

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"*

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From: MOC Supreme Seam Squirrel / Commander Eric S. BELL

To: MOC Membership

Subj: **Military Order of the Cootie of the United States General Order No. 3**

1. Seam Squirrels, have this read out loud in your next scratch:
2. All Cooties, Straight Talk: The purpose of this General Order is to reaffirm the standards of conduct expected of every member of the Military Order of the Cootie and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
3. Recently, an inappropriate remark was made in a social setting associated with a Cootie event that implicated bias based on personal characteristics. Attempts to excuse such language as humor or casual banter do not lessen its impact. Remarks rooted in racism, sexism, ageism, or other forms of bias are unacceptable. They erode trust, harm morale, and reflect poorly on both the Military Order of the Cootie and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
4. Every Cootie is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Our conduct, whether in meetings, hospitality rooms, or informal gatherings, is inseparable from the public image of both organizations. Silence or inaction in the face of such behavior would signal tolerance. That is not acceptable.
5. Members are reminded that conduct unbecoming, including behavior that brings discredit upon the Order or is prejudicial to good order, is addressed in Supreme Bylaws, Article VIII, and VFW National Bylaws, Article IX. While not every incident results in formal charges, these standards are real, enforceable, and taken seriously.
6. This General Order serves as notice and clarification: Language or conduct rooted in any sort of discriminatory or demeaning characteristics has no place in the MOC or the VFW, whether expressed directly or disguised as humor. Future incidents of this nature will be evaluated under applicable bylaws and procedures.
7. Leadership will act when necessary to protect the integrity, reputation, and values of our organizations.

By Order of the Supreme Commander,

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