

Together, We Can Serve More Veterans!

The MOCA exists along with the MOC to complement and strengthen the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Auxiliary. We are not separate from the VFW Auxiliary, we are made up entirely of proud VFW Auxiliary members who simply wish to expand their service to hospitalized and homebound Veterans.

Many members discover that becoming involved in the Cootie Auxiliary deepens their connection to the mission of the VFW Auxiliary itself. Through hospital visits, nursing home programs, fellowship activities, and hands-on service opportunities, members are able to bring comfort and encouragement directly to Veterans who may need it most.

Our pride in the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary strengthens our pride in the VFW Auxiliary because together, *We can serve more Veterans.*

By working side by side, we continue the shared mission of ensuring that no Veteran feels forgotten, alone, or unappreciated.

Your Journey Starts Here

Becoming a Cootie Auxiliary Member is
Easier Than You Think!

- If you've been a VFW Auxiliary member in good standing for at least six months, we'll help you find an MOCA membership option that's right for you.

Membership Options

- Join a local Cootie Auxiliary.
- Join a Cootie Auxiliary that meets through Zoom.
- Help organize a new Cootie Auxiliary in your area.

There's a place for you in MOCA, even if there isn't a Cootie Auxiliary in your hometown.

Learn More about the MOCA:



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Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary



Keep 'Em Smilin in Beds of White





★ — A HISTORY OF — ★ **1920**

The **Military Order of the Cootie** was formed in 1920 as the honor degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, centered around fellowship and caring for hospitalized Veterans.

The **Auxiliary** was later created so eligible VFW Auxiliary members could stand alongside the Cooties in that mission of service.

FELLOWSHIP ★ SERVICE ★ VETERANS

Why We Serve

- Because no Veteran should ever feel forgotten.
- Because laughter, kindness, and companionship can brighten even the hardest days.
- Because a simple visit can remind a Veteran that their service still matters.
- Because healing is not only physical — it is emotional too.
- Because fellowship and compassion can bring comfort when it is needed most.
- Because serving Veterans is more than a duty — it is a calling.
- Because sometimes the greatest gift we can give is simply our time.
- Because every Veteran deserves to feel remembered, appreciated, and valued.

What is the Cootie Auxiliary?

The Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary (MOCA) is a family made up of VFW Auxiliary members united by a simple purpose: supporting Veterans through service, compassion, fellowship, and a healthy dose of fun. From hospitals and nursing homes to hospice programs and homebound visits, our members bring comfort, friendship, and encouragement to Veterans when they need it most.



We serve with fun and humor, knowing that sometimes a smile or a laugh can make all the difference in a person's day. Whether we're lending a helping hand, sharing a conversation, hosting an event, or bringing a little laughter into someone's day, our goal is always the same: to remind Veterans they are appreciated, remembered, and never alone.

The MOCA is a separate national organization that operates under the MOC, the Honor Degree of the VFW. While membership in the MOCA is drawn from eligible members of the VFW Auxiliary, the MOCA maintains its own leadership, programs, bylaws, and chain of command within the Military Order of the Cootie.



Cooties Doing What Cooties Do Keep'Em Smilin' in Beds of White

Every day across the country Cooties are making a difference in the lives of Veterans through hands-on service.

**One visit. One smile. One
Veteran at a time.**

