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Subj: Combat Tested Gaming Status Report and 23 July 2026 Chairman Check-In

1. **Purpose.** This report provides a current status update on Combat Tested Gaming (CTG) and records the attendance, concerns, and recommended actions developed from the CTG chairman check-in conducted on 23 July 2026. CTG remains a VFW National Program and modern virtual canteen that uses online and in-person gaming to build camaraderie, connection, outreach, and mental wellness for veterans, service members, families, Auxiliary members, and supporters.
2. **Attendance.** The handwritten attendance record identifies participation by jurisdiction or leadership level rather than by individual name. Confirmed representation included Supreme, National, Washington (WA), Arkansas (AR), Virginia (VA), Delaware (DE), North Carolina (NC), South Carolina (SC), and Arizona (AZ).
3. **Current CTG Operations.** CTG continues to provide multiple entry points for fellowship and veteran engagement. The program message remains: gaming is not the mission - it is the meeting place.
 - a. The national CTG Discord functions as a virtual canteen for daily conversation, voice chat, gaming coordination, veteran resources, and fellowship across geographic boundaries.
 - b. Current activity areas include iRacing and racing simulation, American Truck Simulator, Warhammer 40,000, Kill Team, BLKOUT, Tabletop Simulator, Dungeons & Dragons and other role-playing games, miniature painting and hobby activities, and casual online game nights.
 - c. Recurring MOC/CTG activities include Cootie Family Game Night on the first and third Mondays, Cootie Trench Talk & AuxSILLYry Spirit on the second and fourth Mondays, Tabletop Tuesdays, and the CTG iRacing Series on scheduled Sundays.
 - d. CTG continues to support hybrid participation so a Pup Tent, Post, District, or Grand can host a simple local event while remaining connected to the national online community.
4. **Concerns and Feedback Raised During the Check-In.**
 - a. **Arkansas (AR):** Requested stronger and more regular communication from National; reported misconceptions about CTG and resistance or pushback from some older members; identified a need for District Chairmen, better communication between states, and visible support from Commanders and Chairmen.
 - b. **Washington (WA):** Reported a lack of knowledge and instruction concerning how to start, organize, promote, and report CTG activity at the local and state levels.
 - c. **South Carolina (SC):** Identified budget limitations and social media visibility as concerns, with a need for members and leaders to share CTG information, join the national community, and actively promote participation.
 - d. **Delaware (DE):** Reported an approximately 15-person meeting or interest group and identified the need for accurate, current Chairman and point-of-contact lists.
 - e. The shared themes across the discussion were communication, instruction, leadership support, contact lists, social media reach, and affordable ways to conduct local events.

5. **Assessment.** The primary obstacle is not a lack of interest in gaming or veteran fellowship. The recurring difficulty is the absence of a consistent information flow and a simple operating structure that Chairmen can immediately use. The concerns raised directly support the existing CTG Chairman requirements for monthly check-ins, quarterly reports, participation in the national Discord, a designated CTG point of contact, basic metrics, monthly promotion, development of an assistant, and sharing best practices with Supreme and other Grand Chairmen.
6. **Recommended Actions.**
 - a. Create a CTG Chairman starter packet containing the mission, Chairman duties, Discord information, a basic event checklist, a quarterly report template, sample social media language, and examples of low-cost activities.
 - b. Create and maintain a national CTG Chairman and point-of-contact roster organized by Supreme/National, Grand/Department, District(VFW), Pup Tent/Post, and distribute updates to the leadership network.
 - c. Establish a dependable monthly CTG Chairman check-in and a quarterly reporting cycle so issues, participation, events, success stories, and resource needs are visible to Supreme.
 - d. Utilize the dedicated cross-state communication channel for Chairmen to coordinate events, exchange social media material, share lessons learned, and assist new programs.
 - e. Request that Commanders and Chairmen visibly endorse CTG during meetings and through written communications to reduce misconceptions and reinforce that CTG is a veteran engagement and fellowship program, not merely a gaming club.
 - f. Provide a low- or no-cost event menu for local use, including board and card game nights, painting tables, Discord voice events, tabletop demonstrations, casual online game nights, and shared national events.
 - g. Track and report basic metrics: active members, event turnout, new veteran engagement, number of local points of contact, number of events, and participation in national CTG activities.
7. **Requests for Supreme Support.**
 - a. Reaffirm CTG as an approved MOC/VFW engagement effort and encourage all Grand Commanders to appoint or identify an active CTG Chairman and assistant.
 - b. Support distribution of CTG information through official MOC communication channels, newsletters, meetings, and social media.
 - c. Encourage Commanders VFW and MOC at every echelon to provide their CTG representatives with the authority, contact information, and basic support needed to organize and report activities.
 - d. Assist in resolving the communication gap between National/Supreme leadership and state or local Chairmen by maintaining the contact roster and recurring check-in schedule.
8. **Conclusion.** CTG is positioned to reach veterans who may not initially walk into a Post or Pup Tent but will join a game, enter a voice chat, attend a hobby night, and build relationships through shared interests. With clear instruction, reliable communication, leadership support, and a current Chairman network, CTG can continue growing as a national virtual canteen and a practical tool for camaraderie, membership engagement, and veteran connection.

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