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# From the Supreme Seam Squirrel

**FROM THE  
SUPREME SEAM SQUIRREL  
TRACY M. L. WOODMAN**



Listen Cooties,

**Cootie Nation is experiencing a year like no other.** There are many firsts. Some we have looked forward to and others that have left us completely in shock and recovery. Since the last Cootie Courier was distributed, we have lost Supreme Seam Squirrel Eric Bell. I would like to thank Russ Makowski and the Cooties in Michigan who have taken the front lines in helping Katherine and Anton Bell process through the days.

Before passing, Eric Bell was on a healthier journey. If you haven't heard the rumors, PSSS Robbie Normand; with the initiative of SSS Eric Bell when he was alive, has worked to put together a new program that is called **Operation Red, White and Renewed**. This is the Supreme Wellness Challenge that will run 1 April - 22 July 2026. Sign up today! Or Tomorrow!

I recently spent a few days at the VFW National Home for **Easter Treat Celebration** that is sponsored annually by the Grand of Ohio. It was great talking with the families and seeing the excitement that Easter brings. Thank you to the 2025-26 committee and participants. Looking forward to seeing what the National Home Staff and the new committee will plan for the 2027 Easter Treat.

**Elections and Grand Conventions** season is upon us. Thank you to all the Supreme Reps that will be traveling during this time. Stay safe out there and let's finish this year strong in remembrance of Past Supreme Seam Squirrel Eric Bell. Go All\*Star!

In LOTCS,

Tracy M. L. Woodman  
Supreme Seam Squirrel



# Gifts for Children at Supreme Scratch



Supreme Seam Squirrel Tracy Woodman  
and  
Supreme President Dawn VanTassell

We believe in mentorship and families, as such,  
We would like to get a gift for each child who attends the  
2026 Supreme Convention.

Please fill out the survey at the below link by 4 July 2026.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PLVV6DL>

(Please note that this registration is not the same  
as the Supreme Banquet or MOC/MOCA registrations.)



# Supreme Blanket Bum

## Listen Up Cooties,

In every generation of veterans, there comes a time when we must pause, reflect, and remember those who once stood beside us in fellowship and service. Our bonds are unique; built not only through military service, but through humor, loyalty, and a shared commitment to caring for our fellow veterans. When one of our fellow Cooties passes on, it is more than the loss of a member; it is the loss of a brother or sister who helped carry the mission forward.



During these moments, we ask all members of the Cootie family and the broader veteran community to keep the families of our departed comrades in their thoughts and prayers. The families who supported them through deployments, through late nights at meetings, and through years of service deserve the same respect and compassion that we show our fellow veterans. They shared their loved ones with us and with the mission of helping others. Their grief is our grief, and their loss is felt across our entire organization.

These reflections carry even greater weight as the world once again faces the realities of war. The current conflict involving Iran and several nations has intensified in recent days spreading across parts of the Middle East. Reports indicate casualties among both military personnel and civilians as the situation continues to escalate.

For those of us who have worn the uniform, headlines like these are never just news. They are reminders of the sacrifices made by generations of service members—and of the possibility that another generation may soon be called upon to serve in harm's way. Many of us remember the uncertainty of wartime deployments and the toll it takes not only on those who serve, but also on their families waiting at home.

That is why the veteran community must continue to do what it has always done best; stand together. Whether through the VFW, the Military Order of the Cootie, or the many organizations dedicated to supporting veterans, we remain a network of support, strength, and remembrance.

As we mourn those Cooties who have passed from our ranks, let us also renew our commitment to care for one another and to support the families who stand behind every veteran. Let

us keep them in our thoughts and prayers, just as we keep in mind the service members currently serving around the world.

In the end, the measure of our brotherhood is not only how we serve together—but how we remember one another after the final roll call.

Keep the families of our departed Cooties in your prayers and keep faith with those who continue to serve.

**L.O.T.C.S.,**

**Ronnie Steele  
Supreme Blanket Bum  
2025-2026**



# From the Supreme Hide Gimlet

**Greetings and Lousy salutations to all,**

**T**he Supreme Council, in their finite wisdom, decided that I was the Lousiest candidate, and so now I have the extreme displeasure of addressing you here in what will undoubtedly be an unmemorable reading experience. But push through we will. Pushing through is actually kind of the tone of this program year with all we've had to endure.

The loss of both Past Supreme President Dave Johnson and Past Supreme Commander/ Seam Squirrel Eric Bell has been devastating! Thank you to the Grand of Oregon and Grand of Michigan for your hospitality and efforts during these tough times, and thank you for everything you are continuing to do. I will always remember their incredible dedication to our organization. Their phrases, *"Making a Difference in Veteran's lives"* and *"All Vets Lives Matter,"* really hit home. I look forward to building on their momentum.

And speaking of momentum, I had the unfortunate opportunity of visiting the institution ceremony of Pup Tent 79 "Bandits" in San Diego County, California. I don't know if there's anything less fun than an institution ceremony. I just don't want to be the instituting officer. I have more fun making my rounds, as I call it. The joy and laughter is second to none. Please go out and recruit as much as you can. *Increasing and multiplying* is what we were never meant to do.

More Cooties means more hospital work, more camaraderie, more social events and more fun. I tell you, there are a lot of veterans with a lot of energy for what we do. These new Nits, Greybacks, and Cooties, bring a lot of energy to our crummy fraternity and it's beautiful/nauseating to witness.

In the next couple of months, I hope to deplete my air mileage accounts as we move into our Grand Conventions. I've already been requested to make official visits – an honor I have not yet had. I am, of course, grateful for those opportunities. Finally, on a slightly serious note, I'd like to reiterate what I said after I was elected by the council. I thank you all for this unbelievable honor. I will labor relentlessly to prove myself worthy and look forward to all the Lousy work we will achieve together.

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Kenny Lindberg, PGC  
Supreme Hide Gimlet  
2025-2026**



# From the Supreme Quartermaster

## LISTEN UP CRAZY COOTIES!

The 25-26 Cootie Year Freight Train is barreling toward the station to end this Cootie Year! CCDB's, it's time to make final checks of all your **ANNUAL** Cooties. If the roster does not say **PAID** 2026 they are delinquent. If they are paid 2026 they are current and In Good Standing and ready to be renewed 2026-2027 year? If not, collect their dues and get that transmittal to your Grand CCDB, Grand CCDB get that transmittal to Headquarters. Don't forget the \$2 Assessment Fee for the Supreme Seam Squirrel's Special Project and our MOC/MOCA House.

**2026-2027 Annual Membership Cards:** HQs sent the 2026-2027 Annual Membership Cards to Grand QMs. Grand QMs forward these cards to the Pup Tents. Independent Pup Tent CCDBs received cards directly from HQs. The 26-27 Annual Membership Cards are bright orange, you can't miss them!

**Election Reports: 2026-2027 Grand and Pup Tent Election reports** Need to be forwarded to HQ's at [SupremeHQMOC@lotcs.org](mailto:SupremeHQMOC@lotcs.org). **CCDB's please take note of annual officers whose 2025-2026 membership expires 31 May 2026. These PT Officers must be renewed for the 26-27 Cootie year prior to taking office. Please, Please, mark your 2026-2027 transmittals with 2026-27 so it's very clear AND get them to HQ's!!!**

**107<sup>th</sup> Supreme Scratch, Reno NV 30 July – 2 August 2026** We are all set and I can't wait to see all your smiling faces but first you must make reservations! Get it done early by going to our lotcs.org website, Events, Supreme Scratch & Click "Here" for the information flyer.

Here are a couple of points about problems others have been having:

King Size Room Booking – The online reservations doesn't have them. Please call the hotel at 800-648-1177, use the MOC Group Code: GMOC26.

MOC Group Rates ONLY apply for 25 July-2 August 2026, the Nugget isn't giving us any grace on the discounts. If you need to stay before Saturday 25 July or the night of 2 August, normal rates will apply. If you need this type of reservation please call the hotel.

All the Hospitality Rooms will be in the **Resort Tower**. Request the Resort Tower if you plan on dropping by.

Coffee Makers: If you drink coffee ask for a coffee maker in the room. Coffee makers are complimentary for our group however, you may have to pick up extra coffee pods from the front desk.

Free Shuttle from Reno-Tahoe International Airport

The Cootie Hotel will be available during the VFW Convention, allowing you to book rooms during that time and enjoy the VFW convention at the Cootie hotel rates. The hotel is approximately 10 minutes from the Reno Convention Center. As always, if you have problems booking your room contact HQ's, 412-824-2240, and we'll help.

**Convention Program Book Ads:** Here's a place to brag about your Pup Tents and Grands. Place an ad bragging up those 5 or 10 Red Stars you have on your Life Membership Card OR how much fun you had at a hospital visit or Grand Convention. Let Everyone Know – WE ARE THE SH#)!

It's \$150 for a Full Page, \$100 for a Half Page, \$50 for a Quarter Page. The dirty details can be found on [lotcs.org](http://lotcs.org) Events, Supreme Scratch, "Brag about Grand/Pup Tent exploits and become famous". Email Ads and to [SupremeHQMOC@lotcs.org](mailto:SupremeHQMOC@lotcs.org)

**Booster Program:** YES, we still have this! Sheets can be found with "Brag about Grand/Pup Tent exploits and become famous" directly under Supreme Scratch Ad. Who doesn't like seeing their name in print? Email Ads and to [SupremeHQMOC@lotcs.org](mailto:SupremeHQMOC@lotcs.org)

Convention ads and boosters can be purchased at the Cootie Store / Depot. The ad copy or Booster Names can be emailed to [supremehqmoc@lotcs.org](mailto:supremehqmoc@lotcs.org).

BTW to all our MARINES – please sharpen those crayons before scrambling your name.

Yours in LOTCS,

**Marcia Eggers**  
**Supreme CCDB**  
**2025-2026**

**Ken Eggers**  
**Supreme Adjutant**  
**2025-2026**



# From the Supreme Surgeon

## Greetings Lousy Comrades,

I hope this finds all of you Lousy but healthy after the Winter season.

As we start the Spring season, the earth starts anew, trees and shrubs bud, bulbs push up to deliver new growth and flower, the air is fresh and clean. All the world is new and beautiful.

As humans some of us start thinking about what can we do to get healthier and to improve our minds and bodies. Start fresh again like the earth. I know I always think I'll walk more, bike, eat better and take better care of myself. Because as I age, I want to enjoy life with no health issues.

When I retired from nursing in 2017, I told my colleagues, I want 20 good years before my health and/or body tells me different. I want my husband and I to travel to all the good places on the earth. We've already seen the crappy ones.

To get healthier, I knew I had to start with my diet and exercise. I was aware of my emotional eating habit, nervous eating, anxious eating, bored eating sitting in front of the television set. It's a vicious cycle. I looked into the **MOVE** program that is offered at any VA facility in the country. I asked my primary for a referral and began. The program and instructor provided me with the tools to get started. If I wanted to attend the 16 week program in person I could. If I didn't I could do it on the laptop. My decision, my choice. I choose to attend. I learned how to eat correctly, how to manage my emotional eating habit, how to read labels and avoid the wrong fats to name just a few items. My instructor's expectations were a two pound weight loss per month!!! So realistic, not like the commercials on television/internet that promise 7 to 10 pounds in a week.

I graduated from my 16 week program 35 pounds lighter, had new behavior eating habits and paid attention to what I put in my mouth because I wanted to be healthier. I was encouraged by the instructor to submit what I did and how much I lost to help other Veterans do the same.

I enjoyed attending the **MOVE** class and the camaraderie. I asked if I could continue attending and was told of course! I almost achieved my initial goal, however life is about choices and fell off the **MOVE** wagon. I returned last fall at a lower starting weight and began again. When I received my breast cancer diagnosis, my **MOVE** instructor asked what she could do to help during this health diagnosis shock and encouraged me to come back when I was able.



So lousy Cootie comrades, improve your life, your health and your mindset **MOVE!**

If you go to the VA.gov website search for the **MOVE!**

[MOVE! Weight Management Program](https://move.va.gov/) <https://move.va.gov/>

### **What is MOVE!?**

VA's **MOVE!** Weight Management Program for Veterans can help you adopt a healthy lifestyle, meet your health goals, and manage your weight. Participating in **MOVE!** can increase your ability and confidence to make healthy behavior, nutrition, and physical activity changes.

If you have a higher body weight, losing 5%-10% of your weight can improve your health. Keeping a weight that is healthy for you can help you feel good and have energy to do the things you want to do.

With the help of your **MOVE!** care team, you can:

- Improve your quality of life, and even live longer
- Reduce health risks
- Prevent or reverse certain diseases

VA also offers weight management medicines and surgery. These options can be helpful when used along with lifestyle changes that are part of **MOVE!** Talk with your health care team to learn more about these choices and how they can help you meet your goals.

Lastly, when I was diagnosed with breast cancer my **MOVE!** instructor wanted to know what she could do to help. I plan on utilizing her nutrition/diet information for better outcomes because cancer loves sugar but hates food like broccoli and cabbage to name a few.

**Check out MOVE! Enjoy the Spring of your life and start anew.**

**Life is GOOD! Be Well!**

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Brenda Serena  
Supreme Surgeon  
2025-2026**

# FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

*I must apologize for my appearance here, but just did not have time to get out of the crypt and go to town. It has been a long, long Winter and now that Spring is 'Bustin' Out All Over', I need to be presentable again for my minions. Don't Ya Know!!!*



**THIS REPORT IS FOR DONATION RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD 1 JAN 26 thru 31 MAR 26:**

**ARKANSAS:** Hogwash #14; MEGAN HEMERLEIN (2 Pts & 16 Lifetime)

**FLORIDA:** Yellow River Bellies #1; BLOOD DRIVE (8 Pts), DAVIS (1Pt & 4 Lifetime, JOHN MENEZES (1 Pt & 6 Lifetime, STEPHANIE MENEZES (1 Pt & 4 Lifetime, NOEL RIVERA 1 Pt & 3 Lifetime

**FLORIDA:** Bo weevil #8; BLOOD DRIVE (9 Pts), STEPHEN ORF (1 Pt & 10 Lifetime)

**GEORGIA:** Kudzu Mafia #4; BLOOD DRIVE (23 Pts), BARBARA BOONE (2 Pts)

**KENTUCKY:** Nit Pickers #7; BLOOD DRIVE (56 Pts), PAT BECK (1 Pt), CHRIS SQUIRES (1 Pt), TERRY PHILLIPS (1 Pt), SCOTT VAN TASSELL (1 Pt), JOSEPH PARKER (1 Pt)

**MISSOURI:** Running Bare #5; DON NEWMAN (4 Pts & 235 Lifetime)

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Lafayette Nits #24; JAMES ROCCA (1 Pt)

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Big Aggie #12; ROB STICKNEY (1 Pt), DALE STIBRAL (1 Pt), CHUCK STODDARD (1 Pt)

**TEXAS:** Lucky #37; KELVIN MOFFITT (2 Pts & 23 Lifetime)

**VIRGINIA:** Rowdy Rebels #13; COLE WINKLER (2 Pts & 4 Lifetime) Fred Gnats #19; BLOOD DRIVES (78 Pts)

**WASHINGTON:** Lucky Eleven #11; RICHARD KLUG (1 Pt & 84 Lifetime)

# From the Supreme Papa Clown

## Greeting my Crummy Cootie Clowns (C3)!

I trust you are having the Crummiest of days.

Let me be serious, if I may. I have shared with you that the way to be certified as a clown is: 1. Participate in at least three clown events dressed in your clown gear. 2. Complete the form located at L O T C S.org. 3. Send the completed form with pictures of each clown and event to me. 4. When I get the pins, I will send them out to your unit.

I have had several Cooties ask me if the official Cootie Cap (or other head gear) counts as “clown gear”. My belief is that it does **NOT**. The idea of Clown Gear is wear something different and funny.

As I’ve said before, I like to have a chance to brag on my clowns and other Cooties. So, on the way out, here is a good Cootie Clown at the National Home.

In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins “Archibald O’Perk”  
Supreme Poppa Clown  
[Allantperkins1991@gmail.com](mailto:Allantperkins1991@gmail.com)  
281 450-7825



# From the Supreme VAVS Representative

Hi Cooties,

We are well into our Cootie Year and I am hearing good things from sever front.

I am often pleased when I get a Annual Joint Review (AJR) from on of the VA Medical Centers and see improvement. The AJR from two Medical Centers showed that the local Puptents increased their hospital work in all areas. These include Regular Volunteer hours, Casual Volunteer hours, and non-monetary giving. This makes me proud to be a Cootie and get to work with you.

One of the goals we have been working on 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 reps and deps should also be regular volunteers in the facility they represent.



In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins  
Supreme VAVS Chair  
[Allantperkins1991@gmail.com](mailto:Allantperkins1991@gmail.com)  
281 450-7825



# Tracy Woodman for Triple "S"



## Tracy M. L. Woodman for 2026-2027 Supreme Seam Squirrel!

Looking forward to serving you in 2026-2027 as your elected Supreme Seam Squirrel. Lots of fun and phun things ahead.

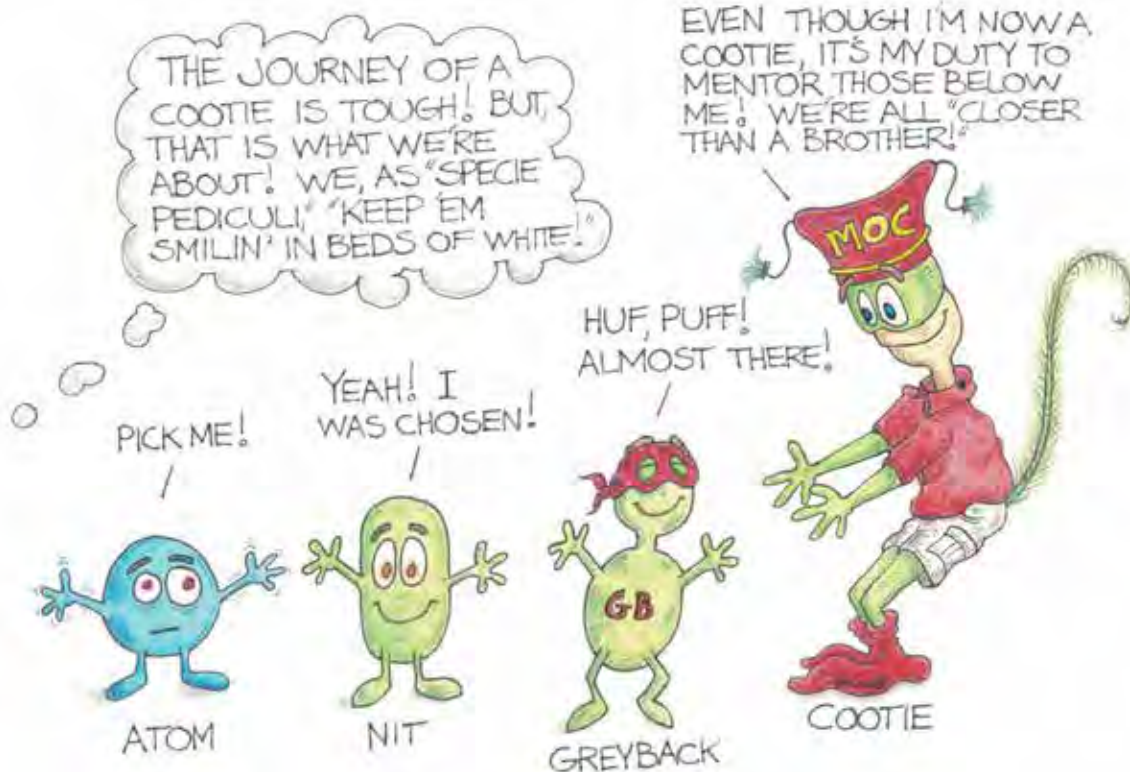
### Mentorship

Honoring the Past

Living in the Present

Preparing the future

Vote Tracy



# Ronnie Steele for Supreme Blanket Bum

Listen Cooties,

Over the past few months, I have had the honor of serving as your **Supreme Hide Gimlet/Blanket Bum** during one of the most difficult periods our organization has faced. With the heartbreaking loss of our Supreme Seam Squirrel and Supreme President, we were reminded just how fragile and important our leadership and brotherhood truly are.

I am running to be elected as **Supreme Blanket Bum** so that we can continue the work we have started together. The past six months have been about steadying the ship; the next year must be about strengthening our organization, rebuilding momentum, and focusing on our mission.

I ask for your support not just to continue serving, but to help lead the Cooties into the next chapter... stronger, more connected, and focused on the mission that brings us all together.



Yours in LOTCS,

Ronnie Steele  
Supreme Blanket Bum  
Military Order of the Cootie



# Marcia Eggers for Supreme CCDB

## Official Nomination for Supreme Quartermaster / CCDB

“I’ve spent the last year losing the keys to the duffel bag and making sure the finances are in total disarray. It’s been such a success that I’m asking for your lack of support to do it all over again!”



- **Name:** Marcia L. Eggers
- **Cootie Number:** #193
- **Current Failure:** Supreme Quartermaster / Custodian of the Crummy Duffel Bag
  - **Home Base:** Grand of Virginia, Pup Tent 14, Da-Lec-Ity

### My “Terrible” Platform for 2026-2027:

- **Keep ‘Em Empty:** I promise to continue “misplacing” every gold-colored dollar sign that finds its way into the Duffel Bag.
- **Increase the Confusion:** If you thought my record-keeping was clear, I’ll work twice as hard to make sure it’s completely unreadable.
- **Crummier is Better:** I will strive to make our “Honor Degree” even more disreputable and “Lousy” than the Great Blue Louse himself intended.

I hope you all have the good sense to **vote against me** so I can stay exactly where I am, “working” hard at being the worst Supreme Quartermaster the MOC has ever seen.



**Love of the Crummy Shirt (L.O.T.C.S)**

**Marcia L. Eggers**

*Supreme Quartermaster (for now... and hopefully later)*

*Grand of Virginia, Pup Tent 14 Da-Lec-Ity*

*Cootie #193*

# Brenda Serena for Supreme Surgeon

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

I am a Registered Nurse (RN) who retired after 31 years. My main areas of nursing care were Intensive Care (ICU) for medical, cardiac, surgical and trauma/combat and emergency room. At the end of my career I worked in the operating room (OR). I retired from the VA after 12 years, thus I have experience with the VA system.

I earned my Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) eligibility serving as an US Army Reserve ICU nurse during 2007-2008 at Tikrit and Balad Iraq. I deployed in 2013 to Kuwait as Executive Officer of a combat support hospital. I retired after 28 years of service.

## Military Order of the Cootie

Pup Tent 54: Seam Squirrel 2017-2020

Pup Tent 54: Sky Pilot 2020-2022

Pup Tent 54: Trustee 2022-present

Grand of New York

Jr Vice Commander: 2017-2018

Sr Vice Commander: 2018-2019

Commander: 2019-2021 and 2023-2025

## Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post Commander 3180: 210-2013, All State: 2011 & 2012

Post Chaplain: 2014

Post Commander 7967: 2018 to present; All State 2018 & 2019

District 6

Jr Vice Commander 2017-2018

Sr Vice Commander: 2018-2019

Commander: 2019-2020

Department of New York

Department Surgeon 2019-2020

Community Involvement

Officer Charge Erie County Honor Guard, WNY National Cemetery 2020 to present

Secretary WNY National Cemetery Honor Guard Inc 2021 to present

Erie County Fairgrounds Veterans Committee member 2023 to present

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Brenda Serena  
Supreme Surgeon**

# Paul Works for Supreme 3 Year Trustee

Listen Cooties,

I am asking for your support as I run for the office of Supreme 3-Year Trustee. Serving this organization has been both an honor and a privilege, and I am proud of the work we continue to do together.

Throughout my time in the MOC and VFW, I have remained committed to leadership, accountability, and service. I bring a proven track record, a strong financial background, and a dedication to ensuring the continued strength and integrity of our organization.

I am ready to take the next step in service and would be honored to continue representing you at the Supreme level.

Below are my qualifications for your consideration:

## VFW:

- \* Past Post Surgeon
- \* Past Judge Advocate
- \* Current Post Trustee

## MOC:

- \* Past Pup Tent Seam Squirrel
- \* 2 Time Grand Commander (Current and 2015-2016)
- \* Past Supreme Jimmy Legs (2022-2023)
- \* Currently Supreme Trustee

## Financial & Professional Experience:

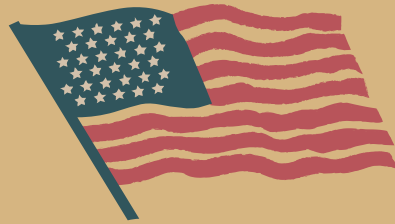
I serve as an accountant for the State of Delaware, where I am responsible for monthly reconciliation of receivable accounts and managing a checkbook for emergency response invoices. I have accurately reconciled accounts exceeding \$1 million to the penny. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting.

Yours in LOTCS,

Paul Works  
Supreme Trustee  
2025-2026



# Jason Burns for Supreme Sky Pilot



I AM JASON BURNS FROM THE GRAND OF OKLAHOMA. IN VFW SPEAK, I HAVE PRAYED AND DECIDED TO RUN FOR SUPREME SKY PILOT FOR THE 2026-2027 YEAR.

A FEW THINGS ABOUT ME: I HAVE BEEN ORDAINED AS A CHAPLAIN SINCE 2012 AND EVER SINCE I HAVE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING WORKING WITH VETERANS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND PUERTO RICO. SETTING UP EFFORTS FOR OTHERS TO RECOGNIZE PTSD SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY.

I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE COOTIES AND IT'S MISSION AFTER MY RECEIVING MY HONOR DEGREE. ANOTHER EXCITING PROGRAM I STARTED ON FORT SILL ARMY BASE DURING THE HEIGHT OF COVID WAS TO START MINISTRY ON POST. IT STARTED WITH 10 SLDIERS AND HAS GROWN TO OVER 500 SERVICE MEMBERS EVERY WEEKEND AND STILL GOING STRONG TO THIS DAY.

IF YOU MADE IT THIS FAR, I'M THANKFUL, PLEASE SEE MY VFW AND COOTIE RESUME.



POST LEVEL POSITIONS:  
POST COMMANDER 2021-2024 (ALL STATE/ALL AMERICAN 2022/2023)

QUARTERMASTER 2024-PRESENT

DISTRICT LEVEL POSITIONS:

JR. VICE COMMANDER 2021-2022

COMMANDER 2022-2023 (ALL STATE/ALL AMERICAN 2022/2023)

STATE LEVEL POSITIONS:

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR 2022-2023

STATE CHAPLAIN 2023-2025

STATE INSPECTOR 2025-PRESENT

PUP TENT POSITIONS:

SKY PILOT 2023-2024

BLANKET BUM 2023-2024

SEAM SQUIRREL 2024-2025 (ALL STAR CO-CAPTAIN) 2024-2025

GRAND POSITIONS:

OK GRAND INSPECTOR 2023-2024

OK GRAND HIDE GIMLET 2025-PRESENT

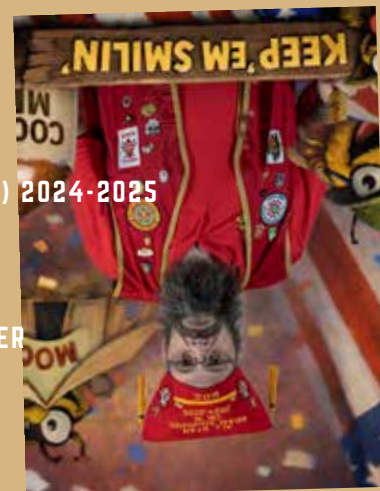
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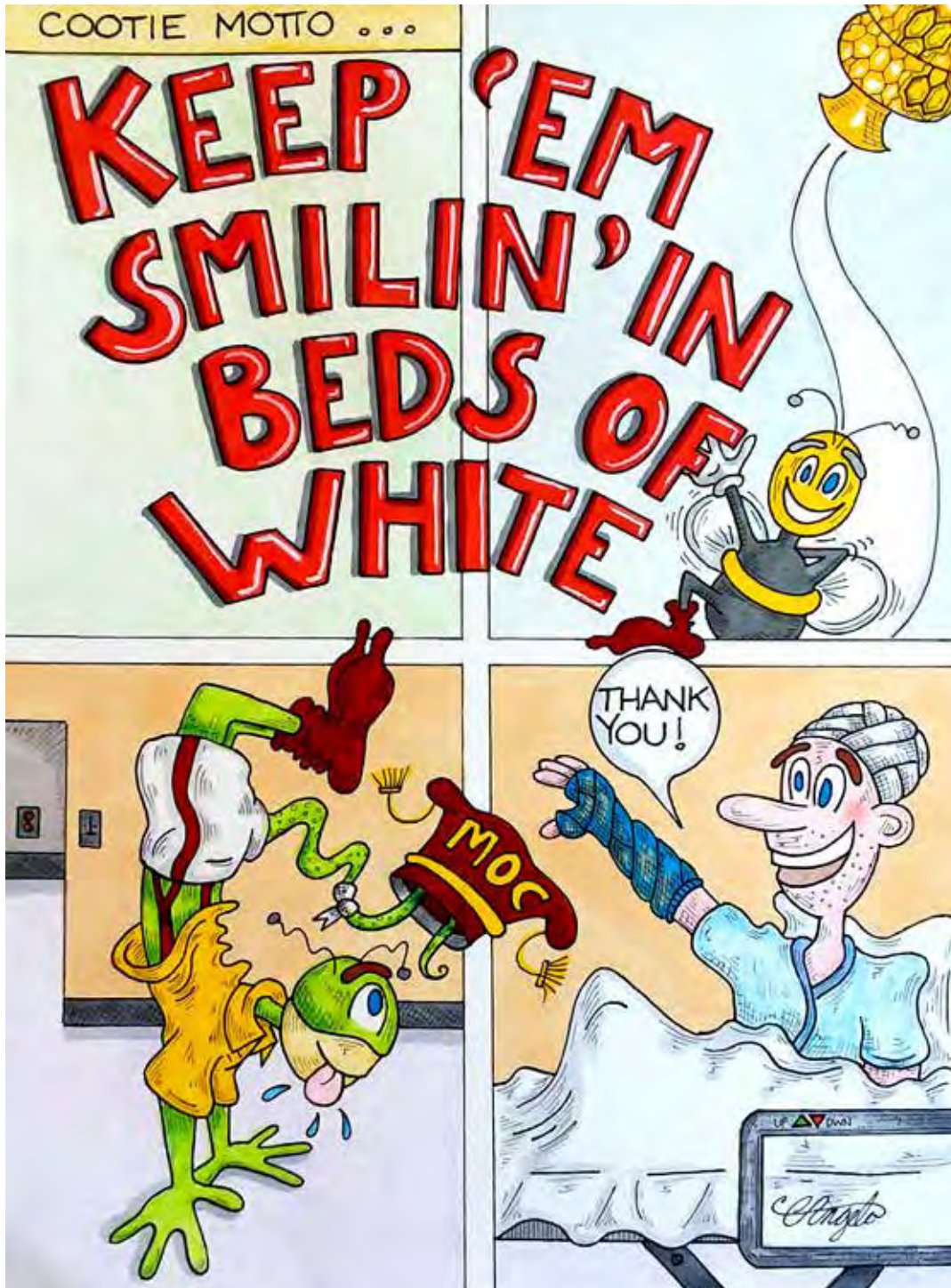
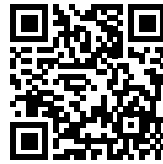


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SUPREME SKY PILOT  
2026-2027



# MOC Hospital Report

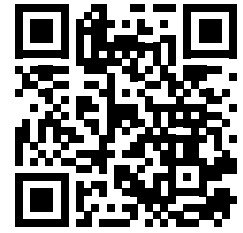
To view the MOC Hospital report go to: <https://lotcs.org/hospital.html> Or, scan the QR code below.





# MOC Membership Report

View the latest **Membership** report by clicking on the following link: <https://lotcs.org/membership.html> Or, scan the QR code on the right and be taken there too! Remember to **"Invade the Seams"**! That's where all of the **Atoms** are waiting to be chosen to take those backward steps and become a part of our **"Crummy Fraternity."**



# Cootie House & Special Project Reports

**Alert! Alert!** To view Cootie House and Special Projects reports go to: [https://lotcs.org/special\\_projects.html](https://lotcs.org/special_projects.html) Or, scan the QR code below.



# 107th Supreme Scratch Flyer

## *SUPREME Pup Tent*



### **MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE**

**OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

*"The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars"*



*From the Office of the Supreme Quartermaster a.k.a.  
"Custodian of the Crummy Duffel Bag"*

**107th Supreme Scratch Reno, NV**

**30 July – 2 August 2026**

Location: Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks, NV 89431

Room Rates: 4 Night Average Rate of \$104.50 plus taxes.

Why "Average Rate"? Reno hotels have a Monday – Thursday Rate of \$89 and Friday-Sunday Rate of \$120. If you stay Wednesday & Thursday (at \$89x2=\$178); Friday & Saturday (at \$120x2=\$240) the Average nightly rate is  $\$178 + \$240 / 4 \text{ nights} = \$104.50$ .

3 Night Average: Thursday, Friday, Saturday will be  $\$89 + \$240 / 3 \text{ nights} = \$109.66$  nightly

Sorry for making you do math to book the hotel

These rates are available for Booking: 25 July through 2 August 2026

VFW Convention (25 – 28 July) at Cootie Rates for a Huge Savings

**Supreme Convention (30 July -2 August)**

**Book Your Rooms NOW!**

Booking Instructions, use the following link to book your room.

<https://nuggetcasinoresort.book.pegsbe.com/promo?offerCode=GMOC26&hotel=NCR>

Or you can call 800-648-1177, use the MOC Group Code: GMOC26

**Ask for the Complimentary Coffee Maker in your room.** You'll have to get Coffee Pods from the front desk daily. No cost for our group!

Here is what's included:

- **NO** Resort Fees, this is usually an additional \$40 fee per night
- Free Shuttle from Reno-Tahoe International Airport
- Complimentary Coffee Maker and Coffee in room, usually extra \$10 per day
- Free in room internet
- Free Parking

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Supreme Seam Quartermaster

# 107th Supreme Scratch Registration



## 107th Supreme Scratch Nugget Casino Resort Reno, NV



Cooties and MOC Auxiliary will gather at the Location: Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks, NV 89431 - 30 July - 2 August for the 107th Supreme Scratch. Cooties will be responsible for their own reservations. Cut-off for hotel reservations is July 10, 2026. Additional information will be posted on the Supreme website as it becomes available. Note: The hotel is a 15 minute drive to the VFW Convention hotel.

### REGISTRATION FORM – 107th SUPREME SCRATCH Reno, NV 30 July - 2 August 2026

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 107th Supreme Scratch is **\$20.00** per delegate. **ALL PUP TENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE TO THE 107th 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 15, 2026.** Attach a separate sheet for multiple delegates with required funds for each delegate being registered.

**28** Registration at the Supreme Scratch will be **\$25.00.**

# 107th Supreme Scratch Banquet

107th Supreme Scratch  
Banquet Reservation  
Form



Nugget Casino  
Sparks-Reno, NV

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**BANQUET TICKET COST IS \$60.00**



**Dinner will plated style.**

Please enter number of meals for each meal choice:

Chicken      Beef      Amount Remitted: \_\_\_\_\_

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 “107th *Supreme Banquet*”. Tickets will NOT be mailed. Pick up tickets starting **July 25-29, 2026** at the VFW convention MOC/MOCA booth. Or, at the MOC Supreme Convention registration table at the Supreme Scratch.

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH SUPREME HQ!**  
(Turtle Creek, PA) (Not the MOC Auxiliary).

**Must bring tickets to the banquet.**

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

# 107th Supreme Scratch Ad Form



## 107th SUPREME SCRATCH PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

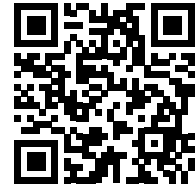


The 107th Supreme Scratch will be held at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, NV from 30 July – 1 August 2026.

We're sure that you want to tell the whole world about your Pup Tent, your Shavetails, your Grand or maybe even your business. Here's a way to get WORLD-WIDE exposure with an ad in the 107th Supreme Scratch Program Book.

To begin, simply create an ad (in **BLACK AND WHITE, PLEASE! NO COLOR!**) and send it along with this form and your check for the required amount to:

107th Supreme Scratch  
Supreme Headquarters, MOC  
604 Braddock Ave  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145-2068  
EMAIL: [supremehqmoc@lotcs.org](mailto:supremehqmoc@lotcs.org)



You can also email your ad to Headquarters and mail this form & check or call to pay by credit card. We have to have time to make this book something special, so get creative and tell the world **YOUR** story! **DEADLINE IS JUNE 30th 2026** and any ads received after that date will be returned.

### AD PRICES

- FULL PAGE (*Best Bang for your Buck!*) .....\$150.00
- ½ PAGE.....\$100.00
- ¼ PAGE .....\$50.00
- BOOSTERS .....\$2.00
- INSIDE COVERS ..... CALL FOR PRICE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND: \_\_\_\_\_

PUP TENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SIZE: (CHECK ONE): FULL PAGE  5 1/2x8 1/2"      ½ PAGE  5 1/2" X 4 1/4"      ¼ PAGE  2-3/4 X 4 1/4"

CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**INCLUDE YOUR DESIGN OR AD COPY ON ANOTHER PAGE AND SEND IT TO HEADQUARTERS WITH YOUR CHECK.**

**REMEMBER, DO NOT SEND COLOR COPY, IT COMES OUT GRAY WHEN WE MAKE IT. SEND CLEAR, BLACK AND WHITE COPY FOR YOUR ADS!**

# 107<sup>th</sup> Supreme Scratch Booster Sheet

Supreme Booster Sheet			
Names		<u>\$2.00 each</u>	Grand _____ Pup Tent _____
Booster Sheet "Please Print"		Booster Sheet "Please Print"	
1		31	
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<b>Mail Form and Monies to:</b> <b>Supreme Headquarters</b> <b>604 Braddock Ave</b> <b>Turtle Creek, PA 15145</b>			

# Proposed Supreme By-Law Changes



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## MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

**TO:** Supreme Scratch

**PROPOSER:** Supreme Bylaws Committee

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Amend Article I, Section 120 of the MOC Bylaws

### I. BYLAW COMPARISON

#### CURRENT VERBIAGE

#### PROPOSED CHANGES

#### FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)

Section 120. Life Memberships.

- A. Life Membership Plan A. Any person who is a valid Life Member in good standing in the Military Order of the Cootie as of January 1, 2001, will be honored and shall retain the same privileges and rights as an annual dues paying member. The Life Membership Plan "A" is forever closed, and no new applications will be accepted in the Plan "A" Life Membership Fund.
- B. Life Membership Plan B. Any member who is a Life Member in good standing in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America and is in good standing with the Military Order of the Cootie as of January 1, 2001 or thereafter, may become a Life Member by payment of the proper Life Membership fee to the CCDB or Quartermaster. A member at large in good standing may become a Life

**Section 120 Life Memberships.**

**This article undergoes a complete rewrite.**

Section 120. Life Memberships.

The Military Order of the Cootie Supreme Pup Tent authorizes the establishment and administration of Life Membership Plans within the Military Order of the Cootie. Each plan reflects the Per Capita Tax (PCT) in effect at the time the plan was adopted. Only the plan currently open shall accept new applications.

- a. Life Membership Plan A (Closed). Plan A permanently closed on December 31, 2000.

Any person who was a valid Life Member in good standing as of January 1, 2001, shall retain all rights and privileges of membership for life, subject to continued good standing.

No new applications shall be accepted under Plan A.

Plan A funds shall remain in a frozen Life Membership Fund account. No rebates shall be issued from Plan A until the

Member by paying the proper fee to the appropriate Grand Quartermaster or Supreme Quartermaster if they hold a valid VFW Life Membership.

C. Life Membership Fee Plan D. A Life Membership Plan “D” shall be established using the current \$12.00 Per Capita Tax and the following fee schedule:

- 1) Plan “C” shall be closed and no new members will be accepted after May 31, 2025. Plan “D” will take effect June 1, 2025.
- 2) Any member who is a Life Member in good standing in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America and is in good standing with the Military Order of the Cootie may become a Life Member by payment of the proper Life Membership fee to the CCDB or Quartermaster. A member at large in good standing may become a Life Member by payment of the proper fee to the Supreme Quartermaster if they hold a valid VFW Life Membership.
- 3) The applicable fee from the Life Membership fee schedule set forth herein will be determined by using the applicant’s attained age as of December 31st of the calendar year in which the application is submitted regardless of the actual date of birth.

*See Table Below*

D. General. A Life Member shall not be subject to any

account balance reaches \$150,000.00.

b. Life Membership Plan B (Closed).

Plan B permanently closed on October 31, 2006.

No new applications shall be accepted.

All existing Plan B members retain full Life Membership rights, subject to continued good standing.

Plan B funds shall be administered under the Life Membership Fund provisions set forth in subsection G of this Section.

c. Life Membership Plan C (Closed).

Plan C permanently closed on May 31, 2025.

No new applications shall be accepted.

All existing Plan C members retain full Life Membership rights, subject to continued good standing.

Plan C funds shall be administered under the Life Membership Fund provisions set forth in subsection H of this Section.

d. Life Membership Plan D (Current Plan).

Plan D is the only Life Membership Plan currently open for enrollment. It became effective June 1, 2025.

further membership dues, levies or life membership dues of any kind. A Life Member shall have all the benefits and privileges of the Pup Tent, Grand Pup Tent, and Supreme Pup Tent membership as long as the member shall live. A Life Member subsequently found ineligible for Life Membership in either organization shall forfeit such Life Membership and fees paid. A Life Member who shall be discharged from either organization due to a disciplinary action shall forfeit such Life Membership, and in any event, no refund of fees will be made.

E. Per Capita Tax (PCT).

1. Life Membership Fund Plan A. The funds from this "LMF frozen account" will remain in Plan A with no rebate, at any level, until the LMF frozen account reaches \$150,000.00.
2. Life Membership Funds Plan B, C and D. The Life Membership Funds will work similar to an annuity. The Supreme Quartermaster will pay the annual PCT for each Plan "B", "C" and "D" Life Member from the Life Membership Funds no later than September 30th of the new membership year. The LMC will submit a proposed distribution schedule to the New Supreme Council of

e. Eligibility requires that the applicant:

- (1) Be a Life Member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States;
- (2) Hold current annual membership in the Military Order of the Cootie;
- (3) Have attained the 3rd Degree in the Military Order of the Cootie; and
- (4) Be in good standing at the time of application.
- (5) Applications shall be submitted with payment of the applicable Life Membership fee to the CCDB, Quartermaster, or Supreme Quartermaster, as appropriate.
- (6) Members at Large may apply through the Supreme Quartermaster.
- (7) The applicable fee shall be determined using the applicant's attained age as of December 31 of the calendar year in which the application is submitted.

**INSERT FEE SCHEDULE BELOW**

f. General Provisions Applicable to All Plans.

A Life Member shall not be subject to future membership dues, levies, or additional life membership fees.

A Life Member shall retain all benefits and privileges of Pup Tent, Grand Pup Tent, and Supreme Pup Tent membership for life, provided the member remains in good standing.

A Life Member found ineligible for

Administration at the Supreme Scratch. The Council of Administration will not change or modify the Life Membership Committee recommendation. They will approve, deny, or table the recommendation. No rebate will be paid to the Pup Tents, Grands, or Supreme Headquarters without prior approval of the Supreme Council of Administration. No rebate will be made to any contingent of the Military Order of the Cootie, which is in arrears to the Supreme Organization. If the Supreme Council of Administration does not act on the rebate by a 2/3 vote by November 15th of the current year, the Supreme Quartermaster will pay rebates using the total annual interest earned as of June 30th at a distribution rate of 30% to the Pup Tent, 30% to the Grands, 30% to the Supreme Headquarters, and the remaining 10% retained in the LMF. The subsequent rebate, when earned, is to be paid based on the number of Plan "B", "C", and "D" Life Members on the rolls of the Organization as of June 30th of the current year. No rebate will be paid to the Pup Tents or Grands or Supreme, if the calculated amount to be

Life Membership in either the VFW or the Military Order of the Cootie shall forfeit Life Membership status without refund.

A Life Member discharged due to disciplinary action shall forfeit Life Membership status without refund.

g. Per Capita Tax (PCT).

The Supreme Per Capita Tax shall be \$12.00 per capita unless amended by proper authority.

h. Life Membership Fund (LMF) Administration — Plans B, C, and D.

The Life Membership Fund shall operate as an interest-bearing fund.

The Supreme Quartermaster shall pay the annual Per Capita Tax for each Plan B, Plan C, and Plan D Life Member from the Life Membership Fund no later than September 30 of each membership year.

The Life Membership Committee shall submit a proposed distribution schedule to the Supreme Council of Administration at the Supreme Scratch.

The Council of Administration may approve, deny, or table the recommendation. The Council shall not amend the recommendation.

No rebate shall be paid to Pup Tents, Grands, or Supreme Headquarters without prior approval of the Council of

paid to the Pup Tents, Grands, and Supreme is less than \$1.00 per Plan “B”, “C”, or “D” Life Member or the annual earned interest for the current year drops below 6%.

Administration.

No rebate shall be paid to any contingent that is in arrears to the Supreme Organization.

If the Council of Administration fails to approve or deny a rebate by a two-thirds (2/3) PASS vote prior to adjournment of the Supreme Scratch, the Supreme Quartermaster shall distribute earned interest as of May 31 using the following formula:

- 30% to Pup Tents
- 30% to Grands
- 30% to Supreme Headquarters
- 10% retained in the Life Membership Fund

For Independent Pup Tents, the Grand portion shall be paid to Supreme Headquarters.

Rebates shall be calculated based on the number of Plan B, Plan C, and Plan D Life Members on the rolls as of May 31.

Through age 30	\$395.00
31 – 40	\$375.00
41 – 50	\$355.00
51 – 60	\$320.00
61 – 70	\$285.00
71 – 80	\$220.00
81 and up	\$175.00

No rebate shall be issued if:

- The calculated distribution equals less than \$1.00 per Life Member; or
- The annual earned interest rate for the year is below 6%.

## II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

*Clarification of Life Membership plans, treatment of Independent Pup Tents, requirement that all three degrees have been completed, and align dates with the current MOC year. Restructure the section to aid in readability.*



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE  
BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM**

**TO:** Supreme Scratch

**PROPOSER:** Supreme Bylaws Committee

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Amend Article III, Section 303 of the MOC Bylaws

**I. BYLAW COMPARISON**

<b>CURRENT VERBIAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGES</b>	<b>FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)</b>
<p>Roster, Appointive Officers. The Seam Squirrel <u>shall appoint</u> the Sky Pilot, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, Keeper of the Lousy Records, Shyster, Pill Pusher, Hungry Cootie, Shirt Reader and may appoint any of the following positions as needed: Hospital Chairperson, Newshound (Public Relations), Wind-Jammer (Bugler), National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson, and if deemed necessary an assistant C.C.D.B. They shall enter upon their duties immediately upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the annual Grand Scratch and may be removed at the pleasure of the Seam Squirrel.</p>	<p>Roster, Appointive Officers. The Seam Squirrel <u>shall appoint</u> the Sky Pilot, Provost Marshal, <del>Jimmy Legs, Keeper of the Lousy Records, Shyster, Pill Pusher,</del> Hungry Cootie; <b>Hospital Chairperson. Shirt Reader.</b> <b>The Seam Squirrel may appoint</b> any of the following positions as needed: <b>Jimmy Legs, Keeper of the Lousy Records, Shyster, Pill Pusher, Shirt Reader, Hospital Chairperson,</b> Newshound (Public Relations), Wind-Jammer (Bugler), National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson, and if deemed necessary an assistant C.C.D.B. <b>and other positions as deemed appropriate. They shall enter upon their duties immediately upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the annual Grand Scratch and may be removed at the pleasure of the Seam Squirrel.</b></p>	<p>Roster, Appointive Officers. a. The Seam Squirrel shall appoint the Sky Pilot, Provost Marshal, Hungry Cootie and the Hospital Chairperson. b. The Seam Squirrel may appoint any of the following positions as needed: Jimmy Legs, Keeper of the Lousy Records, Shyster, Pill Pusher, Shirt Reader, Newshound (Public Relations), Wind-Jammer (Bugler), National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson, and if deemed necessary an assistant C.C.D.B. and other positions as deemed appropriate.</p>

**II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)**

*Change of the list of appointive officers to allow the Seam Squirrel to appoint only the officers that are needed for Pup Tent operations. This change closely matches the changes made by the VFW Post operations in the VFW National Bylaws.*



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE  
BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM**

**TO:** Supreme Scratch  
**PROPOSER:** Supreme Bylaws Committee  
**DATE:** February 11, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Amend Article III, Section 304(B) of the MOC Bylaws

**I. BYLAW COMPARISON**

<b>CURRENT VERBIAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGES</b>	<b>FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)</b>
<p>Shavetails shall be elected and installed between the fifteenth (15th) day of January and the last day of March, unless otherwise provided for by special dispensation granted by the Grand Commander concerned. The Shavetails thus elected or appointed, and subsequently installed, shall assume the duties of their respective offices immediately upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the conclusion of the Grand Scratch. Pup Tent Officers not within a Grand shall assume the duties of their respective offices July 1.</p>	<p>Add to Section 304(B) the following: <b>Independent Pup Tent Officers not within a Grand shall assume the duties of their respective offices June 1<sup>st</sup> (the beginning of the Cootie year (1 June through 31 May)).</b></p>	<p>Shavetails shall be elected and installed between the fifteenth (15th) day of January and the last day of March, unless otherwise provided for by special dispensation granted by the Grand Commander concerned. The Shavetails thus elected or appointed, and subsequently installed, shall assume the duties of their respective offices immediately upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the conclusion of the Grand Scratch. <b>Independent Pup Tent Officers not within a Grand shall assume the duties of their respective offices June 1<sup>st</sup> (the beginning of the Cootie year (1 June through 31 May)).</b></p>

**II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)**

*Adds clarification language to reflect that Independent Pup Tents assume duties on June 1 (beginning of the Cootie year).*



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE**

**BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM**

**TO:** Supreme Scratch

**PROPOSER:** Supreme Bylaws Committee

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Amend Article V, Section 407C of the MOC Bylaws

**I. BYLAW COMPARISON**

**CURRENT VERBIAGE**

**PROPOSED CHANGES**

**FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)**

Appointive: The Grand Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, Hospital Chairperson, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Deputy Inspectors, VAVSR, Aides-de-Camp, National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson. The Grand Commander, if deemed necessary to, may select an Assistant Quartermaster. They shall enter upon their duties upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the Annual Grand Scratch and may be removed at the pleasure of Grand Commander during that term.

Appointive: The Grand Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, Hospital Chairperson, VAVSR, **The Grand Commander may appoint Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Deputy Inspectors, Aides-de-Camp, National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson.** The Grand Commander, if deemed necessary to, may select an Assistant Quartermaster. They shall ~~enter upon~~ assume their duties upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the Annual Grand Scratch and may be removed at the pleasure of Grand Commander.

- Appointive:
- a. The Grand Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, Hospital Chairperson, VAVSR.
  - b. The Grand Commander may appoint Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Deputy Inspectors, Aides-de-Camp, National Home Chairperson and Life Membership Chairperson. The Grand Commander, if deemed necessary to, may select an Assistant Quartermaster.
  - c. They shall assume their duties upon the installation of the Grand Commander at the Annual Grand Scratch and may be removed at the pleasure of Grand Commander.

**II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)**

*Change selected required appointive officer positions to optional as needed by the Grand Commander.*



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE  
BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM**

**TO:** Supreme Scratch

**PROPOSER:** Supreme Bylaws Committee

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Amend Article V, Section 505B of the MOC Bylaws

**I. BYLAW COMPARISON**

<b>CURRENT VERBIAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGES</b>	<b>FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)</b>
<p>Appointive: The appointive officers of the Supreme Pup Tent shall be a Supreme Chief of Staff, Supreme Adjutant, Supreme Inspector, Supreme Hospital Commissioner, Supreme Shirt Reader, Supreme Provost Marshal, Supreme Jimmy Legs, Supreme Editor, Supreme Director of Public Relations, Supreme Aides-de-Camp, Supreme Deputy Inspectors, Supreme Deputy Chiefs of Staff (one of each for every ten Pup Tents within any one State), Supreme Life Membership Chairperson, and such other Supreme appointments as circumstances from time to time require.</p>	<p>Appointive: The appointive officers of the Supreme Pup Tent shall be a Supreme Chief of Staff, Supreme Adjutant, Supreme Inspector, Supreme Hospital Commissioner, Supreme Shirt Reader, Supreme Provost Marshal, Supreme Jimmy Legs, <del>Supreme Editor, Supreme Director of Public Relations, Supreme Aides-de-Camp, Supreme Deputy Inspectors, Supreme Deputy Chiefs of Staff (one of each for every ten Pup Tents within any one State), Supreme Life Membership Chairperson, and such other Supreme</del> <b>appointments as circumstances from time to time require. or any additional appointments made by the Supreme Commander.</b></p>	<p>Appointive: The appointive officers of the Supreme Pup Tent shall be a Supreme Chief of Staff, Supreme Adjutant, Supreme Inspector, Supreme Hospital Commissioner, Supreme Shirt Reader, Supreme Provost Marshal, Supreme Jimmy Legs, <b>or any additional appointments made by the Supreme Commander.</b></p>

**II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)**

*Change selected required appointive officer positions to optionally needed by the Supreme Commander.*



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE  
BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM**

**TO:** Supreme Scratch

**PROPOSER:** Supreme Bylaws Committee

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Amend Article V, Section 525 of the MOC Bylaws

**I. BYLAW COMPARISON**

<b>CURRENT VERBIAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGES</b>	<b>FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)</b>
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Duty of the  
Supreme Council  
of Administration.

- a. As existing
- b. As existing
- c. As existing
- d. As existing

e. **Paid Supreme appointive  
officer(s) shall be  
confirmed by majority  
vote of the Supreme  
Council of Administration.**

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**II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)**

*Appointed paid officers for the Supreme Commander are to be approved by the Supreme COA.*



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE**

**BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM**

**TO:** Supreme Scratch  
**PROPOSER:** Supreme Bylaws Committee  
**DATE:** February 11, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Amend Article V, Section 528 of the MOC Bylaws

**I. BYLAW COMPARISON**

<b>CURRENT VERBIAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGES</b>	<b>FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)</b>
<p>Vacancies.</p> <p>a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Supreme Commander, the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander shall at once succeed to the duties and title of that position and the Supreme Junior Vice-Commander shall become the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander. All other vacancies occurring in any of the elective offices of the Supreme Pup Tent, shall be filled by the Supreme Council of Administration in the following manner: The Supreme Commander shall notify the members of the Supreme Council of</p>	<p>Vacancies.</p> <p>a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Supreme Commander, the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander shall at once succeed to the duties and title of that position and the Supreme Junior Vice-Commander shall become the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander. All other vacancies occurring in any of the elective offices of the Supreme Pup Tent, shall be filled by the Supreme Council of Administration in the following manner: The Supreme Commander shall notify the members of the Supreme Council of Administration that the vacancy exists, and thirty (30) days thereafter shall <b>convene a virtual or in person meeting of the Supreme Council of Administration to elect a replacement for the vacant</b></p>	<p>Vacancies.</p> <p>a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Supreme Commander, the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander shall at once succeed to the duties and title of that position and the Supreme Junior Vice-Commander shall become the Supreme Senior Vice-Commander. All other vacancies occurring in any of the elective offices of the Supreme Pup Tent, shall be filled by the Supreme Council of Administration in the following manner: The Supreme Commander shall notify the members of the Supreme Council of Administration that the vacancy exists, and thirty (30) days thereafter shall convene a virtual or in-person meeting of the Supreme Council of Administration to elect a replacement for the vacant office. The Supreme Council of Administration shall hold a</p>

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## II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

*Updating language to allow use of virtual meetings and vote to replace vacant positions at the Supreme Pup Tent.*



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE**

**BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM**

**TO:** Supreme Scratch

**PROPOSER:** Supreme Bylaws Committee

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Amend Article VII, Section 706 of the MOC Bylaws

**I. BYLAW COMPARISON**

<b>CURRENT VERBIAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGES</b>	<b>FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)</b>
<p><b>New Section – No verbiage</b></p>	<p><b>Section 706 - Cootie Bug.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. The official Cootie Bug consists of the following bugs in the Cootie Depot: Bronze Bug (7137), Gold Bug (7136), Flag Bug (7040), and 100 Bug (7100). The Blue Louse bug is an authorized bug but is not available for purchase from the Cootie Depot.</b></li> <li><b>b. Third Degree members of the MOC, in good standing, shall wear a cootie bug on the outer collar while attending any MOC or VFW functions.</b></li> <li><b>c. Auxiliary members are not entitled to wear the official Cootie bug, except for there, however, authorized to design and sell their own bugs so long as they are not designed to be confused</b></li> </ul>	<p>Section 706 - Cootie Bug.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The official Cootie Bug consists of the following bugs in the Cootie Depot: Bronze Bug (7137), Gold Bug (7136), Flag Bug (7040), and 100 Bug (7100). The Blue Louse bug is an authorized bug but is not available for purchase from the Cootie Depot.</li> <li>b. Third Degree members of the MOC, in good standing, shall wear a cootie bug on the outer collar while attending any MOC or VFW functions.</li> <li>c. Auxiliary members are not entitled to wear any official Cootie bug, however, the MOCA is authorized to design and sell their own bugs so long as they are not designed to be confused with the official MOC Cootie Bug.</li> </ul>

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*Reflects that the Cootie Bug authorized for use by third degree members and identifies the authorized bugs for use.*

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**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE**

**BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM**

**TO:** Supreme Scratch

**PROPOSER:** Supreme Bylaws Committee

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to Amend Article VIII, Section 801 of the MOC Bylaws

**I. BYLAW COMPARISON**

**CURRENT VERBIAGE**

**PROPOSED CHANGES**

**FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)**

Discipline of Members.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, no member shall have their membership in the Military Order of the Cootie terminated or suspended, nor may any member be relieved of office, unless such member has been advised in writing of the charges against them and afforded the opportunity to request that such charges be heard and determined at a Disciplinary Hearing as hereinafter provided.
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**II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)**

*Updating to reflect that the Supreme or Grand Commander may suspend a Cootie from a position. Language is from Section 905 of the VFW National Bylaws.*

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# Wellness Challenge



## GET READY TO GET HEALTHY!

CHALLENGE DATES: APRIL 1, 2026 - JULY 22, 2026

- ◆ Lose Weight the Healthy Way!
- ◆ Boost Physical Activity & Habits!
- ◆ Work Together for a Stronger Cootie & Auxiliary!

★ TRACK YOUR PROGRESS WITH: ★



SIGN UP HERE:

<https://links.bettertogether-app.com/mWAM/5ek06210>



STARTS APRIL 1, 2026 • ENDS JULY 22, 2026

*Join the Mission for a Healthier Future!*

# Certificates of Recognition

**Alert! Alert!** Did you know that certificates of recognition are available for **Grands** and **Pup Tents** on the Supreme website's forms page? Just scan one of the QR Codes below to download yours today!



# Supreme President's Message

Greetings MOC Auxiliary members and all you Lousy Cooties who happen to be reading this message!

The countdown is officially on for the **107th Supreme Convention**. As of this writing, there are only 123 days until we invade Sparks, Nevada! Be sure you have circled, starred, and highlighted your paper calendars, and set a notification on your phone for July 30, 2026. That is when Cootie **AuxSILLYry** spirit takes over Sparks! There is so much to look forward to!



Convention is the perfect time to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, create memories, celebrate the work being done across our organization, and remind ourselves why we do what we do. Whether you are a first-time attendee or a long-time Convention regular, I encourage you to make plans to attend.

I have it on good word that all first-time attendees will receive a special gift, and all newly elected 2026 to 2027 Presidents who attend the New Council of Administration meeting on **Sunday morning** will also receive a special gift to help support their efforts for the Supreme President's Special Project.

Now is also the time to start thinking about Convention paperwork and deadlines. Each Auxiliary is encouraged to submit a *Convention Registration Form* in order to receive the new year's Program Book. Trust me, you want this book!

If you would like to see your name shining brightly in the Convention Book, there are a couple of ways to make that happen. First, you and your fellow members can become Boosters for just \$2.00 each. The Booster Sheet can be found on our webpage under Events.

Convention Book ads are another great way to shine, not just for you, but for your whole Auxiliary! It is perfectly all right to brag a little, especially at these prices:

- Full Page: \$100.00
- Half Page: \$50.00
- Quarter Page: \$25.00

Please send ad copy and payment to the Supreme Treasurer. The deadline for ads, Booster

Sheets, and other Convention items is June 15, 2026.

Please begin reviewing your credential information and make sure everything is in order well before Convention. A little preparation now will make things much easier later.

Strong leadership matters. If you are dedicated, passionate, and willing to work hard for the good of the Auxiliary, I encourage you to consider stepping forward and considering a Supreme Office.

There are three great ways to help members learn who you are and what you have to offer:

1. Send your information to me so I can help get the word out to Auxiliaries across the country.
2. Submit information for the next edition of the Cootie Courier. This gives members the chance to discuss candidates at their meetings, ask questions, and learn more before arriving in Sparks. The deadline for the next edition of the Cootie Courier is *June 25, 2026*.
3. Place an ad in the Convention Book so members attending Convention have something to reference while they are there.

Thank you for the work you are doing every day to grow our Auxiliary, strengthen participation, and continue serving hospitalized Veterans. Every new member matters. One member at a time, one smile at a time, we are strengthening our organization and expanding our ability to serve.

At the end of the day, bringing smiles to our Veterans in Beds of White is still why we are here. Thank you for everything you do to make that happen.

I hope to see many of you in Sparks, Nevada, this year!

The future is so bright... we just might need to wear shades!

**Dawn VanTassell**  
**Supreme MOC Auxiliary President**  
**2026**



# Where in the World is the Supreme President?



**Y**ou never know where the Supreme President may pop up next! One month it might be Cootie Christmas. The next it could be a board meeting, an inspection, a hospital visit, or a Grand Convention. I may need a suitcase, a GPS, a gallon of coffee, and maybe even a little **AuxSILLYry Spirit** to keep up!

Think of this as a peek into the miles, meetings, smiles, and mischief happening along the way. From one stop to the next, I hope it gives you a chance to see some of the wonderful things happening across our organization and the

amazing members making it all happen.

At Cootie Christmas, I had the opportunity to stand alongside several MOCA members to help spread Christmas cheer. Cootie Christmas is an AMAZING event sponsored by some AMAZING Cooties! The smiles on the faces of the children and families were a reminder of why our support of National Home matters so much. It is because of members like you and the work being done across our organization that these families know they are loved, supported, and remembered.

At the February VFW National Home board meeting, I had the opportunity to represent the MOCA as a member of the National Home board. It was a wonderful opportunity to represent all of you and share the incredible work our members do every day for the National Home.





# From the Supreme Auxiliary Inspector

## Greetings from your MOCA Inspector

As of March 31, 2026, I do **NOT** have Inspection Reports for the following Auxiliaries:

Colorado #1, 2, 7

Delaware #4

Georgia #1

Illinois #8

Louisiana #3, 6, 11

Maryland #1, 3, 16, 17, 27

Minnesota #2, 62

New Jersey #15, 41

New Mexico #7, 19

North Carolina #2, 3, 8, 24, 78, 89

Pennsylvania #33

South Dakota #1, 12

Tennessee # 26

Texas #11, 13, 36, 55, 69, 88

West Virginia #6

Wisconsin # 9, 23, 41

I have sent emails to the Grand Presidents to let them know what I am missing. I have my fingers crossed that by the time this goes into the Cootie Courier I have received most of these reports.

## Loyally

**Debbie Thie**  
**Supreme Inspector**  
**MOC Auxiliary**



# Supreme Auxiliary General Order #3



## Supreme Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary President's Message & General Orders #3 March 25, 2026



Greetings Auxiliary Members,

*They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke 24:2-3*

He has risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter everyone! May this season of renewal inspire us as we continue our mission of service to our Veterans and to one another.

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

**Members, we have had some big changes in the Supreme line, please take note of the following important information.**

1. **Pro Tem Supreme Senior Vice President** - Members, we have had a difficult year and it has not gotten easier. Our Supreme Senior Vice President, Rosalyn Dandridge has resigned from the Supreme line. We appreciate her service over the last 3 years and wish her well as she spends more time with her family. I have appointed Past Supreme President Debbie Thie as our Supreme Senior Vice for the remainder of the 2025-2026 year. PSP Debbie Thie can be reached at [DLThie33774@gmail.com](mailto:DLThie33774@gmail.com).
2. **Pro Tem Junior Vice President** – This position was filled with the appointment of Past Supreme President Marquitta Hill after the passing of Supreme President Dave Johnson. PSP Marquitta Hill may be reached at [nicolemooca2023@gmail.com](mailto:nicolemooca2023@gmail.com)
3. **Pro Tem Supreme Chaplain** In addition, our Supreme Chaplain, Deann Reynolds, had her membership revoked, leaving the Chaplain's position vacant as well. I have appointed Chamarlyn Canzater from the Grand of South Carolina as our Supreme Chaplain to complete the year. Please forward all reports to Chamarlyn at 807 Isaac St, Columbia, SC 9203 or [mSCANZATER2@gmail.com](mailto:mSCANZATER2@gmail.com).  
If you have copies of your reports, it would be good to send them to Ms. Chamarlyn as well so she can prepare for Supreme Convention. If you have had members pass away, please be sure to forward that information as well so that we can all remember them at our memorial.
4. **Nominations and Elections – Local Auxiliaries:** Congratulations to all our new officers and chairman! I am looking forward to working with you over the next year. Elections in all local Auxiliaries should be final and all new officers should be installed. Please be sure your installation reports have been forwarded to our Supreme Treasurer Georg Jean Zimmerman.
5. **Grand Conventions** – Grand Conventions are just around the corner. All Grands and Auxiliaries not in a Grand (ANG) have been assigned a Supreme Representative, they will be contacting you soon, if they have not already. Please make appropriate arrangements for your Supreme Representative especially if they are not familiar with

your area. Remember our mission is to serve our hospitalized Veterans, it would be great if every Grand is able to host a hospital visit during the convention.

6. **Grand Presidents** – Please have the Secretaries and Treasurers books available and ready for inspection by the Supreme Representative. Treasurers should have an EIN for their auxiliary and by now they should have filed their 990n e-postcard online with the IRS. They should have an updated Ledger with current audits, bank statements for the last three months, CD statements, and savings accounts, etc. The Representative assigned to your Grand Convention is required to sign your Ledger, checkbook, and bank statements as well as the Secretary's books.
7. **Installing Officers** – Please be sure installation reports are filled out completely and if they are handwritten then check to be sure they are legible. When possible be sure to provide current email addresses for all officers and chairman.
8. **Supreme Officer Intent** - If you are dedicated, passionate, and willing to work hard for the good of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary, I encourage you to step forward and consider a Supreme Office.
  - a. If you intend to run for a Supreme Office, now is the time to begin introducing yourself to the membership. Candidates should submit a letter for the next edition of the Cootie Courier by the June 25, 2026 deadline. Your letter should include information about yourself, your goals, your contact information, and anything else you would like members to know.
  - b. Candidates should also send their letters to all Past Supreme Presidents, our Secretary Treasurer Georg Jean Zimmerman, and to me, so that the information can be shared with Auxiliaries across the country. The more our members know about the candidates, the more informed they can be before arriving at Convention.
9. **Convention Registration**, each auxiliary is encouraged to send in at least one Registration form, so you receive the 26/27 Supreme Program Book and Convention Reports Book.
10. **Convention Credentials / Delegates**, once voted on at least 30 days prior to Supreme Convention, are to be sent to Chairman Kathy Holmes. (there are no fees for delegates)
11. **And finally**, after much thought I have decided to close my business in Nashville Tennessee. Currently I receive all mail at my office in Nashville. Please update my address in your records to my home address: 110 Burgundy Lane, Ekron, KY 40177.

Thank you for all you do, including reading through these General Orders. I know they have got long.

**Dawn M. VanTassell**  
**MOCA Supreme President**  
*All Vet's Lives Matter*

**“If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.”** -Booker T. Washington



# MOC Auxiliary Hospital Report

<b>MOCA HOSPITAL REPORT</b>											
<b>February 28, 2026</b>											
GRAND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
<b>Supreme District #1 -- Vickie Peterson, Commissioner</b>											
DE	\$6,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MD	\$25,750.00	12	15	24	734	925.50	1413.00	7269.10	0	39665.07	154.04
PA	\$11,750.00	5	5	27	434	457.25	2352.00	5245.64	0	21482.65	182.83
VA	\$16,250.00	8	5	16	176	95.25	1383.00	4617.19	2	8124.56	50.00
WV	\$5,500.00	1	10	30	800	114.00	460.00	320.00	0	4350.46	79.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,750.00</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2144</b>	<b>1592.00</b>	<b>5608.00</b>	<b>17451.93</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>73622.73</b>	<b>111.97</b>
<b>Supreme District #2 -- Debbie Thie, Commissioner</b>											
FL	\$42,500.00	20	32	71	912	2433.00	3410.00	16422.89	0	101544.36	238.93
GA	\$14,500.00	17	32	71	459	272.25	2119.00	5189.57	0	4686.35	32.32
LA	\$18,500.00	6	5	10	305	36.50	211.00	909.08	0	2208.46	11.94
MS	\$20,250.00	21	42	97	1480	308.50	4743.00	3234.55	0	14631.29	72.25
NC	\$37,250.00	9	30	34	358	678.75	2852.00	1475.05	0	25488.04	68.42
SC	\$34,750.00	8	18	28	92	408.50	598.00	1333.81	9	15629.25	44.98
TN	\$4,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$172,250.00</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>3606</b>	<b>4137.50</b>	<b>13933.00</b>	<b>28564.95</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>164187.74</b>	<b>95.32</b>
<b>Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner</b>											
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	9	13	48	447	146.50	1941.00	2252.19	0	7620.67	44.83
MI	\$35,500.00	25	47	79	819	1443.00	6754.00	5307.97	2	56455.50	159.03
OH	\$32,000.00	73	149	287	2609	1682.50	16714.00	12255.70	16	73129.84	228.53
WI	\$27,750.00	33	212	359	3219	1636.25	20719.00	9030.88	0	68856.68	248.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$127,500.00</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>7094</b>	<b>4908.25</b>	<b>46128.00</b>	<b>28846.74</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>206062.68</b>	<b>161.62</b>
<b>Supreme District #4 -- Char Guse, Commissioner</b>											
KS	\$18,250.00	9	44	51	187	218.25	5901.00	325.43	0	8744.49	47.92
MN	\$41,500.00	19	188	427	4470	1879.00	20289.00	6492.23	52	74703.10	180.01
MO	\$40,000.00	128	273	414	12425	1724.00	22223.50	7284.06	18	70373.31	175.93
NE	\$10,500.00	23	84	121	2995	430.25	5490.00	4205.71	8	19942.71	189.93
SD	\$8,500.00	10	27	68	355	145.75	1667.00	1573.15	3	1750.18	20.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118,750.00</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>20432</b>	<b>4397.25</b>	<b>55570.50</b>	<b>19880.58</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>175513.78</b>	<b>147.80</b>
<b>Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner</b>											
AR	\$9,500.00	15	40	42	330	249.75	7470.00	1215.00	1	10949.60	115.26
CO	\$20,750.00	10	10	35	966	136.25	759.00	1000.00	0	5846.40	28.18
NM	\$12,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OK	\$16,250.00	17	15	32	489	282.50	3346.00	2100.85	4	12397.47	76.29
TX	\$40,000.00	112	62	155	1452	713.25	6807.00	6041.21	12	31808.16	79.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$99,250.00</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>3237</b>	<b>1381.75</b>	<b>18382.00</b>	<b>10357.06</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>61001.62</b>	<b>61.46</b>
<b>Supreme District #6 -- Cathy Seippel</b>											
AZ	\$29,000.00	9	24	43	1528	524.00	1809.00	4119.76	1	22602.98	77.94
CA	\$36,750.00	42	116	163	1350	455.25	1884.00	8027.42	2	24129.33	65.66
OR	\$23,750.00	4	11	11	76	48.25	632.00	0.00	0	1767.10	7.44
WA	\$50,500.00	35	229	286	12274	2225.75	4125.00	34942.68	1	112954.02	223.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140,000.00</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>15228</b>	<b>3253.25</b>	<b>8450.00</b>	<b>47089.86</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>161453.43</b>	<b>115.32</b>
<b>Supreme District #7 -- Penny Laskey, Commissioner</b>											
NJ	\$17,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NY	\$26,250.00	4	3	8	80	9.50	32.00	159.73	0	494.72	1.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,250.00</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>159.73</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>494.72</b>	<b>1.14</b>
<b>Supreme Donations</b>											
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$766,750.00</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>1741</b>	<b>3037</b>	<b>51821</b>	<b>19679.50</b>	<b>148103.50</b>	<b>152350.85</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>842336.69</b>	<b>109.86</b>
<b>Submitted By</b>		<b>Ruth Schoonover</b>			<b>Supreme Hospital Commissioner</b>						

# MOC Auxiliary Convention Registration



Date Received by Supreme Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

**M.O.C.A. 65th Supreme Convention July 30 – August 1, 2026**

**Nugget Casino Resort,**

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## 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 2026-2027 or a digital copy on a thumb drive with the Roster.**

**Additional copies of the Supreme President's Program Book may be ordered by entering a quantity below.**

**Both the Program Book Hardcopy and a Thumb drive can be ordered for \$25.00.**

Please be sure to mail your advance registration so it is received by the Supreme Treasurer before July 15, 2026.

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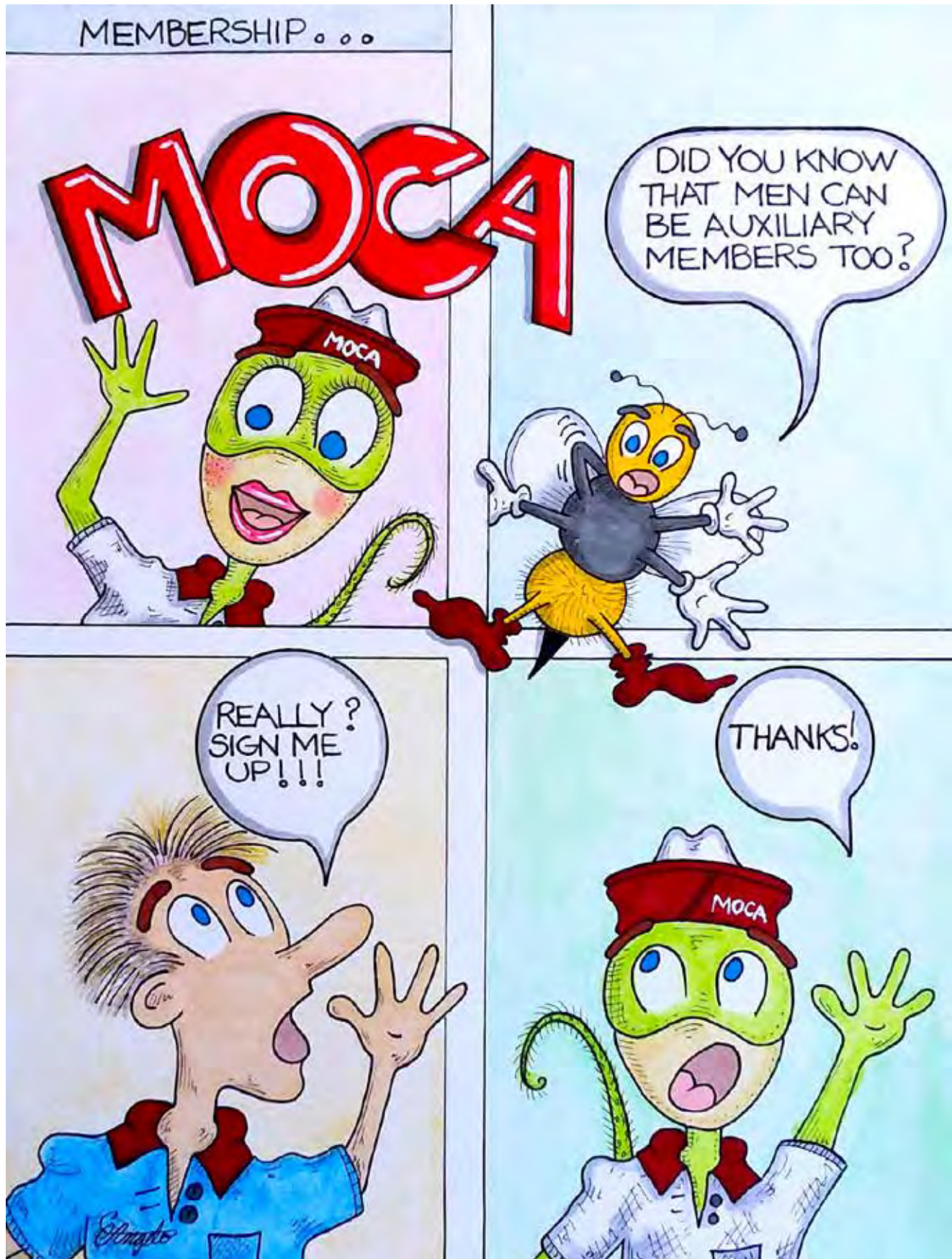
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# MOC Auxiliary Recruiting



# Remembering Past Triple "S" Eric Bell

Here are the pictures from when we were at the 8th District Supreme (2019) when we had Eric Bell arrested for stealing Grand Commander Tom Heath's horse. It was found in his car. We raised \$400 for the Sparta K9 Unit for his release.

*Courtesy of Triple "S" Tracy M. L. Woodman*



# COOTIE ORIGINS

Since man has recorded the events of Mother Nature, the adoption of its name, the name of this Organization, seems quite befitting when the reasons are explained.

Science has records and knows of body lice and parasites since the time of creation. It has acquainted itself with their habits, traits, methods of attack, and even means of their extermination.

These records tell of the African Bobo-Esquimo, Jasper-Hindu, Charni-Afghan, Saff-Hall Mexican, Tic-Algerian, Hard-Shellied Mazzio-Australian, Tardi-Mongolian Kami, and even the Antarctic Multi-Legged Nurl.

Now for the most startling and astonishing fact man has realized. Our Supreme Creator of all life had compounded the greatest parasite during the World War. He allowed all those previously mentioned breeds to interbreed creating humans, most industrious parasites, one who inherited all the traits—maliciousness, cunning, and the faculties of letting you know that he is constantly with you at all times. He even defied extermination; his determination was second only to those men who tolerated him as a member of the A.E.F.

This creature was at first dubbed with the name of “Cootie” by the Army “Medics,” and that name has stood as such, even with the present day medical science.

During the World War, it was an actual by-word of the soldiers of the nations involved in that great conflict. You soon became an outcast if you, at some time or other, had not been infested and properly acquainted with him by his actual presence. He became a real “Pal.” He stuck with you, rain or shine, mud or shell, turpentine or kerosene. He invested you with the real spirit of Comradship. Today some of these men who served this Country in the time of that War still bring up the spirit of the “Cootie,” proving their loneliness without them.

This Organization adopted its name, “Cootie,” because of his industrious fortitude and gameness, never knowing when he is licked or down, and another point was his affording constant diversion and amusement. All those traits he is to be honored by affording this Organization with the following slogan: “Bugs that are a Bee.” — Closer than a Brother.

The Military Order of the Cootie of the U.S. was primarily organized as a fun Order of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars of the United States. It really prospered under this heading. Soon, the members of this Order saw fit to divert serious attention to “Our” National Home at Eaton Rapids, Mich. Along with the fact of it being mandatory to carry, at all times, a fully

paid receipt card of the Parent Order, the V.F.W., this Organization, “The Military Order of the Cootie of the U.S.,” assumed a title that is cherished and honored by its members, that title being—“The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.”

At the National Home, a project, voluntarily assumed by the “Cooties,” is rapidly becoming a reality. It will be completed by this coming Spring. It is known as “Cootie Field,” as a monument representing the “Industry” of this Organization.

Heretofore, the children in that Home have never had a place or means of real physical recreation, for proper recreation is healthy to the last degree. The widows of our Comrades at the Home will feel an ease of mind, knowing that their children or charges are playing and romping on “Cootie Field” instead of on lawns and roadways.

We, who are members of this Organization, will go through “Hell and High Water” to uphold its principles and voluntary undertakings. Let others be envious of this Organization, “The Military Order of the Cootie of the U.S.”

## The Cootie Creed

*I believe in the Flag of the United States of America. Emblem of truth, equality and freedom, borne of loving hands in the cradle of liberty, baptized with the blood of our forefathers, consecrated to the cause of humanity and sustained by the mighty arms of Patriots.*



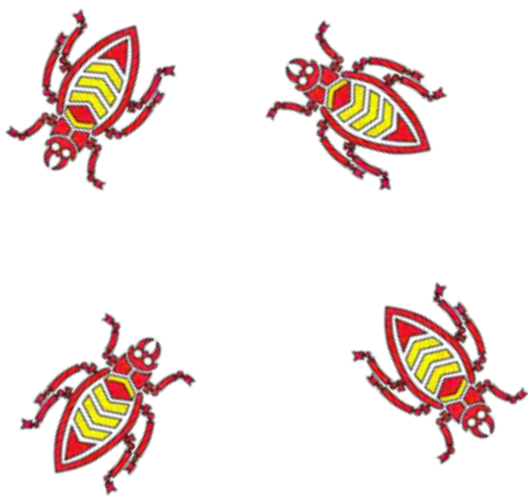
# Grand of California

MOC/MOC Auxiliary held their Winter C of A on January 22-25 at the Holiday Inn Swan-Court in Selma. The Scratch was called to order by Grand Commander Tony Precie. There were 9 Pup Tents *Absent* and 3-*Present* in total. The Scratch was "LOUSY". PSSS Robbie Normand brought a Grand Cootie Cap that was from the Roughing 1920's. You can see where your card was carried. MOC/MOC Auxiliary Grand Scratch will be held here on May 14-17, 2026.

Kenny Lindberg PGC 2025, PSS PT 66 "Greenbacks" has been elected as Supreme Hide Gimlet for 2026. He will do a LOUSY Job. 14th March MOC Grand Stood Up PT 79 "BANDITS" in Poway at VFW Post 7904. Will Kimble is the new SS PT 79. Now the Grand has 13 Standing Pup Tents!

***Courtesy of Steve Kemp, Grand Historian***





# Grand of Florida

## Florida Gallinipper Program

### **OBJECTIVE**

The Grand of Florida invites you to take home your very own piece of Florida sunshine through the Gallinipper Program. Join the lousy league of Gallinippers and sport our crummy badges with pride! “Gallinipper” is a pejorative term for the irritating mosquitoes that plagued Old Florida’s “Crackers” while they herded their cattle through the swamps. Our Gallinipper-Cooties have tamed the wilds, however, and may be observed riding (or otherwise annoying) distinctive Floridian wildlife.

### **MISSION**

The Grand of Florida uses the money raised through its Gallinipper Program to support the Florida BBQ Picnic during the week before Cootie Christmas at the VFW National Home. The Grand of Florida has sponsored this Picnic for the families and staff of the National Home since 1974, and through the Gallinipper Program will continue to do so until Florida runs out of mosquitoes. And that will *never* happen!

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is available in three levels, which may be purchased at any time and in any order. Each pin comes with a distinctive certificate acknowledging your support for the Grand of Florida. ***Membership is open to all VFW and Auxiliary members, MOC and MOCA members, Friends, Families, pets, and unsavory acquaintances.***

*All prices include \$7.00 for a Shipping and Handling Fee. All pins and certificates are sent via USPS 2-Day Ground Advantage. If multiple pins are purchased at once, **only one S&H fee of \$7.00 is required.** (For Example: Purchasing 1 Manatee Marauder, 1 Friendly Flamingo, and 1 Goofin’ Gator costs a total of \$67.00)*

Level 1: Manatee Marauder – For only \$27.00 you’ll float slowly into battle against your enemies atop one of Florida’s most ferociously lovable floating blobs of seagrass.

Level 2: Friendly Flamingo – For \$27.00 you can bring smiles to your Comrades, the Cooties around you, and the Children and Families of our National Home from the back of a perfectly pink, flamboyant Flamingo.

Level 3: Goofin’ Gator – For a mere \$27.00 you can climb to the apex of Florida’s ecosystem and confuse an alligator with your lousy antics alongside your fellow Cooties.

Make checks and money orders payable to the “MOC Grand of Florida” and send them with your application to the Florida Gallinipper Chairperson:

**Stephen M. Orf**  
**433 Lexingdale Drive**  
**Orlando, FL 32828**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number (used only for questions about the application information): \_\_\_\_\_

Post Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Pup Tent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pup Tent Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pup Tent Grand: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks or money orders payable to: **MOC Grand of Florida**  
In the Memo or Notes section of the check, please write: **Gallinipper**

Mail your application to the Florida Grand Gallinipper:

**Stephen M. Orf**  
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*Upon approval of your membership application and confirmed payment, your Pin(s) and Certificate(s) will be mailed to you.*

American Legion #383, AmVets #422 and The Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliaries get together 4 times a year to provide gifts for the residents of Ayers, Cross City and TriCounty Nursing Homes. This is Valentines gifts that were given along with a box for each Activities Directors.



Linda Rich and painter Debbie Johnson  
Janssen and Natalie Floren



Terri



Elaine McDermott  
Char Zelnak



Terri, Debbie and Kathy Browne



Susan Haines



# Grand of Maryland

## Visit to Baltimore VAMC

Grand of MD BlockBusters, Pup Tent 3, MOC and Auxiliary gathered on 16 December 2025 for the the annual visit to the Baltimore VAMC, Green St, downtown for the distribution of gift bags with comfort items and cards with canteen books for patients on 7 wards, and treats for the nurses' stations. We end on the 6th floor to play bingo in the lockdown ward.

*Courtesy of Past Grand Seam Squirrel Stephanie Eeckhout*



# Huge Donations!

Pup Tent 6 and VFW Post 5118 of Easton donated over 600 pairs of socks to Perry Point Veterans Hospital. Lt to R- Commander, Kenley Timms; Assistant Quartermaster, Ronnie Johnson; Seam Squirrel, Wayne Dyott; Life Member, Bill Callahan.

*Courtesy of Wayne Dyott*



Cootie Pup Tent 6 and VFW Post 5118 of Easton donated 500 pair of socks to our local neighborhood service center! L to R Commander, Kenley Timms; Assistant Quartermaster, Ron Johnson; Seam Squirrel, Wayne Dyott; Life Member, Bill Callahan



**Pup Tent TNT #1 celebrates Valentine's Day at the Carroll Manor Sr. Home**

TNT#1 Auxiliary member, Jeanne Mannsell; Grand Seam Squirrel, Georgia Eaves and Past Grand Commander, Clinton "T" Townsend provided 15 gifts bags to the local Veterans. Grand Blanket Bum, Joe Respress; Grand CCDB, Kathleen Fitzpatrick; Past Councilman, Curtis Brisbon and MOC Auxiliary President, Mary Brisbon provided 38 Valentines Day gifts to the Veterans in the VA Medical Center Community Living Center on 12 February 2026. *Submitted by Clinton "T" Townsend Grand Newshound*





Grand Seam Squirrel, Georgia Eaves presents Cootie Cunningham with a Valentine gift bag. He is a resident of a senior assisted living facility in Washington DC.

***Submitted by Clinton "T" Townsend Grand Newshound***



Past Grand Commander, Ralph Bell; Past Seam Squirrel, Vincent Morris; CCDB, Napoleon Bonaparte and Past All-Star Grand Commander, Larry Williams visit with the residents of ARMED Forces Retirement Home on Valentine's Day. Also pictured is Current PupTent Seam Squirrel, Leroy Froster.

***Submitted by Clinton "T" Townsend Grand Newshound***

# Grand of Michigan



Pup Tent 42 Yardbird Seam Squirrel Nate Powell and Cootie Marti Cothorn are seen here trying to tell Old Man Winter to take a hike at the Cootie Christmas Party at the National Home. ***Courtesy of Nate Powell***





**LEFT:** Past Grand Commanders Russell Makowski, Matthew Dzikowicz, and Horace Fraser, conjuring up some mischief to louse upon the unsuspecting Cooties at the Grand Scratch hosted by Pup Tent 32 Seam Squirrel Bill Austin and Auxiliary President Rhunell Adams, Fenton, Michigan, on March 14, 2026.

**RIGHT:** Bag lady, M.O.C.A. Historian Sandy Brock, has lots of goodies in them bags to be distributed to the veterans interned at the Lt Col. Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan.





Grand Seam Squirrel Grand of Michigan Mark Rosiak (far left) and Cooties are already gearing up to participate in the annual Romeo Peach Festival parade again this year. The gnarly Cooties are one of many pseudo-military organizations represented in this big hometown event held over Labor Day in Romeo, Michigan.



# Grand of Minnesota



When you spend time with Cooties from the Grand of Minnesota, one thing becomes immediately clear: Cootie work isn't about checking boxes or filling calendars. It's about showing up for Veterans who need a smile and conversation as much as they need medical care.

For Jim Daziel, Past Seam Squirrel of Pup Tent #62 and current Supreme Historian, the path to the Cooties began at a time when his connection to the VFW was starting to drift. That's when a fellow Cootie, Frank Presfield, got in Jim's ear! He learned what the organization was really about, jumped in with both feet, and never looked back.

"I joined because of what we do," Jim shared. "And once you start, it's hard to stop." That sentiment echoes throughout the Grand of Minnesota.

## A Different Kind of Care

Some of the most meaningful work done by the Grand of Minnesota happens in ways that are simple yet filled with genuine compassion and enjoyment.

Each month, Cooties visit Veterans centers to play BINGO armed with quarters, laughter, and a commitment to making sure every Veteran feels included. The games are lighthearted, the joking constant, and the atmosphere intentionally fun. But the impact often reaches far beyond the excited shouts of "BINGO!"

During one visit to the St. Cloud Veterans Center, Jim recalls being invited back to a Veteran's room after BINGO had ended. The Veteran, a WWII Navy Veteran, proudly showed him his woodworking projects and photographs of his grandchildren. Then he quietly explained what those quarters meant to him. "When my grandson comes to visit," the Veteran said, "I can reach into my pocket and buy him a candy bar or a soda. You let me be a grandpa."

For Jim, the meaning of that moment was clear. It wasn't the candy bar, it was the dignity of being able to give to his loved one, without having to ask of someone first. "That's what sticks with me," he says. "The dignity we as Cooties can provide."

To the Cooties, it was a night of fun and games. To that Veteran, it was dignity.

That same philosophy carries through one of the Grand of Minnesota's longest standing traditions, Venison Dinners.

Since 1956, the Minneapolis Police Department has donated venison harvested during hunts to the Cooties. From there, the Cooties take on the responsibility of organizing and delivering the meat to Veterans homes and VA facilities across the state. The facilities prepare the meals and invite the Cooties and Auxiliary to attend, turning each dinner into more than just a meal. It becomes a shared evening of fellowship and presence that the Veterans get excited about. In many cases, enough venison is provided that facilities are able to prepare more than one meal for their Veterans.

In addition to the dinners, the Cooties also have venison made into summer sausage, which is delivered to the facilities with crackers and cheese. It's a simple offering, but one that extends beyond a single meal and gives Veterans something to enjoy and share in the days that follow.

## **When Laughter Is the Best Medicine**

If you've ever seen a Minnesota Cootie visit in full swing, chances are you've met Sandy Arnold, Supreme MOCA Mama Clown and Grand of MN Mama Clown. Sandy joined the Cootie Auxiliary at the prompting of her husband, and she says she has been hooked ever since.

Sandy brings humor and joy wherever she goes, adding a healthy dose of silliness to every Cootie visit. From dusting chins and shoulders with a feather duster, to telling corny dad jokes and handing out hugs, Mama Clown has a knack for breaking the ice. She dances with Veterans even those in wheelchairs and if someone gives her a double look, she gives one right back.

Hugs often come with a sticker that proudly reads, "I Hugged a Clown Today!"

"Just be silly," Sandy advises. "Don't be afraid to do dumb things to make them laugh. People will laugh at just about anything. You might get embarrassed, but if it makes them smile, then you've done your job."

One of Mama Clown's favorite tricks is a small handheld sign that reads "I Y Q." When a Veteran reads it out loud, she flips the sign over to reveal, "I Y Q 2." It's simple, unexpected, and almost always followed by laughter. Proof that spreading smiles doesn't have to be complicated.

"You don't need a full clown outfit," Sandy says. "Silly shoes, a scarf, a hat just have fun. They love it." Sandy makes clown hats and collars to help fundraise for the Supreme Clown Program. She's quick to suggest a trip to Goodwill: plaid pants, polka dot shirts, mismatched finds can become the perfect clown costume.

How fun would it be to gather your members, go thrifting together, and turn that day into the start of a new clown visit? The Minnesota clowns have even been known to visit local watering holes in clown gear to spread more cheer and even raise funds. It's a chance to laugh with one another, build camaraderie, and plan meaningful visits with Veterans.

## **Ideas That Travel Service That Grows**

One of the strengths of the Grand of Minnesota is a willingness to learn from others and then put those ideas into action. That is exactly what Jim did when he saw photos of Past Supreme Seam Squirrel Olin Parks delivering Valentine heart shaped boxes of candy to Veterans in Missouri. It was a simple idea, but a meaningful one. Jim brought it home to Minnesota, and soon those heart shaped boxes of candy were being delivered throughout Minnesota. Some Veterans kept them for themselves; others passed them along to wives or family members, turning a small gesture into something shared.

From Valentines to Christmas the Cootie Auxiliary plays a key role. Working alongside their Pup Tents, Auxiliary members help fund, wrap, and deliver personal Christmas gifts, including a \$25 gift card for every Veteran. These gift cards help ensure each individual can choose something just for themselves.

Here is one Veteran's story that needs to be shared, instead of selecting a gift for himself, he asked that his \$25.00 gift card be donated to a local food bank. Jim said, "He wanted it to be his donation." This Veteran didn't want someone else to give on his behalf, he wanted to be the one helping others. At a time when he could receive a little something for himself, he chose to give.

Beyond the gifts, the Auxiliary is present throughout the season, helping bring warmth, smiles, and companionship into Veteran centers. Jim speaks with pride about the Auxiliary's involvement, noting their active participation during visits, especially on BINGO nights, where connection and laughter are just as important as gifts themselves.

Red Hat Day is another example of how Pup Tents and Auxiliaries can take a simple concept and make it their own. Highlighted by Todd Roberts, Past Grand Seam Squirrel; Red Hat Day is held each September, bringing Cooties into VA hospitals across Minnesota wearing their red hats and delivering more smiles. Much like the Supreme Valentine Visit, Cooties move through different wards, playing BINGO, visiting with Veterans, and meeting them where they are. At some facilities, visits include time in dependency care wards or friendly competition through bowling or hoop shooting. Whether on a court or at the six-lane bowling alley in St. Cloud the focus is simple: show up, connect, and bring a little joy into the day.

These stories are why this Spotlight series exists. They offer real examples of Cootie work in action ideas that Pup Tents, Auxiliaries, and Grands can adapt and make their own. Programs don't have to begin as perfect plans. Often, they grow and evolve into something meaningful because someone noticed a need, shared an idea, and invited others to join in. When we learn from one another and work together, even small ideas have a way of growing into something incredible.

## Why?

Ask Minnesota Cooties what their "why" is and you won't get rehearsed answers. You'll hear honesty.

"Being a Cootie puts me closer to Veterans," Paty Thron, current Grand President stated, "I can be myself here."

Paty recognizes that Cootie work is not always about smiles. It's about being there when a Veteran needs you. She tells about a Memorial Day when she escorted Veterans to a cemetery service. One Veteran, seated in a wheelchair, was cold and quiet. She retrieved a blanket and stayed by his side throughout the ceremony. During the ceremony a bald eagle flew overhead, they both noticed it and Paty noticed tears in his eyes. She held his hand gently, simply being there when it mattered.

Sometimes service is loud and silly. Sometimes it's quiet and still.

Mama Clown Sandy's "why" is simple, "Too often, people are forgotten. If I can make even one Veteran, or one ordinary person, laugh or smile, it's all worth it." She believes we're meant to be there for one another, especially when Veterans outlive their families and feel alone. "No one should be alone," she says. Even when it pushes her outside her comfort zone, like dancing when a Veteran loves to dance, she does it, because that moment belongs to them.

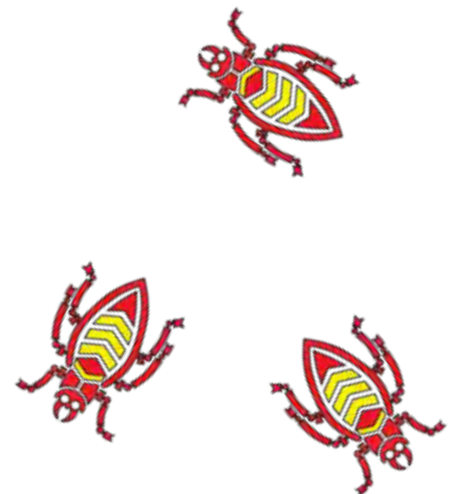
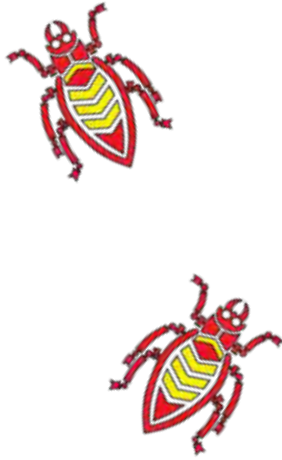
For Todd, being a Cootie means showing up for Veterans who are too often overlooked. He's especially drawn to older Veterans those in memory care or facilities where visits are rare. "Some of them don't get visitors," he shared. "And that doesn't sit right with me." His favorite Cootie memories are often the simplest and funniest, like a BINGO night in St. Cloud where a Veteran repeatedly wheeled over to propose to one of the Cooties who is now serving as Hide Gimlet. This is a moment that still makes people laugh. For Todd, the work matters because even a brief visit can make a difference. He encourages struggling Pup Tents and Auxiliaries to invite VFW and VFW Auxiliary members to join Cootie visits, even before they're members. "Get them to one visit," he said. "Once they see it, they want to be part of it." And at the heart of it all, Todd believes camaraderie is essential because when members stay connected, they stay engaged, and the mission keeps moving forward.

For Jim, the answer to why is deeply personal. "Because I survived," he said. "And not everyone had that chance." He knows his body has been worn by service, but his mind remains strong, and he recognizes how fortunate he's been. When he looks at Veterans who are struggling, especially those who carry unseen battles it reinforces his purpose. "What is our real purpose?" Jim asks. "We have to get back to that."



For him, the work is simple and addictive: showing up, spreading smiles, and caring for Veterans like family. When others ask what the VFW or Cooties can do for them, Jim's answer is clear we are here to care for your grandpa. And just as important, he believes we grow stronger by learning from one another, sharing what works, and carrying those ideas forward together.

For our Veterans, the visits, gifts, and meals the Grand of Minnesota provides are moments they look forward to. For the Cooties both the Pup Tents and the Auxiliaries they are opportunities to truly "Keep 'Em Smilin' in Beds of White," not as organizers or guests, but simply as people who care. There is plenty of goofing around along the way, and that laughter matters. But often, it isn't what we do in the moment that leaves the greatest impact, it's the lasting effect of showing up, again and again, and reminding a Veteran that they are not forgotten.

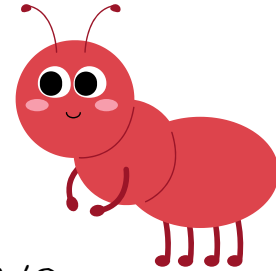


# Grand of North Dakota

North Dakota Grand Commander Lucas Moran attended Hospital Night at the Fargo VA Medical Center. Pup Tent 8 Pack Rats hosted the event. Pictured L to R are Grand Commander Lucas Moran, Arvaal Olson PT8, Joe Best C.C.D.B of PT8 and Wayne Casebeer the Seam Squirrel of PT8. *Courtesy of Steve Volk the Grand QM/ADJ.*



# Grand of Oregon



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YFW POST 584, Albany Oregon  
Dinner is Roasted Pork with sides  
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Keep 'em  
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# Grand of Texas



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In the Houston area

VFW Post 8905  
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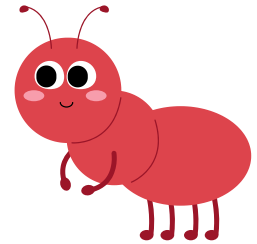
Spaghetti Dinner, DJ, Comedy and more...

Tickets: **\$20.00** Chop sticks provided, Bibs \$5.00, Cutlery \$5.00, Spots counted  
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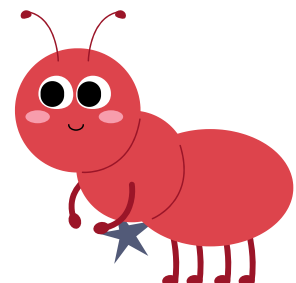
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# Grand of Washington

## VanOrc #6 Vancouver VA Christmas Party

The annual VanOrc #6 Cootie Christmas was held Saturday, December 20th at the Vancouver VA Community Center. There was Christmas caroling, tres leches cake, sodas, and gifts of afghans, scarves, stocking hats, and knitted shawls for all residents. After the party, the carolers went to all the wards to sing carols. ***Courtesy of Bea Close***



Ron Osborn, Pam Copeland, Benny Asanoma, Martha Causey, Cynthia Ross, Margie Ekstrand, Ron Causey, Bea Close, Cindy Tagliavia, Bill Tatam, Rebecca Pellechi, Andrea Osborn, Larry Ross



Our resident Elf, Ron Osborn



Soloist Carol



Soloist Benny Asanoma, Cindy Tagliavia, Ron Causey, and a cart full of afghans for gifts



A wagon full of stocking hats



President Bea Close used her ears to listen who is naughty or nice for Santa



*Tres leches cakes*

## VanOrc #6 Vancouver Salute to Veterans Week



Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week cake served February 11th at the Vancouver VA by Margie Ekstrand.

## VanOrc #6 Vancouver Mardi Gras Ice Cream Social

For Mardi Gras the Van Orc Cootie team served root beer floats, ice cream sundaes, and banana splits to the patients at the Vancouver VA Community Living Center on February 17th, and all the patients also received their bead necklaces! *Courtesy of Bea Close*



**Above:** Phil Tagliavia, Cindy Tagliavia, Pam Vanderheiden, Pam Copeland, Jim Vanderheiden, Andrea Osborn, Ron Ocborn, Bea Close



**Right:** Kat Baker made it back from her Portland VA appointment for Larry Ross to serve her a banana split.

## VanOrc #6 Vancouver St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Saint Patrick's Day found the VanOrc #6 Moca going room to room at the Vancouver VA Community Living Center, passing out Saint Patrick's Day cookies and Leprechaun juice. *Courtesy of Bea Close*



Pam Copeland, Martha Causley, Carolyn Myers,  
Rebeca Pellechi, Bea Close, Marie McEnry

# From the Supreme Newshound

Listen Cooties,



Grind, whiz, whir, grind, wizzz, whirrrr...Klunk, klunk! Thwap! Smack! Grind, whiz, whir... Ah! That's better! My shredder is working again. Those staples are a pain at times!

This edition brings it all together—the heart, the humor, and the hustle that keeps this Lousy Order buzzing. You'll find Cooties across the land doing what we do best: raising funds, raising spirits, and occasionally raising a little harmless ruckus. Whether it's spaghetti dinners with bibs optional (but strongly recommended), hog raffles that would make any backyard pitmaster proud, or gatherings where the only thing thicker than the gravy is the comradeship—this issue proves one thing... we are alive and well and *"Busier than a Bee."*

But beneath the laughs and the mumblings, there's something deeper crawling around in these pages. The spirit of the Cootie—the one that refuses to quit, never knows when it's licked, and somehow turns hardship into humor—is alive and kicking. That same spirit reminds us why we do what we do... for each other, for our veterans, and for the families who depend on us.

You'll also catch a glimpse of the machinery that keeps this Lousy outfit moving—registrations, by-law tweaks, and all the official mumbo jumbo that proves even a bunch of pestiferous Cooties can run a tight ship when needed.

So go ahead... shred these pages and watch out for your antennae! If you get them to close...uh...well you know, eh? Let your feelers wander. Laugh a little, learn a little, and maybe—just maybe—get inspired to stir up a little more Lousy trouble in your own Pup Tent.

***Keep 'em Smilin', Cooties... and keep those antennae twitchin'!***

Yours in LOTCS,

**Dale A. Iannello (Chappy)  
Supreme Newshound**



# Never Pay Dues Again

## Life Membership Fee Schedule

Effective 1 June 2025

As approved by the 105<sup>th</sup> 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 Marcia Eggers at [supremehqmoc@lotcs.org](mailto:supremehqmoc@lotcs.org). Or go to the Cootie Depot and purchase your **Red Star Life Membership** online by going to: <https://www.cootiedepot.org/products/misc-9900?pos=1&sid=9e41b684a&ss=r> 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

FNAME	LNAME	DOD	GRAND - PT
GEORGE	STANSBURY	Thursday, June 10, 2021	AZ-13
FRED	WILLIAMS	Monday, January 26, 2026	CA-16
HANK	ISENBERG	Sunday, January 12, 2025	CA-19
ROBERT	MAJIA	Saturday, January 3, 2026	CA-67
JOHN	ELLIOTT	Monday, March 2, 2026	CA-68
JAMES	ARMSTRONG	Friday, March 6, 2026	CA-69
RONALD	LATTLIN	Thursday, December 18, 2025	CO-01
RONALD	BREWINGTON	UNKNOWN	FL-08
WILLIAM	FREDE	UNKNOWN	FL-08
GEORGE	MARSHALL	Sunday, January 4, 2026	GPA-77
JAY HARRY	LIETZOW	Thursday, September 25, 2025	MN-02
TERRY	WAGNER	Thursday, January 1, 2026	MN-66
BARBARA	GANDY	Tuesday, November 10, 2020	MS-12
JIMMY	SMITH	Tuesday, November 25, 2025	MS-12
THOMAS	INNES	Sunday, December 31, 2023	NC-89
ANTON	HACKMAN	Sunday, December 7, 2025	ND-12
DAVID	SMITH	Tuesday, December 16, 2025	ND-12
MICHAEL	MUSGROVE	Friday, January 30, 2026	NV-02
DANIEL	MYERS	Saturday, March 14, 2026	NV-02
MARK	ROSS	Wednesday, February 4, 2026	OH-24
HARRY	CRAWFORD	Wednesday, February 11, 2026	OH-92
JAMES	DICKEN	Sunday, February 8, 2026	OH-92
GEORGE	MARSHALL	Sunday, January 4, 2026	PA-11
JERROLD	ROWE	Wednesday, September 3, 2025	PA-11
JOEL ANTHONY	RICHARDSON	Friday, February 13, 2026	SC-09
ROBERT	HODGES	Tuesday, November 4, 2025	SC-10
GEORGE	PULLIE	Saturday, September 14, 2024	SC-10
RAYMOND	YOCOM	Sunday, February 1, 2026	TX-36
MIKE	BOEHME	Sunday, July 13, 2025	VA-13
MITCHELL	RUBENSTEIN	Monday, November 3, 2025	VA-13
DONALD	PARKS	Sunday, January 25, 2026	WA-06
ALFRED	SHAULIS	Wednesday, October 1, 2025	WA-18

