



AUXILIARY TO THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

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Greetings, Cooties!

A new year is underway, and I am excited about where we are headed! We have a lot happening across the MOCA, with new programs, new resources, and new opportunities to strengthen our Auxiliaries and grow our organization. Now it is time to put those tools to work as we move *Into the Future!* together.

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Supreme President of the Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie I do hereby assume the duties of the office. All previous appointments are hereby declared null and void.

2. Membership: The 2027 membership year is underway! Now is the time to begin collecting dues and reaching out to members who have not yet renewed. All 2027 dues are due by December 31, 2026, so please do not wait until the last minute. Treasurers, please do not hold transmittals. Send them in as dues are received so membership can be processed promptly. And while we are renewing our current members, let's also be looking to be recruiting new members. Let's start strong and keep growing!

3. New Auxiliary Development: More than half of our Pup Tents do not have an Auxiliary associated with them. This leaves tremendous opportunity for growth! Reach out to Bachelor Pup Tents in your area and start the conversation. Remember, it counts toward your Beehive Award! If you have a lead or know of interest in starting a new Auxiliary, please let us know. We can follow up, help develop the lead, and provide the New Auxiliary Development & Formation Toolkit to guide them through the process.

4. Council of Administration & Inspections: Grand Presidents, please send your Council of Administration dates as soon as possible. I want to begin scheduling inspections now and get them on the calendar early. Please complete the attached Supreme Representative Information & Request Form and return it as soon as your dates are confirmed.

5. Supreme Program Book: This year's Supreme Program Book is packed with exciting new awards, programs, and lots of new information you won't want to miss! If you didn't get your copy at Convention, contact our Supreme Treasurer and order yours today. Don't delay, you're going to want this one!

6. Beehive Award: Have you heard the buzz? The new Beehive Award is here! This year's award gives every Auxiliary a path to success through five different areas of Auxiliary growth, service, and administration. Much like the VFW Auxiliary's Circle of Excellence, the Beehive Award is our way of recognizing Auxiliaries that are thriving and succeeding across all areas of our organization. There are lots of ways to earn each cell, so get your Program Book, check out the requirements, and start building your Beehive!

7. Tomb Trek: Tomb Trek will be here before we know it! The 91st Tomb Trek will be held November 5–8, 2026. Now is the time to make your plans to join us in Arlington as we honor those who answered our Nation's call. Wreath orders must be submitted by October 10, so don't wait! Registration, banquet

reservations, wreath orders, hotel information, and payment can all be completed online through the LOTCS.org Events page: <https://lotcs.org/events.html>.

8. Cootie Christmas: Cootie Christmas will be held December 4–6, 2026, at the VFW National Home. Please note an important change this year, the host hotel and location have changed. We will now be staying in Charlotte, Michigan. If you are planning to join us for this wonderful weekend, please use the updated information on the attached Cootie Christmas flyer when making your reservations and plans.

9. Reporting: We do incredible work for our Veterans, but that work only becomes part of the MOCA story when we report it! Please make monthly Hospital and Chaplain reporting a priority in your Auxiliary this year. And here's another little Beehive reminder, consistent reporting helps you build that Beehive, too! Do the work, report the work, and let's show everyone just how mighty the MOCA really is!

10. Stay Connected: There are more ways than ever to stay connected with what's happening across the MOCA! Be sure to follow our official MOCA Facebook page for news, reminders, program updates, and a little AuxSILLYry fun along the way. And don't forget to tune in to the MOC/MOCA Podcast for conversations, information, and stories from across our organization. Scan the QR codes below to connect with us and start following along!

11. Ways & Means: We have some fun Ways & Means opportunities this year! Join the AuxSILLYry Brigade and show your MOCA spirit with our new T-shirts and Supreme President shirts. Information and order forms are attached, so take a look, place your orders, and help support Ways & Means!

We have an exciting year ahead of us, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish together! Let's keep moving forward, supporting one another, growing our Auxiliaries, and most importantly, serving our Veterans. Together, we are taking the MOCA *Into the Future!*

Thank you for all you do!

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MOCA Supreme President 2026-2027

"Barnyards to Battlefields"

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council of Administration/Representative Form
2. Cootie Christmas Flyer
3. AuxSILLYry Brigade Information/Order Form
4. Ways & Means T-shirt & Supreme President Shirt Order Form(s)



MOCA Supreme Links



Cootie Trench Talk &
AuxSILLYry Spirit Podcast Links