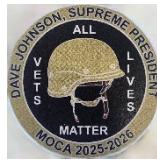




## **SUPREME MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & GENERAL ORDERS #1 DECEMBER 9, 2025**



Greetings Auxiliary Members,

Merry Christmas to each of you. As we celebrate this beautiful season, we are reminded that the very first gift of Christmas was Christ Himself; a gift of hope, light, and promise. It is in that spirit of hope and service that we continue our work together. May His peace guide us as we move forward in unity, serving our Veterans and one another with love and purpose.

The following are my first General Orders as your Supreme President. I ask Grand Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents to kindly ensure these orders and official communications reach their members promptly. I also ask all members to please make every effort to actively receive, listen to, and act on the information shared. Clear and timely communication from everyone is key to the strength and success of the MOCA.

As we approach the close of 2025, there are several important items that require your immediate attention, with the first and most urgent being Membership

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** On December 31 members who are not currently holding a 2026 membership card are NOT members in good standing. They cannot attend meetings nor claim hospital hours and are ineligible to hold an office or be elected to an office. Payment of their dues will restore all rights immediately. All treasurers please transmit dues immediately.
  - a. **VFW Auxiliary Dues:** Please be aware that this also includes your VFW Auxiliary dues. They must be paid by December 31, 2025, or your membership in the MOCA is not of good standing. [Bylaws, Sec 107 A & B]
2. **ALL 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. [Bylaws, Sec 205]
3. **BONDS:** All Auxiliaries and Grands should have their 2025-2027 bonds in place. If you have not renewed your bond please do so immediately. [Bylaws, Sec 308 B]
4. **AUDITS:** Trustees, please make sure you are auditing the Secretary and Treasurer books. All audits are to be completed and mailed to our Supreme Treasurer in a timely manner. Audit's for October through December 2025 should be completed by January 15, 2026 and forwarded to your Grand Treasurer or Supreme Treasurer respectively. [Bylaws, Sec 312]

5. **GRAND CONVENTIONS:** We will be making the Supreme Representative assignments for your Grand inspections in January. For those who have not already done so, please send your request form A.S.A.P. This form can be found on page 23 of your Program Book. Supreme Reps may be requested for a Grand C of A Meeting or a Grand Convention. If you are unable to scan and email the completed form, you may simply review the form and email the requested information directly to [CootieCutieDawnVT@gmail.com](mailto:CootieCutieDawnVT@gmail.com) instead. In addition to the requested information, I would also appreciate you noting who your last Supreme Rep was.
6. **ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS:** Nominations, elections, and installation of officers must be completed by March 31, 2025. The Secretary will send a completed Installation Report to the Grand Secretary or to the Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer. Officers will assume their duties at the same time as their Pup Tent. [Bylaws, Sec 305]
7. **ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS:** The Supreme President will utilize Facebook as an additional way to create connection, promote fellowship, and share informal and non-business updates, including videos from our Special Project recipients and photos of members attending events. Special Message is; Serve with Joy, Together!
  - a. Members are asked to please like and follow the Official Supreme Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/MOCSupreme>  
The profile picture for this page is the Supreme Seam Squirrel's pin.
  - b. While information may be shared on other known Cootie Facebook pages, this page is the **OFFICIAL SUPREME PAGE** for Supreme.
8. **USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA:** Many of our Auxiliary's have various forms of social media, and social media is an effective and modern way of communication. However, we must remember that under no circumstances can Auxiliary business be run on a public forum.

It is truly an honor to step into David's shoes as your Supreme President. Though his time leading us was short, he never lost sight of the joy and camaraderie that makes the MOCA so special. I look forward to working together, having some fun along the way, and honoring David's love and vision for our organization.

My Christmas wish for all of you is that you find your joy and share it generously with those around you! Merry Christmas to each and every one of you. May His love fill your homes and hearts this season and throughout the coming year.

Warm Wishes,  
Dawn M. VanTassell - MOCA Supreme President  
*All Vet's Lives Matter*

P.S. Be one of the first 5 people to email me the hidden message in these GO's and receive a special gift from me!