand _____

Month _____

[illegible]

Please send in completed form monthly to Membership Chairman

NLT 10th of following month

Chairman: Paul Arnold, guns_66@yahoo.com

From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

I want to congratulate all of you for the job you did on getting membership in to me this past year. Some did better than others but across the board we did well. Now that we are in a new membership year it is time to start collecting this year's dues and sending it in.

I want to remind all Quartermasters and CCDB's that when you process an election report to send to Headquarters, please verify that the individuals elected or appointed have paid their dues. I verify each election report to ensure that all Pup Tent and Grand Officers are COOTIES in good standing. As the individuals in the know, you should know if a member has paid their dues and are in good standing in the organization.



I look forward to seeing a lot of you at the Supreme Convention in Kansas City this year. Bring lots of money and credit cards to keep my supply clerk busy and happy. The Supply Department will be holding a raffle this year at the Supreme Convention. Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 of \$5.00, cash only. First prize will be a \$100.00 gift certificate good at the Cootie Depot. Second prize will be a \$75.00 gift certificate, third prize will be a \$50.00 gift certificate and fourth prize will be a \$25.00 gift certificate. The drawing will be on Friday August 6th at 1200 HRS.

Congratulations to the Grand Commanders that achieved the status of All Star this year! I know it was not an easy task to get there during the pandemic.

Yours in LOTCS,

**Gary Dressel
Supreme Quartermaster
2020-2021**



From the Supreme Surgeon

Healthy Eating and Exercise

Now that the days of being cooped up in our homes are coming to an end, it is time to start thinking about getting more exercise and eating right. Exercise and healthy eating are important to your overall health.

There are many benefits from eating a healthy diet and getting regular exercise. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a healthy diet should consist of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and lean meats. You must also minimize your consumption of sugar, sodium, cholesterol and saturated fats. Eating these foods in combination with regular exercise can lower your risk of osteoporosis, high blood pressure, heart disease and Type 2 Diabetes.

A healthy diet and regular exercise can also help you lose weight and keep it off. Healthy foods are generally lower in calories and higher in nutrients than other foods and consistent physical activity burns off extra calories.

Exercise and healthy eating can boost your energy level and help you feel alert and more aware, both physically and mentally. By eating healthy foods and giving your body the nutrients and vitamins, your body will function at its best.

Exercising stimulates the brain chemicals that make you feel happy, content and relaxed. Physical activity can boost your physical appearance as you burn fat and build muscle. The change in your body will raise your self-confidence and inspire a happy life.

By eating the right food and developing an exercise routine that works for your lifestyle, we can all be healthy and happy.

Yours in Comradeship,

**Dani Hernandez
Supreme Surgeon
2020-2021**



From the Supreme Papa Clown



Welcome my fellow clowns. Hoping you are still having a crummy time serving our fellow veterans.

More and more, the VA Medical Centers and CBOPCs are opening up to volunteers. Just on 2 June I, and a small handful of volunteers, who had their VA credentials and training updated, were allowed to return to the VA Medical Center here in Houston. They still will not allow groups activities, such as when our Cooties play bingo with the patients. But that time is fast coming.

Some locations are opening a bit faster, some will be a bit slower. But when your location does open, be ready to do the crummy work of Cooties for our comrades.

By the time this article is published, I will have sent out the pins for those clowns in those grands where your Hospital Chair sent me your names and service data. If you do not receive those pins by 1 August, Hospital Chairs, please call me and we will work it out.

Thanks for all those who work so very hard to support our fellow veterans in hospitals and nursing homes. Every time I get a note from your grand telling me you met the minimum

for certifying as a Cootie Clown, or pictures of your clowns at work, I am proud and honored to put on Archibald and join you. It is an honor serve you.

In Respectful Service,

**Allan T. Perkins “Archibald O’Perk”
Supreme Poppa Clown
Allantperkins1991@gmail.com**



MOC General Order #5 2020-2021

1. All Pup Tents are reminded to forward copies of Election Reports for the 2021-2022 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 2021 may be suspended in accordance with the Supreme By-Laws and can be declared defunct if corrective action is not taken by 01 July 2021. 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. The following Grands and/or Pup Tents have not forwarded a copy of their Election Report: AL-13, Arkansas Grans, AR-14, AR-21, FL-11, FL-69, IA-01, MA-52, MI-34, MI-96, MO-02, MO-08, MO-14, MO-17, MT-11, MT-24, NJ Grand, NJ-07, NJ-15, NJ-39, NJ-69, NJ-95, NY-9.75, NY-35, NY-42, NC Grand, NC-14, OH-04, OH-18, OH-24, OH-54, OK Grand, OK-01, OK-02, OK-04, PC Grand, PC-07, PC-11, PC-303, PA-48, PA-99, TN-09, TX-37, TX-60, TX-100.
2. Membership packets for 2021-2022 were mailed in June 2021. 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.
3. All Grand Commanders are reminded that their Grand must be at least 80% inspected to have a voice or vote at the Supreme Scratch. Please review the latest Inspection Report. The following Pup Tents have **NOT** been inspected: AL-13, CA-07, MA-14, MA-52, MT-11, MT-24, NJ-07, NJ-15, NJ-39, NJ-69, NJ-86, NJ-95, NY-02, NY-9.75, NY-42, PA-38, PA-48, TN-09, TN-26.
4. In accordance with provisions of Section 534 of the Supreme By-Laws, all Pup Tents are required to register, in advance, at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch. Failure to register shall be grounds for the Pup Tent to be declared in arrears to the Supreme Pup Tent and appropriate action will be taken. Advance registration for the Supreme Scratch is \$15.00 and \$20.00 for registration received after 30 June 2021. No Delegate fee = **NO VOTE**.
5. The 102nd Supreme Scratch and 59th Auxiliary Convention was changed from Baltimore, MD to Overland Park, KS. There are no vacancies available at the host hotel.
6. **ALERT:** 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.

7. All Grands and Pup Tents are reminded that this is a Bonding Year. Current Bonds expire on August 31st. Here is the direct link to the current bonding form: <https://www.lotcs.org/Forms/ccdb/MOC%20Bond%20Application%202021-2023.pdf>.

BY COMMAND OF:

Darin Combs

Darin Combs
Supreme Commander

OFFICIAL:

Gordon K. Lam

Gordon K. Lam
Supreme Adjutant



MOC Hospital Report

Grand	Goal	Reports	Cooties	Total Monies	Percentage
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Gary Dressel					
DE	\$26,500.00	19	211	\$43,028.23	162.37%
DC	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	-100.00%
MD	\$69,500.00	66	1,017	\$77,379.43	111.34%
PA	\$103,750.00	51	2,324	\$191,186.53	184.28%
VA	\$71,750.00	19	225	\$41,050.59	57.21%
WV	\$12,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TO-TALS	\$283,750.00	155	3,777	\$352,644.78	124.28%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#2 - Louis C. McVey					
AL	\$7,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
FL	\$130,750.00	90	865	\$100,326.74	76.73%
GA	\$33,000.00	4	11	\$2,196.86	6.66%
LA	\$24,000.00	5	12	\$5,974.58	24.89%
MS	\$40,750.00	180	621	\$59,244.77	145.39%
NC	\$66,000.00	37	789	\$44,958.32	68.12%
SC	\$49,750.00	13	104	\$13,467.62	27.07%
TN	\$34,000.00	11	35	\$18,276.84	53.76%
TO-TALS	\$385,250.00	340	2,437	\$244,445.73	63.45%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Charles Cihlar					
IL	\$45,250.00	19	86	\$27,933.02	61.73%
IN	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	-100.00%
KY	\$47,000.00	32	366	\$53,946.36	114.78%
MI	\$51,500.00	48	623	\$34,480.43	66.95%
OH	\$96,750.00	88	132	\$41,723.62	43.13%
WI	\$69,750.00	117	560	\$63,449.78	90.97%
TO-TALS	\$310,250.00	304	1,767	\$221,533.21	71.40%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - Olin Parks					
IA	\$21,750.00	78	333	\$29,165.67	134.10%
KS	\$36,500.00	382	940	\$91,860.51	251.67%
MN	\$92,750.00	46	496	\$92,819.90	100.08%
MO	\$88,750.00	46	900	\$121,568.07	136.98%
MT	\$21,250.00	9	80	\$5,906.77	27.80%
NE	\$25,000.00	33	604	\$56,029.15	224.12%
ND	\$37,250.00	385	265	\$78,533.12	210.83%
SD	\$24,250.00	13	121	\$19,329.37	79.71%
TOTAL	\$347,500.00	992	3,739	\$495,212.56	142.51%

SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Gordon Lam					
AR	\$27,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
CO	\$46,000.00	11	236	\$43,640.01	94.87%
EURO	\$21,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NM	\$33,500.00	19	165	\$16,461.63	49.14%
OK	\$30,500.00	10	963	\$89,712.84	294.14%
TX	\$87,000.00	25	275	\$26,090.66	29.99%
WY	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	-100.00%
TOTAL	\$246,250.00	65	1,639	\$175,905.14	71.43%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Vaughn Gates					
AK	\$15,000.00	47	101	\$32,072.31	213.82%
AZ	\$92,500.00	48	1,427	\$267,778.01	289.49%
CA	\$138,250.00	78	913	\$349,054.99	252.48%
HI	\$4,000.00	1	4	\$314.00	7.85%
ID	\$3,000.00	1	1	\$1,291.88	43.06%
NV	\$17,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
OR	\$66,000.00	26	88	\$17,525.98	26.55%
PAC	\$114,750.00	422	1,533	\$219,108.26	190.94%
WA	\$46,000.00	70	718	\$73,532.56	159.85%
TOTAL	\$497,000.00	693	4,785	\$960,677.99	193.30%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 - Jesse Kitson					
CT	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	-100.00%
ME	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	-100.00%
MA	\$22,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NH	\$25,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NJ	\$52,250.00	4	38	\$5,323.25	10.19%
NY	\$48,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$148,250.00	4	38	\$5,323.25	3.59%
PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION)					
AK#2	\$9,250.00	\$47.00	\$127.00	\$32,072.31	346.73%
AK#3	\$5,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
AL#13	\$7,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
EU#6	\$21,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
HI#1	\$4,000.00	1	2	\$314.00	7.85%
ID#3	\$3,000.00	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%
MA#52	\$5,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NV#2	\$13,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NV#3	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
WV#6	\$12,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%

Su- preme	\$3,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$103,000.00	48	129	\$32,386.31	31.44%
Supreme Total					
	\$2,218,250.00	2,553	18,182	\$2,455,742.66	110.71%
DIVISION STANDINGS					
GOLD	-1	252.48%	BLUE	-1.00	210.83%
SILVER	-1	100.08%	GREEN	-1.00	330.16%
RED	-1	289.49%	PURPLE	-1.00	115.56%
WHITE	-1	159.85%	BLACK	-1.00	346.73%
Telephone: 734-389-9498 E-mail: roadrunnerdaddy@hotmail.com					



MOC Inspection Report

As of June 28th, 2021

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Dist In- spected	Date Com- pleted	Grand In- spec- tion	Percent	Pup Tents that are Inspected
AL-13	1				N/A		
AK-2	1	1		1/14/2021	N/A	100%	
AK-3	1	1		7/12/2020	N/A	100%	
AZ	8	8		5/21/2021	Yes	100%	
AR	5	5		3/26/2021	Yes	100%	
CA	10	9			Yes	90%	Missing PT 7
CO	5	5		5/24/2021	Yes	100%	PT 7 Charter revoked
DE	3	3		2/6/2021	Yes	100%	
EUR	1	1		5/23/2021	N/A	100%	
FL	20	20		11/22/2020	Yes	100%	
GA	3	3		5/24/2021	N/A	100%	PT 4 Definct 6 27 21
HI	1	1		Apr-21	N/A	100%	
ID-3	1	1		5/28/2021	N/A	100%	
IL	6	6		10/24/2020	Yes	100%	
IA	3	3		3/9/2021	Yes	100%	
KS	4	4		10/6/2020	Yes	100%	
KY	5	5		11/19/2020	Yes	100%	
LA	3	3		4/23/2021	Yes	100%	
MD	8	8		10/22/2020	Yes	100%	
MA-14	1				N/A		
					N/A		
MA-52	1				N/A		
MI	7	7		4/7/2021	Yes	100%	
MN	15	15		6/7/2021	Yes	100%	
MS	5	5		1/1/2021	Yes	100%	
MO	10	10		3/29/2021		100%	
MT-10	1	1		7/12/2020	N/A	100%	
MT-11	1				N/A		
MT-24	1				N/A		
NE	3	3		5/21/2021	Yes	100%	
NV-2	1	1		1/25/2021	N/A	100%	

NH-1	1	1		6/15/2021	N/A	100%	
NH-3	1	1			N/A	100%	
NJ	8	2				25%	Missing PT 7,15,39,69,86,95
NM	5	5		5/15/2021	Yes	100%	
NY	8	5				63%	Missing PT 2,9,75,42
NC	10	10		11/18/2020	Yes	100%	
ND	5	5		10/5/2020	Yes	100%	
OH	16	16			Yes	100%	
OK	6	6		12/18/2020	Yes	100%	
OR	9	9		1/26/2021	Yes	100%	
PAC	9	9		12/28/2020	Yes	100%	
PA	12	10			Yes	83%	Missing PT 38,48
SC	6	7		12/11/2020	Yes	100%	PT 6 Defunct 6/21/2021
SD	3	3		12/15/2020	Yes	100%	
TN	4	2				50%	Missing PT 9,26
TX	10	10		10/6/2020	Yes	100%	
VA	8	8		1/1/2021	Yes	100%	
WA	6	6		9/28/2020	Yes	100%	
WV-6	1	1		6/10/2021	N/A	100%	
WI	10	10		12/11/2020	Yes	100%	
TOTAL	273	255		35	30	93.41%	



MOC Membership Report

Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
10	CALIFORNIA	62.96%	1	0	1	270	272	432	0	2	
16	OHIO	75.32%	1	0	11	278	290	385	1	12	
19	FLORIDA	44.05%	3	7	0	216	226	513	1	3	
15	MINNESOTA	52.93%	0	0	0	199	199	376	0	0	
11	TEXAS	51.47%	0	1	3	189	193	375	0	3	
8	ARIZONA	63.13%	3	0	0	223	226	358	2	3	
6	ILLINOIS	56.76%	0	0	0	105	105	185	0	0	
8	MARYLAND	66.21%	0	31	0	163	194	293	0	0	
8	MICHIGAN	48.92%	0	0	0	113	113	231	0	0	
8	NEW YORK	35.48%	0	0	3	63	66	186	0	3	
9	PACIFIC AREAS	76.30%	0	0	0	351	351	460	0	0	
12	PENNSYLVANIA	43.58%	0	3	0	170	173	397	1	0	
8	VIRGINIA	62.67%	0	0	0	183	183	292	0	0	
10	WISCONSIN	45.49%	0	8	3	115	126	277	1	3	
11	MISSOURI	46.26%	0	0	0	167	167	361	0	0	
8	NEW JERSEY	36.46%	0	0	0	70	70	192	0	0	
5	NEW MEXICO	53.96%	0	0	0	75	75	139	0	0	
10	NORTH CAROLINA	56.43%	0	0	0	158	158	280	0	0	
6	WASHINGTON	53.54%	0	0	0	106	106	198	0	0	
5	ARKANSAS	44.55%	0	0	0	49	49	110	0	0	
5	COLORADO	37.50%	0	0	0	63	63	168	0	0	
5	KENTUCKY	60.50%	0	0	0	121	121	200	0	0	
6	MISSISSIPPI	57.30%	0	0	0	103	103	178	0	0	
5	NORTH DAKOTA	46.20%	1	0	0	72	73	158	1	1	
9	OREGON	45.61%	0	0	0	104	104	228	0	0	
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	54.03%	0	0	0	107	107	211	0	0	
4	TENNESSEE	42.66%	0	0	2	59	61	143	0	2	
3	DELAWARE	67.86%	0	0	0	76	76	112	0	0	
4	KANSAS	20.00%	0	0	0	35	35	175	0	0	
3	LOUISIANA	30.21%	1	2	2	24	29	96	0	3	
3	NEBRASKA	63.11%	0	3	1	61	65	103	0	1	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	48.78%	0	0	0	20	20	41	0	0	
6	OKLAHOMA	46.38%	0	0	0	64	64	138	2	0	
3	IOWA		0	0	0	38	38	91	0	0	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	43.43%	0	0	0	43	43	99	0	0	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALASKA 2	45.00%	0	0	0	18	18	40	0	0	
1	ALASKA 3	73.08%	0	0	0	19	19	26	0	0	
1	ALABAMA 13	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	90.36%	0	0	0	75	75	83	0	0	
	GEORGIA 4	52.63%	0	0	0	10	10	19	0	0	
	GEORGIA 5	60.53%	0	0	0	23	23	38	0	0	
	GEORGIA 66	45.28%	0	0	0	24	24	53	0	0	
1	HAWAII 1	58.82%	0	0	0	10	10	17	0	0	
1	IDAHO 3	42.86%	0	0	0	6	6	14	0	0	
1	INDIANA 11	21.95%	6	0	0	3	9	41	0	6	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	20.45%	0	0	0	9	9	44	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1	32.73%	0	0	0	15	15	55	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	48.78%	0	0	0	20	20	41	0	0	
1	MONTANA 10	97.78%	0	0	0	44	44	45	0	0	
1	MONTANA 11	68.57%	0	0	0	24	24	35	0	0	
1	MONTANA 24	33.33%	0	0	0	4	4	12	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	86.54%	0	0	0	45	45	52	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	45.65%	0	0	0	21	21	46	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	100.00%				1563	1563	1563		0	
277	TOTALS	60.21%	16	55	26	6186	6283	10435	9	42	

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

Mark P. Larkin for Supreme Jr. Vice Commander

I, Mark P. Larkin, am announcing my candidacy for Supreme Junior Commander of the Military of the Cootie. I understand many of you may not know who I am. Most of you may remember me from last year's Supreme Convention Banquet as the Master of Ceremonies or as the Cootie who had run the North Carolina hospitality room for the past nine years.

I understand these are big shoes to fill and do not take the duties Jr. Vice Commander lightly. I will certainly do the job to the best of my abilities and I am certain with your vote that we can accomplish many things. I believe in where the current Supreme Commander's and line officers direction is taking us and vow to keep the upward momentum in the MOC going forward. Your Vote is important as this is a decision that will impact the Supreme for years to come and I refuse to let you and the organization down. When you cast *your* vote for me, do **NOT** think of it as a vote for me, but rather a vote for the **FUTURE** of the Military Order of the Cootie.



Below you will find my Bio for VFW and Cootie Positions held.

MOC Support / Positions

Pup Tent 3 Seam Squirrel
State 2012-2014

Pup Tent 3 Year – 1 Year Trustee
tee Chairman 2014-2019

Grand of NC Chaplain
All State 2014-2015

Grand of NC Grand All Star Commander 2017-2018
Chairman 2010-2012

Grand of NC Tomb Trek Hosp. Chairman for 10 years
Chairman

Grand of NC Trustee 3 Year (Current)
2019

VFW Support / Positions

VFW Post 7315 Commander All

VFW Post 7315 House Commit-

VFW Post 7315 Quartermaster

VFW Post 7315, VOD/Patriots Pen

VFW NC District 4 – Buddy Poppy

VFW National Aide de' Camp

Supreme Offices/Support

Supreme Shirt Reader 2017-2018

Supreme Banquet Master of Ceremonies 2018

Supreme By-Laws Committee Chairman 2019

Supreme Trustee 2 year 2019, Trustee 1 Year 2020,

Supreme Trustee 3 year (Current)

Thanking you in advance for your time. We are all in this together and **“Keep'em Smiling in Beds of White.”**

Respectfully Submitted,

LOTCS

Mark P. Larkin



Gary Dressel for Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

At our Supreme Scratch I am again running for the position of Supreme Quartermaster. I hope I can count on your support as I have in the past. You have supported me in the past and hopefully I have lived up to your expectations.

I have streamlined a great number of processes used at Headquarters and I am always looking for new ideas on how to improve what we do. If you would like to see things changed or improved, please send me your suggestions and I will investigate the possibility of implementing your suggested improvements.

Thank you again for your support and I look forward to seeing you at our Supreme Scratch.

Yours in LOTCS,

**Gary Dressel
Supreme Quartermaster**



Jerry Constable for Supreme Judge Advocate

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



Jerry has served the Supreme organization as the Judge Advocate from 2005 through 2010 and again since 2015 serving under ten Supreme Commanders as well as being the Supreme Shirt Reader under Past Supreme Commander T. P. "Shorty" Lyons. He has served as Supreme Commander 2012-2013 and most recently as the Grand Commander of Ohio as well as CCDB for Vin TWAS MJM Pup Tent 83.

Jerry is married to Julie Constable, his friend and soulmate for 35 years. They have three adult children, Megan, Nathan, and Cody – all of whom are members of MOCA 83.



Dani Hernandez Candidate for Supreme Surgeon

It has been an honor and a privilege serving as your Supreme Surgeon for 2018-2021. I would like to announce that I am a candidate for Supreme Surgeon 2021-2022 and again ask for your support.

Hospital work has been a passion of mine since I was 16 years old. That passion, coupled with over 40 years in the medical field and seven years as a Navy Hospital Corpsman, makes me a highly qualified candidate for the position of Supreme Surgeon.



Military Order of the Cootie:

- Pup Tent 23 Seam Squirrel (2006-2009, 2015-2020)
- MOC District 6 Commander (2009-2010)
- Grand of Florida Commander (2012-2013)
- Grand of Florida Chaplain (2013-2021)
- 5th Supreme District Council Member (2015-2017)
- Supreme Surgeon 2018-2021
- Life Member of Military Order of the Cootie

Veterans of Foreign Wars:

- Department of Florida Senior Vice Commander (2020-2021)
- Department of Florida Junior Vice Commander (2019-2020)
- Department of Florida Surgeon (2018-2019)
- All American, All State District 6 Commander (2015-2016)
- Post 7909 Commander (2009-2010)
- Chairman of many programs at the Post, District and Department levels
- Gold Legacy Life Member

Supreme President's Message

I cannot believe this year is coming to an end. It has been a *Privilege* and *Honor* to serve you as Supreme Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary President. Commander Darin, here we are at the End of our Term of Office, it has been wonderful working with you throughout these past years and especially this last year I will treasure the friendship we have created.

We the MOCA 2020-2021 team have had quite a few firsts: 1st to be install during a pandemic, 1st to be installed via Zoom with my line officers, chairmans and others across the United States and to have Supreme Convention in person and Zoom.

I accepted the challenges knowing what lied before us. During this pandemic we all learned new ways to work with our veterans. Through Covid-19, some experienced hardships revitalizing/strengthening struggling auxiliaries and trials of learning new ways to conduct business. We were still able to reach out "Working Hand-n-Hand with our Veterans" by thinking and staying positive of what we need to continue to do. Meetings have been held by Zoom for most of the year. I am beyond grateful for what everybody has accomplished this year and we have **Gained 3 New Auxiliaries**.

As our Nation is starting to open up, we need to make sure we still practice safety for the sake of our veterans as we start activities in hospitals.

I have attended several events such as Supreme Commanders homecoming; POW-MIA Day; laying a wreath at the Flame of Hope; Christmas gifts and carols to my local nursing home veterans; National VFWA President's Mid-Winter C of A and Masquerade Ball; National VFW Commander Hal Roesch's retreat and his homecoming. The best was going to 11 MOC Auxiliary meetings all over and 6 Grand Conventions. I visited veterans in nursing homes in Delaware, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Michigan and West Virginia. They were all wonderful and made my heart feel joyful to see our veterans smile. At a few VFWA District meetings and VFWA meetings I spoke to them about standing up a MOC Auxiliary. We need to continue to grow and invite members. Keep watching, there are VFWA members that would like to join or know more. I would like to encourage you to work with your MOC Pup Tent to recruit to show unity.

Congratulations to the MOC & MOC Auxiliary incoming 2021-2022 Officers and Chairmen on all levels. I wish you a productive, effective and fun filled year.

I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to Virginia Beach Coots #9 Pup Tent & Auxiliary, VFW Post 392 & VFW Auxiliary and Grand of Virginia for your support though out the past years.

Respectfully

Jennifer Winn
Supreme President
2020-2021



Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie

Executive Order #9 Series 2020 - 2021

June 19, 2021

Supreme Executive Order #9

RE: Supreme Convention

Hello Everyone,

I am Pleased to announce we will be having Zoom capability at the Supreme Convention for those who are unable to travel to our Supreme Convention.

Please make a note of the important dates and deadlines below:

ATTENTION: District Presidents, Grand Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents not in a Grand and Past Supreme Presidents. If you **did not** register for Supreme Convention, we are asking you to register now! If you are not registered, you will lose your vote in the upcoming *Supreme Election of Officers*. This registration exception is only for the officers listed above who have chosen not to be a delegate in their Auxiliary.

It is **NOT** too late to submit the **DELEGATE** forms or a **REGISTRATION** form if you are voting on Zoom. See Registration form in this Cootie Courier issue. The deadline is **JULY 14, 2021**. The completed registration form and \$20.00 is to be sent to Supreme Treasurer: Penney Howard (P.O. BOX 34 FLORA VISTA NM 87415-0034). Make checks payable to **MOCA SUPREME**. If you are **not registered & a delegate**, you will not have a vote. **NO Exceptions!**

Voting is not the decision of the Grand/Auxiliary President alone, or just 1 or 2 officers/members; it is a collective decision of the Auxiliary/Auxiliaries. Votes may be cast for one candidate or split between candidates.

All Grands are to be in touch with each Auxiliary within their Grand if voting by Zoom. A member cannot object from the Supreme Convention floor if votes are being cast via Zoom.

I am so Pleased that this Convention is both an In Person & Zoom Convention. I hope to see many of you at our meetings in person, but if not able, ***please*** join us on Zoom.

The Zoom link will be posted to the MOCA Home page by mid-July. The website link is: https://www.lotcs.org/MOCA/moca_index.html.

Deadlines: **Registration** forms and **Delegate** forms must be **received** by JULY 14, 2021. **NO Exceptions.**

Respectfully

Jennifer Winn
Supreme President
2020-2021

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MOCA Membership Report

State	Division #	Aux No	Auxiliary Name	2020	2021	Percent	date 100%
Alaska	5	0002	Midnight Sun	22	25	113.64%	10/5/2020
				Sum2: 22	Sum2: 25	113.64%	
Arizona	2	0002	Sahuaro	23	19	82.61%	
		0010	Yuta Hay	30	30	100.00%	4/10/2021
		0011	Sunny Slops	32	31	96.88%	
		0014	Wilde E Coyote	16	18	112.50%	11/16/2020
		0023	Pine Beetles	16	13	81.25%	
		0777	Slot Junkies	23	19	82.61%	
				Sum2: 140	Sum2: 130	92.86%	
California	4	0006	Jack-A-Lopes	30	30	100.00%	1/19/2021
		0007	Red Feather (Defunct)	17		0.00%	
		0019	Lil Bugs	30	34	113.33%	1/19/2021
		0044	Perrisites	12	8	66.67%	
		0061	Mule Tail	14	14	100.00%	1/19/2021
		0068	Pit Stop	33	38	115.15%	4/15/2021
		0069	Lunar Tics	38	37	97.37%	
		0089	89's	21	18	85.71%	
				Sum2: 195	Sum2: 179	91.79%	
Colorado	2	0001	Silver Dollar	40	40	100.00%	3/3/2021
		0002	3PT #2	21	21	100.00%	3/3/2021
		0010	Twee Tooty Two	39	38	97.44%	
				Sum2: 100	Sum2: 99	99.00%	
Delaware	5	0002	King Crab (Defunct)	24	11	45.83%	
		0004	Fiddlers	23	27	117.39%	12/1/2020
				Sum2: 47	Sum2: 38	80.85%	
Florida	4	0002	Missile Bugs	18	18	100.00%	4/30/2021
		0008	Bo Weevil	27	29	107.41%	2/12/2020
		0023	Catfish	25	27	108.00%	1/7/2021
		0025	Cootieville	26	25	96.15%	
		0032	Sons of the Beaches	37	38	102.70%	4/30/2021
		0036	Scratching	10	10	100.00%	1/7/21
		0066	Sea Oats	13	16	123.08%	4/9/2021
		0069	Fudduckers	18	20	111.11%	1/7/2021
		0075	Mealy Bugs (Defunct)	2		0.00%	
		0076	Withlacoochee	27	22	81.48%	
				203	205	100.99%	4/30/2021
Georgia	5	0005	Muff Rats	16	12	75.00%	
		0066	Horney Bugs	17	17	100.00%	3/22/2021
				Sum2: 33	Sum2: 29	87.88%	
Illinois	1	0042	Nwalkao High Pot	21	19	90.48%	
		0062	8'er from Decatur	32	32	100.00%	12/31/2020
		0079	Rakkasans	22	21	95.45%	
				Sum2: 75	Sum2: 72	96.00%	
Kansas	1	0003	Topeka	47	48	102.13%	12/15/2020
		0006	Scratch Me	31	33	106.45%	9/28/2020

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Kentucky	5	0007	Cheyenne Flyway	12	12	100.00%	3/8/2021
				Sum2: 90	Sum2: 93	103.33%	
		0007	Nit Pickers	26	30	115.38%	11/19/2020
Louisiana	1	0009	Simpal	34	30	88.24%	
				Sum2: 60	Sum2: 60	100.00%	
		0003	Mud Bugs	47	41	87.23%	
Maryland	1	0006	Pelican	14	13	92.86%	
		0011	Lousy	15	15	100.00%	3/22/2021
				Sum2: 76	Sum2: 69	90.79%	
Massachusetts	5	0001	Top Notch Tent (former DC #1)	15	19	126.67%	12/7/2020
		0003	Blockbusters	28	25	89.29%	
		0017	Rodents	21	13	61.90%	
Michigan	3	0027	Sho Crabbers	22	18	81.82%	
				Sum2: 86	Sum2: 75	87.21%	
		0014	Plymouth Rock	33		0.00%	
Minnesota	4			Sum2: 33	Sum2: 0	0.00%	
		0021	Gremlin (Defunct)	26		0.00%	
		0024	Rosehub	90	79	87.78%	
Mississippi	2	0032	Caraboa	38	48	126.32%	9/1/2020
		0034	Chippewa Braves (New 3/11/2018)	13	17	130.77%	9/1/2020
		0096	Huron Braves	18	15	83.33%	
Missouri	4			Sum2: 185	Sum2: 159	85.95%	
		0002	Gopher	43	43	100.00%	3/19/2021
		0005	Flea Circus	23	18	78.26%	
Montana	5	0011	Lucky Leven	43	40	93.02%	
		0051	Foul Balls	48	48	100.00%	10/23/2020
		0062	Crotch Crickets	47	49	104.26%	1/23/2021
Nebraska	5	0071	Sandburrs	23	19	82.61%	
				Sum2: 227	Sum2: 217	95.59%	
		0007	Hub Bugs	42	38	90.48%	
Nevada	5	0012	Friendly Possum	10	10	100.00%	
		0015	Mullets (New 2/25/2018)	15	12	80.00%	
		0017	Sea Beas	33	32	96.97%	
Nebraska	5			Sum2: 100	Sum2: 92	92.00%	
		0001	Heart of America	53	56	105.66%	11/9/2020
		0005	Running Bare	50	43	86.00%	
Nebraska	5	0009	Three Rivers	25	19	76.00%	
		0011	Mozark	25	24	96.00%	
		0015	Semo Swampers	16	16	100.00%	3/9/2021
Nebraska	5	0056	Grape Nuts	14	11	78.57%	
				Sum2: 183	Sum2: 169	92.35%	
		0010	Sleeping Giant	32	28	87.50%	
Nebraska	5			Sum2: 32	Sum2: 28	87.50%	
		0010	Bugeaters	53	46	86.79%	
				Sum2: 53	Sum2: 46	86.79%	

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New Jersey	2	0002	Snake Eyes	10		0.00%	
				Sum2:	10	Sum2:	0
							0.00%
New Mexico	3	0015	Jockey Hollow	42	40	95.24%	
		0039	Maple Shade Bombers	12	23	191.67%	12/26/2020
		0095	Pine Ticks	30	30	100.00%	1/7/2021
				Sum2:	84	Sum2:	93
							110.71%
New York	2	0005	A.H.O.	33	36	109.09%	
		0007	Loco	28	30	107.14%	12/18/2020
		0014	Mt K.I.A.-M.I.A.	14	12	85.71%	
		0019	Itchin n' Bitchin	13	13	100.00%	12/18/2020
		0020	Apollo	23	21	91.30%	
				Sum2:	111	Sum2:	112
North Carolina	3						100.90%
		0002	Wild Bunch	19	18	94.74%	
		09.75	Great Swampers (New 10/18/19)	34	29	85.29%	
		0032	Plankers	27	31	114.81%	10/27/2020
		0042	Backbiters	25	22	88.00%	
		0054	Crape Hangers	25	25	100.00%	2/8/2021
Ohio	3			Sum2:	130	Sum2:	125
							96.15%
		0002	Mixed Breed	11	10	90.91%	
		0003	Creek Crawlers	36	34	94.44%	
		0008	Sprung Leak	35	34	97.14%	
		0024	Lafayette	17	18	105.88%	12/21/2020
Oklahoma	5	0078	Headhunters	54	54	100.00%	1/23/2021
		0089	Tarheals	16	16	100.00%	
				Sum2:	169	Sum2:	166
							98.22%
		0005	Vin None	27	26	96.30%	
		0016	Vin Ordinaire	16	15	93.75%	
		0025	Vin Woods	11	12	109.09%	10/24/2020
		0045	Vin Grape Poppers	14	13	92.86%	
Oregon	2	0083	Vin Twas MJM	42	33	78.57%	
		0092	Vin Coho	26	23	88.46%	
		0118	Vin Buffalo Soldiers	13	11	84.62%	
				Sum2:	149	Sum2:	133
							89.26%
Pennsylvania	5	0002	Sgoi Ti:na (New 10/24/20)	0	26	#DIV/0!	
		7	Honor Bugs (New 10/24/20)	0	13	#DIV/0!	
				Sum2:	0	Sum2:	39
Pennsylvania	5						#DIV/0!
		0001	Portland	14	14	100.00%	12/8/2020
		0004	Emerald	23	22	95.65%	
		0006	Carry On	19	18	94.74%	
		0008	Rim Rock	26	25	96.15%	
		0020	Brush Apes	24	25	104.17%	1/28/2021
		0022	Ax Pickers	26	28	107.69%	3/3/2021
				Sum2:	132	Sum2:	132
Pennsylvania	5						100.00%
		0033	General Wayne (New 4/8/2018)	17	17	100.00%	10/20/2020
		0044	Del Val	26	23	88.46%	
		0059	Pick Em	32	23	71.88%	
				Sum2:	75	Sum2:	63
							84.00%

MOCA SUPREME MEMBERSHIP 2021

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South Carolina	3								
		0001	Sand Fleas	18	16	88.89%			
		0003	Spartan	29	33	113.79%	10/20/2020		
		0006	Gamecocks	10	10	100.00%	1/23/2021		
		0009	Only the Strong	17	12	70.59%			
		0010	Crummy Bugs	62	62	100.00%	4/29/2021		
		0013	Sandlapper	26	26	100.00%	1/23/2021		
		0015	Night Walkers (New 9/8/19)	17	18	105.88%	1/23/2021		
			Sum2:	179	Sum2: 177	98.88%			
South Dakota	5								
		0001	Big Sioux Ticks	21	22	104.76%	12/19/2020		
		0012	Big Aggies	18	11	61.11%			
		0020	Rushmore	21	16	76.19%			
			Sum2:	60	Sum2: 49	81.67%			
Tennessee	1								
		0005	Sunuppers (Defunct)	40		0.00%			
		0026	Shelby Angels	19	37	194.74%	12/31/2020		
			Sum2:	59	Sum2: 37	62.71%			
Texas	3								
		0011	Lets Do It	28	23	82.14%			
		0013	Dood It	29	28	96.55%			
		0036	Three Acres	22	21	95.45%			
		0055	Uckishe	41	42	102.44%	4/30/2021		
		0060	Moo-Moo	15	16	106.67%	12/31/2020		
		0069	Leanderthal Nits (new 8/29/19)	11	11	100.00%	11/4/2020		
		0088	Armadillo	15	12	80.00%			
			Sum2:	161	Sum2: 153	95.03%			
Virginia	3								
		0001	Ocean View Toads	45	35	77.78%			
		0002	Norfolk Crabs ((Defunct)	24		0.00%			
		0009	Virginia Beach Coots	29	28	96.55%			
		0013	Rowdy Rebels	14	16	114.29%	12/31/2020		
		0014	Da-Lec-It	41	25	60.98%			
			Sum2:	153	Sum2: 104	67.97%			
Washington	2								
		0003	Yur-A-Bum (New 9/27/20)	0	14				
		0006	Van Orc (New 10/7/2018)	16	16	100.00%	9/8/2020		
		0009	Heap Good	34	35	102.94%	9/24/2020		
		0011	Lucky Eleven	56	57	101.79%	12/12/2020		
		0018	Chuckanut	42	42	100.00%	11/6/2020		
			Sum2:	148	Sum2: 164	110.81%	11/6/2020		
West Virginia	5								
		0006	SNAKIE STATE	33	33	100.00%	11/13/2020		
			Sum2:	33	Sum2: 33	100.00%			
Wisconsin	4								
		0008	Bug Out	15	14	93.33%			
		0009	Wacha-kalit	45	40	88.89%			
		0014	Tornado (Defunct)	22		0.00%			
		0022	Snafu	17	17	100.00%	11/9/2020		
		0023	Short Arm	46	37	80.43%			
		0041	Mad City	36	32	88.89%			
			Sum2:	181	Sum2: 140	77.35%			
			Sum6:	3774	Sum6: 3505	92.87%			
SUPREME TOTALS									

159 Aux;s

Debbie Tnie for Supreme MOCA President 2021-2022

With the endorsement of my MOCA Pup Tent 32 Auxiliary, Sons of the Beaches, and the Grand of Florida, I am announcing my candidacy to be your MOCA Supreme President for the 2021-2022 year and we would like your continued support for this endeavor.

I look forward to the MOCA working together with the MOC by lighting up the lives of our Veterans and their families.

I hope I get to see all of you at the Supreme Scratch in Baltimore, MD.

Love and hugs,

Debbie



Billie Cassidy for Supreme MOCA Jr. Vice President



It is that time of year again. I am proud to announce my candidacy for the high Office of the Supreme Jr Vice President to the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary for the ensuing year 2021-2022.

This year has been a rough one..... COVID. It really slowed us down. We have lost SO many of our loved ones because of COVID and other causes. One of those was my beloved husband "CC". He gained his second set of wings ... the first set the Air Force awarded him and the second set GOD gave them to him. GOD has presented many, many sets of wings this past year and they will all be dearly missed. I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, thoughts and prayers.

I remain very dedicated and committed to all Veterans. I am asking for your support as I continue to the Office of Supreme MOCA Jr. Vice President.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Please stay safe.

Loyally,

Billie Cassidy

Cathy Seippel for Supreme MOCA Sr. Vice President

Hi! I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Cathy Seippel from the great State of Arizona. I am holding the position of “ Junior Vice President for the Supreme.” I am asking for your votes to proceed to Senior Vice President for the year of 2021-2022. In the past years I have been Chaplain and also hospital chairman for District 6. I am on my second time as Grand President for the state of Arizona. I truly enjoy being a MOCA member along with all the great stuff that I have done and the great things I will do this next year. I volunteer a lot at the VA Hospital in Prescott and local nursing homes. This was all before Covid-19 hit us all. I am still able to take food and drop it off and other things that they may need. I hope that you will be able to vote for me for Senior Vice President at this upcoming Supreme Convention that is being held in Baltimore, Maryland. I cannot wait to see old friends and make new ones along the way.



Dave Johnson for Supreme Conductor 2021-2022

Endorsement from the Grand of Oregon

It is my honor and privilege, as Grand of Oregon President, to announce and support the Candidacy of Dave Johnson for the high office of Supreme Conductor to the MOC Auxiliary 2021-2022.

With the Changes in the VFW Auxiliary Policy and By-Laws Dave was honored to become a VFW Auxiliary member in February 2016. He entered both organizations under his father a WWII veteran, VFW member, Purple Heart Society Member and officer and proud board member of the Seventh Armored Division.



Dave is currently the VFW Department of Oregon Conductor, and Hospital Chairman. He became a member of the MOC Emerald 4 Auxiliary of Oregon in September 2016 and is currently in his second year as Auxiliary President. He is also the Grand of Oregon Guard and has been active in Grand programs as well as serving as the Grand Inspector. He has worked very hard to keep the Grand of Oregon viable and active.

Dave was elected to the position of Supreme Guard last year and has worked hard to support this year's programs during the pandemic. Dave will make an excellent Conductor for the Supreme organization.

The MOCA organization needs to keep our "*traditions*" alive but must grow in order to survive. We need to focus on service in order to attract and recruit new members to carry on our history of Veteran's support. He has the support of his Auxiliary, his Grand and Supreme District 13. We are asking for your support for him at this 2021-2022 Supreme Convention

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sheila Logan
President
Grand of Oregon**



MOCA Supreme Convention Flyer

M.O.C.A. 60th Supreme Convention

Overland Park, Kansas

August 4 – 7, 2021

Grand Presidents, Auxiliaries Not in a Grand & Individuals having their Own Vote Must be,

REGISTERED AND A DELEGATE if attending via Zoom Only.

Make 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.

Registration is \$20.00. **Due By July 14, 2021, in order to be eligible to Vote at Supreme Convention.**

NOTE: Registration includes the Supreme President's Printed Program Book for 2021-2022 or CD with Roster included, you have to choose one or the other.

There is no late Registration if you are on Zoom

Please be sure to mail your registration so it is received by the Supreme Treasurer **before / By July 14, 2021.**

Respectfully,

Jennifer Winn
Supreme President
2020-2021

Jen_moca@cox.net

Working Hand-n-Hand with our Veteran's

"Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White"

MOCA Supreme Convention Registration Form

M.O.C.A. 60th Supreme Convention
Baltimore, Maryland
August 5–8, 2021

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 July 14, 2021.**

Late (July 15 and after) and On-site Registration is \$25.00.

NOTE: Registration includes the Supreme President's Printed Program Book for 2021-2022 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 July 14, 2021.

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 ☐

Supreme MOCA Convention Credentials

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 July 14, 2021 and at the Supreme Convention will be \$25.00. To gain admission to the Convention session, you must possess a current official 2021 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. _____
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Alternates

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

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

In Witness whereof we hereunto affix our signatures.

President _____

Secretary _____

MOCA Advertising Form



2021 Advertisements for MOCA Convention Book



60th SUPREME AUXILIARY

ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

The 60th Supreme Convention will be held at BWI Marriott in Baltimore, MD on August 5 through 8, 2021. 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 60th 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 12, 2021. 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 August!

MOCA Booster Sheet



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



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**Please Mail Forms and Money By June 12. 2021 for Printing
To: MOCA Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard
P O Box 34 - Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034**

MOCA Zoom Registration Form

ZOOM REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE print or type ALL information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

E-mail: _____

Grand: _____ Aux # _____

Voting Council, PSP's, Grand Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents not in a Grand, please indicate your title below:

Choose one:

Printed Book

OR

CD with Roster

Supreme Scratch Registration Form



102nd Supreme Scratch Marriott Overland Park, Kansas



Cooties and Sisters will gather in Kansas City Missouri at the Marriott - Overland Park, KS the weekend of 4-7 August, 2021 for the 102nd Supreme Scratch. Cooties will be responsible for their own reservations. The hotel is offering free parking, free in-room internet if you are a member of the Marriott Bonvoy program. Cut-off for reservations is July 14, 2021. 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 – 102nd SUPREME SCRATCH Kansas City, MO 4-7, August, 2021

NAME:

GRAND OF:

PT#:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

CONTACT PHONE:

EMAIL:

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

Pup Tent Delegate: Yes ☐

Current Grand Commander: Yes ☐

Immediate Past Grand Commander: Yes ☐

Past Supreme Commander: Yes ☐

Voting member of Supreme Council: Yes ☐

FEE TOTAL:

Registration for the 102nd Supreme Scratch is **\$15.00** per delegate. **ALL PUP TENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE TO THE 102nd 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 July 15, 2021.** Attach a separate sheet for multiple delegates with required funds for each delegate being registered.

Registration at the Scratch will be \$20.00.

Supreme Scratch Agenda



Kansas City, MO
August 4-7, 2021

MONDAY & TUESDAY / AUGUST 2 & 3, 2021

09:00 – 16:00: REGISTRATION OPEN

WEDNESDAY/ AUGUST 4, 2021

09:00 – 10:00: REGISTRATION OPEN

10:30 – 12:00: OLD COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION (**COOTIE RULES**)

12:00 – 13:30: LUNCH

13:30 – 16:00: JOINT OPENING (All Star Hat Presentation)

17:00 – 18:00: JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

18:30 – 19:00: By-Laws Committee Out-brief to Supreme Commander

THURSDAY/ AUGUST 5, 2021

07:30 – 08:45: REGISTRATION OPEN

09:13 – 12:00: AWARDS (**COOTIE RULES**)

12:00 – 13:30: LUNCH

13:30 – 15:30: BUSINESS SESSION 1

NOMINATION OF SUPREME OFFICERS 2021-2022

FRIDAY/ AUGUST 6, 2021

07:30 – 08:30: REGISTRATION OPEN

09:13 – 12:00: BUSINESS SESSION 2

12:00 – 13:30: LUNCH

13:30 – 15:00: ELECTION OF SUPREME OFFICERS 2021-2022

18:00 – TBD: SOCIAL HOUR FOLLOWED BY BANQUET

INSTALLATION OF SUPREME OFFICERS 2021-22

SATURDAY/ AUGUST 7, 2021

08:00 – 10:00: NEW COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Supreme Scratch Banquet Form

102nd Supreme Banquet
Reservation Form



Marriott
Overland Park, KS

Name: _____ Grand of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

BANQUET TICKET COSTS IS \$45.00

Dinner will be 3 choices:

Beef:

Chicken:

Fish:

Number of Tickets Desired: _____ Amt Remitted: _____

Note: Seating will be in rounds of TEN. Make checks payable to "Supreme Headquarters" and mail with this form and your check to 604 Braddock Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145-2068 and earmark it "102ND Supreme Banquet". Tickets will NOT be mailed. Pick up tickets starting Monday August 2, 2021 at the registration table at the Supreme Convention.

A \$45.00 service charge will be instituted on all returned checks!!

Supreme Scratch Booster Sheet

2021 Supreme Booster

Names \$2.00 each

Grand _____

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Mail Form and Monies to:

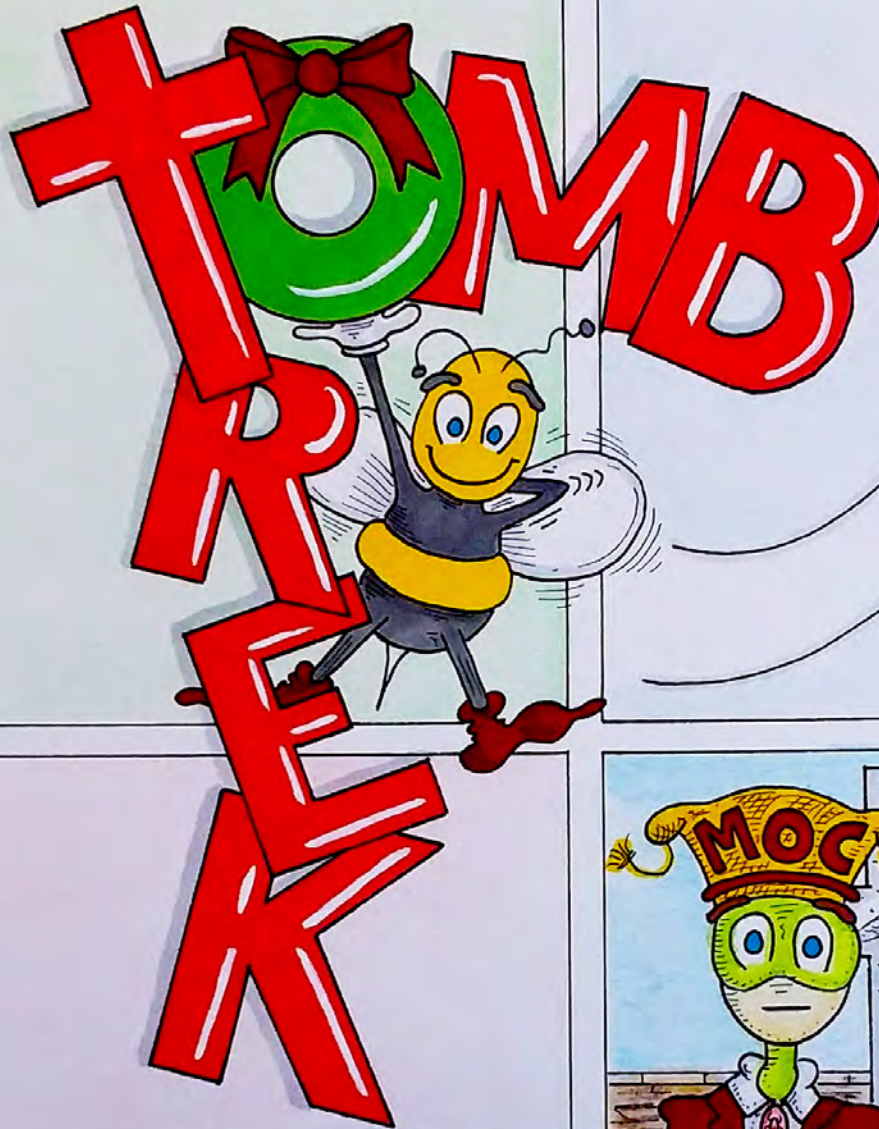
Supreme Headquarters

604 Braddock Ave

Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Tomb Trek or Bust!

ARLINGTON OR BUST!



EACH YEAR COOTIES
LAY WREATHS AT THE
ARGONNE CROSS &
THE TOMB OF THE
UNKNOWN SOLDIER.



86th TOMB TREK 2021

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

This year the Trek to the Argonne Cross and Tomb of the Unknowns will be held on 5 - 7 November 2021.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Hotel, 900 Orme St, Arlington, Virginia, 22204; room rates \$109.00 plus tax. Parking is \$ 10.00 per day. You may reserve your room by contacting the hotel directly at (703) 521-1900 for reservations. Mention the **Military Order of the Cootie** for proper rate. *Cutoff Date* for room block reservations is **4 October 2021.**

OTHER INFORMATION: WREATH REGISTRATION \$25.00

ADVANCED REGISTRATION:

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

AFTER 1 OCTOBER 2021:

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

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

MOC DRESS REQUIREMENTS: Red Blazer, White Shirt, Cootie Bolo or Red Tie, White Pants (With or Without Red stripe) Red Socks, White Shoes, Proper Cootie Cover and White Gloves.

MOCA DRESS REQUIREMENTS: White Skirt (or pants) with the appropriate stocking, Red Blazer, White Closed Shoes and Cover.

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

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



Military Order of the Cootie REGISTRATION 86th TOMB TREK



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Pup Tent/Auxiliary Name & Number: _____

Email: _____

Meal Selection: Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian _____

(Please enter how many of each meal selection.)

<u>Type of Registration</u>	<u>Advanced Registration</u>	<u>After 10/1/2021</u>
Full Registration	\$85.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Registration	\$20.00 _____	\$25.00 _____
Only Banquet	\$50.00 _____	\$55.00 _____
Only Bus Ticket	\$15.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
# Regular _____		
# Handicap _____		

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ CHECK # _____ DATE _____

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

JaneChannel



**Military Order of the Cootie
WREATH REGISTRATION
86th TOMB TREK**

Nov. 5 - 7, 2021



MOC:

Pup Tent & #: _____

Grand of: _____

MOCA:

Pup Tent & #: _____

Grand of: _____

GRAND:

MOC: _____

MOCA: _____

SUPREME DISTRICT:

MOC District #: _____

Auxiliary District#: _____

Each registration is \$25.00. \$5 goes towards the design, compilation and printing of the booklet. Your order must be received before 1 October 2021 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.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ CHECK # _____ DATE _____

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

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

38th 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 38th Annual Cootie Easter Treat and all are invited to participate. Mark your calendar for the dates 8,9 and 10 April 2022. Continuing success for this Easter Program for the children depends on how good our 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 this great event. Donations can be made out to the Grand of Ohio, and Sent to Grand Quartermaster, Chuck Cihlar, 189 Monroe Blvd., Painesville, Ohio 11077, 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 8 April 2022:** Arrival of personnel, set up of baskets for delivery on Saturday, and dinner with Ohio House residents.

***Saturday 9 April 2022:** 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 10 April 2022:** 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.

Supreme Cootie of the Year Program 2020-21

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



Amendment to MOC By-Laws

Amendment to Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) Supreme By-Laws Section 201, Paragraph 1.

Submitted by: Pup Tent 3, Grand of North Carolina

Current Read: A Pup Tent may be formed by charter from the Supreme Pup Tent on application of not less than fifteen (15) members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, in accordance with Section 101 of the MOC By-Laws provided. However, the number of Pup Tents in an Grand shall be governed by a majority vote of the Grand Council and where no Grand Pup Tent exists, it shall be a decision of the Supreme Pup Tent. Such application shall be made in accordance with the By-Laws of the MOC, a minimum of 15 members that may consist of Transfers, Re-Instated members and New Members.

Discussion: The idea of instituting a new Pup Tent is to *"Increase and Multiply"*. However, the current wording of the By-Laws allows a new Pup Tent to be formed using nothing but Transfer members. Therefore, negating the *"The first Great Duty of all True Nits"* to *"Increase and Multiply"* as stated in the opening ceremonies of the ritual. Also, this could cause irreparable damage to one Pup Tent simply to create a new Pup Tent, thus defeating the intent of starting a new Pup Tent.

Furthermore, pursuant to Section 201 of the VFW By-Laws, forming a new Post requires 25 people; 10 of which must be NEW members. This clearly establishes an intent of growing the organization through the creation of a new unit. The MOC, as an *Honor Degree of the VFW* should follow this motion by establishing a minimum standard as well.

Conclusion: A percentage format would allow for a sliding scale in cases where there are more than 15 members desiring to form a new Pup Tent. If the committee would rather change this to state a specific number in the fashion of the VFW By-Laws, then it is suggested that number be 7. As the VFW standard is basically 40%. The number 7 of 15 would basically be 40% - 1. The suggested change below would be two-fold: 1. Establishing the MOC as the true *"Honor Degree"* of the VFW by basically using the VFW minimum standard + 1 to create a new Pup Tent. 2. This would also satisfy the requirement of all *"True Nits"* to *"Increase and Multiply."*

Suggestion: Section 201, Paragraph 1. A Pup Tent may be formed by charter from the Supreme Pup Tent on application of not less that fifteen (15) members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. These members may be new members, reinstated or transfer members from another Pup Tent(s) in accordance with Section 101 of the MOC By-Laws provided a minimum of 7 members of the newly chartered Pup Tent are new members. However, the number of Pup Tents in any Grand shall be governed by a majority vote of the Grand Council and where no Grand Pup Tents exists, the Supreme Pup Tent. Such application shall be made in accordance with the By-Laws of the MOC.

Recommended Changes to MOC By-Laws

Upon recommendation of the Supreme By-Laws Committee, the following By-law changes are hereby submitted for review, discussion, and vote by the Supreme Scratch in Baltimore, Maryland.

NOTE: Changes to grammar, spelling, punctuation, or Cootie specific titles that did not change the intent of the by-law are not included in these changes. They are an acceptable function of the committee under the advisement of the Supreme Judge Advocate. All such changes were reviewed to ensure the intent was not altered, but rather that the language was cleaned up to reduce ambiguities or lack of clarity. For example, in ALL cases since the basic gathering of a Pup Tent is called a Scratch, whether it be local, Grand or Supreme, it has been modified to always be called a Scratch. The term meeting was stricken throughout.

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Section 101. Active Members.

- B. The application of any member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who is not a member within the jurisdiction of the Pup Tent in which they are making application to join, shall be referred to the Adjutant of the Grand Pup Tent within which they hold membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the purpose of investigation. A report shall be returned to the Pup Tent in which the application was filed with an appropriate recommendation of approval or disapproval and in the case of disapproval, a statement giving reasons.

Recommendation – Removal

Rationale - This section hinders the VFW by-laws requirement for Posts to investigate and elect Cootie candidates. Once a candidate is cleared by the Post, it is more efficient for the application to be forwarded directly to the Pup Tent of choice.

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Section 102. Active Members-At-Large

Any eligible member not within the jurisdiction of any Pup Tent may become a Member-At-Large upon application to the Adjutant of the Grand Pup Tent within which they reside. In the event of their residence outside the jurisdiction of a Grand Pup Tent, upon application to the Supreme Pup Tent after satisfactory proof of their membership and service in the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been submitted and upon payment of NINE (\$9.00) dollars to the Grand or Supreme Adjutant. In case of the payment of admittance fee to the Grand Adjutant they shall be entitled to become a member of any Local Pup Tent they may choose. Provided, they shall pay additional fees over NINE (\$9.00) dollars as may be in force in the Pup Tent, after making application and being approved as therein provided by said Pup Tent. The Grand Quartermaster will thereupon forward to the Local Pup Tent to which they were admitted the sum of two (\$2.00) dollars and to the Supreme Pup Tent the sum of two (\$2.00) dollars. Likewise, upon payment of Admittance Fee to the Supreme Adjutant, the member may become a member of any Local Pup Tent; provided they shall pay such additional initiation fee over NINE (\$9.00) dollars as may be in force in the said Local Pup Tent. The Supreme Quartermaster will thereupon forward two (\$2.00) dollars to the Local Pup Tent and one (\$1.00) dollars to the Grand Pup Tent.

Recommendation – Removal

Rationale - Grands do not have Members At-Large. Unnecessary section.

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Section 111. Honorable Discharges.

Any member in good standing upon written application to the Seam Squirrel at a regular meeting of the Pup Tent, shall

receive at the next regular meeting of the Pup Tent, an Honorable Discharge signed by the Seam Squirrel and attested to by the Hungry Cootie; provided that at the time of such application, they are not indebted to their Pup Tent. A member thus discharged may be readmitted in the manner prescribed for the selection of new members.

Recommendation – Removal

Rationale – This process is not utilized.

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Section 120. Life Memberships

C. Life Membership Fee Plan C.

A. Through age 30	B. \$340.00
C. 31 – 40	D. \$325.00
E. 41 – 50	F. \$305.00
G. 51 – 60	H. \$275.00
I. 61 – 70	J. \$245.00
K. 71 – 80	L. \$190.00
M. 81 and up	N. \$150.00

Recommendation – Removed letter designations within the table.

Rationale – Unnecessary

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31 – 40	\$325.00
41– 50	\$305.00
51– 60	\$275.00
61– 70	\$245.00
71– 80	\$190.00
81 and up	\$150.00

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Section 211. Suspension and Revocation of Pup Tent Charter.

- C. Establishment of Trusteeship.** Upon the imposition of any suspension under this section, the Grand Commander shall appoint a trusteeship to consist of from three to five trustees chosen by the Grand Commander, at least one of whom shall reside sufficiently near the Pup Tent, to effectively carry out the business and affairs of the trusteeship and who shall be willing and able to perform such duties. Pursuant to a written grant of powers and limitations, such trustees shall carry on the business and affairs of the Pup Tent during the period of suspension. The business and affairs of the Pup Tent shall be limited to current MOC activities. The actions of the trustees shall be subject to the approval of the Grand Commander who shall submit to the Supreme Commander a written report of the situation and the activities of the Pup Tent under suspension. While under suspension, Scratches shall be held in the name of the Pup Tent except for the sole purpose of the discussion of the cause, effect and removal of the penalty, and no funds of the Pup tent shall be expended or obligations incurred during and while the order of suspension is in force except as may be expended or obligated by the trustees appointed under this subsection. Any trusteeship appointed under these provisions shall remain in office until the suspension is lifted or the charter has been canceled and the Charter with monies and property of the Pup Tent have been recovered and forwarded through the Grand Quartermaster to the Supreme Quartermaster, or otherwise relieved by the Grand Commander.

Recommendation – Remove the identified phrase above.

Rationale – Too restrictive. If the assigned trustees are willing to travel, so be it

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Section 213. Regular Scratches.

The regular Scratches of each Pup Tent shall be held at least once a month at the location designated on the Charter, unless otherwise authorized by special dispensation, and will be called a local Scratch. The Pup Tent Charter must be displayed during all Scratches.

Recommendation – Add the following statement before the last sentence in this section:

Pup Tents may incorporate the use of technology for Scratches provided that additional procedures are adopted pertaining to the conduct of Scratches and that it allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously.

Rationale - Provides for subordinate units to incorporate technology into MOC Scratches/ Meetings. This does not mandate, this only allows.

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Section 219. Consolidation of Pup Tents.

When two or more Pup Tents in good standing desire to consolidate, written or printed notice of such proposed action shall be given to all members in good standing at least two (2) weeks prior to date of meeting for consideration of such proposition in each of said Pup Tents. If such proposition shall then be adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at such Scratch, the vote being records by ayes and nays; the fact shall through channels, be certified by resolution of each Pup Tent to the Grand Commander, or if no Grand Pup Tent exists, then to the Supreme Commander. When the resolutions are so approved by two (2) or more Pup Tents, the Grand Commander shall forward said approved resolutions to the Supreme Commander (where no Grand Pup Tent exists, the two Pup Tents shall send them directly to the Supreme Commander) who shall approve or disapprove, depending, and he or she will issue without charge a new Charter reciting the facts of such consolidation and bearing the names of such Pup Tents. The new Charter shall rank from the date of the senior numbered Pup Tent but the number shall be either number of the consolidating units agreed upon by the consolidating Pup Tents, and the new name shall be one agreed on by the consolidating Pup Tents, both of the foregoing having been agreed on by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting of any and all Pup Tents consolidating at a Scratch for the specific purpose of consolidation, due notice of at least two (2) weeks having been mailed all members of said Pup Tent concerned. The property of the consolidated Pup Tent shall be conveyed to the new Pup Tent and become the property thereof. All past officers in each shall be entitled to ranks as of date of service in their respective Pup Tent. Upon the consolidation of Two (2) or more Pup Tents, new officers shall be elected and installed. In the event two (2) or more Pup Tents consolidate, all officers of the consolidated Pup Tents having fulfilled their obligations shall be recognized as past officers, provided, however, the past Seam Squirrels of the consolidated Pup Tents for the purpose of representing either the Pup Tents consolidated, or for the new Pup tent formed by such consolidation at any District or Grand Scratch.

Recommendation – Rewrite as shown below.

Rationale – Clear up ambiguities and poor sentence structure.

When two or more Pup Tents in good standing desire to consolidate, written or printed notice of such proposed action

shall be given to all members in good standing at least two (2) weeks prior to date of Scratch for consideration of such proposition in each Pup Tent. If such proposition shall then be adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, the vote shall be recorded by ayes and nays. The result shall be certified by resolution of each Pup Tent and forwarded to the Grand Commander, or if no Grand Pup Tent exists, then to the Supreme Commander. When the resolutions are approved by two (2) or more Pup Tents, the Grand Commander shall forward the approved resolutions to the Supreme Commander (where no Grand Pup Tent exists, the two Pup Tents shall send them directly to the Supreme Commander) who shall approve or disapprove the action. If approved, a new Charter will be issued without charge, reciting the facts of such consolidation, and bearing the names of such Pup Tents. The new Charter shall rank from the date of the senior numbered Pup Tent but the number shall be either number of the consolidating units agreed upon by the consolidating Pup Tents. The new name shall be one agreed upon by the consolidating Pup Tents, as agreed on by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at a Scratch for the specific purpose of consolidation. The property of the consolidated Pup Tent shall be conveyed to the new Pup Tent and become the property thereof. All past officers in each shall be entitled to ranks as of date of service in their respective Pup Tent. Upon the consolidation of Two (2) or more Pup Tents, new officers shall be elected and installed. In the event two (2) or more Pup Tents consolidate, all officers of the consolidated Pup Tents having fulfilled their obligations shall be recognized as past officers.

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Section 315. Duties of the Shyster.

The Shyster shall give the Seam Squirrel and the Scratch such legal assistance incident to the office, as they may request and perform such other duties as the By-Laws may require.

Recommendation – Remove the words “legal assistance” and replace with “counsel”.

Rationale – Most Shysters are not legally trained and should not be providing legal assistance.

The Shyster shall give the Seam Squirrel and the Scratch such counsel incident to the office, as they may request and perform such other duties as the By-Laws may require.

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Section 405. Meeting – Grand Scratch.

- A. There shall be a meeting of the Grand Pup Tent held at the same time and place as that of the Department Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars within whose jurisdiction the Grand Pup Tent exists but the Grand Council may call additional meetings if it so desires.

Recommendation - Removal of the mandate to hold the convention together with the VFW convention.

Rationale - provides for more flexibility and better reflects what is actually taking place. This change also provides for subordinate units to incorporate technology into MOC Scratches/ Meetings. This does not mandate, this only allows.

- A. There shall be a Scratch of the Grand Pup Tent held once annually within whose jurisdiction the Grand Pup Tent exists. The time and place will be determined by the Grand Commander. Grands may incorporate the use of technology for Grand Scratches provided that additional procedures are adopted pertaining to the conduct of such Scratches and that it allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously.

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Section 405. Meetings – Grand Scratch.

- C. The Grand Pup Tent may hold an entertainment feature in connection with its stated meeting in the nature of a public Carnival or Mardi Gras to be known as the “Grand Finis la Guerre” parade.

Recommendation – Remove section in its entirety.

Rationale - No one knows what is a “Grand Finis la Guerre” nor is a description available in the ritual. If a Grand still does this, removal from the by-laws does not mandate it cannot take place.

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Section 412. Duty of the Adjutant

- C. Expenditure Vouchers:** They shall prepare on forms as prescribed by Supreme Headquarters in duplicate, all vouchers authorizing the expenditure of Grand Pup Tent monies. Such vouchers shall be numbered in sequence and plainly set forth the name and address to whom the money is to be paid, shall be itemized in detail, what the expenditure is for, shall be approved by the Grand Commander, and the original forwarded to the Grand Quartermaster for payment.

Recommendation – Remove the requirement for specific forms or vouchers to be used within the Grand organization.

Rationale – Procedure for expenditure of funds within Grands should be made pursuant to Grand policies and Generally Accepted Accounting Practices. Moreover, Supreme HQ does not have a mandated form that covers all expenditures. They only have one for travel.

- C. Expenditure Vouchers:** Expenditure of funds shall occur as prescribed by the Grand’s by-laws or policy and dispensed using acceptable banking practices

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Section 413. Duty of the Grand Quartermaster.

- B. Funds, Disbursements of:** They shall expend Grand Pup Tent funds only upon presentation of a proper expenditure voucher which must be numbered in sequence, designate clearly to whom payment is to be made, itemized in detail as to what the expenditure is for, and approved by the Grand Commander.

Recommendation - Removal of an antiquated process

Rationale – Process is not used nor is it required.

- B. Funds, Disbursements of:** They shall expend Grand Pup Tent funds only upon presentation of proper documentation and approved by the Grand Commander.

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Section 416. Duty of the Grand Judge Advocate.

The Grand Judge Advocate shall give the Grand Commander, the Grand Council of Administration and Grand Scratch such legal assistance, incident to their office, as they may request and perform such other duties as the By-Laws may require.

Recommendation – Remove the words “legal assistance” and replace with “counsel”.

Rationale – Most Judge Advocates are not legally trained and should not be providing legal assistance.

The Grand Judge Advocate shall give the Grand Commander, the Grand Council of Administration and Grand Scratch such counsel, incident to their office, as they may request and perform such other duties as the By-Laws may require.

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Section 425. Duty of the Grand Council of Administration.

- D. Meetings, Time and Place:** The Grand Council of Administration shall meet in session not less than twice a year and such other times as directed by the Grand Commander or Council By-Laws provide. The place of meeting shall be at the direction of the Grand Commander unless otherwise specified by the Council.

Recommendation – Include the use of technologies for conducting Council Scratches.

Rationale - This change provides for subordinate units to incorporate technology into MOC Scratches/Meetings. The change does not mandate, it only allows.

The Grand Council of Administration shall meet in session not less than twice a year and such other times as directed by the Grand Commander or Council By-Laws provide. The place of meeting shall be at the direction of the Grand Commander unless otherwise specified by the Council. Grand Councils of Administration may incorporate the use of technology for its sessions provided that additional procedures are adopted pertaining to the conduct of sessions and that it allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously.

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Section 425. Duty of the Grand Council of Administration.

- G. Quorum:** A majority of the Grand Council of Administration present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; provided, however, that there shall be at least seven (7) members present.

Recommendation – Refer the reader back up to section 407 D. for finding the list of Council members.

Rationale – Refers the reader to the listing of council members instead of listing again.

- G. Quorum:** A majority of the Grand Council of Administration present, as described in Sec. 407D, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; provided, however, that there shall be at least seven (7) members present.

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Section 503. Meetings.

The stated meetings of the Supreme Pup Tent shall be held annually at the same time and place as that of the National Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Recommendation – Remove the reference to National Encampment; remove the stated requirement for same time and place as the national convention; and add the use of technology.

Rationale - The Supreme Convention cannot be held at the same time and place as the VFW Convention. This also updates the language from encampment to convention. The change also provides for incorporation of technology into the Supreme Convention. The change does not mandate, it only allows.

Section 503. Meetings.

The stated meetings of the Supreme Pup Tent shall be held annually at the same general time and place as that of the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Such meetings may incorporate the use of technology provided that additional procedures are adopted pertaining to the conduct of such meetings and that it allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously.

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Section 504. Eligibility to Office.

All active third degree members in good standing shall be eligible to any Supreme office in the Military Order of the Cootie; provided, however, that said members have been active members of the Military Order of the Cootie for at least three (3) years and that no member shall hold more than one (1) elective office at any one time.

Recommendation – Add clarifier that this applies only to the Supreme organization.

Rationale – Removes the ambiguity of the section.

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Section 505. Supreme Officers.

- C. Supreme Council of Administration:** The Supreme Council of Administration shall consist of the following officers: All elected officers (see paragraph A.), the immediate Past Supreme Commander (as long as he is in good standing), Supreme Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Hospital Commissioner, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, and fifteen (15) additional members, one each to be elected for two (2) years (even numbered districts in even numbered years, odd numbered districts in odd numbered years), by the members present and representing the following districts:
- District No. 1: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island
 - District No. 2: Connecticut, New York, New Jersey
 - District No. 4: Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware
 - District No. 5: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida
 - District No. 6: Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Canal Zone
 - District No. 7: Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky
 - District No. 8: Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin
 - District No. 9: Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, and South Dakota
 - District No. 10: Minnesota, North Dakota
 - District No. 11: New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming
 - District No. 12: California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii
 - District No. 13: Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana
 - District No. 14: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas
 - District No. 15: Grand Pup Tent of the Pacific Area
 - District No. 16: Grand Pup Tent of Europe
- D.** Each District will develop a rotational schedule to determine which Grand or Black Division Pup Tent is next in line to have the councilmember. The Supreme Councilmember will appoint a Deputy Council of Administration member from their State to be their replacement in the event of the death or resignation of the Supreme Councilmember. The Senior Vice Councilmember does not become the councilmember.
- E.** Each District shall elect a Senior Vice Council of Administration Member, and a Junior Vice Council of Administration Member for terms to run concurrent with the Supreme Council of Administration Member, the Senior Vice Member will be from the State next in line for a Supreme Council of Administration Member.

- F. Each District shall hold an annual District Scratch, at a central point, at least thirty (30) days prior to the National V.F.W. Convention and annual Supreme Scratch. The Supreme Council of Administration Member for the District shall preside and the regular form of V.F.W. business procedures shall be used. The District Scratch shall transact all business relative to the District; elect their Supreme Councilmember, Senior Vice and Junior Vice Members, with due respect to the States and in accordance with the approved rotational schedule. Each Pup Tent in the Supreme District Scratch shall be entitled to the same number of delegates as provided for at the Supreme Scratch.
- G. If the Supreme Councilmember is unable to attend the Supreme Scratch or Supreme Meetings, the Senior Vice Councilmember will take the place of the councilmember. In their absence or disability, the Junior Vice Councilmember shall discharge the duties the councilmember.

Recommendation – Replace C through G and add H as shown below,

Rationale - Eliminates the Supreme Districts and places the Grand Commanders as members of the Council of Administration. This change also creates two councilmembers to represent the various separate Pup Tents. Through the use of technology, these councilmembers can effectively administer their responsibilities without the requirement for travel. We must adjust our organization to reflect our decreasing size and empower those who are actually leading our subordinate organizations. Supreme Districts were only figureheads and never provided with a mandate of responsibility. This change does away with an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy which makes our organization flatter and more effective.

- C. Supreme Council of Administration: The Supreme Council of Administration shall consist of the following officers: All elected officers (see paragraph A.), the immediate Past Supreme Commander, Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Hospital Commissioner, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, all Grand Commanders, and two (2) councilmembers representing the separate Pup Tents. Each councilmember is elected for one (1) year terms
- D. When Grand Commanders are unable to attend the Supreme Scratch or Supreme Meetings, the Grand's Senior Vice Commander will take the place of the Grand Commander. In their absence or disability, the Grand's Junior Vice Commander shall discharge the duties the councilmember.
- E. An East Region Councilmember shall represent all separate Pup Tents east of the Mississippi River and a West Region Councilmember shall represent all separate Pup Tents to the west. In addition to representation, the councilmembers will provide administrative oversight, advice, counsel, and training as may be required by the Supreme organization. Each Region will develop a rotational schedule to determine which Black Division Pup Tent is next in line to have the councilmember-
- F. Each Region shall elect a Vice Councilmember for a term to run concurrent with the Supreme Councilmember-and will be from the Pup Tent next in line for a Supreme Council of Administration Member.
- G. Each Region shall hold an annual Scratch, at a central point, at least thirty (30) days prior to the National V.F.W. Convention and annual Supreme Scratch. The Supreme Council of Administration Member for the Region shall preside and the regular order of V.F.W. business procedures shall be used. Such Scratches may incorporate the use of technology provided that procedures are adopted pertaining to the conduct of such Scratches and that it allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously. The Scratch shall transact all business relative to the Region, including election of the next councilmember and Vice Councilmember; with due respect to the approved rotational schedule. Each Pup Tent shall be entitled to the same number of delegates as provided for at the Supreme Scratch.
- H. If the Supreme Councilmember is unable to attend the Supreme Scratch or Supreme Meetings, the Vice Councilmember will take the place of the Council.

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Section 509. Duty of the Supreme Commander.

- A. The Supreme Commander shall enforce the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States, and the orders of the Supreme Scratch and the Supreme Council of Administration and for this purpose, he/she may issue such orders as may be necessary. He/she shall preside in the Supreme Scratch and the Supreme Council of Administration, decide all questions of law or usage subject to an appeal to the Supreme Scratch, approve all warrants

properly drawn on the Supreme Quartermaster and shall hold all securities given by the Supreme officers as trustees of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States. He/she shall appoint immediately after entering upon his/her office, the Supreme Adjutant, Supreme Chief of Staff, Supreme Inspector, Supreme Hospital Commissioner, Supreme Shirt Reader, Supreme Provost Marshal, Supreme Jimmy Legs, Supreme V.F.W. Booster Chairperson, and all other Supreme officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and may remove these officers at his/her pleasure; provided, however, if any such officers are salaried, the appointment shall be subject to the approval of the majority of elected and non-salaried members of the Supreme Council of Administration and such officers may be removed by a majority vote thereof; and shall receive such compensation as the Supreme Scratch may determine from time to time.

Recommendation – Remove the restating of the appointed officers/positions and refer to the previously stated list.

Rationale – Reduce unnecessary redundancies.

Section 509. Duty of the Supreme Commander.

- A. The Supreme Commander shall enforce the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States, and the orders of the Supreme Scratch and the Supreme Council of Administration and for this purpose, he/she may issue such orders as may be necessary. He/she shall preside in the Supreme Scratch and the Supreme Council of Administration, decide all questions of law or usage subject to an appeal to the Supreme Scratch, approve all warrants properly drawn on the Supreme Quartermaster and shall hold all securities given by the Supreme Officers as trustees of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States. He/she shall appoint immediately after entering upon his/her office, all appointive officers as listed in Section 505B above, and all other Supreme officers and committees not otherwise provided for, and may remove these officers at his/her pleasure. If any such officers are salaried, the appointment shall be subject to the approval of the majority of elected and non-salaried members of the Supreme Council of Administration and such officers may be removed by a majority vote thereof; and shall receive such compensation as the Supreme Scratch may determine from time to time.

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Section 512. Duty of the Supreme Quartermaster.

Recommendation – Add the new section A to appoint an Assistant Quartermaster (AQ) and renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Rationale - The position of Tomb Trek Committee chair requires the Cootie to have authority to expend funds, coordinate with external agencies, and commit the organization to contractual obligations. Following both the VFW and MOC by-laws, the Tomb Trek Chair should actually be an AQ to properly carry out those responsibilities; otherwise the Supreme QM must carry out these responsibilities.

- A. Upon entering into office, the Supreme Quartermaster may appoint an Assistant Quartermaster, subject to the approval of the Supreme Council of Administration.

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Section 513. Duty of the Supreme Judge Advocate.

The Supreme Judge Advocate shall be prepared at all times to give such legal counsel and advice as the Supreme Commander or Supreme Scratch may require. After each Supreme Scratch, he/she shall review the changes made in the By-Laws and see to it that all proper changes are made on the revision of the printed By-Laws. In this connection, he/she shall have the power to make necessary corrections to errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation and/or typographical arrangement without the necessity of a formal amendment to effectuate the same. He/she shall perform such other duties incident to his/her office.

Recommendation – Change the reference of legal counsel to parliamentary.

Rationale - Supreme Judge Advocate serves as counsel on interpretation of the by-laws and parliamentary procedure, not as a legal advisor.

Section 513. Duty of the Supreme Judge Advocate.

The Supreme Judge Advocate shall be prepared at all times to give such legal parliamentary counsel and advice as the Supreme Commander or Supreme Scratch may require. After each Supreme Scratch, he/she shall review the changes made in the By-Laws and see to it that all proper changes are made on the revision of the printed By-Laws. In this connection, he/she shall have the power to make necessary corrections to errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation and/or typographical arrangement without the necessity of a formal amendment to effectuate the same. He/she shall perform such other duties incident to his/her office.

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Section 526. Duty of the Supreme Trustees.

- D. In the event the Council of Administration directs or the Supreme Trustees require an additional independent investigative audit it will be the responsibility of the Supreme Trustees to select and recommend an auditing firm to do the independent audit and report the findings to the Council of Administration.
- E. The Supreme Trustees shall conduct a line-by-line audit of the books on a month by month basis at each audit session. It shall be the responsibility of the Supreme Quartermaster to provide the Supreme Trustees with the necessary records of the Supreme Pup Tent to insure that the audit can be conducted in a timely fashion.
- F. Travel allowance will be based on the rates prescribed by the current Supreme Policy, and shall be paid to the Supreme Trustees for each audit.

Recommendation – Delete sections D and F and renumber subsection E.

Rationale – This (subsection D) is a process inherent to the office of Trustee and not necessarily a policy that requires a by-laws mandate. Like any other item of business, if the trustees discover inconsistencies that require an external audit, they will bring it to the attention of the Council. If councilmembers discover inconsistencies in financial reports, they should bring it to the attention of the Trustees for further inquiry. (Subsection F) Trustees are Supreme Officers and do not require a separate budget line item. In the event travel is required, the funding can come from Supreme Officer travel line item which already exists.

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Section 601. Ritual – Distribution of.

- A. The Ritual of the Military Order of the Cootie shall be supplied only to the Seam Squirrels of subordinate units, who shall be responsible for the distribution of rituals to the proper persons entitled to receive them.

Recommendation – Reword this section as shown below.

Rationale - Clarifies Seam Squirrel responsibility to distribute the ritual.

- A. Seam Squirrels shall be responsible for the distribution of rituals to the proper persons entitled to receive them.

A Message From The Executive Director

This year, this Independence Day is even more special. Why, you ask? Well, here at the VFW National Home for Children, we and our fellow Michiganders are celebrating our freedom and independence as all Covid-19 restrictions in our great state have been lifted!

This summer, our visitors are welcomed. Our State Days will be blooming with friends from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana visiting campus. What a breath of fresh air, what a release, what a freedom that brings us all!

It has been said that you don't really appreciate something until it is gone. What the pandemic and the restrictions brought to us is the restriction of the freedom of movement.

Something we never thought we would lose until the reality of losing it became a reality for all of us. Yes, our lives as we knew them were certainly disrupted.



As we all know, veteran families sacrifice some of the freedoms in their lives when they serve. Their lives as they know them are disrupted as a consequence of the service they or a family member provide. The dreams they have may be put on hold or even derailed due to that service. Their freedom from worry now is unsettled, not knowing if their service member or families are doing okay. How will our veterans be impacted by their service? Will my home life be the same as when I left?

In essence, many of the same emotions you and I went through living through the pandemic. With one major exception, our restrictions have been lifted. Our lives are getting back to a resemblance of what we knew before the pandemic.

At the National Home, our very existence is to help veteran families unshackle the restrictions of the consequence of their service, to reignite their dreams, to help them reach their goals, and to unburden their worry over their future. We do this as a repayment of the service provided by these families to secure our country's freedoms. We do what we do here at the Home so those who lived with freedom compromises can get back to a resemblance of what they knew before their service.

It is only through the generosity of our friends and donors, people like you, that we can help our veteran families breathe again, dream again and prosper again.

So on this special Independence Day, when we are blessed to live in a country of freedoms, let's not forget there are others that still will need your generosity to begin living theirs.

Thank you.

**Fred Puffenberger
Executive Director/CEO
VFW National Home for Children**



DEATH IS THE SOBERING AGENT, SO GIVE HEED TO THOSE WHO HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE IT

Nothing sobers us up like death. Nothing straightens out our priorities like a close encounter with our own mortality. As H. Jackson Browne told his son, “Nobody on his deathbed ever said, ‘Gee, I wish I’d spent more time at the office.’” For death’s nearness awakens us from our normal stupor to see what’s really important in life: Spending more time with family, pursuing worthy causes, and living one’s life for God.

Don’t we all experience the sobering effect of death whenever we attend a funeral? When confronted with death and the grieving, we get a serious glimpse at what shallow lives we live, what a fragile faith we have, and how ill-equipped we are to offer comfort and hope. Death reminds us just how worthless and futile our materialism is.

Therefore, we should give heed to those who are most acquainted with death, who face it daily as an occupational hazard. This includes all the men and women of our Uniformed Services, though I focus exclusively on the military in keeping with Memorial Day.

No one speaks more eloquently, clearly, and powerfully about the true character and value of America than those who’ve laid down their lives on its behalf. Why listen to the opinions of those who contribute nothing to society but rather commit violence against it? Giving heed to a lawbreaker’s estimation of America (e.g. that it’s so oppressive and evil), is like a wife paying attention to the condemnation of an abusive husband. Their opinion has no validity. Most of the time a criminal condemns America, he or she is simply making excuses for their own bad behavior. They’re blaming a hard-working and selfless society as the guilty party because they’re too lazy and immature to face up to their own wretchedness. They are unworthy of voicing any opinion about the nation they assault. Give heed instead to those who considered America worth fighting and dying for.

And why listen to whining, wimpy, and overpaid athletes who refuse to stand for our National Anthem, yet get rich off America’s wage-earners? How these “adults in diapers” don’t choke on their own hypocrisy is a mystery to me. They’re at the very top of the food chain – based on their size, strength, and earnings. Yet they portray themselves as “*the oppressed*” and



Chaplain David Causey
US Army Retired

solicit sympathy from those who labor for minimum wages and who make the greatest contribution to society. What sick and fragile souls they have.

Listen instead to the Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and Marine who sacrifice all their personal freedoms and comforts, kiss their loved ones goodbye, endanger their lives, and often die to secure our freedoms and way of life. Give heed to their voice and their example. Honor these true social justice warriors, not the cowardly counterfeits who do nothing but harass, riot, and loot. Shame on our media. Shame on our pop culture. Shame on our politicians for showering praise and adulation on those who deserve it least, while withholding it from those who've earned it with their own blood and sacrifice.

Give heed to the words of US Army veteran and author, *Charles M. Province*, who reminds us that,

*It is the **Soldier**, not the minister,
Who has given us freedom of religion.*

*It is the **Soldier**, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.*

*It is the **Soldier**, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the **Soldier**, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us freedom to protest.*

*It is the **Soldier**, not the lawyer,
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*It is the **Soldier**, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.*

*It is the **Soldier** who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

PRAYER: *Dear Father in heaven, please bless and comfort those grieving families who've lost sons, daughters, spouses, and parents in America's wars against tyranny and terrorism. Please awaken Americans everywhere to give honor and respect to those who've paid the greatest price for it. Please bless, dear Father, all those who serve in our military to defend our lives, freedoms, and way of life 24/7/365. Please keep them physically strong, spiritually fit, and morally straight. Please grant them supreme success in their mission to defend our nation and to deliver the oppressed. And please, dear God, protect them from all danger and harm and bring them safely back into the arms of their families and loved ones, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Grand of California

The MOC & MOCA Grand Scratch/ Convention on 01 May, 2021 was called to order by Grand Commander Lamont Duncan as the "1st Ever Zoom audio/video". 10 Pup Tents were absent. The Scratch opened with a joint memorial service for all Cooties who passed away. All Cootie business was conducted. "Cootie Oil/Milk was Zoomed to all. The 1st Grand C of A for 2021-2022 is scheduled for 25-28 September at the Holiday Inn Swan-Court Selma, CA. A LOUSY and crummy time will be had by all Cooties who attend.

May, 2021 MOC Supreme Scratch was called to order by Supreme Commander Darin Combs by a Zoom Scratch. All Cooties had a LOUSY and crummy time as this was Zoomed all over the World.

Courtesy of Steve Kemp, Grand Historian



Grand of California

**Military Order of the
Cootie and Auxiliary**



**WELCOME TO THE 2021
COVENTION BROUGHT TO YOU BY:**

Zoom

→ **May 1st 2021, 10:00 a.m.** ←

**CELEBRATING THE AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER
THE PAST YEAR, WHILE COMBATING A YEAR OF
LOCKDOWNS AND ADVERSE CONDITIONS.**

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR LEADERSHIP AND OFFICERS!

Grand Commander Lamont Duncan

Grand President Annie Thompson-Duncan

CONGRATULATIONS FOR 2020-2021

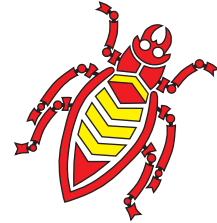
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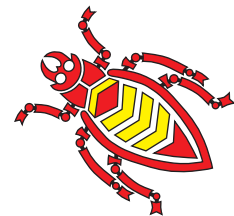
Chuck Peterson Grand Hospital Chairman still busy giving out power chairs and scooters to veterans.



Robert Thomas of Walnut Creek with his new Quantum power chair



Terese Barrieatos of Sacramento with her new Quantum power chair



Ken Calhoun a patient at the Mather VA Hospital. Pictured with Don Biloden and Chuck Peterson.

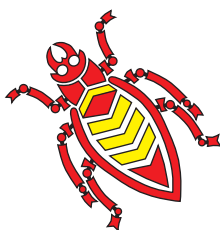
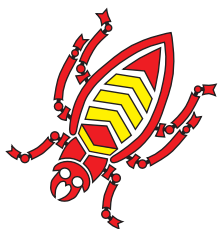
Grand of Europe



Two of the greatest organizations helping our Military Members, joined forces to provide BBQs in the 5th Community of Grafenwoehr, Germany. VFW Tower Post 10692 was asked to participate in two USO Bavaria BBQs held to support our Military Members. At the NCOA, a mid-cycle BBQ brought a much-needed stress relief, and a huge morale boost to our future leaders of the Army. Comrade and Cootie Brian Flick brought along his better half, Bella, to assist the USO crew in putting on this event. A “Get To Know Your Neighbors” BBQ was held at the USO Camp Aachen, providing delicious foods to the Community. VFW Members Comrade Luis Corona joined in on the fun.

These two events demonstrated the cooperation and commitment to teamwork between these two great organizations – and it cost the Post only volunteer hours!

Courtesy of Brian Flick



Grand of Florida

April 17, 2021 Old Town, Florida

Rick Folse from Houma, Louisiana is bicycling 1,500 miles for homeless and PTSD Veterans. He pulls 80lbs of equipment with him on his trip from Houma to Key West, Florida. Rick stopped at the home of Tom and Kathy Browne in Old Town, Florida. He met with the Military Order of the Cootie Puptent #25 (MOC), Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary (MOCA) made Rick a home-made dinner of Spaghetti with sausage, chicken with rice, rollups of ham, cream cheese with olives, turkey sandwiches, cake, brownies and cookies too. He said he was surprised at the warm welcome he received from the group. The MOC and MOCA gave Rick a gift and told him how appreciative they are of what he is doing to help Veterans. He stayed the night and continued his trip on Sunday. It was raining when Rick left and he said, "If Veterans can fight in any weather he can ride in the rain". Please support Rick by following him on his journey through his [YouTube page](#) or donate to his [GoFundMe account](#).

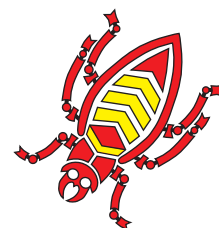


MOC Puptent #25: Jack Crowley, Tom Browne, Bob Johnson, Rick Folse, MOC Grand Commander Florida Tom Sutterfield and Jerry Bazar



MOCA Puptent #25: Rick Folse, Denise Sutterfield, Dee Bazar, Gwen Johnson, Susan Haines, Elaine McDermott, Char Zelnak and Kathy Browne

Submitted by Kathy Browne MOCA #25 Secretary





Florida PT 98 Seam Squirrel (Doug Wood) and CCDB (Doc Hallada} were presented with a certificate and a special Cootie pin recognizing their accomplishment. They made 116% membership in early April. This is LOUSY!!!

Submitted by Tom Sutterfield

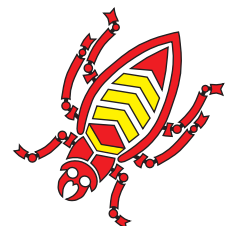


Our Chaplain came straight to our monnthly Scratch from Church! Love the MOC Hat with the robe! ***Submitted by Jerry-Ann, BoWeevil***

Grand of Maryland



Grand Commander Clint Townsend and Cootie Jackson presents a check for \$500 to the VA VAVS Chief Teo Morris from the Grand of Maryland. “Cooties, we got this”. ***Submitted by Georgia A. Eaves, Grand Hungry Cootie***



Grand of Michigan



May 22nd, 2021 the 95th MOC Grand of Michigan & 58th MOCA Grand of Michigan Convention was Hosted at VFW Post 3243, in Fenton, MI. Supreme Commander Darin Combs and Past Supreme President Collete Kove assisted by Supreme President Jennifer Winn were the installing Officers for Grand Commander Russell Makowski and Grand President Jeanne Beck.





On Friday May 21st a local hospital visit pictured MOC and MOCA members including Supreme President Jennifer Winn. On Saturday after Convention Supreme Commander Darin Combs traveled to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI and toured his new special project in the Child Care Development Center.

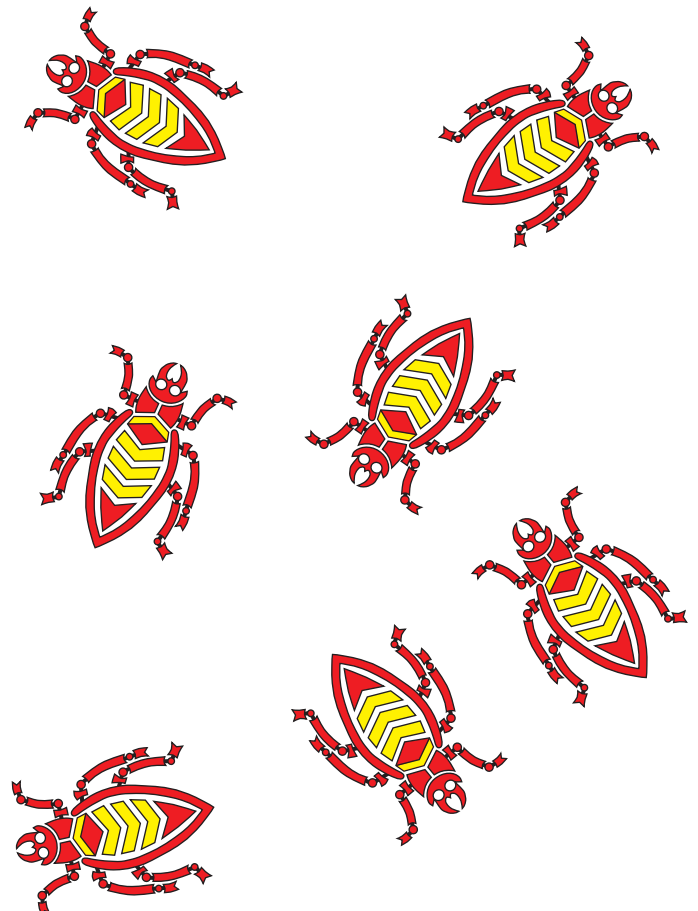


On May 18th a New Pup Tent in Michigan was formed, PT-17 Wanigas in Saginaw and Officers Installed.



New Grand Commander Russ Makowski's pin for the upcoming year.
Michigan M-M Multiples!

Courtesy of Michigan Grand Historian PGC Bob Routhier Jr.



Grand of New Hampshire

Cootie Blood Drive – April 3, 2021 Hudson Post



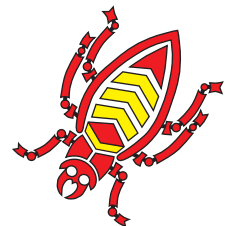
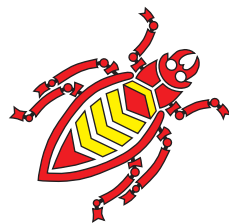
Although we were still in the throes of the great pandemic, as Cooties we need to stay busy as a bee. Otherwise, we get into trouble...some more than others. We tethered John and Lew to the desk doing registration since none of the rest of us are competent in such matters. In the back row is some lady who wandered in and wanted to help, so we let her. Remaining are Tripp, Madden, Cuddy and Dreusicke. It was a lousy time!



Grand of North Dakota



Grand Commander of North Dakota Charlie Weible presented a \$ 5000.00 check to the Fargo VA Hospital Recreation Fund on behalf of the Cooties.





Grand of North Dakota was honored to have VFW National Commander Hal Roesch at our Grand Scratch held at Bottineau, North Dakota. Pictured is Steve Volk the State Quartermaster/Adjutant and Hal Roesch VFW National Commander.

Picture by Erica Claus-Numsali.

Grand of South Dakota

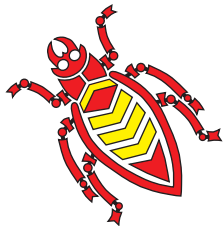
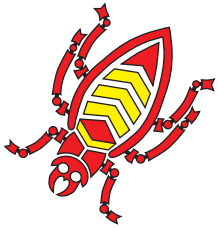
Grand Scratch held on May 8th, 2021 at the SD Military Heritage Alliance. Hosted by Big Sioux Ticks Pup Tent #1, Sioux Falls, SD. A Lousy time was had by all and look...no Zoom!



Pictured Left to Right: Ed Hegdal, PT #1; Bob Bender, PT #12; Rich Kupfer, PT #12; Glen Watters, PT #1; Dale Stibral, PT #12; Nathan Beningen, PT #1; Ruben Hofer PT #1; Cody Mangold PT #12 and center is Vern Anderson, Grand Commander



Pictured Left to Right: Past Grand Quartermaster Glen Walter, PT #1; Past Seam Squirrel Ruben Hofer, PT #1 and Past Grand Commander Dwight Hahn, PT #1. These Cooties are 90 years young!



Our Grand Memorial Service to honor those who have passed on before us.



Pictured Left to Right: Rich Kupfer, PT #12; Ed Hegdal, PT #1 and Bob Bender, PT #12

Grand of Washington



This year the Grand of Washington's special project was to raise funds to benefit the Spinal Cord Unit at the VA Medical Center in Seattle. Over \$3,000 has been raised.

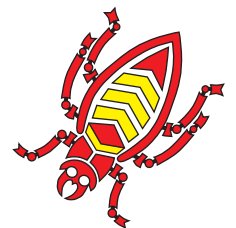


Some of the items raffled off for the special project.

Our Grand Scratch that was held in Skyway Post #9430. Our Supreme Commander Darin Combs was our Supreme Representative. A Lousy time was had by all!



Members of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary.



Pictured Left to Right: Tom Darling, Steve Woodward, Paul Herrera and Dwight Booth. Kneeling in front is Grand Commander Hardy Nettles and Supreme Commander Darin Combs. Notice all that "bling" hanging from the necks of those in the back row. These Cooties were awarded medals for their exceptionally Lousy work.



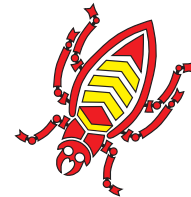
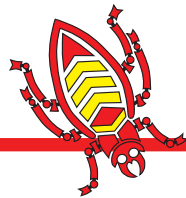
The price for a mailed copy of the Cootie Courier has increased to \$10.00/Year. To continue receiving a mailed copy, please send a check or money order to:

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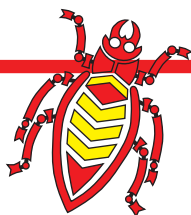
Yes, I would like to receive a mailed copy of the Cootie Courier at the annual subscription price of \$10.00.

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Did you know that a **Life Membership** in the Military Order of the Cootie can be purchased with your credit card?
Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!
(412-824-2240)



From the Supreme Newshound

Listen Cooties!

Congratulations! We did it! We achieved over 100% in membership! Now that's Lousy! In this issue of our *Crummy Rag* you'll find the pestiferous musings of our Supreme Commander and his minions along with lots of forms to register for the upcoming Supreme Scratch and (can you believe it) Tomb Trek!

Are you new to being a Cootie? Well, there's a comic book online that will give you a good head start on Cootie lingo, what to call officers in our *Crummy Fraternity* and what we're about. Even if you aren't new, you might learn a few tidbits of information. So, check it out, eh? Here's the link to access your copy to download and shred and consume: https://lotcs.org/images/Artwork_MOC/Cootie%20Comics%20November%20version%201.1.pdf.

If you're sending in articles, please use Word or PDF format. I prefer the "Arial" font with a height of 14 points. For the pictures, JPEG, PDF, TIFF and PNG files are acceptable. If you send pictures snail mail, try to have a bright picture. Remember to identify who you are and if possible, who's in the pictures that you send. Also, please include a brief who, what, when, where and why of the Lousy event or occasion. You never know if your picture will end up on the cover of our *Crummy Rag* so be inventive.

If you like the cartoons, or are looking for cartoons for *Increasing and Multiplying*, they're on Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/supremehqmoc/>. There are three categories: *Cootie Logos*, *Cootie Cartoons* and *Increase and Multiply*.

Finally, on a personal note, my uncle, a Vietnam veteran, passed away May 30th. I thought that he left a will, but that was not the case. So, now I have to take care of his estate which is quite taxing. If you have not made out a will, please do so immediately! Believe me, there are lots of things to take care of like funeral expenses, lawyers, property, etc. I had no idea what I was in for.

Yours in LOTCS,

Dale A. Iannello

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"Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!"

Never Pay Dues Again

LIFE MEMEBRSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

ATTAINED AGE

Through Age 30	\$340.00
31 Through 40	\$325.00
41 Through 50	\$305.00
51 Through 60	\$275.00
61 Through 70	\$245.00
71 Through 80	\$190.00
81 And over	\$150.00

Attained age is the age that you are on December 31st of the year that you apply. All applications for Life Membership MUST include the VFW Life Membership number of the applicant and be accompanied with the required fee. Life Membership is available to 3rd Degree Cooties only! Prospective atoms cannot become Life Members until they have been deloused! See section 120 of the Supreme By-Laws for more information.

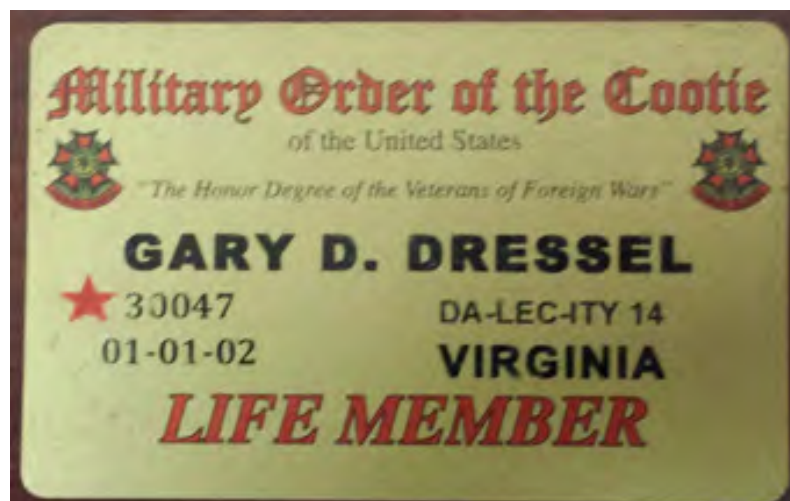


LIFE MEMBERSHIP – THE DEAL OF A LIFETIME!

Red Star Life Membership



For **\$100.00** you too can become a Red Star Life Member and help support our "Crummy Fraternity." You may become a Red Star Life Member after you have become a Life Member in the VFW and a Life Member in the MOC. Your new membership card will look like the one pictured below with a **red star** on it. So, become one of the "Lousy" elite by simply contacting Supreme Quartermaster Gary Dressel at the Supreme Headquarters supremehqmoc@lotcs.org. Or go to the Cootie Depot and purchase your Red Star Life Membership online by going to: https://www.lotcs.org/WA_eCart/life_member.php#RedStarLMCard



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Donald Sukraw	AR-003
Billy Vanzandt	AR-003
Donald Niles	CO-003
Bruce Krumm	DE-002
David Robinson	EU-006
James Dysart	EU-006
John Fiala	FL-017
Lee Rodiquez	GA-059
Jose Otero, Sr	MD-003
Clarence Tucker	MD-016
Glen Bodenhorn	MI-012
Daniel Smestad	MN-005
David Klocek	MN-015
Roy Jorgenson	MN-042
David Buhr	MN-011
Michael Sutterlund	MN-071
Harry Kelley	MO-014
Barbara Gandy	MS-012
Felix Quinn	MS-012
Thomas Locastro, Jr	MS-012
Vernon Weedon, SR	NC-002
Ray Hood	NC-003
Frank Byrne	NC-024
Richard Watson	NC-024
Lyle LeGrand	NE-010
Clarence Conner	NJ-041
Robert Auer	NJ-041
Lawrence Frappier	NM-005
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Robert Beers	OK-017
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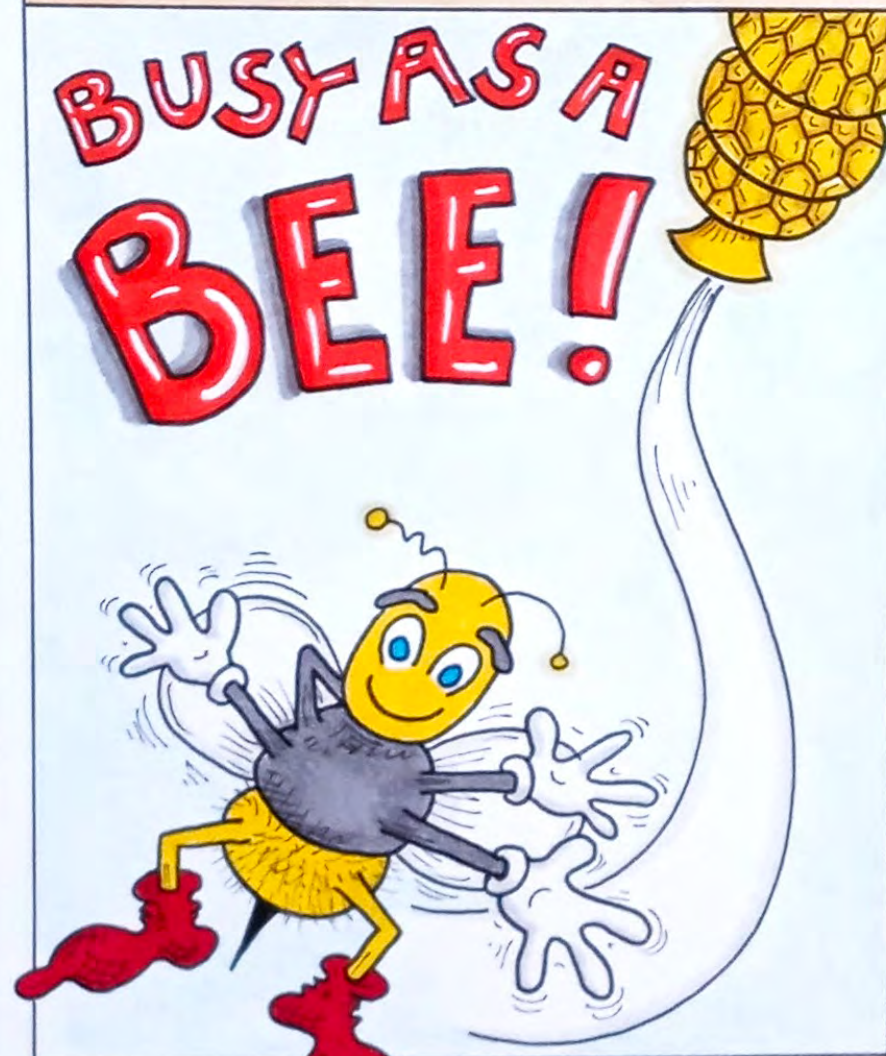


YES, WE DID IT! 100%
IN MEMBERSHIP...NOW
THAT'S LOUSY !!!



WE HAVE BEEN...

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CHOOSIN' ATOMS TO
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