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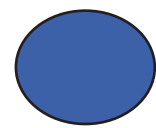
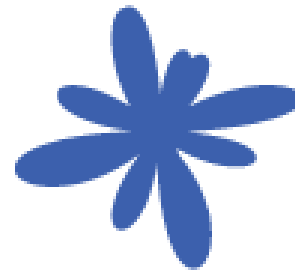
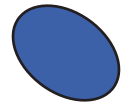
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# From the Supreme Seam Squirrel

Listen up Cooties,

## FRONT LOAD

Well, the start of the year has been a little slow in some areas like Inspections, Hospital, Recruiting (Comrades and Cooties), Blood, Sky Pilot, and Special Projects. I know some of you have been working diligently to “FRONT LOAD” the year, as should always be the case. If everyone were to “FRONT LOAD” the year and get the “Must Dos” (the things that we have to do) out of the way, then can we concentrate on what we really do...which is:



## ”Keepin’ them Smilin’ in Beds of White”

As we continue this journey down the path of Lousiness, we must be ever cognizant of our mission. We all know what we need to do to succeed, now all we need to do is execute. The time is now. I urge everyone to “Get it done” NOW versus later. I realize everyone has stuff to do, I ask you to find ways to incorporate OUR Organization in your plans....” Front Loading” is the best way.

Now, moving forward, I cannot explain to y’all how moved I am at the response to the “Big Boot” program. It really seems everyone is truly grasping and understanding the concept and mission of this program. I cannot be more pleased on how this organization has really leaned forward answered the call to address this Veteran’s Health Crisis. Veteran Suicide and PTSD is the “REAL” pandemic. This Pandemic has affected all of us in some way, shape, or fashion. As we continue our voyage to “Keeping them Upright”, so we can “Keep ’em Smilin’ in Beds of White” when the time comes, we will emerge as a positive force multiplier in all veterans’ lives. We owe it to them and ourselves.

I urge all “Cooties” (which includes all Auxiliary members) to please continue to put forth the best that our Veterans deserve and you deserve as well. Helping fellow Veterans is a self-gratifying experience that cannot be matched.

**See Y’all Soon at TOMB TREK!!**

Yours in LOTCS,

*Mark P. Larkin*

**Mark P. Larkin  
YOUR Triple “S”**





# From the Supreme Blanket Bum

## Listen Cooties!

Supreme Middle Bug, spouting off in in straight talk. I am grateful to you all for your continued support in electing me as Supreme Blanket Bum. I had a great time at the VFW National Convention and the Supreme Scratch in Phoenix this year. Much fun was had while trying not to melt in the 118-degree weather. I look forward to visiting as many Grands as my schedule allows this year. Not to sound like I'm beating a dead horse; please get your Grand's dates to the Supreme Adjutant ASAP. If you would like a specific representative, the sooner your dates are in the calendar the better. Many times, several events stack up on the same weekend, and I haven't figured out how to be in more than one place at a time.



I recently had a Lousy time at the Grand of Kentucky, and I hope to see many of you at Tomb Trek and/or Cootie Christmas.

**Yours in LOTCS,  
Robbie Normand  
Supreme Blanket Bum  
2023-2024**





# From the Supreme Hide Gimlet

Supreme Little Bug here,

In straight talk. It is truly an honor to serve our organization in this capacity. I am humbled and proud to be associated with every one of you. I am ready to ***“Make a Difference”*** in veteran’s lives, by ***“Honoring our Dead by Helping the Living.”*** Are you ready as well?



Since Supreme Convention in Tempe, I have set a goal for myself; to attend as many events as possible at the VFW National Home in Easton Rapids, MI.; leading up to their 100-year anniversary in 2025. I have attended, Ohio Day, Michigan Day, VFW/Aux Riders Day, IllinoisDay, and Indiana Day. I set up a Cootie table at each event with our recruiting tri-folds and other Cootie information. The objective is to show Cootie support and get Cootie exposure.

Along those same lines, Supreme Seam Squirrel Larkin has a vision of having a Cootie presence at the VFW Conferences and attending VFW Junior Vice Training in Kansas City. I attended the Big Ten Conference and the Junior Vice Training, having an awesome time at each.

The more times our parent organization sees Cooties attending and supporting VFW events, the better we will be received and it should strengthen our relationship together. In turn, making it easier for us to recruit Cooties.

Yours in LOTCS,

Eric Bell  
Supreme Hide Gimlet  
2023-2024





# From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

We are a third of the way through the program year and are doing OK. We have started a couple of new Pup Tents, and have a couple sitting in the wings to become active. We, however, are not doing so well on getting notification on bonding. Pup Tents and Grands can now vote not to bond if they have less than \$5,000. But I need to know what is decided. The following Pup Tents and Grands need to let me know what they are going to do: AZ, Grand, 02, 06, 13, 23, and 777; AR Grand, 03, 13, and 21; CA-07, CO Grand and 14; FL 02 29, 55, and 66; IL-79; KY 06; LA-06 and 11; MD 06, and 27; MA 52; MI 17, 18, 24, 42, and 96; MO 02, 05, 09 and 12; NE-10; NV 02; NJ Grand and 38; NY 9.75, 32, 42 and 65; NC 17; OH-05, 25, 83, 86, and 118; OK 04, and 16; OR 12; SC-03; TX 13; VA 01, 11, 13, and 18; WI 06 and WV 06.

Quartermasters and CCDB's please remember that when you send in a new Cootie or a Cootie going life to include the Cootie application or life membership application with your transmittal. I need that information to process your transmittal. Just a friendly reminder.

I should be sending out the life membership rebate checks during October, so look for it in the mail.

I am having a really hard time finding a hotel for the Supreme Scratch. I did not know that Louisville was that popular of a place. Hopefully by Tomb Trek I will have something better to report.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Tomb Trek; 'till then have fun and try and stay out of trouble. I just heard from Mark Newman that participation in Grand and Pup Tents ordering wreaths for Tomb Trek is not very good as of 9-25-2023. Only 14 Grands, 5 Auxiliaries and 44 pup tents have ordered wreaths. This is one of our most important functions as Cooties, I would like to think that the support for this function would be better. Since all Grand Commanders are on the Supreme Council and are required to be at Tomb Trek I would expect their Grands to support this activity.

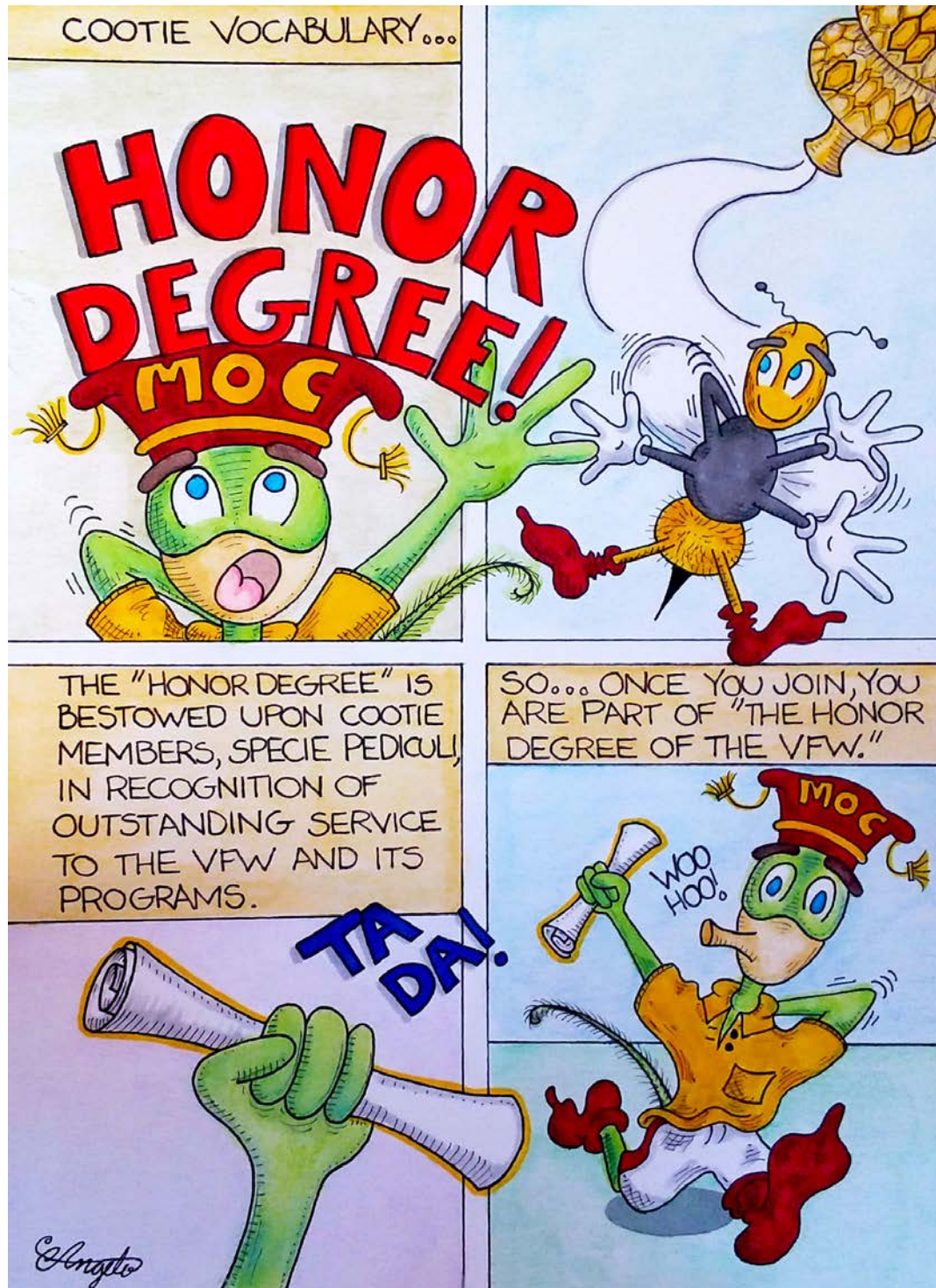
Yours in L.O.T.C.S.

Gary Dressel  
Supreme Quartermaster  
2023-2024





# 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.

Are you new to our Crummy Fraternity? Do you know what LOTCS means? Do you know what a Sock Check is? What's a Shavetail? How do you check if one is a Cootie or not? Scan the QR code to find out in our Comic Book.





# From the Supreme Surgeon

## The Benefits of Laughter!

We all know that to be healthy, we need to have a good diet and get plenty of exercise. But did you know that there is a simple and free activity you can do every day to improve your health?

What could that activity be? It is simply taking the time to laugh each day. Listed below are some of the ways that laughter can be a benefit to good health.

1. **Relieves pain.** When you are laughing, your body releases its own natural painkillers.
2. **Improves mood and decreases depression and anxiety.** Endorphins are released when you laugh and these natural substances make you feel better and lessens anxiety and depression.
3. **Brings people together.** Laughter is contagious and draws people together. It has been reported that couples who laugh together have a better relationship.
4. **Offers a new perspective.** Bringing humor into any situation can offer a new perspective and help view an issue as a challenge instead of a threat.
5. **Reduces tension and cortisol levels.** A good laugh will stimulate your circulation and relax your muscles. This will assist in decreasing the physical symptoms of stress.
6. **Improves your immune system.** According to Mayoclinic.org, negative thoughts cause a chemical reaction that affects your body by causing more stress and thereby decreasing your immune system.
7. **Increases resilience.** When we laugh at our mistakes and bring a sense of humor to our life, we recognize that the difficulties we experience are a normal part of life.



### Ways to bring laughter and humor to your life.

- ◆ Find items that make you smile or laugh.
- ◆ Share a good laugh with your friends.
- ◆ Focus on moments in your day that make you laugh.
- ◆ Practice laughter as a group.

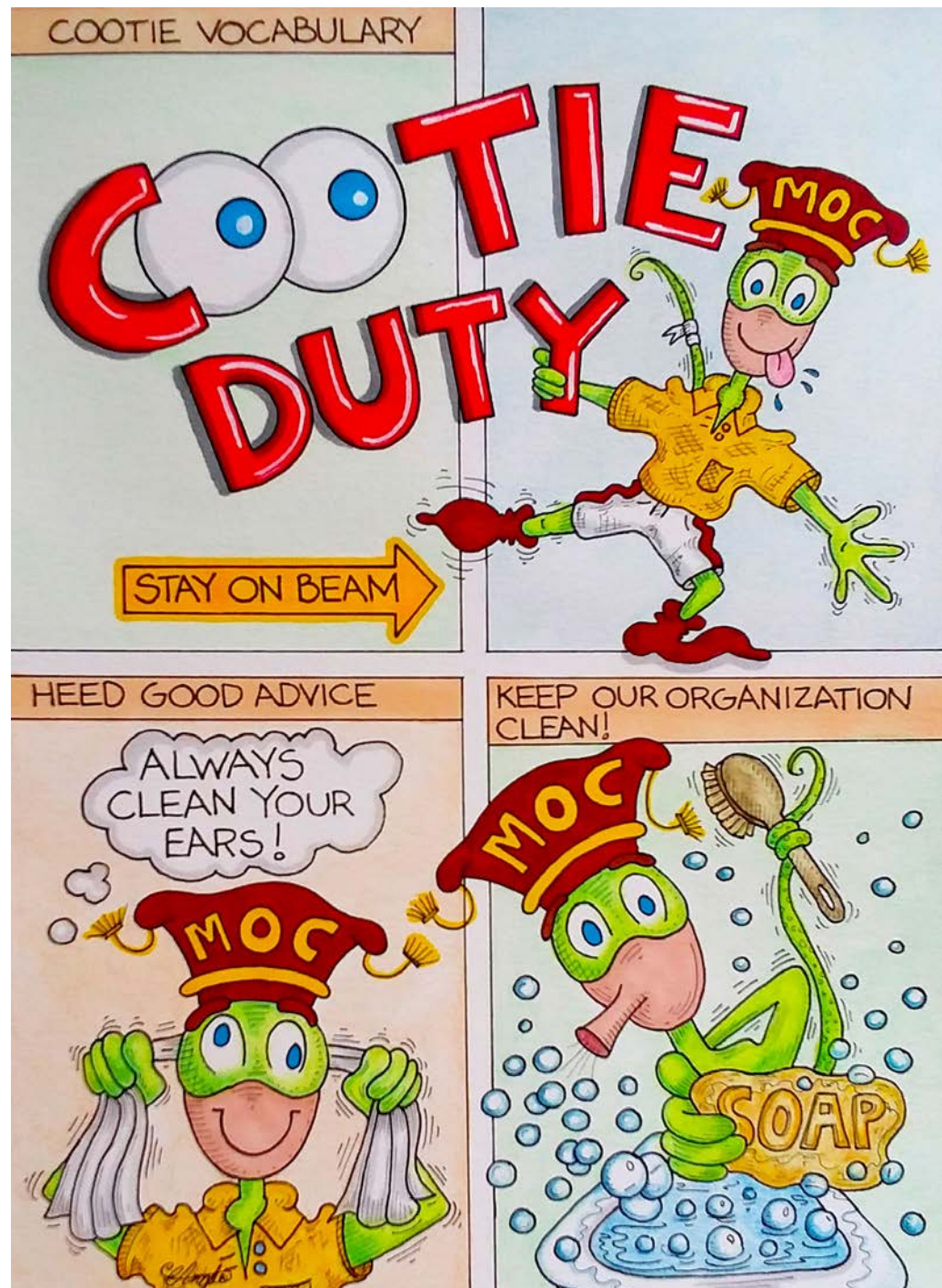


So, make it your goal to laugh at least once a day. Just think of a funny memory, watch a good comedy or read a funny book. There is no wrong way to bring about a smile and laughter into our lives. As Maurice Chevalier once said, "You don't stop laughing because you grow older. You grow older because you stop laughing."



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

Dani Hernandezd  
Supreme Surgeon  
2023-2024





# From the Supreme VAVS Chairman

Hi Cooties,

Walt and I continue to work to ensure we have an active VAVS program.

Several VA medical centers are asking for Cooties to return. So, you should check in with the CDCE Office at your local medical center to see how they can use your services.

We can talk in person at *Tomb Trek* if you wish.

In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins "Archibald O'Perk"  
Supreme VAVS Chairman  
[Allantperkins1991@gmail.com](mailto:Allantperkins1991@gmail.com)  
281 450-7825





# From the Supreme Papa Clown

Greeting my Crummy Cootie Clowns (C3).

We are well into the 2023-2024 Cootie Year.  
I have several Grands tell me they are growing their Clown program, but as yet, no one has certified as a clown yet.

Remember the number three. Dress in at least three pieces of 'clown clothing'. Attend at least three events dressed as a clown and take pictures. Use the form at the LOTCS.org website, and turn in your report as instructed.

*It's that easy!*

**See You at Tomb Trek.**

In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins "Archibald O'Perk"  
Supreme Poppa Clown

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281 450-7825





# From the Supreme Inspector

Listen up Cootie

## Per Article III, Section 330

### Section 330. Inspections.

Any Pup Tent that has not been properly inspected shall be excluded from all representation in the Grand and Supreme Scratches. The inspection report must be received by the Grand and Supreme Inspectors thirty (30) days prior to the said Scratch. Pup Tents instituted/ installed during the current fiscal year shall be exempt from inspection until the following fiscal year.

## Per Article IV, Section 415

### Section 415. Duty of the Grand Inspector.

- A.** The Grand Inspector shall have charge of and supervise instruction and inspection in the Grand Pup Tent and shall ensure inspection of the Grand Pup Tent and all Pup Tents, Districts, or Areas within the Grand Pup Tent.
- B.** They shall require that all books and records of each Pup Tent be inspected at least once during their term.
- C.** They shall require that the Supreme, Grand and Pup Tent Bylaws be enforced.
- D.** They shall require that the opening and closing of Scratches, the order of business and rules of order be followed, and that the initiation of atoms and other ceremonies are conducted as prescribed by the ritual.
- E.** They shall report on the decorum of the Pup Tent scratches.
- F.** They shall make a report in detail as to the Pup Tent finances, records and property at the time of inspection.
- G.** They shall appoint, with the approval of the Grand Commander, Deputy Inspectors. Deputy Inspectors shall be qualified for the work that their office requires.
- H.** They shall perform such other duties incident to their office as may be required of them by the Supreme Inspector, Grand Commander and Bylaws.
- I.** Deputy Grand Inspectors shall assist the Grand Inspector to carry out the duties of their office and the provisions of the Bylaws and instructions or orders from Supreme or Grand Headquarters.



(Inspection reports should be immediately sent to Supreme Inspector T. Earl Bigham, 122 Firesage, Universal City Texas 78148 or emailed; [tearlb59@twc.com](mailto:tearlb59@twc.com)) and your Grand Quartermaster

### Per Article V, Section 516

#### Section 516. Duty of the Supreme Inspector.

**A.** The Supreme Inspector shall perform such duties as are required of him or her and shall have charge of inspection and supervision of Pup Tents under the direction of the Supreme Commander.

**B.** The Supreme Inspector shall make a report of those inspections of the Grand Pup Tents and those who are eligible to vote in the Supreme Scratch. Where a Grand Pup Tent does not exist, the Supreme Inspector shall make a report of the Pup Tents inspected and those who are eligible to vote in the Supreme Scratch. **Any Grand Pup Tent that has not sent in at least eighty percent (80%) of its inspection reports to the Supreme Inspector shall be excluded from all representation in the Supreme Scratch. The Supreme Inspector must receive all inspection reports thirty (30) days prior to the Supreme Scratch.**

**C.** Deputy Supreme Inspectors shall assist the Supreme Inspector to carry out the duties of his or her office under the provisions of the Bylaws and instructions or orders from Supreme Headquarters.

## SCHOOLS OUT!



Your in LOTCS,

T. Earl Bigham  
Supreme Inspector  
2023-2024





# FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

A “Lousy” thanks for the precious fluid!!!

Reports received August and September

Tarheels / North Carolina

Dune Bugs / Oregon

Vin None / Ohio

Beaver Patrol / iowa

La Fayette Nits / North Carolina

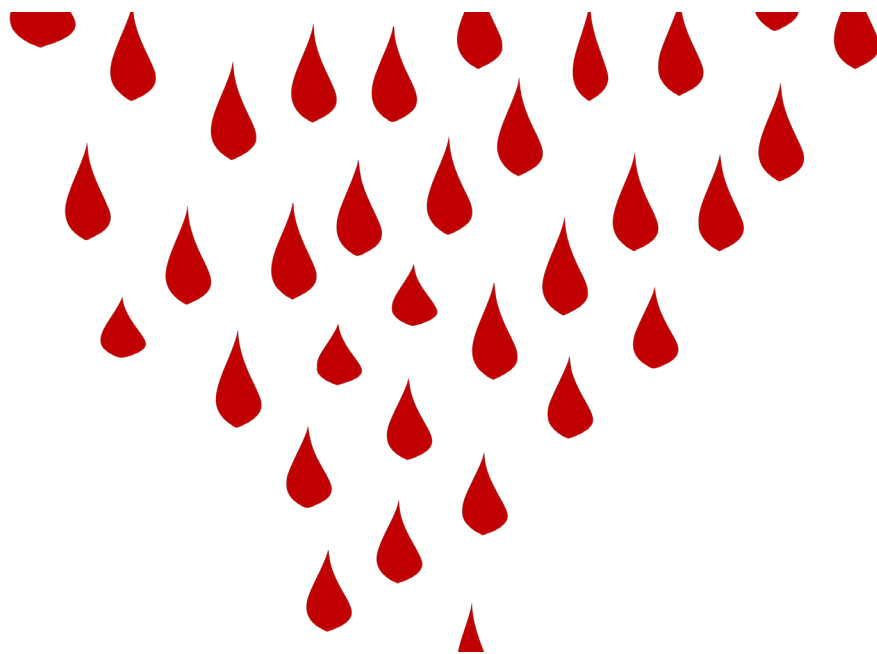
Let's do it / Texas

Catfish / Florida



Yours in LOTCS,

Frank Presfield  
Supreme Vampire  
2023-2024





# Supreme General Order 01

31 July 2023

1. I, Mark P. Larkin, having been duly elected by the members of the Military Order of the Cootie, hereby assume command of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States. All previous Supreme appointments have now expired. Cooties will now revert to their previous and proper tassels.
2. Notice is hereby given; The logo, bug, official seal, hat, and the name Military Order of the Cootie are trademarked and copyrighted property of the Supreme Pup Tent, Military Order of the Cootie of the United States and may not be used without the express written consent of the Supreme Pup Tent. Violators of this order shall be prosecuted.
3. Supreme Headquarters is located at 604 Braddock Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Office hours at Supreme Headquarters are from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, Eastern Standard Time and closed for Federal Holidays.
4. The Supreme Council approved the Supreme Budget for 2023-2024 year during Council of Administration on 30 July 2023.
5. In accordance with the Supreme Policy, all Grands are to inform Supreme Adjutant of the dates and places of any Grand Events so the Supreme Commander can assign proper representation. Supreme Representations Forms for Grand Events are to be mailed or emailed by the Grand Adjutant to Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman, 1916 Grumann Dr, Tomah, WI 54660 or mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com
6. Grands Adjutants are reminded to forward a copy of each of their General Orders, Publications, or Communications to the Supreme Adjutant.
7. Every Cootie will be assessed a \$2.00 fee: \$1.00 for the Supreme Commander's Special Project (Activity Equipment for the children at the National Home) and \$1.00 for the National Home MOC/MOCA House maintenance fee.
8. Pup Tents, Districts, Grands and Auxiliaries are reminded that they are to file IRS Form 990 within five months and fifteen days of the close of their fiscal year. Units whose income for 2020 was less than \$50,000.00 can elect to file Form 990-N, an electronic informational return instead of a paper return. Those units whose income was over \$50,000.00 still must file the regular Form 990 or 990T.
9. Reporting for all programs are due to their respective chairman no later than 31 May 2024.
10. 2023-2024 Supreme Policy was approved by the Council of Administration on 30 July 2023 and is in effect.



**BY COMMAND OF:**

Mark P. Larkin

Supreme Commander

2023-2024

**OFFICIAL:**

Tracy Woodman

Supreme Adjutant



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604 Braddock Avenue  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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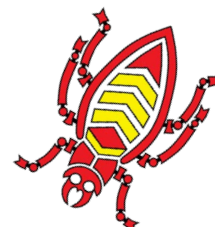
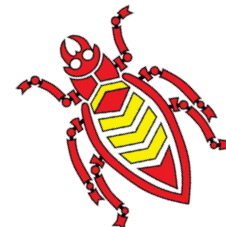
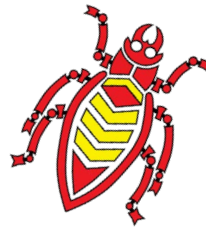
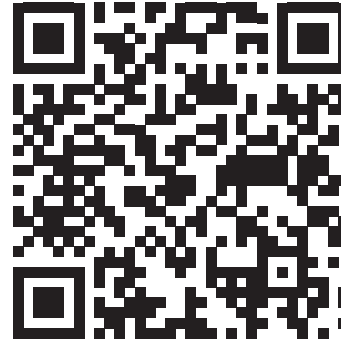
Did you know that a **Life Membership** in the Military Order of the Cootie can be purchased with your credit card?  
Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!  
(412-824-2240)



# MOC Hospital Report

MOC Supreme Hospital Report					
Date: AS OF 09/29/2023					
Grand	Goal	Reports	Cooties	Total Monies	Percentage
Arizona	\$79,750.00	12	431	\$66,125.57	82.92%
Arkansas	\$23,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
California	\$102,500.00	26	426	\$93,865.21	91.58%
Colorado	\$25,500.00	3	30	\$14,752.08	57.85%
Delaware	\$23,750.00	10	87	\$22,414.28	94.38%
Florida	\$112,500.00	24	207	\$33,361.88	29.66%
Illinois	\$40,750.00	8	46	\$13,039.40	32.00%
Iowa	\$22,250.00	3	30	\$1,705,248.50	7,664.04%
Kansas	\$40,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Kentucky	\$49,000.00	7	274	\$180,480.34	368.33%
Louisiana	\$26,000.00	8	72	\$18,684.96	71.87%
Maryland	\$68,750.00	19	306	\$44,702.97	65.02%
Michigan	\$67,750.00	17	374	\$69,601.40	102.73%
Minnesota	\$80,250.00	12	94	\$31,638.18	39.42%
Mississippi	\$41,000.00	13	268	\$51,577.82	125.80%
Missouri	\$71,750.00	16	323	\$43,952.28	61.26%
Nebraska	\$26,250.00	3	39	\$6,416.82	24.45%
New Jersey	\$26,750.00	2	19	\$7,328.12	27.39%
New Mexico	\$22,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
New York	\$46,000.00	1	3	\$295.02	0.64%
North Carolina	\$67,500.00	24	951	\$132,569.38	196.40%
North Dakota	\$41,500.00	8	125	\$31,075.62	74.88%
Ohio	\$82,750.00	7	85	\$42,424.74	51.27%
Oklahoma	\$42,500.00	10	332	\$43,808.30	103.08%
Oregon	\$44,000.00	4	22	\$6,140.46	13.96%
Pacific Areas	\$103,250.00	30	1,147	\$70,275.60	68.06%
Pennsylvania	\$100,750.00	8	834	\$115,853.66	114.99%
South Carolina	\$50,000.00	6	218	\$36,893.13	73.79%
South Dakota	\$24,500.00	8	142	\$14,134.82	57.69%
Tennessee	\$30,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Texas	\$93,250.00	31	298	\$64,911.31	69.61%
Virginia	\$81,750.00	20	293	\$47,785.54	58.45%
Washington	\$58,250.00	21	796	\$151,464.57	260.03%
Wisconsin	\$61,000.00	27	634	\$151,072.87	247.66%
(AK2) Midnight Sun	\$10,500.00	3	89	\$14,568.82	138.75%
(AL13) Tri-Cities	\$3,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
(EU6) Lebkuchen	\$19,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
(GA1) Mossy Mites	\$6,250.00	3	32	\$7,276.67	116.43%
(GA5) Muff Rats	\$7,500.00	3	12	\$2,235.00	29.80%
(GA66) Horney Bug	\$10,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
(HI1) Okolehau	\$2,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
(IN11) Indy Racers	\$11,250.00	2	21	\$2,704.18	24.04%
(MA14) Plymouth Rock	\$7,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
(MA52) Wanderors	\$2,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
(MT10) Sleeping Giant	\$14,750.00	3	48	\$6,466.78	43.84%
(NH1) Old Man Mountain	\$12,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
(NH3) Week - Enders	\$10,750.00	3	39	\$5,218.53	48.54%
(NV2) Snake Eyes	\$11,250.00	3	47	\$7,808.28	69.41%
(WV6) Snakie State	\$11,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,018,750.00</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>9,194</b>	<b>\$3,358,173.09</b>	<b>166.35%</b>

To view the MOC Hospital report in a larger format, scan the QR code below or go to: <https://hospital.cootie.org/supreme/courierReport/2023>.





# MOC Inspection Report



09-25-2023

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		9/5/2023	N/A	100%	
						0%	
AZ	8					0%	2,6,10,11,13,14,23,777
AR	5					0%	3.13,21,48
CA	10				Yes	0%	7,16,19,23,40,43,44,61,68,69
CO	5					0%	1,2,7,14,19
DE	3					0%	1,2,4
EUR	1				N/A	0%	6
FL	18	7				39%	2,8,17,18,23,29,32,41,44,55,56
GA-1	1	1		Aug-23	N/A	100%	
GA-5	1				N/A	0%	5
GA-66	1	1		9/5/2023	N/A	100%	
HI	1				N/A	0%	1
IL	6	6		8/1/2023	Yes	100%	
IN	1				N/A	0%	11
IA	3	1				34%	1,6
KS	4					0%	2,3,6,7
KY	4					0%	2,6,7,9
LA	3					0%	3,6,11
MD	8					0%	1,3,4,6,10,16,17,27
MA-14	1				N/A	0%	14
MA-52	1				N/A	0%	52
MI	9	9		8/1/2023	Yes	100%	
MN	15					0%	2,3,5,11,15,19,34,42,46,51,54,62,66
MS	6					0%	1,6,7,12,15,17
MO	9	4			Yes	44%	5,9,12,15,17
MT-10	1				N/A	0%	10
NE	3					0%	4,7,10
NV-2	1				N/A	0%	2
NH-1	1				N/A	0%	1
NH-3	1				N/A	0%	3
NJ	5		86			0%	7,15,38,41,86
NM	4					0%	5,7,14,19
NY	8				Yes	13%	2,9,75,32,35,42,54,65
NC	10					0%	2,3,8,11,17,24,57,78,89,254
ND	6					0%	2,6,7,8,10,12
OH	13					0%	1,5,9,16,18,24,25,45,68,83,86
OK	6					0%	1,2,4,7,16,17
OR	8					0%	1,4,6,8,9,12,22,23
PAC	9					0%	1,2,6,7,8,11,13,15,303
PA	11					0%	18,29,30,33,44,45,58,59,72,92,99
SC	6				Yes	0%	1,3,9,10,13,15
SD	3					0%	1,2,20
TN	3	2				67%	26
TX	9					0%	5,11,13,24,36,37,55,69,88
VA	9					0%	1,2,5,9,11,13,14,17,18
WA	7	7		9/18/2023		100%	
WV-6	1				N/A	0%	6
WI	7					0%	6,9,14,21,23,38,41
							<b>DEFUNCT PUP TENTS</b>
							NJ 86
TOTAL	256	40	1	3	6	15.63%	

71,99

92,118



# MOC Membership Report



2022-2023 Membership Report 9/29/2023											
Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
5	KANSAS	68.52%	7	67	1	38	113	162	0	8	
3	LOUISIANA	28.57%	4	0	0	26	30	105	1	4	
5	NEW JERSEY	42.59%	1	0	0	45	46	108	1	1	
8	NEW YORK	41.62%	3	0	3	71	77	185	0	6	
5	COLORADO	56.31%	0	0	1	58	59	103	1	1	
3	TENNESSEE	50.41%	0	0	0	61	61	121	2	0	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	42.42%	0	0	0	42	42	99	0	0	
4	ARKANSAS	72.04%	1	0	19	48	68	93	1	20	
8	OREGON	54.24%	0	0	4	92	96	177	0	4	
6	NORTH DAKOTA	67.66%	0	40	0	73	113	167	1	0	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	75.00%	0	0	0	33	33	44	0	0	
9	MICHIGAN	49.24%	9	0	0	120	129	262	0	9	
18	FLORIDA	72.73%	15	79	10	226	330	451	9	25	
9	MISSOURI	62.66%	13	17	0	163	193	308	2	13	
7	WISCONSIN	66.53%	7	48	3	107	165	245	2	10	
4	NEW MEXICO	59.34%	0	0	0	54	54	91	0	0	
6	SOUTH CAROLINA	74.13%	1	28	0	103	132	201	3	1	
3	IOWA	85.56%	3	1	28	45	77	90	0	31	
6	ILLINOIS	63.41%	0	6	0	98	104	164	0	0	
6	MISSISSIPPI	68.48%	3	5	0	105	113	165	1	3	
11	PENNSYLVANIA	77.23%	9	84	12	209	314	404	3	21	
9	TEXAS	65.24%	18	24	5	197	244	374	9	23	
7	WASHINGTON	58.55%	1	11	0	126	138	234	2	1	
9	VIRGINIA	67.99%	8	5	2	208	223	328	8	10	
3	NEBRASKA	67.92%	2	0	0	70	72	106	1	2	
10	NORTH CAROLINA	69.00%	29	0	2	157	188	271	5	31	
4	KENTUCKY	63.45%	1	0	0	125	126	197	1	1	
11	CALIFORNIA	89.78%	16	96	2	255	369	411	2	18	
3	DELAWARE	83.33%	0	14	0	66	80	96	2	0	
8	MARYLAND	70.28%	0	36	1	164	201	286	0	1	
12	MINNESOTA	77.02%	0	84	0	165	249	322	2	0	
8	ARIZONA	76.56%	5	5	0	240	250	320	7	5	
7	OKLAHOMA	61.99%	8	32	2	64	106	171	2	10	
13	OHIO	77.71%	0	8	0	250	258	332	2	0	
9	PACIFIC AREAS	91.06%	8	8	7	354	377	414	2	15	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALABAMA 13	100.00%	0	0	1	15	16	16	0	1	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	32.26%	0	0	0	10	10	31	0	0	
1	INDIANA 11	52.17%	0	0	0	15	15	46	3	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1	46.94%	0	6	1	16	23	49	0	1	
1	ALASKA 2	44.19%	2	0	0	16	18	43	0	2	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	8.33%	0	0	0	1	1	12	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	46.67%	0	0	0	21	21	45	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	75.00%	0	0	0	33	33	44	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 1	92.31%	0	3	0	18	21	26	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 66	97.56%	2	13	0	25	40	41	0	2	
1	HAWAII 1	100.00%	1	0	0	11	12	12	0	1	
1	GEORGIA 5	64.52%	0	0	0	20	20	31	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	91.30%	0	0	0	42	42	46	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	100.00%	5	1	1	72	79	79	2	6	
1	MONTANA 10	88.33%	0	0	0	53	53	60	1	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	100.00%				1563	1563	1563		0	
259	TOTALS	73.81%	182	721	105	6189	7197	9751	78	287	

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



# Supreme Scratch Advertising Form



## MOC Convention

## Advertising Form

2024 Advertisements for the MOC Convention Booklet

The Supreme Convention will be held in Louisville, KY from 31<sup>st</sup> of July through 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2024. We hope that you would like to tell EVERYONE what your Fertile Hunting Ground has been accomplishing this year. Place your advertisement in the MOC Convention Book.

Send your Black & White or Colored design ads with this form to Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman, 1916 Grumann Dr, Tomah, WI 54660 or by email to [mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com](mailto:mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com) by 30 June 2024. Want to see your name in print? We've got Booster Ads available as well. Questions? Email or call Tracy at (608) 487-2440.

You will be contacted by Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman if there is an issue with your ad copy.

Booklet Ad Prices (See page 3 for sizing guide)

Full Page (Blue)	\$150.00
½ Page (Red)	\$100.00
1/4 page (Green)	\$50.00
Booster Ads (Page 2)	\$2.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand: \_\_\_\_\_

Pup Tent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Size (Check/Circle)      Full (Blue)      1/2 Page (Red)      1/4 Page (Green)

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to: Supreme MOC

Send to: Supreme MOC Headquarters, 604 Braddock Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Send ad to: Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman via email or snail mail.



2024 Supreme Convention Booster Ads (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Names \$2 each \_\_\_\_\_ x \$2 = \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pup Tent: \_\_\_\_\_

Please type or print clearly each booster ad to go into the booklet. Thank you!	
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Mail Monies to:

Supreme Headquarters  
604 Braddock Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Booster Ads to:

Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman  
1916 Grumann Dr, Tomah, WI 54660  
or email to [mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com](mailto:mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com)



Ads to  
Supreme Adjutant  
Tracy Woodman

Full Page (Blue)

\$150

1/4 Page (Green)

\$50

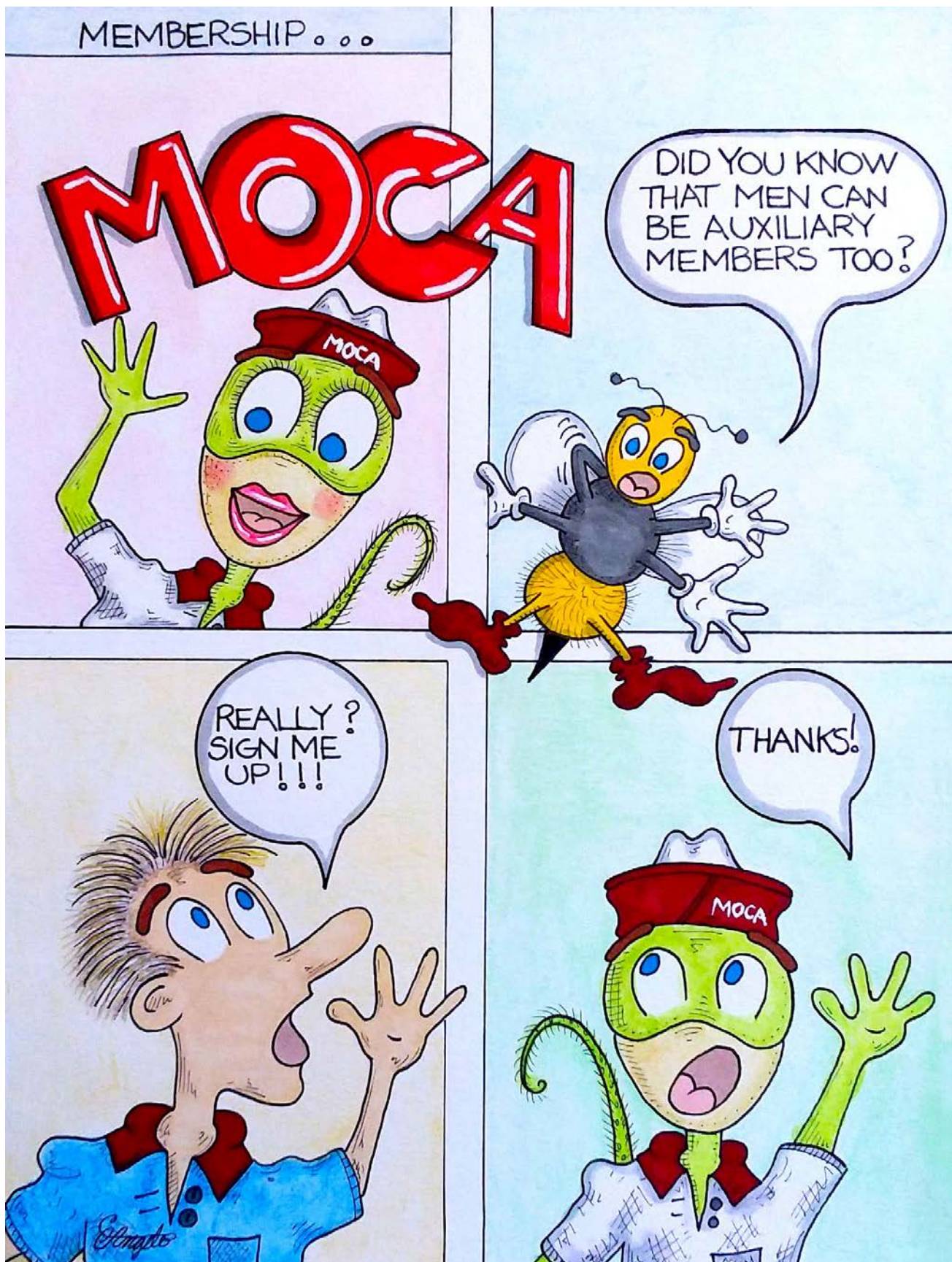
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Fee to  
Supreme QM  
Gary Dressel

\$100



# Recruit MOC Auxiliary





# Tracy M. L. Woodman Candidate for Supreme Jr. Vice Commander 2024-2025

VFW Membership 1996 – Annual / 2006 - Life

VFW Post

Past Youth Chairman (15+ years)

Patriot's Pen, Teacher of the Year

Voice of Democracy Chairman

Past Adjutant (2 years)

Honor Guard (15+ years)

Past Scholarship Committee (5 years)

Past Commander (2019-2021)

All-American Post Commander 2020-2021



Above: Visiting the Highground Veterans Memorial Park

VFW District 11

Past Youth Chairman (10+ years)

Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, Teacher of the Year

Past District Adjutant 2013-2020

VFW Department of Wisconsin

Past Voice of Democracy Co-Chairman (1 year)

Teacher of the Year Chairman (2011-current)

Frank Brown Co-Chairman (3+ years)

VFW National Aide De Camp (Multiple, 1<sup>st</sup> time: 2014-2015)



Military Order of the Cootie Membership 2007 – Annual / 2008 - Life

MOC Pup Tent

Seam Squirrel (Commander) multiple years

CCDB (Quartermaster) multiple years

Pup Tent All\*Star Seam Squirrel 2022-2023

MOC Grand of Wisconsin

Grand By-Laws Committee Assistant current

VAVS Rep (Tomah VA) current

Grand Tomah Days Chairman current

Grand Seam Squirrel of the Year (2017-2018)

Grand All\*Star Commander (2021-2022)

Grand Cootie of the Year (2022-2023)

Grand Commander (2021-2022)

Grand Judge Advocate (2023-2024)

Past Grand Historian multiple years

MOC Supreme

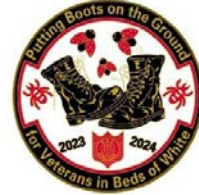
Supreme Adjutant General (2021-current)

Supreme Ritual Subcommittee (2022)

**Mentorship! Mentorship! Mentorship!**  
**Be a Mentor! Have a Mentor!**



# Supreme President's Message



## Supreme President's Message October 2023



This year is moving on fast. Here it is October already. Just remember Thanksgiving and Christmas is just around the corner, then the New Year is upon us. Please stay safe in all that you do during these holidays.

One important event on our horizon is the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Tomb Trek.

Every year we take this time to make the journey to Washington DC and to Arlington National Cemetery where we honor all Veterans and remember the sacrifices that they have made and the courage it took to defend honor, duty, and country. We're here to remember their achievements, their courage, and their dedication. May we never forget. I say thank you for all those sacrifices.

It was once said, "Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul."

Millions of Americans have fought and died on battlefields here and abroad for our freedoms and way of life and today our troops continue to make the ultimate sacrifices, and even as we lose troops, more Americans step forward to say, I'm ready to serve. They follow in the footsteps of generations of fine Americans.

To all, I say thank you. Let's "Put our Boots on the Ground for Our Veterans in Beds of White". We may not know them all, but we do owe them all.

Loyally,

*Billie Cassidy*

Supreme MOCA President  
2023-2024





# Supreme Sr. Vice President's Message

Members All,

I hope this note finds everyone finding their way around all this crazy weather.

I have sent out my request letters for my chairmen for the coming year. Many of you have returned them...thank you for the quick response.

There are a couple of chairs I need help to fill. Dist. 4 Hospital Commissioner, Carolyn Bell, is stepping down. If anyone knows of a member that would be willing to take this position...please ask them to contact me.

I am also in need of a Photographer/Historian. The member that accepts this position needs to be aware that they would be requested to attend Tomb Trek, Cootie Christmas and Supreme Convention.

If anyone is interested in taking a chairmanship, please let me know. I am sure I will be receiving a few more declines. I know that the information in the roster is not correct, so I can be reached by e-mail at [patpres@yahoo.com](mailto:patpres@yahoo.com) or by mail at 2424 N. Illinois Ave., Joplin, MO.

***Thank you all for stepping up,***

Loyally,

**Patches Presfield  
Supreme Sr. Vice President  
2023-2024**





# MOC Auxiliary General Order #2



## Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary General Orders #2 – Series 2023-2024



- 1) **Treasurers**: Please do not hold dues. When you receive 2024 dues from members, complete the transmittals immediately and send to your Grand Treasurer. Grand Treasurers, please complete transmittals and send to the Supreme Treasurer. **Treasurers for Auxiliaries not in a Grand**, please send all transmittals to the Supreme Treasurer Sandra McKinley, 13440 126<sup>th</sup> Ave, Largo, FL 33774. E-mail: [sanmckin13440@gmail.com](mailto:sanmckin13440@gmail.com)
- 2) **Officers**: All local, Grand, and Supreme Officers, please make sure your dues are paid. Remember if your dues are not received by Supreme Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> then on January 1<sup>st</sup> you are a member not in good standing and cannot hold your current office. Be aware that this also includes your VFW Auxiliary dues being paid up and current. If your VFW Auxiliary dues are not paid for 2024 by December 31<sup>st</sup>, then your MOCA membership cannot be paid.
- 3) **Bonds**: All Auxiliaries and Grands should have their 2023 to 2025 bond by now.
- 4) **Audits**: Trustees, please make sure you are auditing the Secretary and Treasurer books (minute book, checkbook, ledger, receipt book, deposit book and bank statements). All audits are to be completed and mailed to Supreme Treasurer on time.
- 5) **Chaplains**: Please report monthly to your Grand Chaplain, who will then report to the Supreme Chaplain: Dawn Van Tassell 110 Burgundy, Ekron, KY 40117 E-mail: [cootiecutiedawnvt@gmail.com](mailto:cootiecutiedawnvt@gmail.com). **Auxiliaries Not in a Grand**: Please send your reports directly to Supreme Chaplain. Please send all names, of members who are ill or passed away to the Supreme Chaplain. The Supreme Chaplain will send out emails notifying who needs cards.
- 6) **Grand Presidents**: You should have started your inspections and visits to your Auxiliaries in your Grand. Please do not hold those Inspection Reports. As soon as you visit/inspect, forward the Inspection form to Supreme Inspector: Marquitta Hill, P O Box 16113, Hattiesburg, MS 39404 E-mail: [nicolevfw@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolevfw@yahoo.com) and to the Supreme President, Billie Cassidy, 7808 Hwy 412e, Linden, TN 37096 email: [bscassidy@tds.net](mailto:bscassidy@tds.net). **Auxiliaries Not in A Grand**: As Supreme President, I will be visiting some of the Auxiliaries not in a Grand and I have assigned individuals to complete the inspections for the rest of the Auxiliaries not in a Grand. All inspections for auxiliaries shall be completed by December 31, 2023.
- 7) **Representative Request**: Please send me your Representative request by December 31<sup>st</sup>. If not received, I will make the final decision on who your



Representative is. Time is running out. Even if you don't know when and where, that can be filled in later.

- 8) **Auxiliary Secretaries:** Please send any updated officer's information and changes of officers to your Grand Presidents. Auxiliary Secretaries, please forward the information to Supreme President, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer.
- 9) To those who are ill, our best wishes for a speedy recovery. To those who have lost loved ones, we extend our sympathy and prayers.

Attested By:

Georg Jean Zimmerman  
Supreme Secretary

By Order of

Billie Cassidy  
Supreme President





# MOC Auxiliary Membership Report



## MOCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

September 2023

Grand	2023	2024	%	Auxiliary	2023	2024	%
Division 1 (under 100)				Division 5 (Auxiliaries not in a Grand)			
Kansas	0			Alaska #2	0		
Kentucky	79			Delaware #4	27		
Louisiana	54			Georgia #1	13		
Maryland	83			Georgia #5	14		
New Jersey	63			Georgia #66	20		
<b>5 Grands</b>				Illinois #62	29		
Division 2 (101-145)				Indiana #11	39		
Arizona	122			Massachusetts	0		
Colorado	60			Montana #10	37		
Mississippi	58			Nebraska #10	5		
New Mexico	38			Oklahoma #2	31		
New York	122			Oklahoma #7	17		
Oregon	71			Pennsylvania	7		
<b>6 Grands</b>				Pennsylvania	17		
Division 3 (146-180)				South Dakota	11		
North Carolina	151			South Dakota	0		
Ohio	111			South Dakota	0		
South Carolina	100			Tennessee #2	0		
Texas	138			West Virginia	24		
Virginia	78			<b>TOTALS</b>			
Washington	183						
<b>6 Grands</b>							
Division 4 (181 & over)							
California	139						
Florida	164						
Michigan	126						
Minnesota	199						
Missouri	176						
Wisconsin	82						
<b>6 Grands</b>							

As you can see, the headings in this table are from a previous year. The membership figures are from the transmittals I have received. They are probably not inclusive of all the dues paid in the 2022-2023 year. We are now starting the 2023-2024 year and transmittals are coming in. This year will be tracked carefully to ensure all paid dues are entered into the database. I hope there will be a large increase in the figures in the next report. It is up to each member to help increase our membership. We all know how important our mission to help hospitalized veterans is and we must ensure it is carried on.



# Tomb Trek Agenda

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM: REGISTRATION: Outside Concourse Room

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: REGISTRATION: Outside Concourse Room (Meal Order closes

NOON) 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM: REGISTRATION CONTINUES: Outside Concourse Room

**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM: MOC&MOCA - Town Hall Open Discussion – (VA Hospitality Rm)**

**(Attendance very much appreciated, but not required)**

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

9:00 AM: MOC/MOCA JOINT OPENING (National Cemetery decorum and instruction):

South Ballroom – Mark Newman

9:30 AM: MOCA COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING: North Ballroom

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM: MOC COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING: South Ballroom

**11:00 AM - 12:30PM: LUNCH**

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM: MOC TRAINING SESSION; By-Laws Change Process: South Ballroom

(Who: Council Members, all other MOC welcome) – Darin Combs

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM: INSPECTION PREP South Ballroom (All welcome and encouraged to attend)

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM: MOCK Scratch – South Ballroom (All MOC encourage to attend)

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Banquet Prep

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

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

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

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 AM: MEMORIAL SERVICE: South Ballroom

9:30 AM: LOADING OF THE BUSES

10:00 AM: DEPART FOR CEMETERY

10:15 AM: ARRIVE AT THE ARGONNE CROSS

10:30 AM: WREATH PRESENTATION CEREMONY BEGINS

11:30 AM: CEREMONY CONCLUDES WITH PLAYING OF TAPS

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

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

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

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

**NOTE: (5:30 meet – For those remaining thru Monday (Dinner at local restaurant – TBD)**

We will coordinate with the Hotel to use shuttle buses as we have in the past.



# Tomb Trek Registration



## Military Order of the Cootie REGISTRATION 88th TOMB TREK



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pup Tent/Auxiliary Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Meal Selection: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please enter how many of each meal selection.)

<u>Type of Registration</u>	<u>Advanced Registration</u>	<u>After 10/1/2023</u>
Full Registration	\$85.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Registration Only	\$20.00 _____	\$25.00 _____
Banquet Only	\$50.00 _____	\$55.00 _____
Bus Ticket	\$15.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
# Regular _____		
# Handicap _____		

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TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



# Tomb Trek Wreath Order Form



## Military Order of the Cootie WREATH REGISTRATION 88th TOMB TREK

Nov. 3 - 5, 2023



**MOC:**

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

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

**MOCA:**

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

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

**GRAND:**

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

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

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Each registration is \$ 25.00. (\$5 goes towards the design, compilation and printing of the booklet) Your order must be received before 1 October 2023 to be printed in the Annual Tomb Trek booklet. Wreath orders will be accepted after this date BUT will not be printed in the booklet.

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TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# Supreme Cootie of the Year Program 2023 - 24

## 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](mailto: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

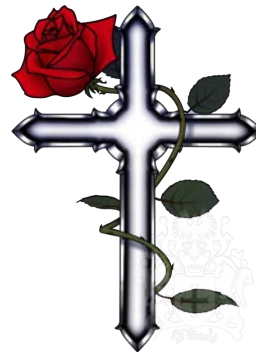
**Objective:** The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the Military Order of the Cootie.

**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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# **MOC Auxiliary Ways and Means Raffle**



**Greetings Brothers & Sisters,**

The Ways & Means Committee are asking each Grand and Auxiliaries not in a Grand to bring Gift Cards to Tomb Trek in November 2023 and Supreme Convention 2024 in the amount of \$25.00. Gift Cards will be easier for those traveling via airplane, etc. instead of baskets. At the 2024 Supreme Convention, we will also hold a Cash Raffle drawing. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Each Grand, Auxiliaries not in a Grand and local Auxiliaries are asked to purchase or sell a minimum of 10 tickets (\$10.00). 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$50.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$25.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25.00.

Make checks payable to: **Supreme MOCA**  
Memo Section: **Ways & Means 2023 – 2024**

Mail check and ticket stubs to :  
**Supreme MOCA Ways and Means Chairman**  
**Benita Lyman**  
**14 Spencer Road**  
**Wiggins, MS 39577**

Any questions or comments, please contact me at (601) 466-9986.

**Sincerely,**

**Benita Lyman,**  
**Supreme MOCA Ways & Means Chairman**  
**2023 - 2024**





# From the VFW National Chaplain



## Chaplain's Corner

Comrade Chaplains,

With this September being *suicide awareness month*, I wish all chaplains and veterans that read this watch out for our comrades, so in hopes that we can prevent any suicides. Do not be afraid to just listen to those that need an ear. Sometimes just being there for a comrade helps. Please don't forget to **dial 988 then press one** if you need help and may God bless you all!

Here is the "X" (Twitter) link from the VFW National website about suicide prevention month. [https://twitter.com/VFVHQ/status/1697594350929068051?t=J\\_ZcbtmD453ezX0mGc1jTg&s=09](https://twitter.com/VFVHQ/status/1697594350929068051?t=J_ZcbtmD453ezX0mGc1jTg&s=09)

Yours in Comradeship,

David Frei  
VFW National Chaplain





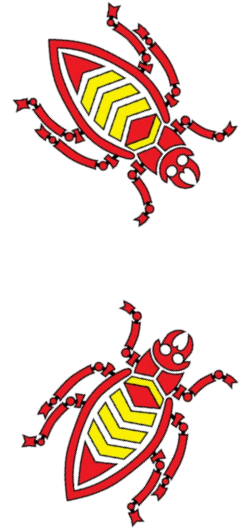
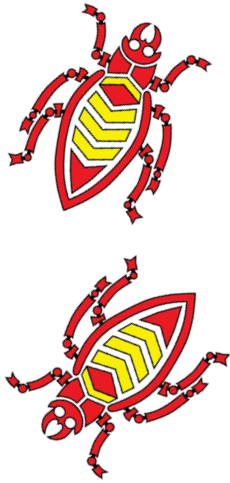
# MOC and MOC Auxiliary



Building Bridges Together!



# Grand of California



MOC/MOCA PT #43 Chinchies Cootie Burger event was held on July 15th and sold out! 100% of all proceeds are to support our Hospital Programs. MOC Grand Commander/ SS Cindy Ohara marches all Cooties into the hall to open our Burger Bash. The Grand Commander introduced PT #43 and gave an introduction as what we do as Cooties. We had door prizes, raffles and plenty of Cootie Milk was on hand. All who attended had a LOUSY time!

*Courtesy of Steve Kemp*



# Grand of Florida

Lots of Lousy fun at the Grand Scratch



Grand MOC Blanket  
Bum Trent Rundell with  
Cootieville's I'lean.

New MOC Auxiliary  
Grand Officers



Grand Auxiliary Clowns



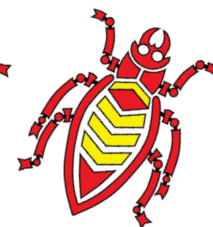
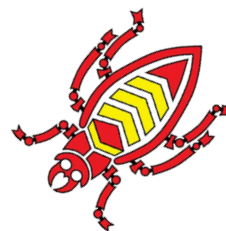
# Grand of Michigan



**R**ose Hub Pup Tent/Aux #24 Fraser, Michigan and Caraboa Pup Tent/Aux #32 Fenton, Michigan came together once again as a "**Team**" to bring "Cootie Bingo Phun" to 26 patients at The Michigan Veterans Home in Chesterfield Township on 17 August 2023.

This Cootie "**Team**" from left to right is: Supreme Special Project Chairman/Saginaw VA Rep. Eddie Dandridge Sr.; PGC./ Detroit VA Rep. Don Martindale; PT#24 Hungry Cootie, Lee Asher; Past 8th Supreme Dist./Detroit VA Deputy, Mahlon Breese; PT#24 Seam Squirrel, Mitch Malek; Supreme Guard, Rosalyn Dandridge and Grand Conductress, Madeline Breese.

*Courtesy of Eddie Dandridge Sr.*





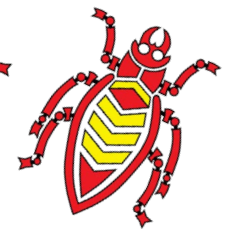
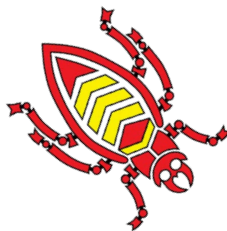
## Cedar Point Trip for VFW National Home



Grand of Michigan Jr. Vice Cmdr Ward (PT-42), Seam Squirrel Pence (PT-42), and Grand QM Schultz Jr. (PT-21) preparing to present certificates and mingling with the residents.



National Home's Nancy Bower, Seamy Pence (PT-42) and QM Schultz Jr. (PT-21) preparing to hand out tickets and spending money. PGP Bridget White (PT-24) speaking with residents.





# Michigan Day at the VFW National Home 2023



The Grand of Michigan Cooties cooked lunch.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand of Michigan Jamboree, Veteran Resource Seminar focusing on Suicide Awareness and Prevention.**





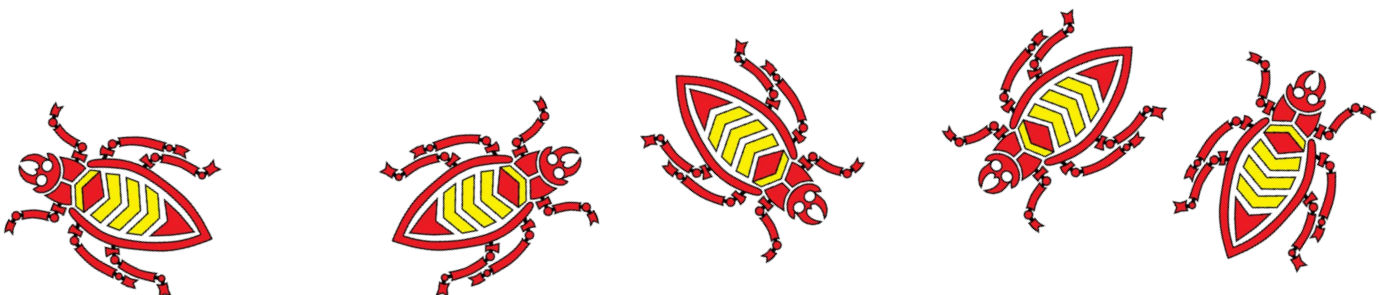
# Romeo Peach Festival Parade. Romeo, Michigan



Grand President Cathy Vargo (PT-32) and PGC Powell (PT-42) leading our contingent.



Our (2) "floats", white and red Cootie Wagons, and a trailer full of bugs! Grand Chaplain White (PT-17), Grand President Cathy Vargo (PT-32), and Grand Commander Frazier Jr. (PT-42) riding in style.





# GRAND OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Here is a lousy snapshot of the vampires at our last blood drive on August 5th at the Hudson VFW in NH. Rumor has it there was 21 units of the good stuff.

*Courtesy of Paul Roy*



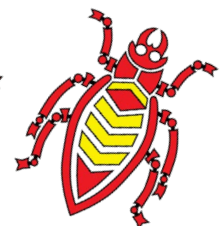
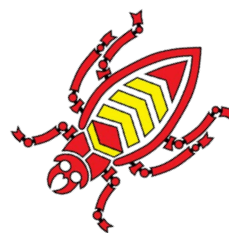
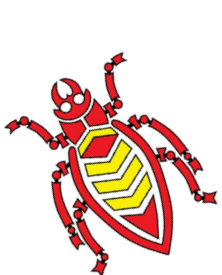
# Grand of North Dakota

## Fargo VA Voluntary Services Kickoff Banquet



L to R: Arvaal Olson, PT8; Steve Volk, PT2 & State QM/ADJ; Jessica Head of the Fargo VA (Head of Voluntary Services); Corey Moen, PT7 & Grand Commander of North Dakota; Don Faith, PT8; Bill Tuff, PT8 Seam Squirrel. Attended the Fargo VA Hospital Annual Kickoff Banquet for Volunteers on September 18th.

*Courtesy of Steve Volk*





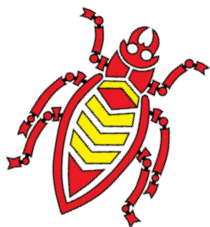
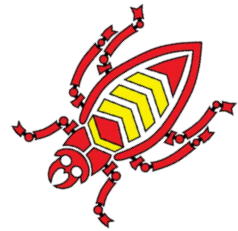
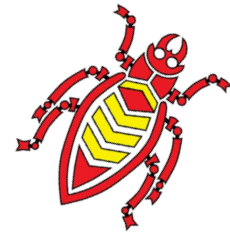
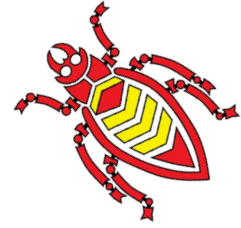
# Grand of Virginia

## Supreme Scratch



Supreme Vampire Frank Presfield and Supreme Commander Dwight Hora presenting Ben Guinan award for Blood Reports.

*Courtesy of Ken Eggers*



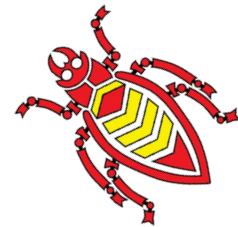
Cooties and family at the banquet table





All-Star Grand and All-Star Pup Tent award presentation with: me, Dwight, Joanne Smith (Pup Tent 13 SS and All-Star Pup Tent recipient...and Virginia SS of the Year awardee!!!), Todd Taylor, Doris Wollet, and Lola and Boyd Burnett.

*Courtesy of Ben Guinan*



Grand/Pup Tent Hospital Award presentation photo from Supreme Scratch with: Ben Guinan, Joanne Smith, Ronnie Steele, Dwight, Check, Hal Roesch, and Eric Bell.

*Courtesy of Ben Guinan*



# Grand of Washington

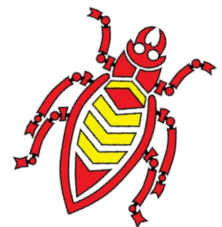
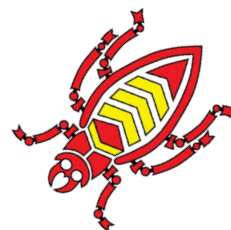
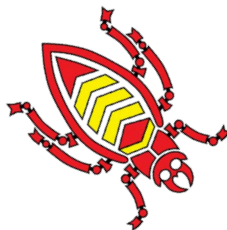
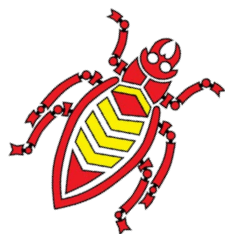


## Annual Cootie 4th of July ice cream social at the Vancouver VA

There were root beer floats, sundaes and banana splits.

Pictured left to right: Deane Bray, Margie Ekstrand, Bea Close, Rebecca Pellechi, Andrea Olsen, Marjorie Stetson, #9 Auxiliary, Larry Ross and Ron Olsen

*Courtesy of Bea Close, #18 Auxiliary*





# HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY BUDD!



Pictured L-R: Margie Ekstrand, PT #6; Andrea Osborn, PT #6; Bea Close, PT #18; Larry Ross, PT #6; Ron Osborn, PT #6; In front Budd...

Cooties celebrating Budd's 99th birthday at the Vancouver VA Hospital. **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtCq-fae4zQ>. Through the Eyes of Valor: Budd Harrop's Journey from Battle of the Bulge to a Return Visit. This extended documentary delves into the life and experiences of World War II veteran Budd Harrop. From the intense combat during the Battle of the Bulge to the emotional tracing of his steps and a return visit years later, Harrop's personal narrative provides a compelling and human perspective on the realities of war.

***Courtesy of Bea Close, #18 Auxiliary***



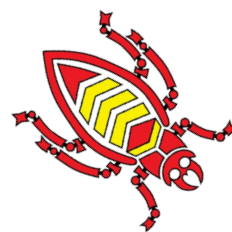
# Meet Scribbles the Miniature Horse

Scribbles is part of The Horse Prayer organization. And is owned by Stephanie and Kelly Swan. The website is: [www.thehorseprayer.org](http://www.thehorseprayer.org).

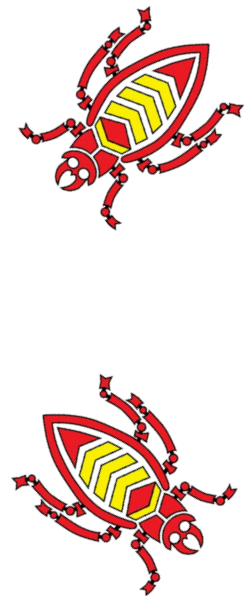
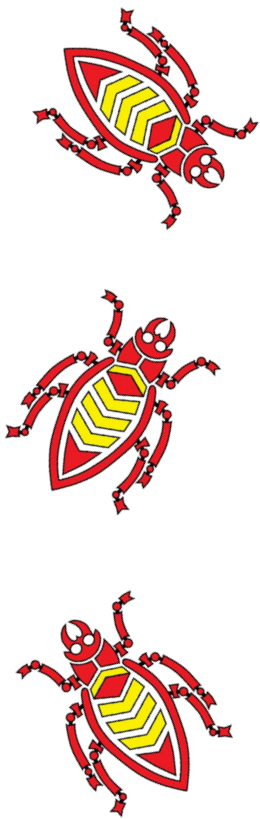
Scribbles has his own Facebook and Instagram accounts under *ScribblesTheMini*. He will be 27 on April 5, 2024. He is a registered Miniature Horse Breed. He is such a special little guy with a huge heart!

Scribbles and their owners along with members of Pup Tent #3, Yur a Bum, in Puyallup visited the Life Care Center to bring joy to the residents. Scribbles was quite a hit and residents streamed into the hallways to see Scribbles. Scribbles also visited residents in their rooms. Scribbles favorite food is peanuts in the shell.

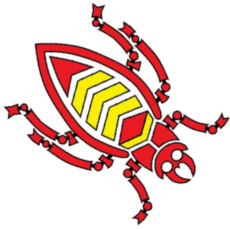
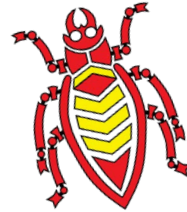
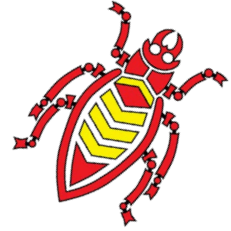
***Pictures by Grand Commander Paul Herrera.***













## VFW and MOC Working Side by Side...

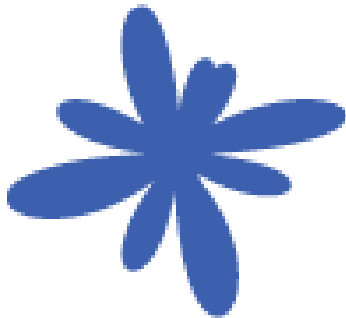
Thank you Traci Williams for representing the Grand of Washington at the Seattle VA wellness fair this past week!!!

It is always Lousy to showcase and continually educate what the Cooties do. Traci, is the Cootie Grand VAVS Rep for the Seattle VA hospital.

The Cootie Booth was right next to the VFW booth showing the unity and purpose.

**A Big Boooooo to Traci!**

*Courtesy of Grand Commander Paul Herrera*







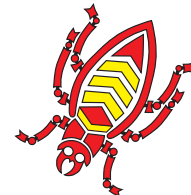
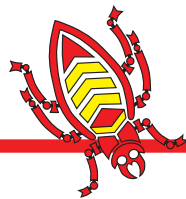
The price for a mailed copy of the Cootie Courier has increased to \$10.00/Year. To continue receiving a mailed copy, please send a check or money order to:

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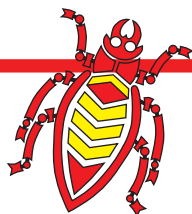
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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!  
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# Grand of Wisconsin

## Celebration of Tomah Days

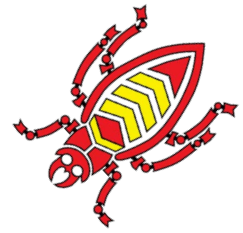
Grand of Wisconsin's annual Tomah Days is a celebration where Cooties get together to grill brats and burgers for the patients at the Tomah VA. Then we hold a bingo. Along with money prizes, this year we provided crafts kits for those that wanted them.

After a short break, we went to the Murray's On Main restaurant to have a Cootie Family Dinner. Sunday morning is breakfast at the Woodman house and then the MOC Scratch and MOCA meeting.

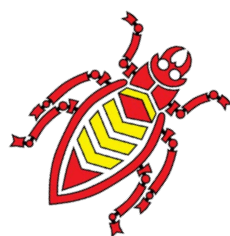
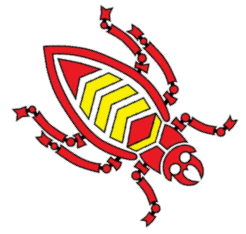
*Courtesy of Tracy M. L. Woodman*













# From the Supreme Newshound

Shred, shred, shred...Hmmm...now where did I put my article??? Oh my! In the shredder again! I just get carried away shreddin' the content for our *Crummy Rag*! In this issue remember to check out the mumblings of our Supreme officers. Sometimes they use "Straight Talk" and other times "Cootiespeak".

Also, check out the information about **Tomb Trek** in this issue. According to the PSC Mark Newman, the participation of Grands and Pup Tents ordering wreaths for Tomb Trek is not very good as of 9-25-2023. Only 14 Grands, 5 Auxiliaries and 44 Pup Tents have ordered wreaths. *Give me a pound of blue ointment!* We can do Lousier than that, eh?

*Inspections, inspections, inspections...* Congratulations to all those Grands who have been 100% inspected. That makes six so far. It would be most Pestiferous to have all of the Grands inspected by December, eh? That'd be a Lousy Christmas present to our Supreme Inspector! If you don't know how to inspect your Pup Tent, there's a new Training page under the Links tab of the Supreme website: <https://lotcs.org/training.html>. Check it out! You'll see a couple of slideshows available with YouTube videos to come.

September was Suicide Prevention month. But, let us always be diligent to spot a fellow veteran in crisis 24/7, 365 days a year. I'm learning some Latin from a 1928 book and a phrase that I just learned is "*nil desperandum*." It means "*never despair*." Combined with "*meus frater*" or "*my brother*" we have "*nil desperandum meus frater*" or "*never despair my brother*." So, keep this phrase in mind and keep watch. For all of us are sentinels for our fellow comrades.

Finally, remember when submitting content to our *Crummy Rag* include **who, what, when, where and why** in your submissions and when sending in photos. I accept *JPEG, PDF, TIFF and PNG* files. I'm still receiving e-mails with nothing attached or the name of who sent the content. Names are important! In your pictures, be creative. The lousiest photo makes it onto the cover. Send all your **Crummy** submissions to be shredded to:

[cootiecourier@lotcs.org](mailto:cootiecourier@lotcs.org)

Yours in LOTCS,

**DALE A TANNELLO**  
Supreme Newshound  
Cootie Courier





# Field Guide to Government Shutdown



## VETERANS FIELD GUIDE TO GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

As of October 1, 2023



The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to provide quality, consistent care and services to Veterans, families, Caregivers, and Survivors. VA's mission allows no exception to this standard even when operations are limited by the absence of appropriations (commonly known as a "Government shutdown").



### SERVICES TO VETERANS NOT IMPACTED:



VA Medical Centers, Outpatient Clinics, and Vet Centers will be open.



VA benefits will continue to be processed and delivered, including compensation, pension, education, and housing benefits.



Burials will continue at VA national cemeteries.

Applications for headstones, markers, and burial benefits processing will continue.



The Board of Veterans' Appeals will continue decisions on Veterans' cases.



VA Contact Centers (1-800-MyVA411) and the Veterans Crisis Line (Dial 988, Press 1) are open 24/7.



### HAVE A QUESTION? CALL US!

The one number all Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors can use to access VA resources 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year.

**1-800-MYVA411 (1-800-698-2411)**



### SERVICES TO VETERANS IMPACTED:



VA will not provide veteran career counseling or transition assistance program activities.



VA education benefits contact center (GI Bill Hotline: 1-888-GIBILL-1 or 1-888-442-4551) will be closed.



VA benefits regional offices will be closed.



Public affairs and outreach to Veterans will cease.



No grounds maintenance or placement of permanent headstones at VA cemeteries.

Applications for pre-need burial at VA cemeteries will not be processed.

No printing of new Presidential Memorial Certificates.



No outreach to state, county, tribal, municipal, faith-based, and community-based partners by VA Central Office.

In the event of a prolonged shutdown, VA will continue to review and update its plan in conjunction with the applicable legal requirements and circumstances. Please visit [www.whitehouse.gov/omb/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/) or [www.VA.gov](https://www.va.gov) for updated information.

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Attained age is the age that you are on December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



# Red Star Life Membership

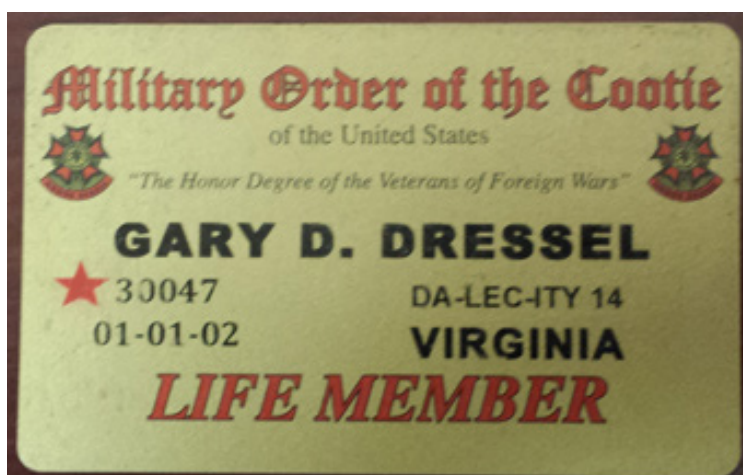
For the price of \$100.00 you too can become a **Red Star Life Member** and help support our "**Crummy Fraternity**" and leave a legacy for your Pup Tent.



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](mailto: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](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.





# Taps

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 Andrew Diedrich  
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 Charles Arnold  
 Ron Doyle  
 Gerald Long  
 Barbara Gibson  
 Robert Gross  
 Philip Padgett  
 Judge Kemp, Sr  
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 Ralph Horne  
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# Tomb Trek

