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From the Supreme Seam Squirrel

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



Listen Cooties,

(Straight talk) Well! Well! Well! The 2025-2026 membership reporting year has finished. Numbers are being calculated and reports are being scrubbed. I am looking forward to helping present all the awards including the All*Star Pup Tents and Grands. Thank you for all your hard work to finish strong for Eric and Dave.

Congratulations to those who have achieved their goals this year.

Sadly, I must say that there has been a plague infesting our lands. There have been some incidents where Cooties have taken to social media trying for their Virtual War badges. This is highly discouraged. Cooties, we are already War Veterans. There is no need to join these Social Media Wars. Please see the Social Media Policy for guidance in these matters. We will be voting to officially adopt this as policy at the Supreme Convention in Reno.

The Supreme MOC and MOCA officers invite all Cooties and Cootie Auxiliary Members in good standing to walk with us during the Patriotic Rally on Tuesday Night at the National Convention in Reno. We will be near the front and after we walk through you can go around and walk back through with your Departments. Please see the Supreme Agenda for more the details. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to ask.

In LOTCS,

Tracy M. L. Woodman
Supreme Seam Squirrel



Order your 2026 Tomb Trek Wreath now!

Supreme Blanket Bum

Listen Up Cooties,

As we close another year in the Military Order of the Cootie, we should take pride in all that we have accomplished together. Our members have faithfully carried out the VFW mission of “**Honor the Dead by Helping the Living,**” serving hospitalized veterans, supporting our communities, and strengthening the bonds of camaraderie. Those accomplishments deserve recognition, but they should also remind us that our greatest responsibility lies ahead.

The future of our Order depends on one thing above all else, our members.

As we begin this new year, I challenge every Cootie to make membership your personal mission. Recruiting is not solely the responsibility of the Seam Squirrel or the Membership Committee. It belongs to every one of us. Every veteran we meet, every VFW member we work beside, and every volunteer we encounter is an opportunity to share who we are and why the *Veterans of Foreign Wars* and the *Military Order of the Cootie* matter.

Recruiting, however, is only the first step. The true measure of our success is *retention*.

When a new member joins, they should immediately feel like they have found a home. Introduce them to fellow members. Explain our traditions and rituals. Invite them to participate in hospital visits, community service, and Pup Tent activities. Give them meaningful responsibilities and encourage their ideas. People stay where they are welcomed, valued, and given a purpose.

We must also remember those who have drifted away. Reach out to members who have not attended meetings or events. A simple phone call, text message, or visit may be all it takes to remind them that they are still part of our Cootie family. Every member we retain preserves experience, strengthens our fellowship, and expands our ability to serve veterans.

Our organization has always adapted to meet the needs of veterans. Today’s veterans are different from those who joined decades ago, and we must be willing to meet them where they are. That means embracing new ideas, improving communication, welcoming younger veterans, and creating opportunities for families to participate in our mission. While our traditions remain sacred, our approach to membership must continue to evolve.



I ask every Pup Tent to establish a culture where recruiting is continuous, mentoring is intentional, and retention is everyone's responsibility. Set membership goals. Celebrate new members. Recognize those who bring candidates into our Order. Most importantly, demonstrate through your actions that the *Military Order of the Cootie* is a place where service, fellowship, and fun come together.

If every member commits to bringing just one qualified veteran into our ranks and works just as hard to keep them engaged, imagine what our Order will look like a year from now. Our hospitals will have more volunteers. Our communities will have more advocates. Our veterans will have more brothers and sisters standing beside them.

The coming year is filled with opportunity. Let us seize it together by strengthening our membership, growing our fellowship, and ensuring that the *Military Order of the Cootie* remains a vibrant force in serving veterans for generations to come.

Thank you for your dedication, your friendship, and your unwavering commitment to our mission. I look forward to working alongside each of you as we make this our strongest membership year yet.

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

Ronnie Steele
Supreme Blanket Bum
2025-2026



From the Supreme Hide Gimlet

Greetings and Lousy salutations to all,

After a red-eye to Atlanta, I hopped onto a shuttle that took me to the Georgia State and Grand Convention. At registration, a woman asked me if I had pre-registered, which I said I had not. She then took a look at my lousy yellow shirt and started jotting my name down on a plain white sticker. Last name *Gimlet*, first name *Hide*. Laughingly, I had to tell her that wasn't my name.

The first folks I shared that story with were Scott and Dawn, who also attended the convention. I didn't have a chance to tell anyone else, because they already knew, LOL, so that said, I figured I could just share with you as well, in case you hadn't found out already. I don't know if I have another nickname, so "Mr. Gimlet" might stay with me, regardless of what other positions I might someday have. We'll see.

Had a Lousy time in Georgia. They were very hospitable. It's so different to visit a new Grand and to see how they operate. While they don't quite have all our customs down, they seem to really enjoy being members and making a difference. Special thanks to Justin for everything.

Following Georgia, I decided to take the long way to the Pacific for their Grand Convention in Thailand. Apparently, you can head east from Georgia (who knew?), but I decided – in my finite wisdom – to head west, which gave me a chance to repack in California before flying over the Pacific to Bangkok.

If you've never been at a Grand Convention in the Pacific, it's definitely worth a trip. The attendance was probably in the 60-70 range and the camaraderie was unbelievable. They had these auctions where the cheapest items would net the most absurd prices – even by California's standards. I believe a ball cap went for just over \$200. It got me wondering whether packing my next suitcase with 100 ball caps might net me an early retirement, LOL.

Prior to my recent travel, and since my last journal entry, I had the Lousy opportunity to visit several other Grands, including the Grands of Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Michigan, Ohio, and Florida – I believe in that order. The hospitality in each was second to none. Overall, I traveled just over 60,000 air miles, visiting 14 Grands, (including HQ), in about 7 months.

The overall lesson for me was that our organization is very diverse, with each Grand having its own unique circumstances, yet we all share one united vision and purpose. Thank you all for your continued commitment to our cause. Let's do what we can to finish the year strong for Eric Bell, for the Supreme, for your Grand, your Pup Tent, and each other.

Yours in LOTCS,

**Kenny Lindberg, PGC
Supreme Hide Gimlet**



From the Supreme Quartermaster

Membership in this Crummy Fraternity is both an honor and a privilege. It has been my pleasure to serve the hardest-working members of the VFW—those who faithfully care for our veterans every day. This has certainly been a challenging year, but then again... it wouldn't be the Military Order of the Cootie if it were easy!

A special word of gratitude goes to our **Lousy** Webmaster, Dale Iannello of Pup Tent 3 in the fertile Hunting Grounds of Washington, whose innovation and dedication continue to improve our website and the resources available to Cooties everywhere.

Congratulations to every Cootie who helped organize a new Pup Tent this year. Your efforts keep our proud tradition of **Increase and Multiply** alive and well.

Membership

Every application for membership must be completed fully, legibly, and either printed or typed before being forwarded to the Supreme Quartermaster.

The current Cootie Year began on **June 1, 2026**, and concludes on **May 31, 2027**. Dues are paid annually **in advance** of the membership year. Pup Tents should begin collecting dues each March, prior to the start of the new Cootie Year, when Grand CCDBs receive the new orange membership cards.

Remember—Cooties pay **ahead** to belong, not in arrears.

All*Star Program

The announcement of the Grand and Pup Tent All*Star winners will be made during the Supreme Convention.

In keeping with our AllStar Recognition Program, the designated **Grand Commanders, Grand Quartermasters, and Grand Adjutants** will each receive a distinctive **All*Star hat** complete with special tassels.

The **Seam Squirrels** of the Top 25 All*Star Pup Tents will also receive a distinctive All*Star hat in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments.

Due to current manufacturing schedules, All*Star hats will be mailed following the Supreme Convention.

Seam Squirrels from qualifying Pup Tents outside the Top 25 may purchase their All*Star hats through the Cootie Store.

MOC Life Membership & The Red Star Program

The Supreme Headquarters continues to welcome new Life Members into our Crummy Fraternity. Becoming a Life Member is one of the best ways to demonstrate your



lasting commitment to the Military Order of the Cootie while supporting the future of our organization.

If you're already a Life Member, you may—or may not—know about the **Red Star Program**, an idea proposed several years ago by **Past Supreme Commander Tom Tweet**.

PSC Tweet explained that when the U.S. Mint replaces a worn or damaged dollar bill, it reissues the same serial number with a small star printed beside it. Inspired by that practice, he suggested that Life Members could make an additional contribution to the MOC and receive a new gold Life Membership card bearing the same Life Membership number—with a Red Star proudly displayed in front of it.

The idea took off!

Hold the Presses! Today, Cooties can proudly earn up to **TEN Red Stars** on their Life Membership card, each one representing another investment in the future of our Crummy Fraternity.

Who's Leading the Way?

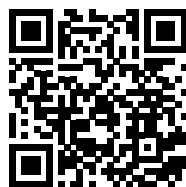
Is your **Grand** climbing the rankings?

Is your **Pup Tent** scratching its way to the top?

Our online **Red Star Leader Board** lets you see where your Grand and Pup Tent stand, recognize the top supporters, and maybe inspire a little friendly competition along the way.

Check out the Leader Board today and see where your Hunting Grounds rank!

https://lotcs.org/red_star_promotion.html



Every Red Star strengthens the future of the Military Order of the Cootie. If you haven't earned your first—or your next—Red Star yet, now's the perfect time to help your Grand and Pup Tent climb the Leader Board while supporting the programs of Supreme Headquarters.

"Go ahead... scratch your way onto the Red Star Roll!"

Tomb Trek

The contract has been signed with the DoubleTree by Hilton, located at 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia, after our previous hotel unexpectedly canceled our agreement because of renovations affecting the convention meeting facilities.

Our new Tomb Trek Chairman, Ken Shannon of Pup Tent 18 in the fertile Hunting Grounds of Virginia, has been 'Busier than a Bee' making preparations for another outstanding Tomb Trek.

Be sure to check out the Tomb Trek forms elsewhere in this crummy rag and make plans now to join your fellow Cooties for another memorable adventure!

Yours in LOTCS,

Marcia Eggers
Supreme CCDB
2025-2026

Ken Eggers
Supreme CCDB's Lucky



From the Supreme Surgeon

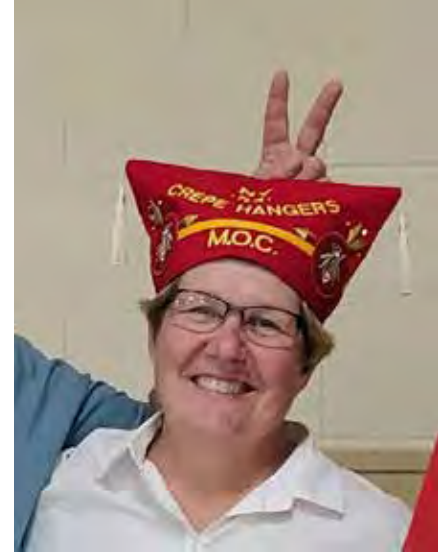
Greetings Lousy Comrades,

I hope this finds all of you in good health as we enter the hot months of summer.

And speaking of hot months, let me spew this advice regarding heat injuries.

Anyone, any age can have a heat injury (hyperthermia). However, Cooties who are 65 or older; overweight, and exercise or work outdoors can have a heat injury. Cooties with high blood pressure, congestive heart failure (CHF) or heart disease or have lung diseases like pulmonary hypertension, asthma and COPD to name a few are at higher risks for a heat injury.

Heat injuries can be very dangerous if ignored. Remember **once a heat injury always a heat injury.**



HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

HEAT STROKE

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

High body temperature (103°F or higher)

Hot, red, dry, or damp skin

Fast, strong pulse

Headache

Dizziness

Nausea

Confusion

Losing consciousness (passing out)

WHAT TO DO

Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency

Move the person to a cooler place

Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath

Do not give the person anything to drink

HEAT EXHAUSTION

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Heavy sweating
Cold, pale, and clammy skin
Fast, weak pulse
Nausea or vomiting
Muscle cramps
Tiredness or weakness
Dizziness
Headache
Fainting (passing out)

WHAT TO DO

Move to a cool place
Loosen your clothes
Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath

Get medical help right away if:

You are throwing up

Your symptoms get worse

Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

HEAT CRAMPS

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Heavy sweating during intense exercise

Muscle pain or spasms

WHAT TO DO

Stop physical activity and move to a cool place

Drink water or a sports drink

Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity

Get medical help right away if:

Cramps last longer than 1 hour

You're on a low-sodium diet

You have heart problems

SUNBURN

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Painful, red, and warm skin

Blisters on the skin

WHAT TO DO

Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals

Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath

Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas

Do not break blisters

HEAT RASH

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)

WHAT TO DO

Stay in a cool, dry place

Keep the rash dry

Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash

Finally, to avoid a heat injury: Dress safely, spend time indoors with air conditioning, limit outdoor activities, exercise carefully, shield yourself from the sun, skip hot or heavy meals, track the heat, get acclimated, drink more water or Gatorade more than usual. Coffee, sugary drinks and alcohol are not considered good fluids. Also avoid very cold drinks, they can give you stomach cramps. If you take a water pill or on limited fluids, speak to your physician how much you can drink.

So my fellow Cooties, stay cool, stay hydrated and stay safe this summer

Yours in LOTCS,

**Brenda Serena
Supreme Surgeon**

FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

ALERT! ALERT! SPECIE PEDICULI!

There is a new and easier way to report your **Blood Program** activities!

Whether you donated blood yourself or organized a Blood Drive in your community, reporting your efforts is now just a few clicks away.

The new Blood Reporting Center includes:

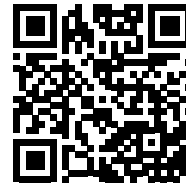
Blood Report – Report your personal blood donations.

Blood Drive Report – Report blood drives sponsored by your Pup Tent, Grand, or other MOC activity.

Both reports are submitted online, automatically recorded in the Supreme Blood Program database, and immediately sent to the Supreme Blood Chairman. The reporting Cootie also receives a confirmation email for their records, making it easier than ever to keep track of your lifesaving efforts.

Visit the **Supreme Blood Reporting** page today:

<https://www.lotcs.org/blood.html>



Every pint donated can help save lives. Every blood drive strengthens our communities. Every report helps tell the story of the outstanding work being done by the Military Order of the Cootie.

So do not let your good deeds go unreported. Roll up your sleeve, help save a life, and then let us know about it!

YOURS IN LOTCS.

FRANK PRESFIELD
SUPREME VAMPIRE
2025-2026



From the Supreme Inspector

Listen up Cooties!

Well, another Cootie year is upon us and it is my Lousy duty to inform you I have returned for the ensuing year to be your **Supreme Inspector**. I am honored that incoming Supreme Commander Tracy Woodman has appointed me on her team.

We will be swarming together in Reno to install our new Lousy Supreme leaders. Just a reminder that any past grand commander can inspect any pup tent other than their own. Below is a reminder about the inspection procedure and where to send completed inspections. Let's have a phun new Cootie year. As always, please call me if you have any questions, concerns or in need of assistance (210-683-0890). Together, we can achieve 100% inspections for the year



. Per Article III, Section 330

Section 330. Inspections.

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

Per Article IV, Section 415

Section 415. Duty of the Grand Inspector.

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

F. They shall make a report in detail as to the Pup Tent finances, records and property at the time of inspection.

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

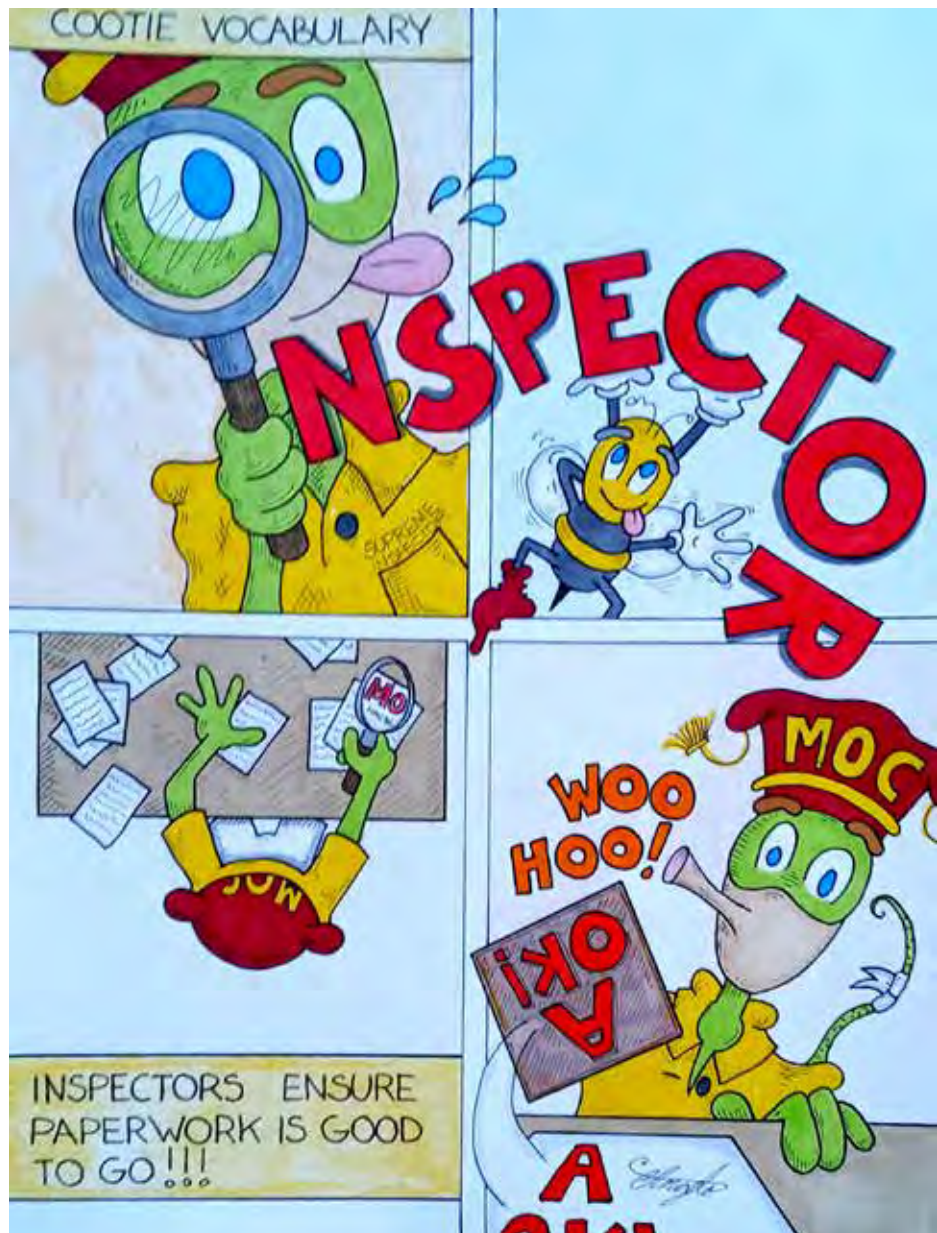
H. They shall perform such other duties incident to their office as may be required of them by the Supreme Inspector, Grand Commander and Bylaws.

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

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

LOTCS:

T. Earl Bigham
Supreme Inspector



From the Supreme Pappa Clown



Greeting my Crummy Cootie Clowns (C3)!

I trust you are having the crummiest of Day.

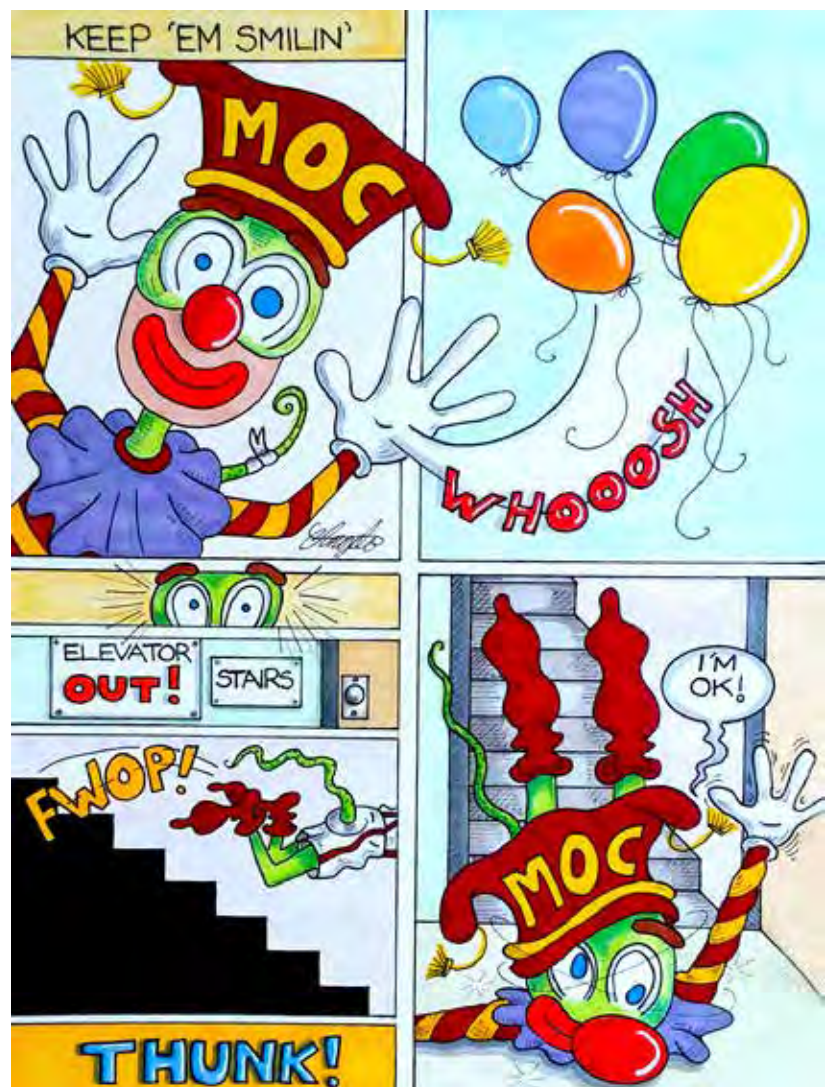
It is the end of the program year and we will shortly be starting a new one.

It has been an honor to work with you in clowning and helping our veteran patients laugh and improve their mental health. One thing to remember is that when we cheer up one veteran, they will be cheerful around others, helping to cheer up other veteran patients.

As long as I am physically able, I will continue to dress as Archibald and serve my fellow veteran and community. How about you? Will you continue to clown and care for our comrades?

In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins
"Archibald O'Perk"
Supreme Poppa Clown
Allantperkins1991@gmail.com
281 450-7825



From the Supreme VAVS Representative

Hi Cooties,

As we come to the end of the program year, I am pleased with the progress in several areas. But there is, as always, room for improvement.

In the coming year, let's work to get even more VAMCs served by Cooties who sign up as regular volunteers and VAVS Representatives for the MOC.

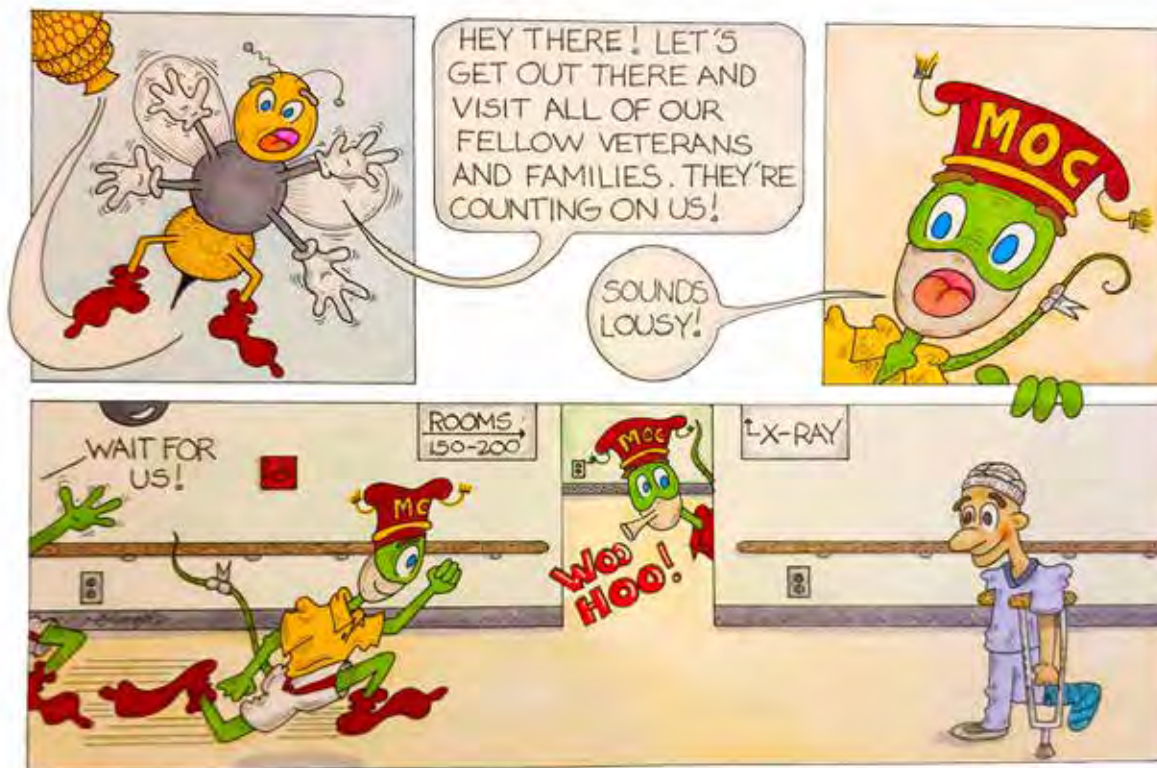
Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Or chat with me when we get to Reno.

Continue to bless others with your hard work for our fellow veterans.



In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins
Supreme VAVS Chair
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.

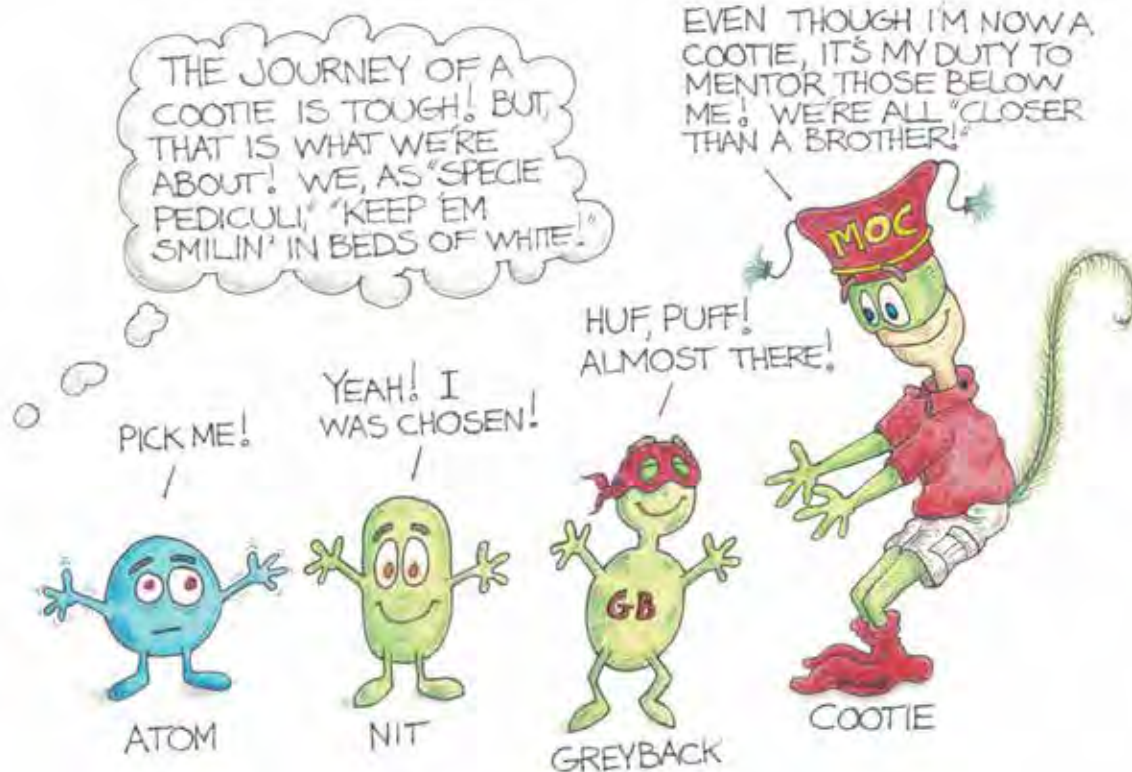
Mentorship

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



Mitch Fuller for Supreme Hide Gimlet

Mitch Fuller
for
MOC SUPREME
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
★ 2027-28 ★

FULLER COMMITMENT
STRONGER SERVICE

*A dedicated leader. A proven record.
A commitment to our membership, our veterans, and our future.*

★ **MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE EXPERIENCE SUPREME**

- Master of Ceremonies, Tomb Trek 2026
- Bylaws Committee Chairman, 2025-26
- Bylaws Committee Member, 3 years
- National Home Chairman, 2024-2025
- Top VFW Recruiter Award, 2024-2025
- Red Star Life Member
- National Home Centennial Life Member

★ **GRAND OF TEXAS**

- All-Star Grand Commander, 2023-2024
- Grand Cootie of the Year, 2022
- Past Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, and Surgeon
- Grand Trustee, 2024-2025 to Present
- VFW Liaison, 5 years
- Membership Chairman, 2026-2027

★ **PUP TENT 69**

- Charter Member – Pup Tent 69, 2018
- Inaugural Seam Squirrel, 2018-2019
- Past Blanket Bum, Hide Gimlet, and Hungry Cootie (3 years)

★ **VFW EXPERIENCE NATIONAL**

- Chairman of National Legislative Committee, 2024-2025
- Member of National Legislative Committee, 2021-present
- Assistant Inspector General, 2023-2024
- Aide-de-Camp (2x) 2018-2019, 2022-2023
- Member of National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, 2025 Convention
- Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Class, 2023-2024
- Century Recruiter Award, 2023-2024
- Delegate in attendance at 8 National Conventions

★ **DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**

- Chairman of National/State Legislative Committee, 2021-present
- Deputy State Inspector, 2025-2026
- Outstanding Immediate Past District Commander Award, 2024-2025
- Top Department Recruiter Award, 2023-2024

★ **DISTRICT 28**

- All American District Commander, 2023-2024
- Past Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, and Adjutant (3 years)
- District Trustee, 2024-2025 to Present
- District Legislative Chairman, 2021-Present

★ **POST 10427**

- All American Post Commander, 2021-2022
- Post Commander (2x), 2019-2020, 2021-2022
- Past Sr. Vice Commander and Adjutant (2 years)

★★★★★ **VOTE MITCH FULLER** ★★★★★

LEADERSHIP THAT LISTENS. EXPERIENCE THAT DELIVERS. SERVICE THAT LASTS.

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:

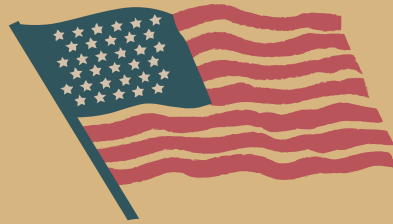
I serve as an accountant for the State of Delaware, where I am responsible for monthly reconciliation of receivable accounts and managing a checkbook for emergency response invoices. I have accurately reconciled accounts exceeding \$1 million to the penny. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and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

VFW STATE ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICER

CHAPLAIN BURNS

P.O. BOX 505

COMANCHE, OK 73529

COMBAT.MINISTRY1@GMAIL.COM

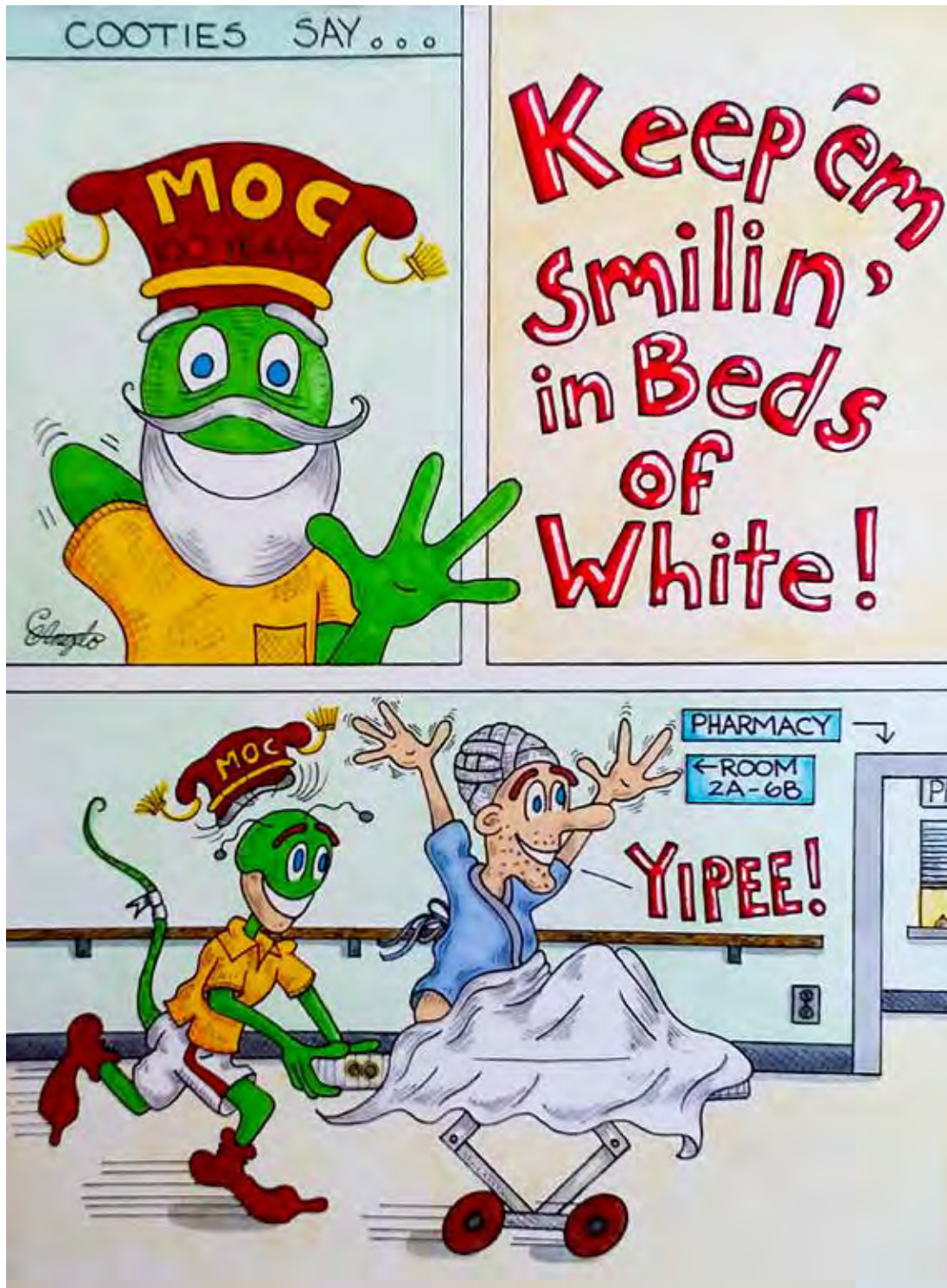
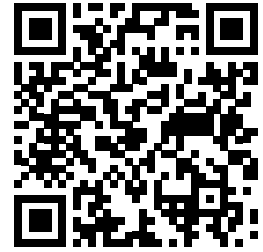


JASON BURNS FOR
SUPREME SKY PILOT
2026-2027



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>.



Supreme General Order #1

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 Commander a.k.a.
"Supreme Seam Squirrel"*

General Order 01 SUPREME SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

1. Purpose

Social media connects our members and highlights our hospital work. However, public posts can damage our organizational reputation. This policy establishes mandatory rules for all online platforms. It applies to personal accounts and official Cootie pages. The goal is to maintain dignity, discipline, and comradeship.

2. Core Directive: The "Self-Defense" Clause

Provocation by others is never an excuse for misconduct. You are responsible for your own public responses. Do not engage with online trolls or hostile posters. Do not argue with other members on public forums. Report online harassment directly to your Pup Tent leadership. Retaliation online will face the same discipline as initiation.

3. Prohibited Content

Members must not post content that disrupts good order.

- **No Personal Attacks:** Avoid insults, defamation, and bullying.
- **No Internal Grievances:** Do not air organizational disputes publicly.
- **No Hate Speech:** Discriminating comments will cause immediate removal.
- **No False Humor:** Do not disguise malice as "Cootie humor."
- **No Political Endorsements:** Never endorse candidates using Cootie titles.

4. Rules for Official MOC Pages

Official pages represent the Supreme Pup Tent directly.

- **Appointed Administrators:** Commanders must approve all page admins.
- **Focus on Mission:** Post only about hospital visits and events.
- **Privacy Protected:** Get permission before posting photos of veterans.
- **Monitored Comments:** Admins must delete arguments or inappropriate replies.
- **No Proprietary Data:** Do not post internal financial or disciplinary records.

5. Rules for Personal Accounts

Your personal voice still impacts the entire organization.

SUPREME Pup Tent



MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

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From the Office of the: Supreme Commander a.k.a.

"Supreme Seam Squirrel"

- **Mandatory Disclaimer:** Use a disclaimer if identifying by your title.
- **Disclaimer Text:** "Views expressed are mine, not the MOC."
- **Regalia Restrictions:** Act professionally when wearing Cootie caps in photos.
- **Association Risk:** Your online behavior reflects on the parent VFW.

6. Violations and Disciplinary Action

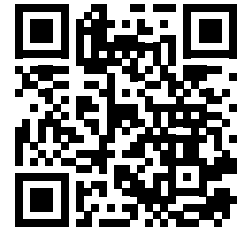
Any violation of this policy will result in immediate disciplinary intervention under Article VIII of the Supreme Bylaws. Your failure to comply with these digital standards constitutes a direct breach of Supreme Bylaws Sections 801 and 802, representing conduct unbecoming a member and behavior prejudicial to good order and discipline.

Furthermore, because your Cootie membership is strictly contingent upon your standing as a VFW member, any formal disciplinary action taken against you by the Supreme Pup Tent will trigger an automatic, official notification to your parent Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post, District, and Department leadership.

Tracy M. L. Woodman
Supreme Commander
Supreme Pup Tent, Military Order of the Cootie

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/projects.html> There, Specie Pediculi are able to make online donations.



107th Supreme Scratch Flyer

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. These discounted rates are available during the VFW Convention 25 July until check out 2 August 2026.

Reserve Your Room Now for the 2026 Supreme Convention!

The last day to reserve your room at the Nugget Casino Resort using the Military Order of the Cootie discounted group rate is **July 9, 2026**. There will be absolutely **NO** exceptions.

After July 9, all remaining rooms will be released to the general public at the hotel's regular rates. The Nugget typically sells out every weekend, so don't wait until the last minute!

Reserve online:

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

Or call: 1-800-648-1177

Group Code: GMOC26

Understanding the "Average Rate"

Reno hotels use variable pricing throughout the week:

- Monday–Thursday: \$89 per night
- Friday–Sunday: \$120 per night

Your reservation confirmation will show an average nightly rate, depending on which nights you stay.

Example – 4 Nights (Wednesday through Saturday):

- Wednesday & Thursday: $2 \times \$89 = \178
- Friday & Saturday: $2 \times \$120 = \240

Total: $\$418 \div 4 \text{ nights} = \104.50 average per night

Example – 3 Nights (Thursday through Saturday):

- Thursday: \$89
- Friday & Saturday: $2 \times \$120 = \240

Total: \$329 ÷ 3 nights = \$109.67 average per night

(Yes... we know. Sorry for making you do math just to book a hotel!)

Available Booking Dates: These special MOC rates are available for stays **July 25 through August 2, 2026**, allowing you to attend both conventions while enjoying the discounted rate.

- VFW National Convention: July 25–29, 2026
- MOC Supreme Convention: July 30–August 2, 2026

Special Benefits for Our Group

Your MOC group rate includes:

- **NO Resort Fee** (a savings of approximately \$40 per night)
- **FREE** Airport Shuttle to and from Reno-Tahoe International Airport
- **FREE** In-Room Internet
- **FREE** Parking
- **Complimentary Coffee Maker for your room** (normally a \$10-per-day charge)

Be sure to request the complimentary coffee maker when making your reservation. Coffee pods are available from the front desk each day at no additional charge for our group.

Don't Delay!

Rooms at the MOC group rate are limited and the hotel routinely fills to capacity. Make your reservation today to guarantee your room and take advantage of these outstanding convention rates.

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.

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.

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

91st Tomb Trek Registration



Military Order of the Cootie REGISTRATION - 91st TOMB TREK

6 - 8 November 2026

Click [HERE](#) or Scan the QR code to register online at the Cootie Depot



Registrant Information

First and Last Name: _____

Spouse / Partner / Guest First Name: _____

Spouse / Partner / Guest Last Name: _____

Address, City/State/Zip: _____

Grand or State: _____ Pup Tent #: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration / Optional Items

Item	Qty	Price	Total
MOC Registration	<input type="text"/>	\$20.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
MOCA Registration	<input type="text"/>	\$20.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Banquet Meal - Chicken	<input type="text"/>	\$60.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Banquet Meal - Beef	<input type="text"/>	\$60.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Banquet Meal - Vegetarian	<input type="text"/>	\$60.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Bus Ticket	<input type="text"/>	\$20.00	\$ <input type="text"/>

Bus Information

Will you be bringing a wheelchair on bus?

TOTAL AMOUNT \$

Payment / Hotel Information

Check Number: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

HOTEL INFORMATION:

DoubleTree by Hilton Washington DC - Crystal City

Hotel booking link: <https://book.passkey.com/gt/221586105?gtid=1112bc20c3cab75ccb753c7f8b0daa52>

\$129 per night plus \$29.00/night parking fee - 300 Army Navy Dr, Arlington, VA, 22202

Room block dates available: 11/02/2026 - 11/11/2026



Scan for Hotel Booking

Mail Checks to Supreme HQ

91st Tomb Trek Wreath Order Form



Military Order of the Cootie
WREATH REGISTRATION
91st TOMB TREK
5 -8 NOV 2026



MOC:

Pup Tent #: _____

Grand of: _____

MOCA:

Pup Tent #: _____

Grand of: _____

GRAND:

MOC: _____

MOCA: _____



Each registration is \$ 25.00. Your order must be received before 10 October 2026 to be printed in the Annual Tomb Trek booklet. Wreath orders will be accepted after this date BUT will not be printed in the booklet.



TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ CHECK # _____ DATE _____

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

[Supreme Headquarters](#)
[604 Braddock Ave.](#)
[Turtle Creek, PA 15145](#)
[Phone: 412-824-2240](#)
supremehqmoc@lotcs.org

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

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
<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, Jimmy Legs, Keeper of the Lousy Records, Shyster, Pill Pusher, Hungry Cootie; Hospital Chairperson. Shirt Reader. The Seam Squirrel may appoint any of the following positions as needed: Jimmy Legs, Keeper of the Lousy Records, Shyster, Pill Pusher, Shirt Reader, 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. 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.</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

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
<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: Independent Pup Tent Officers not within a Grand shall assume the duties of their respective offices June 1st (the beginning of the Cootie year (1 June through 31 May)).</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. Independent Pup Tent Officers not within a Grand shall assume the duties of their respective offices June 1st (the beginning of the Cootie year (1 June through 31 May)).</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)
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Appointive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
<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, 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. or any additional appointments made by the Supreme Commander.</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, or any additional appointments made by the Supreme Commander.</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

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
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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.**

Duty of the Supreme Council of
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- 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

CURRENT VERBIAGE

PROPOSED CHANGES

FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)

Vacancies.

- 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

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Administration that the vacancy exists, and thirty (30) days thereafter shall advise them the names and members presented for the vacancy. Members of the Council may vote to fill each vacancy in a sealed envelope marked "Ballot" enclosed in an envelope and forwarded direct to the Supreme Adjutant. These ballots shall be opened at a time specified by the Supreme Commander, by tellers appointed by him/her in the presence of such officers of the Supreme Pup Tent as the Supreme Commander may designate.

- b. The Cootie receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office designated. In the case of the name of only one person is proposed for office, said person shall be duly elected to the vacancy.

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- b. In the case of no clear majority winner, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot, and a new election shall take place until a candidate receives a clear majority of the votes.

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

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
New Section – No verbiage	Section 706 - Cootie Bug. 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. 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. 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	Section 706 - Cootie Bug. 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. 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. 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.

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- d. Grands are authorized to create Grand-specific lapel pin bugs. Such bugs shall not replace the official cootie bugs when worn on the collar.**
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II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

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



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.
- B. The term “Disciplinary Action” is substituted for and replaces the term “Court Martial” wherever that term appears in the Bylaws or any other official documents of this organization.

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Supreme Commander or Grand Commander having jurisdiction, may at their discretion suspend the accused member from an elected or appointed position pending a final decision on the disciplinary action, provided that, with respect to salaried positions, said suspension will be with pay.

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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.

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

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
<p style="text-align: center;">New Section – No verbiage</p>	<p>Section 706 - Cootie Bug.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 with the official MOC Cootie Bug.</p> <p>d. Grands are authorized to create Grand-specific lapel pin bugs. Such bugs shall not replace the official cootie bugs when worn on the collar.</p>	<p>Section 706 - Cootie Bug.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>d. Grands are authorized to create Grand-specific lapel pin bugs. Such bugs shall not replace the official cootie bugs when worn on the collar.</p>

II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

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



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

TO: Supreme Scratch

PROPOSER: Grand of California

DATE: 5/16/2026

SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article 5, Section 505. C/D/E/F/G of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

*Instructions: Show additions in **bold italics** and deletions with strikethrough.*

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
<p>Supreme Council of Administration: The Supreme Council of Administration shall consist of the following officers: All elected officers (see paragraph A.), the immediate Past Supreme Commander, Supreme Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Hospital Commissioner, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, all Grand Commanders, and two (2) Councilmembers representing the separate Pup Tents. Each Councilmember is elected for one (1) year terms. Councilmembers will remain members of the Council of Administration</p>	<p>all Grand Commanders, and two (2) Councilmembers representing the separate Pup Tents. Each Councilmember is elected for one (1) year terms:</p> <p><i>...one (1) representative from each Grand, to be elected by their respective Grand for a term of three (3) years; and one (1) representative of the Independent Pup Tents, to be elected by the members of the Supreme Scratch for a term of three (3) years.</i></p> <p>When Grand Commanders are unable to attend the Supreme Scratch or Supreme</p>	<p>The Supreme Council of Administration shall consist of the following officers: all elected officers (see paragraph A.), the Immediate Past Supreme Commander, Supreme Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Hospital Commissioner, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, <i>one (1) representative from each Grand, to be elected by their respective Grand for a term of three (3) years; and one (1) representative of the Independent Pup Tents, to be elected by the members of the Supreme Scratch for a term of three (3) years.</i> Representatives</p>

until said Council of Administration is dissolved by the Supreme Commander.

D. When Grand Commanders are unable to attend the Supreme Scratch or Supreme Meetings, the Grand's Senior Vice Commander will take the place of the Grand Commander. In their absence or disability, the Grand's Junior Vice Commander shall discharge the duties the Council Member. An East Region Councilmember shall represent all separate Pup Tents east of the Mississippi River and a West Region Councilmember shall represent all separate Pup Tents to the west. In addition to representation, the Council Members will provide administrative oversight, advice, counsel, and training as may be required by the Supreme organization. Each Region will develop a rotational schedule to determine which Independent Pup Tent is next in line to have the council member.

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~~E. Each Region shall elect a Vice Council Member for a term to run concurrent with the Supreme Council Member and will be from the Pup Tent next in line for a Supreme Council of Administration Member.~~

~~F. Each Region shall hold an annual Scratch, at a central~~

shall serve for the term specified or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Members shall remain part of the Council of Administration until said Council is dissolved by the Supreme Commander.

Members of the Council of Administration shall not be authorized reimbursement while serving and attending Supreme events. Council of Administration scratches shall incorporate the use of technology for virtual meetings provided that procedures are adopted pertaining to the conduct of such Scratches and that it allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously.

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F. Each Region shall hold an annual Scratch, at a central point, at least thirty (30) days prior to the National V.F.W. Convention and annual Supreme Scratch. The Supreme Council of Administration Member for the Region shall preside and the regular order of V.F.W. business procedures shall be used. Such scratches may incorporate the use of technology provided that procedures are adopted pertaining to the conduct of such scratches and that it allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously. The Scratch shall transact all business relative to the Region, including election of the next Council Member and Vice Council member; with due respect to the approved rotational schedule. Each Pup Tent shall be entitled to the same number of delegates as provided for at the Supreme Scratch.

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II. RATIONALE (WHY IS THIS NEEDED?)

The current composition of the Supreme Council of Administration, which includes all Grand Commanders as members, was adopted following the dissolution of the Supreme Districts at Supreme Scratch 2021. Under the previous structure, District Councilmembers served two (2) year terms, which provided a degree of continuity and institutional knowledge within the Council.

Under the present system, most Grand Commanders serve only one (1) year terms within their respective Grands. As a result, their participation on the Supreme Council of Administration is limited to approximately three (3) meetings, with their final meeting often occurring after they are no longer serving as Grand Commander. This structure has resulted in limited continuity, reduced long-term planning capability, and a diminished ability to maintain consistent oversight and direction within the Council.

Additionally, the current provision for two (2) Councilmembers representing Independent Pup Tent regions has proven to be ineffective in practice. At the time of its adoption, the distribution of Independent Pup Tents between regions was relatively balanced. However, current conditions reflect a significant imbalance, with one region representing substantially more Pup Tents than the other. This disparity has led to unequal representation and challenges in effectively advocating for the interests of all Independent Pup Tents.

The proposed amendment establishes one (1) representative from each Grand, elected by their respective Grand, to serve a term of three (3) years. This change allows Grand Commanders to focus on the duties and responsibilities of their office, while ensuring that each Grand maintains consistent representation within the Supreme Council of Administration. Furthermore, the establishment of a three (3) year term promotes continuity, preserves institutional knowledge, and enhances the Council's ability to engage in long-term planning and governance.

The amendment also provides for one (1) representative of the Independent Pup Tents, elected by the members of the Supreme Council of Administration, to serve a three (3) year term. This approach simplifies representation and allows for selection based on the needs of the organization as a whole.

For maximum effectiveness, it is recommended that the terms of these representatives be staggered to ensure continuity of experience and leadership within the Supreme Council of Administration.

III. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

This is to certify that the above proposal was presented at a regular **Scratch** of _____ (Pup Tent Name/Number) on _____ (Date). A quorum was present, and the proposal was approved by vote.

Signed: _____ (Pup Tent Seam Squirrel)

Attest: _____ (Pup Tent Hungry Cootie)

IV. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE Grand

This is to certify in accordance with Supreme Bylaws, Article X, Section 902 that the above proposed bylaw revision was endorsed at a **Grand COA or Grand Convention** of _____ CALIFORNIA _____ (Grand Name) on 5/16/2026 (Date). A quorum was present, and the endorsement was approved by the Grand.

Signed: ANTHONY A. PRECIE Anthony Precie (Grand Seam Squirrel)

Attest: TAMERA WALTERS Tamera Walters (Grand Hungry Cootie)

Note: Independent Pup Tents shall submit directly to the Supreme Adjutant and Supreme Bylaws Committee Chair.



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MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE
BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

TO: Supreme Scratch

PROPOSER: Grand of Texas

DATE: May 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend Article V, Section 504, Eligibility to Office, of the MOC Bylaws

I. BYLAW COMPARISON

CURRENT VERBIAGE	PROPOSED CHANGES	FINAL WORDING (AS AMENDED)
All active third degree members in good standing shall be eligible to any Supreme office in the Military Order of the Cootie; provided, however, that said members have been active members of the Military Order of the Cootie for at least three (3) years and that no member shall hold more one (1) elective office in Supreme Pup Tent at any one time.	Add the words third degree between the words "active" and "member." Add the words after the third degree is recognized by Supreme Headquarters after "three (3) years".	All active third degree members in good standing shall be eligible to any Supreme office in the Military Order of the Cootie; provided, however, that said members have been active third degree members of the Military Order of the Cootie for at least three (3) years after third degree is recognized by Supreme Headquarters and that no member shall hold more than one (1) elective office in the Supreme Pup Tent at any one time.

II. RATIONALE

Amending Section 504 achieves and clarifies the implied intent of Section 504 that "active members" means "active third degree members. It also matches exactly the wording in Article IV Section 406, Grand Officer Eligibility: "All active third degree members in good standing within a PT in the Grand are eligible to hold Grand office."

III. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

This is to certify that the above proposal was presented at a regular **Scratch** of the Grand of the Grand of Texas on May 30, 2026. A quorum was present, and the proposal was approved by vote.


Signed: _____ (Pup Tent Seam Squirrel)

Attest: _____ (Pup Tent Hungry Cootie)

IV. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE Grand

This is to certify in accordance with Supreme Bylaws, Article X, Section 902 that the above proposed bylaw revision was endorsed at the Grand of Texas Convention on May 30, 2026. A quorum was present, and the endorsement was approved by the Grand.

Signed:  _____ (Grand Seam Squirrel)

Attest:  _____ (Grand Hungry Cootie)

Note: Independent Pup Tents shall submit directly to the Supreme Adjutant and Supreme Bylaws Committee Chair.

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Supreme President's Message



It's been a year unlike any other, and it has been both an honor and a privilege to carry forward Dave's year while serving and representing our MOCA family.

During the year I have had the opportunity to meet many members from across our organization through phone calls, visits, conventions, and our AuxSILLYry Mischief and Mixers Zoom meetings. In addition, I was had the pleasure of representing our MOCA at conventions in Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Texas, and Georgia, and to serve as the MOCA Trustee at the National Home Board of Trustees meetings in February and June.

One of the most exciting developments this year has been the implementation of Operation Reboot. We have established a committee of dedicated and passionate members who are working on initiatives to grow our MOCA *"Into the Future!"* I would like to take a moment to recognize these hard-working committee members: Heather Alkire, Ashtin Birkicht, Chamarlyn Canzater, Todd Carvel, Theresa Champagne, Lisa Dayoff, Karen Dotson, Sheri Gann, Patsy Gilmore, Tammy Jackson, Merissa Johnson, Lori Nettles, Ashley Michelle Org, Bobbi Parris, Shelly Ravac, Debbie Thie, and Paty Thron.

Sadly, we have recently lost two Auxiliaries, and possibly a third by the time we gather at Convention. While those losses are difficult, there is also good news to celebrate. We have instituted two new Auxiliaries! Let's extend a heartfelt welcome to the newest members of our MOCA family: Love Bugs #29 in Florida and AHO #5 in New Mexico.

As I reflect on this year, what stands out most is the support our members have given me. I have been encouraged by your kindness, your patience, your willingness to step up when needed, and the excitement I see growing throughout our Auxiliary. That excitement gives me hope for the future.

Let's not allow this spark to fade. As we gather in Sparks, Nevada for Supreme Convention, let's use that spark to ignite even greater momentum. The future of our organization is

bright, but it will only continue to shine if each of us helps keep the flame burning.

Before I close, I want to share one final thought. I am not perfect, and I have made mistakes along the way. I can promise you, I'm not done making them! But I believe mistakes are only failures if we refuse to learn from them.

Don't ever forget, you are what makes this organization special. Your voices matter, and I hope to hear even more of them in the year ahead.

Dawn VanTassell
MOCA Supreme President 2026



Bachelor Pup Tents: Please be on the lookout, we will be contacting you in the coming months to discuss Auxiliary expansion and the benefits an Auxiliary can bring to your Pup Tent.

A strong Auxiliary can provide valuable support to your Pup Tent by:

- Assisting with planning and carrying out hospital activities and Veteran visits.
- Helping you to reach more hospitalized Veterans.
- Supporting membership growth and helping build a stronger future for your Pup Tent.
- Assisting with fundraising efforts that support Veteran programs and activities.
- Providing additional hands to share the workload because many hands truly do make light work.

Whether your Pup Tent has considered starting an Auxiliary before or has never explored the possibility, we encourage you to keep an open mind and learn more about future opportunities. Together, we can continue growing our organization, ensure the MOCA remains strong *Into the Future!* And most importantly, **"Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!"**

From the Supreme Auxiliary Inspector

Greetings from your MOCA Supreme Inspector,

I would love to tell you that we are 100% inspected but I'd be lying.

As of June 27, 2026, I do not have Inspection Reports from the following the Grands, Auxiliaries and Auxiliaries Not in a Grand:



Grand of California

Grand of Colorado

Grand of Maryland

Grand of Mississippi

Grand of Virginia

Delaware – Fiddlers #4

Florida – Sea Oats #66

Georgia – Mossy Mites #1

Illinois – 8'er from Decatur #62

Kentucky – Simpall #8

Louisiana – Pelican #6

Louisiana – Lousy #11

Minnesota – Crotch Crickets #62

New Jersey – Jockey Hollow #15

New Jersey – Sewer Rats #41

Grand of New Mexico

New Mexico – Mt K.I.A. #14

New Mexico – Itchin n' Bitchin #19

Grand of New York

Oregon – Dunebugs #9

Oregon – Timber Toppers #12

Pennsylvania – General Wayne #33

South Carolina – Sand Fleas #1

South Carolina – Spartan #3

South Dakota – Big Aggies #12

Tennessee – Shelby Angels #26

Texas – All Auxiliaries

West Virginia – Snake State #6

Wisconsin – All Auxiliaries

If any of these Grands or Auxiliaries have been Inspected, **PLEASE** send me a copy of the Inspection Report, if the Auxiliary or Grand has gone down let me know that also.

Wishing you a lousy Summer and see you in Reno

Debbie Thie

Supreme Auxiliary General Order #4



Supreme Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary President's Message & General Orders #4 June 28, 2026



Greetings Auxiliary Members,



Are you getting excited yet? Supreme Convention is just around the corner, and before we know it, we'll be together in Sparks, Nevada, for a few days of clowning around, laughter, celebrations, and yes, a little business too!

Supreme Convention - July 30 through August 2 in Sparks, Nevada.

Don't forget to get your registration and credentials submitted if you haven't already. If you are unable to attend, we encourage your Auxiliary to submit at least one registration form for you to receive the 2026-2027 Supreme Program Book and Convention Reports Book. The Program Book is essential for the new year. It contains important information on programs, reports, and deadlines for the upcoming year. There may even be a few surprises waiting inside!

The Supreme Convention Agenda - can be found in this edition of the Cootie Courier. Please take a look and plan accordingly.

Supreme Elections - We have several candidates running for office this year, and it is important that you have an opportunity to get to know them and hear their vision for the future of our organization. We have reserved time for a Candidate Forum on Thursday, July 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this opportunity to engage with the candidates and make informed decisions about the leadership of our Auxiliary.

Grand Presidents: Your auxiliary inspections should be completed by December 31, 2026. It's not too early to get started. I encourage you to personally inspect each Auxiliary whenever possible. Inspection Reports should be submitted to our Supreme Inspector, PSP Peggy Bell at peggythomas1014@gmail.com.

As you complete your inspections, please keep an eye out for Auxiliaries that may need a little encouragement, mentoring, or guidance. One of our goals this year is to identify Auxiliaries that may be struggling and provide additional support before small challenges become large problems. The Supreme Line is committed to helping our Auxiliaries thrive, and your observations will be an important part of that effort.

Membership/Dues - Our membership year begins on July 1. This means it's time to start working on collecting and submitting dues to our Supreme Treasurer. Auxiliary Treasurers, please do not sit on dues. Submit your transmittals promptly so our records remain accurate throughout the year.

Membership is much more than a number on a report. Every member represents another person willing to visit a Veteran, mentor a new member, strengthen an Auxiliary, or carry our mission forward.

Building Relationships - As we move Into the Future, I would like to encourage every Cootie Auxiliary member to continue strengthening our relationship with our VFW Auxiliaries. Remember, we are not competing organizations; we are complementary organizations. As VFW Auxiliary members we serve Veterans, their families, and our communities through many programs and initiatives. As MOCA members we have one specific purpose, ***“Keep ‘em Smilin’ in Beds of White.”***

Together We Can Serve More Veterans!



MOC Auxiliary Membership Report

SUPREME MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2025-2026

As of 6-25-26

State	Membership Division	Ending 6-30-2025	Updated for 2026	Percent
Arizona	3	Prev Yr: 116	Cur Yr: 81	69.83%
Arkansas	5	Prev Yr: 23	Cur Yr: 17	73.91%
California	3	Prev Yr: 147	Cur Yr: 157	106.80%
Colorado	2	Prev Yr: 83	Cur Yr: 76	91.57%
Delaware	5	Prev Yr: 26	Cur Yr: 16	61.54%
Florida	4	Prev Yr: 170	Cur Yr: 170	100.00%
Georgia	5	Prev Yr: 58	Cur Yr: 61	105.17%
Illinois	5	Prev Yr: 27	Cur Yr: 26	96.30%
Kansas	5	Prev Yr: 73	Cur Yr: 61	83.56%
Kentucky	5	Prev Yr: 53	Cur Yr: 48	90.57%
Louisiana	1	Prev Yr: 74	Cur Yr: 74	100.00%
Maryland	2	Prev Yr: 103	Cur Yr: 102	99.03%
Michigan	3	Prev Yr: 140	Cur Yr: 133	95.00%
Minnesota	4	Prev Yr: 166	Cur Yr: 142	85.54%
Mississippi	2	Prev Yr: 81	Cur Yr: 66	81.48%
Missouri	4	Prev Yr: 160	Cur Yr: 165	103.13%
Nebraska	5	Prev Yr: 42	Cur Yr: 44	104.76%
New Jersey	5	Prev Yr: 68	Cur Yr: 57	83.82%

SUPREME MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2025-2026 As of 6-25-26

State	Membership Division	Ending 6-30- 2025		Updated for 2026		Percent
New Mexico	1	Prev Yr: 29		Cur Yr: 38		131.03%
New York	2	Prev Yr: 105		Cur Yr: 110		104.76%
North Carolina	3	Prev Yr: 149		Cur Yr: 145		97.32%
Ohio	3	Prev Yr: 128		Cur Yr: 129		100.78%
Oklahoma	5	Prev Yr: 65		Cur Yr: 74		113.85%
Oregon	2	Prev Yr: 95		Cur Yr: 97		102.11%
Pennsylvania	5	Prev Yr: 27		Cur Yr: 29		107.41%
South Carolina	3	Prev Yr: 139		Cur Yr: 114		82.01%
South Dakota	5	Prev Yr: 34		Cur Yr: 31		91.18%
Tennessee	5	Prev Yr: 18		Cur Yr: 20		111.11%
Texas	4	Prev Yr: 160		Cur Yr: 163		101.88%
Virginia	1	Prev Yr: 65		Cur Yr: 66		101.54%
Washington	4	Prev Yr: 202		Cur Yr: 196		97.03%
West Virginia	5	Prev Yr: 22		Cur Yr: 20		90.91%
Wisconsin	3	Prev Yr: 111		Cur Yr: 109		98.20%
MEMBERS AT LARC		0		4	4	
SUPREME		Total All: 3029		Total All: 2857		94.32%



MOC Auxiliary Hospital Report

MOCA HOSPITAL REPORT

April 30, 2026

GRAND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
Supreme District #1 -- Vickie Peterson, Commissioner											
DE	\$6,500.00	3	7	7	240	68.50	459.00	710.00	0	3157.38	48.58
MD	\$25,750.00	12	15	24	734	925.50	1413.00	7269.10	0	39665.07	154.04
PA	\$11,750.00	8	8	43	662	816.50	3808.00	8982.66	2	37921.82	322.74
VA	\$16,250.00	11	6	20	176	104.75	1497.00	9874.12	4	13727.95	84.48
WV	\$5,500.00	6	31	95	1396	402.75	1813.00	1898.00	0	16163.49	293.88
Total	\$65,750.00	40	67	189	3208	2318.00	8990.00	28733.88	6	110635.70	168.27
Supreme District #2 -- Debbie Thie, Commissioner											
FL	\$42,500.00	28	44	97	1671	3295.50	4845.00	27842.74	0	143171.49	336.87
GA	\$14,500.00	21	34	77	521	287.25	2273.00	5418.58	0	5458.77	37.65
LA	\$18,500.00	9	9	23	428	70.25	359.00	3263.58	0	5757.84	31.12
MS	\$20,250.00	27	48	120	1976	405.25	6305.00	4359.40	0	19340.75	95.51
NC	\$37,250.00	10	32	37	380	690.00	3094.00	1552.52	0	25990.78	69.77
SC	\$34,750.00	22	20	74	1153	876.00	1268.00	3402.21	9	34055.77	98.00
TN	\$4,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$172,250.00	117	187	428	6129	5624.25	18144.00	45839.03	9	233775.39	135.72
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	14	40	76	540	248.00	3126.00	2732.19	0	11797.75	69.40
MI	\$35,500.00	36	56	94	916	1603.00	7321.00	6567.41	5	63360.72	178.48
OH	\$32,000.00	100	222	407	3891	2476.75	25039.00	16920.91	26	106379.58	332.44
WI	\$27,750.00	42	318	487	4588	2338.25	27201.00	11993.02	0	97148.88	350.09
Total	\$127,500.00	192	636	1064	9935	6666.00	62687.00	38213.53	31	278686.93	218.58
Supreme District #4 -- Char Guse, Commissioner											
KS	\$18,250.00	12	62	69	253	288.75	8041.00	377.32	0	11548.67	63.28
MN	\$41,500.00	31	250	548	7057	9323.00	25188.00	12799.03	77	340672.52	820.90
MO	\$40,000.00	224	484	739	20130	3055.00	47364.50	31537.41	36	144451.89	361.13
NE	\$10,500.00	43	150	227	6531	780.00	8753.00	29543.63	11	57905.25	551.48
SD	\$8,500.00	15	36	93	538	206.50	1857.00	2453.15	7	3920.77	46.13
Total	\$118,750.00	325	982	1676	34509	13653.25	91203.50	76710.54	131	558499.11	470.32
Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner											
AR	\$9,500.00	27	65	72	446	451.25	13980.00	1425.00	3	19081.19	200.85
CO	\$20,750.00	27	27	149	2265	435.25	2281.00	4731.50	0	20193.19	97.32
NM	\$12,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OK	\$16,250.00	25	18	43	534	397.75	3986.00	2651.12	6	17046.88	104.90
TX	\$40,000.00	134	86	218	1998	1036.75	7873.00	8220.84	15	45391.59	113.48
Total	\$99,250.00	213	196	482	5243	2321.00	28120.00	17028.46	24	101712.85	102.48
Supreme District #6 -- Cathy Seippel											
AZ	\$29,000.00	28	43	99	2667	1158.25	5637.00	8838.66	3	49923.36	172.15
CA	\$36,750.00	109	370	501	4392	1625.00	15320.00	16100.23	3	74778.78	203.48
OR	\$23,750.00	28	80	103	863	481.75	3357.00	1320.00	0	18550.06	78.11
WA	\$50,500.00	69	593	719	27153	6032.25	9688.00	61243.34	1	272461.64	539.53
Total	\$140,000.00	234	1086	1422	35075	9297.25	34002.00	87502.23	7	415713.84	296.94
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	19	23	60	364	339.25	504.00	1551.53	1	13424.60	51.14
Total	\$43,250.00	19	23	60	364	339.25	504.00	1551.53	1	13424.60	31.04
Supreme Donations											
Total	\$766,750.00	1140	3177	5321	94463	40219.00	243650.50	295579.20	209	1712448.41	223.34
Submitted By		Ruth Schoonover			Supreme Hospital Commissioner						

MOC Auxiliary Convention Registration



Date Received by Supreme Treasurer: _____

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

Nugget Casino Resort,

1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks NV 89431

[https://nuggetcasinoresort.book.pegasbe.com/pro
mo?offerCode=GMOC26&hotel=NCR](https://nuggetcasinoresort.book.pegasbe.com/pro
mo?offerCode=GMOC26&hotel=NCR)

If you call use the **MOC Group Code: GMOC26**

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.

PLEASE print or type ALL information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

Email: _____

Grand or State: _____ MOC Aux # _____

Total Amount submitted: \$ _____

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

- Registration / Supreme Program Book (Hardcopy) - \$20.00 each**
- Registration / Thumb Drive with Digital Supreme Program Book and Roster - \$20.00**
- Registration / Supreme Program Book (Hardcopy), Roster and Thumb Drive - \$25.00**

To gain admission to the Supreme Convention sessions, you must present a VFWA membership card and a current official 2026 membership dues card.

ALL PRICING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

MOC Auxiliary By-law Changes

#1. Proposal

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE AUXILIARY BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

TO: Supreme Auxiliary By-Laws Committee

PROPOSER: Dawn VanTassell

DATE: May 18, 2026

WHEREAS: Current Bylaws do not address a waiting period for Auxiliaries forming under newly instituted Pup Tents. This amendment provides a clear timeframe for new Pup Tents to form a solid foundation while allowing prospective Auxiliaries to complete all Supreme M.O.C.A. requirements during the six-month period.

This proposal is intended to support stability and ensure newly formed Pup Tents have time to establish themselves before sponsoring the institution of an Auxiliary.

Therefore be it resolved: that the following section proposals be adopted:

Article II – Local Auxiliaries, Sec. 201 – Formation – A: Item 2

Current : A: Item 2. Approved by the Veterans of Foreign Wars where the Pup Tent is Chartered.

Proposed: A Item 2. Written approval from the Pup Tent and VFW Post where the Pup Tent is Chartered authorizing institution of an Auxiliary, shall accompany charter application paperwork.

Article II – Local Auxiliaries, Sec. 201 – Formation

PROPOSED: Add new Section G to Article II, Section 201 – Formation

G. For Auxiliaries being formed under a newly instituted Pup Tent, the Auxiliary shall not be instituted until the sponsoring Pup Tent has been active for a minimum of six (6) months.

1. Beginning in the seventh (7th) month, or any time thereafter, the prospective Auxiliary, if granted authorization from the sponsoring Pup Tent, may request approval from the Supreme M.O.C.A. to move forward with institution.
2. The Organizer of the new Auxiliary may proceed with recruiting new prospective members for the Auxiliary and may commence with the three (3) required mentorship meetings during this six (6) month waiting period.

#2. Proposal

PROPOSED CORRECTION TO BOOKLET OF INSTRUCTIONS ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Where As the Booklet of Instructions are not consistent with Article IV, Section 407 this proposal will bring the Booklet of Instructions into compliance with the By-Laws.

Therefore be it Resolved that the following section proposal be adopted:

Booklet of Instruction: ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Item #5

Current:

5. The written ballots may be collected by the Conductor/Conductress from each member. After each member has cast their ballot, the President shall declare the election closed and the Judge and Tellers proceed to count the votes.

Proposed:

5. The written ballots **for a local auxiliary election** may be collected by the Conductor/Conductress from each member. After each member has cast their ballot, the President shall declare the election closed and the Judge and Tellers proceed to count the votes.

6. Supreme and Grand Officers shall be elected by roll call vote at their annual Supreme or Grand Conventions.

a. When multiple candidates are running for the same office and one (1) reaches majority before the roll call vote is completed, the election will cease and the judge will announce the winning candidate has been elected by majority vote.

b. When multiple candidates are running for the same office and a majority is NOT reached, the top two (2), receiving the most votes, will move forward to a final roll call vote. When one (1) reaches majority before the roll call is completed, the election will cease and the judge will announce the winning candidate has been elected by majority vote.

(Each numbered item after this proposal, if adopted, will change numerically.)

#3 Proposal

PROPOSED CHANGE TO BY-LAW OFFICIAL UNIFORM

Where As the collar pins should be considered part of the official uniform.

Therefore be it Resolved that the following section proposal be adopted:

Article VII – Miscellaneous, Sec 706-Official Uniform, paragraph 8.

Current: Gold M.O.C. and A.U.X. pins are to be worn with M.O.C. on the right collar point and A.U.X. on the left collar point.

Proposed: Gold M.O.C. and A.U.X. pins are part of the Official Uniform and are to be worn when Official Uniform is worn. M.O.C. pin is worn on right collar point of white blouse/shirt. A.U.X. pin is worn on left collar point of white blouse/shirt.

#4. Proposal

Where As the Election of officers in Article IV, Section 407, Item A: regarding roll call votes, does not clearly address multiple candidates running for the same office

Therefore be it Resolved that the following section proposal be adopted:

Article IV, Section 407, Item A

Current:

- A. The elective Grand Officers shall be nominated and elected by roll call at the annual Grand Convention. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. Should there be no election on the first roll call, the name of the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and so on in successive roll calls, until an election is made....

Proposed:

- A. The elective Grand Officers shall be nominated and elected by roll call at the annual Grand Convention. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.
 1. When multiple candidates are running for the same office and one (1) reaches majority before the roll call vote is completed, the election will cease and the judge will announce the winning candidate has been elected by majority vote.
 2. When multiple candidates are running for the same office and a majority is NOT reached, the top two (2), receiving the most votes, will move forward to a final roll call vote. When one (1) reaches majority before the roll call is completed, the election will cease and the judge will announce the winning candidate has been elected by majority vote.
- B. Officers shall be installed before adjournment of the Convention and assume their duties at the same time as the Grand Pup Tent officers. The installation shall be conducted by a member in good standing...

(Each numbered item after this proposal, if adopted, will change alphabetically.)

#5 Proposal

Where As the Election of Officers in Article V, Section 506 regarding roll call votes, does not clearly address multiple candidates running for the same office

Therefore be it Resolved that the following section proposal be adopted:

Article V, Section 506 – Election of Officers

Current: Supreme Officers shall be elected annually by roll call vote at the Supreme Convention.

Proposed:

A. Supreme Officers shall be elected annually by roll call vote at the Supreme Convention.

1. When multiple candidates are running for the same office and one (1) reaches majority before the roll call vote is completed, the election will cease and the judge will announce the winning candidate has been elected by majority vote.

2. When multiple candidates are running for the same office and a majority is NOT reached, the top two (2), receiving the most votes, will move forward to a final roll call vote. When one (1) reaches majority before the roll call is completed, the election will cease and the judge will announce the winning candidate has been elected by majority vote.

#6. Proposal

Where As Vacancies of Officers in Article IV, Section 421, regarding filling vacancies.

Therefore be it Resolved that the following section proposal be adopted:

Article IV, Section 421 – Vacancies and Inactive Officers

Current:

Vacancies in elective offices shall be filled by the Council of Administration provided, however, that in the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Senior Vice President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of said office and the Junior Vice President shall succeed to the title and duties of the Senior Vice President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Senior Vice President, the Junior Vice President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of that office. In either case, the Council of Administration shall elect a Junior Vice President.

Proposed:

~~Vacancies in elective offices shall be filled by the Council of Administration provided, however, that~~

A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Senior Vice President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of said office and the Junior Vice President shall succeed to the title and duties of the Senior Vice President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Senior Vice President, the Junior Vice President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of that office. ~~In either case, the Council of Administration shall elect a Junior Vice President.~~

B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Grand Junior Vice-President, Grand Chaplain, Grand Conductress/Conductor, or Grand Guard, a Pro-tem will be appointed by the Grand President.

1. An Election will be held at the next Grand Council of Administration meeting or Grand Convention to fill the open position that the vacancy occurred.

#7. Proposal

Where As Vacancies of Officers in Article V, Section 520, regarding filling vacancies.

Therefore be it Resolved that the following section proposal be adopted:

Article V, Section 520 – Vacancies and Inactive Officers

Current:

A. Vacancies in elective offices shall be filled by the Supreme Council of Administration provided, however, that in the event of a vacancy in the office of Supreme President, the Supreme Senior Vice President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of said office and the Junior Vice President shall succeed to the title and duties of the Senior Vice President. Likewise, in the event of a vacancy in the office of Senior Vice President, the Junior Vice President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of that office. In either case, the Council of Administration shall elect a Junior Vice President.

Proposed:

~~Vacancies in elective offices shall be filled by the Supreme Council of Administration provided, however, that~~

A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Supreme President, the Supreme Senior Vice President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of said office and the Junior Vice President shall succeed to the title and duties of the Senior Vice President. Likewise, in the event of a vacancy in the office of Senior Vice President, the Junior Vice President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of that office. ~~In either case, the Council of Administration shall elect a Junior Vice President.~~

B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Supreme Junior Vice-President, Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Conductress/Conductor, or Supreme Guard, a Pro-tem will be appointed by the Supreme President.

1. An Election will be held at the next Supreme Council of Administration meeting or Supreme Convention to fill the open position that the vacancy occurred.

Current B. & C. **Items to be struck from the By Laws if approved as proposed**

Current D. **becomes C.** The President who has moved up to fill the vacancy left by...

#8. Proposal

Whereas Article II, Sections 210 and 212 currently require a quorum of five (5) members to be physically present at a meeting location in order for members attending by audio, video, or phone to participate; and

Whereas the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary serves members across large geographic areas, and many members reside significant distances from the nearest Auxiliary or other members, making regular in-person attendance difficult or impractical; and

Whereas the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Article II, Section 203; Article IV, Section 403; Article V, Section 503; and Article VI, Section 603 of its By-Laws, recognizes participation in meetings through electronic means provided members are able to simultaneously hear and communicate with one another; and

Whereas the current requirement for five (5) members to be physically present may unnecessarily restrict participation by otherwise active members and may create barriers to the continued operation, growth, and development of Auxiliaries; and

Whereas aligning the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary's meeting requirements with the meeting practices recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and followed by the Military Order of the Cootie will promote consistency within our organizational structure while expanding opportunities for member participation, Auxiliary sustainability, and future growth;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the following sections be amended:

Article II, Section 210 – Regular Meetings

Current:

Monthly business meetings are encouraged, however every Auxiliary shall hold at least ten business meetings each year. Members may attend monthly business meetings by audio, video or phone as long as there is a quorum of five (5) members physically present at meeting, from beginning to end.

Proposed:

Monthly business meetings are encouraged; however, every Auxiliary shall hold at least ten **(10)** business meetings each year. Meetings may be conducted in person, electronically, or through a combination of both. Members attending by audio, video, **telephone, or other electronic means shall be considered present for all purposes, including quorum and voting, provided all members participating in the meeting can simultaneously hear and communicate with one another throughout the meeting.**

Article II, Section 212 – Quorum

Current:

Five (5) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for regular or special meetings.

Proposed:

Five (5) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for regular or special meetings. **Members participating in person or through approved electronic means shall be counted toward the quorum.**

Dawn VanTassell for Supreme President 2026-2027

Greetings Past Supreme Presidents, Grand Presidents, Presidents of Auxiliaries Not in a Grand, Sisters and Brothers,

I am honored to announce my candidacy for Supreme President of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary for the 2026–2027 year.

I never imagined I would step into the office of Supreme President earlier than expected following the loss of our Supreme President, David Johnson. While the circumstances were difficult, serving as your Supreme President has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I have had the privilege of getting to know you, listening to your ideas, and learning from your experiences. Along the way, I have gained an even deeper appreciation for this organization and for you, the members who make it all possible.

When I first sought a Supreme position, I spoke about bringing a new voice, a new perspective, and new ideas to our organization. While some of those visions are already becoming reality, I am seeking election because I believe there is still important work ahead.

I respectfully ask for your support, your confidence, and your vote. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this remarkable organization.

Yours Loyally,

Dawn VanTassell



Patsy Gilmore for Supreme Jr. Vice President 2026-2027



Endorsed by M.O.C.A. Grand of Colorado,
3PT #2 & Galloping Domino #7 Auxiliaries



VOTE PATSY GILMORE FOR 2026 – 2027 SUPREME JR VICE PRESIDENT



Patsy has held a variety of different positions at 3PT #2 Auxiliary, the Grand of Colorado Auxiliary and also at Supreme Auxiliary. She is knowledgeable about the By-Laws, Ritual & Traditions of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary and is always willing to learn from those who have graciously given their time to mentor her. Patsy is very passionate about being a Cootie and doing hospital visits as a clown. She humbly asks for your vote as Supreme Jr. Vice President.

Georg Jean Zimmerman for Supreme Treasurer 2026-2027

To: All Supreme Line Officers, Grand Presidents, Presidents of Auxiliaries not in a Grand and MOCA members:

Well now... this message is coming at you from one mighty grateful and busy gal who is proud to accept the endorsement of **MOC Auxiliary Sgoyi Ti:na #2** out of the **Grand of Oklahoma** for the high office of **Supreme Treasurer for 2026–2027**.



I am honored to have served you, and I have worked diligently to keep things moving the way they ought to. From sending communications to all, to processing membership transmittals and supply orders, I have stayed focused on keeping everything accurate, timely, and squared away.

No fuss, no feathers—just doing the work and doing it right.

This organization runs best when folks can rely on things being done properly and on time. That has been my goal from the start, and it continues to be. Keep it clean, keep it clear, and keep it moving forward just as promised.

Now I am not one to make a big show about it... but I will say this—I care deeply about this organization, and I care about doing right by every Sister and Brother in it. That kind of steady work is what keeps our Cootie world humming along and our antennae twitching for the right reasons.

So here I stand once again, asking for your support to re-elect me as **YOUR Supreme Treasurer for 2026–2027**. With your support I will continue doing what I have been entrusted to do—steady, honest, and Lousy dependable.

Loyally yours,

Georg Jean Zimmerman
Supreme Auxiliary Treasurer



Bobbi Parris for Supreme MOC Auxiliary Chaplain

**Bobbi Parris
Stilwell, OK**

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the MOCA,

I am honored to have received the endorsement of my MOC Auxiliary, OK #7 Honor Bugs, for the high office of Supreme Chaplain, or higher office.

I have been President of MOCA Oklahoma #2 Sgoyi Ti:na since it's institution in 2020, except for one year. This year, with that Auxiliary at over 50 members, I have stepped back, and I transferred my membership to MOCA Oklahoma #7. Their membership was faltering, and we definitely want them to keep on being active!

As Auxiliary President, I received "*President of the Year*" for Auxiliaries without a Grand three different years!

I have also been the Supreme Guard 2024-25, and this year I have served as your Supreme Conductress.

It is a very high honor to be a Supreme Representative for our wonderful members!

And now, I humbly ask for your support as I run for the office of Supreme Chaplain, or higher office, 2026-27.

Yours loyally, Bobbi Parris



Eleanor M. Hunt for Supreme MOC Auxiliary Chaplain

From: Eleanor M. Hunt, MOC-A Junior Vice President, Arkansas PT 14 Hogwash

To: Members of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary

I have been nominated — or perhaps “voluntold” — to submit my letter of intent for the office of Supreme Auxiliary Chaplain (Sky Pilot), should I choose to accept the nomination. I am deeply honored and humbled by the encouragement and support so many of you have shown me. Truthfully, I am almost speechless.



Receiving recognition from the Department of Veterans Affairs for my volunteer service has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. In less than two months, I have completed 139 volunteer hours, and I look forward to continuing that service with all my heart.

Today marks one year with the VFW Auxiliary and six months with the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary. Much of what I have learned about chaplaincy and compassionate care has come through my Gentiva Hospice Volunteer training, where I have been serving for the past several months. In many ways, I am following in the footsteps of my grandmother, who dedicated herself to hospice care in El Dorado, Arkansas, while also advocating for veterans and their families through her work and involvement.

I understand that many of the ceremonial duties connected with this office are often shared alongside the Military Order of the Cootie and their Supreme Sky Pilot during larger events and observances. While I do not expect extensive travel requirements, I will gladly serve wherever needed and remain available at all times. Much of the work of this office can also be accomplished from home, through Zoom meetings, or from my volunteer station at the VA in Little Rock, should I continue to be blessed with that opportunity.

While I do not possess formal ministry training, I firmly believe in serving all people with compassion, dignity, and respect. I believe that although there are many religions and denominations throughout the world, we are all called to care for one another as fellow human beings. Whether someone is deeply religious, spiritual in their own way, or not religious at all, they deserve kindness, support, and understanding. Our bylaws guide us in service, and our faith — whatever form it may take — reminds us to care for our countrymen and women with humility and love.

If elected as Supreme MOCA Chaplain, I will:

- Uphold the duties of the office with care, integrity, and attention to detail.
- Remain devoted to being available whenever any member may need encouragement, comfort, or support.
- Continue working toward VSO certification as an additional way to serve our veteran community.
- Pray without ceasing for our organization, our veterans, and all those we serve.

Yours truly and completely,

Ellie “Mae” Hunt

MOC-A Junior Vice President

Arkansas PT 14 Hogwash

VFW Auxiliary Life Member, Post 9095 — Little Rock, Arkansas

Proud newest member of the MOPHA, San Diego, California



LaQuetta McCartor for Supreme MOC Auxiliary Conductress

Dear Supreme Line Officers, Past Supreme Presidents, Grand Presidents, Presidents of Auxiliaries not in a Grand, Sisters and Brothers of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary:

I am honored to have received the endorsement of my MOC Auxiliary, OK #2 Sgoyi Ti:na, for the high office of Supreme Conductress, or higher office.

I have been Treasurer of MOCA Oklahoma #2 Sgoyi Ti:na since its institution in 2020. All of our officers and members work together to stay on task and work for the betterment of our Auxiliary and this great organization.



In 2024-25, I served as Supreme Assistant Banner Bearer, and currently I serve as your Supreme Banner Bearer.

In the VFW Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma, I have held the offices of Department President

2018-2019, before this, I served as Sr. Vice President, Jr. Vice President, Chaplain, Conductress, and Guard. I also held the position of Department Treasurer for 2004-2006, and Department Chief of Staff for 3 Department Presidents.

I was the Southern Conference Auxiliary President 2024-2025 and the National Ambassador for Veterans and Family Support in 2020-2021.

I believe I have demonstrated the leadership skills required to seek this Supreme position, that I can work well with others, and that I endeavor to support the mission, officers, and members of this organization in any way I am able.

I respectfully ask for your consideration as I run for the office of Supreme Conductress, or higher office, 2026-27.

Yours loyally,

LaQuetta McCartor



Iva Lela Spurlock for Supreme MOC Auxiliary Guard

Dear Supreme Line Officers, Past Supreme Presidents, Grand Presidents, Presidents of Auxiliaries not in a Grand, Sisters and Brothers of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary:

I am honored to have received the endorsement of my MOC Auxiliary, OK #2 Sgoyi Ti:na, for the office of Supreme Guard, or higher office.

I have also served as the assistant to the Supreme Secretary/Treasurer during the conventions.

I have been elected as President for our MOC Auxiliary, OK #2 Sgoyi Ti:na for 2026-2027. I have also held the positions of Sr. Vice President and Jr. Vice President of MOCA Oklahoma #2 Sgoyi Ti:na and have served since its institution in 2020. I have also held the position of historian and media (Photographer) and Fun Chairman for two years.

I have worked with our officers to ensure we stay on task and keep everyone updated on what we are doing with our pictures on Facebook.

In the VFW Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma, I have held the offices of Department President 2019-2020 and 2025-2026. At the Department, I held the positions of Sr Vice President, Jr Vice President, Chaplain, Conductress, and Guard. In addition, I have held many chairmanships.

I believe I have the spirit and perseverance to help this organization in any way needed.

And now, I genuinely would like your support as I run for the office of Supreme Guard, or higher office, 2026-27.



With deep regards,

Iva Lela Spurlock



Sheri Gann for Supreme MOC Auxiliary Guard

From: Sheri Gann, MOCA President, Arkansas PT 14 Hogwash

To: Members of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary

I respectfully submit this letter of intent to run for the office of Supreme Guard for the MOCA.

I have been a Life Member of the VFW Auxiliary since 2005. I joined in Texas and transferred my membership to Arkansas in 2022, where I first learned about the MOCA and immediately connected with its mission and purpose. Discovering there was no MOCA presence in Arkansas, I rolled up my sleeves and worked with others to help establish it—contributing to the organization of two MOCA units in our state.

I am an Army veteran who served from 1986 to 1990 in the Finance Corps. That experience grounded me in discipline, accountability, and teamwork—qualities that align with the responsibilities of Supreme Guard and the values of our organization.

I am running because I truly believe in the mission of the Cootie organization. Although I am relatively new to MOCA, I have worked hard from day one and bring fresh ideas, energy, and perspective. I believe that effective service isn't measured only by a long resume; it's demonstrated through commitment, reliability, and the willingness to do the work—quietly and consistently—so the team succeeds.

If elected *Supreme Guard*, I will:

- Uphold the duties of the office with care, integrity, and attention to detail.
- Support our leadership and membership by fostering a welcoming, orderly, and mission-focused environment.
- Continue building MOCA's footprint in Arkansas through active engagement, communication, and service.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to serve. I would be honored to earn your confidence and your vote.

Respectfully,

Sheri Gann
Life Member, VFW Auxiliary (since 2005)
Army Veteran, Finance Corps (1986–1990)



Shelly Ravak for Supreme MOC Auxiliary Guard

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE AUXILIARY GRAND OF NEW MEXICO

Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary Members,

On behalf of the Grand of New Mexico Auxiliary, it is my distinct honor to place the name of **Shelly Ravak** in nomination for the position of **Supreme Guard**.

Leadership is often measured not by the easy days, but by how a person responds when an organization faces its greatest challenges. Over the past two years, Shelly has demonstrated unwavering dedication, courage, and commitment as she worked tirelessly to preserve the Grand of New Mexico Auxiliary. When many questioned our future, Shelly never lost sight of the mission or the members she serves. Through countless hours of hard work, difficult decisions, and steadfast determination, Shelly has helped guide our Grand from uncertainty to hope. Today, we are beginning to rebuild because of leaders like her who refused to give up. Her vision has always been centered on strengthening our organization, supporting our members, and ensuring that future Cooties have a Grand they can proudly call home.

Shelly leads with integrity, strong morals, sound ethics, and genuine compassion. She has earned the respect of those who have served alongside her because she listens, she leads by example, and she always places the good of the organization above personal recognition. She understands that leadership is not about holding an office—it is about serving others with humility, dedication, and purpose.

On a personal note, I have been fortunate to call Shelly my friend. Over the years, I have watched her face challenges with courage, celebrate successes with humility, and always find time to encourage those around her. Her friendship is one I truly value, and it has been an honor to watch her grow into the exceptional leader she is today.

The office of Supreme Guard requires someone who is dependable, committed, and devoted to the ideals of our Order. Shelly embodies those qualities every day. Her service to the Grand of New Mexico has proven that she is prepared to serve at the Supreme level with the same determination and heart that have carried us through these past two years.

It is with complete confidence, great pride, and the full support of the Grand of New Mexico Auxiliary that I place the name of **Shelly Ravak** in nomination for the position of **Supreme Guard**.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirlee Frias
Chief of Staff-2025-2027
Past Grand President, Grand of New Mexico Auxiliary



Mary Kay Sawicki for any Supreme MOC Auxiliary Office

I proudly announce I earned my eligibility through my husband Luke Sawicki AKA “BIG BOOT” Chairman.

I, Mary Kay Sawicki, would like to ask for your support as a candidate for Supreme Office for 2026-2027. I began my military career in 1985. It was a direct reflection of my true family values where I served as a Medical Technician at Langley AFB, Virginia. During Honorable active duty I transferred to the Air Force Reserve assigned to Travis AFB, California. It was during this time the reserves recalled me to active duty to support the medical facility in support of Desert Shield / Desert Storm.



I have been a member of the MOCA since 2011. My Pup tent is Pup tent #92 in Willoughby Ohio. I honorably serve in multiple roles to include the Grand of Ohio chairs. I genuinely enjoy serving as a MOCA member.

During our Supreme conventions you can find me with other members discussing the “BIG BOOT” program. I also serve in the Suicide Prevention and Awareness program in which I am the “Northern” Chairman. We stealthily support this knowing that one suicide is too many. Our Goal Is ZERO.

I am honored to help support the Supreme President and Commander’s Ways and Means programs with ‘Ladybug’ and “BIG Boot” jewelry sales.

If elected, I will proudly serve in any Supreme position bestowed upon me.

“Together We Can.... Bridge the Gap!”

United States Air Force Veteran
1985-1993

Thank you,

Mary Kay Sawicki

Mary Kay Sawicki

Grand Of Ohio Auxiliary

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Chamarlyn "Shay" Canzater for any Supreme MOC Auxiliary Office

Proudly endorsed by the **Grand of South Carolina**, Chamarlyn is a dedicated and accomplished leader with a strong history of service to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary. Through years of commitment at the local, district, department, and grand levels, Chamarlyn has continually demonstrated loyalty, leadership, and dedication to serving veterans, their families, and our organizations.



Chamarlyn is a proud Life Member of VFW Post 4262 Auxiliary, a Life Member of the National Home for Children, a Centennial National Home Member, and an active member of Nightwalkers Pup Tent #15 MOCA.

Her extensive record of service includes serving as VFW Department Conductor and VFW Department Guard, as well as earning distinction as a Two-Time VFW National Award Winner. Chamarlyn was honored as VFW Outstanding Auxiliary President and VFW Outstanding District President in recognition of outstanding leadership and dedication.

Within the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary, Chamarlyn has proudly served as Grand of South Carolina MOCA President (2023–2024), Grand of South Carolina Senior Vice President, Grand of South Carolina Guard, and Grand of South Carolina Chaplain (2025–2026). She was also recognized as the Grand of South Carolina Outstanding MOCA President (2021–2022) and Grand of South Carolina Outstanding Chairperson for the National Home.

At the Pup Tent level, Chamarlyn served as President of Nightwalkers Pup Tent #15 from 2019–2022 and currently serves as MOCA Treasurer for Nightwalkers Pup Tent #15 (2023–2026), continuing to strengthen the Auxiliary through leadership, fellowship, and dedicated service.

With proven experience, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the ideals of the Auxiliary, Chamarlyn is prepared to faithfully serve in any office and continue working for the betterment of our organization and the veterans we proudly support.

With regards,

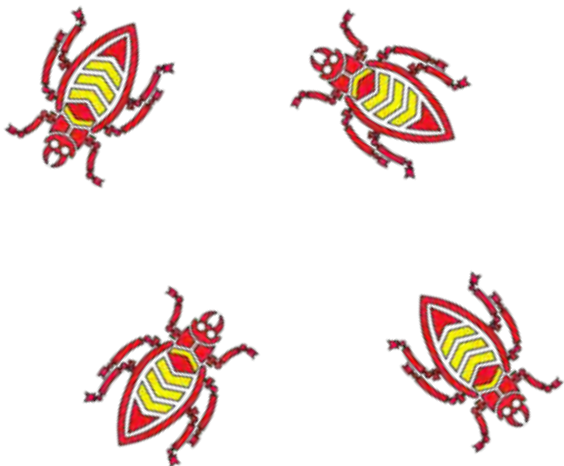
**Grand of South Carolina
MOC Auxiliary**

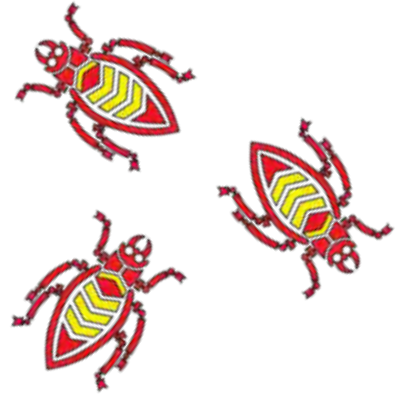
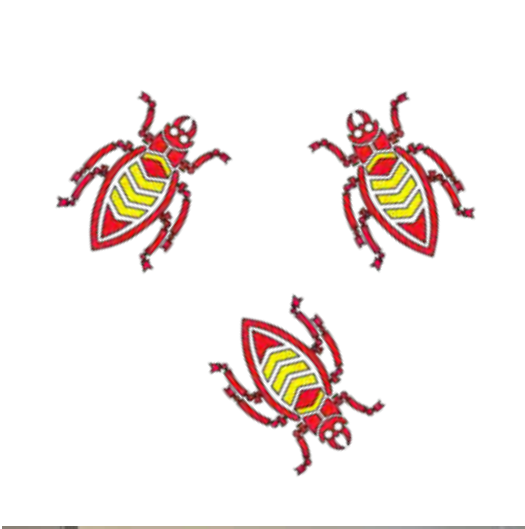
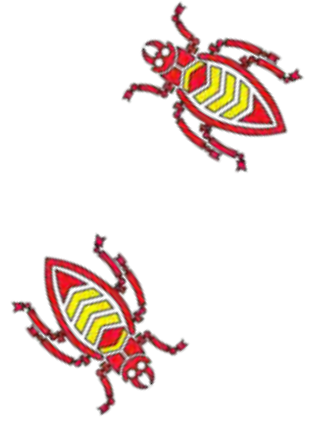


Grand of California

MOC-MOCA Grand CA PT-19 at CA Veteran Home Barstow

MOC-MOCA PT-19 visited the California Home for Veterans in Barstow on Saturday, 4/25/2026. PT-19 members visited with 10 veterans and helped them play 9 games of Bingo. The winners of the first 8 games got a \$10 gift card from Walmart and the winner of the 9th game got two \$10 Walmart gift cards. MOCA members were: PGP Rosie McCleary, GP Evelyn Sanders, Monica Zucarro, Anthony Zucarro, Gloria Wagner and future MOCA member Alice Precie. MOC members were PGC Jerry McCleary, GC Anthony Precie, Jay Lawson, and Rick Oakley. **Courtesy of Anthony Precie**





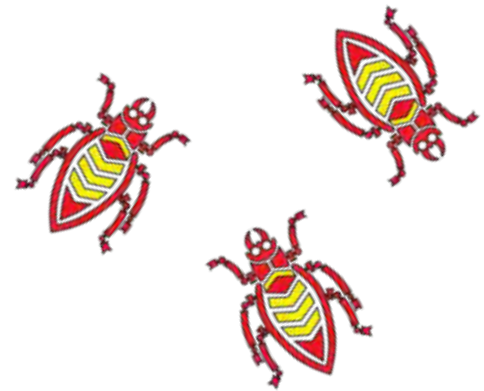
The MOC & MOC Auxiliary Grand Scratch for 2026 was held at the Holiday Inn Swan-Court Selam from May 14th-17th. Nine (9) Pup Tents were Absent, and everyone had a LOUSY time!

Dan Kramer, Past Supreme Seam Squirrel from Nebraska installed all of our new officers. Dan also showed off his talent as an Auctioneer to raffle off a large Quilt at dinner.

Patricia Werner was elected as the MOC Grand Commander for the 2026-2027 year. She is from PT 68 in Turlock.

PT 19 LIL'BUGS, California City, Anthony A. Precie received his "Grand Commander's Pin" and was pinned by his wife Robin.

Selso A. Cavazos PGC, PT 69 LUNAR TIC'S, Antelope, California received "Cootie of the Year Award 2026" for the outstanding job he has done for the MOC Grand and his wife Judy presented the Medal to him. PGC Selso A. Cavazos also has been "All Star Quartermaster" four (4) years in a row. **Courtesy of Steve Kemp, Past Grand Historian**



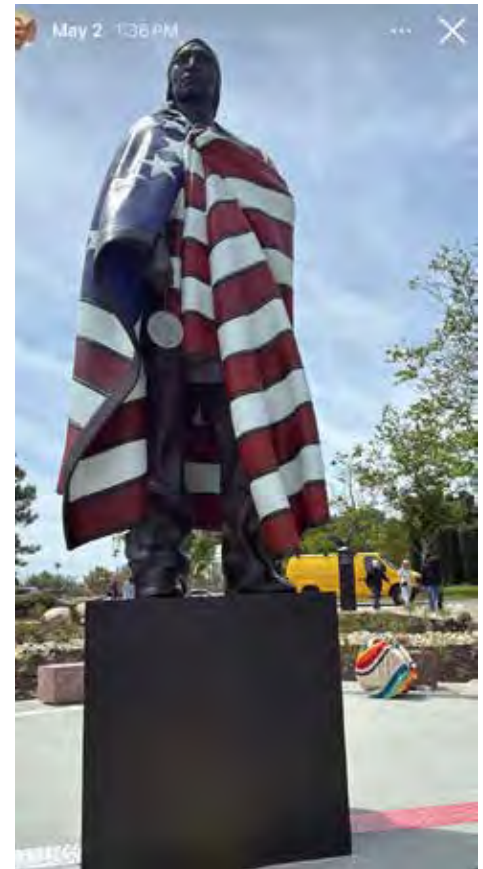
American Indian Veterans Memorial Dedication at Riverside National Cemetery

Article/Pics by Lisardo "Lizard" Duran Jr., Grand Historian

On May 2, 2026, this Lousy Cootie from Pup Tent #66 had the privilege of attending the dedication of the American Indian Veterans Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery. This historic project was more than 18 years in the making, requiring years of dedication, fundraising, planning, and perseverance by veterans, tribal leaders, and supporters committed to honoring Native American and Alaska Native veterans. A first in Riverside, CA History!

Veterans, tribal representatives, military honor guards, and community leaders from throughout California came to witness the unveiling of this remarkable memorial. Also present were numerous VFW and veteran leaders, including California State Commander David Kuta, who came to recognize the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Native American veterans who have defended our nation in every major conflict.

The ceremony featured traditional drumming, singing, tribal blessings, military honors, recognition of Native American



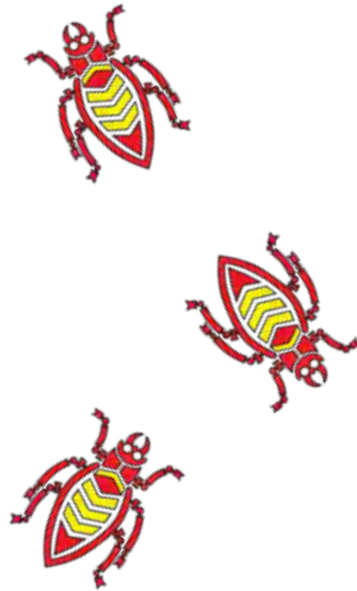
Code Talkers, and the unveiling of the memorial centerpiece known as "The Gift." The memorial now stands as a lasting tribute to Native American warriors whose service and sacrifice helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.

As members of the Military Order of the Cootie, we understand the importance of remembering those who



have gone before us and honoring those who answered our nation's call. The dedication served as a powerful reminder that veterans of all backgrounds share the common bond of service, sacrifice, and love of country.

This Lousy Cootie was proud to represent Pup Tent #66 and the Grand, at this historic event and to help preserve the memory of those whose service will never be forgotten.



DEDICATION OF THE
**AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS
MEMORIAL**

You're Invited!

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026



**RIVERSIDE
NATIONAL
CEMETERY**
10:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Program at the
Amphitheater

12:15 - 2:30 p.m.
Procession to the
Plaza of the American Indian
Veterans Memorial
followed by
Bird Singing
Dancing Activities

**Riverside National
Cemetery**
22495 Van Buren Blvd.
Riverside, California
For more information, call
951-306-5656

Honor the service, dedication, and sacrifice of
Native American United States Veterans.
The American Indian veterans memorial is made possible by
generous donations of Native American veterans, private
businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individuals.



Grand of Maryland

PUP TENT # 27 RED N WHITE BALL FUNDRAISER



Left photo features the Past Grand Commanders/Grand Seam Squirrels. From left to right: All-Star Grand Commander Larry Williams; All-Star Grand Commander Randy Peaker; Current Grand Seam Squirrel Georgia Eaves; All-Star Grand Seam Squirrel Kathy Carlson; All-Star Grand Commander Clinton "T" Townsend and Grand Commander Dennis Fairell.



Above photo features Pup Tent #3. Left to right Nila Caulter; Past Grand Seam Squirrel, Kathy Carlson and Vivian James.

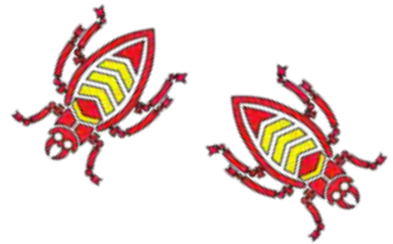


Below Right features Pup Tent #1. Left to right Grand Seam Squirrel Georgia Eaves; Cootie Cauthen; Past Grand Commander Clinton "T" Townsend; Grand Fun/Fine Officer Johnnie Mae Townsend and Grand Jr. Vice President Francine Cornish.

GRAND AWARDS!



Cootie Larry Williams is presented with the Grand Friendly Fred Award for his work with the Army and Airman Retirement Home.

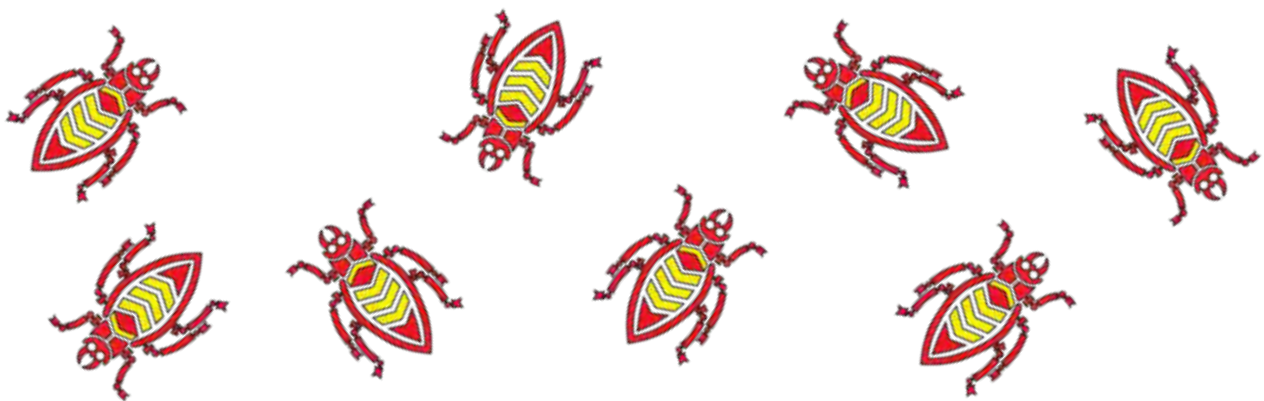


Past Grand Seam Squirrel Georgia Eaves presents Grandrick with the Seam Squirrel of the Year Award



Grand of North Dakota

North Dakota Cooties get sworn in at Minot on June 19th. Trent Thomas from PT 12 was elected Grand Commander.



Grand of Washington

On Easter day, the VanOrc 6 Cootie bunnies went from room to room at the Vancouver VA, delivering washcloth bunnies that held Easter eggs filled with candy and \$5 for each resident. *Courtesy of Bea Close...*



Pictured above are: Bob Meyers, Carolyn Myers, Pam Copeland, Marie McEnry, Bea Close, Martha Causey, Larry Ross, Jim McEnry

Van Orc #6 Cinco de Mayo ice cream social at the Vancouver VA, May 5th.



Cindy Tagliavia caught Phil Tagliavia snacking on a cherry! Pam Copeland, Ron Osborn, Andrea Osborn, Rebecca Pellechi, Linda Henderson... **Courtesy of Bea Close...**



From the Supreme Newshound

Listen Cooties!

Summer has arrived, and while many folks are thinking about vacations, barbecues, and sunshine, Cooties everywhere continue doing what we do best—*Keeping 'em Smilin' in Beds of White.*

This month's Cootie Courier is filled with reminders that our *Crummy Fraternity* never slows down. You'll read about new tools that make reporting Blood Program activities easier than ever, Malicious mumblings from our Supreme officers, information to help strengthen your Pup Tent, and stories that remind us why our mission remains as important today as it was over a century ago.

Every visit to a VA hospital... every blood donation... every Buddy Check... every smile shared with a veteran... these aren't just activities. They are the living heartbeat of the Military Order of the Cootie!

As we prepare for another Supreme Scratch and look Backward to the year ahead, I encourage every Cootie to find one more way to serve. Invite a VFW member to visit a VA facility with you. Help organize a blood drive. Support your local hospital program. Reach out to a fellow Cootie you haven't seen in a while. Sometimes the smallest act of kindness makes the biggest difference.

I'd also like to encourage you to share your stories. Across this *Crummy Fraternity*, most Pestiferous things are happening every single day, but they can only inspire others if we hear about them. If your Pup Tent, Grand, or Auxiliary is making a difference, send it in! The Cootie Courier belongs to all of us, and together we can showcase the Lousy work being done throughout our Hunting Grounds.

In the meantime...keep scratching and *Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!*

Yours in LOTCS,



Dale A. Iannello
Supreme Newshound
2025-2026



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.



Cootie Courier Mailing

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Are you tired of just scrollin'? Sure, you can read all this Lousy news on the screen... but nothing beats holdin' your very own Crummy Rag! Yes, now you can hold a real copy in your own two hands! Get the Crummy Rag you can actually touch, fold, and pass around at the Scratch! Our Crummy Rag belongs in your hands, on your table, and beside your Cootie Milk! Scan the QR code to subscribe on the Cootie Depot and get your very own copy mailed right to your mailbox! Issues are published quarterly in January, April, July and October. So...what are you waiting for? Get to scanning!



