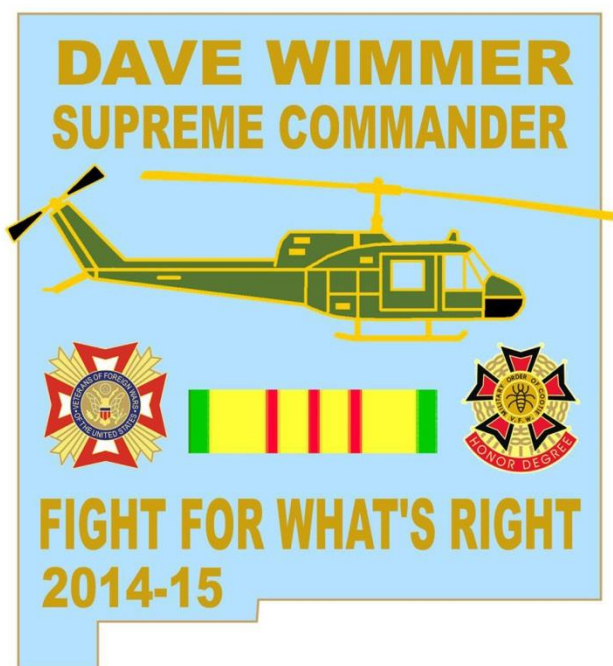


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SUPREME COMMANDER

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PROGRAM BOOK
2014-2015

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SUPREME COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Listen Up Cooties,

As we start this new term of office I want to first thank everyone for the chance to realize a dream. I can promise you that I will do everything I can to bring back better communications, the fun and whatever else we need to do. I also want all of you to know that I am here to serve you, I am a cootie just like you and will never forget where I came from and how I got here. I want to really push for programs this year and ask that every Grand give 100% to see that you are 100% in everything. I also want us to work closely with the Supreme MOCA and help Supreme President Flo reach her goals as well. PLEASE work close with your Grand and Pup Tent MOCAs, without them we would be in pretty bad shape sometimes. I have always said I have an open door policy, either by phone or e-mail don't ever feel you can't contact me. If I don't have an answer I will find one.

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

Dave Wimmer – Supreme Commander

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SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to the Men and Women of the MOC:

I would first like to thank Commander Dave Wimmer for the kindness and respect he has shown me going up the Supreme chairs. And also, **congratulations on being Supreme Commander**. To the MOC members, **thank you** for your support to the MOCA sisters. Together this year we will be ***"Fighting for What's Right"*** and be ***"United for our Veterans."***

This will be a banner year for the Supreme Organization. Let's work together as a TEAM and be **unIted** in our endeavors. Remember the difference between united and untied is where you place the "I." Are you united for our organization or untied? We are **"united for our veterans."**

Commander Dave, I pledge the full support of the MOCA to you this year. You know you have my full support. May God bless each of us this year as he blesses America.

Loyally,

flo Parmelee, Supreme President

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SUPREME POLICY 2014-2015

- 1. The Supreme Commander** shall be responsible for the command and direction of the Supreme Scratch and all matters of policy not stated herein shall be subject to the discretion of the Supreme Commander. All authorized travelers; please use prudent judgment in minimizing travel expenses. Total amount of the budgeted allowance for each officer will remain available to the officer during the fiscal year. Each officer can request part of their allowance with proper receipts during the coming fiscal year.
- 2. The Supreme Commander and the Supreme Quartermaster** will conduct all balloting in question through the office of the Supreme Adjutant. Responses will be tallied by an independent source. Results will be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Supreme Council members.
- 3. Council of Administration Members** are expected to attend all Council meetings. If you are going to be absent, you should notify the Supreme Adjutant who will notify the Supreme Commander. Council members must file a detailed annual report not to exceed one 8.5" x 11" page. This report should be filed with Supreme Headquarters before the 96th Supreme Scratch (unless provided for in the Supreme By-Laws).
- 4. All Supreme Appointed Officers** will submit quarterly activity reports to the Supreme Adjutant no later than 05 November 2014, 05 February 2015, 05 May 2015 and the Supreme Council of Administration in Pittsburg, PA. Reports will be sent to the Supreme Commander for review and action as required and then sent on to Supreme Headquarters for filing.
- 5. The Supreme Council of Administration** shall approve the Supreme operations and maintenance budget at the first Council meeting following the Supreme Scratch.
- 6. The Annual Budget** will contain the wages of the Supreme Headquarters employees and must be approved by the Supreme Council of Administration. The Supreme Quartermaster will manage Supreme Headquarters and the Headquarters staff subject to the direction of the Supreme Commander.
- 7. The Supreme Council of Administration** shall approve the Supreme Quartermaster and Supreme Adjutant allowance for his term of office. The Supreme Quartermaster shall be given due consideration for travel funds for any official travel authorized by the Supreme Commander.
- 8. Any Proposed Changes** to the approved Supreme Budget must be referred to the Budget Advisors for recommendations to the Supreme Council of Administration prior to the Council's actions.
- 9. The Supreme Commander** will receive payment of his approved allowance. He will prepare monthly travel vouchers and submit them to Supreme Headquarters not less than quarterly with supporting documentation. The Commander's check and balance remains at the office of the Supreme Quartermaster.
- 10. Travel Allowance Reimbursement** for the Supreme Senior Vice Commander, Supreme Junior Vice Commander, and Supreme Chaplain will be paid immediately upon submission of a properly completed and authorized travel voucher, not to exceed their budgeted allowance. Reimbursement for these officer's expenses will be paid monthly and supported with receipts. Any specified assignment given to a Supreme officer having a budget allowance will have their reimbursement taken for that Command-Directed trip from the officer Travel account. All other Cooties/officers assigned by the Supreme Commander to travel will report their expenses in detail upon completion of their assignment. They will submit a full report of activities, properly filled out travel voucher and supporting documentation within one week following their trip. Non-reimbursable expenses are those expenses paid by a third party or expenses deemed inappropriate by the Supreme Commander.
- 11. Official Travel Reimbursement:** Lodging will be at the single room rate except when the traveler is sharing a room and then the reimbursement will be at the shared rate. Transportation will be reimbursed at the most economical airfare rate for advanced reservations or POV mileage at 32 cents per mile, 1550 miles maximum, not to exceed coach airfare. Ground transportation will be reimbursed at both ends (i.e. home-airport-hotel-airport-home). Rental car, if more advantageous, will be reimbursed if pre-approved by the Supreme Commander. In no case will any reimbursable assignment exceed a maximum of \$500.00 per assignment.
- 12. The Supreme Commander** is responsible for assigning Supreme representatives to the Grand Scratches. Transportation will be reimbursed to the officer in accordance with established policy (see #11 above).

Exceptions must be pre-approved by the Supreme Commander. Grand Pup Tents are expected to provide housing and official function tickets. If a specific Supreme representative is requested for an event other than a grand Scratch, the Grand involved is expected to arrange with the requested individual about expenses. The Supreme Commander has the ultimate authority in all assignments.

13. A Replacement Fee of \$6.00 offsets any cost for the replacement of all Life membership cards that are lost, destroyed or stolen.

14. A Supreme Officer or representative will inspect all Grand's unless waived by the Supreme Commander. The inspection of the Grand is not calculated in that Grand's requirement to be 100% inspected.

15. All Goals are formulated using the 31 May 2014 end-of-year membership report. All Supreme programs will end 31 May 2015

16. Supreme Headquarters will mail a 96th Supreme Scratch packet to any registered delegate or Pup Tent unable to pick one up on site at Pittsburgh, PA if the delegate of a Pup Tent requests it. That includes any Pup Tent complying with Section 534 of the By-Laws of the Supreme Pup Tent dated 28 August 2013. The Supreme Quartermaster/Adjutant's office will see that all registrants not in attendance and if a request is made from same, receive their packet by mail no later than 30 September 2014. Supreme Headquarters and the current Budget Chairman will ensure that funds are available for registrants of a Supreme Scratch/Convention not in attendance, to receive a convention packet, if they so request, by mail no later than 30 days after the close of the Supreme Scratch or while supplies last.

17. All Supreme Officers on Command-Directed assignments are required to attend all functions for the event that they are attending, (i.e. Grand Scratch, memorial Services, Council meetings, Banquets, Installations, Past Grand Commander's meeting, if eligible and qualified, etc.). Non-attendance at these functions will be subject to disciplinary action and reimbursements will be declared ineligible.

18. Supreme Chief of Staff. The Supreme Chief of Staff has been granted the authority under the Supreme By-Laws to take whatever action is necessary on a Grand Chairman not performing his/her duties as prescribed in the Supreme By-Laws. No action will be taken by the Supreme Chief of Staff until conferring with the Supreme Commander. Chairman and all other appointed officers not performing their duties will be advised of any action to be taken as well as the Grand Commander of that Grand and the Supreme District Council Member.

19. The MOC/MOCA website will be operated and maintained by the MOC webmaster at no cost to the Supreme MOCA.

20. Each Grand or Pup Tent not within a Grand shall try to purchase a wreath each year for presentation at the Trek to the Tomb of the Unknown. A member of that Grand or Pup Tent need not be present to lay the wreath as there will be Cooties there to lay one for you.

96th SUPREME SCRATCH

The 96th Supreme Scratch will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 23 - 26 July 2015. Each Pup Tent is required to pre-register at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch. An advance registration fee of \$15.00 is due 15 days before the Supreme Scratch. The advance registration form and additional information will be in upcoming editions of the Cootie Courier and on the Cootie website LOTCS.org. Properly filled out registration forms with proper fees must be received by the Supreme Registration Chairman not later than 30 June 2015. All registrants, whose monies and forms are received after 30 June 2015, will owe \$17.00. Save \$2.00 by getting yours in before the deadline. Start making plans to attend the 96th Supreme Scratch and VFW National Convention now.

80th TOMB TREK 2014 ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

This year the Trek to the Tomb of the Unknowns will be held on 7, 8, 9 November 2014.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, Virginia, 22204, (703) 521-1900.

Room rates \$105.00 plus tax. Contact Hotel directly for reservations and mention Military Order of the Cootie for discount.

Other Information:

Cost of wreaths at \$25.00; Banquet Ticket cost at \$50.00; Bus Ticket cost is \$15.00; Registration cost is

\$20.00. Forms for these items will be found in the Cootie Courier. **REMEMBER THAT ONLY COOTIES CONFORMING TO THE FORMAL DRESS REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PLACE A WREATH AT THE TOMB. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.**

86th GRAND OF MICHIGAN MOC VFW NATIONAL HOME CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014

Each year, the Grand of Michigan is host to the children of the VFW National Home. This year will be the 86th annual Cootie Christmas Party and all are invited to participate (VFW, auxiliaries, MOC, MOCA etc.). The dates for this event will be 6 December 2014 and the host hotel is Quality Suites Hotel, 901 Commerce Drive off West Saginaw Street in Lansing, MI 48917, Telephone 517/886-0600 or 1-800/456-6431. Room rates are \$82/night. Banquet tickets remain at \$35/person. Harold Whittemore is the MOC Chairman and Joann Beachnau is the MOCA Co-Chair. Naida Schelter is the Christmas Banquet Coordinator and can be reached at 517/626-6942. Continuing success for this bountiful Christmas Party for the children depends on how open your hearts are and how open your wallets are. Donations in the past few years have been down. The Cooties have been the spearhead of this program since 1925. We are still at it. Donations are accepted all year. Email: erniepaulin@aol.com for more information. Please send your contributions early, so we can buy the necessary gifts for the children, making this the biggest and best Christmas Party ever. Make your checks out to: MOC Grand of Michigan ONLY! Earmark: MOC Christmas Party. Do not make any checks payable to the VFW National Home for Children or to your State VFW or auxiliary Department. Send all donations to: **Ernest A. Paulin, Grand Quartermaster, 710 Aldrich Street, Linden, MI 48451-9050. Telephone: 810/735-7920.** Your donations are necessary for this program to work! Thanks again! Merry Christmas!

32nd GRAND OF OHIO EASTER TREAT PROGRAM 2015

Each year, the Grand of Ohio is host to the Cootie Easter Treat for the Children of the VFW National Home. Upcoming will be the 32nd annual Cootie Easter Treat and all are invited to participate. Mark your calendar for the dates 10- 12 April 2015. Continuing success for this Easter Program for the children depends on how good your hearts are and how open your wallets are. Please send your contributions early so we can buy the necessary supplies to ensure the kids have the biggest and best Easter ever. The VFW National Home opens their doors each year for the Cooties of Ohio to host this gala event for the children of the National Home and we need your help and support to continue the great event. Donations can be made out to the Grand of Ohio, and Sent to Grand Quartermaster, **Chuck Cihlar, 489 Monroe Blvd., Painesville, Ohio 44077, Telephone 440/ 358-1148.** Please place in the subject line of the check **"MOC SUPREME EASTER TREAT"**. Your donations will not go unrecognized.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: (Dates subject to change.)

***Friday 10 April 2015** - Arrival of personnel and set up of baskets for delivery on Saturday. Dinner with Ohio Cottage.

***Saturday 11 April 2015** - Final Basket Preparations, delivery of Baskets to each and every child and parent in each home. Ice cream social, Easter Egg Hunt at the gym, then off to Jackson for Roller Skating.

***Sunday 12 April 2015** - Attend Church with the Children from the National Home and then on our way to our own home. This is a long weekend of fun and frolic with the kids from the National Home, and the only program where you get to actually interact with the kids for the whole weekend. What a great experience. Thank you in advance for your help and support for this program.

COOTIE COURIER 2014-2015

RECEIVING THE COOTIE COURIER: We encourage all Cooties to get the *Cootie Courier* delivered by electronic mail. Postage is increasing and the bulk mail is getting slower. If you elect to get your Courier by electronic mail, send your request and e-mail to: Cootiecourier@lotcs.org

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWS COPY

The *Cootie Courier*, just like all other papers, is looking for current and interesting news that will be interesting to all our readers. Remember that space is always a consideration and most times limited, so please keep articles direct and to the point. The Editor may edit a submitted story to fit the paper.

BASIC RULES FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS:

1. Try to have each article contain the five W's – who, what, when, where, why, and oftentimes, how. With “who” use the correct title, and an important note – insure that all names are spelled correctly.
2. You can send your articles to the *Cootie Courier* Editor by email (preferred method) to cootiecourier@lotcs.org
3. Photos submitted via e-mail MUST be in a JPEG (.jpg) file.
4. **DO NOT SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE COOTIE COURIER TO SUPREME HEADQUARTERS.** That just delays the time the article is received by the Editor.
5. **PHOTOS:** Strive to use a solid light colored background. Remember that your submitted pictures will not be printed on Kodak photo paper. Remember that this is our Cootie newspaper, so try to have the photos depict Cooties doing MOC/MOCA activities.
6. When submitting your annual election bio sketch, you should ALWAYS include a photo.
7. If you move, please submit a **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**. The form is available through our website www.lotcs.org/forms. If you change your email address please forward your new one to the editor as well. The Editor may edit a submitted story to fit the paper.

SUPREME PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM 2014-2015

Public relations are the art of projecting the image of our organization. This function includes both external and internal information. The purpose is to inform an audience and make them more aware of who, what, and the accomplishments that mark your group. The objective of public relations is to secure a favorable opinion of your group. We do this within the MOC and externally in the VFW and our communities. You, as the PR operative of your Pup Tent and the other officers, should develop contacts within the Post and in your community with civic, business and other social and service groups. By becoming aware of the MOC, they will learn about our aims and objectives. Public Relations are really one of our most vital responsibilities. True success in our programs is dependent upon recognition and awareness by both the VFW and the public.

The public recognizes and supports our efforts, by our knowing more of who we are and what we do. This makes recruiting easier. One of the ways to accomplish this task is through publicity. However, bear in mind that there is a great deal of rejection in this line of business. You must have a plan and stick to it. Build a reputation for honesty and accuracy. First, you must become totally familiar with your organization, its programs and personalities. Remember, in order to inform others, you must be fully informed yourself. Understand our programs and how they impact your local community. The Seam Squirrel and other officers must keep you informed of their plans for hospital, nursing home visits and social events. You must have sufficient lead-time to develop your news release in sufficient time. Second, get to know your specific outlets, including the Post PR. Get to know the person responsible for receiving and reviewing your releases at every outlet you can - newspapers, radio, television, cable, magazines, etc. Though not all these outlets are available in every location and are almost impossible to discover in a big city, it is important to know these people if you can. Next, listen carefully to the preferred method and manner of submission. Some papers like direct computer submissions which you may not be able to do. By responding to the requirement means that your release has a much better chance of being used. Even if your release is not used, the outlet staff will form a favorable opinion of you and the MOC if you do your job well. Always keep in mind that you are competing for space or air time with countless other worthy organizations whose appeal may be as great, or even greater, than your own. By staying within the preset guidelines for all releases can only ensure greater consideration of what will be used by the editor.

Here are the prerequisites Absolute musts: Make the deadlines -You miss, you lose.

1. For all releases, include your organization, your name, your address and your daytime telephone number. Spell out names correctly, give titles and avoid all but the most common abbreviations. In addition to names, correct spelling and grammar are essential. Do not lose your credibility.

2. For news releases such as coming events, a good rule of thumb is to answer the five “W’s” -Who, What, When, Where, Why and, if necessary, How. Usually, if one of these elements is missing, it will stand out and you have an incomplete release. Staffs are not going to spend the resources to chase most stories. For “who”, specify name or organization; for “what,” cite the actual event; for “when”, list day of the week, date, and time of day; for “where”, name the building, street address and the city (or town).

3. For paper releases, double space your type and use only one side of the paper. Number the pages, if more than one and use one- inch margins, top and bottom, as well as left and right.

4. Remember that every individual appreciates a compliment. When your releases are used, do not fail to express your thanks to those responsible. Keep in mind that every individual act or contact with the public is reflective of you and the organization and can be good public relations. It is your job to guide and direct your Pup Tent, Grand, District or Supreme in Public Relations.

Elizabeth “Beth” Cooler, Supreme Public Relations Chairman, 1896 Hexam Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309, Telephone: 410-370-5709

SUPREME CHIEF-OF-STAFF PROGRAM 2014-2015

OBJECTIVE: The objective of the Supreme Chief-of-Staff Program is to strengthen the ranks of the Military Order of the Cootie through Pup Tent growth, Pup Tent reinstatement, and working closely with our parent organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, in all areas especially in the area of VFW recruitment.

GUIDELINES: All Chief-of-Staff, Membership Chairmen, and all Cooties will take responsibility for the success of this Program. The following Guidelines are provided for all Cooties:

1. Promote our VFW Honor Degree by encouraging all VFW workers to read Article XII of the VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure Sections.
2. Promote our VFW Honor Degree by presenting to all VFW workers who seek the Seams of any Pup Tent our MOC Invitation Brochure.
3. Report at all VFW Post Meetings and VFW District Meetings what our VFW Honor Degree has done in the name of our VFW.
4. Recruit as many VFW workers as possible into the ranks of our Military Order.
5. Help Pup Tents in need to ensure they are conducting our VFW Honor Degree Business and Programs properly. It is much easier to rebuild a Pup Tent Membership than to organize a new Pup Tent. Always **EXTEND** a helping hand and **NEVER** give up.
6. Grand Chiefs-of-Staff will become familiar with the MOC Pup Tent starter kit. The Starter Kit can be requested through Supreme Headquarters or at www.lotcs.org, under forms. The Starter Kit is a great management tool and all information contained within should be shared with all Pup Tents and Cooties.

REPORTING: Report the increase of all NEW/RE-INSTATED Pup Tents to the Supreme Chief-of-Staff. The Chief-of-Staff Program deadline is 31 May 2015. All reports are due by 01 June 2015.

Calculating New/Reinstates Pup Tents: The Grand must first deduct all declared defunct Pup Tents during the same Program Year to attain the net increase.

SUPREME CHIEF-OF-STAFF PROGRAM AWARDS:

1. Any Cootie organizing a NEW Pup Tent will be appointed **Supreme Deputy Chief-of-Staff** and will receive a Supreme Citation.
2. Any Cootie rebuilding a Pup Tent will be appointed **Supreme Deputy Chief of Staff** and will receive a Supreme Citation.
3. The Grand Chief-of-Staff reporting the most NEW or REINSTATED Pup Tents in each Division will receive a Supreme Citation. Categories will be for first, second, and third place in each Division.
4. The Grand reporting the most NEW and REINSTATED Pup Tents for the current Program Year will receive the Don Bird Traveling Gold Gavel Award for one year. Any Grand winning this trophy three consecutive years will keep the award permanently.

Let's recruit as many MOC members as possible.

Supreme Chief of Staff,

P.R. Laythe, 6202 Westside Rd., Redding Ca. 96001, mocvfw@mac.com

CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR PROGRAM 2014-2015

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the Military Order of the Cootie.

MISSION: Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the MOC are second to none. Their labor of love brings true credit to the MOC and its Programs. The Sky Pilot or Chaplain of the Year Program is an excellent opportunity to recognize your best Sky Pilot or Chaplain. Sky Pilots of the Pup Tent, Chaplains of the Grand District or Area, have been recognized at the Supreme Scratch each year as *Sky Pilot of the year* or *Chaplain of the Year* since Cootie Year 1975-1976.

SELECTION:

1. Selection of the *Sky Pilot of the Year* or *Chaplain of the Year* is done from letters or nominations sent by Pup Tent Seam Squirrels, Grand District and Area Commanders, Grand Commanders, and Supreme Council members to the Supreme Chaplain.
2. Letters of nomination are judged by a Select Committee of no less than three people who are NOT members of the MOC or VFW, but who understand fully the work or labor of the Chaplain. Any Sky Pilot and Chaplain previously selected as *Sky Pilot of the Year* or *Chaplain of the Year* on any level is not eligible for recognition a second time.
2. Nomination letters should be written on MOC letterhead.
3. Letters postmarked after 1 June 2015 will not be considered. Nomination letters may be mailed between 1 July 2014 and 31 May 2015.
4. Letter of nomination should contain facts, not just words. We have Sky Pilots and Chaplains who do great work in this organization, so please nominate them and get them recognized by sending your letter to the Supreme Chaplain.
5. Do not let your Sky Pilot or Chaplain down. Please make a nomination for this honor. If you don't nominate them, they cannot be recognized.

Please send nominations for Sky Pilot or Chaplain of the year to Supreme Headquarters, 604 Braddock Ave. Turtle Creek, PA 15145 or email: supremehqmoc@lotcs.org.

SUPREME COOTIE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM 2014-2015

If you know of anyone who deserves to be honored as the Cootie of the Year, please send the biographical information to: Terrance "Shorty" Lyons, Secretary, Past Supreme Commanders Organization (PSCO), 5274 Belton, Abilene, TX 79605 email: hornytoad1@suddenlink.net. If you cannot get your nomination into the mail, then bring it to the Supreme Convention and give it to any Past Supreme Commander, who is a member of the PSCO. We know there must be some deserving Cootie out there, so let us know and provide us with the opportunity to make a selection. That Cootie will then be announced at the Supreme Convention.

SUPREME SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS 2014-2015

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Cooties with Supreme Special appointments.

NOMINATIONS: Grand Commanders and Seam Squirrels from the Black Division may submit nominations beginning 27 July 2014, for your deserving Cooties for Supreme Special appointments. Please nominate your outstanding Cooties early for these appointments so they can proudly wear their new tassels. NOTE: Tassels are not provided for these appointments. Appointees receive certificates and credential cards only. Tassels must be purchased separately at a cost of \$5.00/pair through the Supreme Supply Department. You can send nominations in or hand-carry them in as early as 9:00 am on 28 July 2014, at the new Council of

Administration in St. Louis MO.

APPOINTMENTS: The following are appointments that are available for nomination:

Supreme Deputy Chief-of-Staff
 Supreme Deputy Inspector
 Supreme Recruiter (VFW or MOC)
 Supreme Seam Worker
 Supreme Cootie Supporter
 Supreme Aide-de-Camp
 Supreme Newshound
 Supreme Comedian
 Supreme Cheerleader
 Supreme Cootie Juicer

SUPREME MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2014-2015

The objective of the Supreme MOC Membership Program is to encourage all Pup Tents to SURPASS their 31 May, 2014 membership total by recruiting at least one (1) New member. The Supreme organization recognizes all Grand's and Pup Tents who reach their goal.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE: That we do our duty as any SPECIES PEDICULI to INCREASE and MULTIPLY; this is our goal for 2014-2015. We have a tremendous pool for membership. There are workers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who wish to become a Cootie; all you have to do is ask them. Do your duty and these good comrades will join our ranks and you will become an active species.

QUARTERMASTERS and CCDBs: Membership transmittals must be postmarked by 31 May 2015.

Look at the awards Program below and set your goals.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS: Cooties recruiting six (6) or more new or reinstated members into a Pup Tent as verified by the Grand Membership Chairman will receive a Supreme Commander's citation. Any Cootie recruiting ten (10) or more new or reinstated members into a Pup Tent, as verified by the Grand Membership Chairman, will be appointed Supreme aide-de-Camp, recruiting Class and will receive a Supreme Commander's lapel pin and citation.

PUP TENT AWARDS: Pup Tents with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of two (2) new or reinstated members by 31 December 2014 and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will receive a Supreme Commander's Pin, and a Supreme Citation. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership by 31 May 2014 will receive a Supreme Citation.

SEAM SQUIRRELS AND CCDB's: Seam Squirrels and CCDBs with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of two (2) new or reinstated members by 30 November 2014 and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will receive an "Outstanding SS" and "Outstanding CCDB" pin, and a Supreme Citation. The Seam Squirrel's name will be entered into a drawing to win one of the following for the 95th Supreme Convention: 1.) A three day stay; 2.) A two day stay and a banquet ticket; 3.) A one day stay and a banquet ticket. This is only for the Seam Squirrel and is not transferrable and is only for the room and does not include food or transportation costs. Transmittals must be postmarked by 30 November 2014. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership by the end of the 2014-2015 year (31 May, 2015) will receive a Supreme Citation.

GRAND AWARDS: Grand's that are 100% in membership by 31 December 2014 will have their Grand Commanders name entered into a drawing to win one of the following for the 95th Supreme Convention: 1.) A three day stay; 2.) A two day stay and a banquet ticket; 3.) A one day stay and a banquet ticket. This is only for the Grand Commander and is not transferrable and is only for the room and does not include food or transportation costs. Transmittals must be postmarked by 31 December 2014. Grand's with 100% paid membership by the end of the membership year 31 May 2015 will receive a Supreme Citation.

COMPUTING YOUR BASE MEMBERSHIP: Computing the quota for each Pup Tent will be as follows: Total membership as of 31 May 2014, PLUS one (1), number of deceased members reported during the membership year must be made up. The Supreme Quartermaster's records will be used to compute any membership awards.

Grand Quartermaster's are directed to forward a copy of the Grand membership transmittals to the Supreme Membership Chairman.

Gary Dressel, Supreme Membership Chairman, 604 Braddock Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Telephone: 412/824-2240. E- mail: supremehqmoc@lotcs.org

SUPREME LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2014-2015

The Life Membership Program has been approved and is in effect. First, all applicants must be VFW Life members –NO EXCEPTIONS. Second, all applications for Life Membership must be paid-up continuous 3rd Degree members for the current year. The Life Membership dues are as follows: If you are.....
Through age 30 - \$340.00; 31 through 40 - \$325.00; 41 through 50 - \$305.00; 51 through 60 - \$275.00; 61 through 70 - \$245.00 71 through 80 - \$190.00; 81 and over - \$150.00

SUPREME HOSPITAL PROGRAM 2014-2015

OBJECTIVE: It is the objective of the MOC Hospital Program to encourage all MOC members to actively participate in hospital visitations and volunteer work. A goal of \$250.00 credit per Cootie and \$125.00 credit per MAL has been established for the 2014-2015 program year.

SUPREME COMMISSIONER/HEADQUARTERS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. The Supreme Commander shall appoint the SUPREME HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER.
2. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall ensure that the Supreme Hospital Program is operating within the highest traditions of the Military Order of the Cootie and the Veterans of Foreign Wars at all Veterans Administration medical facilities, community nursing homes, and other similar facilities.
3. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall encourage all Supreme District Hospital Commissioners, Grand Hospital Chairmen and Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
4. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall accept all correctly reported data. Final reports for the 2014-2015 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2015 and postmarked by 20 June 2015. There will be no carry over reporting from the previous year.
5. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to him from the Supreme District Commissioners. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall supply all required forms and reports to the Supreme District Commissioners except for the Hospital Chairman's report that is supplied directly from Supreme Headquarters and is available at lotcs.org/forms/hospital.
6. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall ensure each Pup Tent achieving 100% or greater in hospital work receives a citation at their Grand Convention.
7. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall consolidate the results received from properly completed Hospital Forms from Supreme District Commissioners and record these results onto the monthly Supreme Hospital activity report form.
8. Members-at-Large (MAL's) as they are part of the grand they will be totaled and counted at the Grand level and included in the Grand's hospital goal.
9. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall advocate and encourage participation in the MOC VAVS Program and not allow the programs to overlap.
10. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall provide the annual Hospital Program goals to the Cootie Courier for publication in the issue following the Supreme Convention and he shall provide pertinent data to the Cootie Courier and Webmaster for publication in each.
11. All Hospital Chairmen (Supreme, District, Grand, and Pup Tent) shall assist in obtaining an Honor Guard for deceased veterans. The Department of Defense is required to provide an Honor Guard consisting of active Duty, reserves, National Guard, or members from a Veterans Service organization to recognize deceased veterans for their valor and service.

SUPREME DISTRICT HOSPITAL LEVEL PROGRAM

1. The Supreme Commander shall appoint the SUPREME DISTRICT HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS.
2. The Supreme District Commissioner shall encourage all Grand Hospital Chairmen within their District to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
3. The Supreme District Commissioner shall accept all correctly reported data as performed. Final reports for the 2014-2015 Program year will include all activity through 31 May, 2015 and postmarked by 15 June, 2015.
4. The Supreme District Commissioner shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to them from their Grand and Black Division Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen (if they fall in the Supreme District). The Supreme District Commissioner shall supply all required forms and reports to the Grand Hospital Chairmen except for the Hospital Chairman's report that is supplied directly from Supreme Headquarters.
5. The Supreme District Commissioner shall ensure that all Grand's and Pup Tents are submitted for awards as indicated in the awards section.
6. The Supreme District Commissioner shall consolidate the results received from properly completed hospital forms from Grand Hospital Chairmen and record these results onto the monthly Supreme District Hospital activity report form and forward the completed report to the Supreme Hospital Commissioner.

GRAND HOSPITAL LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Each Grand Commander shall appoint a GRAND HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN.
2. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall encourage all Pup Tent members, within their jurisdiction, to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
3. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall accept all correctly reported data as performed. Final reports for the 2014-2015 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2015 and postmarked by 10 June, 2015.
4. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to them from their Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall supply all required forms and reports to their Pup Tents.
5. Grand Hospital Chairmen shall insure that their Pup Tents report each month's activity on one form. Please do not put more than one month's totals on each reporting form.
6. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall ensure that all Pup Tents are submitted for awards as indicated in the rewards section. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall ensure each Pup Tent achieving 100%, or greater, in hospital work, receives a citation at the Grand Convention. Thirty days before the Grand Convention, the Grand Hospital Chairman shall send a written request to Supreme Hospital Commissioner reporting those Pup Tents which have 100%, or greater, of their hospital goal. This letter ensures the Grand Hospital Chairman receives Pup Tent Hospital Citations in time for presentation at their Grand Convention.
7. The Grand Hospital Chairman shall consolidate all properly completed Hospital forms and attachments from Pup Tents and record these results onto the monthly Grand Hospital activity report form and forward the monthly report to his/her Supreme District Hospital Commissioner. Copies of the Pup Tent hospital reports will be retained by the Grand Hospital Chairman.
8. Supreme Headquarters shall send blank hospital report forms to all Grand Hospital Chairmen.

PUP TENT LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Each Pup Tent Seam Squirrel shall appoint a PUP TENT HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN.
2. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairman is to coordinate and encourage the Pup Tent to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairman shall accept all correctly reported data as performed. Final reports for the 2014-2015 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2015 and postmarked by 5 June 2015.
4. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairman shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations for the Pup Tent. The Hospital Chairman shall consolidate the report and put it on the proper Hospital chairman's report form. The Hospital Chairman will then mail one copy of this form to the Grand Hospital Chairman. Reporting of monthly Pup Tent hospital work will use a separate sheet each month. Do not mix months on one sheet.
5. The Black Division Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen shall coordinate their program with the Supreme District Hospital Commissioner and mail all reports as indicated above directly to him.
6. Members-at-Large (MAL's) will report to the Grand Hospital Chairman only and mail all reports to him/her.

CREDIT ALLOWANCE

1. *Transportation Credit*: \$0.14 per mile per Cootie to and from hospitals domiciles, nursing homes, etc., where sick veterans are visited, excluding family members. Actual cost, instead of mileage, is used if other than POV's are used.
2. *Tolls*: Report actual cost under "mileage" as required.
3. *Hours*: All volunteer visitation, preparation hours, and travel time credited at **\$21.79** per hour per Cootie. Travel time limited to actual hours expended.
4. *Veteran's Funeral Credit*: Credit each Cootie at **\$21.79** per hour, for the number of hours it may require and \$0.14 per mile round trip for attendance at any veteran's funeral. (If more than one Cootie rides in a vehicle, only the driver of the vehicle gets the mileage credit.) Remember that deceased veterans deserve an Honor Guard.
5. *Gifts*: Actual retail cost of the item. By definition, "gifts" include anything bought by the MOC for use or appreciation by the hospitalized veteran. For homemade or home-grown items, the cost is estimated, but never more than retail. Used items are reported at no more than one half their actual costs, keeping in mind the useful life of the item. Operation UP-LINK Calling card donations are credited under this section of the hospital report form.
6. *Clothing Credit*: Itemize all clothing on the Hospital Chairman's report form or attach to the report an itemized consolidated sheet.
7. *Veteran's Transportation*: No credit allowed for transportation of other veterans. These activities are reported to the VFW Post Community activities Chairman.
8. *Hospital Equipment*: Hospital equipment loaned to individuals is reported to your VFW Post Hospital Program.
9. *Blood Donations*: Report all blood donations to your Pup Tent Blood Chairman. Refer all questions pertaining to blood collections to the Supreme Blood Program Chairman listed elsewhere in this Program Book. *Clothing Credit*: Itemize all clothing on the Hospital Chairman's report form or attach to the report an itemized consolidated sheet.

HOSPITAL PROGRAM AWARDS

1. Each Pup Tent that achieves 100% in hospital work will receive a citation from Supreme. Pup Tents that achieve 100% may purchase a 100% Hospital Program Plaque for display in their Post Home.
2. Each Pup Tent that achieves 100% will receive a citation from Supreme. Pup Tent Hospital Chairman who achieves 100% may purchase a special 100% Hospital Program pin.
3. Each Grand that achieves 100% will receive a citation from Supreme. A Grand Hospital Chairman who achieves 100% may purchase a special 100% Hospital Program pin.
4. Each Supreme District that achieves 100% will receive a citation from Supreme and will be sent two Supreme Commander's pins.
5. Each Grand Pup Tent that wins its respective color division (based upon its total membership ranking), shall win a special plaque.

SUPREME HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER

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MOC SUPREME DISTRICT HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS

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Supreme Hospital District #5: AR, CO, EURO, NM, OK, TX, WY : **Gordon Lam**, 816 Jeanie Dr. Clovis, NM 88101. Telephone: 575-749-0709 E-mail: lamg@suddenlink.net

Supreme Hospital District #6: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, PAC, WA: **Gary Boudreau**, 9679 Keokuk Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311-5431. Telephone: 818/885-0752. E-mail: gboudreau@socal.rr.com

Supreme Hospital District #7: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY: **William Fowler**, 109 Bellewood Drive, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Telephone: 315/696-6335. E-mail: cootibill@msn.com

SUPREME INSPECTION PROGRAM 2014-2015

OBJECTIVE: It is the objective of the Supreme Inspection Program to ensure that all Grand Pup Tents, Grand Districts/areas and Pup Tents are conducting the Business and Programs of the Military Order of the Cootie in the highest traditions of the MOC. Conducting inspections provides for the necessary tools to locate any problem areas within any level of the MOC that can be corrected, allowing our MOC to operate properly.

SUPREME INSPECTOR: The Supreme Inspector will perform such duties as required by the Supreme Commander by taking charge and supervising the Supreme Inspection Programs in accordance with Sections 330, 432, 516, and 604 of the Supreme By- Laws. The Supreme Inspector will provide Inspection report updates to the Cootie Courier and Webmaster for publication.

GRAND COMMANDERS: Grand Commanders will appoint a qualified Grand Inspector and qualified Grand Deputy Inspectors who will be directly responsible to the Grand Commander for the conduct of Inspections pertaining to the Supreme Inspection Program.

GRAND INSPECTORS: The Grand Inspectors will perform such duties as required by the Supreme Inspector by taking charge and supervision the Grand Inspection Program in accordance with Section 415 of the Supreme By-Laws. All Grand Inspectors will pay close attention to Sections 330, 432, and 604 of the Supreme by-Laws.

INSPECTION GUIDELINES: The following Inspection guidelines are provided:

1. All Inspectors will be familiar with all Supreme Inspection report forms, Quarterly audit form, and Bonding procedures.
2. All Inspectors will be familiar with the Supreme By-Laws when inspecting the conduct of any Pup Tent business and MOC Programs, especially the duties of the Seam Squirrel, CCDB, and Hungry Cootie.
3. All Inspectors must be familiar with the Supreme ritual when inspecting the conduct of any work under the Supreme Ritual.
4. Any Pup Tent that has not been inspected will be excluded from all representation at the Grand Scratches/ Convention and Supreme Convention.
5. The Supreme Inspector will accept Inspection reports for 2014-2015 beginning on 1 August 2014.
6. Inspection report forms can be requested through Supreme Headquarters, the Supreme Inspector and are available on the Supreme website at lotcs.org/forms.
7. Grand Pup Tents will be inspected by a Supreme Officer who does not belong to that Grand Pup Tent being inspected.
8. Black Division Pup Tents can be inspected by any qualified Pup Tent Inspector who does not belong to the Pup Tent being inspected. Any Black Division Pup Tent can request a Supreme Officer or Grand Officer who is a qualified Inspector to inspect that Pup Tent as long as that officer is not a member of that Pup Tent.

BONDING: Proper Bond can be purchased through Supreme Headquarters. The amount per thousand is \$14.00 and is good for a two year period. If Supreme Headquarters is not the Bonding Company, a legible copy of the Bond must be provided with this year's completed Inspection report form. This is a requirement to maintain Tax Exempt status.

INSPECTION REPORTS: Any Grand Pup Tent that had not filed a minimum of 80% of Pup Tent

Inspection reports will be excluded from all representation at the Supreme Convention. All Inspection reports must be received by the Supreme Inspector at least 30 days prior to the Supreme Convention.

AWARDS: All Grand Inspectors who reported their Grand Pup Tent 100% inspected by 30 November 2014 will receive Supreme Deputy Inspector's appointment and a Supreme Citation. All Black Division Pup Tent Seam Squirrels who's Pup Tent is reported 100% inspected by 1 October 2014 will receive a Supreme Citation and a Supreme Commander's Program Pin. All Black Division Pup Tent Seam Squirrels who's Pup Tent is reported 100% by 30 November 2014 will receive a Supreme Citation. **Supreme Inspector Donald Lynch, 9509 74th St., Kenosha, WI 53142 (847) 436-4833, Email cootielynch@yahoo.com**

SUPREME ALL*STAR PROGRAM 2014-2015

The Supreme All-Star Program recognizes outstanding effort by individual Grand's and Pup Tents not in a Grand (Black Division). The Supreme Commander identifies these outstanding Grand's with the Supreme All-Star designation. One Captain of the All Stars is selected each year for overall outstanding effort in all programs.

QUALIFYING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: To be eligible for the All-Star Program, a Grand or Black Division Pup Tent must achieve the goal of 100% of all assigned quota's in each of the four (4) core programs of the MOC by 31 May 2015:

1. Must be 100% in Membership quota
2. Must be 100% in Hospital quota.
3. Must be 100% in Special Projects quota.
4. Must have 100% of the Pup Tents in the Grand inspected.

Grand's and Black Division Pup Tents who achieve the four qualifiers will be awarded "All*Star". Then these qualifying Grand's will compete for the award of "Captain of the All Star". Point values are awarded as described in the program below. The top scoring Grand will earn the title of "Captain of the All-Star" Grand. There is only one winner for this award.

POINT VALUES

- a. Hospital quota = 6 Points for each 10% achieved over 100%
- b. Special Project quota = 4 points for each 10% achieved over 100%
- c. Membership quota = 2 points for each 10% achieved over 100%

Eligibility and point totals will be compiled by the office of Supreme Quartermaster who will receive monthly program totals from all Supreme Program Chairpersons. The Supreme All Star Selection team will establish the recipients of the All-Star and the Captain of the All-Stars.

AWARDS

Designated All-Star Grand Commanders, Grand Quartermasters, and Grand Adjutants will each be presented with a distinctive "All-Star" hat with special tassels. The All-Star Black Division Pup Tent Seam Squirrel, Hungry Cootie, and CCDB will each receive a special "All-Star" Pup Tent hat complete with special tassels. One All-Star designee will be awarded as the "CAPTAIN OF THE ALL-STARS" and this selected All-Star will receive a distinctive "Captain of the All-Stars" lapel pin, and further designation on his/her All-Star hat.

GRAND ALL-STAR PROGRAMS

Grand Pup Tents may institute Grand All-Star Programs where they may recognize Pup Tents within the Grand for outstanding effort. Grand's may purchase All-Star patches to be affixed to uniforms or hats in recognition of extra effort as determined by any Grand All-Star program.

SUPREME BLOOD PROGRAM 2014-2015

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander fully supports the VFW Blood Program and encourages all Cooties to participate. The Blood Program is a recognition program. **DO NOT REPORT** the Supreme Blood Program as part of the Supreme Hospital Program.

APPOINTMENTS: Each Grand and Pup Tent will appoint a Blood Chairman.

AWARDS: Any Cootie giving blood between 1 June 2014 and 31 May 2015 will receive a **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**. The certificate will be signed by the Blood Chairman and the Supreme Commander. If any Cootie reaches one, five, or ten gallons lifetime total, that Cootie will receive a pin and/or tab with the gallon amount on it.

REPORTING: Having satisfied the above criteria your Pup Tent Blood Chairman must report the work to your VFW Post for Community Service credit. Report all blood donations to your Pup Tent Blood Chairman and the Chairman will report to the Supreme Blood Chairman to get recognition for your Cootie. There are No middlemen in this Program. Chairman will report the total blood donated by a member not just the most current donation.

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SUPREME VFW NATIONAL HOME and SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAMS 2014-2015

Established in 1925, the VFW National Home was created as a home for widows and orphans of deceased veterans. The idea to build such a home came from the Military Order of the Cootie. However, it was through the efforts of a 23-year old girl from Detroit named Amy Ross that the idea became a reality.

OBJECT: Financing of a specific project for the VFW National Home is the objective of this program. We do not replace any other monies that might be used with your donations under this project. Your donations are merely a supplement to other individual donations to the VFW National Home. Pup Tents, Grand's, Cooties, Sisters and Auxiliaries at all levels are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause. Selected projects are presented and must be approved by a majority vote at an annual Supreme Scratch. In addition, supporting our VFW National Home is one of our stated objectives.

GOAL: The established goal for this program is an Annual one-dollar donation per Cootie, assessed at the Grand level.

PROCEDURES: Forward monies collected at the Pup Tent to your Grand Quartermaster who will forward them to Supreme Headquarters. All donations must be received through the Grand Quartermaster or Black Division Pup Tent CCDB. Anyone may contribute to the fund. By encouraging MOC Auxiliary members to contribute, gives both their Pup Tent and Grand credit for the donations. A report on the financial status of the fund is required at the Supreme Scratch and Council of Administration meeting IAW Section 512C & E, By-Laws of the Supreme Pup Tent.

AWARDS: Grand Commanders who led their membership division shall receive a banquet ticket provided their Grand's donations exceeded 90% of quota on 31 May 2015. Points are awarded for the All*Star Captain Program for those who have attained greater than 100%. Pup Tents and Grand's reaching 100% will receive a citation from Supreme Commander and Special Projects Chairman.

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David Schmid, Special Project Chairman, 335 E. Fitzsimmons Road, Oak Creek, WI 53154. Telephone:
414/764-4334

SUPREME SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2014-2015

Originally designed so VFW National Home high school graduates could secure a degree from a four-year college, the Scholarship Program was later expanded to include other postgraduate education, such as junior college and vocational training. This program is not only for first year students, but also advanced students whose academic records warrant a post-graduate education. Eligibility requirements specified in the Military Order of the Cootie By-Laws apply. The Supreme Quartermaster (SQM) will compile and submit a financial report of the Scholarship Fund to include earnings, commitments and accumulated interest available for expenditure to the annual Supreme Scratch and all Council of Administration meetings. The SQM shall also provide a copy of his financial report to the Scholarship Committee. The principal cannot be spent, or reduced, unless the Supreme Council of Administration approves it. The 67th Supreme Scratch authorized these scholarships and empowered the Committee to make grants, as deemed appropriate, to eligible VFW National Home students. The 69th Supreme Scratch provided that one-half (1/2) of the earnings, as of 30 June of that year, will be spent on scholarships the following year. However, the 76th Supreme Scratch By-Laws amendment restricted the use of the funds until all Trust Funds are at their minimum self-sustaining levels (capped level \$150,000).

SUPREME VAVS PROGRAM 2014-2015

The Supreme VAVS Representative/Certifying officer will notify the local VA Directors of who is assigned to their VA Facilities. No Grand will contact the VA directly. The Supreme VAVS Certifying officer is the clearing house, so to speak, for the local VAVS representative/Deputy. The appointment is to be recommended by the Grand Commander or Pup Tent Seam Squirrel if there is no Grand. An awards program is in effect based on hourly service in VA Facilities. For the award, a Cootie Bug pin with VAVS will be sent after reaching 1,000 hours of hospital hours, a tab for 1,000 will be issued upon request of the Grand. There is only one Supreme VAVS representative who is the Certifying officer and one Supreme Deputy VAVS representative. All local VAVS representatives/Deputies must be regularly scheduled volunteers at their VA Facilities. A representative/Deputy can only service one organization at a time at the same facility. The representative/Deputy cannot be a paid VA employee.

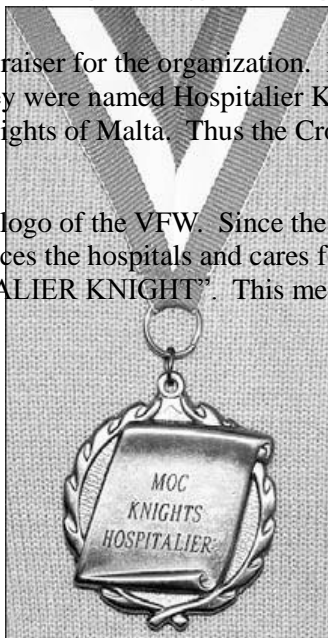
Terrance "Shorty" Lyons, PSC, Supreme VAVS Representative/Certifying Officer 5274 Belton St, Abilene, TX 79605 Telephone: 325/692-7254 Cell (after 4:30 PM Central Time): 325/668-4349 email:hornytoad1@suddenlink.net

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MOC HOSPITALIER KNIGHTS PROGRAM

The MOC has issued a special medal as a fund raiser for the organization. During the Crusades the first knights to enter the Holy Lands opened a hospital. They were named Hospitalier Knights. Later the Knights moved to the Island of Malta. They were then named Knights of Malta. Thus the Cross of Malta was formed by placing four lance heads together.

The Cross of Malta was adopted as the official logo of the VFW. Since the MOC is the Honor Degree of the VFW and since the MOC is the order that services the hospitals and cares for veterans and their families, it is only fitting that the medal be named "HOSPITALIER KNIGHT". This medal comes in Bronze (\$25.00), Silver (\$50.00) and gold (\$75.00).



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2014-2015

| MOC EVENT | LOCATION | DATE |
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| 95th Supreme Scratch | St Louis.MO | 24 - 27 July 2014 |
| Supreme Commander Wimmer's Homecoming | Albuquerque, NM | 26 - 28 Sept 2014 |
| 80th Tomb Trek | Arlington, VA | 7 - 9 Nov 2014 |
| 86th Grand of Michigan Cootie Christmas | VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, MI | 5 - 7 Dec 2014 |
| Supreme President flo Parmelee's Homecoming | Helena, MT | 8 - 9 Aug 2014 |
| 32nd Grand of Ohio Easter Treat | VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, MI | 10 - 12 April 2015 |
| 96th Supreme Scratch | Pittsburgh, PA | 23 - 26 July 2015 |

| VFW EVENT | LOCATION | DATE |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| VFW Legislative Conference | Washington DC | 2 - 6 March 2015 |
| VFW National Convention | St. Louis, MO | 19 - 23 July 2014 |