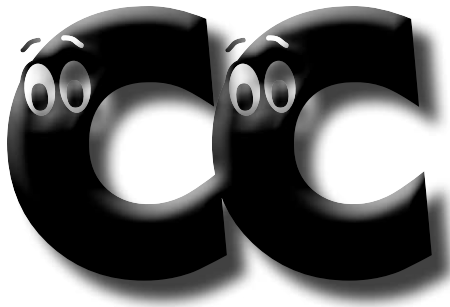




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We remember Past Supreme Commander H. Steve Mason

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From the Supreme Seam Squirrel

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

Listen Cooties;

(ST) **Thank you** to all who attending Supreme Convention and for supporting each other through the craziness. I am grateful for your trust in allowing me to lead this organization through the 2026-2027 year. A big shout out to all the Cooties who stepped up to the plate and continue to lead. To the Supreme Officers and chairmen, this is a year to be a bit crazy while placing your footprint into the future of the Military Order of the Cootie.

Tomb Trek is right around the corner, please support this event as the mission importance is high. Order your Pup Tent and Grand wreaths if you have not. Book your rooms and when planning travel remember that the C of A and banquet are on Saturday. The Memorial Service and Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery are Sunday morning. We would love to see you all attending and be a part of this event.

Grand dates – please get your dates into Supreme Adjutant Ken Thie by Tomb Trek so we can start working on Supreme Rep. appointments.

S³ Homecoming details will be online soon (or now). It is at an indoor/outdoor waterpark and in conjunction with the Grand of Wisconsin Convention in April. Bring the kids (do not kidnap them enroute). The entire weekend will include 2 hospital visits and 2 banquets.

Upcoming Travels - See you at VFW Founders Day, VFW National Home Fall Fest, Tomb Trek and Cootie Christmas to mention a few plans. See you around the virtual and live hunting grounds!



In LOTCS,

S³ Tracy M. L. Woodman
Supreme Seam Squirrel

Order your 2026 Tomb Trek Wreath now!

Triple "S" and VFW dc Exchange Hats

Pictures from the VFW C of A NCIC Cory Geisler's Homecoming where I exchanged hats and I presented him a Supreme shirt. *Courtesy of Triple "S" Tracy M.L. Woodman*



Supreme Blanket Bum

Listen Up Cooties,

[In Straight Talk]

Tomb Trek is just around the corner and if you haven't listened to the podcast from 28 September, it contains lots of useful information. The podcast can be viewed on our Facebook page, YouTube, and Twitch. Or listened to on Apple Podcast and Spotify. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

I have been fielding a lot of interest in VFW members looking to join the Cooties but live in an area where there are no Cooties. I have provided information and guidance on how to start a Pup Tent. I would encourage established Pup Tents to start using virtual options to help encapsulate those members into our roles until such time that a Pup Tent can be established in their respective areas.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who reached out over the passing of my parents (I still have cards to go through).

Yours in LOTCS,

**Ronnie Steele
Supreme Blanket Bum
2026-2027
Military Order of the Cootie**



From the Supreme Hide Gimlet

Listen Cooties,

Thank you all for declining to support my campaign for Supreme Hide Gimlet / Supreme Junior Vice Commander. Your complete and unanimous rejection of me and my goals fuels me to do even less in this capacity. This year, I hope to prove to you all that I am utterly unworthy.

Also unworthy is our very lousy Supreme Seam Squirrel Tracy Woodman and Supreme President Dawn VanTassell. I am sure the two will have the very lousiest of program years. Congratulations to them, as well as Ronnie, and all of our elected and appointed MOC/MOCA officers. Have a good/lousy feeling about this year.

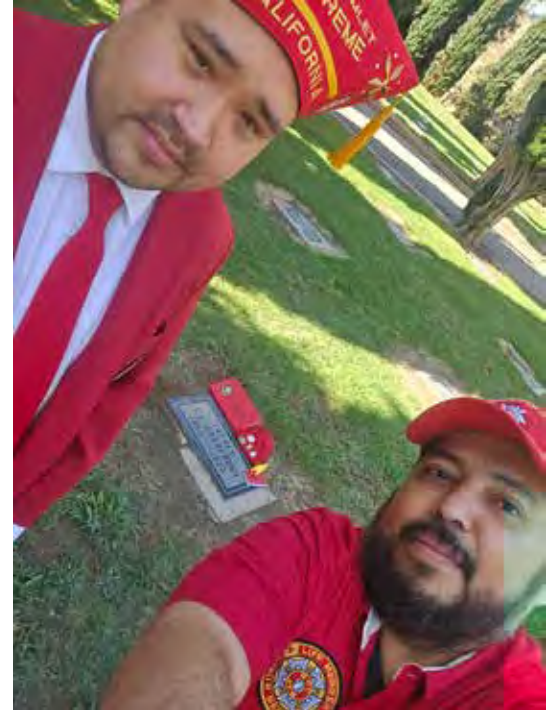
Got that feeling at our National Convention, when out of nowhere, I got approached at a hospitality room (where else?) by someone who said he had heard me speak a couple of years ago at our California Department Convention. He said he was interested in our organization and asked how he could start a Pup Tent. I have since started working with him and it seems he's now only missing a couple of applications.

I'm also working with a current member about possibly starting a Pup Tent at her post as well. If both get approved, California will have five new Pup Tents in the last four years, and I would have been involved in all five! Now before you say that's bragging, I have a lifetime pass on bragging.

In fact, I have a lifetime pass on almost everything. I got the pass on our Cootie Birthday when visiting the grave-site of Cootie Co-Founder F.L. Gransbury, who authored our ritual. I asked him if I could have the pass on nearly all our unwritten rules and he stated no objections.

I then updated him on recent events, like World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and on technological advances, like the internet, cell phones, and social media, while he gave me a list of suggested improvements he had been pondering, including to the ritual.

F.L., as he wanted to be called, asked why we hadn't made more changes to the ritual, as it only took him half a fortnight to put it all together. I explained to him that we are traditionalists and like the ritual as it's written. I then also tried to explain to him that fortnight meant something else, but I gave up on trying to make that point, as it seemed that gaming was out of his realm of expertise.



He also didn't know what the Cootie podcast was, as I was trying to explain that I had participated earlier in the month. I told him it was a communication tool and he was instantly a fan, noting that he was the editor of the Cootie Tickle. Speaking of the podcast, I'd like to thank Shadow and Ashtin for their hospitality. It was my first time on the show and I appreciate/regret the lousy experience.

Finally to close, I'd like to thank you all for your continued commitment to our cause and I look forward to an exceptionally lousy year and hope to see you all at Tomb Trek and Cootie Christmas, or perhaps next quarter, for another chapter of this outrageous drivél.

Yours in LOTCS,

Kenny Lindberg
Supreme Hide Gimlet/Junior Vice Commander
2026-2027



From the Supreme Quartermaster

DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIP — LET'S GET THEM RENEWED!

We still have [ADD NUMBER] delinquent annual members across this Lousy Fraternity.

Grand Commanders and Grand CCDBs: Please review your delinquent membership and contact your Pup Tents. Encourage them to reach out personally to every delinquent Cootie and get those renewals submitted.

Remember: The MOC annual membership year is June 1 through May 31. Annual members should be renewed before June 1 each year. This is especially important for our officers — all elected and appointed officers must have current membership.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

In May 2026, Supreme mailed membership cards for annual members to the Grand CCDBs for distribution to their Pup Tents.

Pup Tent CCDBs: If you still need membership cards, contact your Grand CCDB first, then Supreme!

Looking ahead, Supreme plans to mail the next annual membership cards to each Grand Quartermaster in March 2027. Grand officers are responsible for getting those cards to their Pup Tents promptly.

A current membership card may seem like a small thing, but it gives our members something tangible showing that they belong to the Military Order of the Cootie. If your Pup Tent has not received its cards by May, contact Supreme Headquarters.

KEEP YOUR ROSTERS CURRENT

Pup Tent CCDBs should periodically request a current membership roster from Supreme Headquarters. Instructions for requesting your roster are available on the MOC website.

Grand CCDBs: When you receive Pup Tent rosters from Supreme, please forward them to the appropriate Pup Tent promptly. Don't let them sit in your inbox.

Use the roster to check your membership records, identify delinquent annual members, and make sure Supreme's records agree with yours.

REQUIRED DONATIONS

Every Pup Tent has important obligations to support our programs. Please make sure your Pup Tent has budgeted and submitted the required \$1.00 per Cootie donations for:

The VFW National Home MOC/MOCA House

The Supreme Commander's Special Project

Don't wait until the end of the year. Take care of these obligations early and keep proof of the donations with your Pup Tent records.

INSPECTIONS & QUARTERLY AUDITS

Every Pup Tent should be prepared for its annual inspection by the Grand.

Don't wait for someone to chase you down! Take your books and records to the next Council of Administration (CofA) meeting and get your inspection completed.

CCDBs should also make sure that quarterly audits are completed and submitted to both the Grand and Supreme as required. Keep copies with your permanent records.

Good records make inspections easier for everybody.

GET READY FOR YOUR IRS FORM 990

Now is the time to make sure your Pup Tent's IRS information is in order and prepare for your required Form 990-series filing.

Remember an important distinction: Filing a Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N does not by itself establish or prove that a Pup Tent is covered under Supreme's IRS group exemption. A unit may have its own filing obligation even when it is not included under Supreme's group exemption.

Watch for additional information from Supreme Headquarters regarding the IRS group filing project.

COOTIE CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Cootie Christmas will be here before we know it!

The Grand of Michigan hosts this wonderful event for the families at the VFW National Home for Children and pays for the gifts, toys, food, entertainment, and other expenses that make the celebration special.

They need our help.

Please consider sending a donation to the Grand of Michigan and encourage your Cooties, VFW Comrades, and Auxiliary members to support Cootie Christmas.

Let's help make Christmas something these families will remember!

HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE COOTIE DEPOT?

If you're having trouble placing an order through the Cootie Depot, call Supreme Headquarters. We're here to help.

QUARTERMASTER PRO TIP — CLEAR YOUR CACHE!

Having trouble seeing the latest information on the MOC website? Your browser may be showing you an old, cached copy of the page.

Search Google for “How to clear browser cache” and follow the instructions for your browser.

Dale has also added code to help force the Membership page to load a fresh copy. Update your bookmark to:

lotcs.org/membership.html?bust=1790731478516

That little ?bust= on the end can save you a lot of aggravation!

COMING SOON — ONLINE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Supreme is working on a new online membership application system.

The planned system will allow a prospective member to receive a link and complete the membership application online, similar to the VFW's electronic application process. The application will then move through defined approval steps, beginning at the Pup Tent level with the appropriate officers, including the Seam Squirrel and CCDB.

This means every Pup Tent CCDB will need a working email address and reliable internet access.

More instructions and training will be provided as the system gets closer to implementation.

CCDB CHECKLIST FOR OCTOBER

Renew your delinquent annual members. Check your roster. Make sure membership cards have been distributed. Complete your quarterly audit. Prepare for your inspection. Verify your required donations. Review your IRS filing requirements. Support Cootie Christmas.

Don't put it off until May! A little work every month keeps the Pup Tent's records straight and makes the end of the membership year a whole lot easier.

Yours in LOTCS,

Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!

**Marcia Eggers
Supreme Quartermaster
Military Order of the Cootie**



A Summons from the Supreme Shyster

As your Supreme Shyster, it is my solemn duty to interpret our unconstitutional bylaws, protect the organization, and nod thoughtfully whenever someone asks a question I don't understand.

The Military Order of the Cootie is the Honor Degree of the VFW. We take service to veterans seriously. Ourselves? Not so much. That brings me to today's legal lesson: just because someone says, "We've always done it this way," doesn't mean it's a good idea. It usually means nobody remembers why we started doing it—and everyone is afraid to ask.

Most trouble begins with five dangerous words: "*I have a great idea.*" The next thing you know, the Pup Tent has purchased 400 rubber chickens, the Seam Squirrel is hiding behind the bar, the C.C.D.B has a receipt written in crayon, and my phone starts ringing. Someone recently asked if wearing boxer shorts on the outside of your red trousers is a uniform violation. Let me be clear: If your underwear isn't on the outside, how is the Grand Seam Squirrel supposed to know if you washed them? *Case dismissed.*



To keep us out of the stockade, remember these three pillars of Cootie bureaucracy:

The Minutes: They tell us what was decided and which lousy Cootie volunteered for a job while visiting the restroom. If it isn't in the minutes, it didn't happen. If it is, we know who to blame.

The Receipts: A receipt protects the Pup Tent and the Cootie who swears the inflatable possum was "*absolutely necessary for hospital work.*" (We know this is probably Justin Howe from the Grand of Georgia.) If you lose a receipt and your steps retrace to a place you don't want in the minutes, you're on your own.

The Bylaws: Bylaws are like furniture instructions. Nobody reads them until something is backward, two screws are missing, and a grown adult is yelling at an Allen wrench. Read them before the meeting, not during the argument.

Our mission is to '*Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White.*' But if you get caught smuggling unauthorized "*medicinal comfort,*" into a VA hospital do not tell staff I gave you a waiver. The Supreme Shyster cannot defend you with a cocktail napkin, two blurry photographs, and the statement, "*Everybody there knows what happened.*" Run like a startled louse and blame the nearest VFW Post Commander.

Never send an angry email late at night. Sleep on it, delete it in the morning, and call them like an adult—or have another Cootie hold your phone. I would much rather answer, “Can we do this?” than hear, “So, hypothetically, what happens if we already did it?”

Keep your caps turned sideways, keep caring for veterans, and remember the three rules of Cootie law:

Read it before you sign it.

Get a receipt before you lose it.

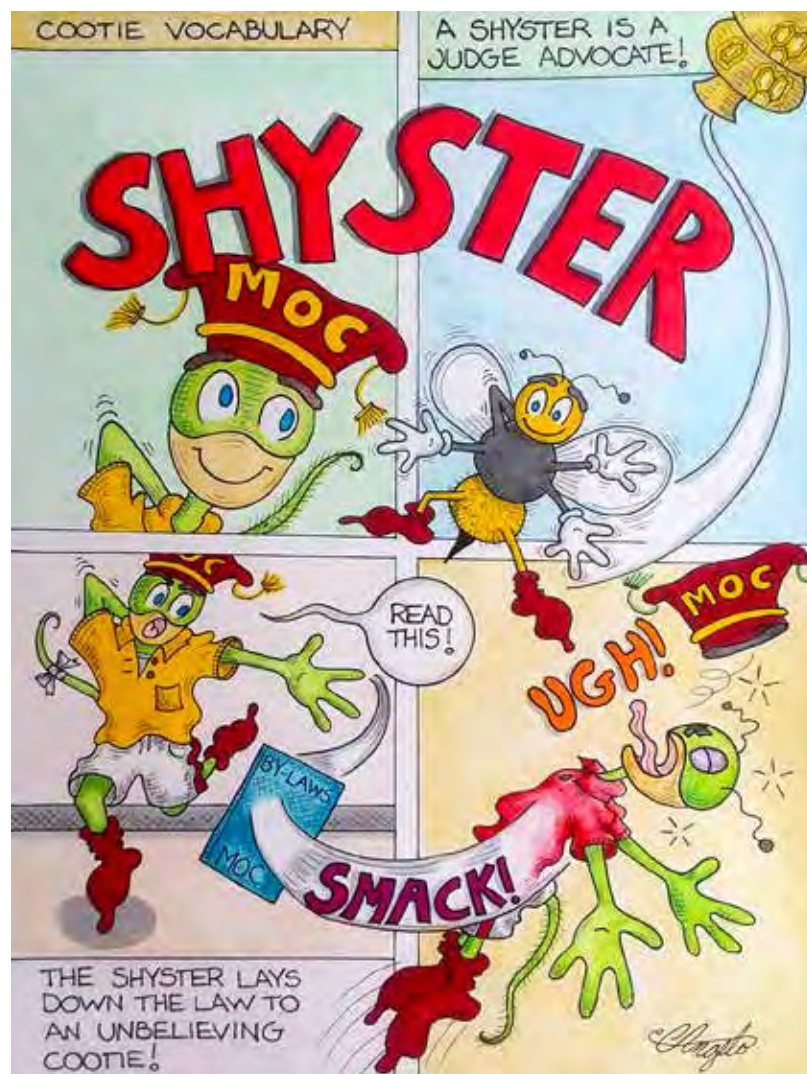
Never put anything in writing that you wouldn’t want read aloud at a Scratch.

Yours in lousy law and cheerful disorder,

The Supreme Shyster

Drew James

This column is intended for laughs and general organizational guidance. It is not legal advice. Frankly, parts of it may not even be good advice.



From the Supreme Surgeon

Greetings Lousy Comrades,

I hope you had an extremely lousy summer and can now endure the crummy cooler temperatures of fall.

With the weather out of the way, let's get a little bit serious about ourselves and our families.

We care and support our fellow Veterans and their physical and mental health with programs, special days, and events, however, do we think about the wives, husbands, significant others, and children who sometimes witness us suffering from war traumas and sadness.

As a Veterans organization that 'Keeps 'em Smiling in Beds of White' we need to care and support our Veterans but also the wives, husbands, significant others and children.

When you're having a bad day, remembering bad times, or self medicating to make the pain go away, remember your loved ones. Are they suffering in silence? Do you ask them how they are doing? Are they getting help?

Are you aware there is help available?

The Supreme MOCA President and I have discussed what as Cooties can we do to help the families, so stay tuned.

If you have any thoughts or ideas do not hesitate to contact either of us.

To review what the Veterans Administration offers please go to VA.gov, click on VA benefits for family and caregivers.

Benefits for spouses, dependents, survivors, and caregivers

- [Health and disability benefits for family and caregivers](#)
- [Survivors Pension and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation](#)
- [Education and career benefits for family members](#)
- [Housing assistance for surviving spouses](#)
- [Life insurance for family members](#)



- **Burial and memorial benefits for family members**

On that same page is a link for VA Caregiver Support program for more information. There is a note regarding an update extending the transition period of legacy participants, legacy applicants and Family Caregivers through September 30, 2028.

VA contact information:

- VA benefits hotline:
800-827-1000
- Caregiver support line:
855-260-3274
- VA.gov technical support:
866-279-3677
- MyVA411 main information line:
800-698-2411
- Telecommunications Relay Services (using TTY):
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So let's start taking care of the Cootie family, all the members of our Cootie family.

One last item, the snotty nose, horrible cough and crappy breathing season is coming. Drink fluids (OJ, water, pedialyte, hot tea), chicken soup, vitamin C and zinc, clean hands and use a tissue or cough into your elbow.

Be an educated consumer when it comes to vaccinations, ask to read the inserts, ask what the side effects are, ask what it is made of. Ask questions!

And finally, be safe!

Yours in LOTCS

**Brenda Serena
Supreme Surgeon
2026-2027**

FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

ALERT! ALERT! SPECIE PEDICULI!

Give the Gift of Life

Cooties, Auxiliary members, families, and friends—one of the greatest gifts we can give costs nothing but a little time: the gift of life through blood donation.

Every donation can bring hope to someone facing surgery, illness, trauma, or an unexpected emergency. Our commitment to “Keep ‘Em Smilin’ in Beds of White” calls us to serve wherever there is a need—and donating blood is a powerful way to live that promise.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already donated blood or supported a blood drive this year. Your generosity is making a real difference. Let’s continue building on that effort by donating, encouraging others to participate, or coordinating a blood drive in our communities.

Please send photos of yourself donating or pictures from your blood drives to cootievampire@gmail.com. I would be honored to recognize and celebrate the difference our Cooties are making across the country.

NEW to the **Blood Report** page: <https://www.lotcs.org/blood.html> are the **Blood Report** and **Blood Drive** dashboards. Just click on the links below or scan the QR codes to see who's donating blood or organizing blood drives. (No emails are shared on the dashboards).

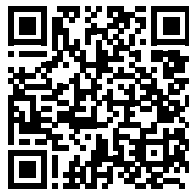
Together, we can roll up our sleeves, lead by example, and help ensure that blood is available when someone desperately needs it.

Give blood. Give hope. Give the gift of life.

For questions, assistance, or information about coordinating a blood drive, please contact:

Yours in LOTCS,

Alecia Judd
Supreme Vampire
704-433-4014
cootievampire@gmail.com



<https://lotcs.org/blood-report-dashboard.html>

<https://lotcs.org/blood-drive-dashboard.html>



From the Supreme Sky Pilot

Fellow Cooties,

Sometimes the best messages are the ones we didn't plan to write.

I was recently reminded that the *Cootie Courier* needed an article from the Supreme Sky Pilot. I didn't have a grand theme prepared or a perfect story tucked away. But maybe that's appropriate. Life rarely gives us advance notice when someone needs encouragement, a listening ear, or a reminder that they aren't alone.

Our obligation to one another isn't limited to ceremonies, scheduled visits, or special occasions. It shows up in smaller moments: A phone call to someone we haven't seen lately, a conversation with a comrade who seems unusually quiet, or a few extra minutes spent with a veteran who needs company more than advice.

We don't need perfect words. Most of the time, we simply need to be present.

As Cooties, we share fellowship, humor, and a commitment to serving veterans and their families. That service matters because it reminds people they haven't been forgotten. A visit may seem routine to us, but to the person receiving it, that visit may be the brightest part of the week.

So, until the next issue, I leave you with a simple challenge: Check on one another. Reach out to a fellow Cootie, a veteran, a family member, or a friend. Ask how they're doing—and take the time to hear the real answer.

May we continue to serve with compassion, laugh often, and care for one another wherever duty takes us.

Yours in fellowship and service,

Allison "Princess" Helm
Supreme Sky Pilot
2026-2027

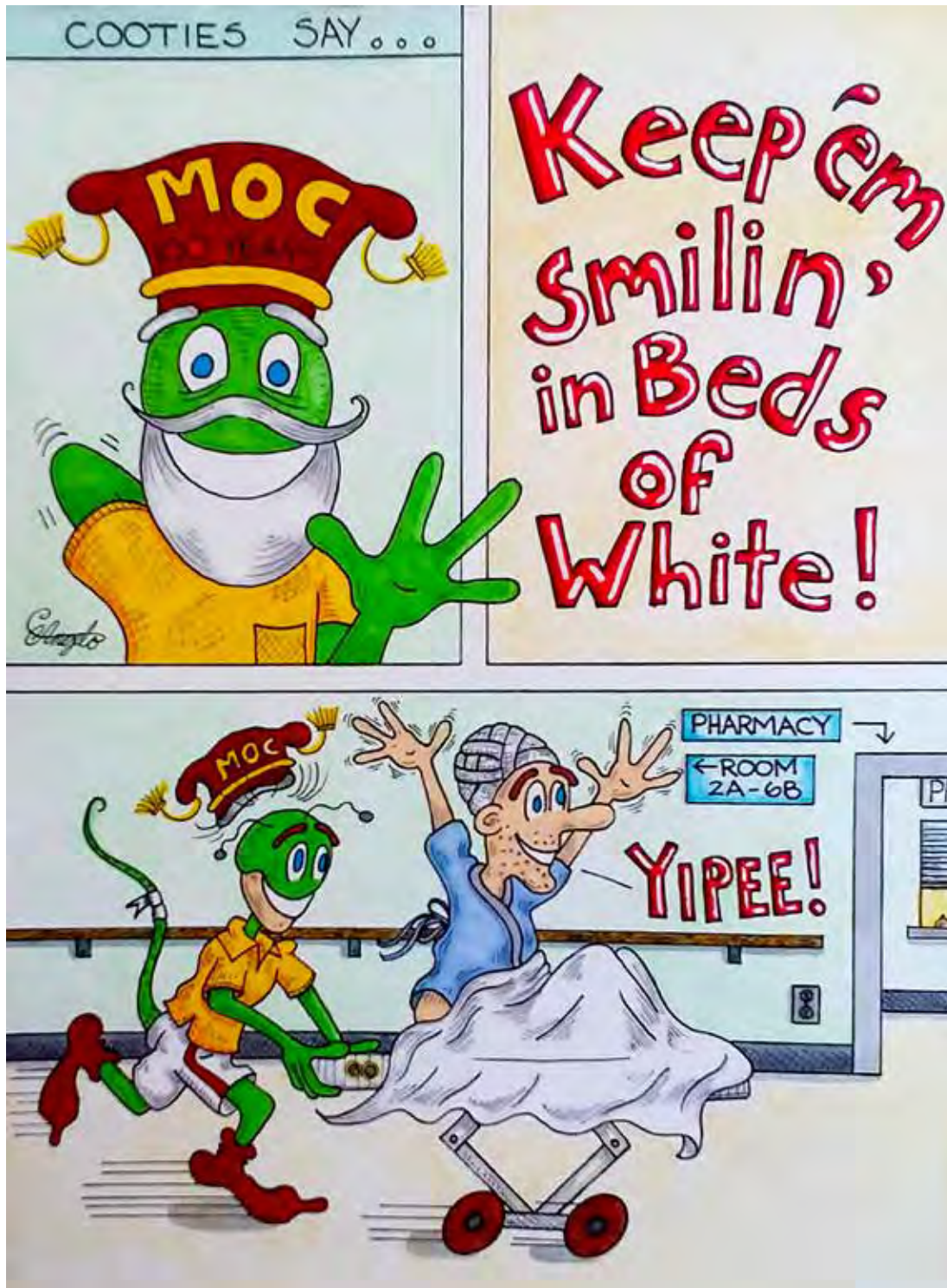


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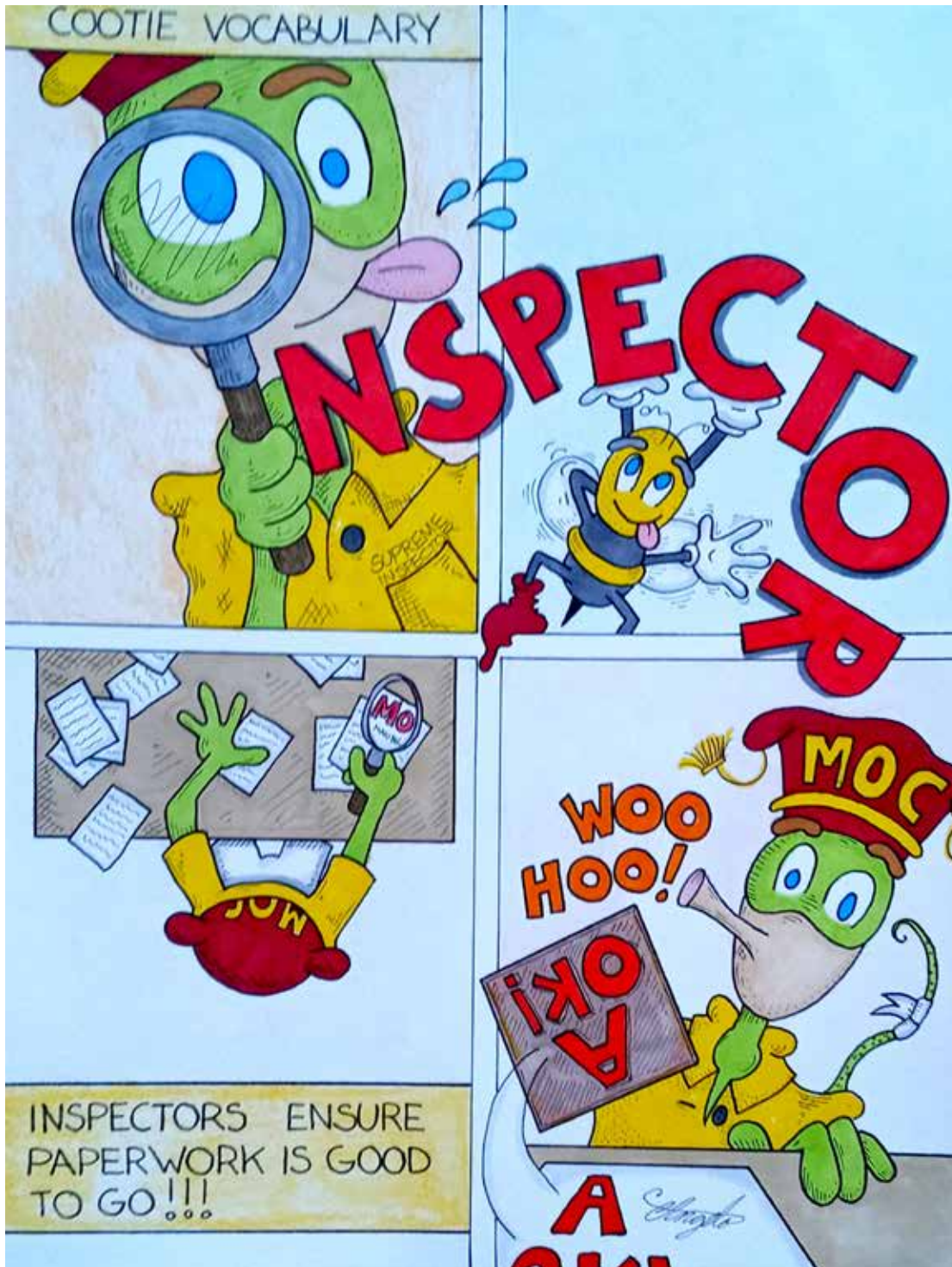
MOC Hospital Report

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



MOC Inspection Report

Alert Cooties! Now **Grands** and **Pup Tents** are able to see if their inspections have been entered. Click on the link <https://lotcs.org/inspection-challenge.html> or scan the QR code below. Give it a Scratch!



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"*

Date: 5 August 2026

From: MOC Supreme Seam Squirrel / Commander/ S³ Tracy M. L. Woodman

To: Military Order of the Cootie Membership

Subj: Woodman 2026-2027 General Order #1

1. Having been duly elected on 1 August 2026 by the Military Order of the Cootie Membership, I, Tracy M. L. Woodman, hereby **assume command** of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States. All previous Supreme Appointments have now expired. Cooties will now revert to their previous and proper tassels.
2. **Supreme Headquarters** is established as being located at 604 Braddock Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Office hours at Supreme Headquarters are from 9 am – 5 pm (0900-1700 hrs) Monday through Friday, Eastern Time. Supreme Headquarters, MOC is closed for all Federal Holidays.
3. The following policies were approved by the Supreme Council of Administration on 2 August 2026. Each of these policies can be found in the SSS Commander's book.
 - a. In accordance with the **Supreme Policy**, all Grands are to inform the Supreme Adjutant of the dates and places of any Grand Events so that proper representation may be assigned. (SSS Book page 7)
 - b. **Supreme Social Media Policy** refers to the behavior of our members on all social media outlets. Members who violate this policy may be disciplined in accordance with the Supreme Military Order of the Cootie ByLaws. (SSS Book page 8)
 - c. **Supreme Policy on the Protection and Authorized Use of the Military Order of the Cootie Intellectual Property** refers to the Military Order of the Cootie logo, bug, official seal, hat and name which are trademarked and copyrighted property of the Supreme Pup Tent. Violators of this policy will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. (SSS Book, page 9-10)
2. The **Supreme Budget** was approved by the Council of Administration on 2 August 2026.
3. **Grands General Order and Communications** should be forwarded to the Supreme Adjutant at mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com
4. Each Cootie will be assessed \$2.00: \$1.00 for the **Supreme Special Project** (Veterans & Family Mental Health Awareness – SSS Book pg 20) and \$1.00 for the **VFW National Home MOC/MOCA House** maintenance fee.
5. Pup Tents, Grand Pup Tents and Auxiliaries are reminded that they are to file **IRS Form 990** within five months and fifteen days of the close of their fiscal year. Keep in mind that 2027 is a **bonding** year.
6. **Reporting for all programs** are due to their respective chairman no later than 31 May 2027

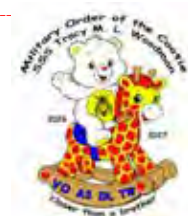
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7. To receive **All*Star status** please note that some program reporting dates are early (SSS Book, page 11-12).
8. **2026-2027 Election Reports** – if the Supreme Adjutant and Supreme HQ does not have this on file, your Pup Tent / Grand is delinquent. If someone on your report has passed away or not paid their 2026-2027 dues, you will need to submit a new one with active members.
9. **2026-2027 Membership** – Cooties who have not paid their 2026-2027 dues are delinquent and not active members on the rolls. When looking at your Membership lists, they should have 2027 listed as membership year showing they are paid for this year.

By Command of:

Tracy M. L. Woodman
Supreme Seam Squirrel /
Supreme Commander/ S³

Official:

Ken Thie
Supreme Adjutant

Supreme General Order #2

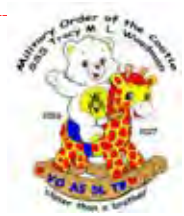
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MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

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*From the Office of the: Supreme Commander a.k.a.
"Supreme Seam Squirrel"*

Date: 1 October 2026

From: MOC Supreme Seam Squirrel / Commander/ S³ Tracy M. L. Woodman

To: Military Order of the Cootie Membership

Subj: Woodman 2026-2027 General Order #2

1. Tomb Trek / Next C of A

- a. Attendees – Registration, Banquet, and Hotel bookings, if you haven't already taken care of these items please do so at your earliest convenience to help our committee plan for this event. Children Attending – Let the SSS know!
- b. Wreaths – Thank you to those that have ordered their Pup Tent and Grand Pup Tent wreaths. You still have time to order these but time is running out if you would like to be in the books.
- c. When planning your trip, remember the Trek is on Sunday morning.
- d. Banquet – do not bring your own drinks from the hospitality rooms into the cocktail room or banquet.
- e. Training – We are looking into doing some training during Tomb Trek where the itinerary will allow.
- f. Supreme Calendar Meeting – several Supreme MOC/MOCA officers will be having our annual meeting to start assigning Supreme Representative. Please have your Grand dates to Supreme Adjutant Ken Thie and myself before Tomb Trek if you have them. The best way to get the person you want is to request them early.
- g. CTG – Rumor has it that our Supreme MOCA CTG Chairman is working on a Tomb Trek theme D&D One off. I don't know what that means but I'm sure many do so watch for this. (There is also rumor that we will have other board/dice/cards games available as well for those not interested in D&D.)

2. Cootie Christmas – This event is right around the corner or two, book your hotel and get banquet tickets soon. New hotel!!!

By Command of:

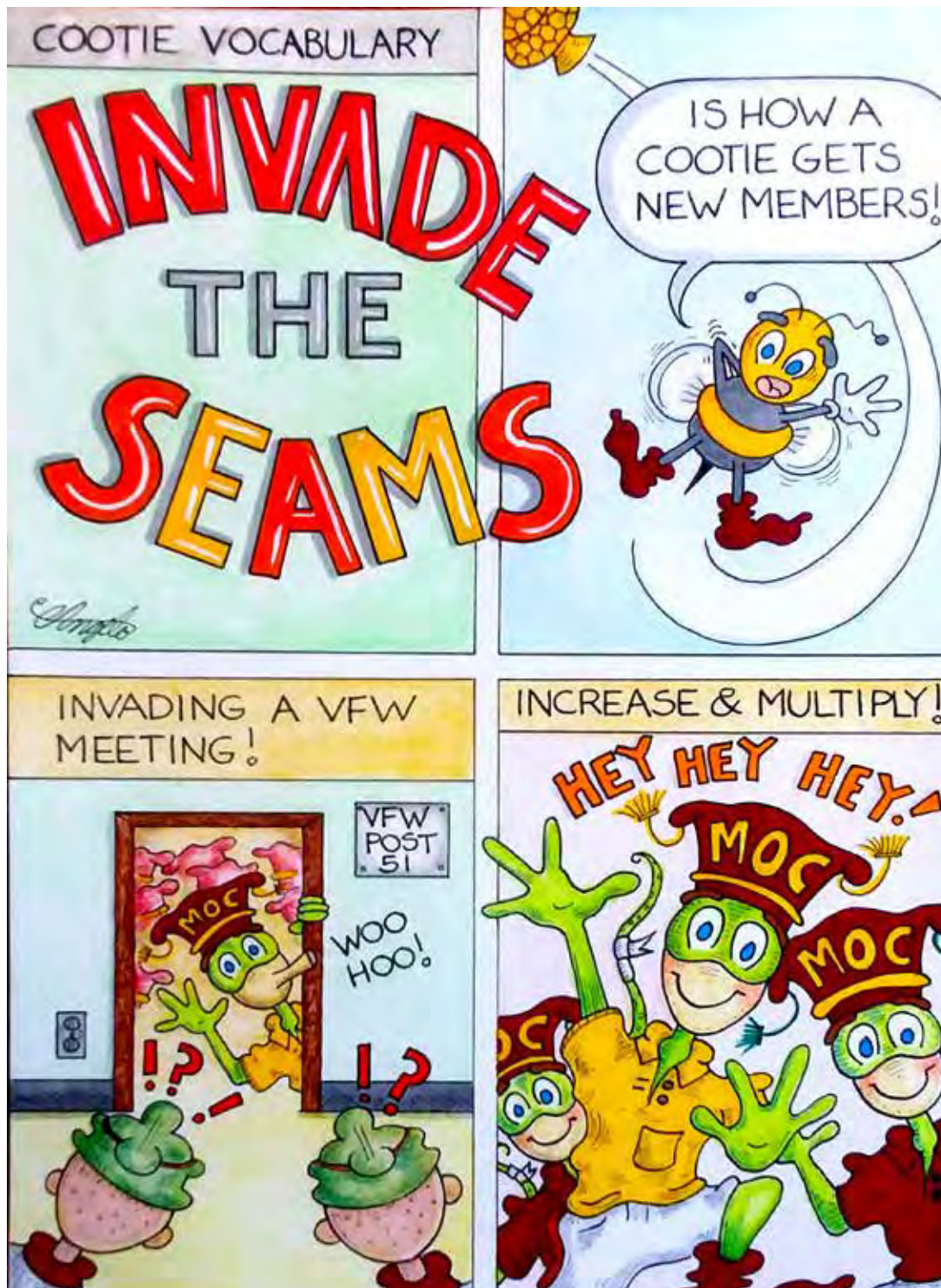
Tracy M. L. Woodman
Supreme Seam Squirrel /
Supreme Commander/ S³

Official:

Ken Thie
Supreme Adjutant

MOC Membership Report

View the latest **Membership** report by clicking on the following link:
<https://lotcs.org/membership-report.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.



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
THE DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS 10 OCT 2026!



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		\$20.00	\$
MOCA Registration		\$20.00	\$
Banquet Meal - Chicken		\$60.00	\$
Banquet Meal - Beef		\$60.00	\$
Banquet Meal - Vegetarian		\$60.00	\$
Bus Ticket		\$20.00	\$

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
604 Braddock Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145 - no later than 16 Oct 2026

Fillable PDF: enter quantities and totals will calculate in Adobe Acrobat Reader. Some browser PDF viewers may not run calculations.

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

Cootie Christmas

COOTIE CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 4-6 2026

FOR THE VFW NATIONAL HOME

Hotel :

- Comfort Inn - Charlotte MI
- \$95 / Night
- www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/NJ92X6
- If asked for a code, use code BQSIMW

Banquet :

- 12/5/26 - 6PM
- VFW Post 2406 - Charlotte MI
- Tickets
 - \$35 Before 10/1/26
 - \$40 On or After 10/1/26
 - No Tickets sold after 11/14/26 - No Exceptions
- Ticket Purchase
 - www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/cootie-christmas
 - OR
 - Scan the QR Code below to purchase tickets
- POC for the Banquet is Cathy Vargo
 - 734-718-4016
 - squeeze522001@yahoo.com



From the VFW National Chaplain

Dear Comrades, Fellow Chaplains, and Sky Pilots,

As we move forward in this VFW year, I want to take a moment to share something that is very important to me. It is the continued growth of our VFW Chaplaincy and the wonderful support we receive from the Military Order of the Cootie.

Having served in the military and in chaplaincy, I have learned that we accomplish far more when we work together. No one person has all the answers, and no chaplain or Sky Pilot should feel that they must carry the responsibilities of ministry alone. We need one another, and we need the right tools to help us care for our veterans and their families.



That is why I want to encourage every VFW Chaplain and Cootie Sky Pilot to visit our National Chaplain website at:

https://lotcs.org/vfw_chaplain.html

This website is much more than a collection of information. It is a place where chaplains and Sky Pilots can find guidance, encouragement, training, and practical resources to help them serve with confidence and compassion.

Whether you are newly appointed or have served for many years, there is something there for you.

When you visit the website, please take a moment to subscribe to our Chaplain email list. This will help us keep you informed about our monthly Zoom training classes and other important chaplaincy information.

An Invitation to Our VFW Chaplains and Cootie Sky Pilots

Our monthly Zoom training provides an opportunity to learn from experienced chaplains, ask questions, share ideas, and strengthen the skills we need in our everyday ministry. I encourage you to participate whenever you can.

I also want to extend a special invitation to our Military Order of the Cootie Sky Pilots. You are most welcome to visit the VFW National Chaplain website, subscribe to our email list, and join us for our monthly Zoom training classes.

Whether you serve as a VFW Chaplain, a Cootie Sky Pilot, or both, we share a common calling to care for our veterans and their families. Our titles may differ, but compassion, encouragement, and service are at the heart of what we do.

And while you are visiting the website, take a look around. You will find the VFW Chaplain Handbook, training materials, prayers, articles, and helpful tools for caring for veterans and their families.

I would also like to invite our chaplains and Sky Pilots to share their own experiences and resources. If you have written an article, developed a helpful training presentation, or have something that might benefit your fellow chaplains and Sky Pilots, please let us know. We would welcome the opportunity to consider sharing your material on the website.

We all have something to contribute, and sometimes an idea from one chaplain or Sky Pilot can make a tremendous difference to another.

A Special Thank You to the Military Order of the Cootie

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Military Order of the Cootie for hosting and supporting our VFW National Chaplain website.

The Cooties have a long and meaningful history of service to our veterans, particularly through their hospital work and their dedication to bringing encouragement and a little happiness into the lives of those who need it most.

Their support of our Chaplain website is another example of that commitment.

I am grateful for the time, effort, and dedication that go into making this ministry possible.

Cootie Christmas and the VFW National Home

Speaking of the wonderful work of the Cooties, I also want to draw your attention to an upcoming event that is very special to our VFW family.

The Military Order of the Cootie will celebrate Cootie Christmas, December 4–6, 2026, in Charlotte, Michigan, in support of the VFW National Home.

The VFW National Home holds a special place in our organization. It provides a supportive community for military and veteran families as they work toward stability and a brighter future.

As chaplains and Sky Pilots, we understand how important it is for families to know that they are not forgotten. When a family is facing difficult circumstances, knowing that someone cares can bring a measure of comfort and hope.

That is part of what makes Cootie Christmas so meaningful.

The celebration includes a banquet on Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. at VFW Post 2406 in Charlotte, Michigan. Banquet tickets are \$35 before October 1 and \$40 on or after October 1. No tickets will be sold after November 14, so please make your plans early.

I encourage you to look at the Cootie Christmas flyer in this issue of the Cootie Courier for information about lodging, banquet tickets, and how you can participate.

Whether you are able to attend or support the National Home in another way, I hope you will keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Our service does not stop at the doors of our Posts or Pup Tents. It reaches into our hospitals, our communities, and the homes of those who have served our nation.

Continuing Our Mission Together

As we continue this VFW year, I want to leave you with a simple reminder.

Chaplaincy is not just about the prayers we offer at meetings or ceremonies. It is about the people we serve.

It is the veteran who needs someone to listen. It is the family grieving the loss of a loved one. It is the comrade who has not been seen at the Post or Pup Tent for a while. It is the person who simply needs to know that somebody cares.

Sometimes our ministry begins with nothing more than a telephone call, a visit, or a few minutes of our time.

So, I encourage you to keep learning, keep reaching out, and keep supporting one another. Visit the Chaplain website, join us for training, and share the knowledge and experience you have gained along the way.

And to our fellow Cooties, thank you for the work you do for our veterans and their families. Your dedication to the VFW National Home and your continued support of our Chaplaincy are deeply appreciated.

Together, we can continue making a difference, one veteran and one family at a time.

In Faith and Service,

**Deborah “Debb” Halter
VFW National Chaplain, 2026–2027
Department of Missouri Chaplain
Big Ten Conference Chaplain
Sky Pilot, Pup Tent #12, Missouri**



Certificates of Recognition

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



Blue Ointment Pumpkin Patch



Supreme President's Message



Hello Cootie Family!

There is a lot of energy building across the MOCA, and it is happening because our members are getting involved, sharing ideas, supporting one another, and looking for new ways to strengthen our organization. Keep up the hard work, the rewards are mounting! While you are putting in the hard work, don't forget those BEEHIVE cells, report the incredible work you're doing for our Veterans, and keep looking for ways to make our Auxiliary stronger.

Have you joined the AuxSILLYry Brigade yet? If not, what are you waiting for? The Brigade is a Ways & Means fundraiser that is open to ANYONE! A one-time \$30 lifetime membership gets you your own numbered membership card and pin, along with a few special perks. MOC members, family, friends, and supporters can all join the mischief while supporting the Supreme MOCA. Look for the Brigade information and order form in this issue and come join us! There are also plenty of other ways to support the Supreme MOCA. Take a look at what is available and find something that catches your eye.

Where in the World are Lady Smiles and Sir Mischief? If your Auxiliary currently has our traveling duo, don't forget to take them along on your adventures, snap some pictures, and share their travels on the "Where in the World Are Lady Smiles & Sir Mischief?" Facebook page. We want to see what kind of AuxSILLYry mischief they are getting into!

Stay connected! Follow the MOCA Facebook page, listen to the MOC/MOCA Podcast, join us for our monthly Zoom programs, and keep an eye on the website. New information, resources, programs, and opportunities are being shared all the time, and we want everyone to know what is happening and feel connected to the MOCA family.

Great things happen when we all bring a little something to the table. Whether you are serving Veterans, building your BEEHIVE, supporting Ways & Means, joining a Zoom, sharing an idea, or simply helping spread the word, you are part of what keeps the MOCA moving forward.

Into the Future!

Dawn VanTassell
Supreme President 2026-2027
Battlefields to Barnyards



MOC Auxiliary
Website

Together We Can Serve More Veterans!

Supreme Auxiliary General Order #2



AUXILIARY TO THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

Supreme President Dawn M. Van Tassell
110 Burgundy Lane, Ekron, Kentucky 40117



502-655-1379



CootieCutieDawnVT@gmail.com



SUPREME GENERAL ORDERS #2 September 25, 2026

Greetings Cootie Family!

October is here, and we have a busy couple of months ahead of us! There are deadlines approaching, events to prepare for, and plenty happening throughout the MOCA, so let's jump right into this month's General Orders.

1. Membership: Our goal is 100% membership by December 31! Every renewal and every new member matters to the future of the MOCA, so reach out now to members who have not renewed and keep recruiting. If you learn that a member is struggling, consider whether your Auxiliary can lend a helping hand by voting to assist with their dues. Sometimes a little support is all it takes to keep a valued member in our MOCA family. And remember, retaining members is about more than collecting dues, invite them, include them, and give them a reason to stay involved!

Let's make it fun! Every Auxiliary that reaches 100% membership by December 31, 2026, will be entered into a drawing for \$100! And don't forget to check out the Membership Chairman's "Bug Catcher" promotions, there is even more cash up for grabs for our members and Auxiliaries! Make sure you know how to get credit for your recruiting efforts so you don't miss out. Let's renew, recruit, retain, and reach 100% by December 31!

2. Treasurers: Please send transmittals and dues as they are received, do not hold them, so memberships can be processed promptly and your Auxiliary receives credit toward its membership goal.

3. BEEHIVE – Recruit & Revitalize: Have you reached out to your local VFW Auxiliary yet? Remember, this outreach is part of qualifying for the BEEHIVE Award, but more importantly, it is one of our greatest opportunities to grow MOCA. Introduce yourselves, tell them who we are, invite eligible members to learn more about us, and build that relationship. This is especially important for struggling Auxiliaries. New members bring new excitement, new ideas, new ways of doing things, and new life! Don't wait for them to find us, we need to reach out and invite them in.

4. Auxiliaries Under Construction: Our efforts to reach out to Bachelor Pup Tents are paying off! We currently have four Auxiliaries Under Construction: GA #5 Red Velvet Ants, CA #79 Bandits, TX #35 Half Shells, and NC has just joined the lineup! There are more promising conversations happening across the country, and the potential for growth is exciting. If you've been thinking about approaching a Bachelor Pup Tent, now is the time to stop thinking and start the conversation! And remember, your outreach also counts toward the BEE-HIVE Award.

If you have a lead or learn of interest in forming a new Auxiliary, please contact Chief of Staff Jenn Winn or Supreme President Dawn VanTassell so we can get the lead logged on our New Auxiliary Development & Formation Tracker and make sure they have support from that first conversation through institution and beyond. The New Auxiliary Development & Formation Toolkit is now available on our website and walks you through the process step by step. We have the tools, we have the support, and we have the momentum, let's turn more of those Bachelor Pup Tents into thriving MOC and MOCA teams!

5. Hospital Program: Membership is vital to the future of the MOCA, but Hospital work is our reason for existing. Our mission is and always has been to Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White. As we work to grow and strengthen our organization, we must never lose sight of the Veterans we are here to serve.

The Hospital Program updates have now been finalized. Watch the MOCA webpage for the updated program, and we will also be sending the information out through the Supreme distribution list. Please take time to review the updates when you receive them, share them with your Auxiliary, and let's keep doing what Cooties do best, serving our Veterans and Keeping 'Em Smilin'!

6. Inspections: A big thank you to our Grand Presidents and Inspectors who are already out there completing Auxiliary inspections. I appreciate the time, travel, and work that goes into making sure our Auxiliaries are operating successfully. Remember, Auxiliary inspections are due by December 31, 2026. As inspections are completed, please send them promptly to Supreme Inspector Peggy Bell at peggythomas1014@gmail.com or mail them to 1377 Hunters Lane, Radcliff, KY 40160.

For our Auxiliaries not under a Grand, we are working to schedule your Supreme Representative visits and inspections and will be reaching out as those arrangements are made. We look forward to visiting with you and supporting your Auxiliary throughout the year.

7. Tomb Trek: The 91st Tomb Trek is November 5–8, 2026, and it is almost here! If you are joining us in Arlington, now is the time to finalize your plans. Wreath orders are due October 10, so please don't miss the deadline. Registration, banquet reservations, wreath orders, hotel information, and payment are available through the LOTCS.org Events page. I look forward to seeing you there as we come together to honor those who answered our Nation's call.

8. Cootie Christmas: Cootie Christmas is December 4–6, 2026, at the VFW National Home, with our host hotel in Charlotte, Michigan. This is always a special weekend and a wonderful opportunity to bring a little Christmas cheer to our National Home families. If you are planning to attend, please make your reservations and travel plans using the current Cootie Christmas information and flyer. We hope to see you there!

9. Member Survey: Your voice matters! The MOCA Member Survey is included in this issue of the Cootie Courier. Please take a few minutes to complete it and return it to me. Your feedback will help us better understand what is working, where we can improve, and what our members need as we continue moving the MOCA Into the Future! Completed surveys may be mailed to me at:

Dawn VanTassell - 110 Burgundy Lane - Ekron, KY 40217

There is a lot of great work happening across the MOCA, and I am excited about the momentum we are building! Keep reaching out, keep bringing new ideas and new members into our Auxiliaries, and keep supporting one another along the way. Never forget why we are here though, to serve our Veterans and Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White. Together We Can Serve More Veterans, and together we are taking the MOCA Into the Future!

Thank you for all you do!

Dawn M. VanTassell
MOCA Supreme President 2026-2027
“Barnyards to Battlefields”



MOC Auxiliary Survey



MOCA MEMBER SUCCESS & SUPPORT SURVEY

Your Voice. Your Auxiliary. Our Future.



This is YOUR Auxiliary, and your voice matters!

All responses are confidential unless you choose to share your information.

Your feedback will help us better support your Auxiliary.

Please write your Auxiliary Name & Number (optional): _____

1. ABOUT YOU

1. How long have you been a member of the MOCA?

- ☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1–5 years ☐ 6–10 years
☐ More than 10 years

2. What is your current role? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Member ☐ Auxiliary Officer
☐ Auxiliary Chairman ☐ Past Auxiliary President
☐ Grand Officer ☐ Grand Chairman
☐ Past Grand President ☐ Supreme Officer or Chairman
☐ Other: _____

3. Approximately how many members regularly participate in your Auxiliary?

- ☐ Fewer than 5 ☐ 5–10 ☐ 11–20
☐ 21–40 ☐ More than 40 ☐ Unsure

2. YOUR AUXILIARY

4. How would you currently describe your Auxiliary?

- ☐ Thriving ☐ Stable ☐ Struggling
☐ In danger of closing ☐ Unsure

5. What are your Auxiliary's greatest challenges? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Recruiting new members ☐ Encouraging member participation
☐ Retaining current members ☐ Receiving communication
☐ Finding members willing to lead ☐ Finances or fundraising
☐ Training officers and chairmen ☐ Meeting attendance
☐ Completing reports and required paperwork ☐ Member or officer burnout
☐ Understanding MOCA programs ☐ Personality conflicts
☐ Conducting hospital and Veteran service ☐ Lack of mentorship or guidance
☐ Other: _____

6. Which ONE challenge is affecting your Auxiliary the most?

3. COMMUNICATION

1. How do you usually receive MOCA information? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Facebook ☐ Grand Meetings
☐ Email ☐ Local Meetings
☐ Cootie Courier ☐ General Orders
☐ Phone Calls ☐ Website
☐ Text Messages ☐ Friends / Other Members

2. How would you prefer to receive information? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Facebook ☐ Zoom Meetings
☐ Email ☐ Text Messages
☐ Cootie Courier ☐ Website
☐ General Orders ☐ Friends / Other Members
☐ Newsletter ☐ Other: _____

4. EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE & TRAINING

14. How confident do you feel in your understanding of MOCA procedures, programs, and responsibilities?

- ☐ Very confident ☐ Somewhat confident
☐ Neutral or unsure ☐ I need additional training
☐ I frequently feel overwhelmed or confused

15. In which areas would you like more education or guidance? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Auxiliary officer duties ☐ Parliamentary procedure
☐ Chairmen duties ☐ Fundraising
☐ Reports and deadlines ☐ Social media and communication
☐ Hospital and Veteran service programs ☐ Revitalizing a struggling Auxiliary
☐ Membership recruiting ☐ Starting a new Auxiliary
☐ Membership retention ☐ Mentoring and developing future leaders
☐ IRS Form 990 requirements ☐ Understanding the Supreme Program Book
☐ Audits and financial responsibilities ☐ Other: _____

16. How helpful would each of the following be to you or your Auxiliary?

	Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Needed
Live Zoom training	☐	☐	☐
On-demand educational videos	☐	☐	☐
Downloadable guides	☐	☐	☐
Printable checklists	☐	☐	☐
One-on-one mentoring	☐	☐	☐
A designated person to contact for questions	☐	☐	☐
Training specifically for new officers	☐	☐	☐

5. YOUR EXPERIENCE

1. What motivates you to stay active in the MOCA? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Helping Veterans ☐ Fun Activities
☐ Hospital Visits ☐ Making a Difference
☐ Service to Others
☐ Friendship
☐ Family Tradition

2. Have you ever considered becoming less active or leaving the MOCA?

- ☐ Never ☐ Occasionally ☐ Frequently ☐ I already have

If yes, why? _____

3. How hopeful are you about the future of the MOCA?

- ☆ Very Hopeful ☆ Hopeful ☆ Neutral ☆ Concerned ☆ Very Concerned

4. Do you believe the MOCA is moving in a positive direction?

- ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

Please tell us why. _____

(Please continue on page 2) →



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6. YOUR CONNECTION TO MOCA LEADERSHIP

7. How supported do you feel by each level of MOCA leadership?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	N/A
Auxiliary Officers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Grand Officers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Supreme Officers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

8. Please rate your experience with the Supreme Line.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral / Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I know who the members of the Supreme Line are.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I understand the responsibilities of the Supreme Line.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Members of the Supreme Line are visible and accessible.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I feel comfortable contacting a Supreme Officer for help.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Supreme Line listens to the concerns of members.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Supreme Line understands the challenges facing local Auxiliaries.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Supreme Line provides clear and useful information.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Supreme Line shares enough knowledge to help members succeed.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Supreme Line provides effective leadership and direction.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I receive the support I need from the Supreme MOCA.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I believe the Supreme Line values the opinions of individual members.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I believe the Supreme Line is working for the best interests of all Auxiliaries.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

9. Have you ever contacted a member of the Supreme Line for assistance?

☐ Yes ☐ No

10. If you contacted the Supreme Line, how would you describe the response?

- ☐ My question or concern was fully addressed.
☐ My question or concern was partially addressed.
☐ I received a response, but it was not helpful.
☐ I did not receive a response.

11. When you need assistance, how confident are you that the Supreme Line will help you?

- ☐ Very confident ☐ Somewhat confident
☐ Not very confident ☐ Not at all confident
☐ Unsure

12. Does information from the Supreme MOCA reach your Auxiliary in enough time for your members to understand it and take action?

- ☐ Always ☐ Usually ☐ Sometimes
☐ Rarely ☐ Never

13. Do you feel that information from the Supreme MOCA is explained in a way that is easy to understand?

- ☐ Always ☐ Usually ☐ Sometimes
☐ Rarely ☐ Never

7. OPERATION REBOOT

Operation Reboot is the Supreme MOCA initiative for moving our Auxiliaries into the future. It provides tools, training, resources, and support to help every Auxiliary *Recruit, Revitalize, and Thrive!*

1. How familiar are you with Operation Reboot?

- ☐ Very familiar ☐ Somewhat familiar
☐ I have heard of it ☐ Not familiar

2. Which of the following Operation Reboot resources would be most helpful to your Auxiliary? (Check your TOP 5.)

- ☐ New Member Welcome Toolkit ☐ Officer Handbook
☐ Recruiting Toolkit ☐ Chairman Handbook
☐ Auxiliary Startup Toolkit ☐ Report Checklists
☐ Thriving Auxiliary Toolkit ☐ Fundraising Ideas
☐ Healthy Auxiliary Checklist ☐ Social Media Graphics
☐ Other: _____

3. How satisfied are you with the tools and resources available through Operation Reboot?

- ☐ Very satisfied ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied
☐ Somewhat satisfied ☐ Very dissatisfied
☐ Neutral / Unsure

4. What additional tools or resources would help your Auxiliary the most?

8. YOUR AUXILIARY & THE SUPREME MOCA

1. What is ONE thing the Supreme MOCA (or Supreme Line) could do that would make the biggest difference for your Auxiliary?

2. If you could change ONE thing about the Supreme MOCA, what would it be?

3. If you are not an engaged or active member, what prevents you from being more active? What can we do to help you get more engaged?

4. Do you believe the MOCA is moving in a positive direction?

- ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

Please tell us why.

Thank you for taking the time to help us move into the Future in the Signature way!

(Please continue on page 2) →

MOC Auxiliary Polo Shirt Order Form



2026-2027 SUPREME MOCA Polo Shirt Order

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email (Optional): _____

EMBROIDERY (OPTIONAL)

ADD NAME & TITLE EMBROIDERY – \$5

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please print EXACTLY as you want it embroidered.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Example: Dawn VanTassell – Supreme President

PAYMENT

Polo Shirt \$40

Embroidery +\$5

Shipping (if applicable) +\$10

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Shirt Ordered: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Delivered or Mailed: _____

Initials: _____

☐ Paid

Payment Method:

☐ Cash

☐ Check

☐ Venmo

☐ Other _____

Receipt #: _____

SHIRT SELECTION

COLOR (check one)

☐ Red Polo (Available to Everyone)

☐ Gold Polo (Supreme Officers & Chairmen Only)

SIZE: _____

☐ Men's

☐ Women's

DELIVERY

☐ Pick up at Tomb Trek

☐ Pick up at Cootie Christmas

☐ Ship to me (+\$10)

If shipping, please complete:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PAY WITH VENMO

Dawn VANTASSELL
@CootieCutieVT



venmo

IMPORTANT: Please include
"2026-2027 Supreme Polo"
in the Venmo payment note
so your payment can be matched to your order.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SUPREME MOCA!

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★ Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary Official MOCA Ways & Means Merchandise Order Form



Support the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary while showing your **MOCA AuxSILLYry Spirit!**
Our shirts are decorated using high-quality Direct-to-Film (DTF) transfers for vibrant colors and long-lasting durability.
Every purchase helps support the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary.



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Dawn VANTASSELL
@CootieCuteVT



AuxSILLYry Spirit



I'm Cootie AuxSILLYry

All shirts are
\$30 each
Colors Available:
Red or White

CHOOSE YOUR VERSION:

- ☐ He's Cootie AuxSILLYry
☐ She's Cootie AuxSILLYry

CUSTOMER INFORMATION (Please print clearly)

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____
Mailing Address: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
City: _____

DELIVERY METHOD (Choose One)

- ☐ Ship to my address ☐ Pick up at Convention
☐ Pick up at Tomb Trek ☐ Pick up at Cootie Christmas
☐ Other: _____

Shipping (if applicable): \$ _____
Donation (optional): \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

DESIGN	QTY	MEN'S	WOMEN'S	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	RED	WHITE
☐ AuxSILLYry Spirit	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ Together We Can Serve More Veterans	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ I'm Cootie AuxSILLYry	_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment is required with your order.

Paid by: _____
☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card
☐ Venmo ☐ Other: _____
Date Paid: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

! Women's shirts have a more fitted cut and generally run smaller than men's shirts. If you prefer a roomier fit, consider ordering one size larger.

★ *Thank You* ★

for supporting the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary.
Your purchase helps support programs benefiting our organization and our mission of serving Veterans.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Order Received: _____
Payment Verified: _____
Shirt(s) Ordered: _____
Shirt(s) Received: _____
Customer Notified: _____
☐ Picked Up ☐ Shipped
Date Completed: _____
Initials: _____

MOC Auxiliary Brigade



★ What is the Brigade? ★

Launching During the 2026-2027 Supreme Year

AuxSILLYry Brigade

A Ways and Means
Fundraising Initiative.

Through a little harmless mischief,
the AuxSILLYry Brigade is designed to
support the work of the Military Order of the
Cootie Auxiliary while encouraging
fun, fellowship, and participation.

Best of all, Brigade membership is
open to everyone. You do not need to be
a member of the Military Order of the
Cootie Auxiliary to join the adventure!

★ R.U.B.Y. Brigade ★

Members joining during the inaugural 2026-2027 Supreme Year
automatically become part of the R.U.B.Y. Brigade and will be
forever recognized as Founding Members of the
AuxSILLYry Brigade movement.

R

- Recruit

Welcome new members
and grow the future.

U

- Unite

Strengthen friendships
and support one another.

B

- Build

Build morale, stronger
connections, and a
healthier Auxiliary.

Y

- Yield Smiles

Spread smiles, laughter,
and a little harmless
mischief wherever you go.

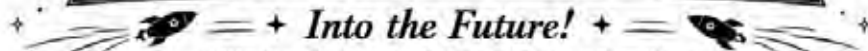


\$30.00

Membership Includes:

- ☒ Commemorative Numbered R.U.B.Y. Brigade Red Jewel Membership card.
- ☒ An AuxSILLYry Brigade pin.
- ☒ Recognition in the Supreme Convention book.
- ☒ Special Complimentary Commemorative 2027 Convention Ribbon.
- ☒ 2027 Convention-Exclusive Collectible Item.
- ☒ Future Convention Ribbons available for purchase.
- ☒ 10% discount on Official Brigade Merchandise.

★ FUTURE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS ★



Following the inaugural 2026-2027 Founding Year,
the AuxSILLYry Brigade is planned to continue with the membership levels below.

★ AuxSILLYry Agent ★

Membership Includes:

- ☒ Numbered Membership Challenge Card
- ☒ An AuxSILLYry Brigade Pin
- ☒ Recognition in Supreme Convention Program Book
- ☒ Future Convention Ribbons Available for Purchase

★ AuxSILLYry Mischief Agent ★

Membership Includes:

- Everything in AuxSILLYry Agent PLUS:*
- ☒ Complimentary 2027 Convention Ribbon (first year only)
- ☒ 2027 Convention-Exclusive Collectible Item
- ☒ Future Convention Ribbons Available for Purchase
- ☒ 10% Discount on Official Brigade Merchandise

MOC Auxiliary Brigade Membership Form



MAIL-IN MEMBERSHIP ORDER FORM

SUPREME MOCA WAYS & MEANS FUNDRAISER

Open to MOCA, MOC, family, friends, supporters - and even pets!

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP - \$30

YOUR BRIGADE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

- Lifetime AuxSILLYry Brigade membership
- Official numbered Brigade membership card
- AuxSILLYry Brigade pin
- 2027 Convention Brigade Ribbon
- 2027 Convention Special AuxSILLYry Brigade Gift
- Founding R.U.B.Y. Brigade recognition
- 10% off official Brigade merchandise when available

MEMBER INFORMATION - Please print clearly

Membership is for: ☐ Myself ☐ Gift ☐ Pet

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

MOCA/MOC Affiliation: ☐ MOCA Member ☐ MOC Member ☐ Friend/Supporter

Auxiliary or Pup Tent # (if applicable): _____

If gift, purchaser's name: _____

BRIGADE NUMBER

Every member receives a numbered card. The next available number is included with membership.

☐ Assign me the next available Brigade number - INCLUDED

☐ I want a specific Brigade number - ADD \$5

Requested Number: _____

Specific numbers MUST be confirmed before submitting your order.

Call or text Dawn VanTassell at (502) 655-1379 to confirm availability. Requested numbers are subject to availability.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ \$30 - Lifetime Membership

☐ \$35 - Membership + Specific Brigade Number

TOTAL PAID: \$ _____

PAY BY CHECK

Make checks payable to: **Supreme MOCA**

Mail completed form and payment to:

Dawn VanTassell
110 Burgundy Lane
Ekron, KY 40117

PAY BY VENMO



Venmo note **MUST** include:

Member's Name

+ **"AuxSILLYry Brigade"**

@CootieCutieVT

Where Smiles Spread & Mischief Happens!

Thank you for supporting Supreme MOCA Ways & Means!

MOC Auxiliary Membership Report

SUPREME MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2026-2027

As of 9/21/26

State	Membership Division	Installation Report X Received	Aux No	Auxiliary Name	Ending 6-30-2026	Updated for 2027	Percent
Division 1 - Under 80 members				Division 4 - 150 and over members			
Division 2 - 81 - 110 members				Division 5 - Auxiliaries NOT in a Grand			
Division 3 - 111 - 150 members				Beginning September 1st			
Arizona	2			Grand			
			10	Yuta Hay	28	7	25.00%
			11	Sunny Slops	30	1	3.33%
			14	Wilde E Coyote	16	11	68.75%
			777	Slot Junkies	18		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	92	Cur Yr: 19	20.65%
Arkansas	5		14	Hogwash	17	22	129.41%
				Prev Yr:	17	Cur Yr: 22	129.41%
California	4			Grand			
			19	Lil Bugs	39		0.00%
			43	Chinchies	23		0.00%
			44	Perrisites	15		0.00%
			68	Pit Stop	53		0.00%
			69	Lunar Tics	27		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	157	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Colorado	5		1	Silver Dollar	34		0.00%
	5		2	3PT #2	26		0.00%
	5		7	Galloping Domino	17		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	77	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Delaware	5		4	Fiddlers	16		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	16	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Florida	4			Grand			
			8	Bo Weevil	29		0.00%
			23	Catfish	21	9	42.86%
			25	Cootieville	14		0.00%
			29	Love Bugs (new 2026)	17		
			32	Sons of the Beaches	29	1	3.45%
			59	Scratch Ankles	30	4	13.33%
			66	Sea Oats	12		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	152	Cur Yr: 14	9.21%
Georgia	5		1	Mossy Mites	25	23	92.00%
			5	Muff Rats	23		0.00%
			66	Horney Bugs	13		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	61	Cur Yr: 23	37.70%
Illinois	5		62	8'er from Decatur	26		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	26	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Kansas	5		3	Topeka	31		0.00%
	5		6	Scratch Me	30	29	96.67%
				Prev Yr:	61	Cur Yr: 29	47.54%
Kentucky	5		7	Nit Pickers	25		0.00%
	5		9	Simpal	23	10	43.48%
				Prev Yr:	48	Cur Yr: 10	20.83%
Louisiana	1			Grand			
			3	Mud Bugs	43		0.00%
			6	Pelican	18		0.00%
			11	Lousy	13		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	74	Cur Yr: 0	0.00%
Maryland	2			Grand			
			1	Top Notch Tent (former DC #1)	23		0.00%
			3	Blockbusters	32	20	62.50%
			16	1000 Nits	17		0.00%
			27	Sho Crabbers	20		0.00%
				Prev Yr:	92	Cur Yr: 20	21.74%
Michigan	3			Grand			
			18	DownRiver Rats	21	20	95.24%
			24	Rosehub	49	32	65.31%
			32	Caraboa	39	18	46.15%
			42	Yardbirds	24	14	58.33%
				Prev Yr:	133	Cur Yr: 84	63.16%
Minnesota	3			Grand			
			2	Gopher	52		0.00%
			5	Flea Circus	16		0.00%
			51	Foul Balls	23		0.00%
Not Qualified - No Install Report							

State	Membership Division	Installation Report X Received	Aux No	Auxiliary Name	Ending 6-30-2026	Updated for 2027	Percent
			62	Crotch Crickets	51		0.00%
					Prev Yr:	142	Cur Yr: 0
Mississippi	1			Grand			0.00%
			1	Pas Da' Goose (New 2027)	0	13	
			7	Hub Bugs	28		0.00%
			12	Friendly Possum	11	1	9.09%
					Prev Yr:	39	Cur Yr: 14
Missouri	4			Grand			35.90%
			1	Heart of America	65	39	60.00%
			2	Mid-Mo Vagabonds	20		0.00%
			5	Running Bare	47	35	74.47%
			15	Semo Swampers	34	15	44.12%
					Prev Yr:	166	Cur Yr: 89
Nebraska	5		10	Bugeaters	44		0.00%
					Prev Yr:	44	Cur Yr: 0
New Jersey	5		41	Sewer Rats	18		0.00%
					Prev Yr:	18	Cur Yr: 0
New Mexico	1			Grand			0.00%
			5	AHO	22	22	100.00%
			14	Mt K.I.A.-M.I.A.	20		0.00%
			19	Itchin n' Bitchin	18		0.00%
					Prev Yr:	60	Cur Yr: 22
New York	2			Grand			36.67%
			2	Wild Bunch	30		0.00%
			9.75	Great Swampers	46	34	73.91%
			42	Backbiters	13		0.00%
			54	Crape Hangers	21	11	52.38%
					Prev Yr:	110	Cur Yr: 45
North Carolina	3			Grand			40.91%
			2	Mixed Breed	13		0.00%
			3	Creek Crawlers	38		0.00%
			24	Lafayette Nits	17		0.00%
			78	Headhunters	48		0.00%
			89	Tarheals	17		0.00%
					Prev Yr:	133	Cur Yr: 0
Ohio	3			Grand			0.00%
			5	Vin None	31		0.00%
			16	Vin Ordinaire	12		0.00%
			45	Vin Grape Poppers	15		0.00%
			68	Vin Saki (possibly folding '26)	19		0.00%
			83	Vin Twas MJM	26	25	96.15%
			92	Vin Coho	26	26	100.00%
					Prev Yr:	129	Cur Yr: 51
Oklahoma	5		2	Sگوی Ti:na	51	35	68.63%
	5		7	Honor Bugs	23	1	4.35%
					Prev Yr:	74	Cur Yr: 36
Oregon	2			Grand			48.65%
			4	Emerald	30	26	86.67%
			8	Rim Rock	23		0.00%
			9	Dunebugs	29		0.00%
			12	Timber Toppers (frm #1 Portland)	15		0.00%
					Prev Yr:	97	Cur Yr: 26
Pennsylvania	5		33	General Wayne	31		0.00%
					Prev Yr:	31	Cur Yr: 0
South Carolina	3			Grand			0.00%
			1	Sand Fleas	16		0.00%
			3	Spartan	22	22	100.00%
			10	Crummy Bugs	35		0.00%
			13	Sandlapper	14		0.00%
			15	Night Walkers	27		0.00%
					Prev Yr:	114	Cur Yr: 22
South Dakota	5		1	Big Sioux Ticks	19	11	57.89%
					Prev Yr:	19	Cur Yr: 11
Tennessee	5		26	Shelby Angels	20		0.00%
					Prev Yr:	20	Cur Yr: 0
Texas	4			Grand			0.00%
			11	Lets Do It	25		0.00%
			13	Dood It	28		0.00%
			36	Three Acres	19		0.00%
			55	Uckishe	45	24	53.33%
			69	Leanderthal Nits	17		0.00%

State	Membership Division	Installation Report X Received	Aux No	Auxiliary Name	Ending 6-30-2026	Updated for 2027	Percent
			88	Armadillo	29	2	6.90%
Virginia	1			Grand	Prev Yr: 163	Cur Yr: 26	15.95%
			1	Ocean View Toads	27		0.00%
			13	Rowdy Rebels	16	9	56.25%
			14	Da-Lec-Itz	23	1	4.35%
Washington	4			Grand	Prev Yr: 66	Cur Yr: 10	15.15%
			3	Yur-A-Bum	21		0.00%
			6	Van Orc	31	29	93.55%
			9	Heap Good	28	1	3.57%
			11	Lucky Eleven	47	29	61.70%
			18	Chuckanut	69	31	44.93%
					Prev Yr: 196	Cur Yr: 90	45.92%
Wisconsin	2			Grand			
			9	Wacha-kalit	38		0.00%
			23	Short Arm	43	22	51.16%
			41	Mad City	28	9	32.14%
					Prev Yr: 109	Cur Yr: 31	28.44%
MEMBERS AT LARGE					4	13	
SUPREME TOTALS					Total All: 2872	Total All: 707	24.62%
Total Auxiliaries: 102							

YOY Variance **-2165****42 New or Rejoined**

2 new Auxiliaries w/ 36 members

19 Grands

Had membership paid in 2026			
Arkansas	21 Wild Hogs - Charter pulled '26	16	
Florida	2 Missile Bugs - Folding 25/26	2	
Florida	76 Withlacoochee -Folding 2026	16	
Maryland	17 Rodents (No Inst Report)	10	
Mississippi	17 Sea Beas -Folding 2026	27	
New Jersey	15 Jockey Hollow - Folded 2026	39	
North Carolina	8 Sprung Leak - Folding 2026	12	
South Dakota	12 Big Aggies - Defunct 2026	12	
West Virginia	6 Snakie State (Lost Pup Tent)	20	
Total:		154	0.00%
			Total Paid Membership

SUPREME MOCA - MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Previous Year Membership - Ending June 2025

2,872

Current Year Membership - Ending June 2026

Year End Percentage

Total New & Rejoined Members Submitted:

Death Notices Received:

Statistics Compiled by Supreme Treasurer - July 2, 2026

Georg Jean Zimmerman

MOC Auxiliary Hospital Information

Brothers and Sisters,

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your Hospital Commissioner for this year. I am excited to work alongside you as we continue one of the most meaningful aspects of our mission— *“Keeping 'em Smiling in Beds of White”*.

Hospital work is about more than visits, donations, and volunteer hours. It is about reminding veterans that they are not forgotten. Whether a veteran is recovering from an illness, receiving long-term care, or facing difficult health challenges, a kind word, a visit, or a simple act of compassion can make a tremendous difference to each of them.

This year, I encourage every member to look for ways to strengthen your relationships with local veteran medical facilities, clinics, nursing homes, and care centers. Whether through volunteer service, donations of comfort items, holiday activities, recreational events, or simply spending time visiting with veterans, everything you do contributes to our mission.

Not every contribution requires a large project or a significant amount of time. Small acts of kindness often have the greatest impact. A greeting card, a comfort item, participation in a facility event, or simply taking time to listen can brighten a veteran's day.

One area I would like to see grow this year is participation. Not every member can volunteer in a hospital setting, but everyone can contribute in some way. Collecting needed supplies, supporting special projects, organizing donations, or helping with fundraising are all valuable ways to support hospitalized veterans.

I also encourage each Auxiliary to engage new members and involve all your members in events or projects that your Auxiliary may be doing. Our future depends on our mentorship and teamwork. We need all of our members both long time and new to continue our mission.

I also encourage Auxiliaries to share your success stories. Hearing how one Auxiliary developed a successful volunteer project or created a meaningful event can inspire others to do the same. By sharing ideas, we can strengthen our impact and expand the reach of our program. Remember a smile, a visit, a helping hand, or a few hours of volunteer work can make a lasting difference in the life of a veteran or even a fellow member. These acts of kindness embody the spirit of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary and reflect the values we proudly uphold.

I will be hosting a monthly Zoom meeting. This will be our *“Hospital Happy Hour”*. My goal would be to use this time to help answer questions, do some training and let you share with others. Watch for more information on this soon.

Thank you for your dedication, generosity, and continued commitment to serving those who have served us. I look forward to working with each of you throughout the year and seeing the positive impact you make in a veteran's life in your communities.

Should you have questions, need assistance, or wish to share ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the new forms for 2026-2027 and the program book can be found on the Supreme website.

Loyally,

Lori Nettles
Supreme Hospital Commissioner
360-961-7873
lorinhardy@yahoo.com



Grand of Arizona

Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society and Pup Tent 10 Support Residents at Arizona State Veteran Home

PHOENIX, Ariz. — July 14, 2026 — Pup Tent 10 of the Grand of Arizona partnered with the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society to provide donations, fellowship, and meal service to residents of the Arizona State Veteran Home in Phoenix.

During the visit, members delivered more than 120 pairs of sweatpants and leggings to help meet an immediate need among residents. The group also donated approximately 50 pounds of snacks to replenish the home's snack supply and served a meal to more than 50 residents.

The outreach reflected the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society's ongoing commitment to honoring Arizona veterans through service, community engagement, and support for veterans and their families. Volunteers spent time visiting with residents, offering conversation, appreciation, and companionship in addition to the donated supplies.

"Supporting the residents of the Arizona State Veteran Home is one of the most meaningful ways we can honor the service and sacrifice of Arizona's veterans," said Frank Alger, Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society board member and Past Seam Squirrel of Pup Tent 10. "These veterans have given so much to our state and nation, and we are proud to stand with community partners like Pup Tent 10 to show our continued gratitude, respect, and support."

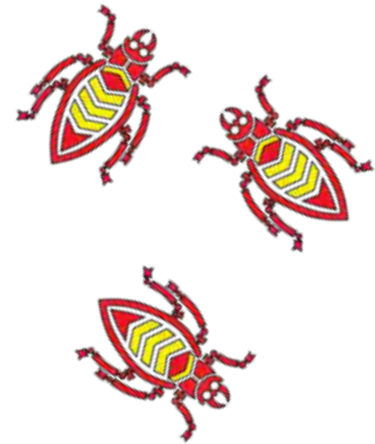
Staff and residents expressed sincere appreciation for the support. The clothing items were especially needed, and the snacks were warmly received. Organizers said the visit demonstrated how direct outreach and thoughtful donations can make a meaningful difference in the daily lives of veterans living in long-term care.

A highlight of the visit was meeting a 102-year-old Korean War veteran, whose presence served as a powerful reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of



America's veterans. His story, along with those of the many residents visited that day, reinforced the importance of continuing to recognize and care for the men and women who have served the nation.

Courtesy of Frank (Gunny) Alger



Grand of California



Pup Tent 43, Chinchies Hamburger Bash was held on 18th July 2026 and we sold out of Hamburgers. Kenny Lindberg Past Seam Squirrel of Pup Tent 66, Greenbacks and MOC Supreme Hide Gimlet talked on all the events Cooties due to support Veterans in the Hospital and other care homes for Veterans. This year we sold more Burgers than last year.

At the September Pup Tent 43, Chinchies Scratch, MOC Grand Commander Patricia Werner of Pup Tent 68 and Grand Chaplain Mike Maynor of Pup Tent 68 were Absent.

Grand Commander Werner spoke on working to get more Pup Tents to receive All Star status and increasing membership for all Pup Tents.

Courtesy of Steve Kemp



CAUTION: COOTIE ZONE



Left: 85 years young Chuck Peterson Vice Chair of the Grand Ways and Means Committee, being a Cootie at Play during the VFW State Convention, June 17-21. Cootie Zone table set up by Paul Jensen of the Grand of CA.



Below: Pup tent 79 Bandits members welcome the VFW Commander in Chief Cory Geisler during his visit to California.
Courtesy of Paula Jansen



Grand of Pacific Areas

The Grand of Pacific would like to invite all Cooties around the World to partake in the Pacific Area's (VFW/MOC) Mid Winter Convention 2-6 December 2026 in Cebu, Philippines. Click this link for details: <https://vfwpacific.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=156509>

Or, scan the QR Code.

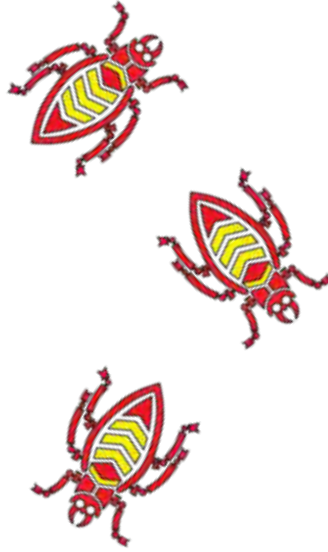


Grand of Washington

Annual Cootie Brat 4th of July BBQ with all the fixin's
Thursday, July 2nd at the Vancouver CLC



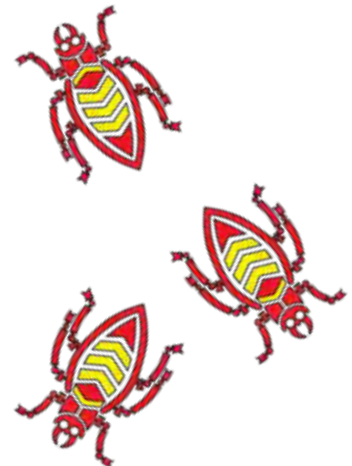
Nurse Suzanne Mitchel
and Bea Close



Marie McEnry and
Rebecca Pellechi

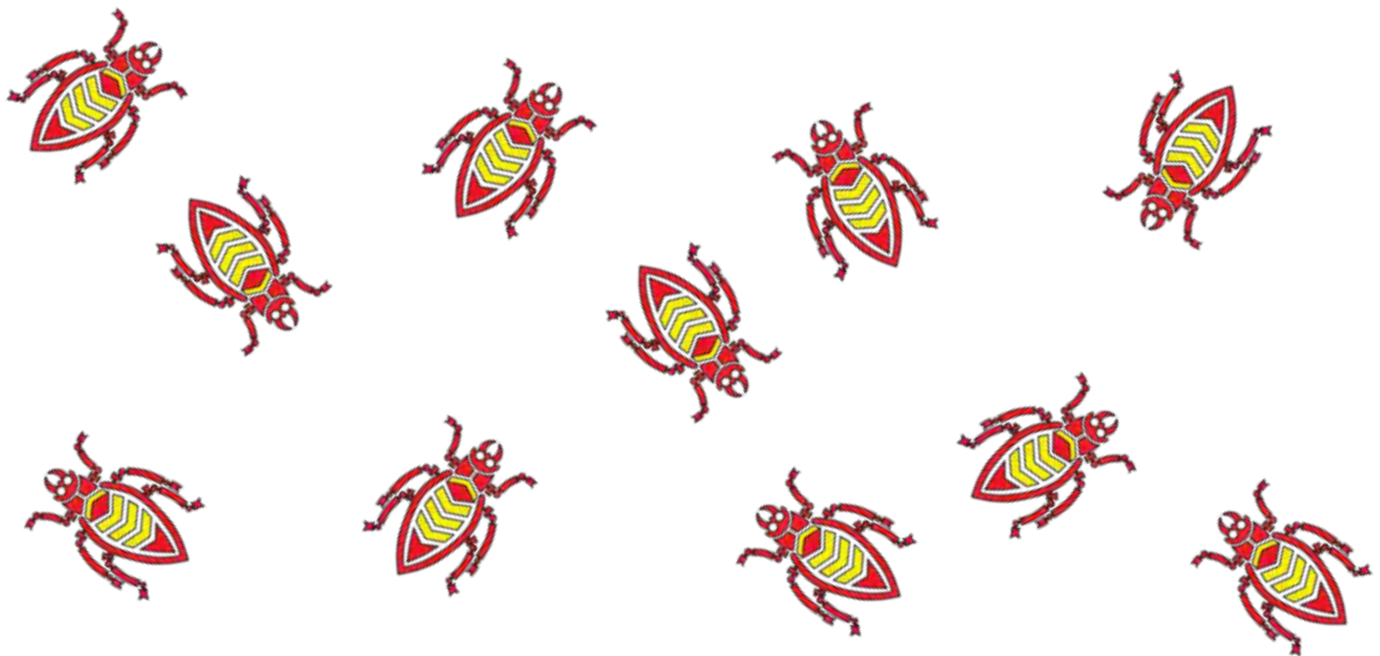


Super Patriot, Ron Osborn





Martha Causey, Pam Copeland, Rebecca Pellechi, Cindy Tagliavia, Phil Tagliavia, Bea Close, Carolyn Myers, Marie McEnry, Andrea Osborn, Ron Osborn, Jim McEnry



From the Supreme Newshound

Clackety clack...clackety clack...whirrr...whirrr...shred...shred...shred...**CLUNK!**
Doggone Shredder! Ah, there you are again my Specie Pediculi brothers and sisters! I've been quite busy in the electronic realm getting this issue of our *Crummy Rag* ready for publication.

Also, if you've noticed on our Supreme website I've reinstated the Past Supreme Commander's web page: <https://www.lotcs.org/past-supreme-commanders.html> When you go to the page you'll see that the photos are as pestiferous as the day they were taken thanks to ChatGPT. Speaking of Past Supreme Commanders. Another Past Supreme Commander, H. Steve Mason, has made his journey to the fertile Hunting Grounds in the Sky. See the last page for his funeral details. Rest in peace Brother!



Go to cyberspace and take a look at the new dashboards for Membership; Tomb Trek Wreaths; Blood Reports; Blood Drives; Inspection, Red Star and more to come.

On the Sky Pilot page now Specie Pediculi are able to send prayer requests to the Supreme Sky Pilot.

In this issue check out the usual malicious mumblings of our Supreme officers. They have a lot to say. Sometimes in straight talk. (I really get confused whey they talk like that).

Remember to book your hotel room for Tomb Trek! The deadline is the 10th of October.

Also, check out all of the MOC Auxiliary information. You'll find that they have been as 'Busy as a Bee' buzzin' here and there and everywhere!

Slap...slap! Whirrr...whirrr...whirrr...shred...shred...shred. Now that's Lousy! I got my shredder working again! My trusty machine is ready once again for everyone to submit articles and pictures for the *January* edition of our *Crummy Rag*! Remember to include *Who, What, When, Where, Why* when you submit articles and pictures! I've been getting pictures with no information attached.

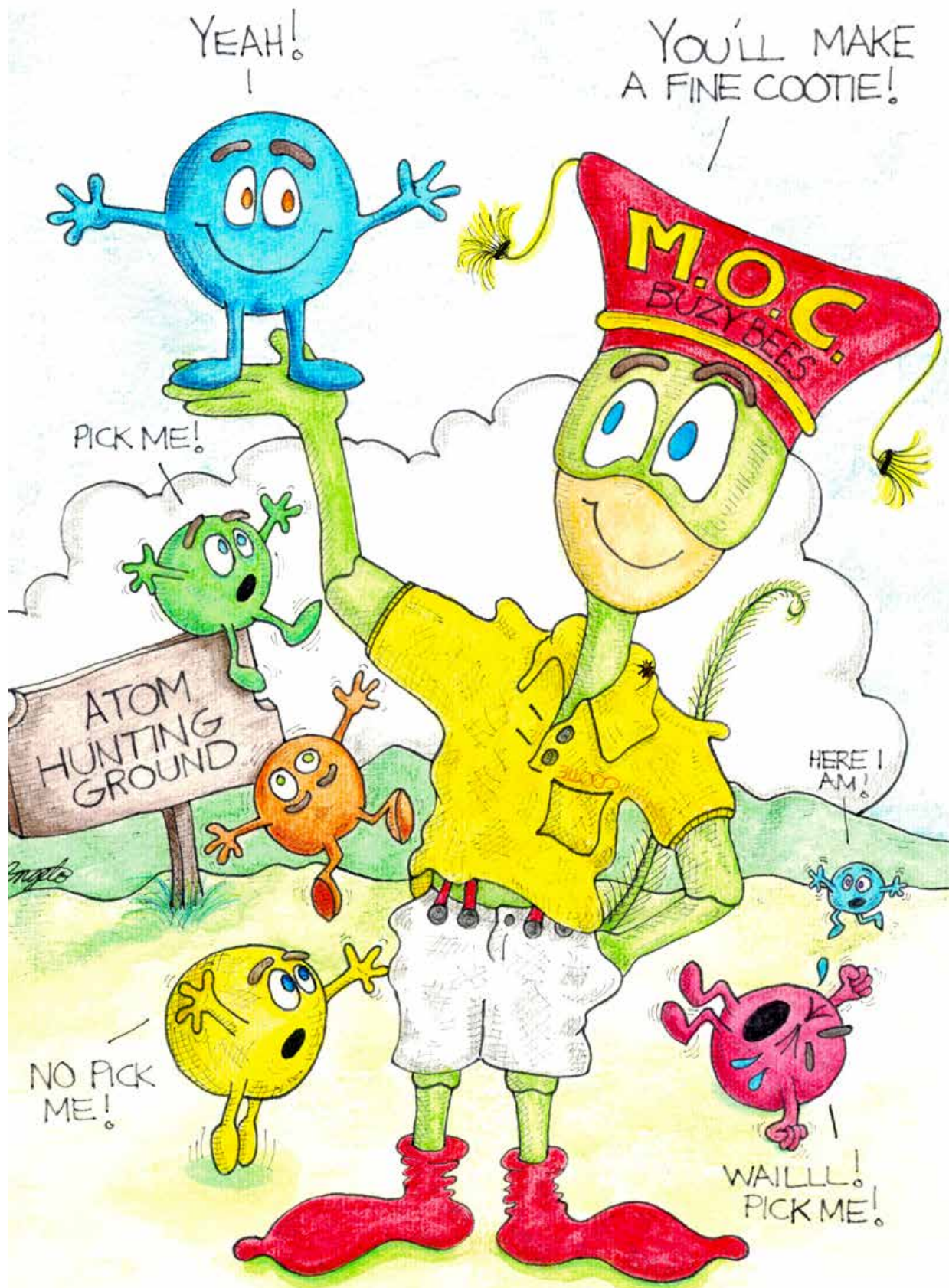
Finally, if your Grand or Pup Tent is doin' Crummy stuff, snap a pic and send it to me with the appropriate information. That's all for now!

Yours in LOTCS,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dale A. Tannello'.

Dale A. Tannello, B.Th., M.B.S.
Supreme Newshound

Atom Hunting Ground



Give me a Pound of Blue Ointment



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.

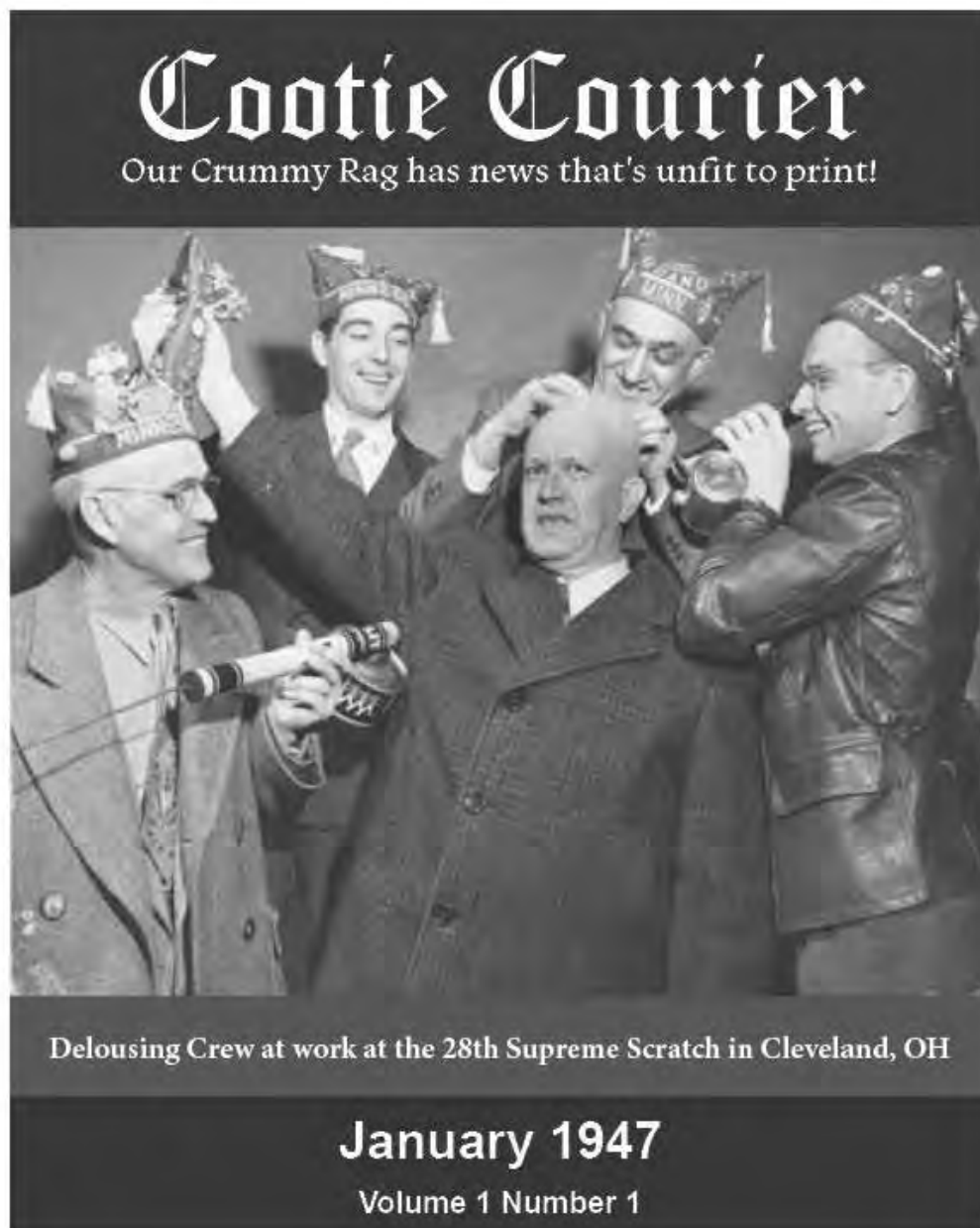
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Taps

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PUP TENT
KENNETH	BOURKE	Monday, November 25, 2024	MN-99
WILLIAM	BINGER	Monday, November 25, 2024	MN-99
WILLIAM	JOHNSON	Tuesday, June 30, 2026	VA-11
THOMAS	LEONARD	Thursday, July 9, 2026	WA-11
DAVID	KUERTZ	Sunday, June 28, 2026	TX-78
MICHAEL	DUNN	Saturday, December 6, 2025	NE-04
DAN	PETERSEN	Tuesday, December 2, 2025	NE-04
FR. JOSEPH	GALLICK	UNK	MA-14
PHILIP	VOLZ	Friday, July 17, 2026	LA-06
JOSEPH	RIVERS	Monday, August 10, 2026	WI-21
JAMES	MONTAGUE	Friday, January 9, 2026	MN-66
JOSEPH	FARAGO	Wednesday, January 7, 2026	WI-38
BASILIO	AMESQUITO	UNK	CA-68
FRANK	SALLEE	UNK	CA-68
AL	SNEED	UNK	CA-68
LEONARD	KADERIK	UNK	MN-19
RICHARD	CROCKFORD	Wednesday, July 1, 2026	VA-02
WESLEY	ANDERSON	Tuesday, July 14, 2026	WA-07
JAMES	PETTY	Sunday, July 5, 2026	CA-23
DANIEL	HUMANN	Sunday, May 24, 2026	CA-40
JERRY	CLOUD	Wednesday, July 1, 2026	AR-13
ROLAND	HARMON	Sunday, March 1, 2026	NH-01
HARRY	MADDEN	Tuesday, April 14, 2026	KS-02
MICHAEL	HOGAN	Saturday, June 6, 2026	KS-02
ROBERT	SULLIVAN	Thursday, January 1, 2026	WA-04
DONALD	ARCHER	Monday, January 1, 2024	WA-04
LEE	MORGAN	Friday, January 1, 2010	WA-04
JAMES	SELF, JR	Wednesday, January 1, 2025	WA-04
RODELL	OLSON	Sunday, January 8, 2023	SC-10
PAUL	SONE	Monday, September 14, 2026	LA-06
RANDOLPH	STRICKLAND	Tuesday, September 8, 2026	WI-23
CARLTON RAY	SKIPPER	Tuesday, July 28, 2026	NC-03
KENNETH	WILLIAMS	Friday, August 28, 2026	CA-61
HENRY	BURGESS	Sunday, September 6, 2026	CA-61
FRANK	MYERS	UNK	CA-61
LEROY	MARTIN	Friday, October 3, 2025	OH-92
MILTON	TERILL	Friday, November 1, 2024	OH-92
GENE	BROUSSARD	Thursday, June 18, 2026	MD-10
MAURICE	DELMORE	Friday, May 10, 2024	WI-41
VIRGIL	GRENIA	Sunday, September 1, 2024	WI-41
GENE	JONES	Saturday, June 15, 2024	WI-41
THOMAS	UNTI	Tuesday, November 11, 2025	WI-41



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The Military Order of the Cootie mourns the passing of our esteemed comrade, Past Supreme Commander H. Steve Mason. His dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our Order and to veterans will be remembered always.

Let us honor his life of service, friendship, and Cootie spirit as we gather to pay our respects.

*Closer than a brother,
busier than a bee.*

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Friday, October 9th, 2026
Viewing: 10:00 AM
Service: 11:00 AM

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