

# Cootie Courier

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**January-April Issue**



## From the Supreme Commander

### Listen Cooties,

Where is the year going? By the time your reading this the holidays will be behind us. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and the New Year is prosperous for all!

I thoroughly enjoyed being at the VFW National Home for Cootie Christmas. The smiles on the children's faces, the enjoyment Santa brought to the event, and the dedicated Cooties and MOCA made this event one that I will always remember. Thanks to the Grand of Michigan for the fantastic job they do every year putting this event on. Also, to the Grand of Florida for the delicious food they cooked for everyone. I had one lousy time and will do it again in a heartbeat! While at the National Home we met with the staff and discussed projects, the Cootie Monument and other items. We came away with great information and ideas with more to come.

Now down to Cootie business. I have appointed a new Cootie Courier Editor, Dale Iannello. If his name sounds familiar it's because he is also our Cootie Webmeister. We have a new email address for the editor which is: [cootiecourier@lotcs.org](mailto:cootiecourier@lotcs.org). Please send all of your articles, pictures and other such items to that address for inclusion in the Cootie Courier.

Talking about Dale, have you visited the Cootie website lately? Our Webmeister is busier than a bee creating new ways to get information out to everyone. One such page is the new MOCA webpage. Please pass it on to all of your MOCA's out there to take a look at the page and the information provided. Another such improvement will be a page specifically for the "Grand's National Home Programs".

Here you will find information and applications for programs like the Texas Horny Toads, Michigan Nitpickers, The Blue Guard, Maryland VFW National Home Honorary Fire Department, Keystone Cops and The Arizona Roadrunners! If your Grand has such programs contact our Supreme Quartermaster to get the information on the page. Let the world know what we do to support our VFW National Home for Children.

Being this is the beginning of the New Year have you reached out to your delinquent members, explained the importance of remaining a Cootie and asked them to renew their membership? We need our Cooties to perform the many workings of the Pup Tent. Make sure you contact all of your Cooties and let them know that without them we can't "Keep them smiling in beds of white", or support our children at the VFW National Home. I'm asking all those that haven't paid your dues yet to realize that being a Cootie is not about the money you pay, it's about our commitment to those brothers, sisters and children that we obligated ourselves to serve.

From what I read and see, there are a lot of Cooties visiting our heroes. The time spent with these veterans is well worth the effort. Just because the holidays are behind us doesn't mean we stop. Keep visiting those that look for our camaraderie. Additionally, please make sure you report your visits. I want to remind all the Supreme District Councils if you have any Black Division Pup Tents in your area please reach out to them. Make sure they are submitting reports, getting inspected, and offering your assistance to them. You are not out there alone because you're not in a Grand, because we are to be closer than a brother.

I will be meeting with the Supreme Staff in March to set up the Convention Representative assignments. If you haven't done so yet, and want a Supreme Representative at your Grand Convention, please submit the form to Supreme Headquarters now! We will do our best in fulfilling your wishes. The form can be obtained online at [LOTCS.org](http://LOTCS.org).

Now, let's get to work! Let's not forget the Cootie Monument restoration, the Supreme project donation towards the Education fund, Pup Tent and Grand Inspections and increase and multiply. No one ever said working the seams was easy.....HAVE FUN!!!!!!!

**Mark Newman**  
**Supreme Commander**





## **From the Supreme Senior Vice Commander**

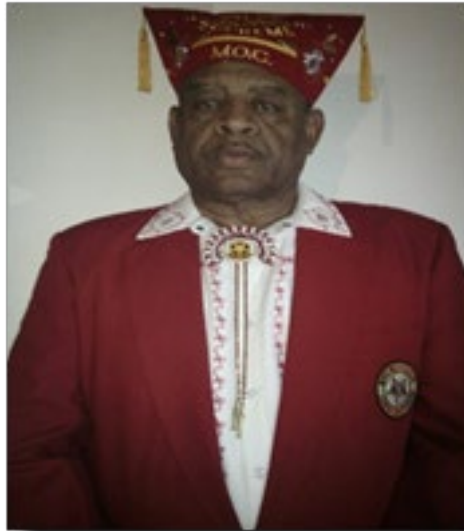
Well Cooties here we are by now past the turkey bird and Christmas tree thing and now, maybe, our checkbooks can get back to normal!!! First of all a belated Merry Christmas to all and now it's on to bigger and better things. Since the last courier I had the honor of attending Tomb Trek and placing the wreath for my Pup Tent followed by the very high honor of going out with the Supreme Commander to lay the wreath for Supreme. As Mark said once you go you will never forget! What an awesome job once again by the Tomb Trek committee – WELL DONE! Now on to the National Home – can't wait!

We are about to make the turn towards home plate and I ask that each Grand dig deep for membership, donations and hospital to give Mark Newman an outstanding year.

I have been traveling a lot and spreading the word of the MOC to everyone who will listen and to some that won't. All I ask is for every Cootie to try, that's all anyone can ask.

Since this now January by the time you get this, I want to pass on some personal items (And of course this was cleared with the Supreme Commander). First, if you go to the LOTCS web site under events my 2014 Home Coming form is on there. I ask you look at this and respond as you see fit. This is a major planning event and the sooner my committee knows a head count the easier it goes. Secondly, I am seeking everyone's support for the high office of Supreme Commander in July and can only promise to do the best I can for all Cooties even if you don't support me, remember the motto "One Team One Goal."

**Dave Wimmer**  
**Supreme Senior Vice Commander**



## **From the Supreme Junior Vice Commander**

**Listen Cooties,**

The year is half over and it's time to focus on where we are with our Programs. Especially our Core Programs such as: The Membership Program, Hospital Program, and the Supreme Commander's National Home Special Project to include the \$1.00 or more for the Scholarship Fund. Your Pup Tent Inspection is a part of the Core Programs as well. Remember what our Supreme Commander stated in his Program Book? To become an All Star Grand all you have to do is be 100% or more in your Core Programs, which he laid out in his Program Book. So, you are only competing against your Grand, unless you want to compete for Captain of the All Star team. Then you compete against all the Grand's in the MOC. I challenge each of you out there in Cootie land to take time out of your busy schedule to read Mark's Programs for his year. There you will find that some of his changes focus on bringing our Organization into the 21st Century.

**Charles E Young  
Supreme Jr. Vice Commander**



## **From the Supreme Quartermaster**

Listen Cooties,

Well hopefully everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Now is the time for everyone to start thinking about membership. If you are an annual member and have not paid your dues, you are not in good standing with your Pup Tent, your Grand or with Supreme. Cooties we need to grow, without new members we are going to eventually fail in our mission to "Keep'em Smiling in beds of White."

We have selected the Marriott Hotel and Resort Airport in St. Louis, MO for our Supreme Convention in July. The registration, banquet and hotel information is available on our website. Reserve your rooms early. Those of you that want a hospitality room contact Supreme Headquarters to get the specifics on the rooms. They are as usual first come first served. Remember that every Pup Tent must register at least one delegate to the Supreme Convention at a cost of \$15.00 per delegate. You can of course pay at the door (convention) but it will cost you \$17.00 to do so.

We are planning on changing the way membership is processed again this year. We are trying to cut down on some of the paper that in the past has been sent to headquarters. Look for your membership to be mailed to the Grand Quartermasters in early June. I have redesigned the transmittal form for the Pup Tents to use, and have done away with the old T-1 form. In February we will be sending rosters to all the Pup Tents. Please review the roster and return them to headquarters if there are changes that need to be made. We are going to try to send these rosters to the CCDB's or Seam Squirrels by e-mail if possible. It would be nice if the Seam Squirrels and CCDB's would send an e-mail to: [Supremehqmc@lotcs.org](mailto:Supremehqmc@lotcs.org) to ensure that we at headquarters have a current address for each and every Pup Tent. We will also send a complete roster to the Grand Quartermaster in the same format, electronically.

In late April or early May we plan on sending the Pup Tents all of the proposed By-Law changes that need to be reviewed and voted on at this year 's convention. Again, this will be done by e-mail as much as possible.

I need your input. If there are operations that we can improve on please let me know. I am here to serve you and to try and make this organization run like a well-oiled machine. If it's broken I want to fix it.

Hope to see you in St. Louis!

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

Supreme Quartermaster  
Gary Dressel





## **From the Supreme Surgeon**

**Cooties,**

**I hope you and your family had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year celebration. This year, let us keep our life's goals in mind and make our health a priority.**

Think about how many of these goals depend on your being healthy. Whether you want to take a well deserved vacation, plan a family gathering, or just stick around to play with your grandchildren, you want to stay well. The best way to do that is by getting regular medical care, something many men neglect.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, women are much more likely than men to visit their doctors each year. This means men miss out on care that could detect serious diseases. 50 percent more men than women die of cancer and men are twice as likely as women to die from heart disease. Many men don't want to admit they feel bad and are reluctant to seek help.

Seeing a doctor helps ensure you will receive important screening, such as blood pressure and cholesterol tests. An appointment is also a good time to discuss other tests that might be helpful. These may include: diabetes, colorectal cancer and prostate cancer screenings.

### **Reduce your risk for high blood pressure.**

The following are some important health tips to reduce the risk for high blood pressure:

Eating a healthy diet can reduce your risk for high blood pressure. It will also help lower elevated levels.



**The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute recommend the following tips:**

- Eat two to three servings of low fat dairy products daily.
- Include eight to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables every day.
- Include whole-grain breads and cereals into your diet.
- Eat nuts, seeds and beans four to five times a week.
- Limit fats and oils to two to three times a week.
- Limit sweets to no more than five per week.
- Choose low-fat meats, poultry and fish.

Have a great and healthy year!

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

**Gordon K. Lam**  
**Supreme Surgeon**



# From the Supreme Hospital Commissioner

## A Cootie Request

As we remember our veterans this month and throughout the year, sometimes a special request will come in from members and or family. I would like to share this story and the help that was given to make a WWII veteran feel good.

### The Request

As I was sitting at the computer I was notified that someone (PSC Gerald Constable) had commented on Facebook and referenced me. I reviewed the comments and found this request on the MOC/MOCA COOTIES Facebook page from a MOCA member (Faye Webb Caldwell) from Pup Tent 4 Fiddlers of the Grand of Delaware.

"Please pardon my request. Are there any Cooties/MOCA in our FB group who are in West Virginia and visit the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, West VA? My 90 mother-in-law is a WW II Vet - Navy Nurse who has been transferred to the Hospice unit for palliative care at the VA hospital. In fact she is one of two lady WWII vets in the hospice wing. Just wondering if any Cooties up that way can make a visit to keep her smiling in beds of white?"

### The Mission

I contacted a couple of new Cooties, Phil Rusciolelli and Stanley Dixon, from Pup Tent 14 Grand of VA, who make visits to the VA Hospital in Martinsburg. I asked if they could possibly make a trip out to Martinsburg, West VA and see this vet. I put cootie Phil Rusciolelli in contact with Faye and here is the rest of the story.

Cooties, Phil Rusciolelli and Stanley Dixon planned their trip from Loudon County VFW Post 1177, as did MOCA member Caldwell from MOCA 4 Fiddlers, Grand of Delaware. The weather for this week has called for snow, rain and ice all along the eastern coast and could hamper Ms. Caldwell and the cooties from Pup Tent 14, but it was all a go.

### The Completion of the Mission

This was posted by Cootie Caldwell on the MOC/MOCA COOTIES Facebook (FB) page. "On this Thanksgiving day, I wanted to say how thankful I am for my MOC and MOCA. On Thanksgiving Eve I drove from Delaware to the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, West VA. in the snow, wind and rain to visit my mother-in-law, a WW II Navy Nurse in the hospice at the VA medical center. I was feeling sad because I had nothing to bring her and feeling that this may be the last time I see her.

As I sat talking with her I received a phone call from two Cooties who said they had made the trip from Leesburg, VA to the hospital in answer to a request I had made on FB this past week. I had just made the request and thought that it would be a while before a visit could be made and hoping that it would not be too late. To my surprise the two Cooties said they were out in the parking lot and on their way into the hospital. Once they had arrived, the look and smile on my mom's face was priceless. I want to thank Phil Rusciollelli and Stanley Dixon of Pup Tent DA-LEC-ITY # 14, for making that trip in the snow and rain to the hospital and making my mom smile in her bed of white! What a lousy organization we have and I'm thankful for being a part of it! I also want to thank Gerald Constable and Sterling Moninghoff for making this happen and putting me in touch with Phil and Stanley. This is a Thanksgiving I will not forget!"

### **At the VA Hospital, Martinsburg, West VA**



Thanks to Cooties, Phil Rusciollelli and Stanley Dixon of Pup Tent 14 Grand of Virginia and all those that help through the MOC/MOCA COOTIES Facebook page for making this a very happy day to a MOCA family member in distress and for making a veteran feel at home where ever life brings you.

**Sterling Moninghoff**  
**Supreme Hospital Commissioner**

## LAM FOR SUPREME JR. VICE COMMANDER 2014-15



During the last Council meeting, it was voted to do away with the rotating areas for running for office. Already being in the chairs as your **Supreme Surgeon the last 3 years**, I announced my Candidacy for the higher office of Supreme Jr. Vice Commander. I therefore seek your support for the election of Gordon Lam for the high office of Supreme Jr. Vice Commander at the 95<sup>th</sup> Supreme Scratch at St. Louis, Missouri.

Cootie Gordon has been an active Life Member of the VFW since 1995 and MOC A.H.O. Pup Tent #5 in Clovis, New Mexico since 1996. He has held every position within the Pup Tent and the Grand of New Mexico including Grand Commander in 2003-04.

He has been the Pup Tent CCDB for the last 10 years. He was CCDB of the Year for the Grand of New Mexico in 2007. Gordon is also the New Mexico Quartermaster/Adjutant and the Grand's Webmaster.

Gordon was selected to be the **Supreme Cootie of the Year** at the 90<sup>th</sup> Supreme Scratch in Arizona.

He was the **All-American VFW Department Commander** of New Mexico for 2008-2009, all the while supporting the MOC, Supreme, Grand & Pup Tent, to the fullest.

Gordon actively & fully supports all the organizations he is a member of: Gold Legacy Life Member VFW, Life Member Disabled American Veterans, member of the American Legion, Life member of the VFW National Home for Children, Life member of the Texas Horny Toads, a Life Member in the Blue Guards holding the rank of Colonel and a Lieutenant in the Keystone Kops.

Gordon has been the Grand Hospital Chairman, the **Supreme District 5 Hospital Chairman (2005-2009, 2011- Present)** and **Supreme Surgeon 2011-2014**.

As Hospital Chairman for Pup Tent 5 since joining, he has maintained the accurate reporting of over 200% and more in Hospital work for the last fifteen years.

Gordon has almost 4,000 volunteer hours with the Amarillo VA Hospital and the Clovis VA Outpatient Clinic. He is retired and spends a great deal of time volunteering at the VA Clinic in Clovis.

Gordon served in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic for 22 years and retired as a Master Sergeant in 1994. He has two grown children and 4 grandchildren.

He is fully supported by his wife, Lee Ann, who is currently the MOCA Supreme Chaplain.

If elected, Gordon & Lee Ann will be Supreme Commander and Supreme President the same year, the first ever.

Please consider endorsing and voting for Gordon at the Supreme Convention in St. Louis.



## **Steve W. Ruger For Supreme Junior Vice Commander**

Steve W. Ruger is from Waycross, Georgia. He is running for Supreme Junior Vice Commander 2013-2014. He was in the US Army from 1973-1994. He joined the VFW in 1998 and has been through all the chairs, in Post and District. He was Post Commander for 4 yrs and District Commander for 3 yrs. He joined the MOC in 2000, and has been through the chairs in Pup Tent and Grand. He has been the Seam Squirrel for the last 4 yrs in his Pup Tent. He went through 3 Grand chairs in Georgia. And he was the Grand Commander for Georgia in 2008-2009. He was also Supreme Jimmy Legs 2011-2012. He has been Supreme Deputy Jimmy Legs for last year and this year. He is the 5th Supreme Council Member. He's the Georgia Boy that fixes the White Chicken Chili for the last 5 years and fixes the Peach Daiquiris for the Ladies at Tomb Trek. He is Supported by Georgia, Florida and South Carolina and Past Supreme Commander Steve Wheeler.

**I Need Your Vote !!!!**

**Steve W. Ruger Sr.  
Grand of Georgia**

1. Pup Tents, Districts, Grand's, 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 2013 was less than \$50,000.00 can elect to file Form 990-N an electronic informational return instead of a paper return. Those units whose income was over \$50,000.00 will still have to file the regular Form 990 or 990-T.
2. Cooties at all levels are reminded that Cootie Sunday this year is 16 February 2014. All Cooties should make special effort to visit our hospitalized Veterans on this date.
3. Pup Tents are reminded that Supreme By-Laws state that Pup Tents shall elect their Shave tails no sooner than 15 January 2014. Election and installation must be completed and the Election Report mailed to Supreme Headquarters no later than 31 March 2014. Pup Tents who cannot fulfill this obligation must have approval of the Grand Commander for extension of the time beyond the deadline. Pup Tents not in a Grand must have the approval of the Supreme Commander to extend the time to elect and install.
4. The Pup Tent Election Report Form is available on the website [www.lotcs.org](http://www.lotcs.org) under the heading Forms, than under the heading Pup Tents. Download the Form and fill it out and either mail or e-mail the completed form to Supreme Headquarters.
5. Supreme By-Laws section 314 and 413 Paragraph G requires that the office of CCDB/ Quartermaster be bonded for the amount of the liquid assets normally held in the checking accounts of the Pup Tent or Grand. The following Pup Tents have failed to bond the office of CCDB as of 31 December 2013 and are in arrears to the Supreme Organization and are therefore suspended until bonds have been procured. CO 007; CT 005; EU Grand; FL 003, 043, 065, 088; IL 078; IN Grand; KS 002; KY 010; LA 014; MA 034; MO 056; ND 006,007; NJ 059; OH 045; OK 001, 002, 004, 017; PA 026, 034, 039, 048, 057; SC 003, 005; TN 017; TX 069; WA 001. Grand Commanders are directed to contact these Pup Tents and bring them into compliance with Supreme By-Law directives. Subordinate units of the MOC are required to provide proof of suitable bonding.
6. In accordance with Supreme Policy, all Grand's are to inform Supreme Headquarters of the dates and places of their Grand Scratch so that proper representation may be assigned. Completed forms are to be mailed to Supreme Headquarters no later 14 February 2014. failed to submit an election report to the Supreme Adjutant and are therefore suspended until a proper election report is submitted: CO 010; CT 005; FL 003, 065, 088; MA 034; NJ 059; OH 031, 086; OK 001, 017; PA 026, 057; WA 001.

## GENERAL ORDER #2 Continued

7. Supreme By-Laws Section 534 requires that each Pup Tent register at least one delegate for the Supreme Convention. The following Pup Tents have failed to register a delegate as of 31 December 2013 and are now in arrears to the Supreme Organization and are therefore suspended until compliance with Supreme By-Laws are met: AK 002, 003; AR 003, 009, 010, 014; CO 007, 010, 019; CT 005, 014; DE 004; IL 078, 082; IN 018, 024; KY 005, 010; LA 006, 014; MA 014, 034; MD 021; MO 001, 009, 056; NE 004; NC 057; NJ 059; NM 014, 017, 021; NY 042, 054, 069; OH 004, 016, 018, 025, 045, 071, 072, 080, 086; OK 001, 002, 016, 017; OR 017, 022; PA 026, 034, 038, 039, 057, 065; SC 005, 009, 011, 013; SD 020; WA 001; WI 021, 022, 035, 038, 039.
8. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws Section 308 Paragraph B – The installing officer shall forward immediately after installation, a report, properly signed to the Supreme Adjutant and to the Grand Adjutant where a Grand Pup Tent exists. The following Pup Tents have
9. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws Section 505 Paragraph B and Section 509 Paragraph A; the Supreme Commander has removed the appointment of Jesse Kitson as Supreme Editor and has made the following appointments: Dale Iannello – Supreme Editor; Hal Roesch – Supreme Bouncer; Rainey (the service dog) – Supreme Command Dog. These appointments will remain in effect until the end of the Supreme Commanders term of office unless otherwise removed by the Supreme Commander.
10. The Supreme Commander is issuing a challenge to every Pup Tent and Grand Pup Tent within the Organization to donate to the Cootie Monument Fund. This fund will be used to restore and replace the Cootie Monument located at the entrance to Cootie Field at the V.F.W. National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI. Please send checks to Supreme Headquarters, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Make checks payable to Supreme Headquarters, MOC and earmark the check for Cootie Monument.

**BY COMMAND OF:**

*Mark M. Newman*

Mark M. Newman

**OFFICIAL:**

*Jason A. Miller*

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# MOC SUPREME HOSPITAL REPORT

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SUPREME INSPECTION REPORT										1/2/2014
STATE	#OF PUP TENTS	# OF DIST AND AREA	PUP TENTS INSPECTED	DIST & AREA INSPECTED	DATE comp.	Grand Insp.	PERCENT			
AL-13	1									
AK-2	1		1		12/18/2013	12/18/2013	100%			
AK3	1		1		10/29/2013	10/29/2013	100%			
AZ	9									
AR	8		3				37%			
CA	18		14			10/23/2013	77%			
CO	5		5		10/17/2013	12/14/2013	100%			
CT-5	1									
CT-14	1									
DE	4		4		8/9/2013	9/22/2013	100%			
DC	1		1		11/9/2013		100%			
EUR	2									
FL	31		21	6		7/21/2013	67%			
GA	11		11		10/12/2013		100%			
HI	1		1		12/16/2013		100.00%			
ID	1		1		11/28/2013		100%			
IL	12		12		7/19/2013	5/18/2013	100%			
IN	2									
IA-1	1									
IA-16	1									
KS	4		4		8/16/2013	5/11/2013	100%			
KY	7									
LA	7		3			4/12/2013	42%			
MD	12									
MA-14	1									
MA-34	1									
MI	9		9		7/19/2013	6/1/2013	100%			
MN	18		9				50%			
MS	6		1			4/13/2013	16%			
MO	7		7		10/6/2013	4/13/2013	100%			
MT	7		7		9/27/2013	6/12/2013	100%			
NE	4		4		9/6/2013	5/4/2013	100%			
NV	5									
NH	3									
NJ	13		1			6/12/2013	7%			
NM	10		10		10/12/2013	6/6/2013	100%			
NY	10									
NC	8		8		9/30/2013	6/1/2013	100%			
ND	6		1				16%			
OH	21		21	3	10/23/2013	5/17/2013	100%			
OK	5									
OR	9									
PAC	9					6/11/2013				
PA	17					6/11/2013				
SC	9		9		10/4/2013	10/5/2013	100%			
SD	3									
TN	8					4/27/2013				
TX	15		15		12/27/2013		100%			
VA	10		10		10/30/2013	9/14/2013	100%			
WA	9		8			3/31/2013	88%			
WV-1	1									
WV-6	1		1		no date		100%			
WV-30	1		1		7/23/2013		100%			
WI	16		16	4	10/23/2013		100%			
							80%			
TOTAL	388		220	13			56%			

**2013-2014 Membership Report  
12/31/2013**

Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
<b>GOLD DIVISION (1000+)</b>											
18	CALIFORNIA	89.97%	15	124	3	937	1079	1236	1	18	
20	OHIO	91.64%	16	102	18	812	948	1053	0	34	+
<b>SILVER DIVISION (600-999)</b>											
31	FLORIDA	74.72%	9	167	8	518	702	973	0	17	
18	MINNESOTA	94.83%	8	174	1	528	711	755	0	9	+
15	TEXAS	90.40%	9	115	3	542	669	750	9	12	
<b>RED DIVISION (400-599)</b>											
9	ARIZONA	100.93%	31	113	14	265	423	429	0	45	+*
12	ILLINOIS	82.00%	3	58	1	266	328	411	0	4	
12	MARYLAND	89.34%	2	58	1	317	378	441	0	3	
10	MICHIGAN	89.33%	4	72	0	302	378	431	0	4	
10	NEW YORK	63.59%	2	0	0	251	253	401	0	2	
9	PACIFIC AREAS	90.74%	17	82	1	375	475	529	1	18	
17	PENNSYLVANIA	76.83%	6	60	16	369	451	587	0	22	
10	VIRGINIA	79.50%	1	49	1	264	315	400	1	2	
16	WISCONSIN	100.20%	28	225	7	235	495	505	0	35	*
<b>WHITE DIVISION (300-399)</b>											
11	GEORGIA	99.15%	5	103	5	233	346	352	0	10	+
7	MISSOURI	92.08%	16	58	1	234	309	341	1	17	
13	NEW JERSEY	84.08%	5	92	7	231	335	402	0	12	
10	NEW MEXICO	85.76%	3	81	2	143	229	309	3	5	
8	NORTH CAROLINA	93.51%	5	57	11	238	311	339	3	16	
9	WASHINGTON	84.66%	1	71	3	201	276	326	0	4	
<b>BLUE DIVISION (200-299)</b>											
8	ARKANSAS	62.34%	0	29	1	119	149	239	0	1	
6	COLORADO	87.16%	1	73	0	148	222	257	0	1	
2	EUROPE	98.33%	0	5	1	227	233	240	0	1	+
7	KENTUCKY	87.55%	0	59	7	145	211	249	0	7	
6	MISSISSIPPI	90.75%	4	20	0	231	255	281	2	4	
6	NORTH DAKOTA	53.15%	0	0	2	116	118	222	0	2	
8	OREGON	94.64%	12	126	1	122	261	280	1	13	
8	SOUTH CAROLINA	82.26%	12	29	2	160	203	248	0	14	
8	TENNESSEE	91.06%	17	87	3	116	223	246	1	20	
<b>GREEN DIVISION (126-199)</b>											
4	DELAWARE	103.25%	9	71	1	76	157	154	1	10	+*
4	KANSAS	87.06%	11	110	1	53	175	201	3	12	
7	LOUISIANA	76.50%	6	53	3	89	151	183	0	9	
7	MONTANA	96.93%	9	56	2	90	157	163	0	11	
4	NEBRASKA	86.11%	0	0	0	113	113	144	0	0	
5	NEVADA	94.53%	2	28	1	89	120	128	0	3	
3	NEW HAMPSHIRE	69.84%	0	30	2	56	88	126	0	2	
5	OKLAHOMA	74.82%	0	0	0	104	104	139	0	0	
<b>PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION (125 or less)</b>											
2	INDIANA	90.35%	0	0	10	93	103	114	0	10	
5	OKLAHOMA	74.82%	0	0	0	104	104	139	0	0	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	156.34%	3	0	40	68	111	71	0	43	*+
<b>BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)</b>											
1	ALASKA 2	54.29%	0	0	0	19	19	35	0	0	
1	ALASKA 3	84.00%	0	0	0	21	21	25	0	0	
1	ALABAMA 13	83.10%	0	0	0	59	59	71	0	0	
1	CONNECTICUT 5	72.73%	0	0	0	8	8	11	0	0	
1	CONNECTICUT 14	92.86%	0	0	0	13	13	14	0	0	
1	DC 1	104.55%	2	11	0	10	23	22	0	2	*
1	HAWAII 1	100.00%	1	8	0	13	22	22	0	1	*
1	IDAHO 3	200.00%	0	0	14	12	26	13	0	14	*+
1	IOWA 1	4.99%	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	
1	IOWA 16	100.00%	0	13	1	30	44	44	0	1	*
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	101.96%	10	30	1	11	52	51	0	11	*
1	MASSACHUSETTS 34	26.09%	0	0	0	6	6	23	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 1	85.00%	0	18	0	16	34	40	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	42.86%	2	0	0	4	6	14	0	2	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 30	95.45%	0	10	0	11	21	22	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	100.00%		26		445	471	471	2	0	
388	TOTALS	85.99%	287	2753	196	10258	13494	15693	29	483	

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



## **From the Supreme President**

**Sisters,**

Time is going as we reach the half way mark of our year. We have done a lot, but there is a lot left to do. By the time you read this, the holidays will be a memory and the New Year will be in full swing. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends and found time to spend with our veterans.

The 78th Tomb Trek was great. This year we established a meeting between the line officers of our two bodies, the Supreme MOC and Supreme MOCA, which will continue each year. We took the time to discuss any issues, ideas and anything that will improve our great organization. We also approved the establishment of a website for the Supreme MOCA which PSP Rebecca Strauss will chair for us. We thank her for her help. The weather was beautiful and I must say that presenting the Supreme MOCA wreath was indeed an honor. The Supreme 4th District and the Tomb Trek committee did an outstanding job and we thank them. In December, I attended the VFW National Home in MI for the Cootie Christmas Party. On Friday, the Supreme Commander and I were invited to attend the National Home's office party for the employees, where we had fun as we greeted them and served coffee. On Saturday we help Santa give the gifts to the children. It was great to see the expressions on their faces as they received their gifts. At the banquet, I had the pleasure of presenting a check for \$1,000.00 for the Christmas Party to the Grand of MI. Thank you Sisters for the donations that made that possible.

The next weekend, I was off to Colorado where I was greeted by Past Grand President Charlotte Lattin who escorted me the whole weekend. She gave me a tour of Colorado as we traveled to the various events there. We were not invited to Founder Day this year, but instead attended a reception where the Supreme Commander and I were honored. Grand President Susan Griffith was there to greet us on behalf of the members of the Grand. On Saturday, I attended the Grand meeting, and that evening, the Department of Colorado's Christmas party where I met the Department Commander and President.

The food was delicious and I enjoyed the meeting and hospitality. After Sunday's prayer service, we visited with the veterans at the VA. It was a very full, but enjoyable weekend. Thank you to Charlotte and all the officers and members who treated me so well during my visit.

As we make plans for the New Year let's strive to be nice to our sisters. We don't have to agree with each other all the time. But, we should respect each other as we work together. Remember that we are here to support our veterans. Let's all work to make this the great organization that it was meant to be. **SUPPORTING OUR VETERAN'S SPECIAL NEEDS.**

Loyally,

**Linda Campbell**  
**Supreme President**  
**Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary**





## **MOCA Supreme Senior Vice President's Message**

**Sisters,**

I feel privileged to be able to have a message in the Cootie Courier. Just want you to know how honored I was to be able to accompany Supreme President Linda in presenting the MOCA wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Tomb Trek with the other Supreme Officers. This is the highlight of each year for me.

As special thank you to President Linda for giving me time at the C of A to present my upcoming programs and for the vote of confidence given me by the Council.

Sisters, we are losing members which affects not only our programs but also Supreme travel, and our general expenses. We need membership, but want you to know that we appreciate everything each of you do for our veterans. Thank you for being there for them and their families.

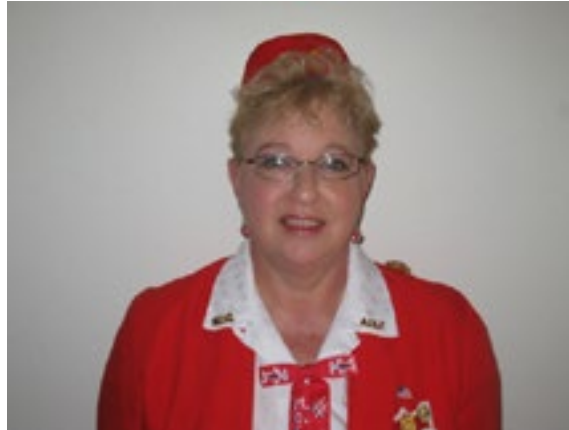
To President Linda and to each of you, I pledge my full support. God bless each of you as He blesses America.

In service,

**flo Parmelee**

**MOCA Senior Vice President**

## **From the Supreme MOCA Chaplain**



### **Happy New Year to All!**

I know that some of our Sisters have had a rough year with illness, loss of loved ones, families moving apart due to job losses and divorces. Truly one never knows what God has in store for us. We have to continue with medical treatments. We have to move on with family issues. Having Sisters help each other through the hard times means so much. Even our Sisters can become close friends. We are always learning new ways to become more helpful to our veterans and families. Those hospitalized veterans are always ready for visits from our Cooties.

In the coming year, we need to communicate more with each other. Please keep your Auxiliary and Grand Chaplains informed of the Sisters who are in need, who are ill and those who have passed away.

In the short time as Supreme Chaplain, I have learned so much and have heard back from those Sisters who have been acknowledged with cards and phone calls. They appreciate that they are not forgotten! "Thank You" to those Chaplains who have been doing a great job and I see who really care about their position as Grand & Auxiliary Chaplains.

I wish everyone the "Best" in the coming year. May God watch over each of us and may he grant good health and peace to everyone!

**Lee Ann Lam**  
**MOCA Supreme Chaplain**



*Women's Auxiliary To The Military Order Of The Cootie*  
*Supreme General Orders #2 - Series 2013-2014*

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** any member not currently holding a 2014 membership dues card is NOT a member in good standing. They cannot attend meetings nor claim hospital hours and are ineligible to be elected or hold an office. Payment of their dues will restore all rights immediately.
2. Auxiliaries not having 10 or more members paid for the current year are no longer in good standing with the Supreme organization. The Auxiliary cannot conduct any business, nor elect and install new officers, until the required number of members has been paid.
3. Grand Presidents, it is your responsibility to visit all the VA Hospitals in which you have a VAVS Representative and Deputies. Talk with the Director of Voluntary Services at each VA to see that your representatives & deputies are performing their duties. Are they attending meetings? Has their joint review been done? If there is a problem, as Grand President, you should be planning for replacements.
4. **GRAND PRESIDENTS:** If you have not already done so, please send your Request for Supreme representative for your Grand Convention to me now. Every effort will be made to send your choice but bear in mind that it is not always possible. **SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS OF YOUR CONVENTION.**
5. **TREASURERS ON ALL LEVELS:** No checks are to be made out to any Chairman. Checks for the Supreme President's Love Gift are to be made out to Supreme MOCA & sent to Sandra McKinley, 14431 Hillview Drive, Largo, FL 33774.
6. Anyone having the Supreme President's pins on consignment: please sell them and send the money to the Supreme Treasurer. We have Sisters wishing to purchase pins so, in the event you feel you cannot sell them, please return the pins as well and we will be able to sell them in another Grand.
7. **SUPREME DISTRICT AUXILIARIES:** Auxiliaries within a Supreme District must have their District dues paid before March 31, 2014. These dues are to be sent to the Supreme District Treasurer. Names & addresses can be found in the Supreme Roster book.
8. **HISTORIANS:** Please forward any pictures, news articles, programs, or other mementoes from visits by the Supreme President to Supreme Historian Jean Clark, 391 Blairmore Blvd W, Orange Park, FL 32073. Please send a copy of pictures to the Cootie Courier Editor as well. Specify the names of all people in the picture, the location and date it was taken and the event.
9. **LOCAL MOC AUXILIARIES:** Nominations, Elections, and Installations of officers must be completed between January 15<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014, unless the Supreme President has given her approval in writing to delay it. Officers elected will assume their duties upon the installation of the Grand President. MOC Auxiliaries not within a Grand will assume their duties at the same time as their Pup Tent.
10. **AUXILIARIES ON ALL LEVELS:** must have their own EIN for the purpose of maintaining their non-profit status under the umbrella of the Supreme Organization. This number is to be provided to the Supreme Quartermaster, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.
11. Bylaws are revised every 5 years. Please submit any resolutions for changers to the Bylaw that you wish to present for consideration at a future convention to PSP Colette Kove, 54077 Shelby Road, Shelby Twp, MI 48316.
12. To those who are experiencing illness, we extend the best wishes of the Supreme Organization. To those who have lost loved ones, our most profound and deepest sympathy.

BY ORDER OF:  
Linda Campbell  
Supreme President

ATTESTED TO:  
Helen Carter  
Supreme Secretary

## MOCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT (December 26, 2013)

State	2013	2014	%
<b>Division 1 (75-120)</b>			
Arkansas	108	84	77.78
Colorado	113	72	63.72
Illinois	98	74	75.51
Kansas	90	82	91.11
Louisiana	103	75	72.82
Mississippi	95	85	89.47
Nebraska	107	39	36.45
Neveda	78	0	0
Pennsylvania	111	93	83.78
Tennessee	109	36	33.03
<b>10 Grands</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>63.24</b>

<b>Division 2 (121-200)</b>			
California	198	83	41.92
Maryland	159	75	47.17
Michigan	197	120	60.91
New Jersey	133	120	90.23
New Mexico	176	175	99.43
New York	157	108	68.79
Oregon	121	93	76.86
South Carolina	185	183	98.92
<b>8 Grands</b>	<b>1326</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>72.17</b>

<b>Division 3 (201-300)</b>			
Arizona	211	180	85.31
Missouri	239	205	85.77
North Carolina	282	212	75.18
Texas	209	140	66.99
Virginia	214	205	95.79
Washington	210	63	30.00
Wisconsin	213	203	95.31
<b>7 Grands</b>	<b>1578</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>76.56</b>

State	2013	2014	%
<b>Division 4 (301 &amp; over)</b>			
Florida	498	281	56.43
Minnesota	336	281	83.63
Ohio	358	192	53.63
<b>3 Grands</b>	<b>1192</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>63.26</b>

<b>Division 5 (Auxiliaries not in a Grand)</b>			
Alaska #2	17	0	0
Delaware #2	26	0	0
Delaware #4	21	23	109.52
D. C. #1	24	0	0
Georgia #1	9	11	122.22
Georgia #13	32	24	75.00
Georgia #66	18	5	27.78
Indiana #24	14	16	114.29
Iowa #16	15	0	0
Kentucky #7	20	13	65.00
Kentucky #9	36	40	111.11
Massachusetts #14	37	38	102.70
Montana #10	46	42	91.30
Oklahoma #1	14	0	0
Oklahoma #16	18	0	0
South Dakota #1	36	19	52.78
South Dakota #20	24	25	104.17
Smokie State #6	14	23	164.29
	<b>421</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>66.27</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5629</b>	<b>3838</b>	<b>68.42</b>



**M O C A INSPECTIONS SUPREME INSPECTOR DENISE KINDRED  
DECEMBER 2013**

STATE	Number of Auxiliaries	Inspected	%	Date 100%		
ARKANSAS	3	1	33.33%			
CON. BRADY	4	4	100%	12/27/13		
ILLINOIS	4	3	75%			
KANSAS	3	3	100%	9/5/13		
LOUISIANA	5	0	0%			
MICHIGAN	5	5	100%	10/30/13		
MISSISSIPPI	4	4	100%	11/6/13		
NEBRASKA	3	3	100%	9/15/13		
NEVADA	3	1	33.33%			
NEW JERSEY	5	0	0%			
PENNSYLVANIA	4	3	75%			
TENNESSEE	5	0	0%			
VIRGINIA	5	0	0%			
ARIZONA	7	7	100%	10/14/13		
CALIFORNIA	8	5	63%			
MARYLAND	7	0	0%			
MINNESOTA	9	9	100%	8/27/13		
MISSOURI	6	6	100%	9/29/13		
NEW MEXICO	6	6	100%	12/17/13		
NEW YORK	5	5	100%	12/27/13		
NORTH CAROLINA	9	6	66%			
OREGON	6	4	66%			
SOUTH CAROLINA	7	7	100%	11/21/13		
TEXAS	7	4	57%			
WASHINGTON	8	8	100%	11/15/13		
WISCONSIN	8	8	100%	10/28/13		
FLORIDA	19	10	53%			
OHIO	13	9	69%			
NOT IN GRAND						
KENTUCKY		7	100%	12/20/13		
ALASKA	2	0	0%			
KENTUCKY	9	0	0%			
DELAWARE	2	0	0%			
DELAWARE		1	100%			
DISTRICT OF COLUMBUS		0	0%			
GEORGIA		1	0%			
GEORGIA		13	100%	9/10/13		
GEORGIA		66	100%	10/10/13		
INDIANA		24	0%			
IOWA		16	0%			
MASSACHUSETTS		14	0%			
MONTANA		10	0%			
OKLAHOMA		1	100%	9/6/13		
SOUTH DAKOTA		1	0%			
SOUTH DAKOTA		20	0%			
WEST VIRGINIA		6	0%			
WEST VIRGINIA		6	0%			

# MOC AUXILIARY HOSPITAL REPORT

DECEMBER 2013

State	Quota	Credits	Members	Miles	Patients	Hours	Blind	%
<b>Supreme District 1 - Helen Cherry, Commissioner</b>								
DE	\$2,350.00	1054.50	34.0	4745.0	464	285.0	0	44.87
DC	120.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0	0.00
MD	7,950.00	4808.77	364.0	7033.0	19,489	3366.0	0	60.49
PA	5,550.00	4377.09	75.0	2574.0	1,344	755.0	2	70.08
VA	10,700.00	16578.68	90.0	9729.0	943	752.0	4	154.94
WV	700.00	6354.62	317.0	9632.0	13,711	1693.0	0	907.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,370.00</b>	<b>33174.26</b>	<b>880.0</b>	<b>33914.0</b>	<b>35,951</b>	<b>6851.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>121.21</b>
<b>Supreme District 2 - Mary Frederick, Commissioner</b>								
AL	\$0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0	0.00
FL	24,900.00	29837.93	392.0	26915.0	13,160	3798.0	12	119.57
GA	3,000.00	2873.50	156.0	5719.0	1,332	686.0	0	95.78
LA	5,150.00	6107.65	38.0	1114.0	1,366	184.0	0	118.60
MS	4,750.00	8357.63	312.0	9736.0	1,703	925.0	2	175.95
NC	14,100.00	26096.11	1129.0	33965.0	9,355	3700.0	4	185.08
SC	9,250.00	11636.75	466.0	19625.0	11,583	1434.0	0	125.80
TN	5,450.00	5030.50	81.0	6792.0	1,454	384.0	0	92.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,600.00</b>	<b>89440.07</b>	<b>2574.0</b>	<b>103866.0</b>	<b>39,953</b>	<b>11191.0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>135.05</b>
<b>Supreme District 3 - Lois Brown, Commissioner</b>								
IL	\$4,900.00	8646.66	34.0	4041.0	616	733.6	6	176.46
IN	700.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0	0.00
KY	2,800.00	312.50	10.0	210.0	100	20.0	0	11.16
MI	9,850.00	28282.43	517.0	219395.0	7,558	1805.0	5	287.13
OH	17,900.00	8307.67	121.0	3678.0	1,531	576.0	5	46.41
WI	10,650.00	15677.41	290.0	14063.0	10,481	1035.5	2	147.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,800.00</b>	<b>61226.67</b>	<b>992.0</b>	<b>241387.0</b>	<b>20,268</b>	<b>3590.1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>130.83</b>
<b>Supreme District 4 - Carolyn Bell, Commissioner</b>								
IA	\$750.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0	0.00
KS	4,500.00	7180.73	393.0	7337.0	8,857	1583.0	2	159.57
MIN	16,800.00	23776.93	1546.0	49147.0	52,663	5940.0	23	141.53
MO	11,950.00	22972.87	1679.0	38267.0	28,289	4461.0	4	192.24
MT	2,300.00	1859.25	292.0	5269.0	4,412	1102.0	0	80.84
NE	6,860.00	21642.82	648.0	62488.0	82,704	2776.0	1	402.67
SD	3,000.00	3041.14	204.0	4468.0	2,251	602.0	0	101.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,650.00</b>	<b>80373.74</b>	<b>4757.0</b>	<b>156926.0</b>	<b>129,176</b>	<b>16464.0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>180.01</b>
<b>Supreme District 5- Janet Lyons, Commissioner</b>								
AR	\$5,400.00	6429.98	63.0	7636.0	727	1295.0	0	119.07
CO	5,050.00	2022.24	290.0	7679.0	6,404	1170.0	3	49.95
NM	8,800.00	25208.58	370.0	24973.0	3,672	3967.0	0	286.46
OK	1,600.00	165.25	2.0	45.0	22	9.0	0	10.33
TX	10,450.00	63404.64	704.0	33107.0	7,163	9204.0	1	606.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,900.00</b>	<b>98030.69</b>	<b>1429.0</b>	<b>73440.0</b>	<b>18,068</b>	<b>15645.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>307.31</b>
<b>Supreme District 6 - Maggie Smith, Commissioner</b>								
AK	\$850.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0	0.00
AZ	10,560.00	10197.11	314.0	18131.0	3,151	4480.0	0	96.56
CA	9,900.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0	0.00
NV	3,900.00	236.53	3.0	114.0	18	35.5	0	6.06
OR	6,050.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0	0.00
WA	10,600.00	6897.88	126.0	2914.0	1,848	714.0	0	60.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,760.00</b>	<b>16831.52</b>	<b>442.0</b>	<b>21159.0</b>	<b>4,517</b>	<b>5229.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40.31</b>



From left to right: Sally Gills, SS Frank C. Rivers SR., school principal Ralph Errico, Nancy Smith, JL Metro Kopchak, Lara Kensey. Pup Tent #41 MOC of NJ receives a donation from Franklin School, 1000 Franklin Avenue South, Plainfield, NJ.





Pup Tent #41 MOC of NJ, breakfast crew. Breakfast sponsored by VFW post 6763, 155 Front Street South, Plainfield NJ. VFW Post Commander Vinnie Perry welcomes all to a MOC country breakfast every 1st Sunday September to June. All are welcome at a cost of 5.99.



Pup Tent #41 MOC of NJ special awards presented by Frank Chupko Grand Aide-DE-CAMP of NJ to Left to Right Lisa Perry, Janet Blaes Mary Ann Rauer, with out them were lost.



From Left to Right sponsor of Pup Tent #41 MOC of NJ breakfast VFW post 6763; Commander Vinnie Perry, Grand Senior Vice Commander and Pup Tent #41 Seam Squirrel Frank C. Rivers Sr. and the orchestrator, head cook and chief of the kitchen, Hank Rauer.

Pup Tent 14, Wilde E Coyotes, Glendale, AZ hosting residents from VA State Nursing Home; Flag line welcome; Unloading Bus; Commander welcome



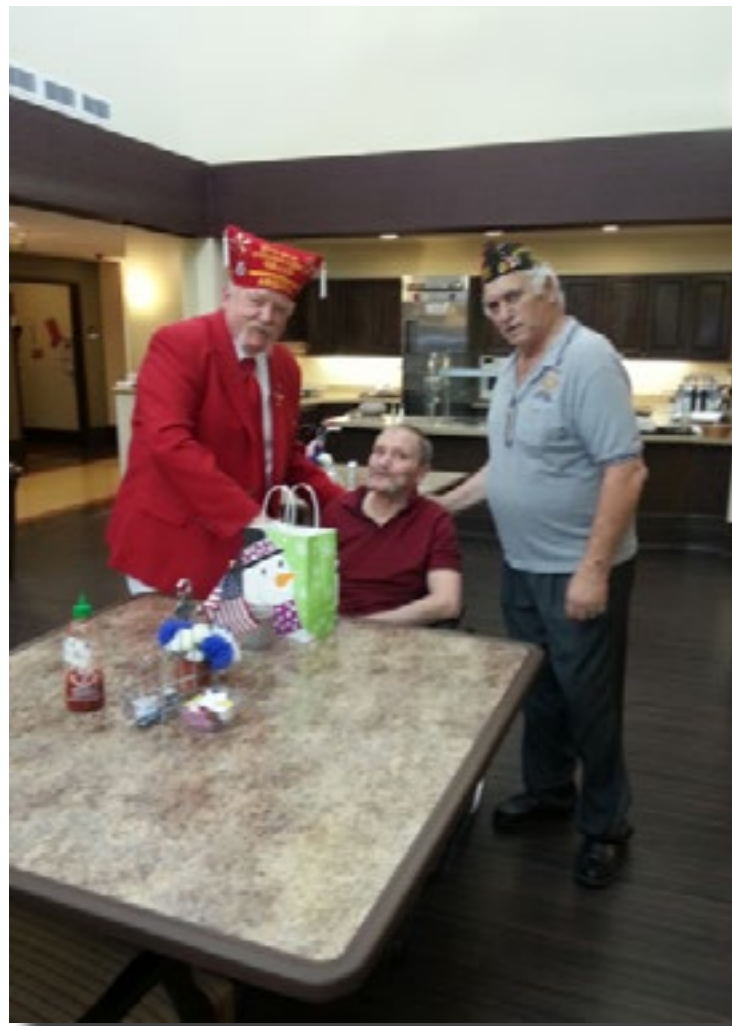
Pup Tent 14, Wilde E Coyotes, Glendale, AZ hosting residents from VA State Nursing Home...Dinner is Served



# Prescott Steak Fry Grand Event

1 Seam Squirrel Ken Marshall PT 10, Seam Squirrel Richard Reel PT 11,  
12th Supreme Commander Dan Basinger, Past Grand Commander  
Fred Stilt PT 777, 2 Volunteers getting ready









## **HQ STAFF SAVES THE DAY FOR STRANDED VETERAN**

Monday morning Convention was over, we were all ready to go home. Most members had already left on their journey. The Hotel was no longer buzzing with Cooties in their red and whites. However, one charming 80 year old veteran (John Reiman) still lingered at the front desk. Visually worn he told the HQ Staff he was okay. He was worried about his younger friend, 64 year old John Adams, who had a heart attack the night before and was now hospitalized miles away from home. The two “Johns” both from Baltimore, Maryland had driven to the Convention and now the older veteran found himself stranded with no way home.

The HQ staff was packed and ready to take supplies and office equipment back to Turtle Creek, PA ensuring HQ would be operational Tuesday morning as expected by the membership. BUT, mission first. OFF to the hospital to check on our COOTIE IN DISTRESS. We found COOTIE John Adams resting comfortably, but, stressed about not knowing when he would be getting out of the hospital. He had contacted family members and his nephew was on his way to Louisville to assist with his recovery and eventually help him drive his vehicle back to Baltimore. Like his friend he was more concerned with how he could take care of his 80 year old veteran friend than about himself. An expensive airline ticket was not in any of our budgets; therefore, HQ staff stepped up to save the day. While the Quartermaster and Membership personnel left to open up HQ, the Adjutant and GOFER made a detour to Baltimore.

During the nine plus hours of driving we became acquainted with this charming veteran. John Reiman earned his Veteran status during Post WWII and Korea, IN THE NAVY. He then worked 43 years as a Longshoreman. He entertained us with stories about life on the Baltimore water front and his time on the docks. He has always volunteered with the VFW, Cooties, and Boy Scouts. What a life this man has spent, caring and giving. His stories made the trip enjoyable and fun. We all send our prayers to John Adams in his recovery, but, will always remember our detour from Louisville to Baltimore to Turtle Creek in 14 hours.

**Submitted by: Delpha Martin and Jason Miller**

## News from the Grand of Arizona

Arizona has been busy! The Pup Tents continue to “Keep’em Smilin’!” Several events throughout the Grand have happened since my last article. I had the privilege to attend Tomb Trek for the first time. What a humbling and emotional opportunity. I am making my plans for next year, and encourage others to do so. Pup Tents continue to find ways to bring happiness to our Veterans. We hosted our annual Steak Fry at the Prescott, AZ VA Hospital. This annual Grand event brings together all the Pup Tents from around the State. We join together and host the residents at their outside Ramada enjoying BBQ Steak & Burgers and lots of entertainment. Those who are unable to be outside are served in their rooms and are paid a visit by our Mama Clown “Weezie” and all her clowns distributing gifts and treats. Pup Tents on a regular basis bring the hospitalized Veterans to their Post Homes for Fish Fries and Steak Fries. This gives the Cooties and the Veterans a chance to enjoy a night out of their surroundings and a delicious meal. During the Christmas Holiday, parties were held throughout the State at VA hospitals and State nursing homes, as well as Post Homes. We were joined by our Cuties, Clowns and of course Santa at these events. Pup Tents spend the year collecting socks, lap robes and personal necessities which are distributed during the parties. The “dog races” continue to be a huge success. Several Pup Tents do them along with other games on a regular basis. 2014 is already looking to be another successful year for the Grand of Arizona; starting with our annual Valentine Party at the Southern AZ State Nursing Home. Remember to “Increase & Multiply” & “Keep’em Smilin’!”

### L. Gene Wood



# Tomb Trek 2013



## **Our Supreme Commander Mark Newman and Supreme President Linda Campbell**

If you want to see some more photos from Tomb Trek 2013, please go to the Gallery page of the Supreme Headquarters website: <http://www.lotcs.org>.

# Tomb Trek 2013

- 1 Supreme Commander Mark, Supreme Chaplain Stephen, Grand of AZ Commander Gene
- 2 AZ Commander Gene & wife Paula, Past Grand Commander Dan Muller, Past Grand Commander Floyd Nash, MOCA Grand President Karin Nash
- 3 Preparing for our humbling experience



# SNEAK PEEK INTO THE 80TH TOMB TREK

**Listen up all Cooties throughout the land of Cootiedom!**

Our illustrious in-coming Supreme Commander, Dave Wimmer, the most crummy of us all, for the 2014/2015 term of office, has instructed the Tomb Trek Committee to come up with an 80th Anniversary Tomb Trek Memorial keepsake challenge coin.

It is his firm conviction that no matter where a Cootie is from that they will want one of these, limited and one of a kind coins to show off their pride at being a member of the "Fun and Honor Society" in the Military Order of the Cootie.

There will only be 250 of these minted coins made and will be available on a pre-ordered basis at only two (2) per Cootie for the very low price of, because Dave Wimmer can't count that high, of \$10.00 each plus S/H of \$2.50.

Orders can be sent in now but the coin (s) will not be shipped until after his July swearing in, regardless if elected or not.



Send your request for one or two coins (only) at \$10.00 each plus S/H of \$2.50, make your check out to:

**4th Supreme District  
C/O Cootie Jim Brady, Treasurer  
1314 Somerset Road  
Severn MD 21144-1943**

Metro Kopchak presents check from Korean War Veterans Association to Pup Tent #41 MOC of NJ, from Left to Right Frank Chupko CCDB; Metro Kopchak JL; Frank C Rivers Sr. Seam Squirrel; Otto Sodoma PGC, SP; George Jepsen HG; bottom Redolphus Montford BB.



Pup Tent #41 SEWER RATS MOC of NJ Lyons VA Hospital Bingo, Pizza Party every 4th Thursday 7:01pm Bld 143 3rd Floor. Some of the crew from Left to Right rear John Chupko VFW Men's Aux President, Marien R Miller PP, Frank C. Rivers Sr. Seam Squirrel, front Left to Right Frank Chupko CCDB, Janet Blaes hospital volunteer, Redolphus Montford BB, Luther Taylor Hospital Chair Pup Tent #41.



## Prescott Steak Fry

1 MOCA Grand of AZ Clowns; 2 Commander Wood  
& Seam Squirrel Reel looking for the Clowns



# Prescott Steak Fry

1 Mama Clown "Weezie" PT 11; 2 The cooks





## Winners of the Membership Contest!

This is the first year that we have tried to reward cooties for the outstanding work that they do in recruiting and retaining membership. We hope that this program is successful and that the winners show up at this year's convention to be recognized. Congratulations to the following Grand Commanders for getting their Grand to 100 percent membership by 31 December, 2013. The winners will be notified by a separate letter from Headquarters and they will need to bring the letter with them to the Convention as Supreme will provide the rooms and banquet tickets upon their arrival.

The first place winner is the Grand of Delaware. The Grand Commander has won a 3 day stay at this year's Supreme Convention. The second place winner is the Grand of Arizona. Grand Commander has won a 2 day stay and a Banquet ticket at this year's Supreme Convention. The third place winner is the Grand of Wisconsin. The Grand Commander has won a 1 day stay and a Banquet ticket at this year's Supreme Convention.

Congratulations to the following Seam Squirrels for getting to 100 percent membership plus 2 new or reinstated members by 30 November, 2013. Seam Squirrel Fred Bannister, Pup Tent 13, Grand of Georgia has won a 3 day stay at this year's Supreme Convention. Seam Squirrel Charles Gallagher, Pup Tent 38, Grand of New Jersey has won a 2 day stay and a Banquet ticket at this year's Supreme Convention. Seam Squirrel Wayne Woodman, Pup Tent 21, Grand of Wisconsin has won a 1 day stay and a Banquet ticket at this year's Supreme Convention.



## **DUES REMINDER**

It's that time of the year to remember that if you're an annual member and if you want to remain a Cootie in good standing and continue all the good work that the Cooties do. Pay your annual dues to your CCDB. Now is the time to get out there and find new members to join our lousy ranks, increase the fun you can have by bringing in new potential cooties.

### **“What is a Cootie?”**

What is a cootie, you innocently ask?  
To tell you, my friend is really a task,  
Veterans of Foreign Wars, “Honor Degree”  
Is the title of the Military Order of the Cootie  
Active proven workers of the VFW all,  
Cooties have always answered the call,  
His red hat is a privilege won,  
For an order based on humor and fun,  
A dedication to which he will ever stick,  
To visit the veteran disabled and sick,  
Cooties practice their motto with all their might,  
To always “Keep'em smiling in beds of White”  
Our Hospital Fund is richer by one thin dime,  
Thanks to your donation for this little rhyme.

**Gary Dressel  
Supreme Quartermaster**



## **Proper Manner of Displaying and Honoring The Flag of Our Country**

The Stars and Stripes is the symbol of our country. It should command the respect of everyone American or alien. It should be displayed on National and State Holidays. Every home should own a flag. The flag should never be allowed to touch the ground or trail in the water. Whenever the flag is passing in parade you should honor it, and stand at attention and uncover if a man, and place the hat with the right hand over the left breast, if a woman, place the right hand over the heart. When displaying the flag keep in mind that the white stars with the blue background should always be on the left as you look at it. The flag should never be used for decorative purposes such as a table cover, draping a speaker's stand or over the hood of automobiles. When the flag becomes worn and dilapidated it should be destroyed by burning without ceremony. No one being present save the person charged with destroying it. Any American citizen should assume the right to interfere when the flag is being treated with disrespect.

When not in use, the flag should be kept neatly folded. It should be put away in a safe place where nothing can soil it or be thrown on it. It should never be handled carelessly or heedlessly.

Remember—as you look at your flag, which is the symbol of our nation, that it is red because of human sacrifice, that it has blue in it because some were true and that it has white in it because of the purity of its cause.

**Courtesy of the  
GRAND PUP TENT OF COLORADO  
MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE**

Let's all salute the American Flag  
Isn't it a glorious Rag  
Don't you think its due your respect  
Isn't it up to what you expect  
Don't you know it's there to protect—  
Your home and mine?

Rise when they play the Star Spangled Banner  
Be a man in the American manner  
That Flag is yours as much as mine  
Its whole life History is noble and fine  
Then let us uncover all down the line  
Let's honor our Flag!

Just take a trip to foreign climes  
And watch those people at certain times  
Just watch their faces one and all  
Patriotism there never seems to pall  
From aged grandparents to children small  
They honor their Flag!

And you who come from foreign lands  
You'll find a welcome in our hands  
Accept our Flag as we accept you  
That good old, grand old, Red, White and Bue  
The Flag that protects the brave and the true  
We honor our Flag?

Then let us all honor the American Flag  
And always show it when we brag  
You know the right way is to doff your hat  
Try it at home you get it down pat  
Then others will follow when they see you do that  
Then all stand and honor the Flag!

**1953 Dr. E. P. Evans**



## **95<sup>th</sup> Supreme Scratch Hotel Information**

We have selected the Marriott Hotel and Resorts to be our host for the Supreme Convention in St. Louis, MO July 24<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The Hotel is offering parking at a reduced rate of \$3.00 per day. Free shuttle bus service to and from the airport. At the Airport you can access the St. Louis Metro which will take you downtown to the convention center. More information on the Metro is available on our web site. Free access to the hotel fitness room, Indoor/outdoor pool, and free access to the business center.

Rooms rates \$105.00. Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel at 866-661-8953, or you can make reservations on line by going to [LOTCS.ORG](http://LOTCS.ORG) and clicking the events tab and then the Convention tab. Then select the Marriott link on our website. If you are calling you will need to mention "M.O.C." to get the group rate.

We have already reserved a limited number (4) of hospitality rooms that will be available for the convention. Two of these rooms are large enough for 2 Grand's or Districts to share the same room. These rooms can be reserved through headquarters ONLY and must be paid for up front before a key will be issued to the Grand or Supreme District reserving the rooms. The cost of these hospitality rooms is \$300.00 per day. There are 2 small rooms that will be available at a cost of \$200.00 per day. All rooms are available on a first come first served basis so act quickly. All of the hospitality rooms are located on the same floor.

The cost of the banquet is \$45.00 per person and will include entrée (menu to be determined), Salad with dressing, rolls and butter, dessert, and drink (coffee, tea, water).



## 95th Supreme Scratch to be held at the Marriott Airport, St. Louis, Missouri

Cooties and Sisters will gather in St. Louis, MO at the Marriott Hotel the weekend of 24-27 July, 2014 for the 95th Supreme Scratch. Cooties will be responsible for their own reservations. Self-parking will be \$3.00 per day. There will be a limited number of rooms available for Cooties who would like to check in as early as July 20, 2014 at the group rate. However, the stay must be through Saturday July 26, 2014. Early departures will pay a penalty. Cut-off for reservations is June 28, 2014. There is a shuttle from the airport to the hotel. The Supreme Banquet will be held on Saturday July 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM. We are currently finalizing all of the specific details for the Convention. More information will be posted to our LOTCS.ORG website in the near future.

### REGISTRATION FORM - 95th SUPREME SCRATCH St. Louis, Missouri, - 24-27 July 2014

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND OF: \_\_\_\_\_ PT#: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DELEGATE: YES  NO

FEE TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for the 95th Supreme Scratch is \$15.00 per delegate. **ALL PUP TENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE TO THE 95th SUPREME SCRATCH PER SECTION 533 OF THE SUPREME BY-LAWS.** Advance registration to be mailed to: Supreme Headquarters, MOC, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145-2068. **Advanced registration should arrive no later than June 30, 2014.** Attach a separate sheet for multiple delegates with required funds for each delegate being registered. **Registration at the Scratch will be \$17.00.**



## 95th Supreme Banquet Reservation Form

Marriott Hotel Airport, St. Louis, Missouri

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

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**BANQUET TICKET COSTS IS \$45.00**

**Dinner Choice:** 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 95th Supreme Banquet. Tickets will NOT be mailed. Pick up tickets at the Supreme Convention starting Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Cootie registration Table.

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

# From the Editor

**Listen Cooties,**

First of all, I want to thank Supreme for having the confidence in me to be the editor of the Cootie Courier. A big Groan to all the Pediculi that have submitted articles for this issue. The deadline for the April issue is March 25, 2014. So, keep the articles and pictures coming. Remember to send good quality pictures. The size of the file doesn't matter because I have the software to make the file size managable. Remember to drink lots of Cootie Milk!

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Dale A. Iannello B. Th., M.B.S.  
Editor, Cootie Courier  
Military Order of the Cootie  
Supreme Headquarters**







<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>PUP TENT</b>	<b>LM Number</b>
McDaniel, Cecil	AK	21	
Speer, James	AK	21	
Desjarlais, Delnora M.	AZ	23	
Bartsch, Vincent	CA	10	
Colby, Carl E.	CA	10	
Jeffery, Arthur	CA	10	
Johnson, Robert I	CA	10	
Lockner, Elvin P.	CA	10	
Mendez Jr., Frank	CA	10	
Rosa, James S.	CA	10	
Shannon, Bernard J.	CA	10	
Shannon, Alfred	CA	10	
Stration, John	CA	10	
Williams, Robert L.	CA	10	
Rue, Hughes Philip Jr.	CA	19	
Jones, Brian Andrew	CA	23	
Harwell, Jim F. Jr.	CA	38	
Sawyer, Richard	CA	38	
Peck, Warren	CA	68	
Rimpley, Gary	CO	10	
Rosenburg, Robert	DE	3	
Martinez, Gayle	EU	6	
Alicia, Harry	FL	8	
Clatchey, Richard	FL	8	
Kerns, Bernard	FL	8	
Roberts, Fred	FL	8	
Estes, Aubrey "Ed" Sr.	FL	17	
Baker, Lloyd	FL	19	
Diehl, Henry Jr.	FL	19	
Lamneck, Dennis	FL	36	
Sidoni, Samuel	FL	41	
Knowles, Daniel M.	FL	44	
McGuffin, James	FL	59	
Silva, Edward	FL	59	
Griewisch, James	FL	69	
Heaphy, John	FL	75	
Hoyt, Adair	GA	8	

# TAPS Conf'd.

Cox, W. Roy	OH	16	
Koren, Gus	OH	68	
Conacher, Norman (Scottie)	OH	68	
Clemmer, James F.	OH	83	31440
Hartley, Gamaliel	OH	83	
French, Edward O.	OR	12	
Lowey, Michael J. Sr.	PA	18	
Ringer, Don	PA	26	
Tressler, Robert Jr.	PA	26	
Wood, Edward F.	PA	29	
Wettig, Jack E. Sr.	PA	34	
Beers, Howard C	PA	48	
Franklin, Leonard	PA	48	
Goins, Ben	PA	65	
Benson, William	PA	72	
Miller, Charles	PA	72	
Snell, Eugene	PA	92	
Yost, Robert	PA	92	
Baker, James W.	TX	68	
Rivera, Manuel R.	TX	100	
King, Lester Jr.	VA	5	
Woolston, Herbert Sr.	VA	5	
Erickson, Neal D.	WI	3	
King Fred A. Sr.	WV	1	2842
Murray, William P. JR	WV	1	20906

**If you know of anyone who has passed away to the great hunting grounds in the sky, please send their name to Supreme Headquarters.**