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National Home during
Cootie Christmas.
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From the Supreme Commander

Listen up Cooties,

At this time of year, we are all thinking about some type of celebration. It could be Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year's or some other annual celebration for our faith or national background. I'm sorry I don't know them all, but I do wish all of you a well celebrated holiday season with your friends and family.

We are halfway through our year and I'm so thankful to be a member of a group of individuals that are so giving and so hard working. We all do our part depending on our positions each year. I am just humbled, and I won't stop saying it, to be part of the Military Order of the Cootie and your Supreme Commander this year.

As you all should know, I have been traveling a lot this year to see as many Grands and Pup Tents as I can. I am thankful for all your hospitality. You all have shown so much respect and attention for visits from the line officers of the Supreme MOC. Mark, Robbie, and I are going to be traveling more the second half of the year to come and say hello and be helpful to the Cooties and Auxiliary of the MOC and MOCA. I am looking forward to the visits.

We are growing and accomplishing our mission. I know we are over our expected hospital reporting for the year and our member numbers are growing. We are also growing Pup Tents and we are hopefully going to grow a few Grands in the next full year. I ask that all use the assets available to ask questions and get support. We are stronger together.

Thanks again for all you do and keep up the hard work of "Keep Em' Smilin' in Beds of White".

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

Pay It Forward

Dwight Hora

**Supreme Commander
2022-2023**



From the Supreme Sr. Vice Commander

Listen up Cooties,

BTW, when I say Cooties I mean Auxiliary Members as well (This is a given)

1. Supreme Senior Vice Commander spouting off in straight talk. As I travel the country and get to meet all the Cooties and Comrades I can, there seems to be a resounding fact – the COOTIES are coming back and making strong strides within their Departments and VFW Posts. This is a good thing, so keep this going. Please, do yourselves a favor and do NOT be “THAT” Cootie who may hinder the progress we have gained in the last few years. The relationship we have with our parent organization is extremely vital to our existence and our future. We need to grow and grow we will. As the old saying goes “You can attract more flies with Honey than you can with Salt”.



2. We need to cultivate a symbiotic and cohesive partnership with our VFW counterparts. I know there are factions within the VFW ranks that despise us and wish we would just go away. LET's prove to them that we are necessary to their existence. We need to sing our praises, without alienating them from experiencing a little of who we truly are. Invite to them to your events and installations(of course not to your scratches or meetings as they are not card-carrying members).

3. Also, what is NOT lost on me, is the fact that we have Cooties who say or believe statements like this: “If you ain't a Cootie, you ain't S__!” That is not THE way to recruit new members. Understand, we need to recruit Comrades and Auxiliary Members to our ranks. The only place we can get them is thru the membership of the VFW. So please let's have a cultural shift to change their minds one Comrade at a time by setting an example that is beyond reproach; all the while not losing our own identity that made us Cooties. By the way, this foresight also goes for our Fabulous MOCA as well.

4. In Cootie speak, in *long* let's all be *lousy* ambassadors for the Military Order of the Cootie and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Together there is nothing we cannot achieve.

Yours in LOTCS,

Mark P. Larkin

Mark P. Larkin
Supreme Sr. Vice Commander
2022-2023



MOC and Auxiliary Working Together



From the Supreme Jr. Vice Commander

Listen Cooties!

It's all still quite surreal that you chose me to be in such a position for this *Crummy Fraternity*. As I return from *Cootie Christmas* and seeing our efforts at the *National Home* first-hand, I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of gratitude from the families there. When *Snoopy* came out for his official visit, several kids were overcome with joy and ran to greet him. Furthermore, this year at *Tomb Trek*, I was able to attend the wreath laying ceremony at the *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*. Having been stationed in the area for 4 years, I have seen the changing of the guard several times. But the Old Guard never ceases to amaze. If any of you are able, I highly recommend every Cootie to attend both *Tomb Trek* and *Cootie Christmas*.



As for travels, I had the displeasure of visiting the Grand of California's C of A in September, where was laden with the MC duties for the banquet. I always have a *Lousy* time at California's Grand events, and the spirit of *Rollin' Joe* is alive and well there to make ease of the burden in my wallet. After the New Year, I will be traveling as my work, and Dwight, allow. I look forward to getting out to the Grands that I haven't been to and revisiting those that I have.

Yours in LOTCS,

Robbie Normand
Supreme Jr. Vice Commander



From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

By the time you read this we will be in the New Year. I hope everyone had a lousy Christmas and plan on having a lousier New Year. Now back to business. Quartermasters, please remind your Seam Squirrels and CCDB's that membership for annual members ends on Dec. 31, 2022. After that, they are no longer members in good standing, and they are not eligible to hold office. In addition, the Cootie application has been changed and modified. All previous application forms will no longer be accepted. The new form is on the website under Forms/pup tent starter kit or the membership tab.



Please hold your elections early and ensure that you send copies of the election reports to your Grand Quartermaster, Grand Adjutant, Supreme Adjutant and to me the Supreme Quartermaster. I will not hound you this year to turn in your election reports. Just remember if you do not send the election reports to me by the end of May for Pup Tents and by the end of June for Grands, your Pup Tent or Grand will not have a vote or say at the Supreme Scratch. Remember that all Pup Tents must register a delegate for the Supreme Scratch. As usual, the cost is \$15.00 if sent in prior to July 15, 2023. After that date the cost goes up to \$20.00.

We have selected the hotel for the Supreme Convention in Phoenix and that information is available on our website, hopefully. The agenda for the convention will be published in the near future. The cost of the banquet has gone up to \$55.00. I am still working on the menu, but you should have a choice of beef, chicken or fish. I just don't know what kind.

Yours in LOTCS,

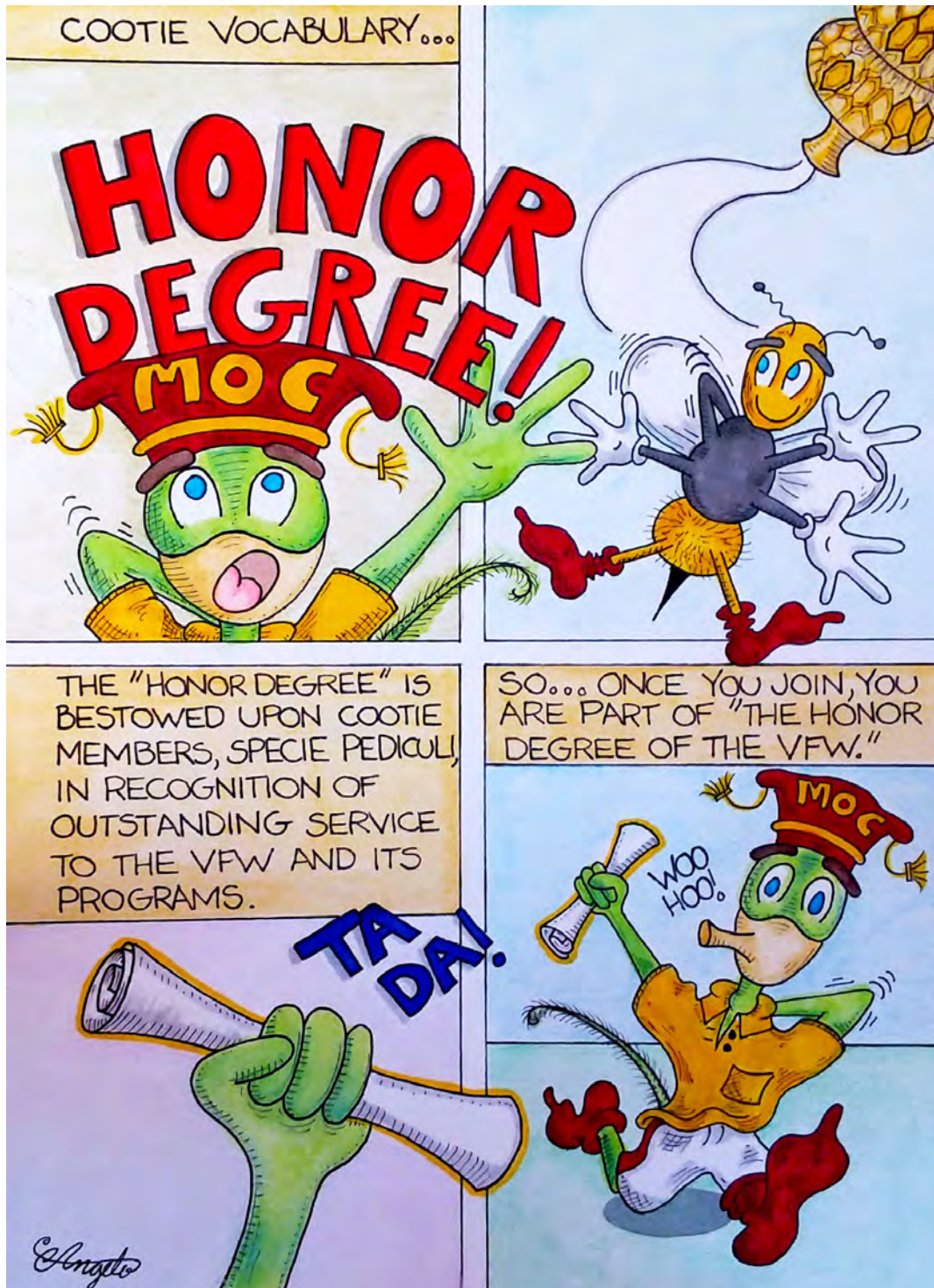
Gary Dressel
Supreme Quartermaster
2022-2023



Honor Degree

After completing your 3rd degree initiation, did you ever wonder where your "Honor Degree" was? We are the "Honor Degree" of the VFW, right? Well, now there is an actual "Honor Degree" for our Crummy Fraternity of Specie Pediculi; authorized by our Supreme Commander, Olin Parks. The PDF fillable version can be found on the Forms page under the Pup Tent tab: <https://www.lotcs.org/forms.html>. So, once you have

completed your 3rd degree initiation, you now will have proof of your journey from Atom to Nit to Grayback and finally to a Cootie. What about if you've already completed your 3rd degree initiation? Not to worry, the degree is retroactive. So, have the present Seam Squirrel (the issuing authority) print your degree.



From the Supreme Surgeon

Heart Attack Risk Factors

Have you ever noticed how men in the movies have a heart attack out of nowhere? Typically, the actor will clutch their chest and collapse.

In reality, heart attacks generally come with warning signs.

According to the **American Heart Association**, roughly *50% of Americans* have some form of cardiovascular disease.

Listed below are signs of a potential heart attack. Paying attention to these symptoms can prevent a heart attack before it happens.



- 1. Sign of a potential heart attack: You're physically exhausted.** If you are feeling extra tired, this can be a signal of weakness in the left ventricle of the heart. This ventricle is the main muscle responsible for pumping blood from the heart to the rest of the body. If it stops working, the heart can't pump properly and can cause a heart attack. Also, if the left ventricle isn't strongly pumping, the heart may not circulate enough blood throughout the body or fill up properly in between heartbeats. If this happens, the body will divert blood away from muscles toward the heart and brain. This results in exhaustion because your tissues aren't getting enough fresh, oxygenated blood.
- 2. Sign of a potential heart attack: Your leg or hip cramps up when you walk.** A cramp or burning sensation in your calves that moves up to your thighs and hips is a common sign of peripheral artery disease (a narrowing of the arteries that limits blood flow to your limbs, stomach and head). The discomfort can mean your heart is at risk for potential problems. According to the Mayo Clinic, peripheral artery disease is similar to coronary artery disease. When plaque builds up around the heart's major blood vessels, it may contribute to the narrowing of the arteries in the heart. That build up can significantly increase your risk of a heart attack.
- 3. Sign of a potential heart attack: You have a serious snoring problem.** Waking up gasping for air, snoring loudly or feeling tired after a good night's sleep could be signs of sleep apnea, a sleep disorder marked by pauses in breathing. If left untreated, it can increase your chance of a heart attack. The breathing pauses can stress your body and elevate your blood pressure. This causes your heart to beat irregularly and increases the risk for heart disease. All of those things can increase your risk of a heart attack.
- 4. Sign of potential heart attack: You feel sick to your stomach.** Nausea, indigestion or a burping

feeling can be signs of a stomach bug. However, it can also signal a problem with your heart. The nerves in your gastrointestinal tract are closely intertwined with the nerves from the heart. Because of this, a problem with your heart can sometimes translate to stomach discomfort. Usually, nausea caused by a possible heart attack will get worse with physical exertion and ease up when you rest.

5. **Sign of potential heart attack: You feel strangely anxious.** Many symptoms of anxiety (chest pain, shortness of breath and heart palpitations) are also signs of a heart attack. Anxiety can put extra strain on your heart. Feeling tense causes your blood vessels to constrict and speed up your heart rate, thus possibly triggering a heart attack.
6. **Sign of potential heart attack: You're bloated.** While bloating is common, it may be caused by congestive heart failure. This happens when the heart is too weak to pump blood through the body, thus causing fluids to build up throughout the body. According to the American Heart Association, you will typically notice swelling in your legs, feet, ankles or stomach. If you're suddenly bloated and it won't go away, see your Doctor as soon as possible.

If you have any of the above symptoms, listen to your body and get them checked out.

If you experience the classic symptoms of a heart attack (chest pressure or tightness, shortness of breath, lightheadedness, breaking out into a cold sweat or discomfort in the arms, neck or jaw) call 911 immediately.

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

Dani Hernandez
Supreme Surgeon
2022-2023



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From the Supreme Hospital Commissioner

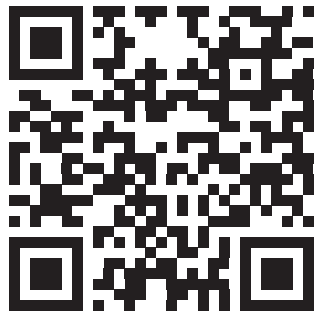
Listen up Cooties!

In this issue is the combined Hospital Report as of December 17th. Please visit the Supreme Hospital Reporting System website at <https://hospital.cootie.org>. Or, just scan the QR code below with your phone and you'll be taken to the reporting system website. There you can view Training (instructional videos on "how to" report). We are in beta testing right now, but you can see what the dashboard and the reports will look like when we roll it out next year.

Continue your **Lousy** work and if you have any questions, please ask.

You're in L.O.T.C.S.,

Eric Bell
Supreme Hospital Commissioner
2022-2023



From the Supreme VAVS Chairman

Hi Cooties,

Walt and I are working very hard to ensure we MOC members are serving our comrades to the best of our abilities in as many locations as possible.

We talked last time about the two types of volunteer in the VAVS system, **Regular** and **Casual**. In this column, we want to look at how Veteran Service Organizations (VSO), like the MOC/MOCA, relate to the VA VAVS system.

Each VA medical center creates a VAVS Committee. This committee is made up of Representatives and Deputy Representatives from all the VSOs serving that medical center. These representatives are responsible for taking the information they learn in the quarterly meetings back to their Pup Tents and Grands to best serve the patients in that medical center.

The requirements to be a VAVS Representative or Deputy are simple. First, a Representative may only serve one VSO. Several years ago, that became critical here in the Houston area. We had a VFW Representative and several Deputies. The Cooties only had their Representative and one Deputy. When both passed away I became the Cootie Representative, and there was no one to serve as Deputy. Since then, we lost the VFW Representative and all his deputies. I was asked to serve as the VFW Representative but could not because I am already certified as the MOC Representative.

Secondly, they must be a **Regular Volunteer**. This means they are certified and have a regular volunteer assignment.

Third, The MOC can have only one Representative per VA Medical Center, although we can have several Deputies. This is especially useful in places like Houston and Northern California when a Medical Center is surrounded by numerous CBOCs. You can have one or two Deputies volunteering in the Medical Center, but you can also have a MOC volunteer serving in the CBOCs as a Deputy.

Finally, when we certify a Cootie as a Representative or Deputy, we expect them



to attend the quarterly VAVS Committee meeting and pass on the information. Otherwise, they are only holding a title and are of no use to the VA or MOC.

I hope this is useful to you. Please, please, continue to serve our comrades in the crummiest way you can.

In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins Supreme VAVS Chair

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MOC Hospital Report



MOC SUPREME HOSPITAL REPORT										
Date: AS OF: 11/18/2022										
Grand	Goal	Reports	Visits	Cooties	Patients	Hours	Miles	Gifts	Total Monies	Percentage
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Robert "Check" Adamcyk										
DE	\$27,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MD	\$72,000.00	28	1,394	545	2,736	3,533.85	19,759.10	\$8,151.32	\$90,720.06	126.00%
PA	\$101,750.00	13	254	830	5,154	3,977.10	39,840.00	\$16,743.25	\$112,006.22	110.08%
VA	\$75,750.00	45	510	1,084	3,929	4,440.83	49,543.20	\$20,788.36	\$127,865.53	168.80%
TOTALS	\$277,000.00	86	2,158	2,459	11,819	11,951.78	109,142.30	\$45,682.93	\$330,591.81	119.35%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#2 - Marjorie "Maggy" Wesley										
FL	\$128,000.00	47	368	460	10,456	1,655.00	26,937.00	\$7,870.33	\$48,961.76	38.25%
LA	\$24,000.00	28	45	131	2,107	493.00	2,550.00	\$830.00	\$12,304.15	51.27%
MS	\$44,000.00	29	282	419	1,430	3,115.65	35,966.40	\$12,966.00	\$88,259.20	200.59%
NC	\$77,000.00	28	397	1,377	1,993	6,509.05	18,466.16	\$20,870.72	\$170,235.06	221.08%
SC	\$48,750.00	19	56	111	195	473.65	8,765.80	\$3,238.00	\$15,146.02	31.07%
TN	\$38,000.00	12	44	120	237	942.00	5,036.00	\$3,733.00	\$25,680.14	67.58%
TOTALS	\$359,750.00	163	1,192	2,618	16,418	13,188	97,721.36	\$49,508.05	\$360,586.33	100.23%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Wayne "Moose" Woodman										
IL	\$42,500.00	13	57	66	1,825	264.00	7,699.00	\$2,184.00	\$10,215.06	24.04%
KY	\$47,500.00	16	177	423	187	2,022.69	23,061.03	\$2,070.00	\$50,910.21	107.18%
MI	\$59,250.00	27	332	490	870	1,795.43	27,061.25	\$4,089.05	\$48,364.74	81.63%
OH	\$90,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
WI	\$64,750.00	47	342	477	3,984	2,747.00	29,497.00	\$4,650.00	\$70,724.43	109.23%
TOTALS	\$304,250.00	103	908	1,456	6,866	6,829.12	87,318.28	\$12,993.05	\$180,214.44	59.23%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - James "Jim" Dalziel										
IA	\$22,750.00	29	58	113	598	586.00	2,828.00	\$500,960.00	\$514,558.95	2261.80%
KS	\$44,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MN	\$89,500.00	20	136	184	754	1,042.00	7,146.00	\$5,003.00	\$29,500.54	32.96%
MO	\$83,000.00	11	51	97	153	337.00	6,896.00	\$636.31	\$9,201.10	11.09%
NE	\$27,750.00	7	99	175	422	628.00	10,584.00	\$232.00	\$15,863.89	57.17%
ND	\$42,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SD	\$24,500.00	5	131	295	384	386.00	5,568.00	\$4,120.00	\$13,608.33	55.54%
TOTAL	\$333,500.00	72	475	864	2,311	2,979.00	33,022.00	\$510,951.31	\$582,732.81	174.73%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Michael Merit										
AR	\$23,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
CO	\$28,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NM	\$31,500.00	12	78	198	512	1,012.00	32,500.00	\$452.00	\$28,269.80	89.75%
OK	\$38,750.00	8	72	491	240	2,153.00	47,958.00	\$1,167.00	\$56,420.00	145.60%
TX	\$101,750.00	32	263	297	9,049	1,320.00	18,675.00	\$4,896.20	\$37,276.70	36.64%
TOTAL	\$223,750.00	52	413	986	9,801	4,485.00	99,133.00	\$6,515.20	\$121,966.50	54.51%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Charles Peterson										
AZ	\$83,000.00	16	601	740	9,367	4,830.20	32,484.00	\$17,396.43	\$130,865.20	157.67%
CA	\$104,500.00	229	1,827	2,922	3,119	5,232.33	58,556.00	\$25,718.07	\$151,904.95	145.36%
OR	\$50,000.00	4	19	25	21	138.00	725.00	\$0.00	\$3,213.40	6.43%
PAC	\$109,000.00	55	1,745	1,715	1,584	3,928.65	27,076.00	\$8,086.37	\$100,467.99	92.17%
WA	\$52,250.00	451	810	952	5,431	4,995.55	47,511.70	\$31,479.28	\$150,780.57	288.58%
TOTAL	\$398,750.00	755	5,002	6,354	19,522	19,124.73	166,352.70	\$82,680.15	\$537,232.11	134.73%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 - Denis Querrard										
NH	\$22,500.00	48	53	90	54	301.95	4,740.00	\$1,024.54	\$8,494.11	37.75%
NJ	\$33,750.00	9	9	33	109	163.00	748.00	\$1,730.00	\$5,510.37	16.33%
NY	\$46,250.00	4	14	112	50	166.00	11,688.00	\$1,875.00	\$7,254.62	15.69%
TOTAL	\$102,500.00	61	76	235	213	630.95	17,176.00	\$4,629.54	\$21,259.10	20.74%
PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION) - Eric Bell										
AL#13	\$4,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
AK#2	\$6,000.00	6	66	110	3,081	499.26	3,426.60	\$12,918.45	\$24,656.61	410.94%
AK#3	\$6,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
EU#6	\$19,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
GA#1	\$4,750.00	6	34	57	141	142.45	2,202.00	\$1,259.00	\$4,779.57	100.62%
GA#5	\$9,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
GA#66	\$12,750.00	2	14	25	95	129.60	1,582.00	\$172.49	\$3,316.46	26.01%
HI#1	\$4,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
IN#11	\$11,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#14	\$8,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#52	\$2,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MT#10	\$21,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NV#2	\$11,750.00	4	56	65	56	264.00	1,084.00	\$0.00	\$6,104.96	51.96%
WV#6	\$11,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Supreme	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$134,500.00	18	170	257	3,373	1,035.31	8,294.60	\$14,349.94	\$38,857.60	28.89%
Supreme Total										
	\$1,999,500.00	1,292	10,224	14,972	66,950	59,188.93	609,865.64	\$712,960.23	\$2,134,583.10	106.76%

MOC Inspection Report



Supreme Inspection as of 12-29-2022

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Defunct Pup Tents	Date Completed	Grand Inspection	Percent	Pup Tents not yet Inspected
AL-13	1				N/A	0%	13
AK-2	1	1		10/21/2022	N/A	100%	
						0%	
AZ	8	5				63%	6,23,777
AR	5					100%	3,13,14,21,48
CA	10				Yes	0%	7,16,19,23,40,43,44,61,68,69
CO	5				Yes	0%	1,2,14,17
DE	3	3		11/30/2022		100%	
EUR	1				N/A	0%	1
FL	18	6				33%	2,8,11,17,18,23,25,29,32,44,55
GA-1	1	1		10/8/2022	N/A	100%	
GA-5	1				N/A	0%	5
GA-66	1	1		11/3/2022	N/A	100%	
HI	1				N/A	0%	1
IL	6	6		8/1/2022		100%	
IN	1				N/A	0%	11
IA	3					0%	1,6,69
KS	4					0%	2,3,6,7
KY	4	3	5			75%	9
LA	3	1				34%	6,11
MD	8	8				100%	
MA-14	1				N/A	0%	14
MA-52	1				N/A	0%	52
MI	8	8		9/19/2022	Yes	100%	
MN	14	14		11/28/2022		100%	Pt 45 Defunct 10/2022
MS	6				Yes	0%	1,6,7,12,15,17
MO	10	10		12/5/2022	Yes	100%	
MT-10	1				N/A	0%	10
NE	3					0%	4,7,10
NV-2	1	1			N/A	100%	
NH-1	1	1		12/5/2022	N/A	100%	
NH-3	1				N/A	0%	3
NJ	5	1				20%	7,15,41,86
						0%	
NM	5					0%	5,7,14,19,20
NY	8					0%	2,9,75,32,35,42,54,65,69
NC	12	12		11/14/2022	Yes	100%	
ND	6					0%	2,6,7,8,10,12
OH	13	12				92%	118
OK	6	6		11/20/2022	Yes	100%	
OR	9					0%	1,4,6,8,9,12,20,22,23
PAC	9	4			Yes	44%	2,8,11,13,303
PA	11		38,48			0%	18,29,30,33,44,45,58,59,72,92,99
SC	6	6		12/15/2022	Yes	100%	
SD	3					0%	1,12,20
TN	4					0%	4,5,9,26
TX	10	8	100			80%	5,11,41,100
VA	8	1				13%	1,2,5,9,,11,13,14
WA	7	7		9/26/2022		100%	
WV-6	1					0%	6
WI	10	10	15,22	10/29/2022		100%	
							DEFUNCT PUP TENTS
							Ak 3, TX 100, CO 7, PA 38, 48, WI 15, 22
							Mn 45, KY 5
TOTAL	265	136		14	9	51.32%	

56,76

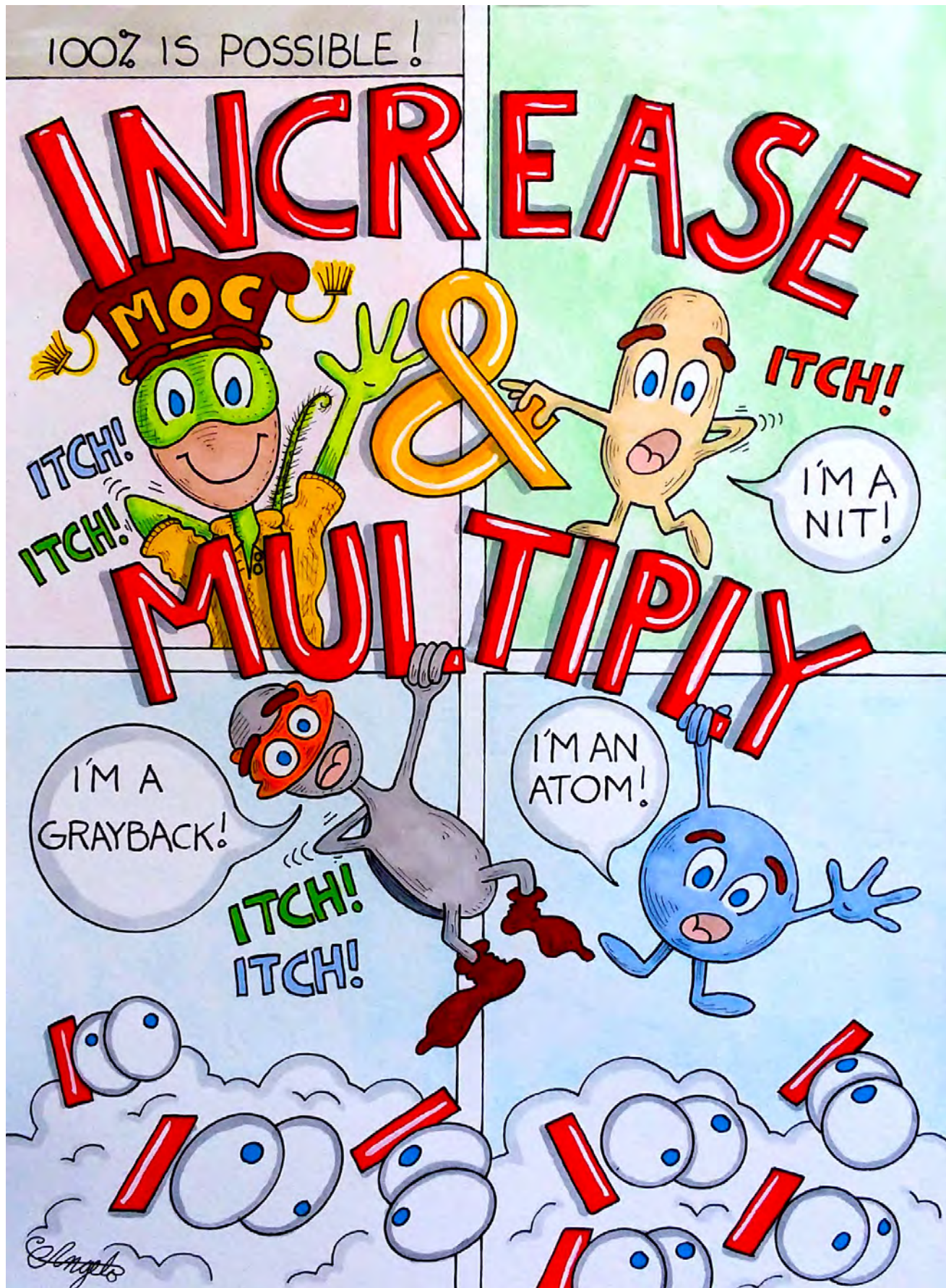
MOC Membership Report



2021-2022 Membership Report 12/15/2022											
Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
4	KANSAS	39.55%	0	30	0	40	70	177	0	0	
3	LOUISIANA	103.00%	4	70	3	26	103	100	1	7	
5	NEW JERSEY	84.00%	0	56	2	47	105	125	0	2	
8	NEW YORK	67.20%	8	43	2	73	126	186	6	10	
5	COLORADO	54.87%	2	2	0	54	58	113	0	2	
4	TENNESSEE	48.37%	0	4	0	70	74	153	5	0	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	41.41%	0	0	0	41	41	99	0	0	
5	ARKANSAS	50.00%	1	0	0	47	48	96	0	1	
9	OREGON	58.21%	1	6	6	104	117	201	0	7	
6	NORTH DAKOTA	67.46%	3	35	0	76	114	169	0	3	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	97.50%	0	15	0	24	39	40	0	0	
8	MICHIGAN	71.01%	3	48	0	118	169	238	1	3	
19	FLORIDA	79.04%	18	152	2	226	398	501	2	20	
10	MISSOURI	70.57%	11	48	2	175	236	333	2	13	
10	WISCONSIN	83.98%	11	87	0	117	215	256	1	11	
5	NEW MEXICO	55.91%	0	0	0	71	71	127	0	0	
6	SOUTH CAROLINA	77.04%	5	25	5	105	140	196	4	10	
3	IOWA	58.70%	1	8	1	45	55	92	2	2	
6	ILLINOIS	59.65%	0	0	1	101	102	171	1	1	
6	MISSISSIPPI	73.14%	4	12	2	110	128	175	5	6	
13	PENNSYLVANIA	79.41%	10	104	1	211	326	408	6	11	
11	TEXAS	62.75%	20	34	0	202	256	408	9	20	
7	WASHINGTON	70.48%	6	24	0	116	146	210	11	6	
9	VIRGINIA	75.00%	12	17	2	200	231	304	11	14	
3	NEBRASKA	69.37%	3	5	0	69	77	111	3	3	
13	NORTH CAROLINA	70.06%	32	20	1	177	230	324	9	33	
5	KENTUCKY	91.58%	7	47	0	134	188	202	5	7	
10	CALIFORNIA	95.23%	8	115	4	273	400	419	4	12	
3	DELAWARE	65.77%	0	0	0	73	73	111	0	0	
8	MARYLAND	79.51%	1	58	0	170	229	288	5	1	
15	MINNESOTA	93.59%	8	135	1	195	339	359	6	9	
8	ARIZONA	80.78%	9	22	7	231	269	333	3	16	
6	OKLAHOMA	84.62%	8	60	0	64	132	156	1	8	
14	OHIO	85.64%	4	43	1	263	311	362	8	5	
9	PACIFIC AREAS	86.50%	7	17	1	355	380	437	5	8	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALABAMA 13	88.89%	0	0	0	16	16	18	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	27.78%	0	0	0	10	10	36	0	0	
1	INDIANA 11	31.25%	3	0	0	10	13	48	2	3	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1	80.77%	3	21	2	18	44	52	3	5	
1	ALASKA 2	80.00%	3	0	0	17	20	25	0	3	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	9.09%	0	0	0	1	1	11	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	46.81%	0	0	0	22	22	47	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	97.50%	0	15	0	24	39	40	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 1	110.00%	3	6	0	14	23	20	4	3	
1	GEORGIA 66	57.69%	2	5	0	23	30	52	0	2	
1	HAWAII 1	64.71%	0	0	0	11	11	17	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 5	89.47%	0	0	11	23	34	38	0	11	
1	ALASKA 3	70.37%	0	0	0	19	19	27	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	100.00%	0	0	0	46	46	48	1	0	
1	EUROPE 6	97.44%	1	0	1	74	76	78	0	2	
1	MONTANA 10	82.56%	0	0	0	71	71	86	1	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	100.00%				1563	1563	1563		0	
277	TOTALS	78.87%	222	1389	58	6365	8034	10186	127	280	

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

Increase and Multiply



Supreme President's Message

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

As some of you know I am still on the road. I want to thank everyone for a great Cootie Christmas. I had a wonderful time. Please send all memberships to Sandra McKinley sanmckin@aol.com she is our new Treasurer. I also want to thank everyone for the hard work you do every day.

Loyally,

Cathy Seippel (and Tink)
Supreme President
2022-23



MOCA Inspection Report



12/25/2022

SUPREME MOCA INSPECTION REPORT

Marquitta Hill Inspector

Unit	# of Aux.	Aux. Insp'd	Dist. Insp'd	Grand Insp'd	Date Complete	Percent Complete	Yr End Rpt
Alaska 2	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Delaware 4	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Georgia 5	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Georgia 66	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Illinois 62	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Illinois 79	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Indiana 11	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Montana 10	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Nebraska 10	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Nevada 2	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Oklahoma 2	1	1	N/A	N/A	12/3/22	100%	N/A
Oklahoma 7	1	1	N/A	N/A	12/7/22	100%	N/A
Pennsylvania 33	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Pennsylvania 44	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
South Dakota 1	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
South Dakota 12	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
South Dakota 20	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Tennessee 26	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
West Virginia 6	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Arizona (Cat 2)	6		N/A			0%	
California (Cat 1)	4		N/A			0%	
Colorado (Cat 1)	3		N/A			0%	
Florida (Cat 3)	8	6	N/A		11/2/22	75%	
Kansas (Cat 1)	3		N/A			0%	
Kentucky (Cat 1)	3	2	N/A		11/28/22	67%	
Louisiana (Cat 1)	3		N/A			0%	
Maryland (Cat 1)	3		N/A			0%	
Michigan (Cat 1)	3	3	N/A		8/25/22	100%	
Minnesota (Cat 2)	6		N/A			0%	
Mississippi (Cat 1)	4	4	N/A		10/16/22	100%	
Missouri (Cat 2)	5	5	N/A		9/22/22	100%	
New Jersey (Cat 1)	3	3	N/A		11/4/22	100%	
New Mexico (Cat 1)	4	1	N/A		10/11/22	25%	
New York (Cat 2)	5	5	N/A		11/12/22	100%	
North Carolina (Cat 2)	6		N/A			0%	
Ohio (Cat 3)	7	7	N/A		10/26/22	100%	
Oregon (Cat 2)	6	4	N/A		10/11/22	67%	
South Carolina (Cat 2)	6	3	N/A		11/8/22	50%	
Texas (Cat 2)	6		N/A			0%	
Virginia (Cat 1)	4	4	N/A		10/20/22	100%	
Washington (Cat 2)	5	1	N/A		10/10/22	20%	
Wisconsin (Cat 2)	5	5	N/A		10/6/22	100%	
Units	127	129		0	0		
TOTAL:	150	55		0	55		
		42.64%		0.00%	36.67%		
	Total	Local Aux		Grands	Overall		

MOCA Hospital Report



MOCA HOSPITAL REPORT											
November 30, 2022											
GRA ND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
Supreme District #1 -- Vickie Peterson, Commissioner											
DE	\$9,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MD	\$18,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
PA	\$15,750.00	3	3	11	295	137.00	1075.00	2472.15	2	5712.00	36.27
VA	\$26,000.00	4	0	4	48	9.75	51.00	140.00	2	367.00	1.41
WV	\$8,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$78,250.00	7	3	15	343	146.75	1126.00	2612.15	4	6079.00	7.77
Supreme District #2 -- Anna Holm, Commissioner											
FL	\$51,250.00	16	24	32	805	294.75	3144.00	16406.76	0	23493.53	45.84
GA	\$7,250.00	1	2	5	6	12.00	270.00	0.00	0	308.40	4.25
LA	\$17,250.00	1	2	2	257	1.75	36.00	789.00	0	833.50	4.83
MS	\$23,000.00	10	41	60	884	231.75	5104.00	2854.03	1	8794.55	38.24
NC	\$41,500.00	6	10	14	205	246.50	816.00	2501.61	1	8174.43	19.70
SC	\$44,000.00	22	20	37	326	135.75	1998.00	1395.25	0	4736.13	10.76
TN	\$9,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$193,500.00	56	99	150	2483	922.50	11368.00	23946.65	2	46340.55	23.95
Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner											
IL	\$18,000.00	2	1	2	70	6.75	134.00	516.00	1	686.97	3.82
KY	\$15,000.00	7	54	76	430	196.75	2976.00	2588.58	16	7441.93	49.61
MI	\$39,750.00	7	13	22	143	1335.00	2132.00	2779.98	1	33182.71	83.48
OH	\$33,250.00	21	28	55	316	1130.00	1778.00	3309.45	3	29039.87	87.34
WI	\$35,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$141,000.00	37	96	155	959	2668.50	7020.00	9194.01	21	70351.49	49.89
Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner											
KS	\$23,250.00	15	298	450	4007	1945.50	19636.00	980.00	0	47600.07	204.73
MN	\$54,250.00	16	250	289	2676	947.75	11044.00	1333.00	10	24250.92	44.70
MO	\$42,250.00	59	97	131	2038	1394.00	6614.00	8398.73	3	40759.39	96.47
MT	\$7,000.00	5	162	164	162	441.00	0.00	540.00	0	10484.55	149.78
NE	\$11,500.00	4	35	54	1323	201.25	3155.00	350.00	0	5329.89	46.35
SD	\$12,250.00	5	22	35	171	96.75	1113.00	2070.00	17	4407.53	35.98
Total	\$150,500.00	104	864	1123	10377	5026	41562	13672	30	132832	88.26
Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner											
CO	\$24,750.00	4	4	25	194	84.00	523.00	1692.00	0	3659.42	14.79
NM	\$28,000.00	4	4	8	167	35.50	432.00	548.11	0	1409.12	5.03
OK	\$9,750.00	6	6	26	108	400.00	2042.00	1323.00	0	10628.88	109.01
TX	\$38,250.00	41	45	121	828	957.25	2722.00	6079.39	7	28046.46	73.32
Total	\$100,750.00	55	59	180	1297	1476.75	5719.00	9642.50	7	43743.87	43.42
Supreme District #6 -- Gaylene Ramos, Commissioner											
AK	\$6,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
AZ	\$32,500.00	1	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	60.00	0	60.00	0.18
CA	\$44,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NV	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	#DIV/0!
OR	\$33,000.00	13	37	52	535	244.50	1522.00	1524.37	1	7250.93	21.97
WA	\$41,000.00	45	196	233	11761	1442.75	5928.00	17295.02	3	50658.95	123.56
Total	\$157,500.00	59	233	285	12296	1687.25	7450.00	18879.39	4	57969.88	36.81
Supreme District #7 -- Penny Laskey, Commissioner											
MA	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	#DIV/0!
NJ	\$23,250.00	8	6	16	540	179.25	844.00	1413.08	0	5573.33	23.97
NY	\$31,250.00	1	0	1	0	2.75	0.00	70.00	1	132.01	0.42
Total	\$54,500.00	9	6	17	540	182.00	844.00	1483.08	1	5705.34	10.47
Supreme Donations											
Total	\$876,000.00	327	1360	1925	28295	12110.00	75089.00	79429.51	69	363022.47	41.44
Submitted By		Ruth Schoonover			Supreme Hospital Commissioner						

Supreme Scratch Registration Form



104th Supreme Scratch Temple Mission Palms Hotel Tempe, Arizona



Cooties and Sisters will gather in Tempe Arizona at the Temple Mission Palms Hotel the weekend of 27-30 July, 2023 for the 104th Supreme Scratch. Cooties will be responsible for their own reservations. Cut-off for hotel reservations is June 23, 2023. Additional information will be posted on the Supreme website as it becomes available.

REGISTRATION FORM – 104th SUPREME SCRATCH Tempe, AZ 27-30 July, 2023

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 103rd Supreme Scratch is **\$15.00** per delegate. **ALL PUP TENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE TO THE 103rd SUPREME SCRATCH PER SECTION 533 OF THE SUPREME BY-LAWS.** Advance registration to be mailed to: Supreme Headquarters, MOC, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145-2068. **Advanced registration should arrive no later than June 23, 2023.** Attach a separate sheet for multiple delegates with required funds for each delegate being registered.

Registration at the Supreme Scratch will be \$20.00.

Supreme Scratch Hotel Flyer



104th Supreme Scratch Hotel Information

Listen Cooties,

We have selected the **Temple Mission Palms Hotel and Conference Center**, located at 60 East 5th street in Tempe, AZ. The room rate is **\$119.00** plus tax and a reduced resort fee of \$5.95 per day. The room rate is for 2 people in the room if you put 3 or 4 people in the room the rate goes up \$10.00 for each person. The hotel is pet friendly, for certified service dogs at no charge. The hotel will allow family pets at a one-time fee of \$25.00. I have arranged for a breakfast buffet at a cost of \$12.00 for your time at the hotel Sunday through Sunday. The hotel has numerous restaurants within easy walking distance of the hotel. There is a shuttle, to and from the airport that runs twice an hour and is available to take you anywhere want within a 3-mile radius of the hotel, which could take you to several local restaurants. There is also a light rail system that will take you to the convention center if you want to attend the VFW convention. I have been told that the cost of the light rail system is \$2.00 per day. A link for the hotel will be on our website in early January. Please make your reservation early. The hotel has limited ADA rooms, so if you need one you will need to indicate that when making your reservations. The cost of the banquet has gone up to \$55.00 and you will be able to choose a beef, chicken or fish entrée. The exact menu has not yet been determined. Remember that all pup tents are required to register at least one delegate for the Supreme Convention. Registration cost is \$15.00 if you register before July 15th and \$20.00 if you register after that date.

Supreme Scratch Banquet Form



104th Supreme Scratch
Banquet Reservation
Form



Temple Mission
Palms Hotel
Tempe, AZ

Name: _____ Grand of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

BANQUET TICKET COST IS \$55.00

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 "104th Supreme Banquet". Tickets will NOT be mailed. Pick up tickets starting Thursday July 27, 2023 at the registration table at the Supreme Convention.

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

Supreme Scratch Booster Sheet



Supreme Booster
Names \$2.00 each

Grand _____

	Booster Sheet "Please Print"		Booster Sheet "Please Print"
1		31	
2		32	
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Mail Form and Monies to:

Supreme Headquarters

604 Braddock Ave

Turtle Creek, PA 15145

The Military Order of the Cootie is now a Purple Heart Organization



Resolution

Declaring Supreme Military Order of the Cootie a Purple Heart Organization

WHEREAS, the Supreme Military Order of the Cootie and our community have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude and respect for all the men and women who have, and are selflessly serving their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our country and community have received the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaging in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Military Order of the Cootie seeks to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supreme Military Order of the Cootie is to be proclaimed a Purple Heart Organization, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform, wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect our freedoms.

ADOPTED, this 24th day of July 2022; introduced and discussed at the Council of Administration meeting of the Membership.

Now, therefore, I, Dwight Hora, Commander of the Supreme Military Order of the Cootie, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supreme Military Order of the Cootie, do hereby proclaim the Supreme Military Order of the Cootie a Purple Heart Organization in recognition of our communities Purple Heart Medal recipients.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand to be affixed this 24th day of July 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwight Hora".

Dwight Hora
Supreme Commander

I, Tracy Woodman, Adjutant of the Supreme Military Order of the Cootie, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and exact copy adopted by the Supreme Military Order of the Cootie at a meeting thereof legally held on the 24th day of July 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy M. L. Woodman".

Tracy M. L. Woodman
Supreme Adjutant

Supreme Cootie of the Year Program 2022 - 23

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



Sky Pilot - Chaplain of the Year

Sky Pilot / Chaplain of the Year Program 2022-2023

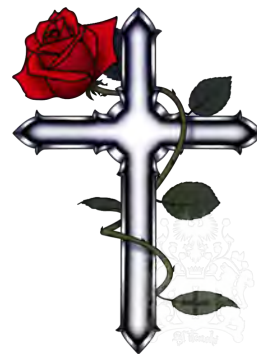
Objective: The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the Military Order of the Cootie.

Mission: The Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the MOC are second to none. Their labor of love brings true credit to the MOC and its programs. The Supreme Sky Pilot or Chaplain of the Year Program is an excellent opportunity to recognize your best Sky Pilot or Chaplain. Sky Pilots of the Pup Tent, Chaplains of the Grand, District or Area, have been recognized at the Supreme Scratch each year as *Supreme Sky Pilot of the Year* or *Chaplain of the Year* since Cootie Year 1975-1976.

Selection:

1. Selection of the Supreme *Sky Pilot of the Year* or *Chaplain of the Year* is done from letters of nominations sent by Pup Tent Seam Squirrels, Grand District and Area Commanders, Grand Commanders, and Supreme Council Members to the Supreme Chaplain.
2. Letters of nominations are judged by a Select Committee of no less than three people who are NOT members of the MOC or VFW, but who understand fully the work or labor of the Chaplain. Any Sky Pilot and Chaplain previously selected as Sky Pilot of the Year or Chaplain of the Year on any level is not eligible for recognition a second time at that level. However, if they are honored at one level, they can be honored at another.
3. Nominations letters should be written on MOC letterhead.
4. Letters postmarked after 15 May 2023 will not be considered. Nomination letters may be mailed between 1 June 2022 and 15 May 2023.
5. Letters of nomination should contact facts, not just words. We have Sky Pilots and Chaplains who do great work in this, and our parent, organizations. So please nominate them and get them recognized by sending your letter to the Supreme Chaplain.
6. Do not let your Sky Pilot or Chaplain down. Please make a nomination for this honor. If you don't nominate them, they may not be recognized.

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New VA Information Number

Good morning, NAC Leaders – We need your help communicating the correct national, toll-free number that serves as a “front door” to VA, and rid your organization of references to a retired number.

The Department of Veterans Affairs established **1-800-MyVA411** (1-800-698-2411) in 2020 to help Veterans, their family members, caregivers, and survivors understand and access the broad spectrum of VA benefits and services. *VA’s previous information number, 1-844-MyVA311, was retired at that time.*

Since that transition, MyVA311 has been repurposed by a non-federal entity claiming to be a medical equipment provider. Veterans may try to call VA using the MyVA311 number and unintentionally divulge personal information.

If your organization has any materials or references on websites to 1-844-MyVA311 (1-844-698-2311), please discard the materials and correct your website to reflect the current number of 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411).

It is imperative that Veterans are informed that 1-800-MyVA411 is the appropriate number to call for information pertaining to:

- *COVID-19 updates*
- *Health care eligibility and enrollment*
- *VA benefits, such as disability, compensation and pension, education programs, caregiver support, insurance, home loans, and burial headstones and markers among others*
- *The nearest VA medical centers, benefits offices or cemeteries to Veterans, VA Medical Center operational updates and connection to VA Medical Center operators*
- *Directory assistance and technical support for www.VA.gov*
- *Debt and payment options*

Thank you for taking time to address this issue. We greatly appreciate the work you do to support Veterans.

VA CDCE Team

A WONDERFUL SURPRISE AWAITS US IN HEAVEN, SO BE WORTHY OF IT

For 27 long months Corporal Hiroshi Miyamura languished in a communist prison camp in North Korea, from April 1951 through August 1953. Hiroshi had fought the North Koreans for seven months, then the Chinese, before he was captured. And besides the starvation, torture, and beatings of captivity, Hiroshi dealt with a deep sense of guilt, remorse, and fear of punishment for his failures on the battlefield.

The last battle seemed to have ended so badly. Twice he had expended all his machine gun ammunition fighting off the swarms of unstoppable Chinese soldiers. Twice they overwhelmed his position. Twice he ordered his men to retreat while he covered them with withering fire. And twice his men had suffered heavy losses.

After he had stayed behind the second time to cover his men's retreat, his own forces of the 3rd Infantry Division began hurling white phosphorous mortar shells on his position. They had assumed no American soldiers were left. So, Hiroshi knew it was time to clear out.

But in his retreat, he encountered a Chinese soldier with a hand grenade. He bayoneted the soldier, but the grenade exploded and wounded him. He was further injured when he became entrapped in a wall of barbed wire. Now bleeding badly and exhausted, Hiroshi collapsed in a ditch and lost consciousness. He was soon awakened by the metallic click of a pistol and the words of an enemy officer, "Get up, you're my prisoner." Hiroshi and other American POWs were marched 300 miles to a prison camp near the Chinese/North Korean border.

Corporal Miyamura's last battle had been a total disaster. So many of his men were killed or wounded, and he knew nothing of the survivors' fate. He resigned himself to being court martialed if he was ever released.

Hiroshi did have one consolation. For every one of his soldiers that was killed or wounded, he had killed many of the enemy. He had personally bayoneted ten to twelve of the enemy



Chaplain David Causey
US Army Retired

who threatened to kill his wounded soldiers while they were being treated and evacuated. And, with his machine gun he had killed dozens of the attackers. Yet it all ended in an ugly and bloody defeat.

Finally, on August 23, 1953, Corporal Miyamura and his fellow prisoners were released and brought to the South Korean side. Waves of relief and joy flooded his heart as he saw the American flag waving in Freedom Village. But the joy was short lived when an officer approached him and asked, “Are you Corporal Hiroshi H. Miyamura?” Hiroshi knew his day of reckoning had come. He hesitatingly answered, “Yes.” “Please come with me,” the officer told him.

The officer led him into a room where the 3rd Division Commander, Brigadier General Ralph Osborne, and some reporters had gathered. In a deep commanding voice, the general asked him, “Do you know why you’re here?” “No,” Hiroshi replied. “You’ve been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for your actions during the offensive on the 24th of April 1951.” The only thing Hiroshi could answer back was, “What?”

Hiroshi couldn’t believe his ears. For so long he’d been tormented by feelings of failure, guilt, and remorse. For so long he’d been convinced that only dishonor and punishment awaited him. Now he was being informed his soldiers had made it back to safety and had reported his heroism and bravery under fire.

The Medal of Honor had actually been approved more than a year earlier. But the high command kept it a secret. They feared that, should Hiroshi’s captors find out the devastation he had brought upon the enemy, they might have murdered him in reprisal. The poor POW was kept in the dark about the true nature of his service to his country and of the honor that awaited him.

And doesn’t the same trial of faith afflict many Christian believers? Many a Christian believer lives with a deep sense of failure, regret, and fear of meeting Christ face to face at His Judgment Seat.

They’ve done the best they could, but their best proved tragically inadequate. They read books, hear sermons, and watch documentaries about the ideal Christian, the ideal spouse, the ideal parent, and the ideal leader. And, upon honest reflection, they conclude that they’ve failed in every category.

And, for the many problems they currently manage (e.g., family dysfunction, financial struggles, sickness, etc.) they blame themselves. They go through life making many sacrifices on behalf of others, yet they find it impossible to measure the good which they’ve done. They are like Hiroshi, languishing in a communist prison camp, convinced that their life has been a failure.

Yet, a wonderful surprise awaits them. As in Hiroshi Miyamura’s situation, unbeknownst to these demoralized believers, the High Command of Heaven views them as spectacular

heroes and is planning a great celebration for their arrival in heaven. True, their conflict on earth has been messy. It's been sullied with failure. Yet their many sacrifices have repeatedly touched the heart of the Almighty and initiated chain reactions of good which follow them into heaven.

In heaven they'll meet countless saints who were blessed and led to Christ by the sacrifices of these discouraged believers. And their reward will be very great, eclipsing the highest honors which humanity can bestow.

Yet, God had to withhold this information from the struggling believer. Perhaps to keep them from becoming a target of Satan or perhaps to simply purify the believer's motives and test their faith and commitment to Jesus. But through all the tribulation, the Christian believer perseveres. And now, in heaven, they are so showered with honor and glory that they wished they'd been all the more worthy of the adulation.

A time of retribution and reward is coming for all of us who are faithful to Jesus Christ. We have only a shadowy concept of the glorious reality that awaits us in heaven. Yes, because we've endured the depressing slough of despond and faithfully carried our cross for Jesus, heaven will be infinitely more enjoyable for us. So, be faithful to the duties with which Christ has saddled you. It will be worth it all.

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, please open my eyes to the joy, reward, and glory that awaits me in heaven. And help me, dear Father, to strive my hardest down here to be more worthy of the honor and joy to be shared up there. In Jesus' name I ask this. Amen.

Newshound's note: *Insightful Illustrations* is a daily devotional. If you would like receive it, e-mail Chaplain Dave Causey at: dcausey@network211.com. Also, check out "The Warriors Journey" website where Chaplain Causey is a frequent contributor. <https://thewarriorsjourney.org>.



SSG Hiroshi Miyamura receives the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Eisenhower

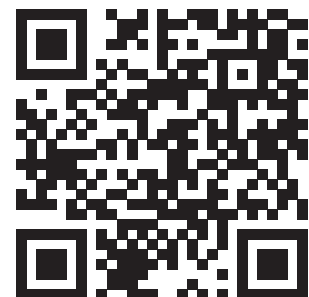
Cootie Christmas 2022







For more photos, scan the code or go to: <https://lotcs.org/gallery.html>



Grand of California



Chuck Peterson heard by a third-party that the Fresno VA Hospital's long-term patients needed a ten by ten pop-up canopy to keep their patients from getting sunburned. Chuck drove to Fresno VA to deliver a canopy 388 miles round trip and eleven hours.

Chuck is pictured with two staff members of the long-term patient's building.

Photo by Chuck Peterson



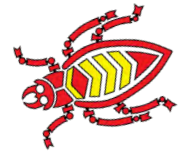
Chuck Peterson met with Lucinda Chin, the President of the Loomis Ladies Quilters Guild at the Loomis Veterans Hall and picked up all of these items to take to the VA Hospital. Pictured from right to left: Selso Cavazos PGC, VA employee, Royall Park from Pup Tent # 16, Chuck Peterson and another VA employee.

Photo by Chuck Peterson

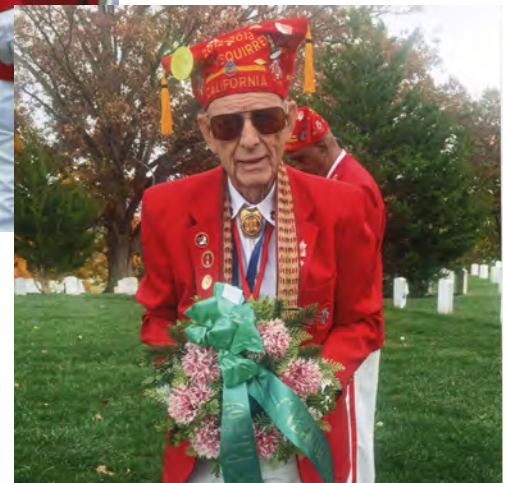


Pup Tent members stopped at the Martinez VA Hospital's Volunteer Office on October 28th, 2022 and met with Mr. John Larson, Deputy Chief for Northern California Health Care Systems to drop off a microwave and comfort blankets, afghans, pillowcases, laundry bags and larger quilted blankets.

Photos by Chuck Peterson



Chuck Peterson
pictured below ready to
present his wreath.



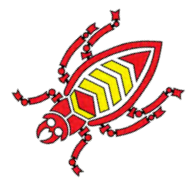
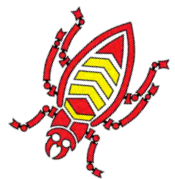
Cooties standing in the cold at Tomb Trek...Supreme Commander Dwight Hora is pictured at the right.

Grand Visitation

Grand Commander Jeaneen Austin and Richard Bostick Grand Chief of Staff/PGC, Pup Tent #44 visited Pup Tent #43 "Chinchies" for Grand Visitation on October 9th. Grand Commander addressed the upcoming "C of A" January 19th-21st and encouraged all Cooties to attend the *Grand Scratch* in May 2023.

Grand Commander Janeen and Senior Grand Commander/SS were at "Tomb Trek" 2022. All "Cooties" who attended these events had a *LOUSY* time.

Provided by Steve Kemp Grand Historian California



Grand Commander Jeaneen Austin and
Richard Bostick Grand Chief of Staff/PGC

Grand of Delaware

RED AND WHITE GALA

PLACE: MILFORD VFW
177 Veterans Circle
Milford, DE

DATE: February 25 2023

TIME: 5 until when we are done.

Come have a lousy time with cooties and enjoy a spaghetti dinner with chop sticks. Upgrades are available for a small fee.

Price is \$10.00 per person

Hotel will be Comfort Inn in Milford, DE

For reservations call 302-839-5000, no social code needed



Grand of Florida



Tom Browne and John Hamilton started Puptent #1, Yellow River Bellies, 5 years ago when Tom was Grand Commander. The pictures are of their 5 Year Anniversary. Seam Squirrel Trent “Blue” Rundell invited Tom to be part of the celebration.

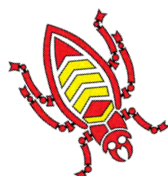
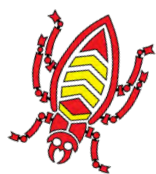
Provided by Kathy Browne





Grand President of Florida Louise Koser helping MOCA #25, American Legion #383 and AmVets #422 members put together 200 gifts bags for 3 local nursing homes. Many of the residents at the nursing homes are veterans, spouses and widows of veterans.

Provided by Kathy Browne





Cootieville #25 Auxiliary, Chiefland, Florida Christmas Party.
 Pictured are: Jan, Char, Kathy, Dee, Susan and Elaine

Courtesy of Kathy Browne

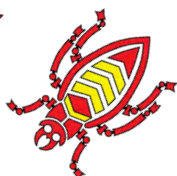
Grand of Maryland



Grand Commander Clinton "T" Townsend helps with VFW Post 341's Buddy Poppy drive at the "Down in the Reeds" music festival at Walter Reed Army Hospital. It was a day long "free" Fall music festival used to provide the healing power of music across cultural boundaries.

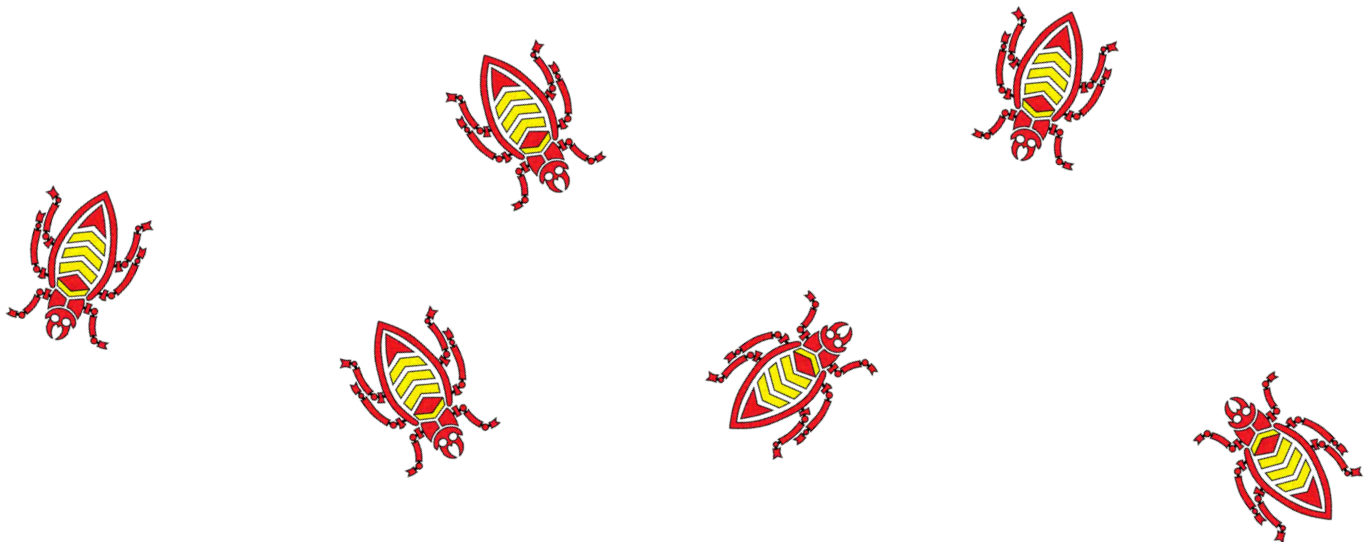
Pictured above is the Grand Commander with two of the Native American performers at the festival. Pictured to the right is the Grand Commander with a Navy veteran.

Provided by Grand Commander Clint Townsend





We hosted the Supreme Commander at our annual meet n greet this year, we raised \$165. for the MOC House tonight. MOCA Mildred Spence, Supreme Commander Hora and MOC Grand Commander. Riding the infamous tricycle



Grand of Michigan

In December we had the highly anticipated Cootie Christmas Party at the VFW National Home. The Grand of Michigan portion of the weekend started out for the by making a Veteran visit to Regency at Lansing West, on Friday afternoon. There were (12) veteran residents but we entertained all that were there by singing Christmas songs, handing out plushes, puzzle books and crafting kits. Saturday was the children's Christmas party. Very entertaining entertainment by the Capital City Chords men, Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek from A2 Magic, and an ornament decorating station, just to name a few. Some very important guests were also in attendance, Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and Snoopy! To top it all off, lousy as ever, the Cootie snowplow truck was revealed! The banquet at the hotel capped off the weekend quite nicely, with great food and comradeship with our Cootie brothers and sisters from across the globe. Thank you everyone that supported and attended this wonderful event. We look forward to next year and the years to come.



A great lousy turnout for the Veteran visit.



L-R. MOCA member Wanda Mosegard, Papa Clown Allan Perkins and Past Supreme Commander Olin Parks looking for trouble at the Veteran Visit.



The ornament decorating station was a big hit!



L-R. Some of the Michigan attendees along with PGC Bell, Snoopy (PSC Don Lynch), and Past Supreme President Jennifer Winn.

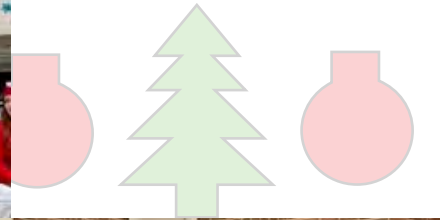
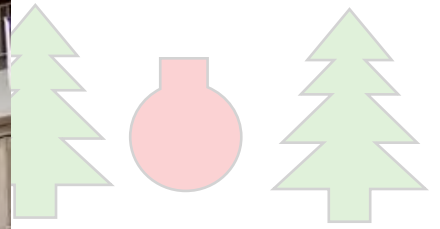


Families picking up some gifts!



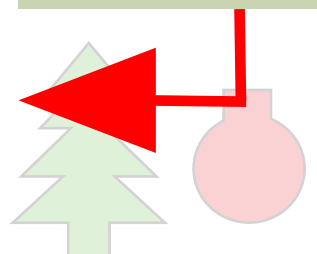
L-R. Supreme Sr. Vice Mark Larkin and Supreme Jr. Vice Robbie Normand taking a break to do some coloring. VFW QM General Marc Garduno, PGC Dandridge Sr., Ben Light (Santa Claus), and Supreme Historian Dave Rogers and Grunt having a coffee talk.





Top, L-R. The Capitol City Chordsmen singing festive songs. PGC Eddie "Chief" Dandridge Sr. making gift bag deliveries and Jeff the Magician doing magic!

Mrs. Claus (Past Supreme President Penny Cacoulidis) story time with cookies and milk.



Handing out gifts. L-R. Department of Michigan Deputy Chief of Staff Reinold Yahnka, Supreme Commander Dwight Hora, Department of Michigan Auxiliary President Diana Ward, Santa Claus, Michigan Grand Commander Nate Powell, Mrs. Claus PSP Penny Cacoulidis, Supreme President Cathy Seippel and Tink, Grand President Bridget White and good ole Snoopy.





L-R. Past Supreme President Debbie Thie handing out more gifts to the children as they exit the stage.



Submitted by:
PGC Eric Bell
Adjutant/Chief of
Staff
Grand of Michigan

The Cootie Plow truck! Totally Lousy!

Grand of Minnesota

The Crotch Crickets and their Auxiliary spent the end of November and the beginning of December doing something Lousy.

We got together and counted our pennies and were able to get enough supplies to make 200 Christmas gifts to be distributed at the Veterans homes in Luverne, Silver Bay and Fergus Falls, MN.

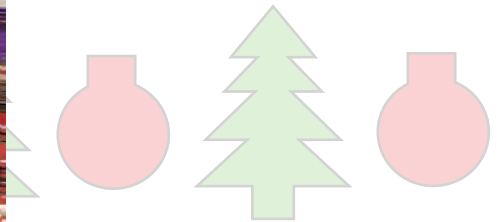
This was during some of the nastiest weather, but their smiles and thanks warmed us back up.

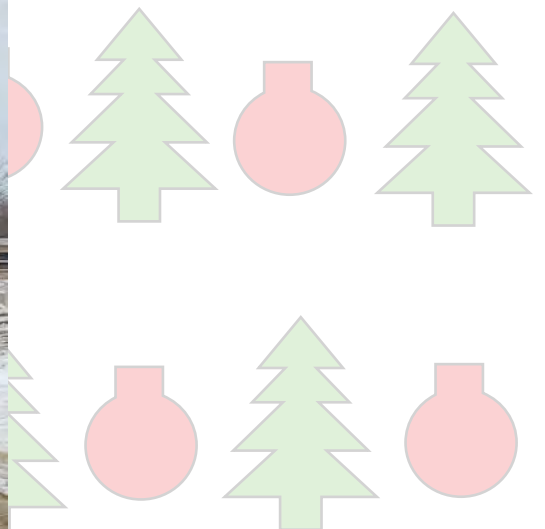
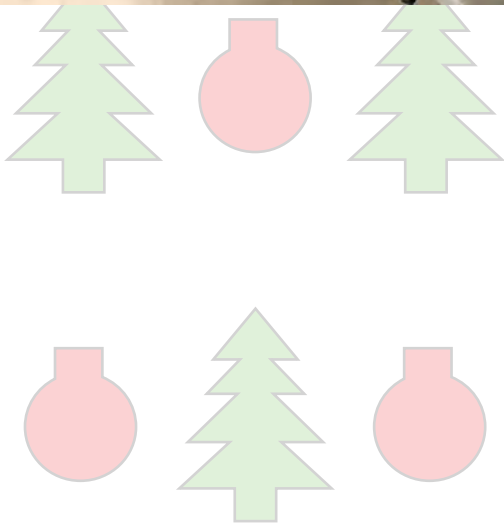
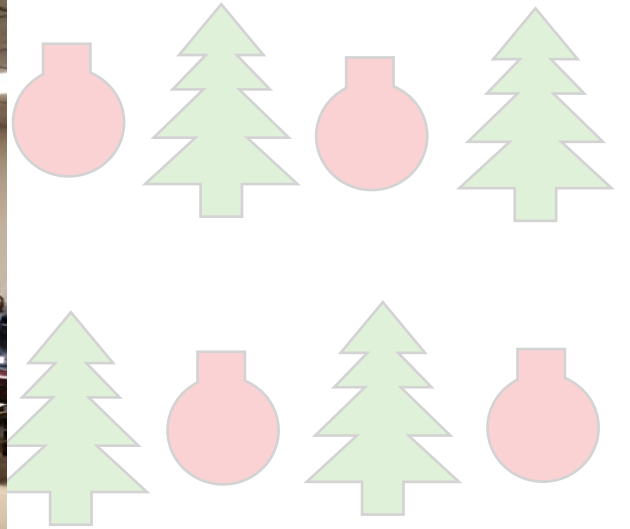
Then our Seam Squirrel Todd Roberts and along with one of VFW Post Commanders Troy of Monticello Post 8731 arranged another 100 Christmas gifts to be brought to area veterans in nursing homes or long term care units.

Lousy job Seam Squirrel Todd, you have some really Lousy Cooties!

Courtesy of James Dalziel







Grand of Missouri



Pictured above, with members from several Pup Tents in Missouri, is the Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission; who funds and oversees the operation of the state's 7 (seven) veterans homes. The Grand is very proud of each Pup Tent and individual Cootie who donated \$500 or multiples thereof to purchase 14 (fourteen) tablets for the specific use of veterans under quarantine to be able to visit "face to face" with their loved ones. There continues to be donations, and we want to see this program be successful. I know Carl Tate, Charlie Jamis and our Grand Commander donated as individuals. Big kudos for each supportive and active Pup Tent! Please note we have our Auxiliary supporters with us as part of our *Team!!!*

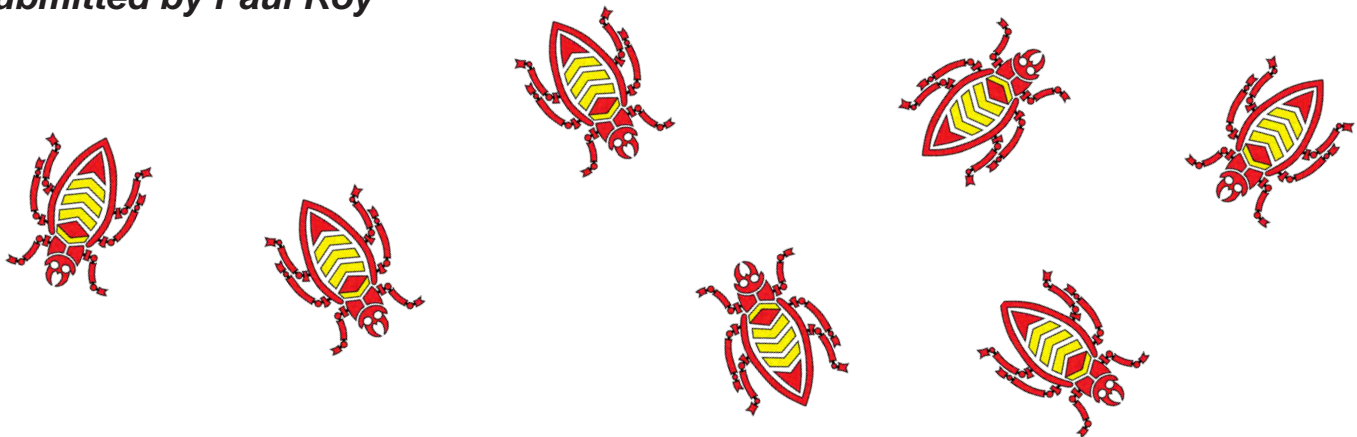
Submitted by Olin Parks, Past Supreme Commander

Grand of New Hampshire



Eastern Conference Cootie Table in Manchester. Pictured are Cootie Sue Cuddy (left) and Cootie Mike Donaher. Both are from Old Man Mountain NH Pup Tent 1.

Submitted by Paul Roy

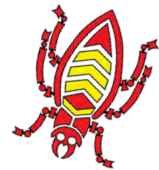


Grand of New Jersey



Past Seam Squirrel, Charles" Boe" Gallager, presented a \$500.00. check to Patricia Bye, President of Gold Star Mothers of New Jersey in the photo. This is the fifth year Pup Tent #38 has made the same donation. The event was held at VFW Post 1333 in Asbury Park.

Submitted by Robert Lasowski



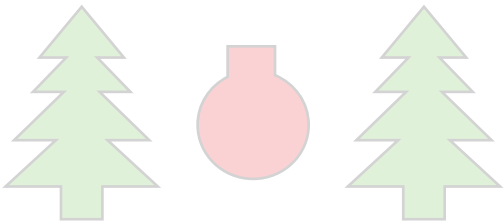
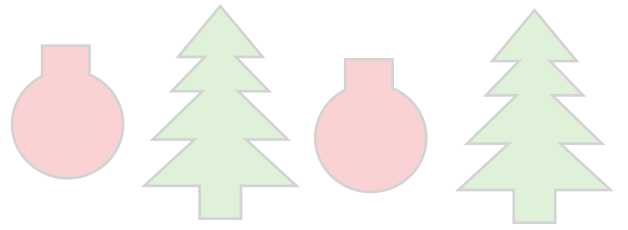
Grand of Texas

Cooties & MOCA, PT 55, Grand of Texas hosting Christmas party for Elderly from Autumn Winds. Food, drink, gifts and prizes from bingo were part of the fun. Our own Sr. Vice Commander (and Cootie) along with his wife sang Christmas songs to the group as we awaited the rest of the folks arriving on different shuttles. We awarded prizes for winners of bingo; fed a warm Christmas lunch; and at the end of the gathering, gifts were handed out to each resident of Autumn Winds nursing home.

Courtesy of Earl Bigham, Supreme Inspector





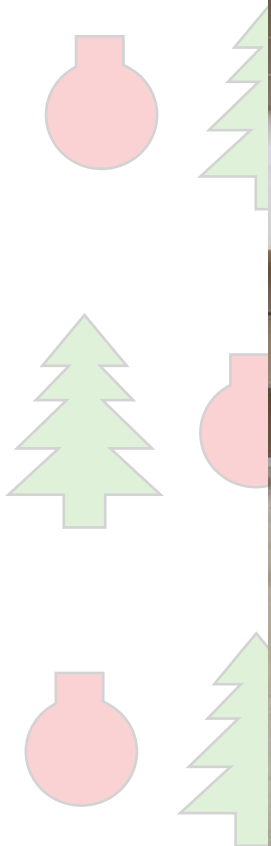
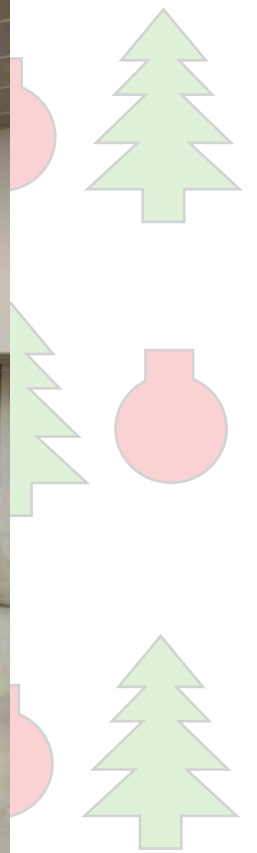


Grand of Virginia



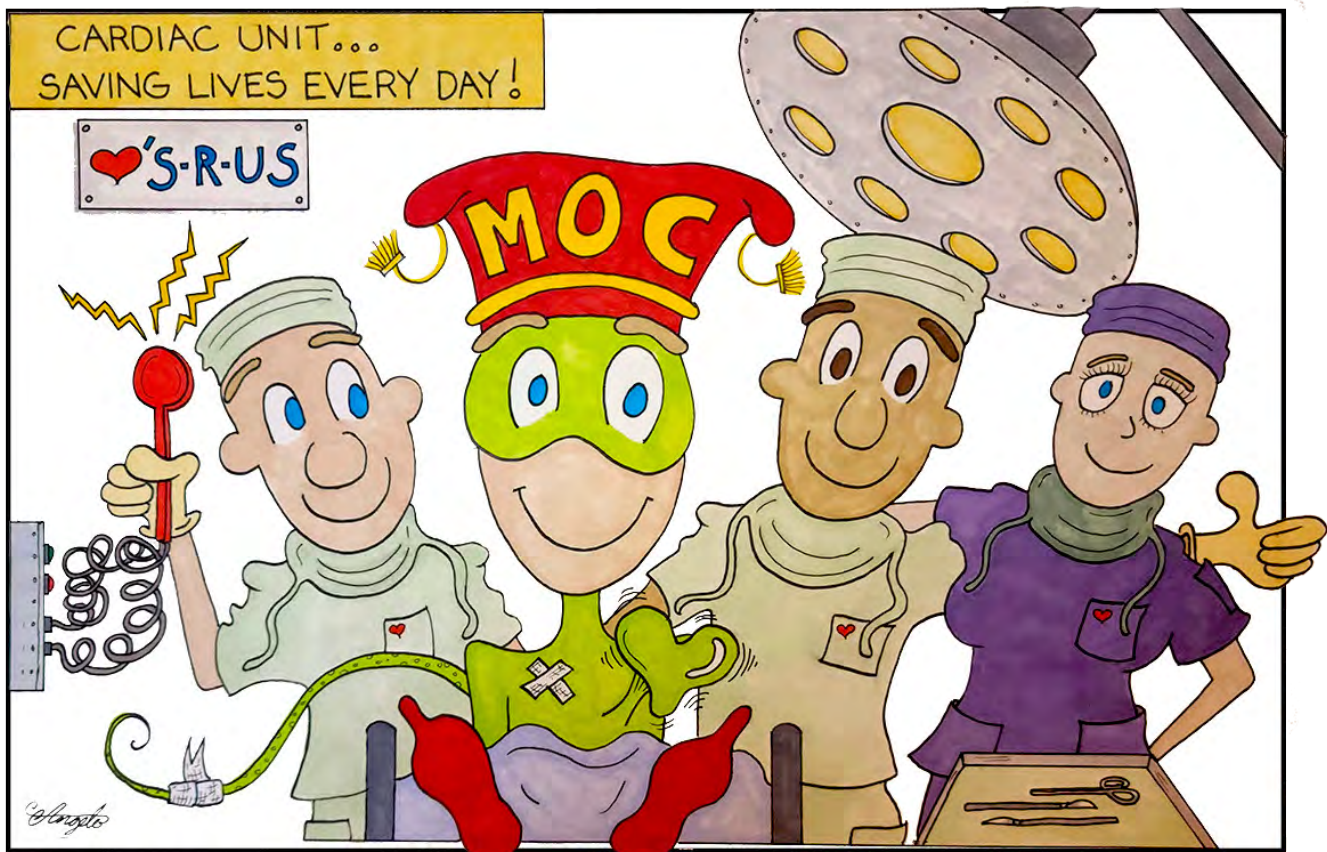
Grand of Virginia, Pup Tent 14, Da-Lic-Ity and its Auxiliary held their annual Christmas Party on 14 Dec 2022. The lousy 36 people in attendance were visited by the Ghosts of Grand Commanders Past, Present, and Future (if elected) played by Sterling Moninghoff (VA Grand Commander 2007-2008), Ben Guinan (VA Grand Commander 2022-2023), and Robert Adamczyk (VA Sr. Vice Grand Commander and VA Pup Tent 14 Seam Squirrel 2022-2023). 26 white elephant gifts were exchanged. The festivities kicked off around 7pm and continued until almost 1am!

Courtesy of Robert Adamczyk (Check), Supreme Codeslinger

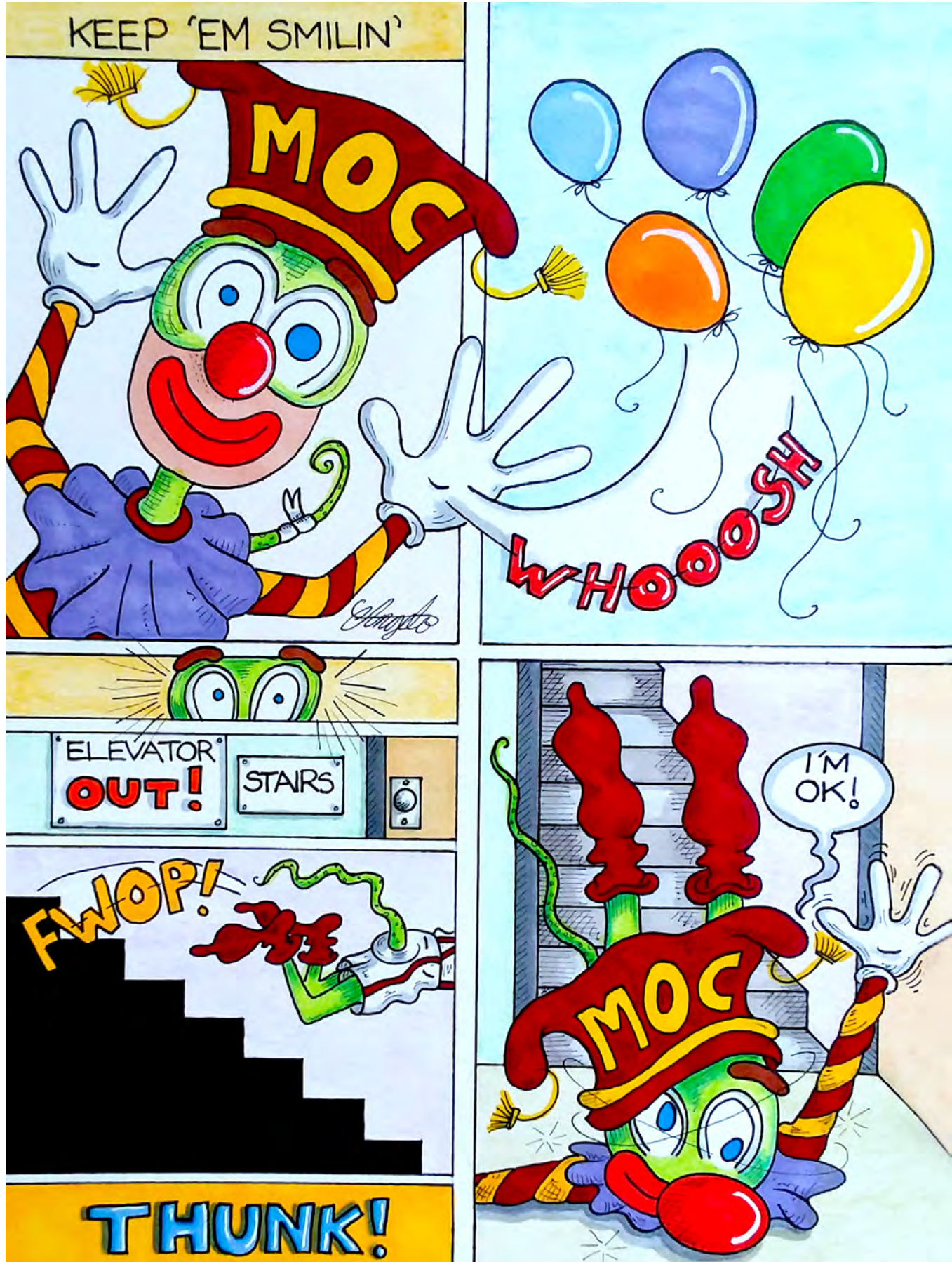


Grand of Washington

The Grand's special project this year is to raise money for the VA Puget Sound Cardiac Surgery Team. The surgery team continues to save veteran's lives every day. So, if you happen visit the Grand of Washington, contact the Grand Commander Steve Woodward to purchase one of the coins (pictured below) used in fundraising efforts.



Keep 'em Smilin'





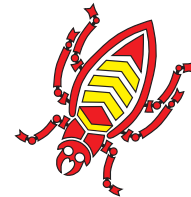
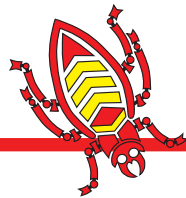
The price for a mailed copy of the Cootie Courier has increased to \$10.00/Year. To continue receiving a mailed copy, please send a check or money order to:

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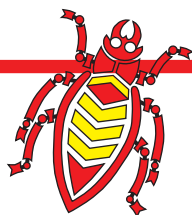
Yes, I would like to receive a mailed copy of the Cootie Courier at the annual subscription price of \$10.00.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____



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!

I hope that everyone had a Crummy Christmas and a Lousy New Year! In this issue you'll find the new forms for the upcoming Supreme Scratch. Also, check out the citation that makes the Military Order of the Cootie a Purple Heart Organization.

Additionally, in this issue, when you see a "QR" code on a page, scan it with your phone and you'll be taken to the corresponding page. For example, now all Specie Pediculi can sign up for a Life Membership online.

I thank everyone for sending in articles to our Crummy Rag. This issue wouldn't be possible without everyone's input. Remember when submitting content to include *who, what, when, where and why* in your submissions and when sending in photos, I accept JPEG, PDF, TIFF and PNG files. Send all your Crummy submissions to be shredded to: cootiecourier@lotcs.org.

Yours in LOTCS,

Dale H. Tannello

Supreme Newshound
Cootie Courier

Are you new to our *Crummy Fraternity*? Or, have you been *Invading the Seams* for quite a while? Do you know what LOTCS means? Do you know what a Sock Check is? What's a Shavetail anyway? How do you check if one is a Cootie or not? Scan the QR code below to find out the answers to these questions and many more in our Lousy Comic Book. Or go to: <https://lotcs.org/toonz.html>



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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.

Apply and pay online by scanning the QR code below
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP – THE DEAL OF A LIFETIME!

Red Star Life Membership

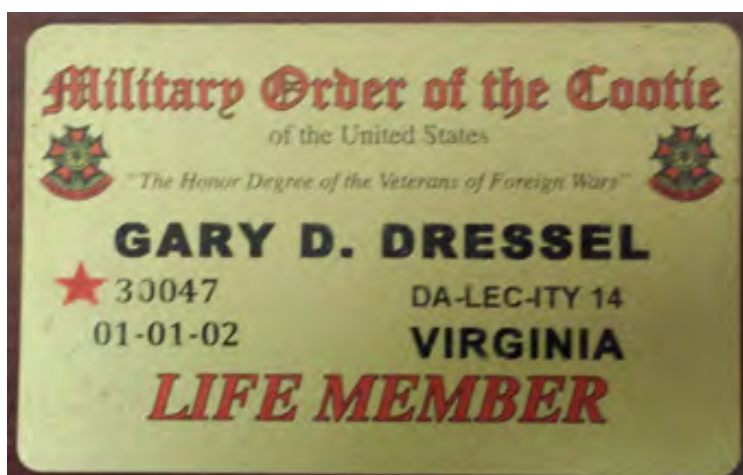
For the price of \$100.00 you too can become a **Red Star Life Member** and help support our "**Crummy Fraternity**" and leave a legacy for your Pup Tent.



How you might ask? Well, 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 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. Or scan the QR code below.

All **Red Star Life Members** receive a 5% discount on Cootie Depot gear. Just check the Red Star Life Member box and enter your Red Star Life Member card Number on the checkout page.

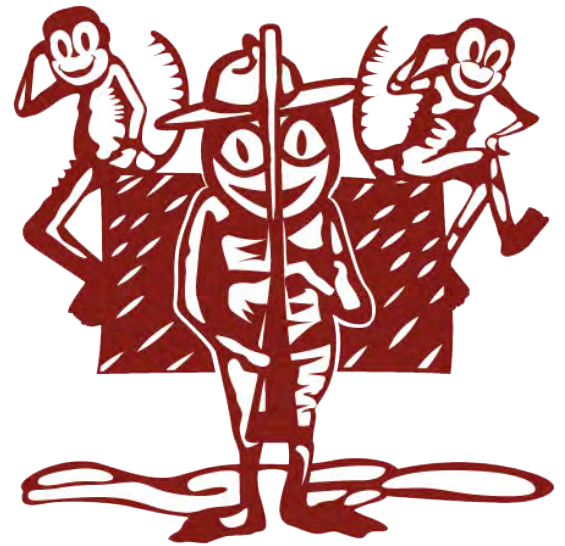


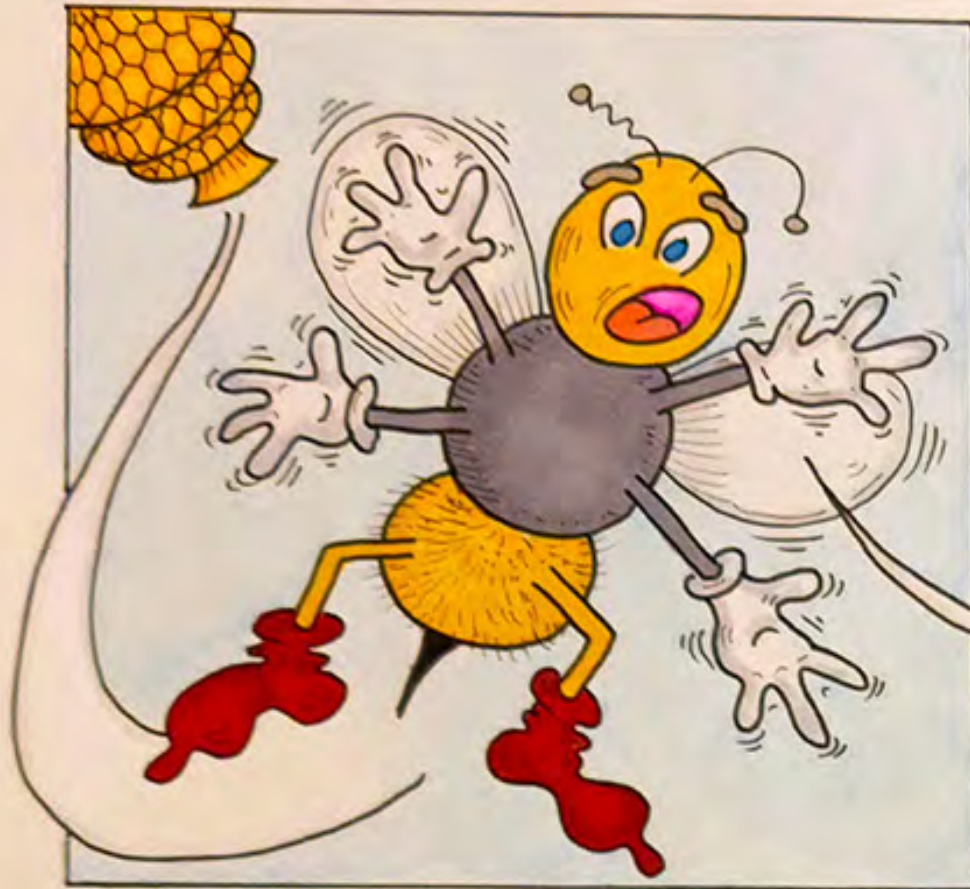
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SOUNDS LOUSY!

