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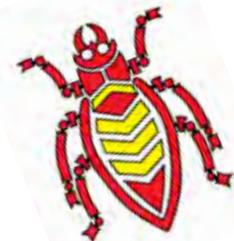


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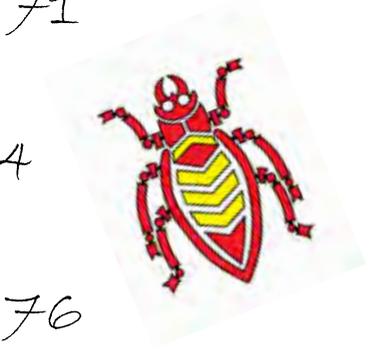
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From the Supreme Seam Squirrel

Lousy salutations Cooties!

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

Welcome 2026! Our year is half-way over! We will miss all of those that have left us too soon. Please stay positive and strong. Continue being a beacon for veterans. Take care of each other by increasing your **Warrior Calls**.

Cootie Christmas was a wonderful event. Thank you to the Grand of Michigan! The families had a blast! Thank you to the Grand of Florida for preparing meals for residents and staff before Cootie Christmas. They truly had a great time!

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

It is also Department Mid-Winter time! Make sure to request a table for Cootie recruiting. As always, include your MOC Auxiliary in those events. Spread the joy of Cootie!

Here are some other reminders:

- Grand schedule with Supreme Rep requests to Supreme HQ
- Big Boot Program
- Pup Tent Inspections
- Cootie House and Supreme Commander Special Project donations to Supreme HQ
- Increase and multiply! Keep 'em smilin' in beds of white! Busier than a Bee!**

Yours in LOTCS,

**Eric Bell
Supreme Seam Squirrel
Supreme Commander
2025-2026**





MOC and MOC Auxiiary in attendance for Supreme President Dave Johnson Celebration of Life in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Thank you for all of the Cooties that attended.



Supreme Blanket Bum

FROM THE SUPREME BLANKET BUM TRACY M. L. WOODMAN

Listen Cooties,

Cootie Nation has been hit hard with loss this last couple months. Past Supreme Commander Steve Ruger, Past Supreme President Collette Cove, Supreme President Dave Johnson, several past grand commanders as well as many other cooties and auxiliary members. Please continue to keep the families in your thoughts and prayers as they are getting adjusted to their new normal.

It was an honor to participate in **Tomb Trek** this year, with a Memorial service at the hotel on Sunday morning then as we laid hundreds of wreaths at the Argonne Cross, followed by the Supreme Officers lining up for the Supreme Commander and President to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. Thank you to our attending Past Supreme Commanders who held impromptu classes during our C of A on Saturday. Speaking of the impromptu things that happen, during our Banquet a group of veterans met at the same hotel for their Honor Flight dinner. So many of us did not get the friendly welcome home but watching their faces as they paraded between our group on their way home will not be forgotten in our lifetime.

It was an honor and a learning experience to represent the MOC at both the **VFW Eastern and Southern Conferences** this fall. There was also lots of fun and mischief afoot.

I would also like to thank the **Grand of Florida** for all their hard work during Cootie Christmas week. I arrived on Tuesday with the idea that I beat the start of the week but they were already hard at work. The Grand of Florida sent 6 cootie elves who did stellar work at the VFW National Home taking care of the families and employees. A special thanks to these elves for allowing me to help in the mission. I am looking forward to next year.

Midwinters and C of As are nearing with **Grand Conventions** not too far behind. Dates! Dates! Dates! I'll be seeing you around the fertile hunting grounds.



In LOTCS,
Tracy M. L. Woodman
Supreme Blanket Bum



From the Supreme Hide Gimlet

Listen Up Cooties,

[In straight talk]

It was great seeing everyone at Tomb Trek and Cootie Christmas this year. If you didn't make one or both, you missed a good time. If you have never had the chance to attend either you are missing out and should plan on making it to both sometime in the near future. You won't be disappointed.



On a serious note, my thoughts and prayers go out to the Dave Johnson and Steve Ruger families. We can take solace in knowing they lived a full life.

And finally, Combat Tested Gaming's mission is to unite service members and veterans through e-Sports and gaming, fostering camaraderie, improving mental wellness, reducing isolation, and building a strong community while also connecting them to vital VFW resources like VA benefits assistance through an inclusive, supportive digital environment. As this aligns perfectly with our goals of 'Keep Them Smilin' in Beds of White" Cooties should be jumping at the bit to engage with this program. If you want to know more, please reach out to Rob "Shadow" Caudill ctg@ncvfw.org or myself for more information.

L.O.T.C.S.,

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Supreme Hide Gimlet
2025-2026
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From the Supreme Quartermaster

Lousy New Year, Cooties!

The party is over, and it's time to get back to work. I hope everyone enjoyed the **Christmas** and **New Year** season—and drank plenty of Cootie Milk along the way!

As of **December 31, 2025**, we are seven months into our **2025-2026 Cootie Year**. Your Grand or Pup Tent should have the majority of its membership processed by now, as we aim for 100% by **May 31, 2026**. A huge “**Thank You**” to the Grands and Pup Tents that have already hit that *100%* mark!

To start the year off right, please review the following updates. We've noticed some of this information isn't reaching all CCDBs and Cooties, so please share this widely.

Membership: CCDBs, please review your Membership Reports on the MOC webpage www.lotcs.org, click Reports, then Membership. If you need a copy, email Headquarters. If any data appears incorrect, notify us and include supporting documentation so we can make the necessary changes. If you're unsure of what is needed, just give us a call.

2026–2027 Annual Membership Cards

- **Timeline:** In early March 2026, HQ will mail pre-printed annual membership cards to Grand QMs listed on the last election report. If the Grand QM is new/not listed on the last election report notify Supreme.
- **Distribution:** Grand QMs are responsible to provide annual membership cards to Pup Tents. Grand Commanders must ensure this is completed. Independent Pup Tents will receive theirs directly from Supreme HQ's.
- **Printed Cards:** Cards will only be printed for annual members in Good Standing (those who have paid 2025–2026 dues).

Transmittals (TRs)

- **Pup Tents:** Begin collecting 2026–2027 annual membership dues as soon as you receive the new cards. Send the TR, check, and new applications to your Grand QM.
- **Grands:** As you receive TRs, update your rosters and immediately forward the Grand TR to HQ. **Do Not Hold** PT TR's.
- **Important:** Number your TRs sequentially (e.g., 2027-1, 2027-2, 2027-3) so we can ensure none are missing and Supreme has received all TR's in the sequence of numbers. Random numbers or monthly 20271201-1 numbers provide no insight if HQ's has received all of the TR's. TR's are stored in a database and filed by TR number, and numbering sequentially makes it work well.

Officer Renewals & Election Reports: Annual Officer memberships expire on **May 31, 2026**. This is right after they are elected as 2026-2027 Officers.

- **Action Required:** All (Annual) Officers must be renewed for the 2026–2027 year **before taking office**.

Honor Degree



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

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



FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

Let me extend on behalf of the Supreme Pup Tent,

Our grateful thanks for the donations for the period 1 Oct thru 31 Dec, 2025. Outstanding as usual!

HOGWASH, PT 14, ARKANSAS: *David Jenson, Karl Hemmerlein, Johnny Gothard & Blood Drive*

3-P-T, PT 2, COLORADO: *Ted Heffernan & Blood Drive*

EUROPE, PT 6 (NO GRAND): *Craig Breckheimer, Jessie Williams & Mike Konsavage*

MISSILE BUGS, PT 2, FLORIDA: *David Hoffman, Jeanne Vogt & Blood Drive*

BOWEEVIL, PT 8, FLORIDA: *Stephen Orf & Blood Drive*

KUDZU MAFIA, PT 4, GEORGIA: *Patrick Kelley & Blood Drive*

BEAVER PATROL, PT 69, IOWA: *Multiple Blood Drives*

STRAWBERRY HILL, PT 2, KANSAS: *Blood Drive*

D.D.T. BOURQUE, PT 4, MARYLAND: *Phil Beinke*

WANIGAS, PT 17, MICHIGAN: *Butch Krumenker*

MUST ITCH, PT 42, MINNESOTA: *Curt Anderson*

RUNNING BARE, PT 5, MISSOURI: *Don Newman*

JUSTASKUS PT 12, MISSOURI: *Sam Weber*

LA FAYETTE NITS, PT 24, NORTH CAROLINA: *Jim Rocca, Mike Baker & Blood Drive*

ONLY THE STRONG, PT 9, SOUTH CAROLINA: *Annette Tyler & Blood Drive*

BIG AGGIE, PT 12, SOUTH DAKOTA: *Dale Stibral, Chuck Stoddard & Rob Stickney*

ROWDY REBELS, PT 13, VIRGINIA: *Cole Winkler & Doris Wollett*

DA-LEC-ITY, PT 14, VIRGINIA: *Ken Eggers & Marcia Eggers*

CRAZY EIGHTS, PT 8, WASHINGTON: *Nathan Farmer*

LUCKY ELEVEN, PT 11, WASHINGTON: *Richard Klug*



From the Supreme Pappa Clown

Greetings to my Crummy Cootie Clowns (C3)!

I hope you are enjoying the holiday season.

The Cootie Christmas Party at the National Home was another great time. I am always thrilled when I see a lot of our MOC members in full-clown regalia. Even more so when they are actively relating with the patients.

We had an interesting case. One of the patients in a wheelchair, when asked how they were doing, complained that they wanted to go outside and make a snowman, “but that’s not going to happen”. So, one of our people made it happen. She went outside with a paper plate, made a little snowman and took it to the patient, who was extremely thankful.

This is the kind of ‘*out of the box*’ clowning that makes me happy. I love to brag on you guys when you do great and wonderful work. Pass on more stories like this.

And, like I said, have the very best of holiday seasons. When we work hard all year to help others we need a bit of rest.



In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins “Archibald O’Perk”
Supreme Poppa Clown
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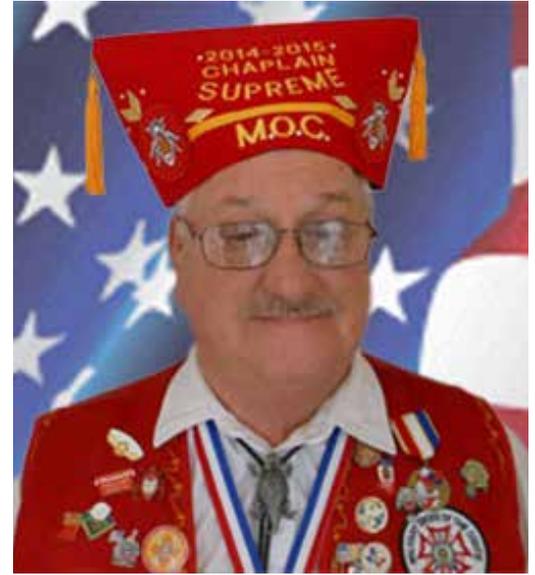
From the Supreme VAVS Representative

Hi Cooties,

Hope everyone is having a great holiday season.

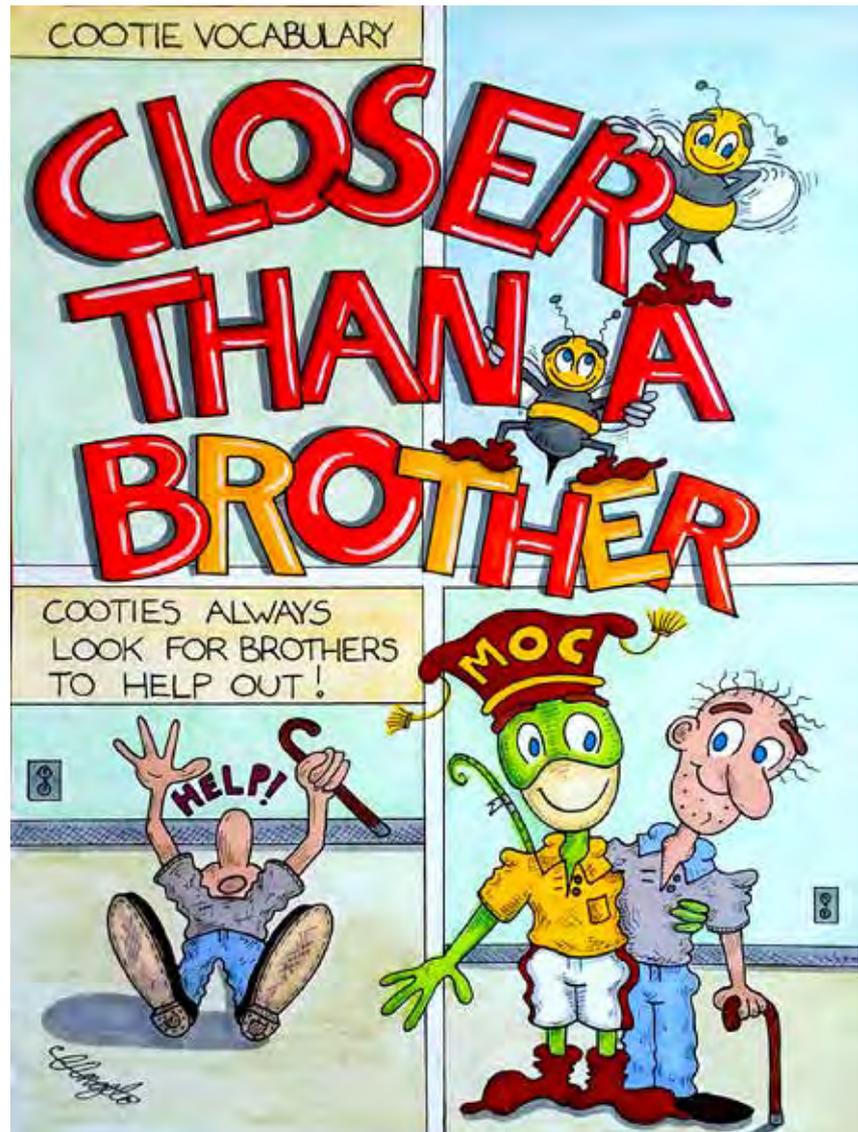
We are working hard to grow the number of MOC members who are active regular volunteers in our VA Medical System. This means you are registered as a volunteer and have a regularly scheduled assignment.

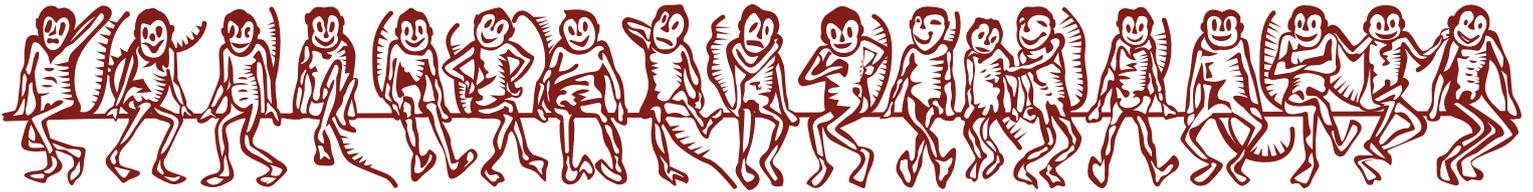
So, let's enjoy the holiday season, then get back to working hard to serve our fellow veterans.



In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins
Supreme VAVS Chair
Allantperkins1991@gmail.com





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

MOC Supreme Headquarters
604 Braddock Avenue
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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

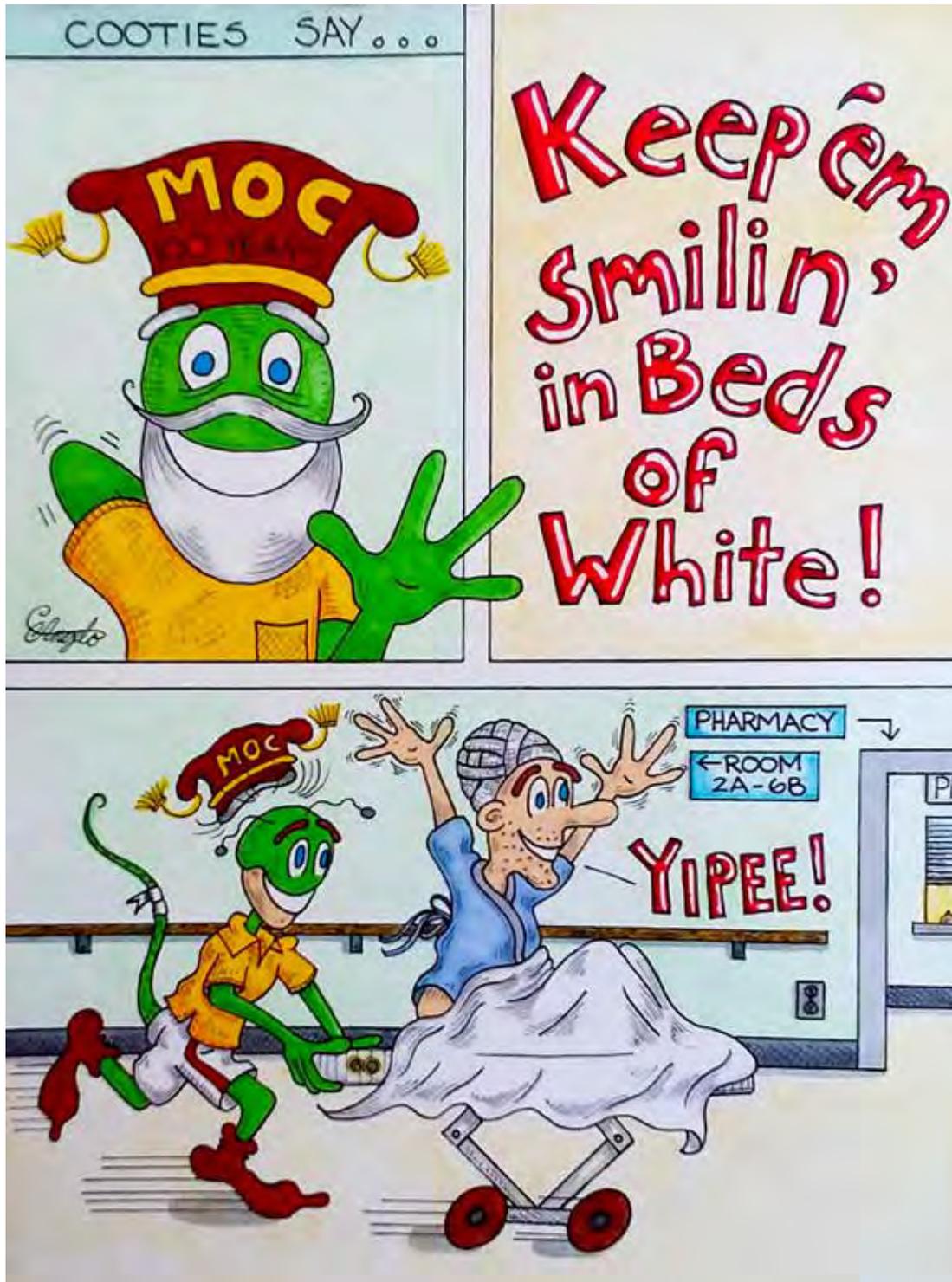
Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

MOC Hospital Report

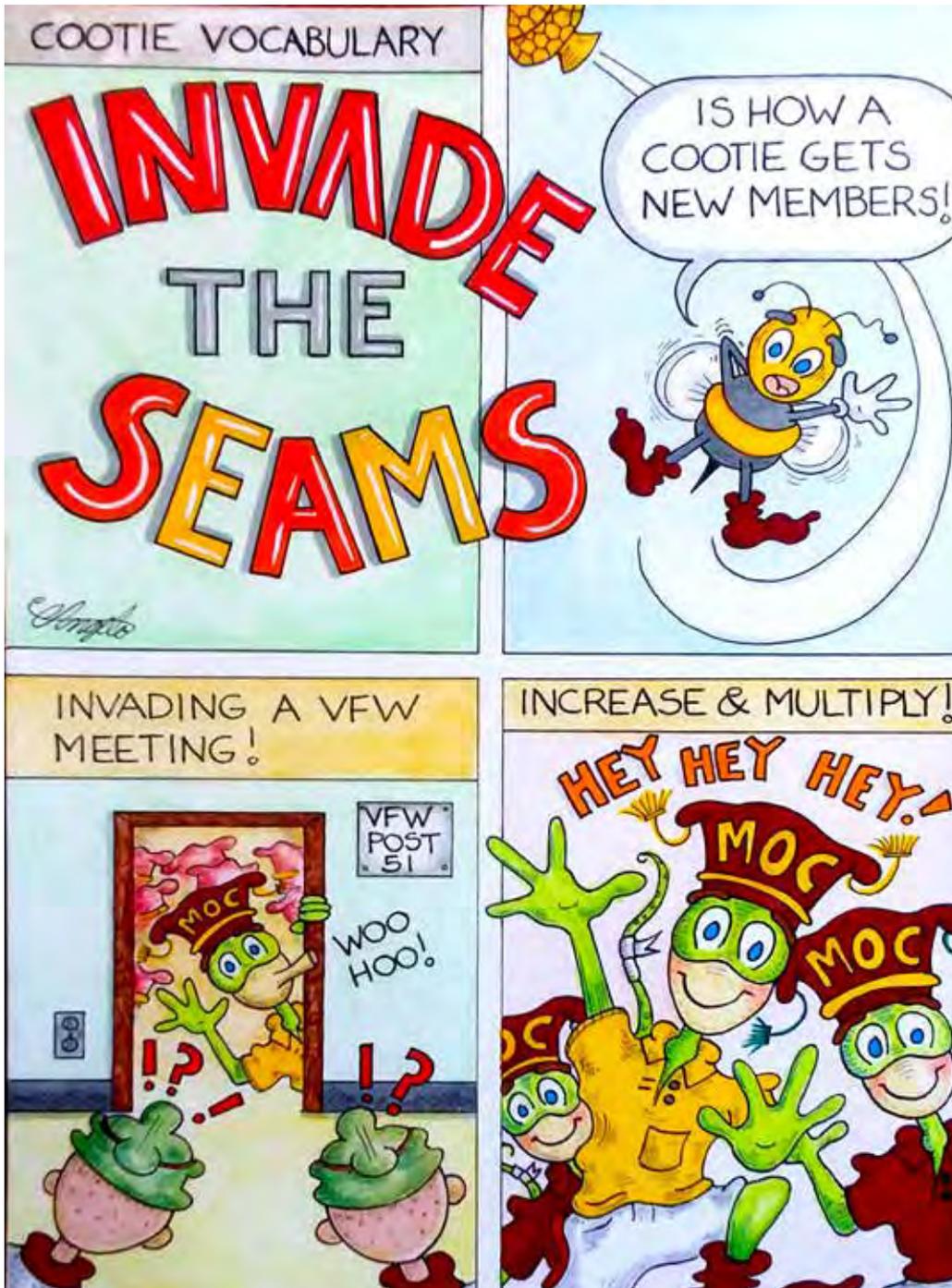
To view the MOC Hospital report in a larger format, scan the QR code below or go to: <https://hospital.cootie.org/supreme/courierReport/2023>.



MOC Membership Dashboard

Be sure and check our our **NEW** Membership Dashboard. <https://lotcs.org/membership.html>
The membership dashboard can also be reached by scanning the QR Code below...

The dashboard shows live membership statistics each time that it is updated. It's sure to keep those antennae twitchin'! If you've got an itch...spread it around and start an outbreak!
Always remember to the **"Invade the Seams!"**



Pup Tent Membership at 100 Percent

IAW the 2025-2026 Supreme Seam Squirrel's Program book, the following PT's are recognized with 100% in membership as of 31 Dec 2025. There are no Grands with 100% membership.

GRAND (State)	Pup Tent (PT) Name RED TEXT INDEPENDENT PT NOT IN A GRAND	PT #	Prior Year (PY) Total	Membership Goal = PY plus 1 new or reinstated member	Percent towards Goal
FLORIDA	Cootieville	25	15	16	150.00%
GEORGIA	Kudzu Mafia	4	23	24	125.00%
TEXAS	Let's Do It	11	41	42	114.63%
FLORIDA	Boweevil	8	24	25	112.00%
CALIFORNIA	Mule Tail	61	26	27	111.11%
VIRGINIA	Ridge Runners	21	20	21	109.52%
ARKANSAS	Wild Hogs	21	33	34	108.82%
NORTH CAROLINA	Swamp Rats	1	23	24	108.33%
WISCONSIN	Short Arm	23	52	53	107.55%
ARIZONA	Mountain Foul Ups	6	16	17	106.25%
MINNESOTA	Foul Balls	51	35	36	105.56%
MINNESOTA	Gopher	2	22	23	104.35%
CALIFORNIA	Solano Chiefs	16	46	47	104.35%
MARYLAND	Block Busters	3	76	76	103.95%
MONTANA	Sleeping Giant	10	61	62	103.23%
PENNSYLVANIA	Dirty Girty	29	31	32	103.13%
ARIZONA	Sahuaro	2	38	39	102.63%
KENTUCKY	Nor Ken Tuck	2	44	45	102.22%
CALIFORNIA	Li'l Bugs	19	49	50	102.00%
PACIFIC AREAS	Maeng Das	6	59	60	101.67%
MISSOURI	Running Bare	5	67	68	101.47%
IOWA	Cedar Bugs	6	26	27	100.00%
PENNSYLVANIA	Conococheague	72	22	23	100.00%
MINNESOTA	Crotch Bunnies	19	18	19	100.00%
FLORIDA	Gator	18	14	15	100.00%
PACIFIC AREAS	Honey Bucket Special	1	90	91	100.00%
GEORGIA	Horney Bug	66	43	44	100.00%
NEW JERSEY	Jockey Hollow	15	16	17	100.00%
DELAWARE	Ki-Yi	1	28	29	100.00%
DELAWARE	King Crab	2	35	36	100.00%
PACIFIC AREAS	Kuripots	11	21	22	100.00%
OREGON	Luna Ticks	23	20	19	100.00%
CALIFORNIA	Lunar Tics	69	66	67	100.00%
MINNESOTA	Minnetonka	15	24	25	100.00%
GEORGIA	Mossy Mites	1	36	37	100.00%
GEORGIA	Muff Rats	5	40	41	100.00%
MINNESOTA	Must Itch	42	22	23	100.00%
PENNSYLVANIA	Pick - Em	59	40	41	100.00%

Grand Membership Stats

Grand	Total Membership Percent	Total Membership	Total Membership Goal
Arizona	82.96%	297	358
Arkansas	91.76%	156	170
California	71.69%	428	597
Colorado	94.40%	118	125
Delaware	92.39%	85	92
Florida	73.00%	438	600
Georgia	73.68%	154	209
Iowa	92.86%	91	98
Kansas	97.73%	172	176
Kentucky	91.63%	208	227
Louisiana	92.37%	121	131
Maryland	78.63%	287	365
Michigan	66.57%	231	347
Minnesota	70.30%	329	468
Mississippi	57.14%	156	273
Missouri	78.38%	261	333
Montana	98.39%	61	62
Nebraska	74.07%	100	135
New Mexico	58.27%	74	127
New York	73.85%	161	218
North Carolina	75.37%	303	402
North Dakota	85.37%	175	205
Ohio	65.94%	304	461
Oklahoma	72.39%	194	268
Oregon	86.21%	125	145
Pacific Areas	88.64%	429	484
Pennsylvania	77.88%	338	434
South Carolina	74.90%	194	259
South Dakota	91.49%	86	94
Tennessee	61.54%	104	169
Texas	67.71%	388	573
Virginia	85.23%	375	440
Washington	79.83%	285	357
Wisconsin	82.53%	241	292

Cootie House & Special Project Reports

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



Ohio Easter Treat



March 20-22, 2026

VFW National Home

3573 S Waverly Rd

Eaton Rapids MI 48827

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

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

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

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



Supreme President's Message

Dear Cooties,

We've had some trying times recently with the passing of not only Supreme President David Johnson, but also some of our cherished and dedicated members. The loss we feel is shared across our entire Cootie family. Even though they will be deeply missed, we must carry on their legacy and continue our mission with strength and unity.

I know neither Supreme President David Johnson nor PSP Colette Kove, PSP Phyllis Berg, or Gloria Grady, would want us to pause or slow down; they'd expect us to keep up the spirit of fun while we carry on the work they cared so deeply about. So, let's move forward into the new year and honor them by embracing our mission with renewed passion, unity, and a little Cootie fun.



As we look ahead, let's all focus on our mission to **"Keep 'Em Smilin in Beds of White!"** It's time to get out there, live that mission, and show the world what being a Cootie is all about. Remember, when we serve together and spread Cootie cheer, growth will naturally follow. The more we **"Increase and Multiply"** the more Veterans we can serve!

I want to see all of you out there living the mission! Please snap photos, share stories, and let us celebrate the amazing work you're doing! We would like to highlight you and your efforts on our official Supreme MOC Auxiliary Facebook page. You can find the official page here; <https://www.facebook.com/MOCSupreme>. This is a space where we can connect, inspire, and celebrate what makes Cooties so special!

As we celebrate the 12 days of Christmas, may your homes be filled with peace, joy, and the love of Jesus Christ.

Wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dawn VanTassell

Dawn VanTassell
Supreme President
MOC Auxiliary



Supreme MOC Auxiliary Inspector

This is Debbie Thie, PSP and current Supreme Inspector.

I have attached a report of all of the Inspection Reports that I have received as of 12/24/2025. I have heard from some of the Grands that they are working on getting their reports to me ASAP. As a reminder, ALL Auxiliaries should be inspected by December 31st. I know that with the recent change of Supreme Inspectors there will be reports that cross in the mail so I am not holding fast to the Dec 31 date. However, I would like them by January 31st. If you have sent them to Marquitta, please make a copy and send them to me. Also, ALL Auxiliaries must file a Form 990 every year. If your Auxiliary has not filed one please contact the Supreme Treasurer.



If anyone has any questions my contact information is below.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year

Debbie Thie
PSP, Supreme Inspector
dlthie33774@gmail.com



MOC Auxiliary General Order #1



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



Greetings Auxiliary Members,

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

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

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

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** On December 31 members who are not currently holding a 2026 membership card are NOT members in good standing. They cannot attend meetings nor claim hospital hours and are ineligible to hold an office or be elected to an office. Payment of their dues will restore all rights immediately. All treasurers please transmit dues immediately.
 - a. **VFW Auxiliary Dues:** Please be aware that this also includes your VFW Auxiliary dues. They must be paid by December 31, 2025, or your membership in the MOCA is not of good standing. [Bylaws, Sec 107 A & B]
2. **ALL AUXILIARIES:** Not having 10 or more members paid for the current year are no longer in good standing with the Supreme organization. The Auxiliary cannot conduct any business, nor elect and install new officers, until the required number of members has been paid. [Bylaws, Sec 205]
3. **BONDS:** All Auxiliaries and Grands should have their 2025-2027 bonds in place. If you have not renewed your bond, please do so immediately. [Bylaws, Sec 308 B]
4. **AUDITS:** Trustees, please make sure you are auditing the Secretary and Treasurer books. All audits are to be completed and mailed to our Supreme Treasurer in a timely manner. Audits for October through December 2025 should be completed by January 15, 2026, and forwarded to your Grand Treasurer or Supreme Treasurer respectively. [Bylaws, Sec 312]

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

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

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

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

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

MOC Auxiliary Inspection Report

SUPREME 2025-2026 INSPECTION REPORTS RECEIVED

State	Aux No	Auxiliary Name	Report Received	Bonded	990
Arizona		Grand			
	10	Yuta Hay	11/6/2025	X	2023
	11	Sunny Slops	11/6/2025	X	10/2025
	14	Wilde E Coyote	11/6/2025	X	01/2025
		23 Pine Beetles - Folded			
	777	Slot Junkies			
Arkansas	14	Hogwash (new 2025 - 2026)	11/6/2025	X	None Yet
	21	Wild Hogs (new 2025 - 2026)			
California		Grand			
	19	Lil Bugs	11/30/2025	X	08/2025
	43	Chinchies	11/30/2025	X	12/2024
	44	Perrisites	11/30/2025	X	03/2025
	68	Pit Stop	11/30/2025	X	01/2024
	69	Lunar Tics	11/30/2025	X	01/2024
Colorado		Grand			
	1	Silver Dollar			
	2	3PT #2			
	7	Galloping Domino			
Delaware	4	Fiddlers			
Florida		Grand			
		2 Missile Bugs - Folding 25/26			
	8	Bo Weevil			
	23	Catfish			
	25	Cootieville			
	32	Sons of the Beaches			
	59	Scratch Ankles			
	66	Sea Oats			
	76	Withlacoochee			
Georgia	1	Mossy Mites			
	5	Muff Rats			
	66	Horney Bugs			
Illinois	62	8'er from Decatur			
Indiana		11 Indy Racers - Defunct 2025			
Kansas	3	Topeka	11/6/2025	X	?
	6	Scratch Me	11/6/2025	X	05/2025
Kentucky		2 Nor-Ken-Tuk - Defunct 2025			
	7	Nit Pickers	11/15/2025	X	?
	9	Simpal			
Louisiana		Grand			
	3	Mud Bugs			
	6	Pelican			
	11	Lousy			

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State	Aux No	Auxiliary Name	Report Received	Bonded	990
Maryland					
		Grand			
	1	Top Notch Tent (former DC #1)			
	3	Blockbusters			
	16	1000 Nits			
	17	Rodents			
	27	Sho Crabbers			
Michigan					
		Grand			
	18	DownRiver Rats	11/30/2025	X	08/2025
	24	Rosehub	11/30/2025	X	01/2025
	32	Caraboa	11/30/2025	X	05/2025
	42	Yardbirds	11/30/2025	X	06/2025
Minnesota					
		Grand	11/10/2025	X	2022
	2	Gopher			
	5	Flea Circus	11/10/2025	X	01/2025
	51	Foul Balls	11/10/2025	X	06/2025
	62	Crotch Crickets			
Mississippi					
		Grand			
	7	Hub Bugs			
	12	Friendly Possum			
	17	Sea Beas			
Missouri					
		Grand			
	1	Heart of America			
	2	Mid-Mo Vagabonds			
	5	Running Bare			
	15	Semo Swampers			
Nebraska					
	10	Bugeaters			
New Jersey					
	15	Jockey Hollow			
	41	Sewer Rats			
New Mexico					
		Grand			
		7 Loco - Defunct 2025			
	14	Mt K.I.A.-M.I.A.			
	19	Itchin n' Bitchin			
New York					
		Grand			
	2	Wild Bunch			
	9.75	Great Swampers			
	42	Backbiters			
	54	Crape Hangers			
North Carolina					
		Grand			
	2	Mixed Breed			
	3	Creek Crawlers			
	8	Sprung Leak			
	24	Lafayette			
	78	Headhunters			
	89	Tarheals			
Ohio					
		Grand			
	5	Vin None	11/9/2025	X	06/2025
	16	Vin Ordinaire	11/9/2025	X	10/2025
	45	Vin Grape Poppers	11/9/2025	X	2024
	68	Vin Saki	11/9/2025	X	08/2025
	83	Vin Twas MJM	11/9/2025	X	06/2024
	92	Vin Coho	11/9/2025	X	05/2024

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State	Aux No	Auxiliary Name	Report Received	Bonded	990
Oklahoma	2	Sgoyi Ti:na			
	7	Honor Bugs			
Oregon		Grand			
	4	Emerald			
	8	Rim Rock			
	9	Dunebugs			
	12	Timber Toppers (frm #1 Portland)			
Pennsylvania	33	General Wayne			
		44 Del Val - Defunct 2025			
South Carolina		Grand			
	1	Sand Fleas			
	3	Spartan			
	10	Crummy Bugs			
	13	Sandlapper			
	15	Night Walkers			
South Dakota	1	Big Sioux Ticks			
	12	Big Aggies			
Tennessee	26	Shelby Angels			
Texas		Grand			
	11	Lets Do It			
	13	Dood It			
	36	Three Acres			
	55	Uckishe			
	69	Leanderthal Nits			
	88	Armadillo			
Virginia		Grand			
	1	Ocean View Toads	11/10/2025	X	03/2025
	13	Rowdy Rebels	11/10/2025	X	?
	14	Da-Lec-Ity			
Washington		Grand			
	3	Yur-A-Bum	12/22/2025	X	05/2025
	6	Van Orc	12/22/2025	X	04/2025
	9	Heap Good	12/22/2025	X	12/2025
	11	Lucky Eleven	12/22/2025	X	10/2025
	18	Chuckanut	12/22/2025	X	07/2025
West Virginia	6	Snakie State			
Wisconsin		Grand			
	9	Wacha-kalit			
	23	Short Arm			
	41	Mad City			

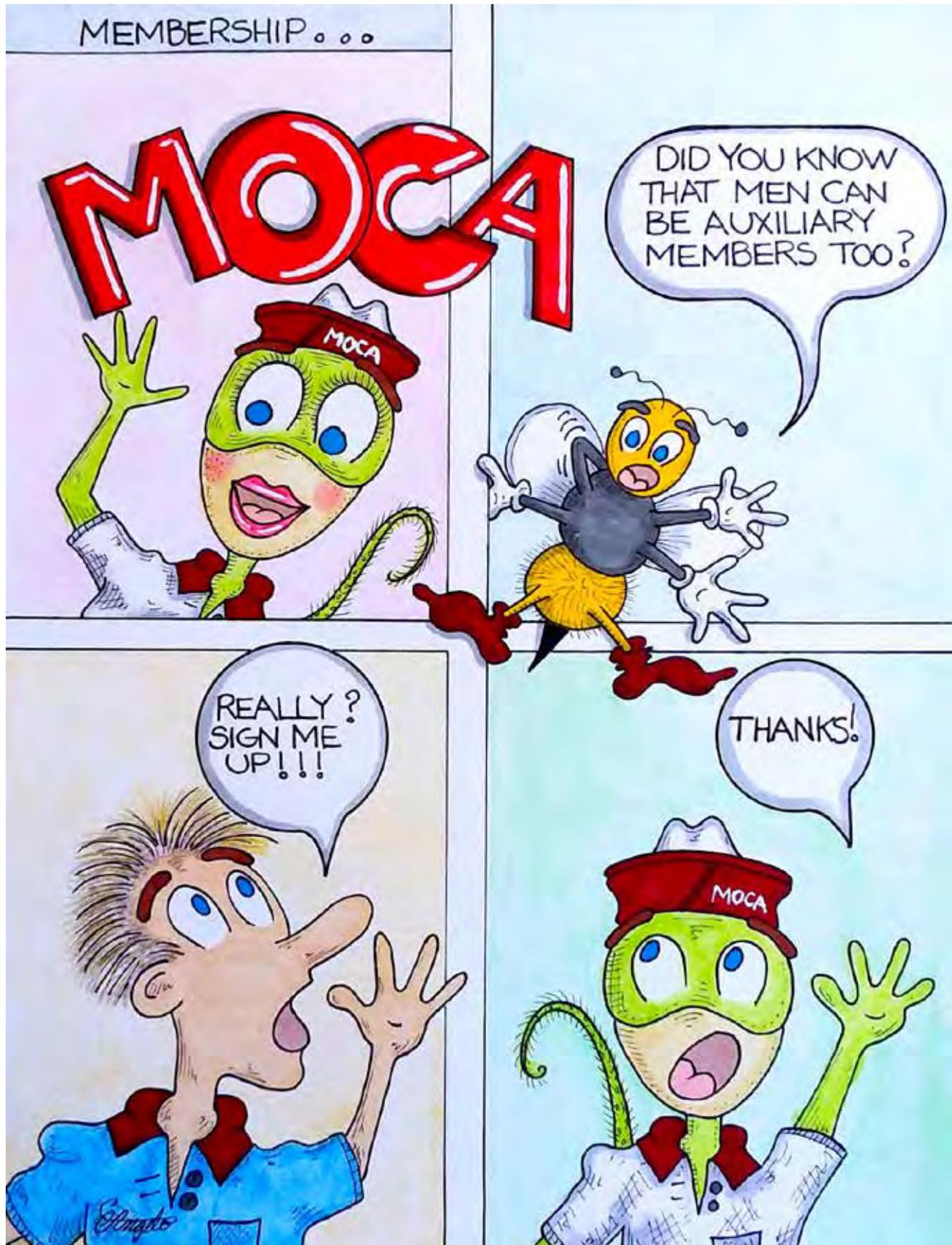
MOC Auxiliary Hospital Report

MOCA HOSPITAL REPORT

November 30, 2025

GRAND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
Supreme District #1 -- Vickie Peterson, Commissioner											
DE	\$6,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MD	\$25,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
PA	\$11,750.00	4	4	18	334	372.00	1792.00	3851.64	0	17044.40	145.06
VA	\$16,250.00	7	4	14	152	78.25	1033.00	2613.03	2	5479.97	33.72
WV	\$5,500.00	1	10	30	800	114.00	460.00	320.00	0	4350.46	79.10
Total	\$65,750.00	12	18	62	1286	564.25	3285.00	6784.67	2	26874.83	40.87
Supreme District #2 -- Debbie Thie, Commissioner											
FL	\$42,500.00	12	19	38	470	1664.75	1981.00	8136.15	0	66330.14	156.07
GA	\$14,500.00	9	8	31	197	96.25	229.00	1305.75	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	12	28	62	1039	179.00	2798.00	1506.45	0	8125.58	40.13
NC	\$37,250.00	5	15	17	212	68.00	1082.00	343.65	0	2860.85	7.68
SC	\$34,750.00	6	16	25	68	101.00	538.00	878.81	9	4467.92	12.86
TN	\$4,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$172,250.00	50	91	183	2291	2145.50	6839.00	13079.89	9	88679.30	51.48
Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner											
IL	\$6,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
IN	\$8,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
KY	\$17,000.00	7	10	33	353	104.75	1527.00	1695.88	0	5553.91	32.67
MI	\$35,500.00	20	40	66	676	1117.50	5329.00	3971.97	2	43595.86	122.81
OH	\$32,000.00	56	108	205	1666	1192.50	11646.00	8948.76	15	52066.28	162.71
WI	\$27,750.00	23	147	242	2119	1104.50	14989.00	4830.46	0	45354.48	163.44
Total	\$127,500.00	106	305	546	4814	3519.25	33491.00	19447.07	17	146570.52	114.96
Supreme District #4 -- Char Guse, Commissioner											
KS	\$18,250.00	5	22	29	100	128.50	3540.00	128.93	0	5095.05	27.92
MN	\$41,500.00	5	37	73	739	368.25	3001.00	2071.61	14	15303.17	36.88
MO	\$40,000.00	61	133	203	6138	710.75	7842.50	2176.98	9	28001.92	70.00
NE	\$10,500.00	18	69	99	2525	360.00	4746.00	3471.79	6	16660.63	158.67
SD	\$8,500.00	8	23	64	322	142.50	1633.00	663.15	3	1501.54	17.67
Total	\$118,750.00	97	284	468	9824	1710	20763	8512	32	66562	56.05
Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner											
AR	\$9,500.00	10	33	34	233	202.00	5940.00	695.00	1	8554.18	90.04
CO	\$20,750.00	6	6	23	556	88.00	488.00	548.00	0	3677.84	17.72
NM	\$12,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OK	\$16,250.00	7	6	14	31	94.75	1488.00	1026.85	2	4531.52	27.89
TX	\$40,000.00	38	40	96	595	331.25	4663.00	3846.03	11	16023.04	40.06
Total	\$89,750.00	51	52	133	1182	514.00	6639.00	5420.88	13	24232.40	27.00
Supreme District #6 -- Cathy Seippel											
AZ	\$29,000.00	9	24	43	1528	524.00	1809.00	4119.76	1	22602.98	77.94
CA	\$36,750.00	28	88	108	994	219.00	1041.00	6008.37	1	13773.12	37.48
OR	\$23,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
WA	\$50,500.00	16	84	105	4710	1205.50	2035.00	10284.53	0	52508.78	103.98
Total	\$140,000.00	53	196	256	7232	1948.50	4885.00	20412.66	2	88884.88	63.49
Supreme District #7 -- Penny Laskey, Commissioner											
NJ	\$17,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NY	\$26,250.00	4	3	8	80	9.50	32.00	159.73	0	494.72	1.88
Total	\$43,250.00	4	3	8	80	9.50	32.00	159.73	0	494.72	1.14
Supreme Donations											
Total	\$757,250.00	373	949	1656	26709	10411.00	75933.50	73817.36	75	442298.94	58.41
Submitted By		Ruth Schoonover		Supreme Hospital Commissioner							

MOC Auxiliary Recruiting



Team Building Exercise

Impromptu Team Building exercise at the VFW National Home after helping the Grand of Florida serve the NH Staff Luncheon.

Courtesy of Tracy M. L. Woodman



L-R: Supreme Blanket Bum Tracy Woodman, Supreme Seam Squirrel Eric Bell and Supreme Hide Gimlet Ronnie Steele



Supreme Visit

This is the visit of Junior Vice CIC Umberger visit to Supreme HQ in Turtle Creek, PA. Supreme JVC Ronnie Steele, as well as the Department of PA Commander Bill Roland and VFW Post 8430, Hilltoppers, Commander Jess King toured the Cootie Headquarters.





Tomb Trek

These are photos from the 90th Tomb Trek. This Trek was a surprise to the New York and Pennsylvania Honor Flight because no one new who we were. It was a heart warming moment for all, especially the Korean Veterans and a lot of Vietnam Veterans. A news crew was there for the Honor Flight on Saturday evening. Then, the next day we went to Arlington. You will see Mitch Rubenstein in a lot the pictures, I did this to honor him. He was our Virginia Past Department Commander this year and he touched a lot of hearts with his passion to fight for Veteran's benefits. He would be the one with me in our Cootie hat, he comes up to me saying, "Let's get a picture together." Because he knew it is hard to get a picture of me because I am on the move so much taking pictures. He always greeted anyone with a smile, as big as my own state Texas. So, as a Grand Historian of Virginia and Department I felt he needed to be seen, along Dave Johnson, the past Supreme Auxiliary President as well. Dave will be truly missed by all who knew him well.

Article and photos by James Reid Grand of Virginia Historian.







James Reid







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Coolie Christmas



James Reid



*Photos by
James Reid
Grand of Virginia
Historian.*







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Here are some pictures of the Cooties visiting veterans at a local nursing home in Lansing, MI.

Courtesy of Ken Eggers





Grand of California

Clowned it up at the Fresno VA CLC Center to bring the residents, preparing for the upcoming cold weather, some beautiful crocheted beanies. Clowns-California MOC Auxiliary #43-Chinchies, Linda Veres & Terry Ruiz; MOC Auxiliary #19 Li'l Bugs, Lynda Critchfield, Pinky (Va Volunteer Services), Donna Holm & Pam Santellano.

Courtesy of Lynda Critchfield Past Grand President



MOC Grand Commander Anthony Precie PT 19 makes a visit to PT 66 Greenbacks SS Jorge Galvez. Grand Commander encouraged all Cooties to be Absent at the C of A January 2026 in Selma, California. Grand Commander spoke on the teamwork these two Pup Tents are doing in supporting veterans in their areas.

MOC Grand Commander Anthony Precie, PT 19 visited PT 77 Battlefield Buffoons SS Larry Ramey. The Grand Commander had a LOUSY time at both Pup Tents on his visits.

Courtesy of Steve Kemp Grand Historian

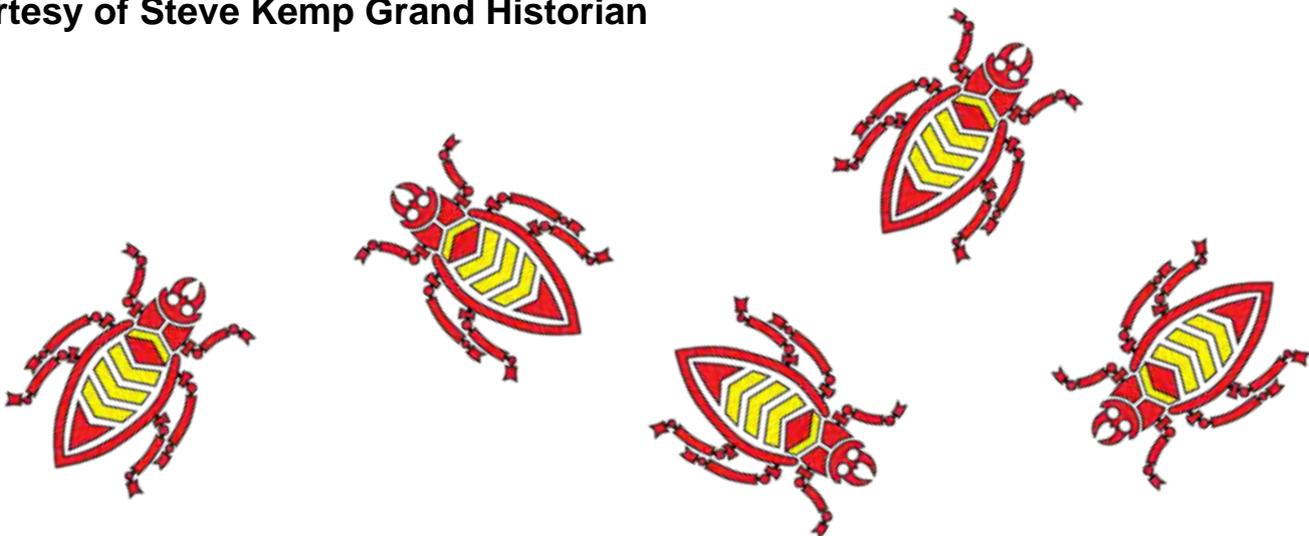




Past Supreme Squirrel Robbie Normand presents PT 43 Chinchies with All Star Pup Tent award for the year 2025 from MOC Supreme, Cindy O'Hara PGC/PSS and Steve Kemp Grand Historian/KLR.

PT 68 Pit Stop also awarded All Star Pup Tent 2025, CCDB Patrica Warner and Seam Squirrel Bernard Ramos and these were presented at C of A in September 2025.

Courtesy of Steve Kemp Grand Historian



Pup Tent 43 Chinchies went to the Long Beach VA Hospital to deliver Christmas goodie bags to Veterans there. Cooties passed out 45-Bags to Veterans. The Bags were filled with all kinds of hygiene products, blankets and socks as they are there for "Christmas."

Courtesy of Grand Historian Steve Kemp

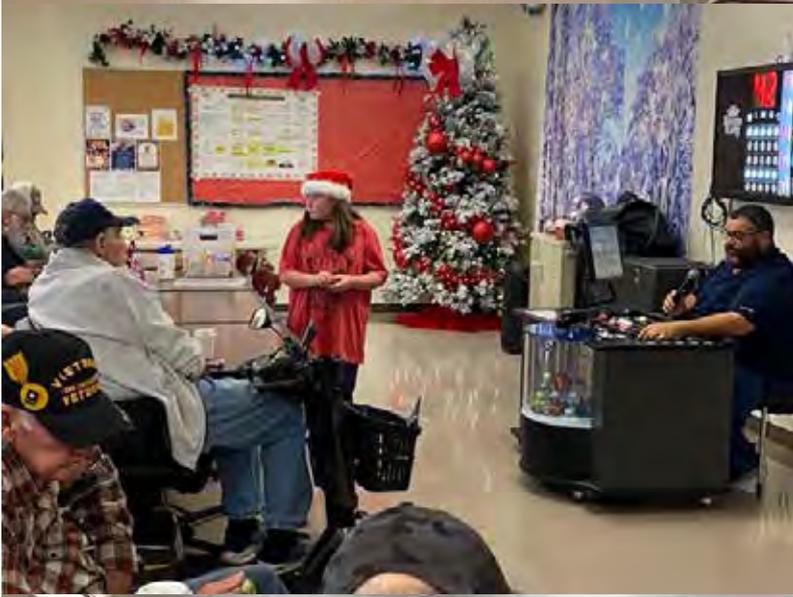


On 13 Dec 25 PT-19 Li'l Bugs, both MOC-MOC Auxiliary made a visit to the Veterans Home in Barstow. We assisted the veteran residents during 9 Bingo games with each winner receiving Walmart gift cards. We brought over 225 gifts and presented them to the residents and to the home to give to those who were not able to come to the main room. The MOC Auxiliary PT-19 LadyBugs who attended were MOC Auxiliary Grand of CA President, Evelyn Sanders; Past Grand of CA President, Rosie McCleary; member, Monika Zuccaro; IPSSS/ MOC PT-19 National Home Chairman/VFW CA National Home Chairman/Inspector, Robbie Normand; MOC Grand of CA Commander/PT-19 Hungry Cootie, Anthony A. Precie; MOC Grand of CA Adjutant/PT-19 CCDB, Tamera Walters; Cooties: Rick Oakley, VFW CA Post 9415-5 Auxiliary Life member and Prospective MOC Auxiliary PT-19 LadyBug Robin Precie, and future MOCA PT-19 members of PT-19: mascots Sadie Precie (12) and Alice Precie (11). The veteran residents and the CA Home truly enjoyed our Christmas Bingo visit and we shared their joy and company.

**Happy Holidays with Blessings and goodness in the New Year 2026. Drink More Cootie Milk!
Courtesy of Anthony A. Precie, Commander
MOC Grand CA**









Grand of Delaware

GRAND OF DELAWARE PRESENTS THE RED AND WHITE GALA

PLACE: NEWARK VFW POST 475 100 Veterans Lane, Newark, Delaware

DATE: February 21 2026

TIME: Cocktails start at 4 and dinner at 5. We go until when we are done.

PRICE: is \$10.00 per person

Come have a Lousy time with Cooties and enjoy a spaghetti dinner with chop sticks. Must wear a white shirt.

Upgrades are available for a small fee.

There will be a blind auction, 50/50 and other activities.



Funds raised benefit residents at Wilmington VA Hospital and Milford Veterans Home.

Hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express
1570 Elkton Rd Elkton, MD

Rate is \$110 per night. For reservations call 443-350-9154. Mention the **Military Order of the Cootie** when making your reservation.

Grand of Georgia



KUDZU MAFIA PUP TENT 4, Newnan, GA

In November Cooties partnered with their VFW to host a Ice Cream Social at the Trinka Davis Veterans Village in Carrolton, GA.





MOSSY MITES PUP TENT 1, SAVANNAH, GA

ON VETERANS DAY, COOTIES AND THEIR AUXILIARY FROM PUP TENT 1 IN SAVANNAH PARTICIPATED IN A VETERANS DAY PARADE AT THEIR LOCAL NURSING HOME. AFTERWARDS THE VETERANS RECEIVED A SPECIAL RECOGNITION PIN.



GRAND FALL SCRATCH, SAVANNAH, GA



Grand of Maryland

Make a Difference Day

PupTent #1, MOC Auxiliary and VFW held their semi annual 'Make A Difference Day' at the Fisherhouse at the VA Medical Center. They donated water, tide pods, coffee pods, paper towels, face tissue and food for the residents. Pictured left to right are Grand Jr. Vice President Francine Cornish; MOCA President Mary Brisbon; PupTent Seam Squirrel Kathleen Fitzpatrick; Fun/Fine Officer Johnnie Mae Townsend; Fisherhouse Manager Jami Henderson. Kneeling are Past All-Star Grand Commander Clinton "T" Townsend; Post Commander Joe Respress and Grand Seam Squirrel Georgia Eaves.



December 18 at Carroll Manor 14 Veterans. Grand Blanket Bum Joe Respress; Nurse Jones; Grand Jr. Vice President Francine Cornish; MOCA President, Mary Brisbon; Past Grand Commander, Clinton Townsend and Grand Seam Squirrel Georgia Eaves Grand of Maryland .

Courtesy of Clinton Townsend



Kathleen Fitzpatrick (Seam Squirrel); Johnnie Townsend, Grand Fine/ fun Officer; Francine Cornish, Grand Jr. Vice President, Mary Brisbon, MOCA President.

Joe Respress, Grand Blanket Bum and Clinton Townsend, Past Grand Commander prepare Christmas gifts for 25 Veterans at the VA Medical Center in Washington D.C. and 12 Veterans in the Carroll Manor Nursing Home.

Courtesy of Clinton Townsend



State of New Jersey

PT38 Seam Squirrel, Independent East Region, Russell Meyer, participated in the Annual Children's Christmas party with VFW Post 2179 and Auxiliary in Middletown, New Jersey.

Russell shed his Cootie "reds" for Santa "reds" and performed as Santa Claus. Over 150 parents and children attended the event. A full breakfast was served with presents and gifts and several Cootie "Elves" assisted in the event. A good time had by all.

Courtesy of Robert Lasowski, CCDB PT38



Grand of Oklahoma

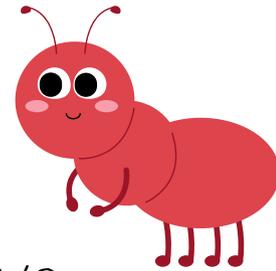
Members of Oklahoma MOC Auxiliary #2 Sgoyi Ti:na visited the newly opened Sallisaw Oklahoma VA for a Root Beer Float & Chips party with the veterans there.

The new facility has room for 140 Veterans. Also delivered were puzzles, books, blankets, socks and more items for their recreation room.

Pictured: Connie Dickenson, President Bobbi Parris, Tammy Jackson, Georg Jean Zimmerman, Brandi Phillips *Courtesy of Georg Jean Zimmerman*



Grand of Oregon



YOU ARE HERBY INVITED TO THE

OREGON VFW MILIARY ORDER OF COOTIE & ITS AUXILARY

BANQUET & INSTALLATION

April 25, 2025 at 6pm
YFW POST 584, Albany Oregon
Dinner is Roasted Pork with sides
\$20 per plate

see attached flyer for details about our raffle

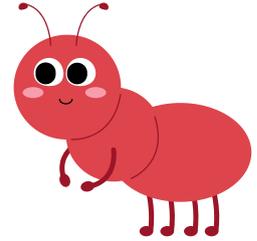


Keep 'em
smiling in
Beds of White





**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
MILITARY ORDER OF THE
COOTIE & AUXILIARY**



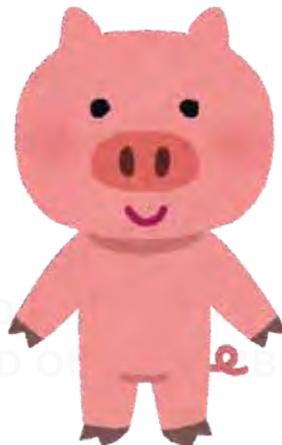
MOC & MOCA HOG RAFFLE

DRAWING WILL BE HELD

APRIL 25, 2026

TICKETS ARE:

**1 FOR \$2
3 FOR \$5
7 FOR \$10
15 FOR \$20**



**FIRST PLACE
PRIZE**

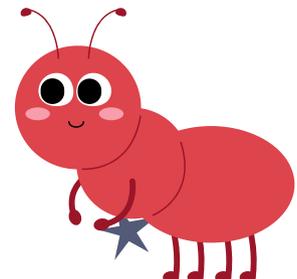
**1/2 OF
BUTCHURED
HOG**

**2ND & 3RD
1/4 OF A BUTCHURED
HOG**

**TIMBER TOPPERS #12
VFW POST 584
1469 Timber St. SE, Albany**

GOT QUESTIONS? EMAIL:

**MCARR97@GMAIL.COM
OR
MCCAULEY@MBOL.US**



Grand of South Dakota



This is a photo of Cooties and Auxillary from the Big Sioux Ticks Pup Tent #1 in Sioux Falls, SD. They made a Halloween visitation to the patients at the VA Medical Center on 10/25/25 handing out treats. A good time was had by all. Pictured in the back row left to right: Deb Felton, Auxillary President, Jennifer Kranz, Barb Hayes, Don Kranz, and Jim McQuestin. Front row is Mary Kirkvold with an unknown participant.

Courtesy of Kay Anderson

Grand of Washington

Vancouver VA Halloween ice cream social Cootie crew



Pictured are: Vera Rasmussen; Margie Ekstrand; Andrea Osborn; Sloth Phil Tagliavia; Sloth Cindy Tagliavia; VanOrc #6 President, Bea Close; Bill Tatum; VanOrc Seam Squirrel Norm Rasmussen...Patients were served root beer floats, ice cream sundaes and banana splits.
Courtesy of Bea Close

Serving cake for Veterans Day at the Vancouver VA.



Bea Close and Rosie Lafferty VanOrc #6



A Scratch We Didn't Want to Itch

Listen up, Cooties...

Every now and then, even the toughest old bugs in the seams have to stop scratching long enough to take a knee. This issue of the Cootie Courier ends with two such moments, and they hit us right where the antennae live.

We lost two giants of our Crummy Fraternity—one from the MOC side of the seams, and one from the MOCA side—but both cut from the same red cloth.



When one of our own heads off to the Hunting Grounds in the Sky, the rest of us feel it. Antennae droop. Reds don't sit quite right. The seams feel emptier.

Past Supreme Commander Steve Ruger was the kind of Cootie who didn't just invade the seams—he owned them. Leadership came natural to him, but humility rode shotgun. He knew when to lead from the front and when to work quietly behind the mission. Steve scratched where it itched, applied the blue ointment where it burned, and never once asked for credit. That's old-school Cootie medicine right there.

And then we remember **Dave Johnson, Supreme President of the MOC Auxiliary.**

Dave may have worn MOCA reds, but his heart beat in perfect Specie Pediculi rhythm. He didn't just keep us smilin'—he made sure we remembered why we smile. His joy was contagious, his kindness genuine, and his belief in this Crummy Fraternity never wavered. Dave understood something special about being our Lousy organization: When things get tough, you show up anyway... preferably with compassion, encouragement, and maybe just a touch of mischief.

Both of these fine souls lived the mission. Not for recognition, not for rank, but because serving Veterans—and each other—was simply the right thing to do.

Now it's on us—every nit, grayback, and fully deloused bug—to carry that legacy forward.

So here's what we do, Cootie style:

**We scratch harder.
We invade deeper.
We show up louder.
We serve better.**

And when one of our own moves on to the Hunting Grounds in the Sky, we don't just remember them—we carry them. In every hospital visit. In every child's smile. In every ridiculous idea that somehow turns into something beautiful for a Veteran.

So straighten your reds. Check your antennae. Apply a little extra blue ointment where it still stings.

Then get back to work!

Because somewhere up there, Steve and Dave are probably grinning, shaking their heads, and saying, ***“Don't slow down now, you lousy bugs.”***

In LOTCS,

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



Never Pay Dues Again

Life Membership Fee Schedule

Effective 1 June 2025

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

ATTAINED AGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Red Star Life Membership

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



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

So, become one of the "**Lousy**" elite by simply contacting Supreme Quartermaster Marcia Eggers at 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
NORRIS (GENE)	ANDERSON	Saturday, October 25, 2025	CA-07
GEORGE	COPE	Sunday, July 16, 1905	CA-19
GLENN	WRIGHT	Thursday, October 2, 2025	FL-23
DOUGLAS M. (SCOTT)	ALLISON	Wednesday, July 30, 2025	FL-66
SHERILL	DONALDSON	Tuesday, November 4, 2025	FL-98
DONALD	BORST	Monday, December 1, 2025	FL-98
JOHN	STANBERY	UNKNOWN	FL-98
DONALD	BORST	Monday, December 1, 2025	FL-98
DALE	HANSON	Wednesday, September 24, 2025	GA-05
STEVE	RUGER, SR	Saturday, December 20, 2025	GA-66
HENRY	Gatewood	Monday, December 15, 2025	KS-04
WILLIAM	SYLVIA	Monday, January 10, 2022	MD-03
MICHAEL "MIKE"	HADLEY	Tuesday, November 25, 2025	MD-03
MICHAEL	GOLDSTEIN	Saturday, November 1, 2025	MI-12
JOHN	ALBRIGHT	Thursday, November 27, 2025	NC-54
THOMAS	CONNOLLY	Saturday, October 25, 2025	NJ-41
WILLIAM	AGNEW	Saturday, September 14, 2024	SC-09
GLEN VERNON	WALTERS	Tuesday, November 25, 2025	SD-01
GILBERT	LA FOREST	Thursday, December 11, 2025	TN-05
KEN	O'CONNOR	Wednesday, December 31, 2025	TN-26
RALPH	STEPHENS	Thursday, December 1, 2022	VA-09
MICHAEL	DELVECCHIO	Saturday, November 1, 2025	VA-14



In memory of PSC Steve Ruger

It is with great sadness it is my duty to report that **Past Supreme Commander Steve W. Ruger** died Saturday afternoon, 20 December, 2025.

Steve William Ruger, Sr., 75, of Blackshear died Saturday afternoon (December 20, 2025) at his daughters' residence after an extended illness.

Mr. Ruger was born in Waycross to the late Arthur Earl Ruger and Daisy Mae Godwin Ruger and served his country faithfully in the United States Army for 23 years.

He was passionate about anything military and continued to serve after retirement as the State Commander for the VFW. He enjoyed softball, bowling and coaching.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by; two siblings, Harrison Scott Ruger and Joyce Ruger. Mr. Ruger is survived by his wife, Susan Ruger; former spouse, Dawn Ruger of Waycross; three children, Misty Ruger (Ashley) of Eastman, Georgia, Stephanie Head of Waycross, Will Ruger of Waycross; nine grandchildren, Callie Rostro (Michael), Kaitie Lee, Zach Morgan, Sydnee Morgan, Allison Mullis, Steve "Buddy" Ruger, Libby Ruger (Sam Bennett), Cammy Ruger, Mason Ruger; five great grandchildren, J.J., Kameron, Kayne, Huck, Kai; four siblings, Arthur Ruger (Susie), Jean Howard (Danny), Clara Bell Dyson, Linda Sims; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing online at <https://www.milesodumfuneralhome.com/obituary/steve-ruger>



In memory of PSP Dave Johnson



Supreme President David Johnson

April 22, 1950 – November 25, 2025

We remember Supreme President David Johnson with deep gratitude for the joy and leadership he brought to our Cootie family. As we honor his legacy, please keep all who have recently lost loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

In Loving Memory