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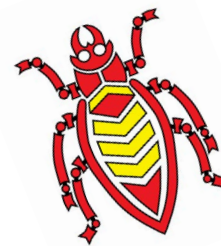
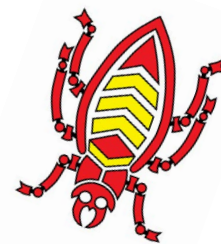
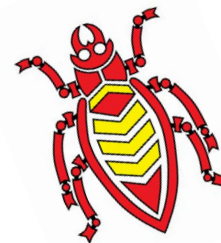
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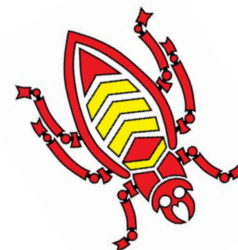
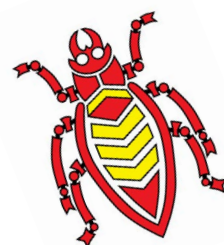
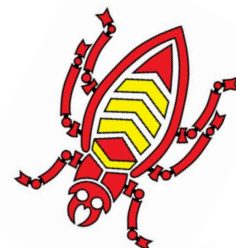


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From the Supreme Seam Squirrel

Lousy salutations Cooties!

Supreme Seam Squirrel spouting off gibberish here, in straight talk.

Our year is off to a fast start! My first official visit was; our time-honored tradition of exchanging covers and shags with our Commander-In-Chief Carol Whitmore at the VFW CofA in KC. I submitted our organizational reports and had a great time observing the happenings of the C of A. Networking and forging our relationships even stronger were my secondary goals of attending. Giving us needed exposure. I assured our Comrades we are “One Team” and that we need each other.

Back in Michigan, our Grand MOC and MOC Auxiliary are working together to prepare for Cootie Christmas (see flyer in this issue and on website), and our upcoming Department Fall Conference. We have our teams assembled for another MOC/MOC Auxiliary recruiting event. Both events strengthen our relationship together.

Remember to bolster your VAVS centers and have maximum participation at the quarterly VAVS meetings at the VA Medical Centers. If needed, your Grand Commander can request to assign new VAVS Representatives and Deputies to VA Medical Centers that have vacancies. If you have any questions, contact Supreme VAVS Chairman Allan Perkins.

Here are some other reminders:

- Grand schedule with Supreme Rep requests to Supreme HQ
- Tomb Trek Wreath order and registration/hotel
- Big Boot Program
- Pup Tent Inspections
- Cootie House and Supreme Commander Special Project donations to Supreme HQ



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*-Increase and multiply! Keep 'em smilin' in beds of white!
Busier than a Bee!*

Yours in LOTCS,

Eric Bell
Supreme Seam Squirrel,
Supreme Commander
2025-2026



From the Supreme Blanket Bum

FROM THE SUPREME BLANKET BUM TRACY M. L. WOODMAN

Listen Cooties,

Congratulations to Supreme Seam Squirrel Eric Bell and Supreme President Dave Johnson on the start of the 2025-2026 year. Looking forward to seeing all that this year holds for the Military Order of the Cootie and its Auxiliary.

Supreme Sr. Vice President Dawn VanTassell and myself gave away 3 goodie bags to children during the 2025 Supreme Convention. There were a few other children that we spotted but did not have an opportunity to talk with them. Looking forward to beating this number next year. Stay tuned for more details!

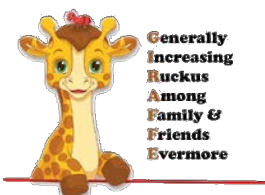
Cootie Nation, I am truly honored to represent you as the Supreme Blanket Bum this year. Thank you to Eric Bell and Eddie Gonzales for nominating me against myself. I'm still not sure which personality dropped out of the race and which one was elected. I guess we will find out later.

In anticipation for the 2026-2027 election, we have started a Cdr Slack for future Grand Commanders next year as a way to start bonding with each other and to build a class. We will also have a private FB page. With that said, if you are the 2026-2027 Grand Commander hopeful, please contact Todd 'Tiny' Roberts or myself to receive an invite. Emails should include the subject "2026-2027 Grand Commander". You can send your request via email, FB message or text.

Looking forward to hanging out at the Eastern and Southern Conferences this year. Of course, we can't forget our time honored traditions of Tomb Trek and Cootie Christmas! See you around the Fertile Hunting Grounds.

In LOTCS,

Tracy M. L. Woodman
Supreme Blanket Bum



From the Supreme Hide Gimlet

Listen Up Cooties,

(In straight talk.)

I would like to thank each and every Cootie for giving me the honor to serve as the Supreme Hide Gimlet. It has been a privilege meeting so many of you, hearing your thoughts, learning about what matters most to our community; and seeing the 42 first time attendees line up in the hall.

This opportunity is not just about leadership; it's about working together, building on our shared values, and shaping a future we can all be proud of. My vision is simple but strong: to **"Look Ahead,"** to anticipate challenges, embrace new ideas, and create lasting opportunities for growth, service, and unity.

Together, we will make sure that our best days are still to come. Thank you again for your confidence and support. I'm excited for what lies ahead, and I look forward to working side by side with each of you.

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

Ronnie Steele

Supreme Hide Gimlet

2025-2026

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From the Supreme Quartermaster

WOW, it's already October—where has the year gone? As we dive into the new month, we've got some important updates on bonds, membership, and upcoming events.

Bond Season Is Here!

A huge thank you to all the Grands and Pup Tents that have already paid your **Two-Year Security (2025-2027) Bond**.

If you haven't yet, you can find the application forms on our website under **lotcs.org > Forms > CCDB**. Bonds are still \$14 per \$1,000. Please remember to complete a separate questionnaire for each position you wish to cover (CCDB or Seam Squirrel). For more details, refer to **By-Laws Section 314 G**.



If your Pup Tent decides not to hold a bond, you must send a copy of the Scratch minutes that record the membership vote to HQ's. Pup Tent CCDBs **cannot** make this decision without membership input!

2025-2026 Membership Reminders

We are four months into the new year, and by now, all Pup Tent CCDBs should have received their Annual Membership Cards from the Grand CCDB.

- If you are a Pup Tent CCDB and haven't received your cards, please let me know.
- If you are an Independent Pup Tent CCDB, your cards were sent directly from HQs. If you haven't received them, please contact me.

Now is the time to check your 2025-2026 Election Reports for any **EXPIRED** Annual Members and get their renewals in! To be in good standing and hold an elected position, send the renewal to HQs immediately.

Section 112, Members in Good Standing, states: *A duly elected and obligated member ceases to be in good standing immediately upon the expiration of the period for which their dues are paid or remitted in either the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States or the Military Order of the Cootie.*

How Do Transmittals (TRs) Work?

This is a great question! Here's a quick breakdown of the process:

- **Pup Tent (PT) CCDBs** collect dues from annual and new members.
- Complete the Pup Tent TR, include the Grand Per Capita Tax and Supreme Per Capita Tax, write a check, and send it to the Grand CCDB. If there are new members, also include the New Cootie Application.
- **Grand CCDBs** receive the PT TR, and record the new members.
- Complete a Grand TR, including the Supreme's PCT, write a check, and send it to Supreme. Be sure to include a copy of the New Cootie Applications.

2025 Tomb Trek Rooms Still Available

Don't miss out on this year's Tomb Trek! You can find all the information you need—the agenda, registration form, wreath order form, and hotel reservation link—on **LOTCS.org** under **Events > Tomb Trek**. Room rate is \$119.00 plus tax.

If you have trouble booking your room or find the price seems off, book the room at the quoted price, then send your reservation number to Mark Newman at **mnewman122@gmail.com**. Let him know what's going on, and he'll make sure your room is properly linked under the Cootie block at the correct price.

We can't wait to see you there!

Cooties, if everything I've put out isn't as clear as mud, just give HQ's a call and we'll do our best to stir it up more!!

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

Marcia Eggers

Supreme CCDB

Ken Eggers

Supreme CCDB's Lackey

From the Supreme Adjutant

Hey Cooties,

Don't you *dare* look at the events listed on the Cootie webpage. Click <https://www.lotcs.org/events.html>

ST: Check'em out and plan to attend all the upcoming Cootie events including:

Kansas area Pow Wow (open to all Cooties who can get there)

Tomb Trek - see the event agenda for details.

Cootie Christmas - new hotel

Friendly reminder to submit your Grand Event request for a Supreme Representative to attend your upcoming Grand Scratch, Council of Administration, or other lousy events in your fertile hunting grounds. For the form click <https://lotcs.org/Forms/Grand/Grand%20Function%20Notification.pdf>

Please email your prepared requests to: mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com

Requesting Membership Rosters:

Commanders, Seam Squirrels, CCDB's and Hungry Cooties - You can request Membership Rosters from Supreme Headquarters to help you keep your membership records up to date.

* Update Supreme HQ with any necessary changes or additions.

To request a roster, you can use the following email link. Be sure to identify your specific Grand or Pup Tent. To request a roster: [mailto:supremehqmoc@lotcs.org?subject=Request%20a%20Roster%20for%20\(Identify%20Grand%20or%20Pup%20Tent\)](mailto:supremehqmoc@lotcs.org?subject=Request%20a%20Roster%20for%20(Identify%20Grand%20or%20Pup%20Tent))

Let's keep our communication clear and our records accurate!

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

Ken Eggers

Supreme Adjutant and SQM's Lackey

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From the Supreme Surgeon

Greetings Lousy Comrades,

I hope all you had a very Lousy summer and you enjoyed all things Cootie.

Veteran suicide is still a very big issue for all Veterans of all ages. This article from the September 21st issue of VA News has a very good article by Amanda Lienau.

A text from someone just to check in. A call from a loved one who noticed you moved your firearm. A conversation with new friends who understand your experience. These small moments of connection are at the heart of suicide prevention and can add up to make a big impact.



This year, VA is launching seven new programs that create more of these moments for Veterans — especially those not yet connected with VA care.

Meeting Veterans where they are.

These new programs come from VA's Mission Daybreak, which finds and supports innovative ways to prevent Veteran suicide. The effort recognizes a critical gap: Nearly 50% of Veterans who died by suicide in 2022 had not received VA services that year or the year before.

But suicide rates have fallen among Veterans in Veterans Health Administration (VHA) care with mental health diagnoses. These new programs extend that protection by meeting Veterans in community spaces and through technology, giving Veterans more choices for connecting with support in their homes, on their phones and among their peers.

Seven new ways to connect

Each initiative takes a different approach to reducing suicide risk.

- **Anonymous peer groups.** Veterans can join safe, professionally moderated online groups without sharing personal information. One Veteran user said: "The moderator was wonderful. I feel better now than before I joined the group!" Cabana's platform makes it easier to access mental health care without facing common barriers like stigma, privacy concerns or location.
- **Enhanced check-ins.** **NeuroFlow** makes mental health care easier for Veterans. It

helps VA clinicians stay up to date on how Veterans are doing and support those who need it most. The software provides more patient insights, creates smoother workflows and reduces administrative burden.

- **Smartphone wellness insights.** **Behavidence's** platform helps Veterans identify behavioral changes linked to suicide risk and PTSD. With a user's permission, this app provides continuous insights based on smartphone usage patterns to supplement and enhance existing mental health screenings and appointments with clinicians.
- **Talking circles.** By using **Televeda's** platform, American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans can join digital talking circles that incorporate traditional healing practices with storytelling, peer support and evidence-based mental health care. "Veterans helping Veterans has been the most effective form of support," shared one Veteran who participated in digital talking circles. "These circles give us space to discuss our military experiences in ways that family and friends may not fully understand."
- **Firearm safety alerts.** With Regal Products, Veterans and trusted contacts receive automated alerts about any firearm movement, powered by a motion detector inside a cable gun lock. These real-time alerts, sent through a mobile app, help friends and loved ones check in with a Veteran during a potential moment of suicidal crisis, addressing one of the most common methods of Veteran suicide.
- **Low-pressure wellness checks.** **Circles of Support** sends automated wellness text messages to build trust with non-VHA-connected Veterans and link them to VA services. The messages ask Veterans simple questions about their well-being and mood, then direct them to resources relevant to their replies.
- **Augmented suicide prevention training.** **Customer Value Partners (CVP)** provides VA staff with a training system that uses virtual reality (VR) to simulate real Veteran interactions and scenarios. By combining VR with AI-based coaching and feedback, the tool empowers VA staff — including non-mental health care specialists — to recognize signs of suicide risk in a safe and realistic environment.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

More than 500 Veterans, spouses and experts have helped shape these programs through collaborative design and development. Veterans will continue to provide feedback on these programs as they evolve over the coming year. If you are interested in supporting these efforts or learning more, visit **Mission Daybreak**.

If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect. To reach responders, **Dial 988** then **Press 1**, chat online at **VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat**, or text **838255**.

Also more contact information from the VA.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

This is a great resource from the VA each week. You can sign up by clicking on the link below:

[#VetResources](#) is a weekly newsletter for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

VA RESOURCES, WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

For any questions or requests, **1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)** is always the right number.

Veterans Crisis Line: 988 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255

Vet Centers: 1-877-927-8387

Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838 or Chat

- Ask VA
- Schedule a 1-on-1 Appointment with a VA Benefits Expert
- Find a VA facility near you

For non-urgent questions, you can reach VA using the VA Health & Benefits App or MyHealtheVet secure messaging to schedule an appointment, refill prescriptions, and access your medical records.

AND FINALLY ON A HEALTH NOTE.....

We are heading into the dreaded flu and sinus infection season as the temperatures cool, remember to wash your hands, it is the number one defense against these bad bugs in addition to coughing and sneezing into your arm.

Did you know your sneeze comes out at 100 mph??? That's pretty fast for a microscopic bug!

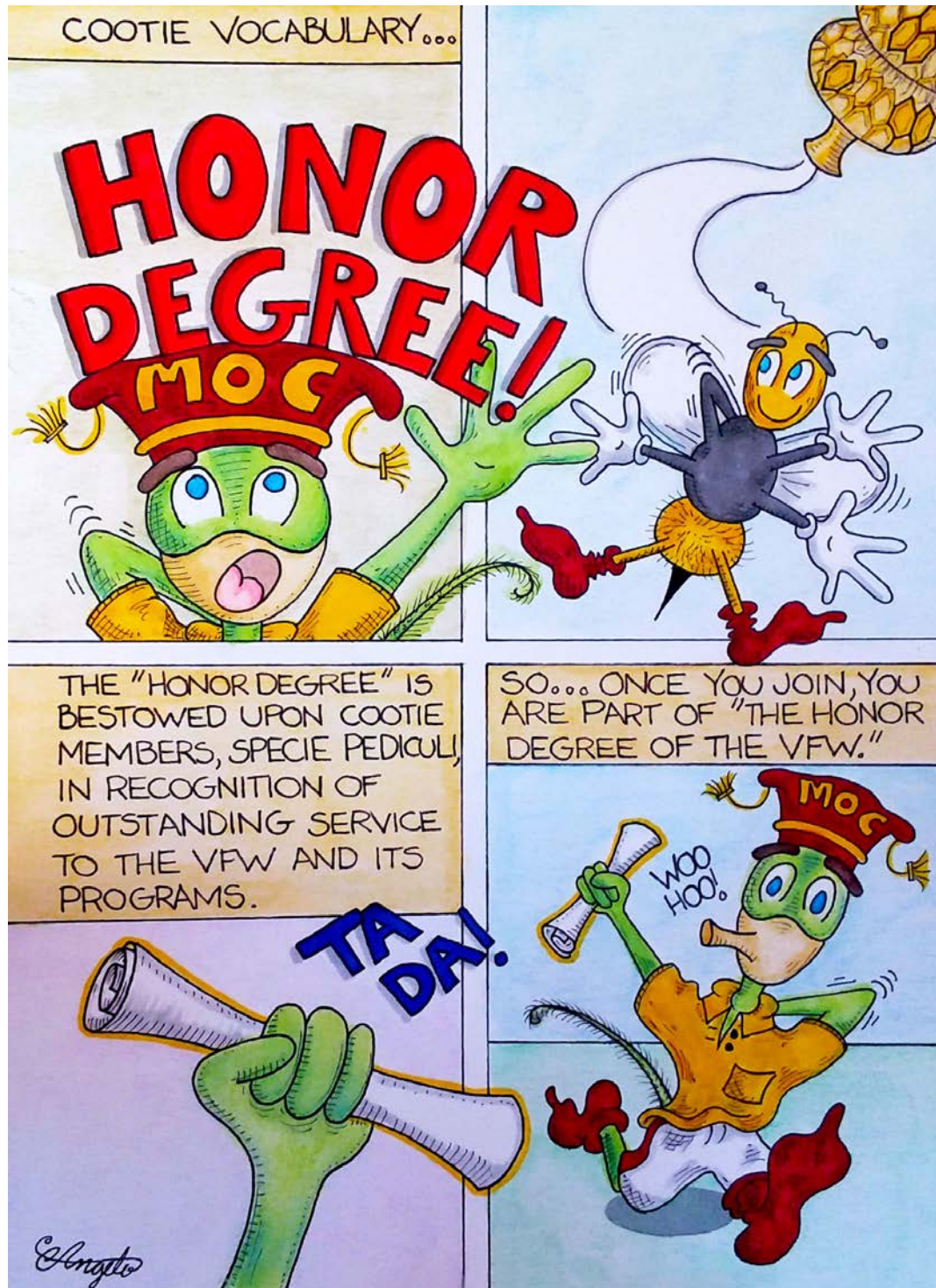
Be Well!

Yours in LOTCS,

**Brenda Serena
Supreme Surgeon**



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 VAMPIRE

A year for our *cooties* to help fill the insatiable need for *new blood* has already begun. Below, are donors that have given their *precious fluid* or collected it from willing-subjects at blood drives. The pesky Supreme Seam Squirrel Eric wants to see those pints turned into gallons galore!

This report Covers 1 Jul thru 30 Sep

JOIN IN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
OF GIVING!!!



KELVIN MOFFITT, LUCKY #37, TEXAS (21 Lifetime Units)

DON NEWMAN, RUNNING BARE #5, MISSOURI (224 Lifetime Units)

BEAVER PATROL, IOWA #69, BLOOD DRIVE (47 Units)

DAVE HOFFMAN, MISSILE BUGS #2, FLORIDA (62 Lifetime Units)

DALE STIBRAL, BIG AGGIE #12, SOUTH DAKOTA (4 Units)

ROBERT ROUSE, HALF SHELLS #35, TEXAS (3 Units)

CHUCK STODDARD, BIG AGGIE #12, SOUTH DAKOTA (4 Units)

ROB STICKNEY, BIG AGGIE #12, SOUTH DAKOTA (4 Units)

NATHAN FARMER, CRAZY EIGHTS #8, WASHINGTON (18 Lifetime Units)

HOGWASH, ARKANSAS #14, BLOOD DRIVE (35 Units)

GEORGIA, MOSSY MITES #1, BLOOD DRIVE (16 Units)

KELLY COLTON, YELLOW RIVER BELLIES #1, FLORIDA (2 Units)

MIXED BREED, NORTH CAROLINA #24, BLOOD DRIVE (30 Units)

VIRGINIA, FRED GNATS #19, BLOOD DRIVE (14 Units)

RICHARD KLUG, LUCKY LEVEN #11, WASHINGTON (82 Lifetime Units)

From the Supreme Papa Clown

Greetings to my Crummy Cootie Clowns (C3)!



As we begin a new Cootie year, I will remind you to start with your Clown visits once again.

Remember the “333 Rule”.

To be certified for the coming year, you need to put together a clown by wearing at least 3 pieces of ‘clown gear’, participate in and document at least 3 events.

Then send me your Clown Report (Find it on L O T C S.org) including pictures of you participating in at least three events.

I see a lot of pictures of a group of clowns (MOC and MOCA) lined up before the camera. I would really like to see action pictures of you at work. Just shoot them at an angle that does not show patients unless you have signed releases from each patient.



In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins “Archibald O’Perk”

Supreme Poppa Clown

Allantperkins1991@gmail.com

281 450-7825



From the Supreme VAVS Representative

Hi Cooties,

As we begin a Cootie year, I trust you are all Cootie Crummy.

One of the goals we have for the coming year is to increase our reach with the VA Medical System. If you have a VAVS Representative in your local VA Medical Center, great. But if not let's work together to make it happen. Also remember, you can have a Representative and Deputy in your medical center and additional deputies for each of the CBOCs attached to that medical center. The only thing to remember is that all your representatives and deputies should also be regular volunteers in the facility they represent.



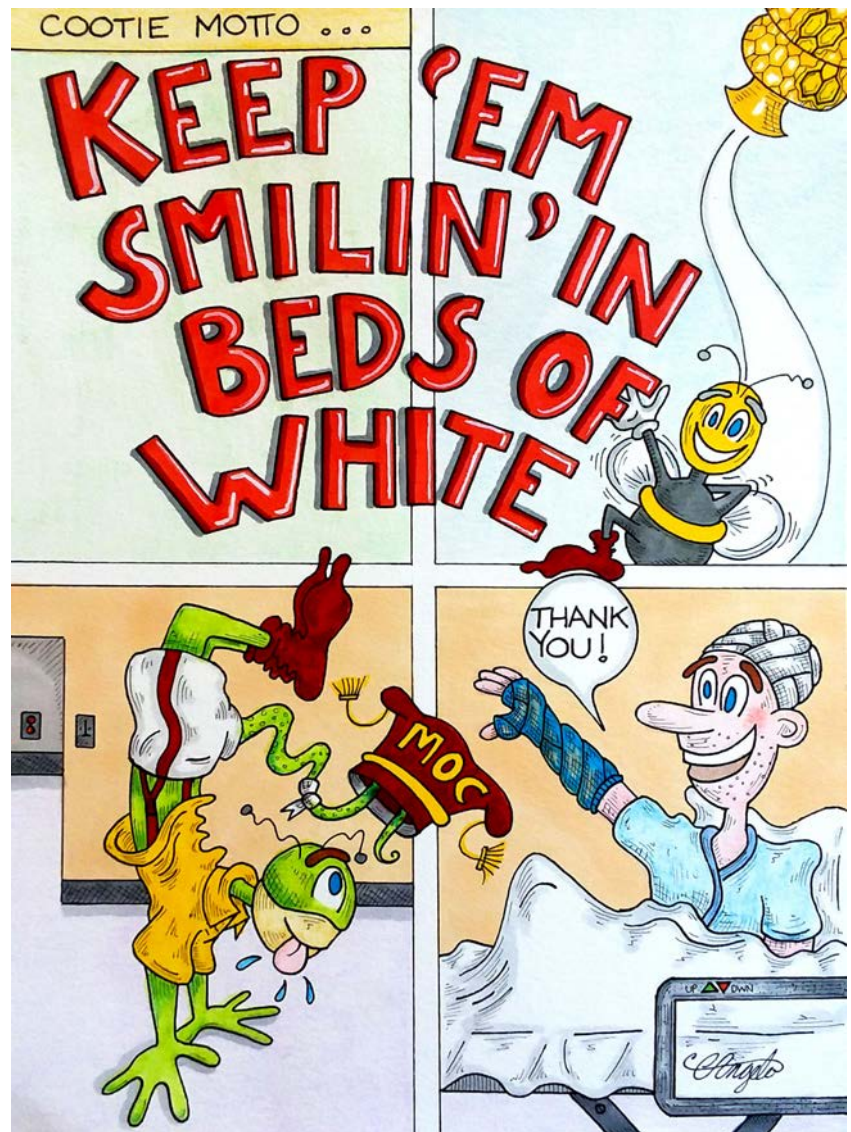
In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins

Supreme VAVS Chair

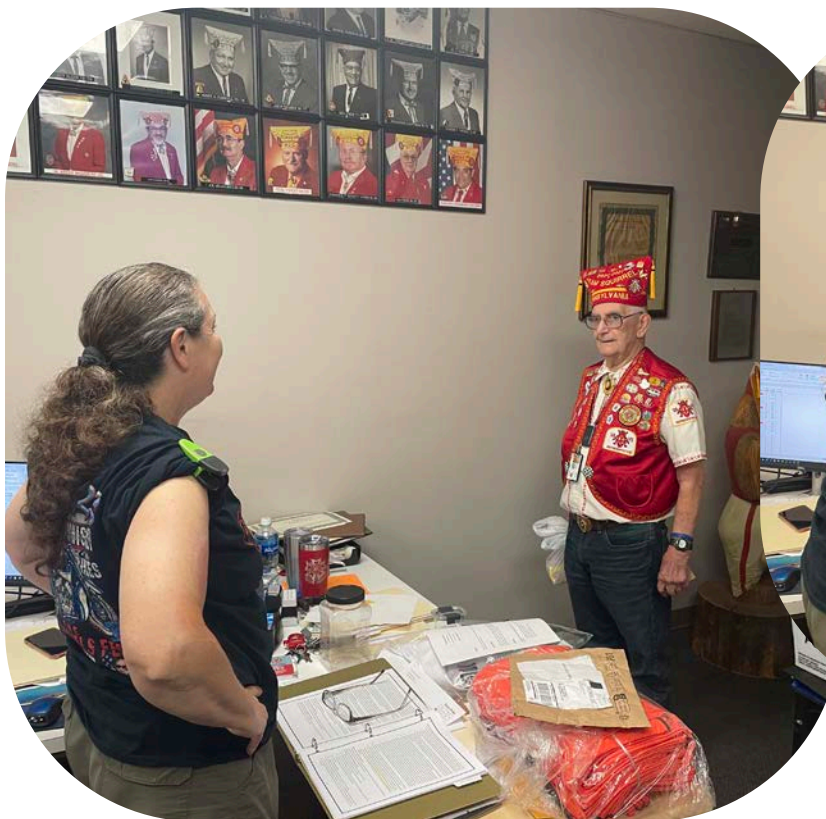
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Visitor to Supreme HQ

Recently Cootie Willard C. Boyer, a Lousy member of PA PT 18 visited the HQ's and shared some pictures of PA PT 18's Cootie Flag and banner.





Mr. Willard C. Boyer, SS
Apt 3
3030 5TH AVE
ALTOONA, PA 16602-1945

Over The Top Pup Tent No. 18

Parade banner. Was hanging on the wall in the Cootie Room on the second floor of V.F.W. Post No. 3 before the building was sold for \$18,000.00. I took the banner to my apartment, along with the Pup tent flag to hold meetings at V.F.W. Post 8685.





The price for a mailed copy of the Cootie Courier has increased to \$10.00/Year. To continue receiving a mailed copy, please send a check or money order to:

MOC Supreme Headquarters
604 Braddock Avenue
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Yes, I would like to receive a mailed copy of the Cootie Courier at the annual subscription price of \$10.00.

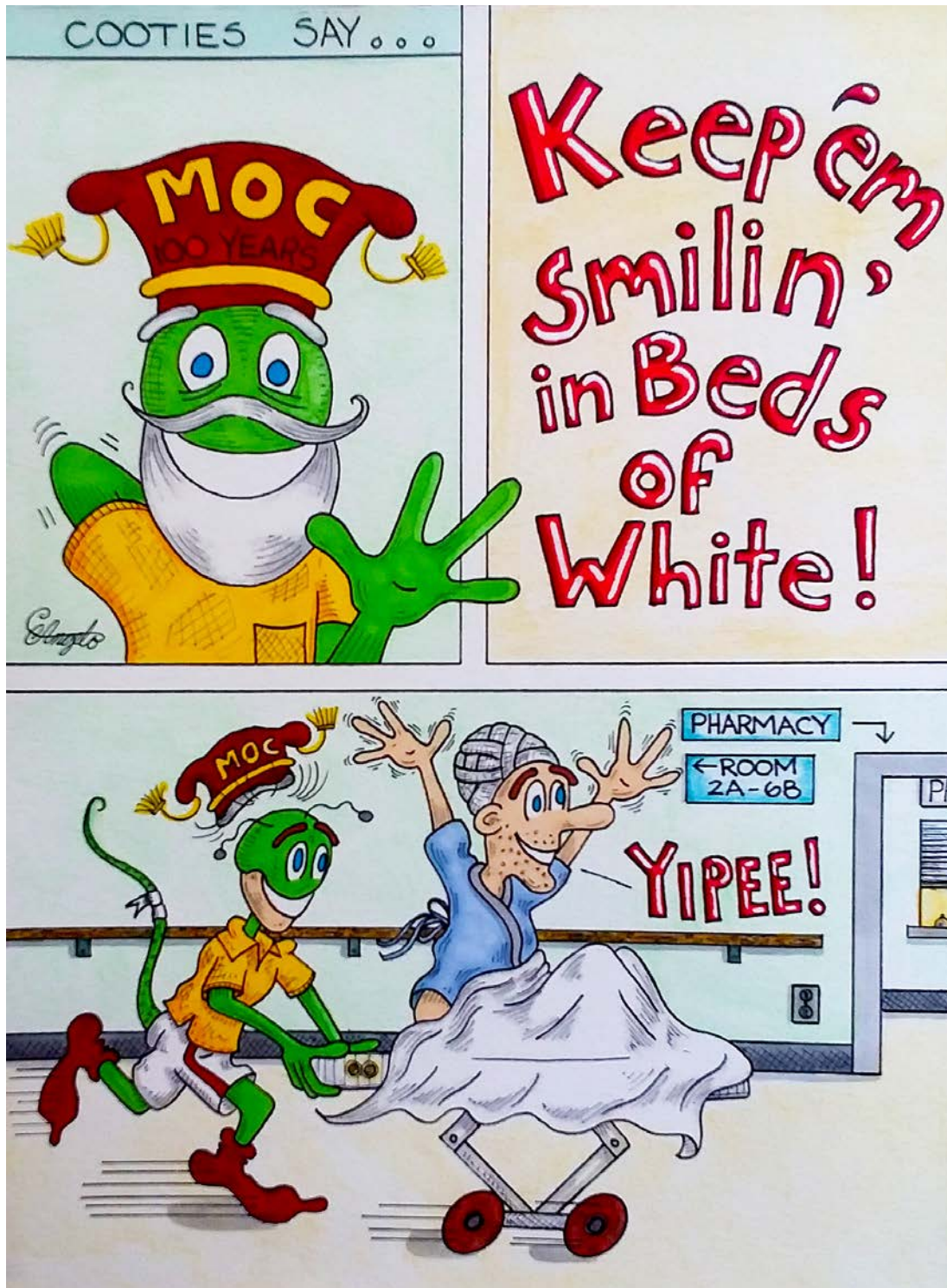
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Did you know that a **Life Membership** in the Military Order of the Cootie can be purchased with your credit card?
Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!
(412-824-2240)

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



09-14-2025

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Defunct Pup Tents	Date Completed	Grand Inspection	Percent	Pup Tents not yet Inspected
AL-1	1				N/A	0%	1
AL-13	1				N/A	0%	13
AK-2	1	2			N/A	100%	
AZ	8					0%	2,6,10,11,13,14,777
AR	5					0%	3,13,14,21
CA	11					0%	7,16,19,23,40,43,44,61,66,68,69
CO	5					0%	1,2,7,14,19
DE	3					0%	1,2,4
EUR	1					0%	6
FL	17				N/A	0%	1,2,8,17,18,23,25,29,32,41,44,51,56,59,,66,76,98
HI	1					0%	1
GA	4				N/A	0%	1,4,5,66
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IL	6	48,				2%	2,3,42,62,79
IN-11	1				N/A	0%	11
IA	3					0%	1,6,69
KS	5					0%	2,3,4,6,7
KY	4	7				25%	2,6,9
LA	3					0%	3,6,11
MD	8					0%	1,3,4,6,10,16,17,27
MA-14	1				N/A	0%	14
MI	9					0%	12,14,17,1821,24,32,42,96
MN	12					0%	2,5,15,19,34,42,46,51,54,62,66,99
MS	6					0%	1,6,7,12,15,17
MO	8					0%	1,2,5,12,14,15,17,,56
MT-10	1				N/A	0%	10
NE	3					0%	4,7,10
NV-2	1				N/A	0%	2
NH-1	1				N/A	0%	1
NH-3	1				N/A	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	10					0%	1,2,3,8,11,17,24,57,78,89,254
ND	6					0%	2,6,7,8,10,12
OH	11					0%	1,5,9,16,18,24,25,45,68,83,86,92,118
OK	7	17,				14%	1,2,4,5,7,16
OR	6					0%	4,6,8,9,12,23
PAC	8					0%	1,2,6,7,8,11,13,15
PA	11					0%	18,29,30,33,44,45,58,59,72,92,99
SC	6					0%	1,3,9,10,13,15
SD	3					0%	1,12,20
TN	3					0%	4,5,26
TX	13	35,				8%	5,8,11,13,36,37,55,68,69,88
VA	10					0%	1,2,5,9,11,13,14,17,18,19
WA	8					0%	3,4,5,6,8,9,11,18
WV-6	1				N/A	0%	6
WI	7					0%	6,9,14,21,23,38,41
							.
							DEFUNCT PUP TENTS
TOTAL	263	5				1.90%	

MOC Membership Report



2025-2026 Membership Report 9/29/2025											
Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
7	ARIZONA	84.84%	4	17	0	242	263	310	0	4	
4	ARKANSAS	42.22%	0	12	0	45	57	135	0	0	
12	CALIFORNIA	80.84%	4	65	0	279	348	428	2	4	
5	COLORADO	47.93%	0	0	0	58	58	121	0	0	
3	DELAWARE	81.82%	0	0	0	72	72	88	0	0	
18	FLORIDA	61.76%	2	40	0	239	281	455	0	2	
4	GEORGIA	89.44%	10	28	0	89	127	142	0	10	
5	ILLINOIS	52.31%	0	0	0	68	68	130	0	0	
3	IOWA	94.85%	0	37	0	55	92	97	0	0	
5	KANSAS	25.15%	0	0	0	43	43	171	0	0	
4	KENTUCKY	95.37%	1	70	2	134	207	216	1	3	
3	LOUISIANA	27.35%	0	0	0	32	32	117	0	0	
8	MARYLAND	76.39%	1	46	0	173	220	288	0	1	
9	MICHIGAN	60.73%	3	50	3	94	150	247	0	6	
13	MINNESOTA	56.88%	0	0	0	186	186	327	0	0	
6	MISSISSIPPI	75.76%	0	5	0	117	122	165	2	0	
8	MISSOURI	69.89%	4	13	1	176	194	269	6	5	
3	NEBRASKA	77.45%	0	0	0	79	79	102	0	0	
4	NEW JERSEY	67.06%	0	17	0	40	57	85	0	0	
4	NEW MEXICO	57.14%	0	0	0	56	56	98	0	0	
7	NEW YORK	64.97%	0	37	0	79	116	177	1	0	
11	NORTH CAROLINA	74.84%	4	47	0	187	238	314	5	4	
6	NORTH DAKOTA	63.69%	0	40	0	74	114	179	0	0	
11	OHIO	80.62%	6	9	0	247	262	325	0	6	
7	OKLAHOMA	34.78%	0	0	0	72	72	207	0	0	
6	OREGON	62.99%	0	6	1	74	81	127	1	1	
8	PACIFIC AREAS	92.45%	2	8	0	394	404	437	0	2	
11	PENNSYLVANIA	79.38%	5	71	0	205	281	354	0	5	
6	SOUTH CAROLINA	57.67%	0	0	0	124	124	215	0	0	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	44.57%	0	0	0	41	41	92	0	0	
3	TENNESSEE	60.38%	1	2	0	64	67	106	3	1	
11	TEXAS	64.11%	4	44	5	211	264	404	5	9	
11	VIRGINIA	65.53%	2	2	0	249	253	380	4	2	
8	WASHINGTON	76.23%	6	43	0	154	203	265	1	6	
7	WISCONSIN	74.70%	0	61	1	124	186	249	0	1	
INDEPENDENT DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALABAMA 1	44.44%	0	0	0	5	5	18	1	0	
1	ALABAMA 13	80.00%	0	0	0	16	16	20	0	0	
1	ALASKA 2	29.41%	0	0	0	15	15	51	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	93.68%	3	0	0	86	89	95	0	3	
1	HAWAII 1	90.91%	0	0	0	10	10	11	0	0	
1	INDIANA 11	59.57%	3	5	0	20	28	47	0	3	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	23.26%	0	0	0	10	10	43	0	0	
1	MONTANA 10	91.94%	0	0	0	57	57	62	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1	46.15%	0	0	0	18	18	39	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	87.76%	0	0	0	43	43	49	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	89.80%	0	0	0	44	44	49	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	95.45%	0	0	0	21	21	22	0	0	
MAL	SUPREME Pup Tent					1637	1682			0	
255 PT's	TOTALS	89.53%	65	775	13	6558	7456	8328	32	78	

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

Cootie House & Special Project Reports

Alert! Alert! To view Cootie House and Special Projects reports go to: <https://lotcs.org/projects.html> There, Specie Pediculi are able to make online donations.



Tomb Trek Registration



Military Order of the Cootie REGISTRATION 90th TOMB TREK

31 October - 2 November 2025



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Pup Tent/Auxiliary Name & Number: _____

Email: _____

Meal Selection: Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian _____

	QTY		TOTAL
Full Registration = \$95.00	<input type="text"/>	=	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Book and Pin = \$20.00	<input type="text"/>	=	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Banquet Ticket = \$55.00	<input type="text"/>	=	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Bus Ticket = \$20.00	<input type="text"/>	=	<input type="text" value="0"/>

*****DEADLINE FOR MEAL TICKETS IS 18 OCTOBER 2025*****

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ 0.00 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 Ordering



Military Order of the Cootie
WREATH REGISTRATION
90th TOMB TREK
Oct 31 - 2 Nov, 2025



MOC:

Pup Tent #: _____

Grand of: _____

MOCA:

Pup Tent #: _____

Grand of: _____

GRAND:

MOC: _____

MOCA: _____

Each registration is \$ 25.00. Your order must be received before 1 October 2025 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:

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Cootie Christmas



97th Grand of Michigan

MOC/MOCA VFW National Home

Cootie Christmas Party Celebration

December 4-7, 2025



Every year, the Grand of Michigan hosts and sponsors the "Cootie Christmas Party" for the children of the VFW National Home. Your donations are necessary for this program to work and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

DONATIONS: Make your donations payable to: MOC Grand of Michigan and send it to Grand of Michigan, Quartermaster Robert Hoon, 25190 Woodworth Dr., Novi, Michigan, 48375. Earmark your check(s) Cootie Christmas Party. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

HOTEL: The "**NEW**" host **hotel** is Hilton Garden Inn Lansing West 633 N. Canal Rd., Lansing, Michigan 48917. Room rates are \$129 per night plus tax. For reservations, call (517)999-9930 - group code "Cootie Christmas" or follow this link; <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/lanwegi-cootie-de77fc5a-aae4-46fe-94fc-edacf884c42/>

Deadline for the secured room rate is November 14th

BANQUET: Tickets for the banquet are \$60 per person. For reservations, call or email Grand of Michigan Treasurer DeeAnn Miller at (313) 570-4525 or deeannm1@yahoo.com. Mail to: 5742 Harrison St. Garden City, MI 48135.

AGENDA:

Thurs. Dec 4th- Parade and Tree Lighting at the VFW NH Lodge 7pm. Hotel hospitality room open.

Fri. Dec 5th- Veteran Vistit 1pm place TBD, Santa Firetruck Gift Delivery at VFW NH 5-7pm. Hotel hospitality room open.

Sat. Dec 6th- PJ Breakfast Buffet (\$14.95 per person) in hotel 7am, Cootie Christmas VFW NH 10am- 2pm, Banquet at hotel 5-8pm. Hospitality room open. Sun. Dec 7th- Safe travels home! Thank you for attending!

Please use the included reservation form and send with your payment. **We have a limited number of tickets available. Deadline is NO LATER THAN November 21, 2025.** Tickets for the banquet will not be mailed. Confirmation that ticket(s) has been purchased will be by email, if an email address is included with the banquet ticket payment. **No banquet tickets be sold at the door.** Thank you and don't delay!

The hotel does not have an airport shuttle. If you require transportation from/to the airport, contact PGC Eric Bell at (734)389-9498 or roadrunnerdaddy@hotmail.com. We will get you a ride!

Cootie Christmas Banquet Form

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Address: _____

Name of person(s) attending: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Ohio Easter Treat



March 20-22, 2026

VFW National Home

3573 S Waverly Rd

Eaton Rapids MI 48827

The Ohio Cooties & its Auxiliary are reaching out to all our Cootie brothers and sisters to donate to this wonderful event for the children at the National Home. If you wish to donate, please send your checks to our quartermaster Chuck Cihlar, 489 Monroe Blvd, Painesville OH 44077 or to our Auxiliary's treasurer Cheri Soltesz, 6152 Stratford Dr, Parma Heights OH 44130.

If you wish to donate any food items, please contact Judy Fackler or Rick Stoner at kastllee@sbcglobal.net or stoner.rickey@yahoo.com. If you plan on attending, you will need to acquire lodging through one of the hotels close to either the airport or Home, as we Ohio-ans fill up the guest lodge and annex on the National Home grounds.

There will be a catered dinner Friday evening at the Home. Saturday is jam-packed with activities. It starts off with an Egg Hunt; then meeting the Easter Bunny, receiving their baskets of goodies & getting their pictures taken; followed by Easter Bingo; and ending up with the ice-cream social. The children, and yes, even the parents and Cooties/Auxiliary have a wonderful time, and it fills our hearts with joy!

Information provided by OH MOC Easter Treat Chair Sandi Richards along with MOCA Chair Judy Fackler & Co-Chair Rick Stoner



President's Message & General Order #1 - Series 2025-2026

“ALL VETS LIVES MATTER”

Greetings fellow **COOTIES**. We are embarking on a new journey that I feel will be good for all of us. We are now able to make some headway in our VA Hospitals and get back to doing what our mission wants us to do. Seeing vets in hospital settings. We need to focus on getting back to our hospitals, nursing homes and hospice settings to let the vets know we are back. Actually, we never left, but we were blocked from seeing them. We need to up our activity and get the **COOTIE** name remembered once again as the premier group supporting our **HOSPITALIZED** vets. So put on a smile, hitch your getti-up and go out and make it happen!

We also need to work closely with our Pup Tents. Supreme Commander Eric and I have made it a priority to get our members working together on projects. Each of our groups can do *good* things, but together we can do *great* things. Get talking with your MOC members and plan joint activities and visits.

“**We Love Bees!**” Supreme Commander Eric and I are joining together to promote and expand the Apiary program at the National Home. We need your support to help the vets at the home achieve a skill that will allow them to become an important part of their community when they leave the National Home. Please send your donations to Georg Jean and let's see if we can get some more hives buzzing at the home. Commander Eric and I are also supporting the sustainable farming program. This is a program that needs bees to pollinate the plants so that both programs benefit from each other. Please give funds to support both of these worthy programs.

The last program that I am highly supporting is veteran's suicide reduction. The **BIG BOOT** program, nationally, and my own local program **Camp Alma** seek to reduce suicide and get vets into treatment so that they do not self-treat with drugs and alcohol. We need to get the number of vets with these issues reduced by treatment and **Camp Alma** works with local mental health programs to promote recovery and healthy reintroduction into society. I will be sending out more info on this soon. Now to the nuts and bolts issues:

❖ Having been duly elected and installed as Supreme President of the Auxiliary to the



Military Order of the Cootie I do hereby assume the duties of the office.

- ❖ All previous appointments are hereby declared null and void. All members not currently holding a Supreme Office shall revert to the proper tassels. Please refer to Supreme By-Laws Article VII, Section 707.

1. Get your transmittals in as soon as possible. Remember the Supreme transmittals go directly to Supreme Treasurer Georg Jean Zimmerman, 9117 SW 31t St, Oklahoma City, OK 73179. The Grand transmittals go to the Grand. A change but it will work out better for each group. Those Auxiliaries not in a Grand their transmittals go directly to Supreme.
2. **WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!!!** Cozy up to your VFW Auxiliaries and recruit new members. We are all VFW members but, let them know that we are the fun group that sees hospitalized veterans and brings some happiness to them.
3. After you do all the work you need to report the activity to Ruth. Please get the reports sent into your Grands and Grands send them to your District Commissioner. District Commissioners keep after the Grands to send in the reports. We will have more about on-line reporting soon. **Report, Report, Report!**
4. When issues arise remember to work up the chain of command. We need to minimize petty issues and focus on our mission and goal **“SEEING OUR HOSPITALIZED VETS, AND KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE”**
REMEMBER: “ALL VETS LIVES MATTER”
5. Supreme Ways and Means Chairman Wanda Mosegard needs you all to remember to send or bring your gift cards for both Tomb Trek and Convention. Please send gift cards directly to Wanda, 82720 Lost Cr #4, Dexter, OR 97431
6. We will also be selling raffle tickets over and above your normal donations for a Grand Prize drawing of \$200.00. If enough tickets are sold there will be two \$200.00 winners and maybe more, stay tuned!!

REMEMBER TO KEEP FOCUSING ON THE GOAL AND PUSHING FORWARD SO THAT WE HAVE A FANTASTIC YEAR. TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS FOR OUR VETS AND OUR ORGANIZATION.

AS PEGGY BELL LIKES TO SAY “MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA, THIS ORGANIZATION, AND EACH AND EVERY MEMBER.”

DAVE JOHNSON

SUPREME PRESIDENT 2025-2026

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE AUXILIARY

MOC-MOCA PRESS CLUB

WHAT IS THIS?

Believe it or not this group has been a part of our organization almost from its inception. This group of people are actively seeking to advance the image and public knowledge of our organization. We are actively seeking informational pieces be distributed in local media outlets to publicize our great organization and its activities to help our Vets in their quest for healing and leading more normal lives.

Each convention we meet to discuss ways to promote our organization and its goals. We want to see newspaper articles, news reports, and other announcements concerning the benefits that we offer to our hospitalized Vets. We need to get the word out about what we do.

Our group meets each Saturday morning of Convention to recognize the organizations accomplishments and plan on how we can gain more exposure for our great programs. We are actively seeking members and looking for examples of articles that promote the MOC/MOCA and it's activities. Please come and join us. Contact Supreme Seam Squirrel Eric Bell for more info.



MOC Auxiliary Membership Report

SUPREME MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2025-2026

As of 9-24-25

State	Grand Division	Aux No	Auxiliary Name	Ending 6-30- 2025	Updated for 2026	Percent
Division 1 - Under 80 members			Division 4 - 150 and over members			
Division 2 - 81 - 110 members			Division 5 - Auxiliaries NOT in a Grand			
Division 3 - 111 - 150 members			Beginning September 1, 2025			
Arizona	3		Grand	Prev Yr: 116	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Arkansas	5	14	Hogwash (new 2025 - 2026)	23	14	60.87%
		21	Wild Hogs (new 2025 - 2026)	15		0.00%
				Prev Yr: 38	Cur Yr: 14	36.84%
California	3		Grand	Prev Yr: 147	Cur Yr: 40	27.21%
Colorado	2		Grand	Prev Yr: 83	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Delaware	5	4	Fiddlers	Prev Yr: 26	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Florida	4		Grand	Prev Yr: 170	Cur Yr: 1	0.59%
Georgia	5	1	Mossy Mites	20	20	100.00%
		5	Muff Rats	21		0.00%
		66	Horney Bugs	17		0.00%
				Prev Yr: 58	Cur Yr: 20	34.48%
Illinois	5	62	8'er from Decatur	Prev Yr: 27	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Kansas	5	3	Topeka	43		0.00%
		6	Scratch Me	30	30	100.00%
				Prev Yr: 73	Cur Yr: 30	41.10%
Kentucky	5	7	Nit Pickers	32		0.00%
		9	Simpal	21		0.00%
				Prev Yr: 53	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Louisiana	1		Grand	Prev Yr: 74	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Maryland	2		Grand	Prev Yr: 103	Cur Yr: 22	21.36%
Michigan	3		Grand	Prev Yr: 142	Cur Yr: 101	71.13%
Minnesota	4		Grand	Prev Yr: 166	Cur Yr: 16	9.64%
Mississippi	2		Grand	Prev Yr: 81	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%

State	Grand Division	Aux No	Auxiliary Name	Ending 6-30- 2025	Updated for 2026	Percent
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Division 2 - 81 - 110 members			Division 5 - Auxiliaries NOT in a Grand			
Division 3 - 111 - 150 members			Beginning September 1, 2025			
Missouri	4		Grand	Prev Yr:	160	Cur Yr: 80 50.00%
Nebraska	5	10	Bugeaters	Prev Yr:	42	Cur Yr: 26 61.90%
New Jersey	5	15	Jockey Hollow	51		0.00%
		41	Sewer Rats	17		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	68	Cur Yr: 0 0.00%
New Mexico	1		Grand	Prev Yr:	29	Cur Yr: 0 0.00%
New York	2		Grand	Prev Yr:	105	Cur Yr: 35 33.33%
North Carolina	3		Grand	Prev Yr:	149	Cur Yr: 0 0.00%
Ohio	3		Grand	Prev Yr:	128	Cur Yr: 63 49.22%
Oklahoma	5	2	Sgoyi Ti:na	45	18	40.00%
		7	Honor Bugs	20		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	59	Cur Yr: 18 30.51%
Oregon	2		Grand	Prev Yr:	95	Cur Yr: 44 46.32%
Pennsylvania	5	33	33 General Wayne	27	17	62.96%
South Carolina	3		Grand	Prev Yr:	139	Cur Yr: 17 12.23%
South Dakota	5	1	Big Sioux Ticks	21	11	52.38%
		12	Big Aggies	13		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	34	Cur Yr: 11 32.35%
Tennessee	5	26	Shelby Angels	18		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	18	Cur Yr: 0 0.00%
Texas	4		Grand	Prev Yr:	160	Cur Yr: 0 0.00%
Virginia	1		Grand	Prev Yr:	65	Cur Yr: 0 0.00%

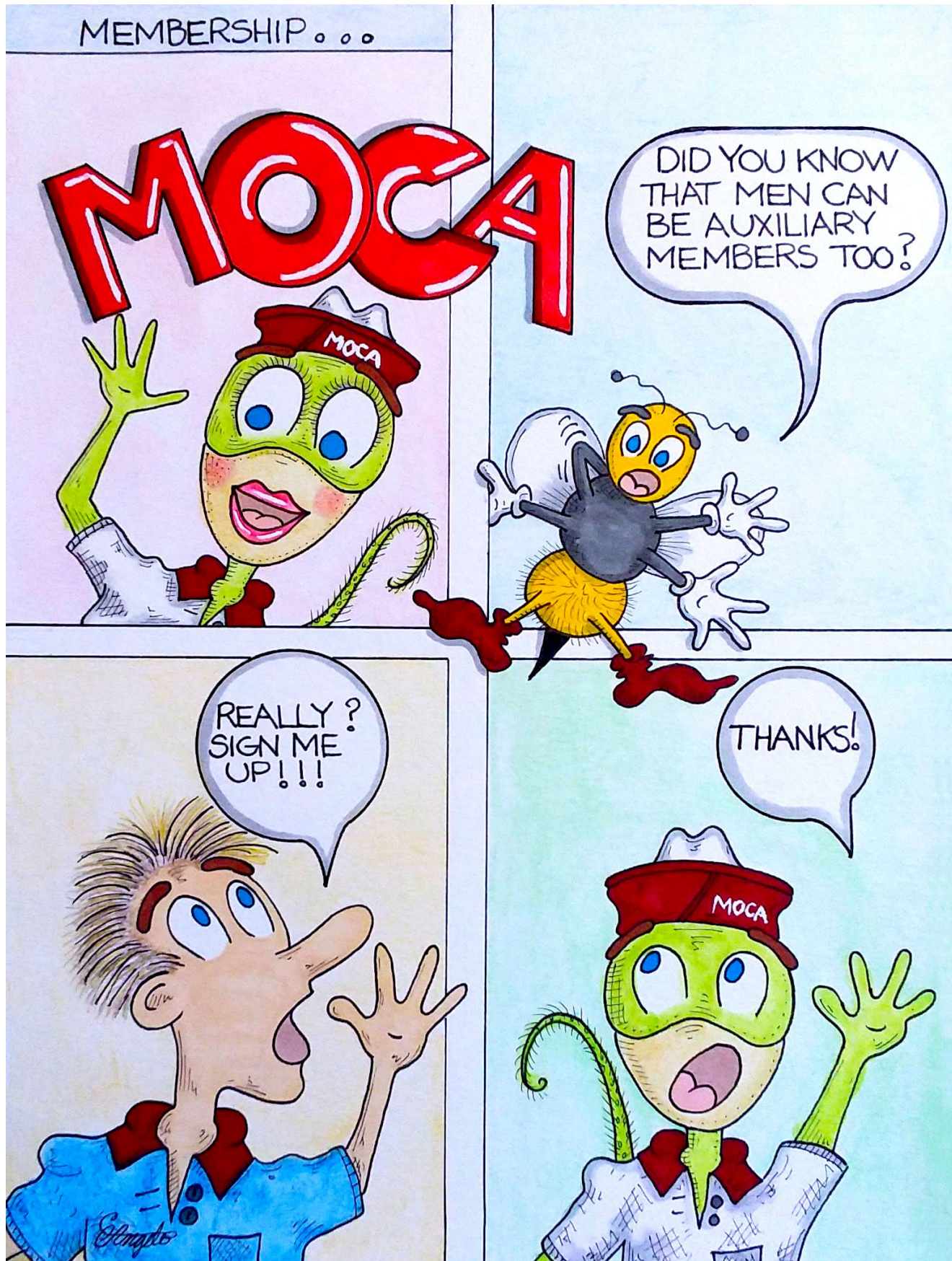
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Division 1 - Under 80 members			Division 4 - 150 and over members					
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Division 3 - 111 - 150 members			Beginning September 1, 2025					
Washington	4		Grand	Prev Yr:	202	Cur Yr:	29	14.36%
West Virginia	5	6	Snake State	Prev Yr:	22	Cur Yr:	0	0.00%
Wisconsin	3		Grand	Prev Yr:	111	Cur Yr:	8	7.21%
SUPREME				Total All:	3029	Total All:	592	19.54%



MOC Auxiliary Hospital Report

MOCA HOSPITAL REPORT											
July 31, 2025											
GRAND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
Supreme District #1 -- Vickie Peterson, Commissioner											
DE	\$6,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MD	\$25,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
PA	\$11,750.00	3	3	13	234	167.25	1456.00	2392.64	0	6367.97	54.20
VA	\$16,250.00	2	1	3	50	22.50	364.00	485.03	2	1043.37	6.42
WV	\$5,500.00	1	10	30	800	114.00	460.00	320.00	0	2955.10	53.73
Total	\$65,750.00	6	14	46	1084	303.75	2280.00	3197.67	2	10366.43	15.77
Supreme District #2 -- Debbie Thie, Commissioner											
FL	\$42,500.00	3	4	13	98	383.00	352.00	3623.05	0	12308.98	28.96
GA	\$14,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
LA	\$18,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MS	\$20,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NC	\$37,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
SC	\$34,750.00	4	4	13	61	71.25	345.00	223.81	0	1878.80	5.41
TN	\$4,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$172,250.00	7	8	26	159	454.25	697.00	3846.86	0	14187.78	8.24
Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner											
IL	\$6,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
IN	\$8,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
KY	\$17,000.00	7	10	33	353	104.75	1527.00	1695.88	0	4271.77	25.13
MI	\$35,500.00	10	17	31	282	955.75	2493.00	2982.75	1	24883.93	70.10
OH	\$32,000.00	24	27	58	445	257.25	3099.00	3420.16	5	9655.01	30.17
WI	\$27,750.00	7	47	70	595	304.25	3620.00	1328.06	0	8695.70	31.34
Total	\$127,500.00	48	101	192	1675	1622.00	10739.00	9426.85	6	47506.41	37.26
Supreme District #4 -- Char Guse, Commissioner											
KS	\$18,250.00	5	22	29	100	128.50	3540.00	128.93	0	3522.21	19.30
MN	\$41,500.00	5	37	73	739	368.25	3001.00	2071.61	14	10795.79	26.01
MO	\$40,000.00	20	49	67	1892	263.00	1706.50	556.27	4	6725.83	16.81
NE	\$10,500.00	11	48	68	1709	252.50	3666.00	1343.00	4	7550.12	71.91
SD	\$8,500.00	2	11	17	42	27.25	230.00	150.00	2	796.69	9.37
Total	\$118,750.00	43	167	254	4482	1040	12144	4250	24	29391	24.75
Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner											
AR	\$9,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
CO	\$20,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NM	\$12,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OK	\$16,250.00	1	0	1	0	2.50	20.00	70.00	1	129.18	0.79
TX	\$40,000.00	22	23	59	383	218.25	2879.00	2192.22	5	7516.82	18.79
Total	\$89,750.00	23	23	60	383	220.75	2899.00	2262.22	6	7645.99	8.52
Supreme District #6 -- Cathy Seippel											
AZ	\$29,000.00	9	24	43	1528	524.00	1809.00	4119.76	1	16189.22	55.82
CA	\$36,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OR	\$23,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
WA	\$50,500.00	16	84	105	4710	1205.50	2035.00	10284.53	0	37753.46	74.76
Total	\$140,000.00	25	108	148	6238	1729.50	3844.00	14404.29	1	53942.68	38.53
Supreme District #7 -- Penny Laskey, Commissioner											
NJ	\$17,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NY	\$26,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$43,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Supreme Donations											
Total	\$757,250.00	152	421	726	14021	5369.75	32602.50	37387.70	39	163039.91	21.53
Submitted By		Ruth Schoonover		Supreme Hospital Commissioner							

MOC Auxiliary Recruiting



From the VFW National Chaplain

VFW Chaplain Community Service Challenge

Inspiring Service. Strengthening Communities. Honoring Veterans.

Overview

Community service is at the heart of who we are as VFW Chaplains. We are called not only to comfort and care for our comrades but also to bring hope and healing to the communities we serve. The VFW Community Service Program recognizes and records the countless hours chaplains give in service—whether visiting the sick, leading memorial services, supporting veterans in crisis, or partnering with civic groups to improve lives.



Now, the National Chaplain invites **YOU** to take part in the Chaplain Community Service Challenge—a nationwide effort to highlight, honor, and grow the extraordinary service chaplains provide every day.

What Counts as Community Service?

- Visiting hospitalized, homebound, or grieving veterans and families
- Leading prayers and services at civic and veterans' events
- Organizing food drives, clothing drives, or blood donations
- Supporting suicide prevention and mental health initiatives
- Partnering with local schools, faith groups, and veteran service projects
- Any activity that uplifts, comforts, and strengthens veterans, their families, and the community

The Challenge

1. **Get Involved** – Step up your chaplaincy outreach in your Post, District, or Department.
2. **Track Your Service** – Record your hours and report them through VFW's Community Service reporting system.
3. **Inspire Others** – Share your stories, photos, and testimonies to encourage fellow chaplains across the nation.

Why It Matters

Your efforts as a chaplain shine a light on the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars: “No one does more for veterans.” Every visit, prayer, and act of service brings hope to a comrade in need, strengthens our communities, and honors the sacrifices of those who served.

Reporting Reminder

When reporting on the CSR Dashboard, chaplains should include their title. For example:

- Post Chaplain organized blood drive
- District Chaplain counseled veteran family

Together, We Can Make a Difference.

Join the challenge, inspire your fellow chaplains, and let's show the nation what it means to serve veterans with faith, compassion, and action.

Report. Serve. Inspire.

Yours in Comradeship,

Darren Atkins

National Chaplain

Veterans of Foreign Wars

2025-2026



Grand of Arkansas

Operation Big Boot Grand of Arkansas August 13-16, 2025 Columbus, Ohio

Number of MOC: 150

Number of MOC Auxiliary: 100

Number of Other Participants: 1

Other Groups Present: 0

Amount Raised: \$1,792.00

Amount Spent: \$4,500.00

This event was in conjunction with the Supreme Scratch. The Arkansas, Michigan and Ohio MOC hosted a hospitality room for all attendees. A display was set up in the room for Suicide Awareness and Prevention with donation boxes throughout the room. All funds raised in the hospitality room were donated to the Arkansas Grand Operation Big Boot program. Food and drinks were provided free to everyone, along with games, camaraderie and conversations regarding suicide awareness and prevention.

The Arkansas Grand Commander, Martin Gann, was instrumental in getting donations from local Arkansas businesses and individuals for various food and beverages. Wal-Mart, Harps grocery store, the Chicken Depot store, Little Debbie's and Sam's Club were major contributors. Our valued Community partners and supporters also received a certificate of appreciation.



Picture of sponsor receiving Certificates of Appreciation.

Operation Big Boot Event

Grand/Area: <u>Arkansas</u>	Date(s) of Event: <u>August 13-16, 2025</u>
Location of Event: <u>Columbus, Ohio</u>	
# of other Groups Present: _____	Amount Raised (if a fundraising event): <u>\$1,792.00</u>
Other Groups Present: _____	

# of MOC: <u>150</u>	# of MOCA: <u>100</u> # of other Participants: <u>50</u> Total Miles (Walked): _____
Description of Event: <u>A Hospitality Room was set up to bring an atmosphere of camaraderie and opportunity for veterans to discuss the Big Boot program. Donation boxes were set up throughout the room.</u>	



The Department of Arkansas
Commander made a visit to the MOC
Hospitality Room.



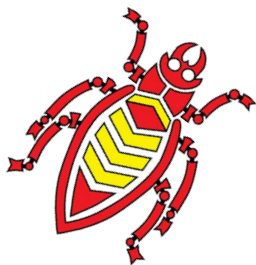
Grand Seam Squirrel addresses the audience
during the Opening Ceremony.

Operation Big Boot Event							
Grand/Area:	ARKANSAS		Date(s) of Event:	August 1-31, 2025			
Location of Event:	LOCAL CONVENIENCE STORE						
# of other Groups Present:	0	Amount Raised (if a fundraising event):	\$36.00				
Other Groups Present:	NONE						
# of MOC:	1	# of MOCA:	1	# of other Participants:	0	Total Miles (Walked):	
Description of Event: Small donation boxes were placed in a local convenience store, near the cash register, promoting suicide awareness and prevention; giving customers the opportunity to donate and become more aware of the cause.							

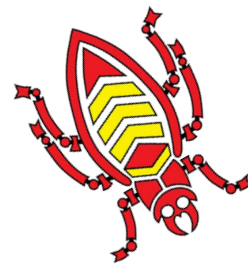
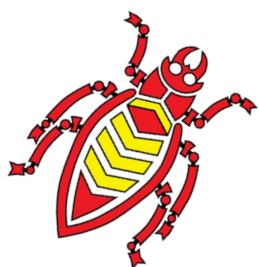
Grand of California

PT43 Chinchies held our **Cootie Burger Bash** on 19th July at VFW Post 7734 in Pico Rivera, California. PT43 had a huge turnout and sold out all of Burgers we had. SSS Robbie Normand from PT19 even won a door prize and explained all of the great work Cooties do to support veterans in hospital work. Also he explained how Cooties support the VFW National Home as we all work together to support veterans. Everyone who attended had a "Lousy" time and is waiting for next year's event.

Courtesy of Steve Kemp Grand Historian



MOC Grand Commander Tony Precie of PT19 and MOC Grand Historian Steve Kemp of PT43 went to PT40 "Vainglorious Vista Vermin" scratch in Vista, California 9th August 2025. Seam Squirrel Terry Moxley gave us both a PT40 Pin at the scratch. Grand Commander Tony passed on latest dates, information of the MOC Grand and encouraged Cooties to attend the C of A Scratch in September. A lot of good information was passed out and the Scratch was LOUSY. PT40 fed us Hamburgers to order with all the fixings.



MOC Grand Commander Tony Precie PT19 visited the PT43 "Chinchies" Scratch on September 14, 2025. Grand Commander Tony passed all updated information on MOC Hospital Reports and how all Pup Tents are standing in MOC Grand. He talked on how to increase new members as Cooties. The C of A will be in Selma from September 25th-28th and all Cooties are encouraged to be Absent. PT43 had a large number of Cooties at our scratch and every Cootie had a LOUSY time.

Courtesy of Steve Kemp, Grand Historian



Pup Tent #16 held a BBQ at the Yountville Veterans Home. Pup Tents 68 & 69 also helped with the event. Shown are 17 Crummy Cooties.

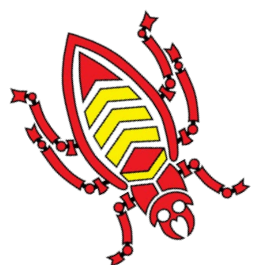
Courtesy of Charles Peterson, Deputy Inspector (North)

Grand of Maryland

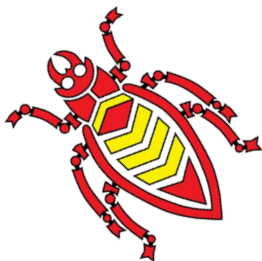
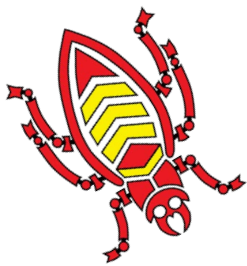
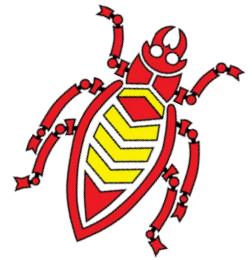
Grand of Maryland bingo at the Community Living Center in Washington, D.C. VA Medical Center on Irving Street N.W. with new leadership at TNT #1, 1 new PupTent Blanket Bum, Elbert Jackson; new Seam Squirrel, Kathleen Fitzpatrick; MOCA Grand Fun/Fine, Johnnie Mae Townsend; Grand Jr. Vice President, Francine Cornish and PupTent Clown and Grand Seam Squirrel of Maryland Georgia Ann Eaves.



Grand Blanket Bum Joe Repress and Past All Star Grand Commander Clinton "T" Townsend donated 25 backpacks to the Young Marines's back to school drive, 9 August 2025 at 8th and I St. NE Washington D.C.
Courtesy of Clinton "T" Townsend



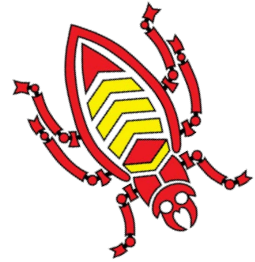
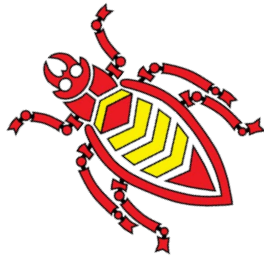
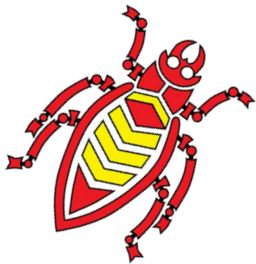
PupTent #1 Grand of Maryland's Grand Blanket Bum Joe Respress, Grand Jr Vice President Francine Cornish, Grand Seam Squirrel Georgia Eaves, and Past All Star Grand Commander Clinton "T" Townsend donated \$900.00 in school supplies plus a \$500. Scholarship to the Fendall House, and the Washington School for Girls on 25 August 2025. The Post and PupTent #1 supports those two organizations along with the Young Marines. All three organizations are located in Washington DC.



Grand of Michigan



Past Grand of Michigan Commanders Russell Makowski and Nate Powell (left and right) and Supreme Hide Gimlet Jr. Vice Commander Ronnie Steele (center) make the rounds to visit veterans at the Lt. Col. Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI.

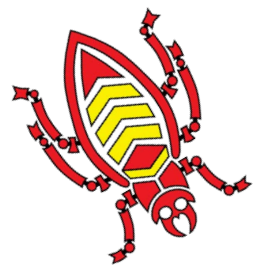
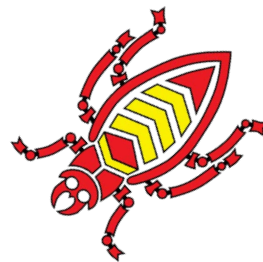
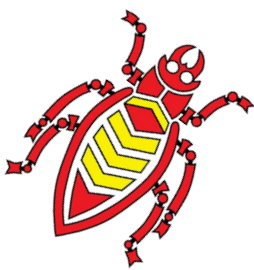




Eric Bell, Supreme Seam Squirrel of the Military Order of the Cootie, touts "Just some of what we do."



From left to right, appointed Supreme Officers Eddie Dandridge Sr., Hazel White, and Russell Makowski pose for a threesome. Don't they look "Lousy?"

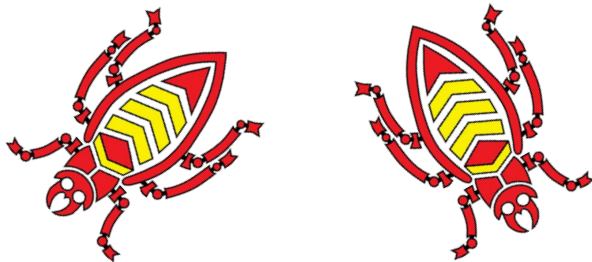




The Grand of Michigan Commander Mark Rosiek, Pup Tent 42 Yardbirds, accepted the Excellence Award for Pup Tents across the State of Michigan for completing over 350% in Hospital work presented by Supreme Seam Squirrel Robbie Normand.

Grand of North Dakota

Below left, Cooties at the Annual Fargo VA Voluntary Service kick off banquet were L-R Julie Voight Grand Hospital Chairman, Grand Commander Lucas Moran, Jessica Lachowitz head of VA Voluntary Services, Grand QM/ADJ Steve Volk & Arvaal Olson VAVS. **Submitted by Steve Volk Grand QM/ADJ**

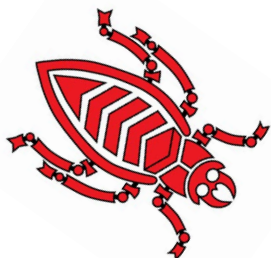


North Dakota Grand Commander Lucas Moran presents a check to Jessica Lachowitz Chief for Development & Civic Engagement at The Fargo VA Health Care Hospital.

Grand of Oregon

Past Grand Commander Bert Logan and Past Grand President Sheila Logan recently escorted Portland Rose Festival Princesses throughout the Portland VA Hospital to visit with patients and staff thanking them for their service and service to veterans. Individual roses were presented to each hospitalized veteran and staff.

Courtesy of Bert Logan, Senior Vice Commander



Grand of Pacific Areas

Hello my fellow Cooties

It has been sometime since my last message/letter. I hope all of us Cooties and family members are doing well and healthy to the best of our abilities. Our Cootie membership is growing and we also have an aging group of veterans that need to be aware and conscious about their own health. Whether it is mental, physical, financial or spiritual. With the unforeseeable events that life brings, the present shows us that we all have to be ever diligent and be prepared for any unknown circumstance in the days ahead.



With that, I want to bring up a topic that I have initiated within our Post 2485 in Angeles City and have shared it with some other VFW Posts. It is a **Medical Alert Card** program.

Now for the five W's:

Who it helps?	You and the Doctor(s)
What is it?	It is an identification card that will have your medical information on it to assist the doctor with his diagnose of your (current) situation if needed
When will it be used?	It will be very useful in identifying your current health issue(s) if you find yourself in a medical emergency. It will help you quickly inform Emergency Room medical professionals of important medication sensitivities in your health condition. Present this card any time you are hospitalized, require emergency medical care, or meet with a new physician for the first time. Carry it in your wallet.
Where can it be used?	It can be used while you are staying in the Philippines or traveling elsewhere.
Why we could use this Medical Alert Card (MAC)?	We will never know what could happen to us if we are hospitalized at any given moment or time.


The MAC can be a very important and valuable asset to you when you travel. This is free of charge and will not have any hidden cost. If you are interested in this MAC, please feel free to send me a message thru my contact information below. I would be extremely appreciate it if this MAC program can reach all of our Cooties here in the Philippines.

Looking forward to assisting you and making your stay in this part of the world safe, or anywhere else in the world.


Here is a sample of the MAC:

Yours in LOTCS,

Jacques J.A. Lancelot
Grand of the Pacific Area
Surgeon
Hospital Chairman
Post 2485
cavedogsbone@yahoo.com



MY MEDICAL ALERT CARD



• Blood Type: RED

• Address:

ON THIS LITTLE ISLAND

Brgy., Angeles City 2009


Pampanga, Philippines

• Emergency Contact(s)

1. Donald Duck +63-999-000-5555 // +63-999-777-3333

(Goofy)

2. Mickey Mouse + 63-999-333-9999 (a mouse)



Batman

DOB: 1/11/1111

As of July 2025

Front of Card

LIST OF CONDITIONS:

Distaste of stupid people
Distaste for nosy people
Missing my quite hour
Being Bother on my down time

ALLERGIES:

You don't want to know

Doctor(s) NAME:

Quack 1 & 2

Inside Cover 1

MEDICINES:

Orange juice 500 mg TAB	2x day
Milk 600 mg dissolved	2x day
Oatmeal cookies 500 mcg / 59 mcg	2x day
Chocolate chip cookies 5mg TAB	2x day
Ice Cream 50mg TAB	1-2x day
Jack Daniels 40mg TAB	1x day
Jim Beam 75mg TAB	1x day
Vodka 40mg TAB	1x day
Ice cubes 2.5 mcg	1x day
Uppers 20mg	1x day

Inside Back Cover 2

Robert W. Zaher

VFW Post 2485

Angeles City, Philippines

VFW SERVICE OFFICER
Vern Lask: +63 929 529 9549

VFW SURGEON OFFICER
J. Lancelot: +63 939 658 1346

Back of Card

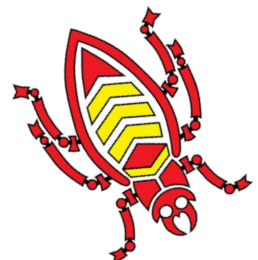
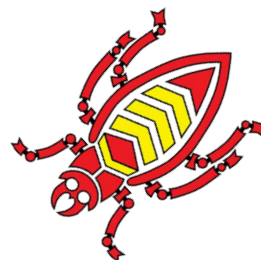
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Grand of South Dakota

Recent visit to the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center to celebrate Christmas in July 12 by the Cooties and Auxillary of the Big Sioux Ticks Pup Tent #1 in Sioux Falls.

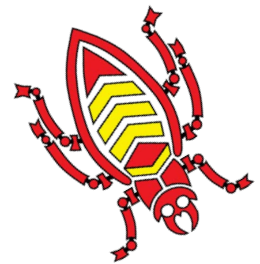


Left to right - Vern Anderson, past SD Grand Commander, "Santa" Nathan Beiningen, Seam Squirrel, Deb Felton, Auxillary President, Jim McQuestin, Barb Hayes, Randy Kirkvold, and Kay Anderson.





Our Santa Claus - Nathan Beiningen, Seam Squirrel, Big Sioux
Ticks Pup Tent #1 ***Courtesy of Kay Anderson***



Grand of Washington



William Tatum, Marie McEnry, Jim McEnry, Carolyn Myers, Andrea Osborn, Bea Close, Rebecca Pellechi, Larry Ross



What does Grand Mama Clown of Washington do during International Clown Week?



Grand of Wisconsin

During our annual September event, Cooties in the fertile hunting grounds of Wisconsin joined together at the Tomah VA. Grand Commander Brian 'Just Ducky' Rickman and Grand President Connie Lindloff presented donations during our official visit where we learned more about what is going on at the Tomah VA. Friday,

Who? What? Pup Tent 21 sponsored a Pasta Bar for Cooties, military staying at the hotel and the staff. Saturday, we met back at the Tomah VA for our Grand sponsored BBQ and Bingo with the patients. Then back to the hotel for a Cootie family steak dinner. Sunday was Breakfast at the Woodman Cootie House, followed by our Grand Scratch and Auxiliary Meeting. It was a crazy, busy weekend, and we all had a lousy time. Looking forward to next year. *From Tracy Woodman, Supreme Blank Bum.*



From the Supreme Newsound

Listen Up, Lousy Cooties!

While you're groomin' them antennae, scratchin' your thorax, and tryin' to remember which flea bit ya last, make sure to buzz over and check out the horrible mumblings of our Supreme Officers in this issue. They've been scratchin' out words that might actually be useful if you tilt your head just right.

Keep your buggy eyes peeled for the flyers on Tomb Trek and Cootie Christmas. These are infestations where Cooties swarm together, spread lousy cheer, and prove that even fleas know how to party with a purpose.



Now here's a big one, Cooties: The VFW National Chaplain's Community Service Challenge is live! This ain't just for show—this is a chance for all Chaplains and Sky Pilots to jump in and prove that spiritual fleas got bite. Whether it's a blood drive, a food collection, a buddy check, or counseling a veteran family, every act of service counts. When reporting on the CSR Dashboard, don't forget to scratch your title in—like Post Chaplain led a food drive or Sky Pilot counseled a family in need. Together, we'll show the whole VFW that Chaplains and Sky Pilots aren't just good at prayers—we're lousy at sittin' still when service calls!

And don't forget, we swarm together by Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Manic Mondays every month. Mark it on your buggy calendar, carve it on your shell, or tape it to your antennae—just be there for the infestation.

While you're scratchin' around, let me ask—have you heard about the MOC–MOC Auxiliary Press Club? It's in these pages, and it's buzz-worthy! Check it out and see how you can add your scratchings, scribbles, and mumblings to the mix.

So, my lousy friends, keep them antennae up, wings twitchin', and never stop scratchin'. Together we'll infest the seams with lousy service, and we'll do it with style!

Yours in LOTCS,

Dale A. Iannello (Chappy)
Supreme Newsound,
Cootie Courier

Never Pay Dues Again

Life Membership Fee Schedule

Effective 1 June 2025

As approved by the 105th Supreme Scratch on 2 August, 2024 in Louisville, KY

ATTAINED AGE

Through Age 30...(old amount \$340.00) \$395.00

31 Through 40....(old amount \$325.00) \$375.00

41 Through 50....(old amount \$305.00) \$355.00

51 Through 60....(old amount \$275.00) \$320.00

61 Through 70....(old amount \$245.00) \$285.00

71 Through 80....(old amount \$190.00) \$220.00

81 and Over....(old amount \$150.00) \$175.00

Attained age is the age that you are on December 31st of the year that you apply. All applications for Life Membership MUST include the VFW Life Membership number of the applicant and be accompanied with the required fee. **Life Membership is available to 3rd Degree Cooties only!** Prospective atoms cannot become Life Members until they have been deloused! See section 120 of the Supreme By-Laws for more information.



Red Star Life Membership

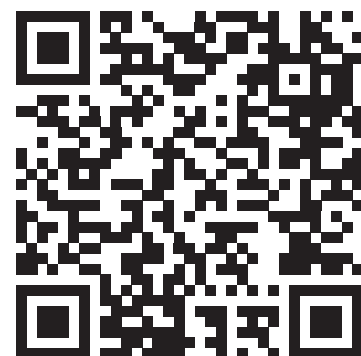
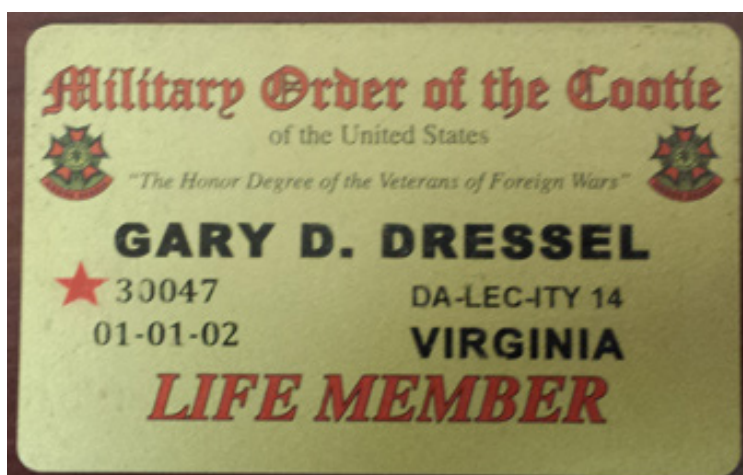
For the price of **\$100.00** you too can become a **Red Star Life Member** and help support our **"Crummy Fraternity"** and leave a legacy for your Pup Tent.



How you might ask? Well, you may become a **Red Star Life Member** after you have become a *Life Member* in the *VFW* and a *Life Member in the MOC*. Your new membership card will look like the one pictured below with a **red star** on it.

So, become one of the **"Lousy"** elite by simply contacting Supreme Quartermaster Gary Dressel at supremehqmoc@lotcs.org. Or go to the Cootie Depot and purchase your **Red Star Life Membership** online by going to: https://www.lotcs.org/WA_eCart/life_member.php#RedStarLMCard. Or scan the QR code below.

All **Red Star Life Members** receive a 5% discount on Cootie Depot gear. Just check the Red Star Life Member box and enter your Red Star Life Member card Number on the checkout page.



Taps

ALBERT HULQUIST	Thursday, March 5, 2020	WA
RICHARD ANDERSON	Thursday, March 14, 2002	WA
FLOYD THON	Sunday, September 16, 2012	WA
JOHN MELTON	Monday, May 13, 2013	WA
TOM ROUSSEAU	Wednesday, January 10, 2018	WA
RICHARD HAZELMYER	Friday, January 10, 2020	WA
Glenn D. Maddox	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	CA-069
RONALD BISHOP	Saturday, August 28, 2021	WA
Charles Miller	Saturday, January 1, 2022	NC-24
Max Strumborg	Friday, April 1, 2022	FL-76
Henry Korreeta	Sunday, May 1, 2022	FL-76
Richard Bachtel	Friday, July 1, 2022	FL-76
James Stokes	Sunday, January 1, 2023	TN-26
Henry Zaskowski	Thursday, June 1, 2023	FL-76
Victor Houston	Tuesday, August 1, 2023	FL-76
Denise Moyer-Staker	Thursday, September 14, 2023	FL-76
Rolston Stoer	Monday, January 22, 2024	FL-047
LEE S. (BO) DUNN	Wednesday, February 7, 2024	FL-017
Bradley Cornelius	Saturday, June 1, 2024	TN-26
Ronald Sherwood	Thursday, June 6, 2024	NC-002
Enrico Dalimonte	Sunday, June 16, 2024	NC-002
Enrico Dalimonte	Sunday, June 16, 2024	NC-02
Patrick Love	Monday, June 24, 2024	FL-056
Paul Little	Monday, June 24, 2024	FL-044
Larry Parker	Sunday, June 30, 2024	GA-066
Wallace Foreman	Friday, July 5, 2024	OR-009
Leslie F. Crossett	Monday, July 15, 2024	NY-02
Charles Haywood	Thursday, July 18, 2024	MD-016
Arthur Riley	Friday, July 19, 2024	FL-046
Sterling E. Hamilton	Wednesday, August 7, 2024	AZ-11
Michael O'Field	Sunday, September 1, 2024	FL-76
Travis Holden	Sunday, September 1, 2024	IA-01
Edward Ben Keefe	Monday, September 2, 2024	IL-079
Orville Penniston	Sunday, September 8, 2024	NC-03
William A. Montgomery	Friday, September 27, 2024	AZ-11
Robert L. McKamy	Tuesday, November 5, 2024	AZ-11
RALPH W. GOODRICH	Sunday, December 1, 2024	LA-011
Phillip T. West	Tuesday, December 3, 2024	NC-008
Jerry Miller	Wednesday, December 4, 2024	AZ-010
John Ayers	Wednesday, December 4, 2024	FL-045
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Philip T. Schwarzzenberg	Saturday, December 14, 2024	MD 003
Robert J. Bender	Sunday, December 15, 2024	SD-012
Ernest W. Provost	Wednesday, December 18, 2024	OR-009
Wayne Journigan	Friday, December 20, 2024	FL-025
THOMAS SCHMIDT	Wednesday, December 25, 2024	PA-99
Russell Jenkins	Thursday, December 26, 2024	WI-041
Ruben J. Hofer	Friday, December 27, 2024	SD-001
Richard Leslie	Wednesday, January 1, 2025	NC-24
David S. Ainge	Sunday, January 12, 2025	WA-009
DONALD MICCO	Wednesday, January 22, 2025	OH-068
Chris Mulholland	Friday, January 24, 2025	VA-011
Frank Slagel	Saturday, January 25, 2025	MI-032
Eugene L. Perrino SR	Sunday, January 26, 2025	FL-023
FREDRICK COSTA	Saturday, February 1, 2025	CA-040
Amon F. Harris	Monday, February 24, 2025	NC-78
RICK WILLIAM BARG	Thursday, February 27, 2025	SD-001
Gordon Gordy Kirk	Sunday, March 2, 2025	MN-54
Reuben Colwell	Thursday, March 13, 2025	NC-03
William R. Mann	Sunday, March 23, 2025	CA-16
Ronald L. Hayes	Sunday, April 13, 2025	MD-10
James Bisesi	Sunday, April 20, 2025	NC-03

