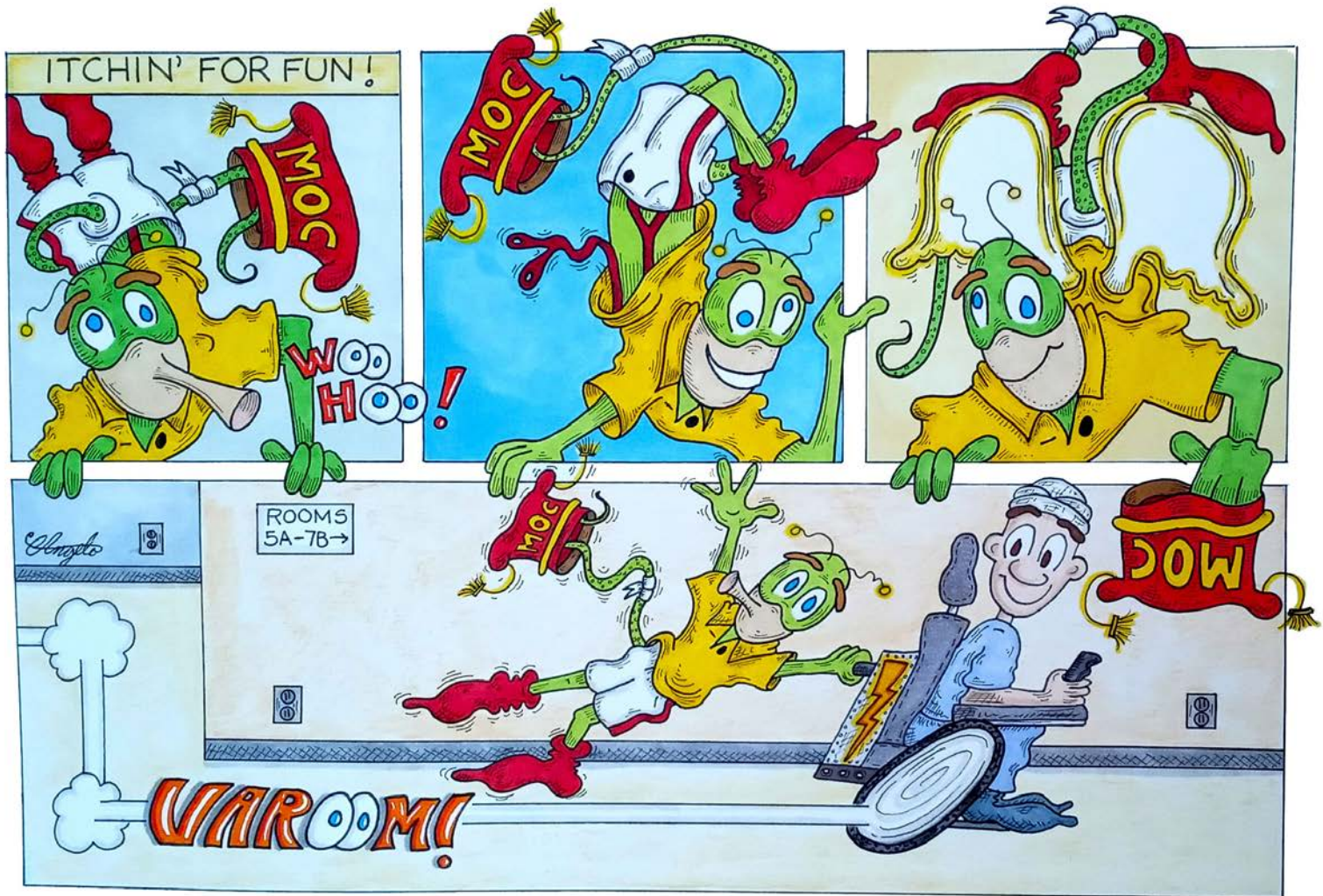




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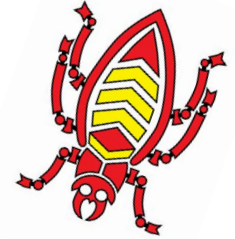
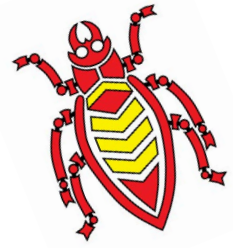
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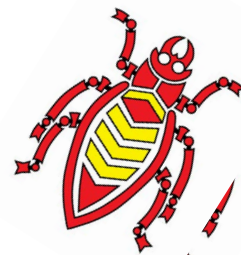
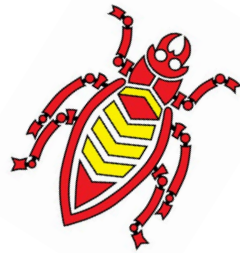
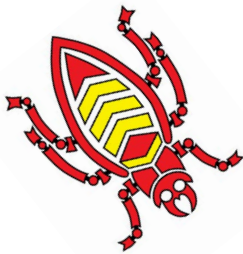
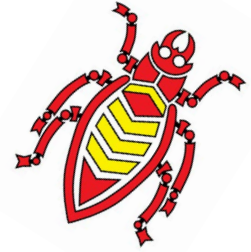
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From the Supreme Seam Squirrel

Listen Up Cooties! (This includes the MOC Auxiliary!)
(This is all straight speak!)

The Cootie Season (2023-2024) is coming to completion. All reports should be in by now. I really want to thank of you **ALL** for your diligence and commitment to helping all veterans in need. **NO ONE** does it better than us, the *Military Order of the Cootie*. Last year (2022-23) to my knowledge, we had a record setting year for Hospital work worth over 8 million dollars. Well, I am happy to report with the new reporting system (2023-24) and ALL your hard work, we were over 16 million dollars and we haven't even added in the MOC Auxiliary numbers yet. But, we will when we report to VFW National. So again, I *thank you* and more importantly, *congratulate* yourselves for executing the Cootie agenda of "*Keepin' 'em Smilin' in Beds of White*".



There were many milestones that were achieved this year. For the 1st time in a very, very long time we ended with 2 more Pup Tents than we started with. Meaning we lost 9 and gained 11; with many in the chute to be started this year. We are on the *verge* of getting 2 Grands back as well (GA and NJ), hopefully.

The Joint Venture (MOC/MOC Auxiliary) for *The Big Boot Program* was a huge success and I certainly did not/could not imagine y'all's response and resolve to bring awareness to the issue of Veteran suicide and PTSD. It was successful enough for *YOUR* incoming Seam Squirrel and President to continue the program.

*"In your Darkest Hour,
When the Demons come.
Call upon me Brothers and Sisters,
And **WE** will fight them together."*

As we attempted to "*Meet the Challenge*" for the year, we faced those challenges together. And our many hands made for light work and as we *operated* as that *TEAM*, we accomplished a lot, and you did it all year long. But *MAN* did we have *FUN* doing it!!! *COOTIES* are the "*Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars*", and we prove it every day.

I urge all of you to support the incoming Supreme Seam Squirrel, Robbie Normand as y'all did me and maybe dig just a bit deeper, as I know you can

Yours in LOTCS,

Mark P. Larkin

Mark P. Larkin
Supreme Seam Squirrel
12023-2024



Triple "S" Memorial Day and Other Ceremonies Memorandum

Listen Up Cooties,

During the many Memorial Day Ceremonies, where the Military Order of the Cootie was asked to participate in either a wreath laying or to be a guest speaker. The Supreme Seam Squirrel noticed numerous times that **OUR** Representatives were dressed in some sort of uniform and not in full uniform and only with an organizational hat. I know we are all proud to be in this Organization and we love to post things on Facebook, web pages or other places so we can get our organization out there and get the exposure we all deserve.

I realize this guidance should have come out prior to the *Memorial Day* observances. However, I was under the impression that we all understand, when doing an event such as *Memorial Day* we should wear a full uniform; one that closely replicates the uniform prescribed for Tomb Trek.

When the Supreme Seam Squirrel was in North Dakota and representing the Supreme Organization, Grand Commander Corey Moen and the Supreme Seam Squirrel were the only ones in full uniform for the major event of the day. The other Veteran Service Organizations Representatives were in jeans and regular shirts with their hats. After, the event there were multiple people who commented on our professionalism and our military conduct during the Ceremony. Many participants commented they will now have to step up their game. Please understand when asked to represent the organization we must put our best foot forward, no matter the level, *Pup Tent, Grand or Supreme*.

We must *never* forget that we are the "*Honor Degree*" of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, not our words, the VFW's words. So, we must always strive to present that image.

Remember: You never know the impact you will have on others, so choose the correct impact.

Yours in LOTCS,

Mark P. Larkin

Mark P. Larkin
Your Supreme Commander
Cootie #122 PT-3 of North Carolina



From the Supreme Blanket Bum

Listen Cooties!

Supreme Blanket Bum spouting off in in straight talk. Wow it's crazy to believe that another Cootie year is almost over. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to another great year of growth and prosperity. Last I heard from Gary, this is the first year in a long time that we have ended the year with more Pup Tents than we started with. If elected, I look forward to restarting the Grand of Georgia, a tremendous achievement.

In the past quarter I had the pleasure of representing the Supreme organization at the Department and Grand conventions of California and the Pacific areas. It is great to see the continued and growing relationship between our parent organization. I continue to encourage the involvement in VFW activities as helping them grow will help us grow.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the ***Supreme Scratch in Louisville.***

Yours in LOTCS,

Robbie Normand
Supreme Blanket Bum



From the Supreme Hide Gimlet



Listen Cooties!

Supreme Little Bug here, in straight talk.

Here we are, at the end of a year of hard work and dedication on your part. Congratulations to a job well done! Please continue to be a positive influence within your VFW District and Department. The more times our parent organization sees Cooties attending and supporting VFW events, the better we will be received.

This upcoming year we need to mentor our new Cooties coming into the organization. Show them what they need to be doing. Let's get back to the basics and teach those Cooties the proper way to conduct business. I know we are all busy, but a wise old Blue Louse told me before, "Train my replacement." Always remember, "If your purposes are noble, you will find willing hands and hearts ready to assist you."

Continue to work with your Cootie Auxiliary team and assist them in recruiting and growing as well. Let us ALL have another great year together. I look forward to serving you in any capacity.

Increase and multiply! Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White! Busier than a Bee!

Yours in LOTCS,

**Eric Bell
Supreme Junior Vice Commander
2023-2024**



From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties ,

Since this is my last input as the Supreme Quartermaster for this organization. I have enjoyed the position, and it is time for me to move on. You can be assured that I will support and assist the new quartermaster since I am not moving away from Supreme Headquarters. Since I joined the Cooties in 1997, I was elected as the Grand Quartermaster and served in that position until 2016. In 2011, I was elected as the Supreme Quartermaster and still hold that position. I have attended every Tomb Trek since 1997. I have this organization in my heart and know that there is more I can do to help and support this organization for our Cooties and our Veterans.



Just a few of my accomplishments as quartermaster.

I reduced salaries at headquarters by \$70,000, reduced the cost of creating and mailing the Cootie Courier by over \$20,000. With the help and a lot of work from the editor we got the Cootie Depot up and running and now take credit cards for supply sales and membership, registration for conventions and banquet tickets. I have recently moved our membership database and document storage system to the cloud for easier access.

You have supported me for the past 14 years as the Supreme Quartermaster and I am asking that you support me again in this next step in my career with the Cooties. Hopefully, I can get your support in this endeavor. I have an idea on how to increase our membership but will save that to pass out if I am elected as the **Supreme Junior Vice Commander**.

I currently have the support of several Past Supreme Commanders.

Gary Dressel

Gary Dressel
Supreme Quartermaster



From the Supreme Inspector

Listen up Cooties,

Well another Cootie year has come & is almost over. By the time you are seeing this, we will be swarming together in Louisville to select our new Lousy Supreme leaders. This has been a Lousy Supreme year as all Grands finished at 100% inspected. I say Boo to you for that! In plain talk, that was fantastic! Let's do it again this year! Hopefully earlier. Below is a reminder about the inspection procedure and where to send completed inspections. Let's have a phun new Cootie year!

Per Article III, Section 330

Section 330. Inspections.

Any Pup Tent that has not been properly inspected shall be excluded from all representation in the Grand and Supreme Scratches. The inspection report must be received by the Grand and Supreme Inspectors thirty (30) days prior to the said Scratch. Pup Tents instituted/installed during the current fiscal year shall be exempt from inspection until the following fiscal year.

Per Article IV, Section 415

Section 415. Duty of the Grand Inspector.

- A. The Grand Inspector shall have charge of and supervise instruction and inspection in the Grand Pup Tent and shall ensure inspection of the Grand Pup Tent and all Pup Tents, Districts, or Areas within the Grand Pup Tent.
- B. They shall require that all books and records of each Pup Tent be inspected at least once during their term.
- C. They shall require that the Supreme, Grand and Pup Tent Bylaws be enforced.
- D. They shall require that the opening and closing of Scratches, the order of business and rules of order be followed, and that the initiation of atoms and other ceremonies are conducted as prescribed by the ritual.
- E. They shall report on the decorum of the Pup Tent scratches.
- F. They shall make a report in detail as to the Pup Tent finances, records and property at the time of inspection.



G. They shall appoint, with the approval of the Grand Commander, Deputy Inspectors. Deputy Inspectors shall be qualified for the work that their office requires.

H. They shall perform such other duties incident to their office as may be required of them by the Supreme Inspector, Grand Commander and Bylaws.

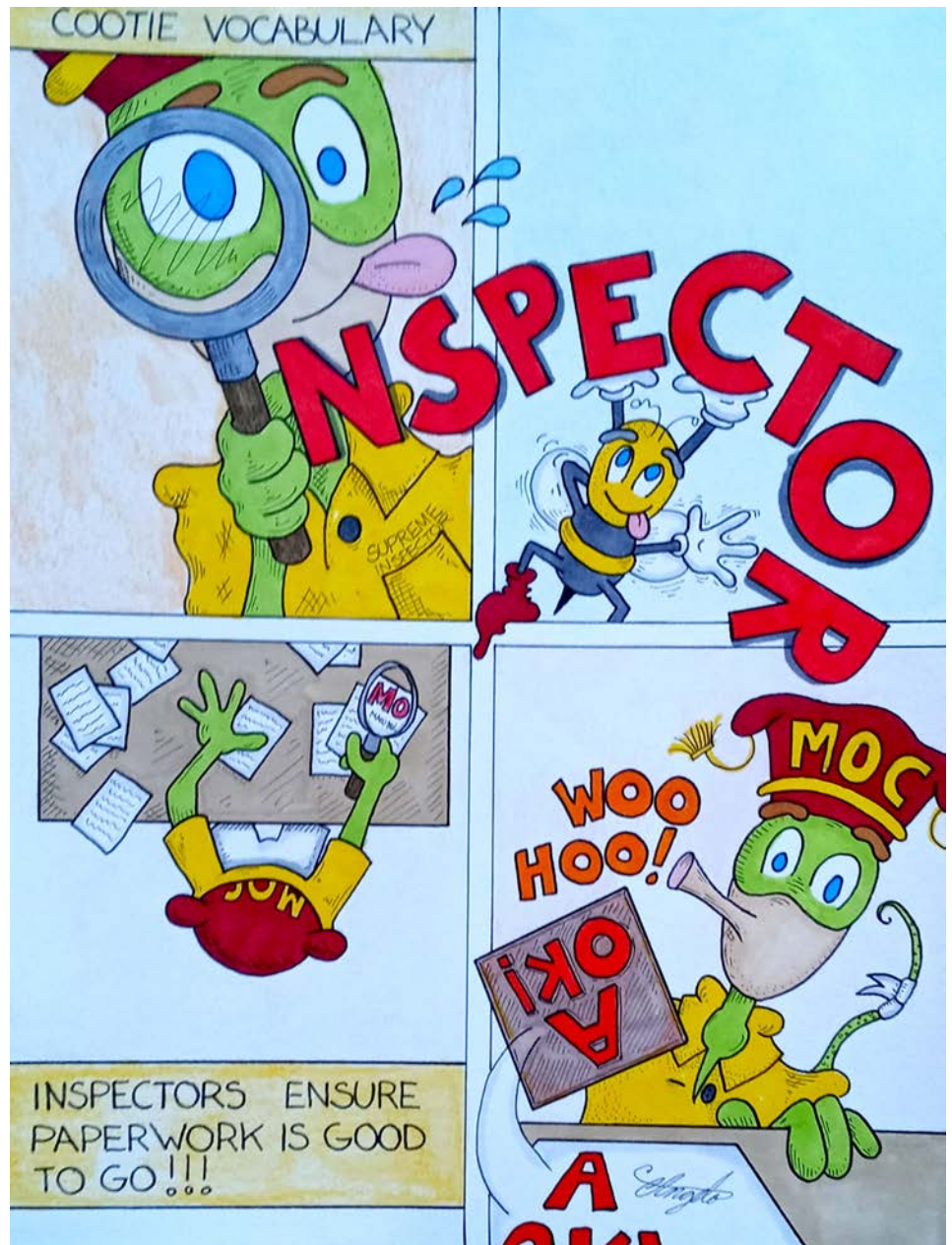
I. Deputy Grand Inspectors shall assist the Grand Inspector to carry out the duties of their office and the provisions of the Bylaws and instructions or orders from Supreme or Grand Headquarters.

(Inspection reports should be immediately sent to Supreme Inspector T. Earl Bigham, 122 Firesage, Universal City Texas 78148 or emailed; tearlb59@twc.com) and your Grand Quartermaster.

Yours in LOTCS,

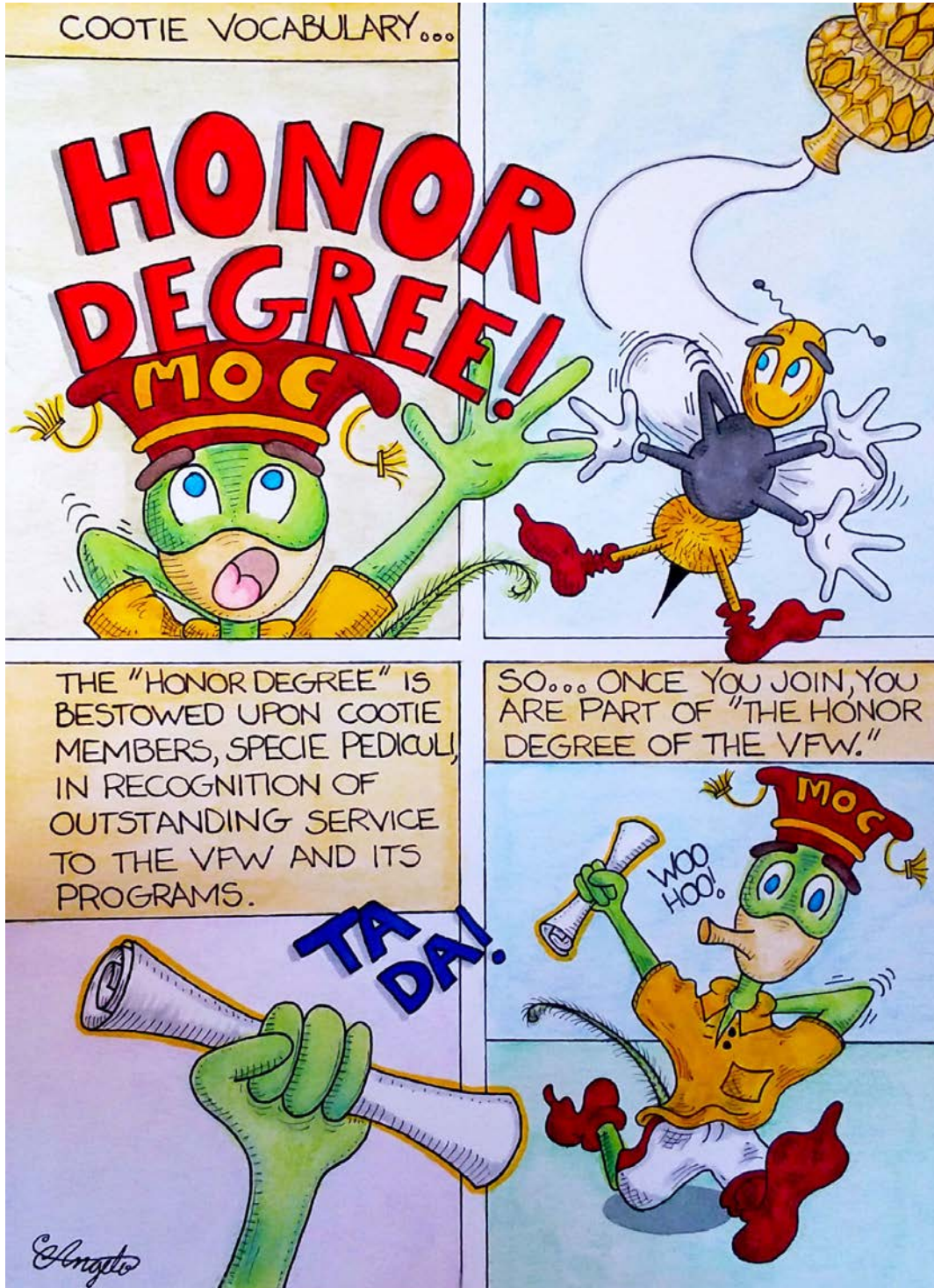
T. Earl Bigham

**T. Earl Bigham
Supreme Inspector**



Honor Degree

After completing your 3rd degree initiation, did you ever wonder where your "Honor Degree" was? We are the "Honor Degree" of the VFW, right? Well, now there is an actual "Honor Degree" for our Crummy Fraternity of Specie Pediculi; authorized by our Supreme Commander, Olin Parks. The PDF fillable version can be found on the Forms page under the Pup Tent tab: <https://www.lotcs.org/forms.html>. So, once you have completed your 3rd degree initiation, you now will have proof of your journey from Atom to Nit to Grayback and finally to a Cootie. What about if you've already completed your 3rd degree initiation? Not to worry, the degree is retroactive. So, have the present Seam Squirrel (the issuing authority) print your degree.



Are you new to our Crummy Fraternity? Do you know what LOTCS means? Do you know what a Sock Check is? What's a Shavetail? How do you check if one is a Cootie or not? Scan the QR code to find out in our Comic Book.



From the Supreme Surgeon

THE BENEFITS OF SLEEP

It seems that lately everyone is talking about the benefits of getting enough sleep. The proper amount of sleep can boost your brain power, improve weight management, and reduce inflammation and stress. Sleep also plays a crucial role in hormone regulation, tissue repair and overall health.

Listed below are a few of the health benefits of getting enough sleep:

- *Healthy heart*
- *Regulated blood sugar*
- *Improved mood*
- *Restored immune system*
- *Athletic performance*
- *Stress relief*
- *Maintaining a healthy weight*

If you don't get enough sleep, you may become sleep deprived. The signals your body sends you if you don't get enough sleep are as follows:

- *Sleepiness during the day*
- *Irritability*
- *Lack of motivation*
- *Difficulty focusing*
- *Difficulty with memory*
- *Dark circles under the eyes*
- *More hunger than usual, causing you to gain weight*
- *Weakened immune system*



- *Difficulty making decisions*
- *General dull complexion*
- *Mood disorders (anxiety or depression)*

Adults aged 26-64 require 7-9 hours of sleep per night. If you sleep 6 hours or less per night, you are getting an insufficient amount of sleep. Seniors (65 years and older) require 7-8 hours of sleep and if you sleep five hours or less, you are getting an insufficient amount of sleep.

If you are having trouble sleeping, try changing up your daily routine (such as exercising in the morning instead of night), make your sleeping environment as comfortable as possible, and establish a bedtime routine.

Sweet dreams!

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

**Dani Hernandez
Supreme Surgeon**





FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

I wish to **EXPRESS A BIG “Well Done”** to Pup Tents in Grands who made the effort to bring in those “Special Fluids” to VA Hospitals, Red Cross Blood Centers, Community Blood Centers, Plasma Donation Centers and the many other collection sites that offer the opportunity to take your Life Altering donations. You gave from the Heart 'cause you did not “Have To”.

I appreciate you: **GRANDS OF ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, GEORGIS, ILLINOIS, IOWA, MARYLAND, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, NEW MEXICO, NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, OREGON, SOUTH DAKOTA, TEXAS, VIRGINIA, and WASHINGTON.**

And How About those Gallon plus donors! What an ongoing effort!

**FRANK PRESFIELD
SUPREME VAMPIRE**

SEE YOU IN LOUISVILLE!



From the Supreme Papa Clown

Greeting my Crummy Cootie Clowns (C3).

I look forward to seeing you all at the Supreme Scratch.

Those who have sent me their Clown reports should be receiving their award pins shortly. I have just received them.

I am also looking forward to presenting the Grand and top Pup Tent Clown awards and checks.

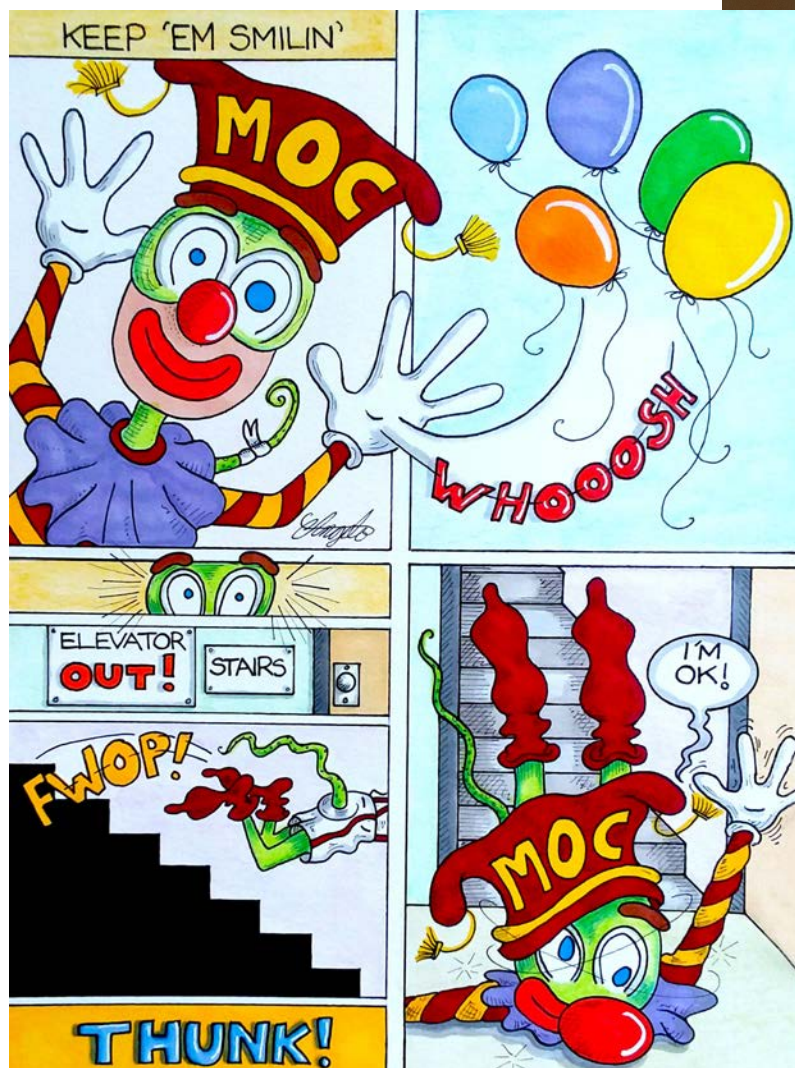
In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins "Archibald O'Perk"

Supreme Poppa Clown

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From the Supreme VAVS Representative

Hi Cooties,

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Supreme Scratch.

We want to continue to grow our regular volunteer service in our VA medical facilities.

Thank you for all your hard work serving our fellow veterans!

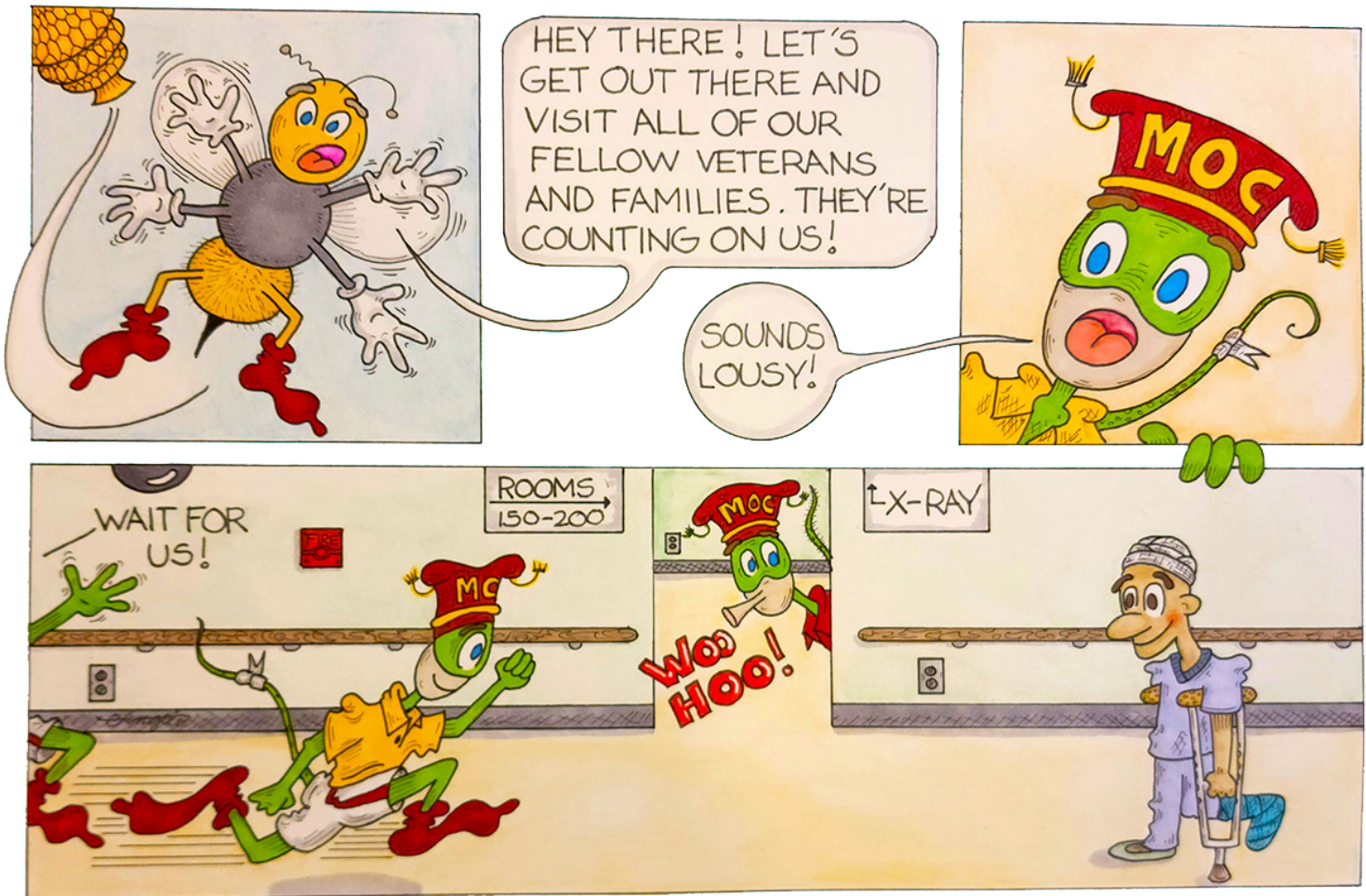


In Respectful Service,

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Supreme VAVS Chair

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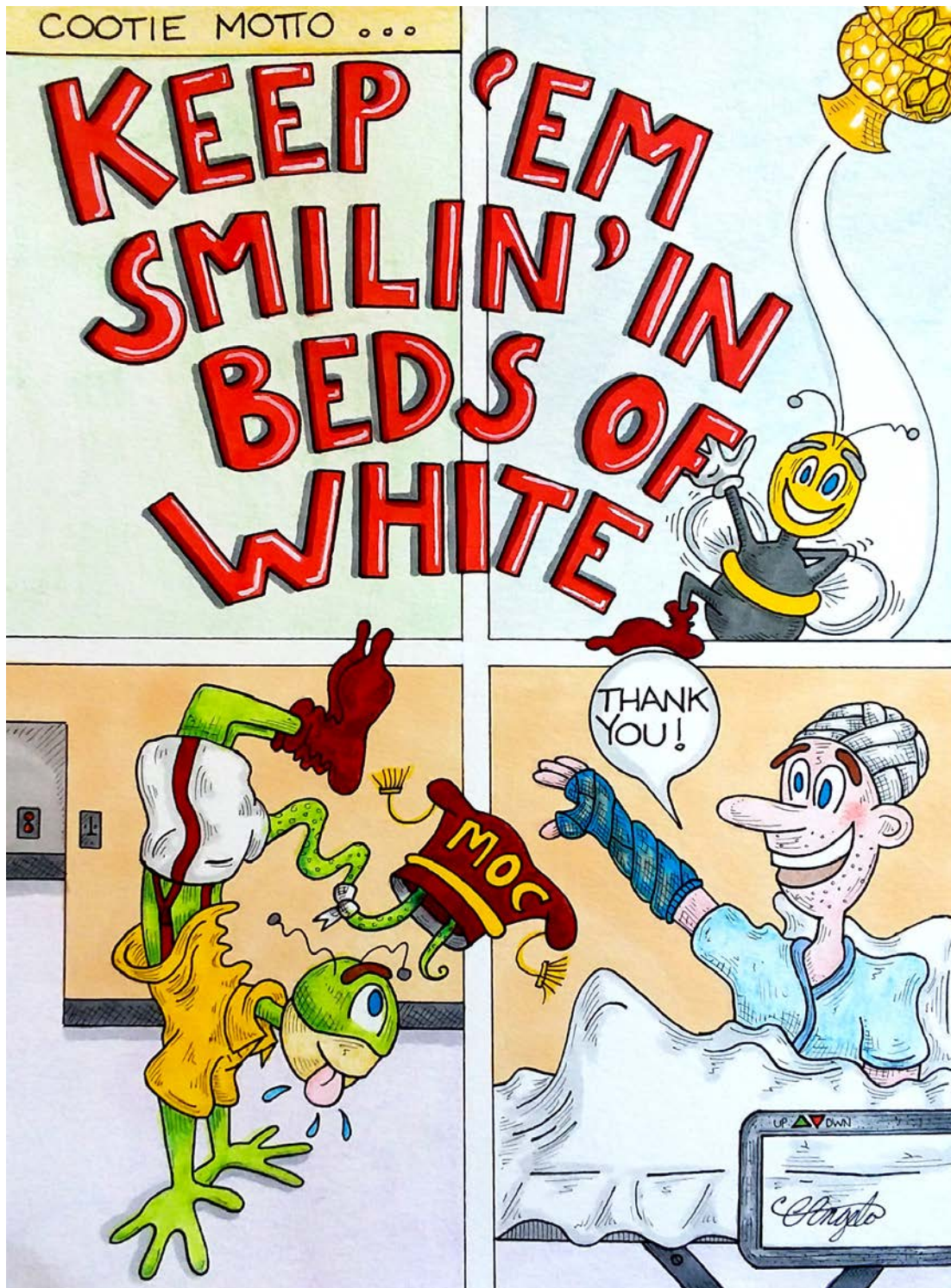
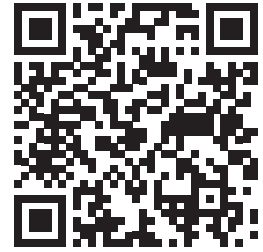
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Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!
(412-824-2240)

MOC Hospital Report

To view the MOC Hospital report in a larger format, scan the QR code below or go to: <https://hospital.cootie.org/supreme/courierReport/2023>.



MOC Inspection Report



06-24-2024

Grand	# of PT's	PT's Inspt'd	NEW PT /#	Defunct PT/#	Date Cmpl't'd	Grand Inspt'd	Percent	Pup Tents not Inspected
AL-1	1					N/A	0%	1
AL-13	1					N/A	0%	13
AK-2	1						0%	2
AZ	8						0%	2,6,10,11,13,14,23,777
AR	5						0%	3,13,14,21,48
CA	11						0%	7,16,19,23,40,43,44,61,66,68,69
CO	5	1					20%	2,7,14,19
DE	3					N/A	0%	1,2,4
EUR	1						0%	6
FL	17					N/A	0%	1,2,8,17,18,23,25,29,32,41,44,55,59,66,76,98
GA-1	1					N/A	0%	1
GA-5	1					N/A	0%	5
GA-66	1					N/A	0%	66
HI	1					N/A	0%	1
IL	6	1				N/A	17%	2,3,42,48,79
IN	1						0%	11
IA	3					N/A	0%	1,6,69
KS	5						0%	2,3,4,6,7
KY	4						0%	2,6,7,9
LA	3						0%	3,6,11
MD	8					N/A	0%	1,3,4,6,10,16,17,27
MA-14	1						0%	
MI	9					N/A	0%	12,14,17,18,21,24,34,42,98
MN	12						0%	2,5,15,19,34,42,46,51,54,62
MS	6						0%	1,6,7,12,15,17
MO	8					N/A	0%	1,2,5,12,14,15,17,58
MT-10	1						0%	10
NE	3					N/A	0%	4,7,10
NV-2	1					N/A	0%	2
NH-1	1					N/A	0%	1
NH-3	1						0%	3
NJ	4						0%	7,15,38,41
NM	4						0%	5,7,14,19
NY	7						0%	2,9,75,32,42,54,65,69
NC	11						0%	1,2,3,8,11,17,24,57,78,89,254
ND	6						0%	2,6,7,8,10,12
OH	11						0%	1,5,9,16,18,24,45,68,83,86,92
OK	7						0%	1,2,4,5,7,16,17
OR	7	1					14%	1,6,8,9,13,23
PAC	8						0%	1,2,6,7,8,11,13,15
PA	11						0%	18,29,30,33,44,45,58,59,72,92,98
SC	6						0%	1,3,9,10,13,15
SD	3						0%	1,12,20
TN	3						0%	4,5,26
TX	11						0%	5,10,11,13,34,35,36,37,55,69,88
VA	10						0%	1,2,5,9,11,13,14,17,18,19
WA	7					N/A	0%	3,4,5,6,8,9,11,18
WV-6	1						0%	6
WI	7						0%	6,9,14,21,23,38,41
								DEFUNCT PUP TENTS
TOTAL	254	3					1.18%	

MOC Membership Report



2022-2023 Membership Report 6/25/2024

Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
5	KANSAS	50.88%	0	52	0	35	87	171	0	0	
3	LOUISIANA	63.30%	0	41	0	28	69	109	0	0	
4	NEW JERSEY	40.82%	0	0	0	40	40	98	0	0	
7	NEW YORK	72.22%	7	56	0	67	130	180	0	7	
5	COLORADO	51.33%	0	0	0	58	58	113	0	0	
3	TENNESSEE	53.10%	0	0	0	60	60	113	0	0	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	41.00%	0	2	0	39	41	100	0	0	
5	ARKANSAS	74.82%	0	56	0	48	104	139	0	0	
6	OREGON	79.07%	1	33	0	72	106	129	4	1	
6	NORTH DAKOTA	45.35%	0	6	0	72	78	172	0	0	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	82.98%	0	2	0	37	39	47	0	0	
9	MICHIGAN	46.27%	0	17	0	101	118	255	0	0	
17	FLORIDA	54.05%	4	10	0	227	241	444	1	4	
8	MISSOURI	71.73%	6	39	0	162	207	283	5	6	
7	WISCONSIN	56.18%	2	28	1	111	142	251	2	3	
4	NEW MEXICO	69.00%	0	15	0	54	69	100	0	0	
6	SOUTH CAROLINA	58.69%	0	3	0	122	125	213	0	0	
3	IOWA	53.85%	2	0	0	48	50	91	2	2	
6	ILLINOIS	57.23%	0	16	0	91	107	159	0	0	
6	MISSISSIPPI	92.12%	0	32	2	112	146	165	0	2	
11	PENNSYLVANIA	64.75%	0	38	6	204	248	383	0	6	
11	TEXAS	59.75%	15	17	9	198	239	400	0	24	
8	WASHINGTON	69.53%	0	43	0	135	178	256	0	0	
10	VIRGINIA	64.41%	0	4	0	225	229	354	6	0	
3	NEBRASKA	74.49%	0	2	0	71	73	98	1	0	
10	NORTH CAROLINA	64.74%	0	23	0	169	192	312	0	0	
4	KENTUCKY	65.00%	0	1	0	129	130	200	0	0	
11	CALIFORNIA	66.82%	1	25	0	262	288	431	0	1	
3	DELAWARE	77.17%	0	2	0	71	73	92	2	0	
8	MARYLAND	71.93%	1	36	0	167	204	285	0	1	
12	MINNESOTA	60.31%	0	26	0	170	196	325	0	0	
8	ARIZONA	77.20%	0	1	0	254	255	329	1	0	
7	OKLAHOMA	37.30%	1	3	0	66	70	185	1	1	
11	OHIO	77.02%	0	7	0	241	248	322	0	0	
8	PACIFIC AREAS	89.79%	0	4	0	374	378	421	0	0	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALABAMA 13	78.95%	0	0	0	15	15	19	0	0	
1	ALABAMA 1	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	97.67%	0	32	0	10	42	43	0	0	
1	INDIANA 11	47.73%	0	4	0	17	21	44	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1	41.67%	0	2	0	18	20	48	0	0	
1	ALASKA 2	30.61%	0	0	0	15	15	49	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	48.84%	0	0	0	21	21	43	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	82.98%	0	2	0	37	39	47	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 1	73.33%	1	3	0	18	22	30	0	1	
1	GEORGIA 66	102.22%	1	16	0	29	46	45	0	1	
1	HAWAII 1	81.82%	0	0	0	9	9	11	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 5	60.61%	0	0	0	20	20	33	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	90.00%	0	0	0	45	45	50	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	88.64%	3	3	0	78	84	88	6	3	
1	MONTANA 10	93.44%	0	0	0	57	57	61	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	100.06%		1		1563	1564	1563		0	
266	TOTALS	70.99%	45	703	18	6272	7038	9914	31	63	

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

What's Industry?



Tracy M. L. Woodman Candidate for Supreme Jr. Vice Commander 2024-2025

Listen Cooties!

The VFW is the family that I never knew I needed but after leaving the military, I lost my brotherhood and it hurt deeply. Joining the VFW brought that back and allowed me to hold my head up high again. Joining the MOC gave me further purpose and joy. You became more than family!

My girls grew up going to family reunions that many call VFW and MOC Conventions. When they became old enough to join the Auxiliary, they did. The girls live an enriched life because of all the veterans and families in the VFW/MOC. From the year I was Grand Commander to now, I have been visiting many other Grands to hang out and take in all that Cooties do in other areas as well. I've found great mentors along the way and hope that I have mentored others as well. There are many others that I want to visit.



During the 2022 Supreme Convention, I officially announced my candidacy for 2024-2025 Supreme Junior Vice Candidacy. If elected, I would like to recognize those that mentor and to encourage families to attend our events. I am opening part of my hospitality room at this year's Supreme Convention in Louisville, KY to allow those who do not attend the Scratch/meetings to hang out. I'll have a Wii and several games available to play in the room or check out during the convention. For more information, please feel free to contact me.

I would be honored to have your vote for 2024-2025 Supreme Junior Vice Commander of the Military Order of the Cootie.

Yours in LOTCS,

Tracy M. L. Woodman

Tracy M. L. Woodman
Supreme Adjutant General 21-24
WI Past Grand Commander 21-22
Who? What? Pup Tent 21 PSS
Life Member # 40960 / Cootie # 98



Brenda Serena Candidate for Supreme Surgeon 2024-2025

Hail from the fertile hunting grounds of the Grand of New York and I am quite sure many of you have no clue who I am. Here is my story.

I am a Registered Nurse (RN) who retired after 31 years. My areas of nursing care have been: neonatal, pediatric, cardio-thoracic, cardiac, medical, surgical and trauma/combat intensive care, recovery room, emergency room and at the end of my career operating room nursing. I retired after 12 years of service from the Buffalo VA Medical Center August 1, 2017.

I earned my Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) eligibility serving as an ICU nurse with the US Army Reserves during 2007-2008 in Tikrit and Balad, Iraq and 2013 in Arifjan, Kuwait as Executive Officer (XO) of a combat support hospital. I retired after 28 years of service in April 2015.



Military Order of the Cootie

Pup Tent Level

Pup Tent 54 Seam Squirrel 2017- 2020

Pup Tent 54 Sky Pilot 2020-2022

Pup Tent Trustee 2022-present

Grand Level

Seam Squirrel 2019-2021 and 2023-2024

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post Level

VFW Post 3180 Commander 2010-2013

All State 2011 and 2012

Post Chaplain 2014

Held the following positions: Post Service Officer and Youth Chairman

VFW Post 7967 Commander 2018 to present

All State 2018 and 2019

County Council Level

Erie County Council Commander 2015-2016, 2021-2022

Held the following positions: Trustee, Inspector, VOD/PP and Maher Teacher Chair

District 6 Level

Commander 2018-2019, All State

Held the following positions: Inspector, Bylaws Chair, VOD/PP and Maher Teacher Chair

Department of NY Level

Department Surgeon 2019-2020

Held the following positions: Patriotic Instructor, Safety, Community Service and Maher Teacher Chair and Bylaw committee Multiple appointments to National convention for bylaws, resolutions and Women veterans.

National Aide-de-camp three (3) consecutive years 2015-2018

National Level

National bylaw committee appointment 2018

Community Involvement

Erie County Honor Guard OIC at the Western New York National Cemetery

December 202 to present

Western New York National Cemetery Honor Guard, Inc, Secretary July 2021 to present

Erie County Fair Grounds Veterans Committee member 2023

With my many years of nursing knowledge, military nursing experience and familiarization of the VA system, I feel I can do a Lousy job as your Supreme Surgeon and would appreciate your vote..

Erik Rothering Candidate for Supreme 3 Year Trustee

Military Service

- Army 2000 -2014 Retired

VFW

- Gold Legacy Life Member
- Post 4262 (SC) 2015-2016 3-year Trustee
- Post 993 (VA) 2016-2017 Jr. Vice CDR
- Post 4262 Jr. Vice CDR 2018
- Post 641 All American/ All State Post CDR 2020-2021
- District 2 All American CDR 2019-2021

MOC

- Red Star Life Member
- Seam Squirrel 2018- 2021
- Columbia VA VAVS Rep 2018-2021
- Grand Cootie of the Year 2020
- Grand Inspector 2021-2022
- All Star Grand CDR 2022-2023
- Supreme Councilmember 2022-2023
- South Carolina Grand 3-year Trustee 2023-2024
- Supreme Jimmy Legs 2023-2024

IOTA PHI THETA Beta Nu Omega (Greek Fraternity)

- Treasurer 2024- 2026

Fort Knox NPHC Council

- Trustee 2023-2024



Work

- Department of the Army – United States Cadet Command – Audit All Cadets Travel documents once travel is complete to make sure that all pay, and allowances are paid correctly.

Organizations

- American Legion Post 113
- NABVETS



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Marcia Eggers for Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

I am writing to officially announce my candidacy for the position of MOC Supreme Quartermaster. With over 20 years of experience as a paratrooper and senior non-commissioned officer, I bring a unique set of skills and dedication to this role.

I have a proven track record within the MOC community. I have successfully served as Seam Squirrel, and CCDB within my Pup Tent and currently hold the Grand of Virginia CCDB position. As a two-time All-Star Grand CCDB (soon to be three-time All-Star), I have gained invaluable insights into the best practices and challenges of our organization.

I have had the privilege of volunteering and training at Supreme HQ's with our esteemed Quartermaster, Gary Dressel. But most importantly trained with Delpha Martin, on the daily operations of the MOC Cootie Depot, without her knowledge and expertise the MOC Cootie Depot wouldn't exist! These experiences have deepened my commitment to serving others and have solidified my passion for the MOC motto of "Keeping them Smiling in Beds of White" and the goal of "Increasing and Multiplying" our impact on veterans.

Outside of my MOC responsibilities, I have been the treasurer for our son's Boy Scout Troop for more than 18 years. I dedicate my time to volunteer work and helping those in need. I volunteer weekly at a food rescue warehouse, supporting individuals experiencing food insecurity.

Additionally, I am a Team Rubicon Sawyer, having deployed to hurricanes and disasters to provide assistance to those facing their worst days.

If elected as your Supreme Quartermaster, I plan to bring my passion for service and commitment to the financial success of our organization. I firmly believe in the importance of mentoring and training others to ensure their success in their roles within the VFW and MOC. I am known for being frugal and will continue to prioritize financial responsibility to ensure the long-term prosperity of our organization.

I kindly ask for your support in the upcoming election for the position of MOC Supreme Quartermaster. With your trust and confidence, I am confident that I can make a positive impact and contribute to the growth and success of our organization.

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve you as your Supreme Quartermaster.

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

**Marcia Eggers
CCDB, Grand of Virginia
CCDB, Pup Tent 14,
Dale City, Virginia**



Supreme President's Message & GO #7

Auxiliary Members,

This year has really flown by. It seems like it was only a few days ago that I was sworn in as your Supreme President. And in a few weeks, Sr Vice President Patches will take the gavel and my year ends. I have enjoyed it throughout. Yes, we have had a few hiccups, but overall, this has really been an awesome year. I have traveled more than 30,000 miles, drove through 32 states, ziplined at the Grand Canyon (had to climb out of the Grand Canyon because the vehicle broke down that was going to pick us up), visited the Space Needle, Sturgis Full Throttle Saloon (no I didn't take a few drinks), drove through the Redwoods National Forest, and visited General Sherman (largest tree in the world). It felt like I had to crawl out the Sequoia National Forest. I have met lots of great people along the way. I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all the hard work you have done this year, making it easier for me. **YOU ALL GET A GREAT BIG SHOUT OUT!!!**



A few reminders:

MEMBERSHIP: The MOCA Membership year is September 1 – August 31st. **Normally, the dues are to be paid by December 31st.** Unpaid members cannot attend meetings nor claim hospital hours and are ineligible to be elected or hold an office. If they want to continue to attend meetings and claim hospital hours through the MOCA, their dues must be paid. If these are not paid by September 1st, 2024, these individuals **must rejoin as a new member**, and they will lose their continuous status. All treasurers, please transmit dues ASAP, do not ever sit on dues! Currently, we have over 3000+ members, but we need more. Keep recruiting! Ask those VFWA members to join us. Thanks to all that have reached 100% or more.

SUPREME CONVENTION: July 31st – August 4th in Louisville, KY.

GRAND PRESIDENTS: Your visits to your Auxiliaries within your Grand should have been completed by December 31st, 2023, and all your Inspection Reports sent to Supreme Inspector Marquitta Hill, PO Box 16113, Hattiesburg, MS 39404. E-mail: nicolevfw@yahoo.com. **Several have not submitted their reports and will show up on final reports as incomplete, unless she receives them.**

TREASURERS ON ALL LEVELS: Sec 323 – Arrearages. Any Auxiliary in arrears for membership reports, per-capita tax, or failure to have the office bonded; other financial obligations or supply money to Supreme Headquarters; failure to make quarterly audits and failure to comply with Sec 312 of the Supreme By-Law shall **be deprived of**

Auxiliary representation on all levels. All rights shall be restored promptly upon satisfactory adjustment of deficiencies.

BY-LAWS: This is a year for changes. By-laws are revised every 5 years. Several resolutions are to be voted on at the MOCA Supreme Convention. Review these resolutions. Please submit any resolutions for changes to Pat Potter at email: ppotter1293@gmail.com for the consideration at a future convention.

To those who are experiencing illness, we extend the best wishes for a speedy recovery and to those who have lost loved ones, we extend our most profound and deepest sympathy from the Supreme Organization. Please ensure ALL the sick and departed members are reported to your Grand Chaplain as well as names are sent to the Supreme Chaplain Dawn Van Tassell, 110 Burgundy, Ekron, KY 40117. Cell: 502-655-1379 E-mail: cootiecutiedawnvt@gmail.com

BY ORDER OF:

**Billie Cassidy
Supreme President
2023-2024**

ATTESTED TO:

**Georg Jean Zimmerman
Supreme Secretary
2023-2024**



MOC Auxiliary Sr. Vice President

Holy Buckets!

The 24-25 year is upon us. I feel I am ready and here I come.

First off, I would like to thank my MN Grand for all the support they have given me through the years. And, I can't forget the whole of the MOC and MOCA of this great organization. They are far beyond compare and totally great!

To all my appointed officers and chairman, thank you for accepting the challenge! You are truly appreciated!

This coming year we will show that we are all **“Devoted to Veterans”**, *Keeping 'em Smilin' in Beds of White* everywhere our Veterans can be found.

Membership is always key and we need to work to keep the Auxiliaries strong and in good working order. I look forward to visiting as many of our members as possible.

Here's to a “Lousy” year!

Respectfully,

Patches Presfield

Patches Presfield
Supreme MOCA Sr. Vice President



DEVOTED TO VETERANS

National Home Chairperson

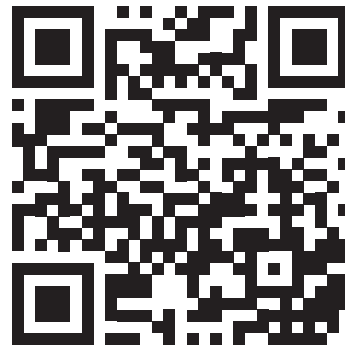
I appreciate those chairpersons who took the time to report what their Auxiliary and Grand accomplished for the National Home Special Project and any other activities they did on behalf of the Auxiliary. Our National Home appreciates all the MOC Auxiliary does for them, and reporting says you participated through donations, cards, gifts, and time visiting the National Home. Did you buy supplies from National Home? Did you Buy from the National Home table at Convention, Tomb Trek or Cootie Christmas? I hope that your Grands and Auxiliaries report your activities this year, as I will once again be the National Home Chairperson. The forms, program and a link to National Home are all on the MOC Auxiliary website at: https://www.lotcs.org/MOCA/moca_forms.html

Or, scan the QR code below with your phone and you'll be taken directly to the Forms page. Look under the "Nat'l Home" tab.

Thanks again,

Penny Cacoulidis

Penny Cacoulidis
National Home Chairperson
2024-2025



Dave Johnson Candidate for Supreme Auxiliary Sr. Vice President

It is an honor and privilege, to announce the Grand of Oregon's support of the candidacy of Dave Johnson for the high office of Supreme Sr. Vice President to the MOC Auxiliary 2024-2025.

With the Changes in the VFW Auxiliary policy and by-laws Dave was honored to become a VFW Auxiliary member in February 2016. He became a member of the MOC Emerald 4 Auxiliary of Oregon in September 2016. He entered both organizations under his father a WWII veteran, VFW member, Purple Heart Society Member and Officer and proud board member of the Seventh Armored Division. Dave has been volunteering and working for veterans since he retired and moved to Oregon in 2008. He volunteered for many VFW and MOCA activities before he became a member. He participated in hospital, nursing home and rehabilitation center visits before he became a member of either organization as he felt it was his mission to support our veterans.



Since becoming a member, he has held offices in his VFW Auxiliary, District, and Department. He is currently The President for his MOC auxiliary, Grand Chief of Staff, the President for his VFW Auxiliary and Jr. Vice President of the Supreme. He is also the Cootie Auxiliary Volunteer (VA/VAS) representative at Eugene, Oregon VA Clinic. He would be honored to serve the Supreme organization as Sr. Vice President for 2024-2025.

Dave was born in Montana, but grew up and lived in California for over 50 years. He raised 3 sons there, but upon retirement he wanted to move to Montana. He soon realized the minus 40-degree winters were not something he could tolerate so instead he moved to Oregon. He found similar landscapes but a warmer climate.

Dave has leadership experience in other large organizations such as Rotary International, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and numerous medical business and professional organizations. He wants to use these talents to help our organization grow and prosper.

He feels that to ensure our organization remains vital we must follow our Motto: "Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White". Our Veterans are our purpose for our organization to exist. We need to support our hospitalized veterans whether they be in a VA hospital, rehab center or local facility. It is important to let them know they are not forgotten and are valued for themselves and their service to this nation.

The MOCA organization needs to keep our “traditions” alive but must grow in order to survive. We need to focus on service in order to attract and recruit new members to carry on our history of veteran’s support. He has the support of his Auxiliary and his Grand. We are asking for your support for him at this 2024-2025 Supreme Convention.

We would appreciate your support of Dave for the high office of Supreme Sr. Vice President in Louisville, Kentucky, July 31, 2024---August 4, 2024.

Loyally,

**Dennis “BUBBA” Lindsey
Grand of Oregon President**

**Sheila Logan,
Past Grand of Oregon President**



Gloria Corno Candidate for Supreme Auxiliary Chaplain 2024-2025

To: All Past Supreme Presidents, Supreme Officers and Chairmen, All Grands, and All Members,

My name is Gloria Corno from the Jockey Hollow #15 of New Jersey and I am a candidate for the high office of Supreme Chaplain. I joined the MOCA in the mid 1990's and I immediately became very active in both my Auxiliary and the Grand of New Jersey. I have served as Auxiliary President for two terms and have been an Auxiliary Treasurer. I have also served in the Grand chairs for at least two terms each and I have also been Inspector, Parliamentarian, National Home Chairman, and many other duties. I am also active in my Department and I have had chairmanships and officer duties. I have served as District President for five terms and I have been an Auxiliary President four years. I have been at the past fourteen Supreme Conventions and I have been at Tomb Trek at least ten times and I have also visited the National Home for both Cootie Christmas and Easter Treat.



My main reason for seeking this office is because I have seen what is happening to our beloved organization and hopefully we can begin the turn around and return to what we are here for. It pains me greatly in attend a meeting to a hospital visit where the membership is over 50 members and only six members are present; and this happens month after month. Yes, membership is very important, but we must seek out ACTIVE and dedicated members for our organization. As you recruit, please take the time to fully explain the objectives of our organization. We are active hospital volunteers and we attend memorial and funeral services along with having the fun of being a clown and visiting our veterans. We are the "Honor Degree" of the VFW and Auxiliary and we must continue our mission with honor and dedication to our hospitalized veterans and active military. We are more than a signature on an application and a card-carrying member. We are the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary and the work we do is much too important to let it go away.

I am asking for your support and your vote at our Supreme Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about my ability to serve this great organization on the Supreme level and continue up the Supreme chairs.

Loyally,

Gloria Corno
vfwa5@aol.com
Supreme Conductress

Rosalyn Y. Dandridge Candidate for Supreme Auxiliary Conductress



Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary

ROSALYN Y. DANDRIDGE
From The Grand of Michigan
for

Supreme Conductress

2024-2025

MOC Auxiliary Membership Report

Supreme MOCA Membership: as of 6/22/24

State or Grand	Grand Division	2023	Updated 2024	Percentage
Arizona	2	134	110	82.09%
California	3	146	141	96.58%
Colorado	1	68	80	117.65%
Delaware	5	27	28	103.70%
Florida	3	165	169	102.42%
Georgia	5	49	51	104.08%
Illinois	5	31	30	96.77%
Indiana	5	40	34	85.00%
Kansas	5	61	78	127.87%
Kentucky	1	81	66	81.48%
Louisiana	1	65	67	103.08%
Maryland	1	87	81	93.10%
Michigan	3	119	141	118.49%
Minnesota	3	199	164	82.41%
Mississippi	1	83	85	102.41%
Missouri	3	183	144	78.69%
Nebraska	5	45	45	100.00%
New Jersey	5	78	66	84.62%
New Mexico	1	86	81	94.19%
New York	2	123	102	82.93%
North Carolina	3	155	146	94.19%
Ohio	2	115	117	101.74%
Oklahoma	5	50	59	118.00%
Oregon	1	118	92	77.97%
Pennsylvania	5	56	56	100.00%
South Carolina	3	173	154	89.02%
South Dakota	5	34	31	91.18%
Tennessee	5	31	24	77.42%
Texas	3	156	156	100.00%
Virginia	2	105	103	98.10%
Washington	4	206	204	99.03%
West Virginia	5	24	20	83.33%
Wisconsin	2	123	116	94.31%
SUPREME		3231	3041	94.12%

MOC Auxiliary Hospital Report

April 30, 2024											
GRAND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
Supreme District #1 -- Vickie Peterson, Commissioner											
DE	\$6,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MD	\$21,750.00	7	5	9	464	840.50	282.00	2975.31	0	21968.07	101.00
PA	\$14,000.00	16	13	96	1103	1386.00	5747.00	17873.75	2	49932.63	356.66
VA	\$24,500.00	29	21	43	526	516.75	2165.00	11918.28	10	23874.09	97.45
WV	\$6,000.00	13	111	254	984	1159.00	2378.00	3977.91	0	30446.28	507.44
Total	\$73,000.00	65	150	402	3077	3902.25	10572.00	36745.25	12	126221.07	172.91
Supreme District #2 -- Debbie Thie, Commissioner											
FL	\$44,750.00	60	75	133	3873	6522.75	11791.00	87065.64	0	235804.39	526.94
GA	\$9,250.00	7	8	20	203	70.00	1027.00	403.25	0	2125.53	22.98
LA	\$16,250.00	1	1	3	140	28.00	320.00	0.00	0	676.20	4.16
MS	\$20,750.00	8	27	28	287	146.75	3195.00	2747.86	0	6504.37	31.35
NC	\$38,750.00	31	91	136	2046	1443.50	4328.00	12720.17	2	45877.02	118.39
SC	\$43,250.00	43	49	148	2164	1485.25	4852.23	6990.37	0	41162.07	95.17
TN	\$7,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$180,750.00	150	251	468	8713	9696.25	25513.23	109927.29	2	332149.58	183.76
Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner											
IL	\$7,750.00	11	44	98	3713	730.50	3284.00	4732.97	4	21665.51	279.55
IN	\$10,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
KY	\$16,000.00	9	41	122	1338	440.00	6883.00	5779.99	4	16665.61	104.16
MI	\$37,000.00	21	26	60	471	2803.50	2189.00	5349.00	6	68874.39	186.15
OH	\$33,250.00	78	90	202	1345	1277.25	6205.00	17625.09	60	47000.22	141.35
WI	\$34,500.00	39	309	398	3806	1958.25	29926.00	10892.24	0	59240.42	171.71
Total	\$138,500.00	158	510	880	10673	7209.50	48487.00	44379.29	74	213446.14	154.11
Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner											
KS	\$15,250.00	33	555	1182	11537	4406.50	45141.00	1522.42	0	107208.74	703.01
MN	\$47,750.00	40	469	854	12132	3020.75	41354.00	10674.18	85	84581.65	177.13
MO	\$45,750.00	121	405	555	12832	3047.75	23261.00	12993.01	44	84926.31	185.63
MT	\$7,000.00	2	68	69	64	178.50	20.00	216.00	0	4243.98	60.63
NE	\$11,250.00	48	181	277	7679	956.50	10188.00	1969.12	7	24964.52	221.91
SD	\$8,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$135,500.00	244	1678	2937	44244	11610	119964	27375	136	305925	225.78
Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner											
CO	\$17,250.00	18	18	66	1511	287.50	1567.00	4032.00	0	10734.51	62.23
NM	\$24,000.00	5	40	40	225	211.00	654.00	98.80	0	4948.41	20.62
OK	\$12,500.00	33	31	71	685	621.00	11221.00	2337.66	3	17912.15	143.30
TX	\$42,250.00	68	76	225	1642	1687.50	6976.00	10984.33	9	50014.10	118.38
Total	\$96,000.00	124	165	402	4063	2807.00	20418.00	17452.79	12	83609.16	87.09
Supreme District #6 -- Gaylene Ramos, Commissioner											
AK	\$6,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
AZ	\$33,500.00	36	48	162	1594	3583.75	6802.00	16703.11	10	98468.95	293.94
CA	\$48,500.00	26	16	156	776	1627.00	4056.00	8335.08	0	45591.77	94.00
NV	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	#DIV/0!
OR	\$29,500.00	9	20	28	495	133.50	1006.00	662.50	0	3813.77	12.93
WA	\$51,500.00	68	544	2131	33714	5118.75	8668.00	50852.21	4	167493.54	325.23
Total	\$169,250.00	139	628	2477	36579	10463.00	20532.00	76552.90	14	315368.03	186.33
Supreme District #7 -- Penny Laskey, Commissioner											
MA	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	#DIV/0!
NJ	\$13,750.00	8	8	16	336	46.00	809.00	1955.00	0	3105.56	22.59
NY	\$30,750.00	10	6	13	508	22.45	126.00	224.50	1	748.39	2.43
Total	\$44,500.00	18	14	29	844	68.45	935.00	2179.50	1	3853.95	8.66
Supreme Donations											
Total	\$837,500.00	898	3396	7595	108193	45756.45	246421.23	314611.75	251	1380573.11	164.84
Submitted By		Ruth Schoonover			Supreme Hospital Commissioner						

Supreme Scratch Registration Form



105th Supreme Scratch Marriott East Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky



Cooties and Sisters will gather in Louisville, Kentucky at the Marriott East Hotel July 31st - August 4th 2024 for the 105th Supreme Scratch. Cooties will be responsible for their own reservations. Cut-off for hotel reservations is July 5, 2024. Additional information will be posted on the Supreme website as it becomes available.

REGISTRATION FORM – 105th SUPREME SCRATCH Louisville, KY July 31st - August 4th 2024

NAME:

GRAND OF:

PT#:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

CONTACT PHONE:

EMAIL:

HOW ARE YOU REGISTERING (**CHECK ONLY ONE**)
(Whichever one you check, that is how you plan on voting)

Pup Tent Delegate: Yes

Current Grand Commander: Yes

Immediate Past Grand Commander: Yes

Past Supreme Commander: Yes

Voting member of Supreme Council: Yes

FEE TOTAL:

Registration for the 105th Supreme Scratch is **\$15.00** per delegate. **ALL PUP TENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE TO THE 105th 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 July 5, 2024.** Attach a separate sheet for multiple delegates with required funds for each delegate being registered.

Registration at the Supreme Scratch will be \$20.00.

Supreme Scratch Banquet Form

105th Supreme Scratch
Banquet Reservation
Form



Marriott East
Hotel in
Louisville, KY

Name: _____ Grand of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

BANQUET TICKET COST IS \$60.00

Dinner will be 2 choices:

Beef:

Posto Chicken Bruschetta

Dinner will include salad, rolls, vegetables, dessert, coffee, tea or water.

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 "105th Supreme Banquet". Tickets will NOT be mailed. Pick up tickets starting Wednesday **July 31, 2024** at the registration table at the Supreme Scratch.

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

Supreme Scratch Hotel

Reservation link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1701368501135&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Or Scan the QR Code below...



Supreme Scratch Hotel

We have selected the Marriott East Hotel in Louisville to host our Supreme Scratch. The hotel is located at 1903 Embassy Square Boulevard, Louisville, KY 40299. The phone number is: 902-491-1184.

The room rate is \$154.00 plus tax, the cutoff date for making reservations is *July 5, 2024*. After this date you may not get the Cootie rate.

The hotel is about 7-8 miles from the convention center and the time to get there is about 20 minutes. If you are flying into Louisville, the hotel does not have a shuttle. The cost of a taxi to the airport is approximately \$20-\$30.

If you have a service dog there is no charge for bringing your dog with you.

The banquet cost is \$60.00 per person and the hotel is offering 2 dinner choices, a beef brisket which I have tried, and it was excellent and a Posto Chicken Bruschetta. Dinner will include salad, rolls, vegetables, dessert, coffee, tea or water.

If you want to use this hotel to attend the VFW convention you can do so at the Cootie rate, but you must stay thru Saturday August 3, 2024.

Supreme Scratch Booster Sheet

Supreme Booster

Names \$2.00 each

Grand

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Mail Form and Monies to:

Supreme Headquarters

604 Braddock Ave

Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Supreme Scratch Advertising Form



MOC Convention

Advertising Form

2024 Advertisements for the MOC Convention Booklet

The Supreme Convention will be held in Louisville, KY from 31st of July through 4th of August 2024. We hope that you would like to tell EVERYONE what your Fertile Hunting Ground has been accomplishing this year. Place your advertisement in the MOC Convention Book.

Send your Black & White or Colored design ads with this form to Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman, 1916 Grumann Dr, Tomah, WI 54660 or by email to mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com by 30 June 2024. Want to see your name in print? We've got Booster Ads available as well. Questions? Email or call Tracy at (608) 487-2440.

You will be contacted by Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman if there is an issue with your ad copy.

Booklet Ad Prices (See page 3 for sizing guide)

Full Page (Blue)	\$150.00
½ Page (Red)	\$100.00
1/4 page (Green)	\$50.00
Booster Ads (Page 2)	\$2.00

Name: _____ Grand: _____

Pup Tent Name: _____ #: _____

Size (Check/Circle) Full (Blue) 1/2 Page (Red) 1/4 Page (Green)

Check Number: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make checks out to: Supreme MOC

Send to: Supreme MOC Headquarters, 604 Braddock Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Send ad to: Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman via email or snail mail.

2024 Supreme Convention Booster Ads (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Names \$2 each _____ x \$2 = _____

Grand of: _____

Pup Tent: _____

Please type or print clearly each booster ad to go into the booklet. Thank you!

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Mail Monies to:

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Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman
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Ads to
Supreme Adjutant
Tracy Woodman

Full Page (Blue)

\$150

1/4 Page (Green)

\$50

1/2 Page (Red)

\$100

Fee to
Supreme QM
Gary Dressel

MOCA Supreme Convention Registration

M.O.C.A. 63rd Supreme Convention
Louisville, Kentucky
July 31 – August 4, 2024

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Make Advance Registration checks payable to the Supreme M.O.C.A. and mail to Georg Jean Zimmerman, 9117 SW 31st St. Oklahoma City, OK 73179. Advance Registration is \$20.00. On-site Registration is \$25.00. **NOTE: Registration includes the Supreme President's Program Book for 2024-2025 or a digital copy on a thumb drive with the Roster.** Please be sure to mail your advance registration so it is received by the Supreme Treasurer before June 27, 2024.

PLEASE print or type ALL information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Area Code (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Email: _____

Grand or State: _____ Aux # _____

Date Received by Supreme Treasurer: _____ Amount \$: _____

IMPORTANT: All auxiliaries should register at least one member. Registration includes the Officers' Report Convention Book and the incoming Supreme President's Program Book. Please indicate how you want your Supreme Program Book.

Supreme Program Book (Hardcopy)

Thumb Drive with Digital Supreme Program Book and Roster

Marriott East Hotel
1903 Embassy Square Blvd, Louisville, KY 40299
Reservations: 1-502-491-1184

Link for hotel reservations is on the www.lotcs.org website

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Room rate is **\$154.00 plus tax**, the cutoff date for making reservations is **July 5, 2024**. The hotel is about 7-8 miles from the convention center with about 20 minutes in travel time. If you are flying into Louisville, the hotel does NOT have a shuttle. The cost of taxi to or from the airport is approx. \$20 - \$30. If you have a service dog, there is no charge for bringing your dog with you.

If you want to use this hotel to attend the VFW Convention, you may do so at the Cootie rate, but you must stay thru Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Banquet tickets are available at \$60.00 per person. See the Cootie website, Events, Supreme Scratch for banquet ticket form.

MOCA Supreme Convention Credentials

CREDENTIALS FOR SUPREME CONVENTION - 2024

Section 322 - Delegates to Conventions, section B

Delegates and Alternates to the Supreme Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Supreme Convention: one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of election.

The Auxiliary Secretary shall send a complete list of elected delegates and alternates to the Supreme Credentials Chairman, **Kathy Holmes** immediately following election, either by Email: holmeske@att.net or by mail: **13820 NE 139th St., Kearney, MO 64040**

The number of Delegates allowed per auxiliary will be based on per capita tax (membership dues) that are received by the Supreme Treasurer prior to the time Delegates are elected, no later than **June 27, 2024.**

In your Auxiliary, **Supreme Officers, Supreme Appointed Officers** and **PSPs** that carry their own vote at Supreme should be identified separately. They are in addition to your elected Auxiliary Delegates / Alternates.

NOTE: if they might need to vote as an Alternate (for example, if there is a chance that no one else from your Auxiliary will attend, you may also list them as an Alternate for your Auxiliary. The Officer must determine at Convention which position they represent with their vote.

Grand Presidents have their own vote (are not an elected Delegate). List them separately as 2024-2025 Grand President, unless they are acting as an Auxiliary Delegate.

Auxiliary Presidents for Auxiliaries NOT in a Grand, have their own vote if they attend. List them separately unless they are acting as an Auxiliary Delegate.

Each person can only vote representing one position, whether Aux Delegate/Alternate, Supreme position, 2024-2025 Grand President or 2024-2025 Aux President NOT in a Grand.

If you have credentials questions, contact Kathy Holmes at email above.

It is very important that the **Installation Report** be correctly filled out and received by the Supreme Treasurer. Also all **Audits from April 2023 thru March 2024** are required so you are *permitted to VOTE* .

Installation Reports and Audits are to be sent to Georg Jean Zimmerman, either via email: gjazzman@gmail.com or mail: 9117 SW 31st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73179

Advance Registration forms are a separate form, to be sent to the Supreme Treasurer.

Registration after **June 27, 2024** or at the Supreme Convention will be \$25.00. To gain admission to the Supreme Convention sessions, you must possess a current official 2024 membership dues card.

Supreme President's Shirt Order Form

ORDER BLANK FOR SUPREME PRESIDENT'S SHIRT

SHIRTS ARE SOLD BY ORDER ONLY. They are Gildan polos and run true to size. They are red with my symbol embroidered on the left chest.

SHIRTS WILL BE DELIVERED AT SUPREME CONVENTION

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SMALL	_____	\$ <u>20.00</u>	\$ _____
MEDIUM	_____	\$ <u>25.00</u>	\$ _____
LARGE	_____	\$ <u>25.00</u>	\$ _____
X-LARGE	_____	\$ <u>25.00</u>	\$ _____
XX-LARGE	_____	\$ <u>30.00</u>	\$ _____
3X LARGE	_____	\$ <u>30.00</u>	\$ _____
4X LARGE	_____	\$ <u>30.00</u>	\$ _____
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>
	_____		\$ _____

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Auxiliary: _____ Grand or State: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____

Shirt orders must be received by **JUNE 1**. Orders not received by the deadline may not be available at convention. Late orders will have to be shipped and will have a \$10.00 shipping charge.

If you will not be able to pick up your order at Convention, please include your address and a \$10.00 shipping charge.

Checks are to be made payable to: PATRICIA PRESFIELD And mailed to: 2424 N. Illinois Ave., Joplin, MO 64801

Tomb Trek Registration



Military Order of the Cootie WREATH REGISTRATION 89th TOMB TREK



Nov. 8 - 10, 2024

MOC:

Pup Tent #: _____

Grand of: _____

MOCA:

Pup Tent #: _____

Grand of: _____

GRAND:

MOC: _____

MOCA: _____

Each registration is \$ 25.00. (\$5 goes towards the design, compilation and printing of the booklet) Your order must be received before 1 October 2024 to be printed in the Annual Tomb Trek booklet. Wreath orders will be accepted after this date BUT will not be printed in the booklet.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ CHECK # _____ DATE _____

Please complete this form, make check payable to TOMB TREK COMMITTEE and mail to:

JaneChannel
2728 Hillside Court
Ijamsville MD 21754-8806
email: mocadolphin@msn.com

Tomb Trek Wreath Order Form



Military Order of the Cootie REGISTRATION 89th TOMB TREK



8 - 10 November 2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Pup Tent/Auxiliary Name & Number: _____

Email: _____

Meal Selection: Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian _____
(Please enter how many of each meal selection.)

<u>Type of Registration</u>	<u>Advanced Registration</u>	<u>After 10/1/2024</u>
Full Registration	\$85.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Registration Only	\$20.00 _____	\$25.00 _____
Banquet Only	\$50.00 _____	\$55.00 _____
Bus Ticket	\$15.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
# Regular _____		
# Handicap _____		

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ CHECK # _____ DATE _____

Please complete this form, make check payable to TOMB TREK COMMITTEE and mail to:

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MOC Auxiliary Ways and Means Raffle



Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

The Ways & Means Committee are asking each Grand and Auxiliaries not in a Grand to bring Gift Cards to Tomb Trek in November 2023 and Supreme Convention 2024 in the amount of \$25.00. Gift Cards will be easier for those traveling via airplane, etc. instead of baskets. At the 2024 Supreme Convention, we will also hold a Cash Raffle drawing. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Each Grand, Auxiliaries not in a Grand and local Auxiliaries are asked to purchase or sell a minimum of 10 tickets (\$10.00). 1st Prize \$50.00 2nd Prize \$25.00 and 3rd Prize \$25.00.

Make checks payable to: **Supreme MOCA**
Memo Section: **Ways & Means 2023 – 2024**

Mail check and ticket stubs to :
Supreme MOCA Ways and Means Chairman
Benita Lyman
14 Spencer Road
Wiggins, MS 39577

Any questions or comments, please contact me at (601) 466-9986.

Sincerely,

Benita Lyman,
Supreme MOCA Ways & Means Chairman
2023 - 2024



Kentucky Derby Hat Contest

Do you want to win the Kentucky Derby hat contest???



When Meriwether Lewis Clark Jr. launched Louisville's inaugural Kentucky Derby in 1875, he wanted more than a good horse race. He wanted a spectacle on the track and in the stands.

That's what we want for our **2024 Cootie Banquet Happy Hour**. The Past Supreme Commanders have consented to view and judge the various headgear being worn and present awards to the Lousiest hats. More than 1 award will be issued!!!

Wear the headgear of your choosing and make our **Kentucky Banquet** a spectacular event to remember!

NO SIGN-UP REQUIRED

MOC Auxiliary Proposed By-Law Changes

Membership numbers are at a critical point, with many auxiliaries closing and not another auxiliary close by to transfer to, This Proposal is to address losing members who may wish to remain a member of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary as a Member at Large.

PROPOSED ADDITION to By Laws

Article 1 – Membership

Sec. 109 (new) - Supreme Members At Large

A. Anyone eligible for membership and already a member in Good Standing in an Auxiliary, may become a Supreme Member At Large upon:

1. Submitting a completed application to the Supreme Treasurer
2. Includes current membership number
3. Payment of Annual dues
4. Fees in the amount determined by the Supreme Council of Administration.

B. Anyone eligible for membership, who has not paid dues for one (1) year or longer, and wishes to rejoin as a Supreme Member at Large, may do so upon:

1. Submitting a completed application to the Supreme Treasurer
2. Includes previous membership number (will be verified by Supreme Treasurer)
3. Payment of Annual dues
4. Fees in the amount determined by the Supreme Council of Administration.

C. The Member shall transmit to the Supreme Treasurer Twenty dollars \$20.00 annual dues to be effective for the current calendar year, based upon date of submission.

D. The Supreme Treasurer will send a membership card to the member annually, once dues are received.

Sec. 110 (new) - Members At Large - Rights of

A. Any Member At Large May

1. Attend Auxiliary, Grand or Supreme meetings, but is unable to enter into any discussion during the business session of these meetings.
2. Participate and volunteer in Supreme Programs and report participation to the appropriate Supreme Chairmen.

B. Any Member At Large May Not

1. Hold any office, chairmanship, or be a VAVS representative or deputy, etc. at the Auxiliary, Grand or Supreme level.
2. Be a Delegate to any Grand or Supreme Convention and therefore cannot vote.

Sec. 111 (new) - Members At Large – Defunct Auxiliaries

A. Any member in an Auxiliary that goes defunct and dues are paid for the current calendar year, will automatically be placed in 'Member At Large' status. Continued membership in the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary as a Member At Large, will require payment to the Supreme Treasurer of Twenty dollars \$20.00 for the calendar year.

B. The Supreme Treasurer will send a membership card to the member annually, once dues are received.

Submitted by the By-Laws Committee:

PSP Patricia Potter, PSP flo Parmelee and PSP Jennifer Winn
Supreme President Billie Cassidy

Objective (current)

The main objective of this organization shall be to assist the Military Order of the Cootie in promoting hospital work, programs and social activities; to keep alive the spirit of optimism and humor; and to promote the well-being of the parent organization.

Proposed Change – Page 1

Objective

The main objective of this organization shall be to assist the Military Order of the Cootie in promoting work/programs in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Veterans homebound or on Hospice. To promote social activities; to keep alive the spirit of optimism and humor and to promote the well-being of the parent organization.

Submitted by Supreme President Billie Cassidy

Proposed By-Law Change

Section 206 - Defunct Auxiliaries:

Current:

B. Upon Disbandment or forfeiture of the Charter of a Pup Tent, the sponsored Auxiliary, by special dispensation of the Supreme Commander, may continue to operate for the length of time designated by said Supreme Commander. Such extension may not extend past the next Supreme Convention. At this time if the Pup Tent has not reorganized, reinstated or another Pup Tent has not been found to accept the Auxiliary, said Auxiliary would become defunct.

Section 206 - Defunct Auxiliaries:

Proposed:

B. Upon disbandment or forfeiture of the Charter of a Pup Tent, the sponsored Auxiliary, by special dispensation of the Supreme President may continue to operate for the length of time designated by said Supreme President. Such extension may not extend past the next Supreme Convention. At this time if the Pup Tent has not reorganized, reinstated or another Pup Tent has not been found to accept the Auxiliary, said Auxiliary would become defunct. If a Grand Pup Tent is disbanded or Charter has been forfeited and declared defunct, the Grand Auxiliary cannot not operate and will proceed to disband in accordance with procedures set forth in the Supreme MOCA By-Laws.

Submitted by

Billie Cassidy, Supreme President 2023-2024

Approved by the By-Laws Committee: PSP Patricia Potter

Proposed Change to **Section 305 - Installation of Officers:**

Current:

B: To install new officers, at least ten (10) members shall be paid for the current year by the time of installation. Officers shall be installed at a regular or special meeting at the same time as the officer of the corresponding Pup Tent. The installation may be held publicly. The installation shall be conducted by a member in good standing, who is a past Auxiliary President or one who has held a higher office in the MOC Auxiliary. The President elect will select the Installing Officer. The Secretary will send in the officer's name to the Grand Secretary in time to permit the issuance of the Warrant or to the Supreme Secretary, where no Grand exists.

Proposed Resolution:

Sec 305 - Installation of Officers:

B. Local Auxiliary/Grand/Supreme Level. Officers shall be installed at a regular or special meeting at the same time as the officers of the corresponding Pup Tent. The installation may be held publicly. The President elect will select the Installing Officer. The following members in good standing may conduct the installation ceremony on all levels.

1. A member who is a Past or current MOC Auxiliary President (all levels).
2. A member who has held a higher elective office in the MOC Auxiliary.
3. Or a Past or current Seam Squirrel (Commander)/Grand Commander/Supreme Commander or higher office.

The Secretary will send a completed Installation Report to the Grand Secretary or to the Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer, where no Grand exists.

C. Assuming Duties: At local Auxiliary/Grand level, officers will assume their duties at the same time as their Pup Tent/Grand Pup Tent Officers. Supreme Officers will, immediately after their election, enter upon the duties of their respective offices after the adjournment of the meeting at which they were installed.

Reason:

As this organization is becoming smaller. This gives us another level that can help us with our installations and getting the MOC and MOCA working together. As more and more family members are belonging to the organization, it gives them a chance to install that family member if they meet the criteria.

Submitted by: Billie Cassidy, 2023-2024 Supreme President

Approved by By-Laws Committee: PSP Patricia Potter

MOCA By-Laws 2024: Proposed Change to Section 201

Current: Sec 201- Formation

A: An Auxiliary shall not be formed until approved by an M.O.C. Pup Tent at a stated meeting, due notice of proposed formation having been given to the entire membership of the MOC Pup Tent seven (7) days prior to such meeting. The Auxiliary must also be approved by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post where the Pup Tent is chartered. Each Auxiliary must be assigned the name and number of the Pup Tent which it is to be affiliated and shall be governed by, and under the jurisdiction of, the Pup Tent whose name and number it will bear.

B: An Auxiliary to the MOC Pup Tent may be formed by Charter from the Supreme Treasurer of the Auxiliary to the MOC upon application of ten (10) new or rejoined applicants who are members of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Ward, holding current dues cards in accordance with the By-Laws of the Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie. Transfers cannot be included on the charter application but may become charter members after the Auxiliary is chartered.

Proposed Resolution: Sec 201: Formation

A: An Auxiliary shall not be formed until:

1. Approved by an M.O.C. Pup Tent at a stated meeting, due notice of proposed formation having been given to the entire membership of the MOC Pup Tent seven (7) days prior to such meeting.
2. Approved by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post where the Pup Tent is chartered.

B: Each Auxiliary must be assigned the name and number of the Pup Tent which it is to be affiliated and shall be governed by, and under the jurisdiction of, the Pup Tent whose name and number it will bear.

C: Prior to instituting an Auxiliary, an Organizer will be appointed by the Grand/Supreme President. This Organizer shall be a member of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary. The Organizer shall hold three (3) monthly meetings with potential members. This is to ensure that the members understand what the Auxiliary does as well as the duties and responsibility of each office. Once it is determined that these individuals are interested, then an Instituting Officer will be appointed by the Grand/Supreme President and they will continue the instituting process.

D: Once the above process has been completed the Auxiliary to the MOC Pup Tent may be formed by submitting an application for a Charter from the Supreme Treasurer of the Auxiliary to the MOC of not less than fifteen (15) new or rejoined applicants who are members of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, holding current dues cards in accordance with the By-Laws of the Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie. Transfers cannot be included on the charter application but may become charter members after the Auxiliary is chartered.

E: The Instituting Officer or a mentor shall attend a least four (4) meeting within the first year in person or via Zoom.

F: No Auxiliary shall be formed when the M.O.C. Pup Tent is chartered under a Provisional or Probationary Charter.

Submitted by: Billie Cassidy, 2023-2024 Supreme President

Approved by the By-Laws Committee – PSP Patricia Potter, PSP flo Parmelee, PSP Jennifer Winn

Reason: The MOCA By-Laws require ten (10) elective officers and ten (10) appointed officers. All members in good standing shall be eligible for any office in the Auxiliary, provided that no member can hold two elective offices at the same time, but may hold one elective and one appointed. A Trustee may hold one elective and appointed office other than the President, Secretary or Treasurer.

If the Auxiliary only has ten (10) members, they all must hold an office and if one resigns or does not take an office, then the possibility is the Auxiliary will not have all required officers and therefore the Auxiliary cannot function. There would be no one to fill that position.

MOCA By-Laws 2024: Proposed Addition to Section 401

Article IV: Grand Auxiliaries

A. No Grand Auxiliary shall be formed when a Grand M.O.C. Pup Tent is chartered under a Provisional or Probationary Charter.

Supreme Commander "Gnomecoming"





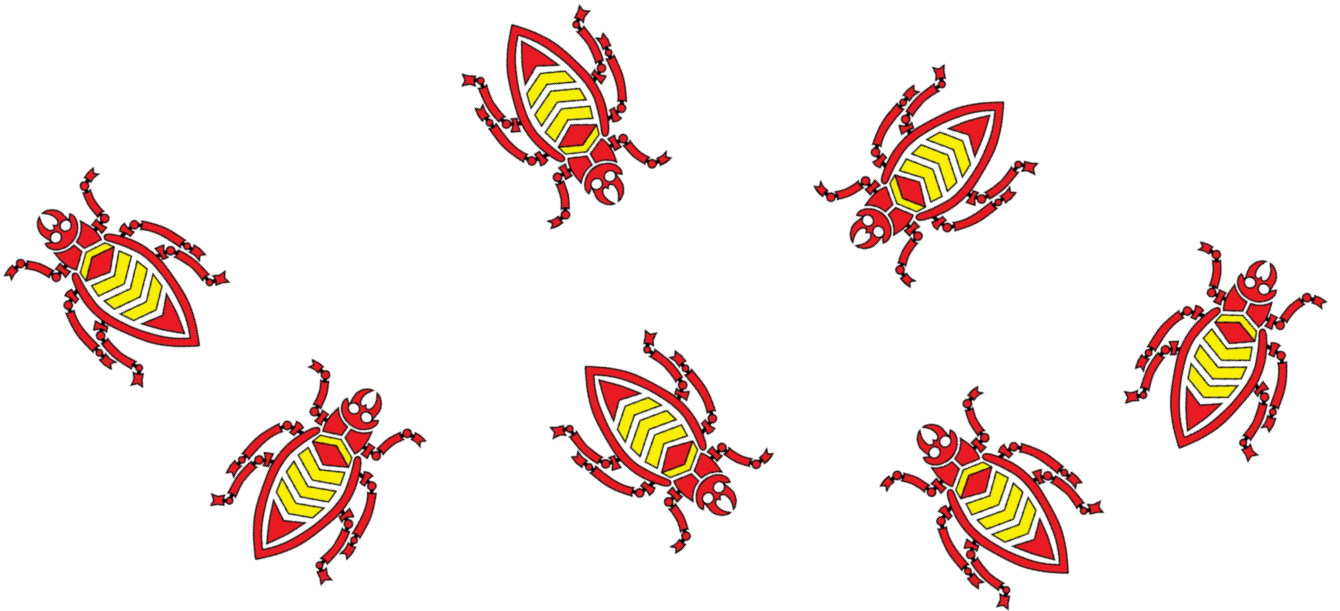
Grand of California

The MOC/MOCA Grand Scratch and Convention was held May 16-19 in Selma at the Swan Court Holiday Inn. Eleven Pup Tents were Absent, and the Grand Scratch completed election of officers. Kenny Lindbreg is the Grand Commander for the ensuing term of office 2024-2025. Supreme Seam Squirrel elect Robbie Normand of PT 19 was the Installing Supreme Officer. Deb Johnson VFW Department Commander and of Cootie PT 68 spoke at Grand Banquet on working closely with the VFW and MOC on how to increase our Membership. Kenny Lindbreg was installed as VFW State Inspector for 2024-2025 year. Also attending from PT 68 were Vaughn Gates and Patricia Werner.

Submitted by Grand Historian Steve Kemp







Grand of Maryland



PRESS RELEASE

Grand of Maryland MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES OF THE UNITED STATES



"The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars"

Essex, Maryland (April 26, 2024): Cootie 158, Frank Vitale, from the fertile hunting grounds of Pup Tent 4, Grand Pup Tent of Maryland, was recognized for "12 Years of Continued Service" with 3099 hours by the Perry Point VA Medical Center (Hospice unit) representative. Cootie Frank also serves as Pup Tent 4's CCDB. Congratulations Cootie Frank for "Keeping them Smiling in Beds of White." **JOB WELL DONE.**



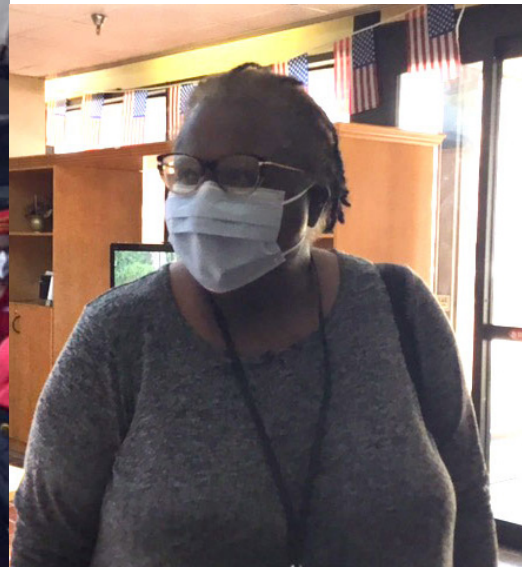
Photo courtesy of Frank Vitale



Released April 26, 2024

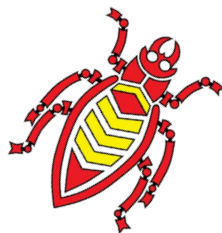
Top Notch Tent #1 plays bingo with the 10 Veterans at the Community Living Center at the Washington VA Medical Center out on the patio. Shown are Seam Squirrel Joe Respress (Grand Hide Gimlet), Cootie Anthony Floyd, Blanket Bum Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Grand MOCA Fun/Fine Officer Johnnie Mae Townsend and MOCA member Jeanne Mannell. 13 June 2024 13:00-15:30.

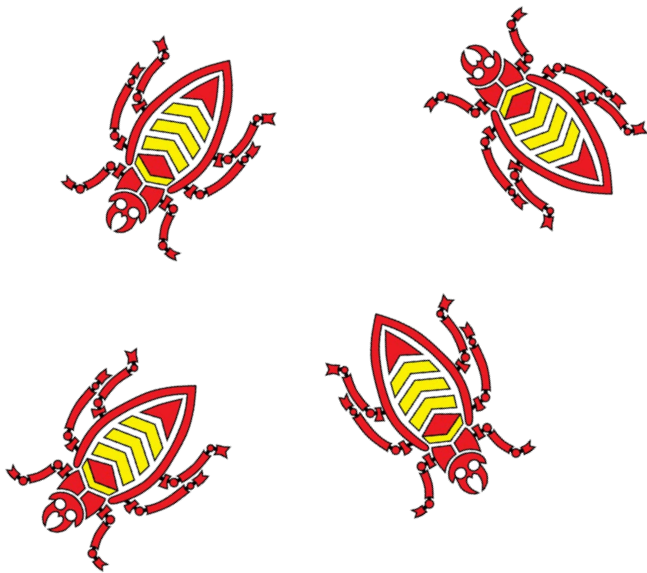
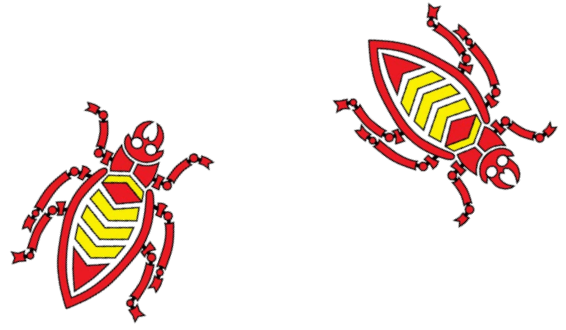
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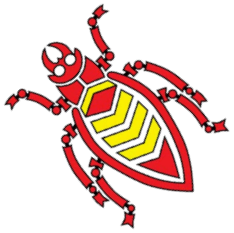
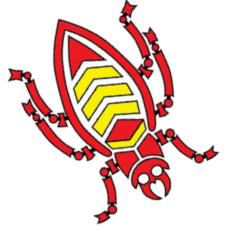


Grand of North Carolina

Tom Browne was given his 60 year VFW pin by Supreme Seam Squirrel Mark at his "Gnomecoming" meeting in Havelock, NC.





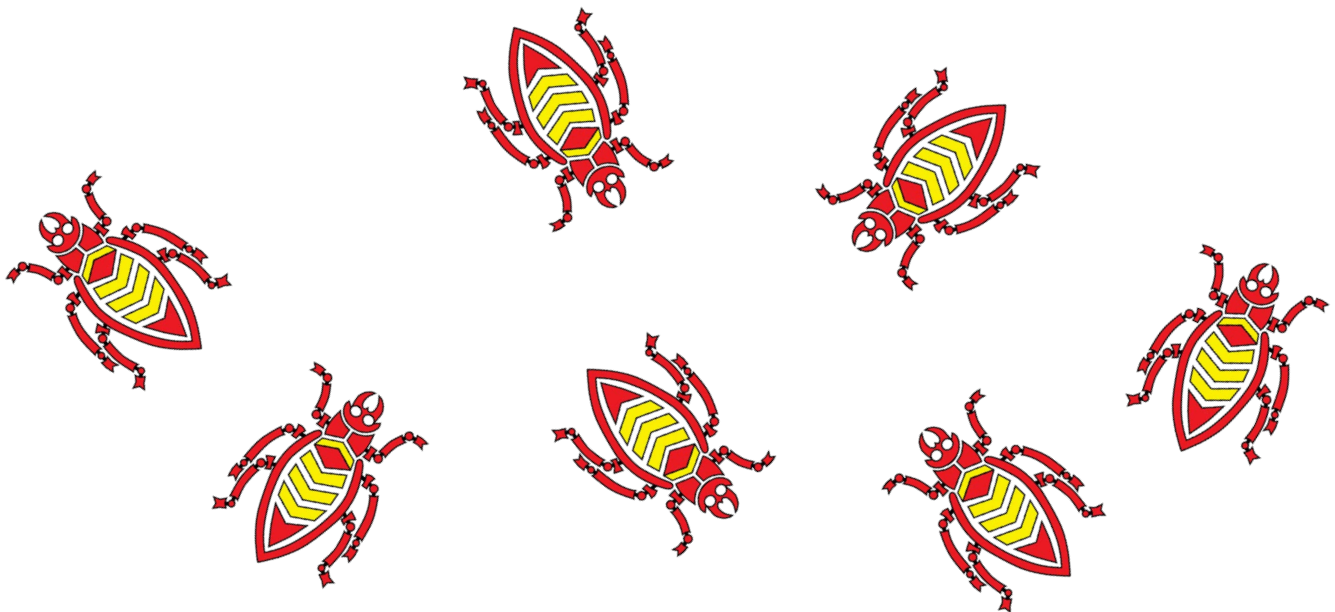


Grand of North Dakota



My *Crummy* cousin, who is next to the guy in the purple, asked me to come in and talk about the Cooties at the Lions meeting. He is also a *Crummy* Cootie himself. We had an absolutely *Terrible* time and everything went *Badly*. I look *Backward* to doing it again.

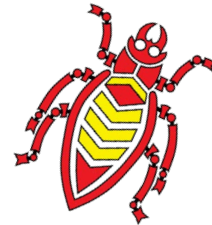
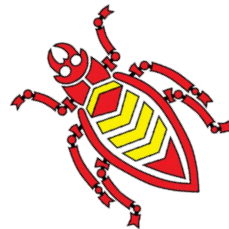
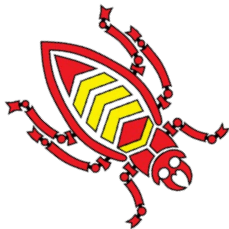
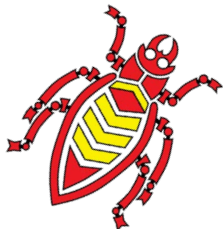
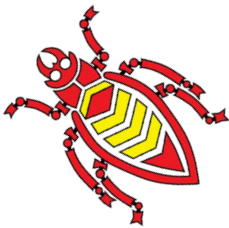
Courtesy of Corey Moen



North Dakota Cooties Held the Grand Scratch at West Fargo VFW Post 7564 on the 7th of June. Joe Best is the new Grand Commander.



Submitted by Steve Volk



Grand of South Dakota

Grand Scratch held in Rapid City, SD at the VFW Post 1273 on May 10 and 11, 2024 Submitted by Vern Anderson, CCBD Pup Tent #1, Big Sioux Ticks



Grand Install - Pictured are the new South Dakota Grand Officers being installed for 2024-2025.





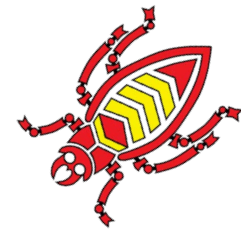
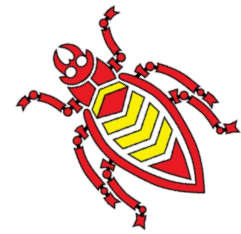
Initiation - Pictured are two new Cooties being initiated at Grand Scratch.



Tracy Woodman - Pictured are Tracy Woodman, Supreme Adjutant and SD Grand Commander Dale Stibral.



Pictured are Tracy Woodman, Supreme Adjutant and Wayne Woodman, Supreme Provost Marshall



Grand of Virginia

VFW Post 3103 and Auxiliary @cookingwithaveteran Fundraiser for the VFW National Home Fredericksburg, VA

Submitted by David "GRUNT" Rogers

As we all know the motto: "No One Does More for Veterans" is more than mere words. It is a mission of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Something that VFW and Auxiliary members at VFW Post 3103 take very seriously. Connections, contacts and communication were key to accomplishing what was needed in the community and to conduct a successful fundraiser for programs like the VFW National Home. That is exactly what happened on March 8th when Cooking with a Veteran came to the Post.

What started as a simple cooking for local veterans in need has turned into a mission to ensure no veteran goes hungry. The Post first started communicating

with Veteran Chef Rogers through the District 8 CMDR and Past Post CMDR Todd Taylor who talked of doing something together. The District CMDR introduced Rogers to Post CMDR Sheri Moore and a simple email in January from Comrade Chris Cruz got the ball rolling. Veteran Chef Rogers and his service dog Grunt of @cookingwithaveteran were planning to attend the VFW Legislative Conference in Washington, DC in early March. Since he would be in our local area on his way home, he wanted to see if he and the Post could work together on an event. VFW Post 3103 Canteen is open every Friday



evening at 1700 for a homecooked meal, drinks and camaraderie. We quickly came up with the idea of The Grunt Chef helping us do a special dinner for any local veterans that would be a 'by donation only' fundraiser for the VFW National Home.

While Veteran Chef Rogers worked with us on the menu, being sure that it was something that we would enjoy, it was up to the Post to plan, make arrangements and spread the word for the event locally. Members and the Auxiliary chimed in helping as they could. Great assistance came from the Auxiliary who worked hard to get donations from local markets and vendors like Weis and Walmart to help cover the costs. Volunteers from both the Post and Auxiliary worked under the tutelage of Veteran Chef Rogers in doing the prep work on Thursday and all of the final meal prep and cooking on that Friday. Everyone learned a lot along the way and the event in the form of photos and videos was featured on @cookingwithaveteran social media.

The meal turned out to be a huge success with the Post and Auxiliary serving over 100 meals. The menu consisted of pork schnitzel, mashed potatoes and creamed corn or baked ziti and salad with cheesecake for dessert. We had several raffles that night as well, including Veteran Chef Dave's @cookingwithaveteran cookbooks, k-bar and grill set as some of the raffle items. He also brought along the MOC Tennessee Chess Pie pins for us to purchase to help support the program. The Post and Auxiliary were able to raise \$2000 for the VFW National Home.

The two days that Chef Dave Rogers spent with us were busy beyond the food preparation. He was able to visit with the Veterans On Board group that meets at our Post Home on that Friday morning. We also took him to visit Black Horse Forge ([Black Horse Forge – Veterans Non-Profit](#)), which is run by veterans and serves veterans by teaching them blacksmithing skills. They presented him with a very fancy chef's knife made in the forge by a veteran, which you will see often if you watch his cooking programs on social media. While visiting Black Horse Forge, we also visited their neighbor, Loyal Drums ([Handmade Artisan Products - Rope Tension Drums - Loyal Drums](#)), which is another veteran owned business.

When asked how he thought the event went Rogers commented "Events like this is why I love what I do. We did more than feed the body, we fed the soul, mind and heart." The Post and Auxiliary showed their appreciation for Veteran Chef Rogers' work and dedication to helping veterans by presenting him with a certificate and a gift basket for him and Grunt. He presented the Post with his challenge coin and engraved @cookingwithaveteran cleaver. This was Chef Dave's first visit/event in the state of Virginia, but we are hoping it will not be his last.



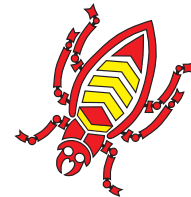
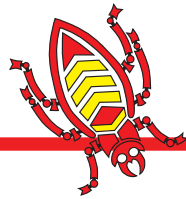
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From the Supreme Newshound

Shred, shred, shred...grind, grind...zing, zip doggone staples again! That one stuck in my forehead! Pluck! Guzzle, guzzle, glug, glug...Ah, Cootie Milk refreshes the soul! A kind of antiseptic ya know?

Congratulations to all Pup Tents and Grands on achieving 100% in Inspections! Now that's Lousy and quite pernicious! That's the first time that I've seen this happen!

Have you checked out the mumblings of our Supreme officers? Sometimes they use "Straight Talk" and other times "Cootiespeak". Whatever their mumblings are about they're important! So, be sure to grab a glass of Cootie Milk and find out what they have to say, eh?

Be sure and check out the Grand of North Carolina's mumblings! Tom Browne was given a 60 year continuous membership pin by "Triple S"! It looks like a Lousy time was had by all who were in attendance.

It's Lousy news that the Supreme QM Gary Dressel is moving on to go through the chairs of our Supreme organization. It's been an absolute Pestiferous time working alongside him and Delpha Martin.

Have you checked on your Sky Pilot lately? Being a Sky Pilot myself, sometimes it's stressful and quite difficult when one of your Brothers or Sisters graduate to the great Hunting Grounds in the Sky! Recently my Brother Walt Tanimoto graduated. I'm sure he's having a Lousy time now! He will truly be missed!

Finally, remember when submitting content to our *Crummy Rag* include **who, what, when, where and why** in your submissions and when sending in photos. I accept *JPEG, PDF, TIFF and PNG* files. Names are important! In your pictures, be creative. The lousiest photo makes it onto the cover of our **Crummy Rag**. Send all your **Lousy** submissions to be shredded to: cootiecourier@lotcs.org

Yours in LOTCS,

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Cootie Flashback

THE JOURNEY OF A COOTIE IS TOUGH! BUT, THAT IS WHAT WE'RE ABOUT! WE, AS "SPECIE PEDICULI," "KEEP 'EM SMILIN' IN BEDS OF WHITE!"

EVEN THOUGH I'M NOW A COOTIE, IT'S MY DUTY TO MENTOR THOSE BELOW ME! WE'RE ALL "CLOSER THAN A BROTHER!"

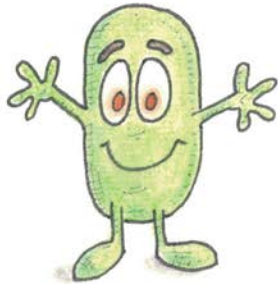
PICK ME!

YEAH! I WAS CHOSEN!

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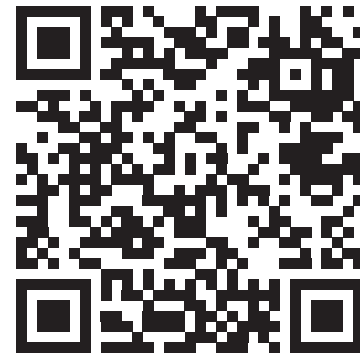


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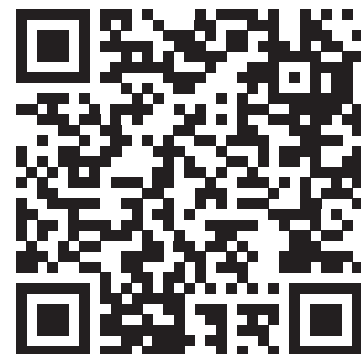
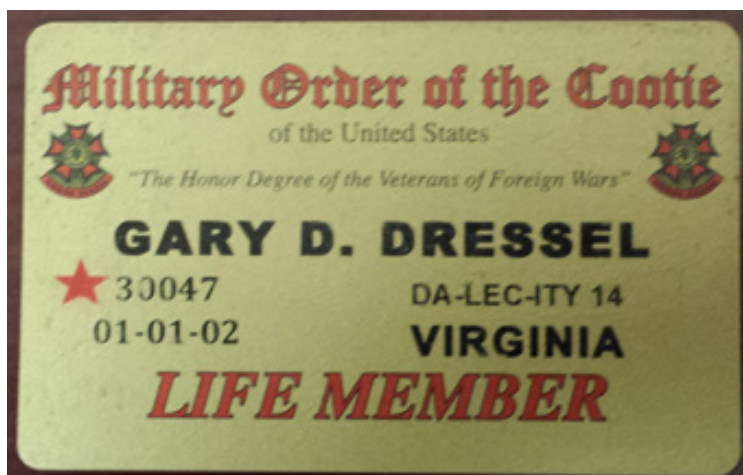
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