PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article III, "Officers and Duties", Section 324 "Duties of the Hospital Chairperson":

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Sec B. To Forward to the Grand Hospital Chairman the completed Pup Tent hospital report form as soon as possible after the close of the month covering all hospital visits made by the Pup Tent during the previous month. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson may mail, e-mail, or fax the report. (Blank forms will be provided by the Grand Hospital Chairperson.)	Sec B. Replace the word "Forward" with "Submit".  Strike the word "form" and add "no later than the 5th of the following month"  Strike the word "visits" and replace with "work"  Strike the words "may mail, email, or fax the report" and replace with "shall submit hospital reports via the MOC Hospital Reporting System."  Strike the words "Blank forms will be provided by the Grand Hospital Chairperson"	Sec B. To submit to the Grand Hospital Chairman the completed Pup Tent hospital report no later than the 5th of the following month covering all hospital work made by the Pup Tent during the previous month. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson shall submit hospital reports via the MOC Hospital Reporting System located on the Cootie LOTCS Website.

**Justification:** Due to the change in reporting from paper forms to electronic reporting on the Cootie LOTCS website.

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article IV, "Grand Pup Tents", Section 424 "Duties of the Grand Hospital Chairperson":

# Current Wording Sec A Supplies all Pup Tents with proper blank Pup Tent reporting forms as designated by the Supreme Hospital Commissioner.

**Sec B** Mails, e-mails or faxes monthly, directly to the Supreme District Commissioner, copies of hospital reports submitted by the Pup Tent Hospital Chairpersons.

Sec C Once a month compiles a complete report of hospital activity to the grand Pup Tent and submits it to the Grand Pup Tent for distribution with Grand General Orders. A copy of this monthly report is mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to the Supreme District Hospital Commissioner.

**Sec E** The Grand Hospital Chairperson shall have the authority and duty to investigate all hospital reports submitted to them for approval and submission to the Supreme District Commissioner. Their duty to investigate shall include, if necessary, the right to request a verbal or written verification from the Special Service Officer or duly authorized representative of any hospital or institution where the reported visitations were alleged to have been made.

# Proposed Amendment

Delete Section "A" and rename sections as listed below

## Sec A.

Strike "Mails, e-mails, or faxes monthly, directly to the Supreme District Commissioner, copies of hospital reports submitted by the Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson. Replace with "Approve all Pup Tent Hospital reports submitted to the Grand Pup Tents via the Cootie website and submits the Grand Hospital Report to the Supreme Hospital Commissioner."

### Sec B

Strike "A copy of this monthly report is mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to the" and replace with "A copy of the Grand Hospital report shall be submitted no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month"

### Sec D

Strike "Supreme District Commissioner" and replace with "Supreme Hospital Commissioner"

Strike "Special Service Officer or duly authorized representative of any hospital or institution where the reported visitations were alleged to have been made." and replace with "Pup Tent Hospital Chairman or Seam Squirrel."

# If Adopted Will Read

### Sec A

Approve all Pup Tent hospital reports submitted to the Grand Pup Tents via the Hospital Reporting System on the Cootie LOTCS website and submits the Grand Hospital Report to the Supreme Hospital Commissioner.

### Sec B

Once a month compiles a complete report of hospital activity from the previous month(s) of the Grand Pup Tent and submits it to the Grand Commander for distribution. A Copy of the Grand Hospital report shall be submitted no later than the 15th of the following month to the Supreme Hospital Commissioner.

### Sec D

The Grand Hospital Chairperson shall have the authority and duty to investigate all hospital reports submitted to them for approval and submission to the Supreme Hospital Commissioner. Their duty to investigate shall include, if necessary, the right to request a verbal or written verification from the Pup Tent Hospital Chairman or Seam Squirrel.

**Justification:** Due to the change in reporting from paper forms to electronic reporting on the Cootie LOTCS website and removal of Supreme District Commissioner.

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article V, Supreme Pup Tents, Section 505 "Supreme Officers" Subsection A. "Elective"

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
A. Elective: The Elective officers of the Supreme Pup Tent shall be a Supreme Commander, Supreme Senior Vice-Commander, Supreme Junior Vice-Commander, Supreme Quartermaster, Supreme Surgeon, Supreme Judge Advocate, Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Historian, three (3) Supreme Trustees.	Add "For continuity the use of the Cootie Shavetail designations may be used, Commander, Senior Vice, etc. as the Grand officer's desire. However, for clarity, the Bylaws will maintain the clear text references."  All Sections Strike He/She in all subsections.	A. Elective: The Elective officers of the Supreme Pup Tent shall be a Supreme Commander, Supreme Senior Vice-Commander, Supreme Junior Vice-Commander, Supreme Quartermaster, Supreme Surgeon, Supreme Judge Advocate, Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Historian, three (3) Supreme Trustees. For continuity the use of the Cootie Shavetail designations may be used, Command, Senior Vice, etc. as the Grand officer's desire. However, for clarity, the Bylaws will maintain the clear text references.

Justification: Historically, the Shavetail designations were established and used at all levels of the organization. The use of the "clear text" officer titles was implemented to provide clarity and understanding as the organization grew and changed over time. The use of either term is acceptable for the officers and should remain as a term of preference for each Grand or Supreme officer as they so desire.

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article VI, "Miscellaneous Provision" Section 604 "Inspections":

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
The Supreme Commander may require the inspection of any Grand or Local Pup Tent when he/she believes that the best interest of the Order requires it. He/She may detail such person as he/she deems qualified and all books, papers, accounts, records and proceedings pertaining to the Pup Tent or the Military Order of the Cootie shall be subject to such inspection.	All Sections Strike He/She and add "the Supreme Commander"	The Supreme Commander may require the inspection of any Grand or Local Pup Tent when the Supreme Commander believes that the best interest of the Order requires it. The Supreme Commander may detail such person as the Supreme Commander deems qualified and all books, papers, accounts, records and proceedings pertaining to the Pup Tent or the Military Order of the Cootie shall be subject to such inspection.

**Justification:** Removal of He/She to align with the rest of the bylaws.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

B-4

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article V, "Supreme Pup Tent", Section 522 "Duties of the Hospital Commissioner":

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Sec A. Supervise activity of Supreme District Hospital Commissioners of the Grand and Black Pup Tent Hospital Chairman. Compile report forms and submit completed monthly reports to the Cootie Courier for publication.  Sec B. Supreme Pup Tent Headquarters shall post hospital report forms on the official MOC website for download and printing by the Hospital Chairmen. All reports from the Supreme Hospital Commissioner will be submitted to the Cootie Courier for publication in each issue.	Sec A. Strike "Supreme District Hospital Commissioners of the Grand and Back Pup Tent Hospital Chairman." And replace with "Supervise activity of the Grand and Independent Pup Tent Hospital Chairman.  Sec B. Strike "Supreme Pup Tent Headquarters shall post hospital report forms on the official MOC website for download and printing by the hospital chairmen."	Sec A. Supervise activity of the Grand and Independent Pup Tent Hospital Chairman. Compile report forms and submit completed monthly reports to the Cootie Courier for publication.  Sec B. All reports from the Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall be submitted to the Cootie Courier for publication in each issue.

**Justification:** Due to the change in reporting from paper forms to electronic reporting on the Cootie LOTCS website.

B-6

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article V, "Supreme Pup Tent", Section 533 "Per Capita Tax":

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Sec A. The Supreme Per Capita Tax assessed each member shall be \$9.00 per year, payable in advance when dues are paid by the member. This shall become effective January 1, 2004.	Sec A. Strike "\$9.00" and replace with "\$12.00". Replace "January 1, 2004" with June 1, 2025  Sec B. Remove all text in section.	Sec A. The Supreme Per Capita Tax assessed each member shall be \$12.00 per year, payable in advance when dues are paid by the member. This shall become effective January 1, 2025.
Sec B. Each member shall be entitled to a subscription to the official publication of the Military Order of the Cootie, <i>The Cootie Courier</i> , upon payment of the Supreme Per Capita Tax	Sec C. Remove all text in section	Sec B. Deleted  Sec C. Deleted
Sec C. The Supreme Quartermaster will withhold \$2.00 of each Per Capita Tax payment as payment in full of an annual subscription to The Cootie Courier.		

**Justification:** Increased costs of running Supreme Headquarters day to day operations due to inflation. Revised from subscription service to server maintenance.

Submitted by: Supreme "CCDB" Quartermaster Gary Dressel

B-7

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article V, "Supreme Pup Tent", Section 534 "Registration Fee at Supreme Scratch":

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Sec A. Advance registration fee for the Supreme Scratch will be \$15.00.  Sec B. Registration at the Supreme Scratch will be \$20.00 and shall be required of all members before voice or vote can be heard, if in attendance at the Supreme Scratch.  Sec E. Pup Tents failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears and will be subjected to a late fee penalty and will be required to pay \$20.00 to bring the Pup Tent out of arrears and back in good standing with the Supreme organization.	Sec A. Strike "\$15.00" and replace with "\$20.00"  Sec B. Add "At the door" to the beginning of the section.  Sec E. Strike "\$20.00" and replace with "\$25.00"	Sec A. Advance registration fee for the Supreme Scratch will be \$20.00.  Sec B. At the door Registration at the Supreme Scratch will be \$25.00 and shall be required of all members before voice or vote can be heard, if in attendance at the Supreme Scratch.  Sec E. Pup Tents failing to comply with this provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears and will be subjected to a late fee penalty and will be required to pay \$25.00 to bring the Pup Tent out of arrears and back in good standing with the Supreme organization.

Justification: Increased costs due to inflation.

B-8

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article VII "Uniforms, Badges, Salaries, Etc.", Section 701 "Uniforms:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
B Tassels:  a. Green b. Black c. Black and White: d. Green and White Mixed e. Green and White Mixed with Black Knob f. White g. White with Black Knob h. Purple i. Red-White- Gold Mixed j. Gold k. Gold with Black Knob l. Red-White- Gold Mixed with Red Knob m. Red with Gold Knob n. Red with Gold Knob o. Black with Gold Knob p. Gold Knob q. Red-White-Blue Mixed	Sec B. arrange rank of tassels in proper ranking.  Strike "e. Green and White Mixed Tassels" and reorder remaining tassels.	B Tassels:  a. Green b. Black c. Black and White d. Black with Gold Knob e. Green and White Mixed with Black Knob f. White g. White with Black Knob h. Purple i. White with Gold Knob j. Red-White-Blue Mixed k. Gold l. Gold with Black Knob m. Red with Black Knob o. Red-White-Gold Mixed p. Red-White-Gold Mixed knob

Justification: To reorder the tassels in proper ranking (Lowest to highest) and for clarification.

**B-9**PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article VII "Uniforms, Badges, Salaries, Etc.", Section 701 "Uniforms:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Sec I. Shoes and Socks shall be optional.	Proposed Amendment  Add "Except for when full Cootie Uniform is Required" after Optional.	Sec I. Shoes and Socks shall be optional except for when full Cootie Uniform is required.

**Justification:** Clarification that you must wear shoes and socks in uniform. (Tomb Trek, Supreme Memorial Service as examples.)

B-10
PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article IX, "Amendments" Section 901:

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
These Bylaws may be amended or altered by the Supreme Scratch by a twothirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present at the Supreme Scratch every year provided that such amendments have been approved or are presented by the Supreme By-Law Committee, a Pup Tent, or a Grand Pup Tent and written notice, thereof, together with a copy of the proposed amendments that has been distributed to each Pup Tent not less than thirty (30) days before the Supreme Scratch. All amendments adopted at any Supreme Scratch according to the provisions of this section, shall take effect and supersede all previous amendments, programs and policies, upon approval by the parent organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. In procedural matters not otherwise provided for, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the authority.	Revise By-Law to Bylaw	These Bylaws may be amended or altered by the Supreme Scratch by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present at the Supreme Scratch every year provided that such amendments have been approved or are presented by the Supreme Bylaw Committee, a Pup Tent, or a Grand Pup Tent and written notice, thereof, together with a copy of the proposed amendments that has been distributed to each Pup Tent not less than thirty (30) days before the Supreme Scratch. All amendments adopted at any Supreme Scratch according to the provisions of this section, shall take effect and supersede all previous amendments, programs and policies, upon approval by the parent organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. In procedural matters not otherwise provided for, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the authority.

**Justification:** To coincide with our parent organization's by-laws and they will be the authority, then Robert's Rules of Order.

**B-11**PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article IX, Section 902 "Submission of By-Laws"

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Section 902 does not exist.	Add "Section 902-Submission of Bylaws. Bylaw changes can be submitted by any Pup tent and shall be endorsed by the respective Grands, with the exception of Independent Pup Tents. Independent Pup Tents shall submit directly to the Supreme Adjutant and Supreme Bylaws Committee Chair. Grand endorsement of bylaw changes can happen at a Grand COA or Grand Convention and shall be submitted to the Supreme Adjutant and Supreme Bylaws Committee chair."	Section 902- Submission of By-laws. Bylaw changes can be submitted by any Pup tent and shall be endorsed by the respective Grands, with the exception of Independent Pup Tents. Independent Pup Tents shall submit directly to the Supreme Adjutant and Supreme Bylaws Committee Chair. Grand endorsement of bylaw changes can happen at a Grand COA or Grand Convention and shall be submitted to the Supreme Adjutant and Supreme Bylaws Committee chair.

Justification: To align with our parent organization for the submission of bylaw changes.

**B-12**PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article IV, Grand Pup Tents, Section 402 "Provisional"

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Where the necessary number of Pup Tents with the required minimum membership has not been organized in any Department, the Supreme Commander may establish a Provisional Grand Pup Tent, or may assign such state to the Grand Pup Tent of a contiguous state.	Add "When a Provisional Grand Pup Tent is established, it is limited to two years."	Section 402- Provisional.  Where the necessary number of Pup Tents with the required minimum membership has not been organized in any Department, the Supreme Commander may establish a Provisional Grand Pup Tent, or may assign such state to the Grand Pup Tent of a contiguous state. When a Provisional Grand Pup Tent is established, it is limited to two years.

**Justification:** To encourage the area given Provisional status to actually complete the steps required to become a Grand and not be stagnate or revert back to Independent Pup Tent status.

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article I, Membership, Section 120 "Life Memberships" Sub section C. Life Membership Fee Plan C.

Current Word	ding	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
C. Life Memb Plan C. A Life Plan "C" shall established us current \$9.00 Tax and the fo schedule:  Through age 30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71-80 81 and up	e Membership be sing the Per Capita	Replace "Plan C with Plan D" Replace "\$9.00 with \$12.00." Revise Life Membership table to reflect the increase in Life Membership cost. Add Section 120 C-1	C. Life Membership Fee Plan C. A Life Membership Plan "D" shall be established using the current \$12.00 Per Capita Tax and the following fee schedule:  C-1: Plan "C" shall be closed and no new members will be accepted after December 31, 2024.  Through age \$395.00 30 31-40 \$375.00 41-50 \$355.00 51-60 \$320.00 61-70 \$285.00 71-80 \$220.00 81 and up \$175.00
	15	% incre	ase

**Justification:** Price increase coinciding with the increase of the per capital tax.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

B-13

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article IV, Grand Pup Tents, Section 407 "Officers"

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
A. The officers of the Grand Pup Tent shall consist of the same officer as compose the Local Pup Tent with the addition of a Chief of Staff, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Inspector, Deputy Inspectors, VAVSR and Aides-de-Camp. All officers shall prefix the word "Grand" to their title.	Add "For continuity the use of the Cootie Shavetail designations may be used, Commander, Senior Vice, etc. as the Grand officer's desire. However, for clarity, the Bylaws will maintain the clear text references."	A. The officers of the Grand Pup Tent shall consist of the same officer as compose the Local Pup Tent with the addition of a Chief of Staff, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Inspector, Deputy Inspectors, VAVSR and Aides-de-Camp. All officers shall prefix the word "Grand" to their title. For continuity the use of the Cootie Shavetail designations may be used, Command, Senior Vice, etc. as the Grand officer's desire. However, for clarity, the Bylaws will maintain the clear text references.

**Justification**: Historically, the Shavetail designations were established and used at all levels of the organization. The use of the "clear text" officer titles was implemented to provide clarity and understanding as the organization grew and changed over time. The use of either term is acceptable for the officers and should remain as a term of preference for each Grand or Supreme officer as they so desire.

Submitted by: Bylaws Committee

B-14

B-15

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article V, Supreme Pup Tents, Section 505 "Supreme Officers" Subsection D

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

**Justification:** Using the term "Black pup tent" could be considered offensive to some.

B-16
PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amed the Preamble.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
We, officers and enlisted persons and honorably discharged officers and enlisted persons of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps of the United States of America, who have served in Foreign wars of the United States of America on foreign soil or in hostile waters, and who are in Good standing in "The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States" do hereby unite to establish a permanent organization, which shall be known as the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States. Thus, the Military Order of the United States was organized in Washington, D. C., on September 17, 1920.	Remove the words "Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps" and replace with, "Armed Forces:	We, officers and enlisted persons and honorably discharged officers and enlisted persons of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, who have served in Foreign wars of the United States of America on foreign soil or in hostile waters, and who are in Good standing in "The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States" do hereby unite to establish a permanent organization, which shall be known as the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States. Thus, the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States was organized in Washington, D. C., on September 17, 1920.

**Justification**: To include all services currently part of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Submitted by: Kenneth Shannon, Grand of Virginia

B-17

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article IV, "Grand Pup Tents", Section 407B Elective (Officers)":

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read	
Sec B Elective officers of each Grand Pup Tent shall be a Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chaplain, Historian and Council Members as provided in Paragraph D of this Section.	Sec B Add "Three (3) Trustees	Sec B B Elective officers of each Grand Pup Tent shall be a Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Quartermaster, Three (3) Trustees, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Chaplain, Historian and Council Members as provided in Paragraph D of this Section.	

Justification: Section 407 A states that the officers of the Grand Pup Tent shall consist of the same officers as compose the Local Pup Tent

Submitted by: Cedar Bugs Pup Tent 6 Grand of Iowa

B-18 PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article IV, "Grand Pup Tents",

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted Will Read
Current Wording	Add a section  Add a section	Duties of the trustees. It shall be the duty of the Trustees not later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period, to properly audit the books and records of the Grand Quartermaster and Grand Adjutant and submit on the prescribed form, supplied by Supreme Headquarters, a detailed report of audit. Except for Grands with less the \$1,000.00 in total assets, who may submit an annual report at the end of the calendar year rather than for quarterly reports. One copy is to be retained by the Grand, and one (1) copy sent to the Supreme Quartermaster.

**Justification:** Listing the duties of the proposed Trustees of the Grand Submitted by: Cedar Bugs Pup Tent 6 Grand of Iowa.

B-19

PROPOSED SUPREME BYLAW AMENDMENT: Amend Article V, "Supreme Pup Tents", Section 505 "Supreme Officer":

Current Wording	Current Wording Proposed Amendment If Adopte	
Sec C The Supreme Council of Administration shall consist of the following officers: All elected officers (see paragraph A.), the immediate Past Supreme Commander, Supreme Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Hospital Commissioner, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, all Grand Commanders, and two (2) Councilmembers representing the separate Pup Tents. Each Councilmember is elected for one (1) year terms.	Sec C Add Councilmembers will remain members of the Council of Administration until said Council of Administration is dissolved by the Supreme Commander.	Sec C The Supreme Council of Administration shall consist of the following officers: All elected officers (see paragraph A.), the immediate Past Supreme Commander, Supreme Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Hospital Commissioner, Shirt Reader, Provost Marshal, Jimmy Legs, all Grand Commanders, and two (2) Councilmembers representing the separate Pup Tents. Each Councilmember is elected for one (1) year terms. Add Councilmembers will remain members of the Council of Administration until said Council of Administration is dissolved by the Supreme Commander.

**Justification:** to make clear who is on the C of A and when that member is on the Council.

Submitted by: Tracy Woodman & Bylaws Committee