

Military Order of the Cootie
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Supreme Seam Squirrel
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“Mentorship and Families”

Supreme President
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“Battlefields to Barnyards”



Supreme Seam Squirrel's Book
2026-2027

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Supreme Seam Squirrel's Message

Listen up Cooties,

(Straight talk) Breathe in! Hold it! 3-2-1! Breathe out! A new year is upon us. Can you believe it? Throughout the following pages you will find a lot of information about this year. Some pages fall in the work category, some in the fun category and there may be some that fall in the gray area of both.

Whether you are a baby cootie, a semi-season or a well seasoned one, take a gander at all of it because there are changes and we don't want you to miss out on any of it. We have new officers, chairman, characters and terminology.

Our MOC/MOCA Supreme Special Project is called the Veteran & Family Mental Health Program at the VFW National Home. We are all crazy but we need to make sure it is a Healthy version of crazy and that we can keep going through our days. You will find more about this further in this book.

(Cootie Talk) It is my absolute displeasure to be serving you as Supreme Seam Squirrel. I will do my worst to make you wonder just which of my personalities was elected. May you always find a little crazy in your day. There will be a quiz sometime this year based on the information in this book. Make sure you are prepared to fail it.

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

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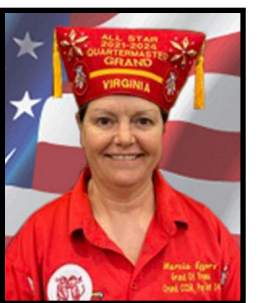


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Supreme President's Message

President Dawn VanTassell

Greetings Cooties!

As we begin the new year, I would like to thank each of you for your service, not only your service to our nation, but also for the countless hours you dedicate to serving other Veterans. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve alongside you as we continue our mission to "Keep 'Em Smilin' in Beds of White."

Throughout my travels this past year, I have been encouraged by something I've noticed: a renewed enthusiasm for what the Cooties and Cootie Auxiliary do and the impact we make. One of the best ways we can build on this enthusiasm is by strengthening and expanding the MOCA's ability to advance the mission of the Military Order of the Cootie.

Since its founding, the MOC Auxiliary has existed to support the MOC. Yet today, more Pup Tents operate without an Auxiliary than with one. Imagine how much more we could accomplish if every Pup Tent had an Auxiliary supporting its mission.

An active Auxiliary benefits a Pup Tent in many ways. An Auxiliary provides additional hands for service projects, assists with fundraising efforts, and supports recruiting initiatives. Most importantly, when a Pup Tent and Auxiliary work together, they can serve more Veterans than either organization could accomplish alone. For that reason, I encourage every bachelor Pup Tent to consider sponsoring an Auxiliary.

Another exciting opportunity comes through our expanding partnership with the VFW/A. Recently, we have been invited to speak at Department Conventions and share the story of the Cooties, the Cootie Auxiliary, and the work we do on behalf of Veterans. Each of these conversations creates opportunities to strengthen our organization and expand our reach.

To capitalize on all this forward momentum, the MOCA is developing initiatives focused on growth, revitalization, education, and Auxiliary development. We recognize that if we are going to continue caring for Veterans tomorrow, we must invest in ourselves today.

In closing, I would like to wish Supreme Commander Tracy, our Supreme Seam Squirrel, and all you Cooties a successful and memorable year. As we move forward, let's remember that when we work hand in hand, there is no limit to what we can accomplish for our Veterans.

I look forward to serving alongside you in the Cootie Universe as we continue moving Into the Future!

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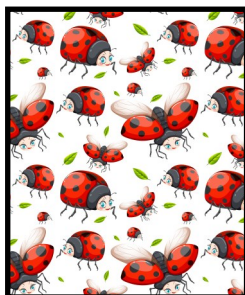
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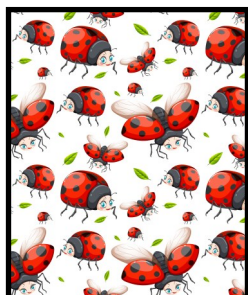
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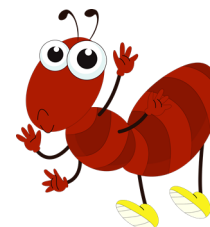
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2026-2027 Supreme Policy

1. **Supreme Council of Administration** members are expected to attend all Council meetings. If a member of the Council is going to be absent, the member shall notify the Supreme Hungry Cootie (Adjutant) prior to the Council meeting.
2. **The Supreme CCDB (Quartermaster)** will manage Supreme Headquarters and the Headquarters staff at the direction of the Supreme Commander.
3. **Life Membership cards** may be replaced for a fee of \$6.00. This fee is to offset all costs associated with the replacement.
4. **Each Cootie** will be assessed \$2.00; \$1.00 for the Supreme Seam Squirrel's Special Project and \$1.00 for the annual maintenance fee of the MOC/MOCA House at the VFW National Home for Children.
5. **The Supreme Seam Squirrel** is responsible for assigning and is the ultimate authority of all Supreme Representative assignments for functions such as Grand Scratches, investigations, and other events as deemed appropriate. Transportation will be reimbursed to the officer in accordance with established policy. Exceptions must be pre-approved by the Supreme Seam Squirrel with input from the Supreme CCDB. Grand Pup Tents are expected to provide housing and official function tickets. If a specific Supreme representative is requested for an event other than a Grand Scratch, the requesting Grand is expected to make arrangements with the requested individual about expenses. Supreme Representatives will not be reimbursed from Supreme when attending their own Grand/State events.
6. **Travel Allowance Reimbursement** for authorized travel will be paid upon submission of a properly completed Travel Voucher, a Trip Report, Grand Inspection Form (if Conducted) and Supporting Receipts not to exceed the officer's budgeted allowance. A Trip Report must be submitted to Supreme Headquarters stating what took place during the authorized trip. A travel voucher will not be paid unless all documents are submitted. Non-reimbursement expenses are those expenses paid by a third party or expenses deemed inappropriate by the Supreme Seam Squirrel. Lodging will be at the single room rate except when the traveler is sharing a room and then reimbursement will be at the shared rate. Transportation will be reimbursed at the most economical airfare rate for advanced reservations, not to exceed coach airfare or POV mileage at .32 cents per mile, 2,340 miles maximum. Ground transportation will be reimbursed at both ends (i.e. home-airport-hotel-airport-home). Rental Car, if more advantageous, will be reimbursed if approved by the Supreme Seam Squirrel. It is expected that all travel will be done with great prudence. In no case will any reimbursement assignment exceed a maximum of \$1000.00 per assignment unless funds prior approval is obtained.
7. **All Supreme Officers** on official travel assignments are required to attend all functions for the event that they are attending (i.e. Grand Scratch, Memorial Services, Council Meetings, Banquets, Installations, Past Grand Commander's Meeting, if eligible and qualified, etc) Non-attendance at the schedule functions may declare reimbursement ineligible.
8. **A Supreme Officer** or representative will inspect all Grand's unless waived by the Supreme Seam Squirrel. The inspection of the Grand is not calculated in that Grand's requirement to be 100% inspected.
9. **All Goals** are formulated using the 31 May end of the previous year membership report. All Supreme annual program goals will end 31 May of the current program year.
10. It is preferred that the **Supreme Hide Gimlet (Jr Vice) office** be rotated between the four areas listed below.

⇒ 2027-28: Central Area	(AL, AR, IA, KS, LA, MN, MS, MO, OK, NE, ND, SD, TN, TX)
⇒ 2028-29: Northern Area	(CT, IL, IN, KY, MA, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, RI, VT, WI)
⇒ 2029-30: Atlantic Area	(DE, EUR, FL, GA, MD, NC, PA, SC, VA, WV)
⇒ 2030-31: Pacific Area	(AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, PAC, UT, WA, WY)
11. **The Official Third-Degree Password for this year is** **49-47-25-39 39-33 13-27-39-27-9-3!**



SUPREME SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

(Adopted by Supreme Council of Administration - 2 August 2026)

1. Purpose: Social media connects our members and highlights our hospital work. However, public posts can damage our organizational reputation. This policy establishes mandatory rules for all online platforms. It applies to personal accounts and official Cootie pages. The goal is to maintain dignity, discipline, and comradeship.

2. Core Directive: The "Self-Defense" Clause: Provocation by others is never an excuse for misconduct. You are responsible for your own public responses. Do not engage with online trolls or hostile posters. Do not argue with other members on public forums. Report online harassment directly to your Pup Tent leadership. Retaliation online will face the same discipline as initiation.

3. Prohibited Content: Members must not post content that disrupts good order.

- **No Personal Attacks:** Avoid insults, defamation, and bullying.
- **No Internal Grievances:** Do not air organizational disputes publicly.
- **No Hate Speech:** Discriminating comments will cause immediate removal.
- **No False Humor:** Do not disguise malice as "Cootie humor."
- **No Political Endorsements:** Never endorse candidates using Cootie titles.

4. Rules for Official MOC Pages: Official pages represent the Supreme Pup Tent directly.

- **Appointed Administrators:** Commanders must approve all page admins.
- **Focus on Mission:** Post only about hospital visits and events.
- **Privacy Protected:** Get permission before posting photos of veterans.
- **Monitored Comments:** Admins must delete arguments or inappropriate replies.
- **No Proprietary Data:** Do not post internal financial or disciplinary records.

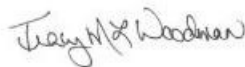
5. Rules for Personal Accounts: Your personal voice still impacts the entire organization.

- **Mandatory Disclaimer:** Use a disclaimer if identifying by your title.
- **Disclaimer Text:** "Views expressed are mine, not the MOC."
- **Regalia Restrictions:** Act professionally when wearing Cootie caps in photos.
- **Association Risk:** Your online behavior reflects on the parent VFW.

6. Violations and Disciplinary Action

Any violation of this policy will result in immediate disciplinary action under Article VIII of the Supreme Bylaws. Your failure to comply with these digital standards constitutes a direct breach of Supreme Bylaws Section 802(G), representing conduct unbecoming a member and behavior prejudicial to good order and discipline.

Furthermore, because your Cootie membership is strictly contingent upon your standing as a VFW member, any formal disciplinary action taken against you by the Supreme Pup Tent will trigger an automatic, official notification to your parent Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post, District, and Department leadership.



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Supreme Policy
on the Protection and Authorized Use of
Military Order of the Cootie Intellectual Property
(Adopted by the Supreme Council of Administration - 2 August 2026)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to preserve and protect the identity, reputation, and intellectual property of the Military Order of the Cootie by regulating the use of its registered trademarks, logos, emblems, insignia, and name.

2. Policy

The names **Military Order of the Cootie**, **Military Order of the Cootie of the United States**, all official logos, emblems, insignia, the trademarked Bug, and any other registered or protected marks, together with any likenesses, reproductions, or confusingly similar variations thereof, are the exclusive property of the Military Order of the Cootie and are protected under applicable federal and state trademark and intellectual property laws.

No individual, Pup Tent, Grand, committee, member, business, or third party shall reproduce, display, distribute, sell, manufacture, license, alter, or otherwise use any trademark, logo, Bug, emblem, insignia, or the words **Military Order of the Cootie** or any substantially similar wording without prior written authorization from Supreme Headquarters or its designated representative.

Unauthorized use includes, but is not limited to:

Production or sale of merchandise.

Digital or printed publications.

Social media pages, websites, and online content.

Promotional or fundraising materials.

Commercial advertising.

Altered, modified, or stylized versions of any protected mark.

Use of any protected mark in a manner that suggests endorsement, sponsorship, or official affiliation without authorization.

3. Licensing and Ownership

All trademarks, logos, emblems, insignia, the Bug, artwork, and other protected intellectual property of the Military Order of the Cootie remain the sole and exclusive property of Supreme Headquarters.

Any authorization granted to a Grand, Pup Tent, committee, member, or third party to use any protected mark constitutes a **limited, non-exclusive, revocable license** solely for the purpose and duration specified in the approval. Such authorization does not transfer or assign any ownership or other intellectual property rights.

Supreme Headquarters may revoke authorization at any time if the protected marks are used in a manner inconsistent with the interests, policies, or standards of the Military Order of the Cootie.

4. Sales and Distribution

Grands and Pup Tents may produce and sell approved items bearing the protected trademarks and logos **only within the geographic jurisdiction of their own Grand**, unless prior written approval is obtained from Supreme Headquarters.

Any sale, solicitation, distribution, marketing, or advertising of merchandise outside the seller's Grand jurisdiction—including online sales, mail-order sales, social media sales, or sales at events conducted outside that jurisdiction—requires prior written approval from Supreme Headquarters.

Supreme Headquarters reserves the exclusive authority to approve, deny, or limit the manufacture, sale, distribution, or licensing of merchandise bearing any protected trademark, logo, Bug, emblem, insignia, or the name **Military Order of the Cootie**.

5. Enforcement

Supreme Headquarters may require the immediate cessation of any unauthorized use and the removal or destruction of unauthorized merchandise, advertising, publications, digital content, or promotional materials bearing protected marks.

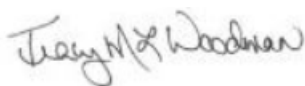
Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action under the, Bylaws, and Rules of the Military Order of the Cootie, revocation of any previously granted authorization, and any legal remedies available under applicable trademark, copyright, and intellectual property laws.

6. Exceptions

Official use by Supreme Headquarters, authorized Grands, Pup Tents, or committees in the conduct of approved organizational business is permitted in accordance with Supreme policies. Any commercial use, fundraising activity, licensing, or sales outside a Grand's jurisdiction must receive prior written approval from Supreme Headquarters.

7. Effective Date

This policy shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the 2026-2027 Supreme Council and shall remain in force until amended or rescinded by action of the Supreme Council.



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Supreme Pup Tent, Military Order of the Cootie

2026-2027 Pup Tent All-Star Program

The Supreme Pup Tent All-Star Program recognizes outstanding effort by individual Pup Tents. The Supreme Commander identifies these outstanding Grands with the Supreme Pup Tent All*Star designation. One Captain of the All*Stars is selected each year for overall outstanding effort in all programs. Pup Tents who starts after the start of the recording are not eligible for this year.

QUALIFYING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: To be eligible for the Pup Tent All-Star program, the following requirements must be accomplished by 31 May unless different date is listed (See #4).

- Must be 100% + 1 in Membership by 30 April. (based on 31 May EOY membership report).
- Must be 175% in Hospital quota (\$250 worth of work x number of members at EOY).
- Must be 100% in Supreme Special Projects (\$1 per cootie in the Pup Tent).
- Must be 100% in Donation to MOC/MOCA House Support (\$1 per cootie in the Pup Tent).
- Pup Tent must be inspected and to Supreme Inspector by 1 March.
- Pup Tent must increase by 1 Life member or 1 Red Star Life Member (New or upgraded).
- Pup Tent election report must be received by the Supreme Adjutant and CCDB by 31 May.

Pup Tents that qualify for All*Star will compete for a Pup Tent All*Star cover. **See Awards section below for more details.** Point values are awarded as described in the program below.

POINT VALUES

⇒ Tomb Trek Wreath	6 points if ordered by end of 2026 Supreme Convention
⇒ Special Project Quota	5 points for each 10% achieved over 100%
⇒ MOC/MOCA Quota	3 points for each 10% achieved over 100%
⇒ Membership Quota	4 points for each 10% achieved over 100%
⇒ Big Boot PT Event	5 points for reported a Pup Tent Big Boot Event

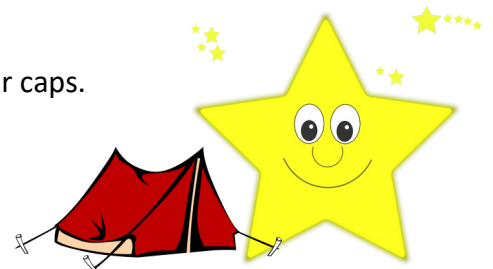
Eligibility and point total will be compiled by the office of the Supreme Quartermaster who will receive monthly program totals from all the Supreme Program Chairman.

AWARDS

Each All*Star Pup Tent will receive a Supreme Citation at the Supreme Convention.

Seam Squirrels of Pup Tent All*Star Leaders (top 25 in points) will be presented with a distinctive 'All*Star' hat at Supreme Convention.

Pup Tents Seam Squirrels who are not in the Top 25 may purchase their All*Star caps.



2026-2027 Grand All-Star Program

The Supreme Grand All-Star Program recognizes outstanding effort by individual Grands. The Supreme Commander identifies these outstanding Grands with the Supreme Grand All*Star designation. One Captain of the All Stars is selected each year for overall outstanding effort in all programs. Grands that start after the beginning of reporting year are not eligible for All-Star this year.

QUALIFYING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: To be eligible for the Grand All-Star program, the following requirements must be accomplished by 31 May unless different date is listed (**See #5**).

1. Must be 100% + 1 in Membership by 30 April. (based on 31 May EOY membership report).
2. Must be 200% in Hospital quota (\$250 worth of work x number of members at EOY-Cootie).
3. Must be 100% in Supreme Special Projects (\$1 per cootie in the Grand).
4. Must be 100% in Donation to MOC/MOCA House Support (\$1 per cootie in the Grand).
5. Must have 100% of the Pup Tents in the Grand inspected and received by the Supreme Inspector by **1 March 2027**.
6. Grand must increase by 1 red star life member (new or upgraded).
7. All Pup Tent election reports must be received by the Supreme Adjutant and QM by **31 May 2027**. Grand Warrants/Election reports need to be submitted upon completion of Grand Convention.
8. Must submit a Big Boot Report as defined by the Supreme Seam Squirrel's program.

All Grands that qualify for All*Star will compete for the award of 'Captain of the Grand All*Star'. Point values are awarded as described in the program below. The top scoring Grand will earn the title 'Captain of the All*Star' Grand. There is only one winner for this award.

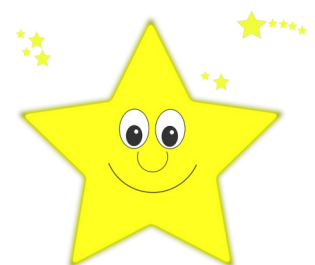
POINT VALUES

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| ⇒ Tomb Trek Wreath | 6 points if ordered by end of 2026 Supreme Convention |
| ⇒ Pup Tent Inspections | 5 points if 100% Inspected by 30 November |
| ⇒ Special Project Quota | 5 points for each 10% achieved over 100% |
| ⇒ MOC/MOCA Quota | 3 points for each 10% achieved over 100% |
| ⇒ Membership Quota | 4 points for each 10% achieved over 100% |

Eligibility and point total will be compiled by the office of Supreme Quartermaster. All Supreme Program Chairmen will submit monthly reports to the Supreme Quartermaster and Supreme Adjutant.

AWARDS

Designated All*Star Grand Commanders, Grand Quartermasters and Grand Adjutants will each be presented with a distinctive 'All*Star' hat with special tassels.



Membership Goal Program

OBJECTIVE: To encourage all Pup Tents to SURPASS their 31 May membership total by recruiting at least one (1) new member. The Supreme organization recognizes all Grands and Pup Tents who reach their goal which will be EOY + 1 cootie. Current Deceased Cootie reported within the membership year will not be counted against the PT numbers (1 June-31 May).

SEAM SQUIRREL'S MESSAGE:

We do our duty as SPECIES PEDICULI to INCREASE and MULTIPLY: this is our goal. We have a tremendous pool for membership. They are workers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who wish to become Cooties; all you need to do is ask them. So please do your duty and these good comrades will join our ranks and we will all increase and multiply.

QUARTERMASTERS AND CCDBS:

Membership transmittals must be postmarked by 31 May.

Look at the awards program below and set your goals.

Membership Goal Awards

PUP TENT AWARDS:

Pup Tents with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of 1 new or reinstated members by 30 April and verified by Supreme Headquarters will receive a Supreme Citation. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership + 1 by 31 May will receive a Supreme Citation.

SEAM SQUIRRELS and CCDBS:

Seam Squirrels and CCDBs with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of two (2) new or reinstated members by 30 November and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will receive an "Outstanding SS" and "Outstanding CCDB" pin, and a Supreme Citation.

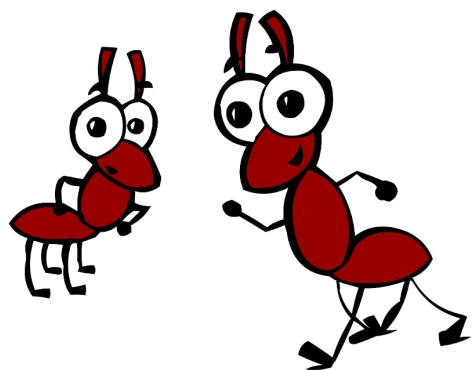
GRAND AWARDS:

Grands that are 100%+2 by 31 December will receive a Supreme Citation. Grands that are 100%+1 by 31 May will receive a Supreme Membership Award.

	30 April 2027	31 May 2027
Pup Tent Awards	100% EOY Membership +1 = Supreme Citation	100% EOY Membership + 1 = Supreme Citation
Seams Squirrels & CCDBs Awards	100% EOY membership + 2 = "Outstanding SS" & "Outstanding CCDB" pin & Supreme Citation	
Grand Awards	100% EOY Membership + 2 = Supreme Citation	100% EOY membership + 1 = Supreme Membership Award

COMPUTING YOUR BASE MEMBERSHIP: Computing the quota for each Pup Tent will be as follows:

- ◇ Total Membership as of 31 May 2026, total membership is the total of continuous members, plus life members, plus those members that did not renew (pay) their membership during the current year or the prior year
- ◇ Any current deceased members reported during the membership year will not count against your membership for the current year or All*Star.
- ◇ For a Pup Tent to be 100% in membership, it must match the EOY from the previous year. However, the Pup Tent Membership Goal is to increase by one member. "Increase and Multiply"
- ◇ Delinquent members will fall off the roster in the 3rd year after they did not pay their membership dues.
- ◇ The Supreme CCDB's records will be used to compute Membership Goal awards (pg 13).
- ◇ **Grand CCDB's are directed to forward a copy of the Grand membership transmittals to:**



Todd 'Tiny' Roberts
Supreme Life/Red Star Membership Recruiter

Life Membership Program

The Life Membership Program has been approved and is in effect.

First, all applicants must be VFW Life Members - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Second, all applications for Life Membership must be paid-up continuous 3rd degree members for the current year (1 June-31 May). The Life Membership dues are as follows:

* Through age 30	\$395.00
* 31 through 40	\$375.00
* 41 through 50	\$355.00
* 51 through 60	\$320.00
* 61 through 70	\$285.00
* 71 through 80	\$220.00
* 81 and over	\$175.00

Life membership effective 1 June 2025.

Do you have your Red Star Life Membership?



If you are a Life Member of our crummy fraternity, you may or may not be aware of a program that started over a decade ago. In 2005, Supreme Commander Tom Tweet proposed a program to help raise funds for Supreme Organization.

At that time, Supreme Quartermaster/Adjutant, John L. 'Jack' Roberts announced that we were about to run out of the old-white-life membership-cards. He began redesigning a new-shiny-gold-colored-life-membership-card to replace the nearly depleted stock of old, white cards.

During the process, SC Tweet suggested that every life member replace their white cards with the gold cards. He mentioned that when the US Mint replaces a semi-destroyed dollar bill, it re-issues the serial number, but places a little star in front of the serial number. He suggested that we start up a program similar to that, only the Life Member would have their LM# reissued on the new gold-colored card with a Red ★ Star placed in front of their number signifying that a second donation of ninety-five dollars (\$95) had been made to help the MOC. Since then, hundreds of Cooties have sent in their cards, from all three Life Membership plans.

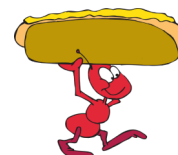
Now is the time to change out your tired old card for a shiny new one, you can do that for only six bucks. However, if you combine you change out your old card with a Red Star donation of only ninety five dollars, you can save one dollar and do it all for \$100 even!

Today is the day to become a Red Star Life Member. You'll have a shiny new card with a Prestigious Red Star! ! You will receive a huge 5% discount on most items at the Cootie Depot and help the MOC (the organization you love the most).

108th Supreme Scratch

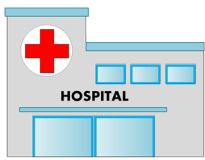
The Supreme Scratch will be held in Milwaukee, WI on 4 - 8 August. Each Pup Tent is required to preregister at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch.

• Advanced Registration	on or Before 2 August	\$20.00
• Registration	3 August or after	\$25.00
• Adv Banquet Ticket	on or before 2 August	TBD
• Banquet Tickets	3 August or after	First Come First Serve at Supreme Convention



The advanced registration form and additional information will be in upcoming editions of the Cootie Courier and on the Cootie website lotcs.org. Properly filled out registration forms and fees must be received by the Supreme Registration Chairman in order to save \$5 on registration.

Today is the best date to start planning your trip to the VFW National Convention and 108th Supreme Scratch.



SUPREME HOSPITAL REPORTING SYSTEM (HRS) PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE: The objective of the Supreme Hospital Reporting System (HRS) Program to encourage Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) members to actively participate in hospital visitations and volunteer work. A goal of \$250.00 credit per Cootie has been established for the program year.

SUPREME HOSPITAL REPORTING SYSTEM PROGRAM OVERVIEW: For the current program year; all MOC Pup Tent reports shall be entered in to the web-based HRS at <https://hospital.cootie.org/> A link is provided on the Supreme Hospital Reporting Page at <https://lotcs.org/hospital.html>. All reports also need to be submitted via your VFW Post Hospital Program, as VFW National reports the number of hours and monetary value of all our donated time and money to Congress.

- Pup Tent Hospital Chairman or designee is responsible for entering the Pup Tent's hospital reporting data.
- Grand Hospital Chairman or designee is responsible of the approval or disapproval of data submitted by the Pup Tents.
- Supreme level report approval/disapproval are the responsibility of the Supreme Hospital Commissioner or one of the Deputy Supreme Hospital Commissioner.
- A login is required to enter data, approvals, and disapprovals. The Supreme Hospital Commission provides login credentials through the Supreme Code Slinger.
- The Supreme Hospital Report is located on the HRS dashboard and can be viewed without a login.
- Training videos are also available (without logging in) on the HRS dashboard.
- Grand Hospital Chairman coordinates with Pup Tents not able to enter data in to the HRS and enter the data for the Pup Tents.
- Pup Tents not in a Grand enter their own data and will be approved or disapproved by the Supreme Hospital Commissioner or Deputy. Training and reporting assistance can be provided upon request.
- If a login needs to be removed for any reason, the Grand Commander must send a request to the Supreme Hospital Commissioner.

SUPREME HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER

Denis Querrard (NH), 30 Laurel St, Whitfield, NH 03598
Telephone: 608-254-0709 Email: vfw.querrand@gmail.com

SUPREME DEPUTY HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER

Marjorie "Maggy" Wesley (MS), 40036 Vernon Rd., Gattman, MS 38844.
Telephone: 662-436-9601. E-mail: bwesley49@ymail.com

How do Pup Tent and Grand Hospital Chairmen get their password to login?
What if there are issues or questions?



There's this Hospital Commissioner guy named Denis Querrard. He has the intel. If he can't help you, he will evoke an Emergency C-W-C, Check With Check!



HOSPITAL PROGRAM FORMS/REPORTING

The Hospital reporting Program link is located on the Supreme website under the Hospital tab at <https://www.lotcs.org/forms>.

CREDIT ALLOWANCE

- **Transportation Credit:** \$0.14 per mile per Cootie, for visitation and transportation of veterans to and from hospitals, domiciles, nursing homes, etc., where sick veterans are visited, excluding family members.
- **Tolls:** Report actual cost under “donation” as required.
- **Hours:** All volunteer visitation, preparation hours, and travel time credited at \$36.14 per hour per Cootie. Travel time limited to actual hours expended.
- **Veteran’s Funeral Credit:** Credit each Cootie at \$36.14 per hour, for the number of hours it may require and \$0.14 per mile round trip for attendance at any veteran’s funeral. (If more than one Cootie rides in a vehicle, only the driver of the vehicle gets the mileage credit.) Remember that deceased veterans deserve an Honor Guard.
- **Warrior Call Credit:** Calling veterans to check on welfare, comradeship, and keeping the lines of communication open. Record call time per veteran called in hours block.
- **Mail/Correspondence Credit:** Pen Pal letters, One-way cards or One-way letters get 0.2 (twelve minutes) per letter or card (\$6.70) with materials/postage cost listed as a “Gift”.
- **Gifts:** Actual retail cost of the item, “gifts” include anything bought by the MOC for use or appreciation by the hospitalized veteran. For homemade or home-grown items, the cost is estimated, but never more than retail. Used items are reported at no more than one half their actual costs, keeping in mind the useful life of the item. Operation UP-LINK Calling card donations are credited under this section of the hospital report form.
- **Clothing Credit:** Itemize all clothing on the Hospital Chairperson’s report form or attach to the report an itemized consolidated sheet. Using the following guides for costs on used items; <https://goodwillnne.org/donate/donation-value-guide/> or <https://satruck.org/home/DonationValueGuide>
- **Hospital Equipment:** Donated hospital equipment can be credited, but hospital equipment loaned to individuals is reported to your VFW Post Hospital Program.
- **Blood Donations:** Report all blood donations to the Supreme Blood Program Chairman at <https://lotcs.org/blood.html>.
- **Veteran Jail Visitation:** Visiting non-related veterans in jail/prison as described in hours above.
- **Activities/Items not Stated:** Contact the Supreme Hospital Commissioner or deputy.

PUP TENT HRS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Pup Tent Seam Squirrel shall appoint a PUP TENT HOSPITAL CHAIRPERSON.
2. Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson coordinates and encourages the Pup Tent to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations for the Pup Tent and ensures the report is accurate based on MOC reporting guidelines.
4. Hospital Chairperson consolidates individual reports, using the current Pup Tent Hospital Report form and either upload the form or manually enters the data in the online Hospital Reporting System (HRS). Pup Tent reports should be submitted by the 5th of the month to the Grand.
5. Final reports for the Program Year will include all activity through 31 May and must be approved by the Supreme Level in the HRS by 10 June.

INDIVIDUAL DIVISION PUP TENT HRS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Pup Tent Seam Squirrels shall appoint a PUP TENT HOSPITAL CHAIRPERSON.
2. Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson coordinates and encourages the Pup Tent to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. Pup Tent Hospital Chairpersons shall keep accurate records of activities and donations for the Pup Tent, and ensures the report is accurate based on MOC reporting guidelines.
4. Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson consolidates individual reports, using the current Pup Tent Hospital Report forms and either uploads the form or manually enters the data in the online Hospital Reporting System (HRS).
5. Pup Tent reports should be submitted by the 5th of the month.
6. Final Reports for the program year includes activities through 31 May and must be approved by Supreme level in the HRS by 10 June.

GRAND HRS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Grand Commanders shall appoint a GRAND HOSPITAL CHAIRPERSON.
2. Grand Hospital Chairperson assists and encourages Pup Tents within their jurisdiction, to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. Grand Hospital Chairperson using MOC hospital reporting guidelines reviews Pup Tent reports for accuracy and either approve or disapprove the data entered. Pup Tent reports should be submitted and approved by the 10th of the month. Once all Pup Tent reports have been approved, the Grand Hospital Chairperson submits the Grand report to the Supreme Commissioner or a Deputy.
4. Final reports for the program year includes activities through 31 May and approved by the Supreme Commissioner or Deputy in the HRS by 10 June.

SUPREME HRS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. The Supreme Commander shall appoint the SUPREME HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER and DEPUTY HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER.
2. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner and Deputy encourages Pup Tent and Grand Hospital Chairpersons to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. The Supreme Commissioners and Deputy ensures the Supreme Hospital Program operates within the highest traditions of the MOC and the Veterans of Foreign Wars at all Veterans Administration medical facilities, community nursing homes and other similar facilities.
4. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner ensures required forms are available for download on the Supreme website.
5. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner with the Supreme Code Slinger ensures HRS login credentials are available and the system is running properly.
6. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner ensure each Pup Tent, Grand, and District achieving 100% or greater in hospital work receives a citation at Supreme Convention.
7. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner advocates and encourages participation in the MOC VAVS program.
8. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner provides a list of Grands and Pup Tents 100% or greater in hospital work to the Supreme Quartermaster.
9. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner and Deputies, shall assist Pup Tent and Grand Hospital Chairpersons in data entry in the HRS and provide HRS training upon request.
10. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner provides the annual hospital program goals and the Supreme Hospital Report to the Supreme Editor/Webmaster, with pertinent data for publication in the Cootie Courier and the Supreme website.
11. Final reports for the program year includes activities through 31 May and must be approved at the Supreme level no later than 10 June.

HOSPITAL PROGRAM AWARDS

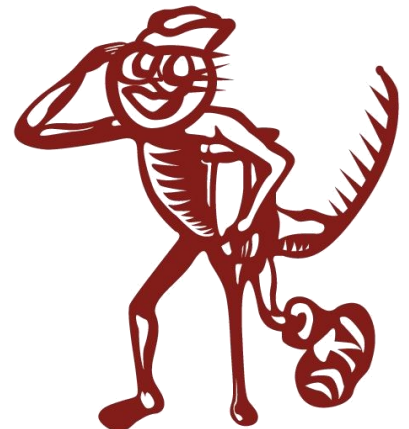
Pup Tents achieving 100% in hospital work:

- Receives a citation from Supreme at the Supreme Convention
- Pup Tents achieving 100% may purchase 100% Hospital Program Plaque for display in their post home.
- Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson achieving 100% may purchase a special 100% hospital pin.

Grands achieving 100% in hospital work:

- Receives a citation from Supreme at the Supreme Convention
- Grand Hospital Chairperson achieving 100% may purchase a special 100% Hospital program pin

Please see pages 11-12 for All*Star Hospital Requirements.



VAVS Program

WHO is eligible? The representative/deputy cannot be a paid VA employee. All local VAVS representatives/deputies must be regularly scheduled volunteers at their VA facilities. A representative/deputy can only serve for one organization at a time at the same facility.

How? Grands & Individual Pup Tents will fill out the VAVS representative form. Supreme VAVS Chairman/Certifying officer will notify the local VA Directors of who is assigned to their VA facilities. No Grand will contact the VA directly. The Supreme VAVS Certifying officer is the clearing house, so to speak, for the local VAVS representative/deputy. The appointment is to be recommended by the Grand Seam Squirrel/Commander or the Pup Tent Seam Squirrel if there is no Grand.

AWARDS: An awards program is in effect based on hourly service in VA Facilities. A Cootie Bug pin with VAVS will be sent after reaching 1,000 hours of hospital hours, a tab for 1,000 will be issued upon request of the Grand.

Supreme VAVS Chairman/Certifying Officer

Allan Perkins

4715 Cashel Castle Dr, Houston, TX 77069

(281) 450-7825 / allantperkins1991@gmail.com

Blood Program

Objective: The Supreme Seam Squirrel fully supports the VFW Blood Program and encourages all Cooties to participate. The Blood Program is a recognition program. DO NOT REPORT the Supreme Blood Program as part of the Supreme Hospital Program.

Appointments: Each Grand and Pup Tent will appoint a Pup Tent Vampire/Blood Chairman.

Awards: Any Cootie giving blood between 1 June and 31 May will receive a Certificate of Appreciation. The certificate will be signed by the Supreme Vampire and the Supreme Seam Squirrel. If any Cootie reaches one, five or ten gallons lifetime total on record, that Cootie will receive a pin and/or tab with the gallon amount on it.

Reporting: Having satisfied the above criteria, report the work to your VFW Post for Community Service credit. Report all blood donations to your Pup Tent Vampire and the Vampire will report to the Supreme Vampire to get recognition for your Cootie. There are no middle men in this Program. Vampire will report the total blood donated by a member not just the most current donation.

Blood Donation Report:

<https://forms.gle/4vs4CYv4cgemvsNS6>



Alecia 'Halfpint' Judd
Supreme Vampire
(Supreme Blood Chairman)

vampire@ncvfw.org

704-433-4014





VFW National Home and Special Project Programs



Established in 1925, the VFW National Home was created as a home for widows and orphans of deceased veterans. The idea to build such a home came from the Military Order of the Cootie. However, it was through the efforts of a 23-year-old girl from Detroit named Amy Ross that the idea became a reality.

OBJECT: Financing of a specific project for the VFW National Home is the objective of this program. We do not replace any other monies that might be used with your donations under this project. Your donations are merely a supplement to the other individual donations to the VFW National Home. Pup Tents, Grands, Cooties and Auxiliary members at all levels are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause. In addition, supporting our VFW National Home is one of our stated objectives.

GOAL: The established goal for this program is an annual one-dollar donation per Cootie.

PROCEDURES: Pup Tent Supreme Special Project monies are sent to your Grand CCDB who will send to Supreme CCDB. All Pup Tent donations must be received through the Grand Quartermaster. Independent Pup Tents send directly to the Supreme CCDB. Anyone may contribute to this fund. Earmark all checks as: Supreme Special Project. Encouraging MOC Auxiliary Members to contribute as this is a Joint Special Project. A report on a financial status of the fund is required at the Supreme Scratch and Council of Administration meeting IAW Section 512C & E, By-Laws of the Supreme Pup Tents.

MOC/MOCA SUPREME SPECIAL PROJECT: Supreme Seam Squirrel Tracy Woodman's and Supreme President Dawn VanTassell's project is to fund the Veteran & Family Mental Health Program at the VFW National Home. This project supports mental health through the following Hands-On Therapeutic Activities including:

- Equine
- Art & Creative Expression
- Outdoor & Nature Activities
- Regenerative Farming & Agricultural Skills
- Skill Building Workshops

NEW!!!! You can now make your donations online through the Cootie Depot.

AWARDS: Pup Tents and Grands reaching 100% will receive a citation from the Special Projects Chairman. See All*Star programs for more details.



V F W
N A T I O N A L H O M E

Wayne Woodman
Special Project Chairman
1916 Grumann Drive
Tomah, WI 54660
h2boifvet@yahoo.com

Supreme Alien Attack!!!

Objective:

To encourage communication between cooties from across all the lands throughout the Cootie Year. Have phun and socialize! Work Hard! Play Hard!

Guidelines/Rules:

- ⇒ The Supreme Alien lurks around the hunting grounds. Throughout the year, the alien will be abducting cooties. The first alien abduction attack happened prior to the 2026 Supreme Convention in Reno, Nevada.
- ⇒ Once abducted you must hold on to the abduction poker chip for a minimum of 1 hr.
- ⇒ Abduction poker chip must move from hand to hand (not in the mail or stuffed in a cootie's personal belonging).
- ⇒ If passing the chip along at a Supreme event or Multiple Grand event, you must not give it to a cootie from your state/Grand.
- ⇒ There are 27 undercover Area 26 Agents. They are so deep undercover, they don't even know they are agents. Yep, you might be an Area 26 agent!
- ⇒ One gift/award will be given out at random draw during the 2027 Supreme Convention for every agent captured to those who report as described below.
- ⇒ Area 26 items will be made available for purchase/donations from the Supreme Peddler. Profits go to support the Supreme Special Project.
- ⇒ Alien Abduction poker chips need to be returned to COS Tiny at the 2027 Supreme Convention in Milwaukee before the drawing.

Reporting:

If you receive an Alien Abduction Poker Chip,

- ◇ Email a picture of you holding the chip with the chip number visible to the Supreme Alien with your name and Pup Tent (Ex. Tracy Woodman, WI PT 21).
- ◇ Email should include who you passed the chip to (Cootie name & state/Grand).

If you have any questions, you can email the Supreme Alien or contact the 2026-2027 Supreme Chief of Staff Todd 'Tiny' Roberts. Only the Supreme Seam Squirrel aka S³ Tracy Woodman and the Alien know the identity.

Hint: It's not Wayne Woodman! That would be too easy.

Supreme Alien

moc.supreme.alien@gmail.com



Inspection Program

OBJECTIVE: It is the objective of the Supreme Inspection Program to ensure that all Grand Pup Tents and Pup Tents are conducting the Business and Programs of the Military Order of the Cootie in the highest traditions of the MOC. Conducting inspections provides for the necessary tools to locate any problem areas within the level of the MOC that can be corrected, allowing our MOC to operate properly.

SUPREME INSPECTOR: The Supreme Inspector will perform such duties as required by the Supreme Seam Squirrel by taking charge and supervising the Supreme Inspection Programs in accordance with Sections 330, 432, 516, and 604 of the Supreme By-Laws. The Supreme Inspector will provide Inspection report updates to the Cootie Courier and the Webmaster for publication.

GRAND SEAM SQUIRRELS: Grand Seam Squirrel will appoint a qualified Grand Inspector and if needed qualified Grand Deputy Inspectors who will be directly responsible to the Grand Seam Squirrel for the conduct of Inspections pertaining to the Supreme Inspection Program.

GRAND INSPECTORS: The Grand Inspectors will perform such duties as required by the Supreme Inspector by taking charge and supervising the Grand Inspection Program in accordance with Section 415 of the Supreme By-Laws. All Grand Inspectors will pay close attention to Sections 330, 432, and 604 of the Supreme By-Laws.

INSPECTION GUIDELINES: The following inspection guidelines are provided:

- * Inspectors will be familiar with Supreme Inspection report forms, quarterly audit form, and bonding procedures.
- * Inspectors will be familiar with the Supreme By-Laws when inspecting the conduct of any Pup Tent business and MOC Programs, especially the duties of the Seam Squirrel, CCDB, and Hungry Cootie.
- * Inspectors must be familiar with the Supreme ritual when inspecting the conduct of any work under the Supreme Ritual.
- * Any Pup Tent that has not been inspected will be excluded from all representation at the Grand Scratches/ Convention and Supreme Convention.
- * The Supreme Inspector will accept inspection reports for the membership year beginning on **1 June**.
- * Inspection report forms are available on the Supreme website lotcs.org/forms. They can also be requested through Supreme HQ, Supreme Adjutant or through the Supreme Inspector.
- * Grand Pup Tents will be inspected by any qualified Pup Tent Inspector who does not belong to the Grand Pup Tent being inspected.
- * Independent Pup Tents can be inspected by any qualified Pup Tent Inspector who do not belong to the Pup Tent being inspected. Any Independent Pup Tent can request a Supreme Officer or Grand Officer who is a qualified inspector to inspect that Pup Tent, if that officer is not a member of that Pup Tent.

BONDING: Proper Bond can be purchased through Supreme HQ. The amount per thousand is \$14 and is good for two-year period. If Supreme HQ is not the Bonding Company, legible copy of the Bond must be provided with this year's completed inspection report form. This is a requirement to maintain Tax Exempt Status.

INSPECTION REPORTS: Any Grand Pup Tent that has not filed a minimum of 80% of Pup Tent inspection reports by **31 May** will be excluded from all representation at the Supreme Convention. All inspection reports must be received by the Supreme Inspector at least 30 days prior to the Supreme Convention.

AWARDS: All Grand Inspectors who reported their Grand Pup Tent 100% inspected by **30 November** will receive a Supreme Citation at the Supreme Convention.

T. Earl Bigham, Supreme Inspector
210-683-0890 / tearlb59@twc.com





MOC/MOCA

Keep 'em Vertical

Operation Big Boot



Objective: Our mission has never volleyed! We have to remember our past, present and future veterans along with immediate family members. For every 22 veterans across the Land of the Free and Our Brave, we leave 5-6 immediate family members of those that surrender to the Battle within. The Veterans Administration has our average dropped from 22 a day to 17 which is a significant impact since 2016. When our comrades stood before Congress We know “22 a Day” in not a success, it is a mission. Our mission is to ‘Keep ‘em Vertical’ so we can “Keep ‘em Smilin’ in Bed of White”.

Mission: Each and every Grand, near and far from the shores of the world along with the Pup Tents and Auxiliaries will be required to complete a minimum of two events that are focused on awareness of the crisis line #988 or the Veterans Crisis Mental Health Support that would lead to the prevention of veteran suicides.

Sample Ideas:

- Conduct a phone tree for all those veterans that you have not seen, reach out to comrades you served with and check in! Buddy Checks! Stop by and have coffee with those not seen.
- Websites within your meeting place area are great social media platforms.
- Attend fairs, community days, or craft fairs with a table, veterans crisis pamphlets free to all organizations from the Veterans Administration.
- Local activities such as 5ks, buddy walks, just to light the brain to vision.
- Place tags on candy handed out at Halloween (Southern Conference auxiliaries), Clear donation boxes (Arkansas), 988 cards put in public bathrooms and handed out at Car Shows (Wisconsin).
- Ditty bags for veterans in crisis can be simple (Ohio). We have included toothbrush, toothpaste, sweatpants, night gowns, slipper, makeup, and a brush or comb to ease their comfort.

Big Boot Awards: Will be chosen by the committee.

Reporting: All reports will be sent to the Operation Big Boot Chair - Luther ‘Luke’ Sawicki and to the Supreme Adjutant. See page 34 for form.

Questions, contact:

MOC Committee	Luke Sawicki	440-228-8594	luthersawicki@gmail.com
	Scott VanTassell	502-680-2340	scottvantassell@gmail.com
	Dan Kramer, PSC	308-636-8359	kramerd27@yahoo.com
	‘Check’ Adamczyk	703-763-6189	mrcheck@gmail.com
MOCA Committee	MaryKay Sawicki	440-228-4099	sawickimaryk@yahoo.com
	Lisa Dayhoff	254-338-6465	lisa.dayhoff@gmail.com

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!

1st Monday of the Month - 7 pm CST

All MOC/MOCA members in good standing are invited
Featuring Question of the Night and Upcoming Events

3rd Monday of the Month - 7 pm CST

All MOC members in good standing are invited
Featuring Questions of the Night
15-20 minute Cootie School and reports

Holiday Zooms

Zooms will start the eves of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years through the holiday. MOC/MOCA members welcome to pop in or stay and help monitor.

Contact the Supreme Adjutant to get your invite!



Cootie Infestation Station

Cootie Trench Talk & AuxSILLYry Spirit Podcast

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month

4:30 pm CST

Cootie Family Game Nights

1st & 3rd Mondays of the Month

5th Monday of the Month (Adults Only)

Cootie Courier

Receiving the Cootie Courier: We encourage all Cooties to get the *Cootie Courier* delivered via electronic mail. If you elect to get the courier via electronic mail, send your request and email to cootiecourier@lotcs.org. If you want the Courier delivered by mail it will cost you \$10. Send your check to Supreme Headquarters.

How to Submit News Copy: The *Cootie Courier*, just like all other papers, is looking for current and news that will be interesting to our readers. Remember that space is always a consideration and most time limited, so please keep articles direct and to the point. **Submission Deadlines: 25 Mar, 25 Jun, 25 Sept & 25 Dec.**

Basic Rules for All Submissions:

1. Try to have each article contain the **five Ws**—who, what, when, where, why and oftentimes, how. With “who” use the correct title and of important note - ensure all names are spelled correctly.
2. **Submit your articles** to the Cootie Courier Editor by email (preferred) at cootiecourier@lotcs.org. **Other ways of submission** are land (snail) mail to: Dale Iannello, PO Box 8451, Tacoma, WA 98419. Do not submit them to Supreme Headquarters. This will cause a delay.
3. **Photos:** Strive to use a solid light-colored background. Remember your submitted pictures will not be printed on Kodak photo paper! Remember that this is our Cootie Newspaper, so try to have the photos depict Cooties doing MOC/MOCA activities in their Cootie gear. Email submitted photos **MUST** be in JPEG, PNG or TIF format.
4. **When submitting your annual candidate bio sketch**, you should **ALWAYS** include a photo of yourself.
5. If you move, please submit a **change of address**. The form is located elsewhere in this publication and available through our website <https://www.lotcs.org/>. If you **change your email address**, please forward your new one to the editor as well. The editor may edit your story to fit the paper.



Supreme Chief-of-Staff Program

Objective: Supreme Chief of Staff Program is to strengthen the ranks of the Military Order of the Cootie through Pup Tent growth, Pup Tent reinstatement, and working closely with our parent organization, The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, in all areas especially in the area of the VFW recruitment.

Guidelines: All Cooties are responsible for the success of this program.

The following guidelines are provided for all Cooties:

1. Promote our VFW Honor Degree by encouraging all VFW workers to read Article XII of the VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure Section.
2. Promote our VFW Honor Degree by presenting to all who are worthy to the seams of our Pup Tent the MOC brochure.
3. With Commander's permission, report at VFW Post meetings and VFW District Meetings what our VFW Honor Degree has done in the name of the VFW.
4. Recruit VFW workers that are worthy and seek the seams to join our ranks in this Military Order.
5. Actively mentor Pup Tents in need to ensure they are conducting VFW Honor Degree business and programs properly. It is much easier to rebuild a Pup Tent Membership than to organize a new Pup Tent. Always EXTEND a helping hand and NEVER give up.
6. Grand Chief of Staffs shall become familiar with the MOC Pup Tent Starter Kit. The Starter Kit can be requested through Supreme Headquarters or at www.lotcs.org under the Forms tab. The Starter kit is a great management tool and all information contained within should be shared with all Pup Tents and Cooties.

Reporting: Report the increase of all NEW/REINSTATED Pup Tents to the Supreme Chief-in-Staff. The Chief-of-Staff Program deadline is 31 May. All reports of growth are due by 01 June

The Grand must first deduct all declared defunct Pup Tents during the same Program Year to attain the net increase.

Supreme Chief of Staff Awards

Any cootie organizing a NEW Pup Tent or rebuilding a reinstated Pup Tent will be awarded Supreme Deputy Chief of Staff and will receive a Supreme Citation.

The Grand Chief of Staff reporting the most NEW or REINSTATED Pup Tents in each division will receive a Supreme Citation. Categories will be for the first, second and third place in each Division.

The Grand reporting the most NEW or REINSTATED Pup Tents for the current program year will receive an award of distinction. Let's recruit as many **worthy** VFW members into the MOC as possible.

Supreme Chief of Staff:
Todd 'Tiny' Roberts
651-303-2474



Cootie Of the Year Program

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 the Cootie chosen attends the Supreme Convention, it will be awarded at that time. If not, the Cootie will receive the award at another event they are attending.

Nominations should be a detailed description of what the Cootie has performed. If you have any questions or to submit a cootie for the Supreme Cootie of the Year, please contact me.

If for any reason, you could not get the nomination to me, 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 the opportunity to recognize this Lousy Cootie.

Gerald 'Jerry' Constable, PSC 2012-2014
443-883-6773



Supreme Special Appointments

OBJECTIVE: Supreme Seam Squirrel desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Cooties with Supreme Special appointments.

NOMINATIONS: Grand Commanders and Seam Squirrels from the independent pup tents may submit the nomination form beginning 2 August 2026 to the Supreme Adjutant, for your deserving Cooties.

Appointees receive official appointment order. Tassels must be purchased separately through the Supreme Supply Department. (Price subject to change.)

Appointments: The following are appointments that are available for nomination (**See form in back**):

NEW! Supreme Mentor

NEW! Supreme Veterinarian

NEW! Supreme Scribe

NEW! Supreme Shutterbug

NEW! Supreme Traveler

NEW! Supreme Bubbler

NEW! Supreme Thingamajig

NEW! Supreme Busybee

NEW! Supreme Moneybags

NEW! Supreme Fidgeter

Other appointments available upon request to the Supreme Seam Squirrel through the Supreme Adjutant.



Sky Pilot

Chaplain of the Year Program

“A Laugh, a prayer, and a Helping Hand - That’s the Cootie Way!”

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

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

Selection:

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

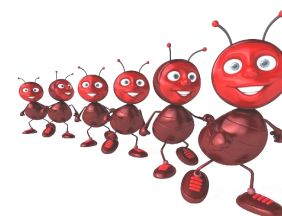
AWARD:

- The Supreme Sky Pilot of the Year awardee will receive an engraved medallion from the Supreme Sky Pilot at the Supreme Convention.

Supreme Sky Pilot
Allison ‘Princess’ Helm
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Recruiter Competition



OBJECTIVE: Replenish the Pool we recruit from... Our Parent Organization...the VFW!

PROGRAM DETAILS:

1. Reports are generated based on the weekly VFW Recruiting Reports.
2. Cooties who are not receiving credit for recruiting VFW Members, please let your Grand CCDB know. Grand, please fill out the updated recruited form Grands are split up based on size from last year's membership totals. See below!
3. Top recruiter and Top Recruiting Grand will receive Commendation from the Supreme Seam Squirrel.

FORMS: Can be found under the membership tab and in this program book.

CHAIRMAN: Robert 'Check' Adamczyk mrcheck@gmail.com 703-763-6189

RED (330+)			BLUE (150-199)			INDIVIDUAL DIVISION		
◇	Florida	454	◇	Kentucky	215	(Pup Tent w/No Grand)		
◇	Pacific Areas	436	◇	Oklahoma	206	◇	Europe 6	94
◇	California	427	◇	North Dakota	178	◇	Montana 10	61
◇	Texas	403	◇	New York	176	◇	Alaska 2	50
◇	Virginia	394	◇	Kansas	170	◇	Nevada 2	48
◇	Pennsylvania	353	◇	Kansas	170	◇	New Hampshire 3	48
			◇	Mississippi	164	◇	Indiana 11	46
			◇	Arkansas	162	◇	Massachusetts 14	42
						◇	New Hampshire 1	38
						◇	Illinois 79	38
						◇	Illinois 48	33
◇	Minnesota	325				◇	Illinois 42	32
◇	Arizona	309	◇	Georgia	142	◇	Alabama 13	19
◇	Ohio	314	◇	Louisiana	130	◇	Alabama 1	17
◇	North Carolina	313	◇	Oregon	126	◇	Hawaii 1	15
◇	Maryland	286	◇	Colorado	120	◇	Massachusetts 5	15
◇	Missouri	268	◇	Colorado	120	◇	Illinois 62	14
◇	Washington	264	◇	Tennessee	105	◇	Illinois 2	12
◇	Wisconsin	248	◇	Nebraska	101			
◇	Michigan	246	◇	New Mexico	97			
◇	South Carolina	214	◇	Iowa	96			
			◇	South Dakota	91			
			◇	Delaware	88			
			◇	New Jersey	84			

Supreme Clown Program

Keeping them smilin' in beds of white is the goal of every MOC Clown. Bring cheer and happiness into the lives of those who have given us freedom and are in the hospitals or long-term care facilities. Everyone likes a reason to clown around. So, take time to sing a song, tell a joke, or do something fun with our hospitalized, disabled, elderly veterans. Let's put on a happy face and help the world smile.

Cootie Clowns Costumes

- Good taste (no evil) and must consist of more than a funny hat
- It takes at least three pieces of clown or silly clothing.
- Due to the phobia of clowns, costumes are without makeup.

To Become Certified as a Cootie Clown

- Clowns must make a minimum of three (3) visits between June 1 and May 31.
- A picture taken of the clown for each event must be sent to the Grand Hospital Chairman.

Pup Tents (Pup tents not in a grand will submit directly to Supreme Papa Clown)

- Report these visits on the monthly Hospital Report form in the remarks section.
- After the three (3) have been made, the Pup Tent Hospital Chairman should fill out the Clown Request Form
- Send a copy to the Grand Hospital Chairman for verification. Form found on LOTCS.org under Forms/Hospital.

Grand

The Grand Hospital Chairman will keep records for all clowns and submit them to the Supreme Papa Clown.

Cootie Clown Awards

After the Supreme Papa Clown receives the signed form (which must be signed by the Grand Hospital Chairman), the Supreme Clown will issue the Supreme Clown Card. The **Supreme Papa Clown** will provide an clown pin after 3 events. These awards will be sent to the Grand Hungry Cootie/Adjutant to be passed out at the Grand Scratch. Awards not given out at the Grand Scratch must be mailed to the qualifying clown. A special prize will be given to the Grand and Pup Tent with the best participation throughout the year based on events attended.

Supreme Convention

Bring your Clown Costume with you to the Supreme Convention. Please notify the Supreme Papa Clown if you plan to attend the Supreme Convention as a Clown.

Supreme Papa Clown:

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Cooties are
clowns too!



Supporting Programs

The following is a list of fun programs you can join that support each other. The full flyers can be accessed on the lotcs.org website under the Programs tab.

Knights Hospitalier - MOC issued a special medal as a fundraiser for the organization. During the Crusades, the first knights to enter the Holy Land opened a hospital. Since the MOC is the Honor Degree of the VFW and since the MOC is the order that services hospitals and cares for veterans and their families, the medal is named “Knights Hospitalier”

Grand Programs

Florida Gallinippers - Proceeds raised go to support the Florida BBQ that is held the week before Cootie Christmas at the VFW National Home

Iowa Old Coots - **Coming soon!**

Kentucky Bourbon Bugs - **Coming Soon!**

Maryland Fire Dept - The money received in support of this Grand of Maryland Honorary Fire Department is presented each year to the VFW National Home.

Michigan Nitpickers - Proceeds go to the Grand of Michigan to help with all programs they are involved in to include possible donations to the National Home, support the children of the National Home Cedar Point Trip and Veterans Hospital Work.

PA Keystone Cops - Proceeds from this program are donated to the VFW National Home to assist in the security of the grounds.

MOC Pacific Area Paddy Daddy Program - The VFW National Home Special Project is the recipient of the proceed from this program in the Pacific Area.

Texas Horny Toads - Proceeds from this program are used to help purchase vehicles for the VFW National Home for Children. During the past thirty-five year, we have donated over twenty-five vehicles for the home.

Virginia Hams - Proceeds for this program go to the VFW National Home.

Washington Apples - All funds received are donated to the VFW National Home for Children for approved special projects.

Wisconsin Critter Cooties - Make your favorite or not favorite critters (real, stuffed, plastic, etc) an official Critter Cootie. Funds received go toward Christmas gifts at VFW National Home and of course Cootie fun.

Past Supreme Commanders/Seam Squirrels

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>		<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
	1920	Washington DC	Organizational	56th	1975	Los Angeles	George Jeschke* (IL)
1st	1920	New York	Frederic C. Madden* (NY)	57th	1976	New York	Mark A. Farrell*
2nd	1921	Detroit	Benjamin Gambell*	58th	1977	Bloomington	John Sparks*
3rd	1922	Seattle	William F. Eighmey* (IA)	59th	1978	Dallas	William Frey* (MI)
4th	1923	Norfolk	F. Willard Kime* (MI)	60th	1979	New Orleans	Frederick Kauffman* (WA)
5th	1924	Atlantic City	F. Willard Kime* (MI)	61st	1980	Chicago	Eugene D. Thomas, Jr.* (FL)
6th	1925	Tulsa	Thomas J. Nottingham* (VA)	62nd	1981	Philadelphia	Lionel Fontaine* (NH)
7th	1926	El Paso	Robert E. Lee Murphy* (KY)	63rd	1982	Los Angeles	William E. Bryce
8th	1927	Providence	Val N. Brandon* (MD)	64th	1983	New Orleans	Arthur G. Selbo* (WI)
9th	1928	Louisville	Malachi F. Healy* (NY)	65th	1984	Chicago	Robert Graber*
10th	1929	St. Paul	Edward H. Giguere* (OH)	66th	1985	Las Vegas	Bobbie Alton Birdett* (TX)
11th	1930	Baltimore	Oscar J. Stearns, Jr* (MN)	67th	1986	St. Paul	Eugene E. Calloway*
12th	1931	Kansas City	Charles F. Wetter* (IL)	68th	1987	New Orleans	James H. Patterson*
13th	1932	Sacramento	Walter C. Winters* (VT)	69th	1988	Chicago	Albert S. Thomas, Jr* (PA)
14th	1933	Milwaukee	Thomas C. Ryan* (CA)	70th	1989	Las Vegas	Robert M. Cortright* (NY)
15th	1934	Louisville	George T. Dougherty* (IL)	71st	1990	Baltimore	Thomas J. Atkins*
16th	1935	New Orleans	Victor B. Galloway* (MI)	72nd	1991	New Orleans	Myron H. Rowe* (MD)
17th	1936	Denver	William J. Crehan*	73rd	1992	Indianapolis	Donald V. Nettler* (MI)
18th	1937	Buffalo	Thomas McBride*	74th	1993	Dallas	John E. Hamilton (FL)
19th	1938	Columbus	Carl. C. Gibson* (TX)	75th	1994	Las Vegas	Glen Maroney* (MN)
20th	1939	Boston	Patrick H. Houle* (NY)	76th	1995	Phoenix	J.F. "Jack" Holleran*
21st	1940	Los Angeles	William M. Harper*	77th	1996	Louisville	Gary Strauss* (TX)
22nd	1941	Philadelphia	Ashley Beck* (MI)	78th	1997	Salt Lake City	Charles D. Short*
23rd	1942	Cincinnati	Frank Topash (DC)	79th	1998	San Antonio	Larry Alexander (OR)
24th	1943	New York	Daniel A. Tarantola* (MO)	80th	1999	Kansas City	Stephen H. Wheeler* (GA)
25th	1944	Chicago	Otto Steinberger* (MI)	81st	2000	Milwaukee	C. Marty Ellingwood (PAC)
26th	1945	Chicago	Austin A. Flanagan*	82nd	2001	Milwaukee	Ken Cole (PA)
27th	1946	Boston	Vincent C. Schaaf* (PA)	83rd	2002	Nashville	H Steve Mason (MD)
28th	1947	Cleveland	Benjamin F. Griffey* (PA)	84th	2003	San Antonio	Fernando "Fred" Garcia* (TX)
29th	1948	St. Louis	Richard E. Hodges* (OH)	85th	2004	Cincinnati	Joe "Rollin' Joe" Velasquez *(CA)
30th	1949	Miami Beach	A. Thomas Wheaton* (MI)	86th	2005	Salt Lake City	Thomas Tweet * (MN)
31st	1950	Chicago	Newell Warner*	87th	2006	Reno	Terrance "Shorty" Lyons* (TX)
32nd	1951	New York	Percy W. Graves* (AL)	88th	2007	Kansas City	Raymond "Ray" Fern* (PA)
33rd	1952	Los Angeles	W. J. Grow* (FL)	89th	2008	Orlando	Ralph Corno (NJ)
34th	1953	Milwaukee	Ernest H. Moore*	90th	2009	Phoenix	Johnny L. Howard* (NC)
35th	1954	Philadelphia	William Wark*	91st	2010	Indianapolis	C. Maurice Theriac (IL)
36th	1955	Boston	Raymond Burke* (FL)	92nd	2011	San Antonio	George Dennis* (NV)
37th	1956	Dallas	Raymond F. Nichols*	93rd	2012	Reno	Joseph T. McCullough (TX)
38th	1957	Miami Beach	Ervin F. Rothenbuhler* (ND)	94th	2013	Louisville	Gerald L. Constable (OH)
39th	1958	New York	George E. Hunt* (PA)	95th	2014	St. Louis	Mark Newman (DE)
40th	1959	Los Angeles	Joseph F. Jacques*	96th	2015	Pittsburg	Dave Wimmer* (NM)
41th	1960	Detroit	Charles W. Briner* (OH)	97th	2016	Charlotte	Donald 'T-Bone' Lynch (WI)
42nd	1961	Miami Beach	Angus McNaught* (NJ)	98th	2017	New Orleans	James D. Malott (PAC)
43rd	1962	Minneapolis	John W. Burnett*	99th	2018	Kansas Crty	Dan Kramer (NE)
44th	1963	Seattle	Dr. Vernon G. Olson* (WI)	100th	2019	Orlando	Emil Soltesz (OH)
45th	1964	Cleveland	Fred L. Finch, Sr* (AR)	101st	2020	Reno	Steve W. Ruger, Sr *(GA).
46th	1965	Chicago	Donald Ferguson*	102nd	2021	Overland Park	Darin Combs (AZ)
47th	1966	New York	Patrick McCaulla* (MO)	103rd	2022	Overland Park	Olin Parks (MO)
48th	1967	New Orleans	Darwin Cochran* (OH)	104th	2023	Tempe	Dwight Hora (SC)
49th	1968	Detroit	George F. Jalbert*	105th	2024	Louisville	Mark Larkin (NC)
50th	1969	Philadelphia	Jean R. Brelsford* (MD)	106th	2025	Columbus	Robbie Normand (CA)
51st	1970	Miami Beach	Dr. Frank O. Brasch* (KY)	107th	2026	Reno	Eric Bell* (MI)
52nd	1971	Dallas	Samuel R. Frutoso*				
53rd	1972	Minneapolis	Randy Lofgren*				
54th	1973	New Orleans	Owen W. Ball* (FL)				
55th	1974	Chicago	Jerry Bloir*				

*deceased



Schedule of Events 2026-2027

MOC EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Tomb Trek	Arlington, VA	6-8 November 2026
Grand of Michigan Cootie Christmas	VFW National Home Eaton Rapids, MI	4-5 December 2026
Grand of Ohio Easter Treat	VFW National Home Eaton Rapids, MI	19-21 March 2027
Seam Squirrel Tracy Woodman's Homecoming	Warrens, WI	16-18 April 2027
President Dawn VanTassell's Homecoming	Vine Grove, KY	8 May 2027
108th Supreme Scratch	Milwaukee, WI	4 - 8 August 2027



VFW EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
National Council Of Administration	Kansas City, MO	21-22 August 2026
NCIC Cory Geisler Homecoming	Milwaukee, WI	24-27 September 2026
Big Ten Conference	Kalamazoo, MI	15-18 October 2026
Eastern Conference	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	1-9 November 2026
Southern Conference	Mobile, Alabama	22-25 October 2026
Western Conference	Phoenix, AZ	5-8 November 2026
Washington Conference / Legislative	Washington, DC	27 February - 4 March 2027
126th VFW National Convention	Milwaukee, WI	31 July - 4 August 2027

Dates and locations subject to change.

Supreme Date Line

ASAP	All Grand Dates, Information and Requests to Supreme Adjutant
25 September 2026	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 24)
6 November 2026	Grand Dates & Locations (Turn them in if you have them)
30 November 2026	Pup Tent Inspection Goal Date (pg 22)
25 December 2026	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 24)
29 February 2027	Supreme By-Laws Changes Due to Committee
1 March 2027	Inspections Due for All*Star Program (pg 11-12)
25 March 2027	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 24)
30 April 2027	Pup Tent Membership Goal Awards (pg 13) Grand Membership Goal Awards (pg 13)
31 May 2027	All Programs End (pg 7) • Hospital (pg 16-18) • Chief of Staff (pg 25) • Membership (pg 13-15) • Inspections (pg 22) • All*Star Programs: Grand (pg 12), Pup Tent (pg 11) • Sky Pilot of the Year (pg 27) • Blood Program (pg 19) • Clown Program (pg 29, 36)
10 June 2027	Final Hospital Reports due to Supreme (pg 16-18) Final Hospital Reports will be posted. (pg 16-18)
25 June 2027	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 24)
1 July 2027	Cootie Of the Year nomination (pg 26)
2 July 2027	Clown Program entries (pg 29,36)
3 August 2027	Last Day to Early Bird register for Supreme Convention \$20 (pg 15) Last Day for Early Bird Supreme Banquet Tickets at Cootie Booth (pg 15)
4 August 2027	Supreme Convention Registration \$25 (pg 15) Supreme Convention Banquet Tickets while available (pg 15)

Military Order of the Cootie - VFW Recruiters

Recruiter's Name (exactly as on VFW Card)	Recruiter's Name (exactly as on the MOC card)	Name of VFW Recruits Not credited for	# of VFW Members Recruited

Please send in completed form monthly to Membership Chairman 'Check' Adamczyk at mrcheck@gmail.com

Due the 10th of each month.

Operation Big Boot Event

Grand/Area: _____ Date(s) of Event: _____

Location of Event: _____

of other Groups Present: _____ Amount Raised (if a fundraising event): _____

Other Groups Present: _____

of MOC: _____ # of MOCA: _____ # of other Participants: _____ Total Miles (Walked): _____

Description of Event: _____

Supreme Special Appointments

Grand/State: _____

POC: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Supreme Mentor _____ PT: _____

Supreme Veterinarian _____ PT: _____

Supreme Scribe _____ PT: _____

Supreme Shutterbug _____ PT: _____

Supreme Traveler _____ PT: _____

Supreme Bubbler _____ PT: _____

Supreme Thingamajig _____ PT: _____

Supreme Busybee _____ PT: _____

Supreme Moneybags _____ PT: _____

Supreme Fidgeter _____ PT: _____

Other fun appointments are available upon request.

Send this form and/or other appointment requests to the Supreme Adjutant at mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com to receive your appointment orders. Tassels will need to be ordered through the Cootie Depot.

For more details, see page 26 in the Supreme Seam Squirrel's book (Commander's Book).

MOC Clown Certification Request

Mail To: **Grand Hospital Chairman**

Grand/State: _____

Pup Tent Name & Number: _____

Date: _____

Supreme Mama/Papa Clown:

Please issue Supreme Clown Cards and pins to the following:

Name (Please print clearly or type)		Dates of Three (3) Qualifying Visits Made Between June 1 and May 31	
	1)	2)	3)
	1)	2)	3)
	1)	2)	3)
	1)	2)	3)
	1)	2)	3)
	1)	2)	3)
	1)	2)	3)
	1)	2)	3)

I certify that the above have made three (3) Hospital Visitations as a Clown, and these visits have been reported on an MOC Hospital Report.

Pup Tent Hospital Chairman

Email: _____

Pup Tent Seam Squirrel

Email: _____

I have confirmed that the above listed cooties have made the minimum of three (3) hospital visitations and were reported on the pup tent hospital report.

Grand Hospital Chairman _____

E-mail: _____

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Individual Pup Tents: Send photos and form directly to Wayne Woodman, Supreme Papa Clown.

Pup Tents in Grand: Send photos and form to your Grand Hospital Chairman.

Grand Hospital Chairman: Send photos and form to Wayne Woodman, Supreme Papa Clown