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Crummy News that's Unfit to Print!*



**Yoink! Yoink! Do you know where your gavel is? Or,
any other belongings? You'd better keep track of them!
Why? Meet the new Supreme Burglar, Drew James.**

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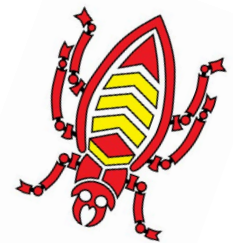
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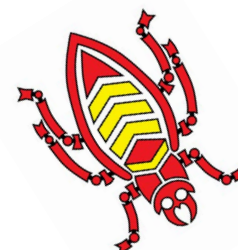
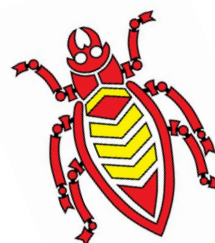
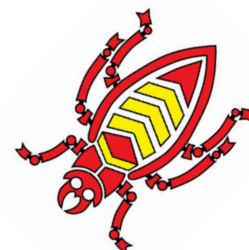
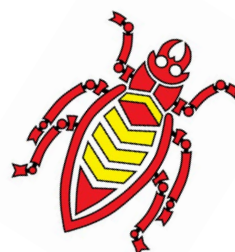
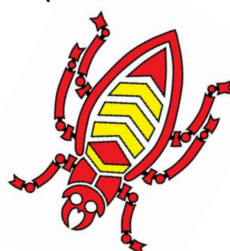
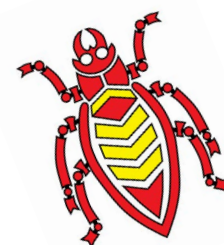
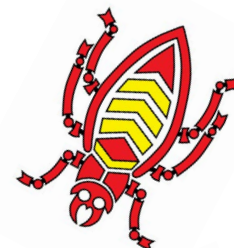
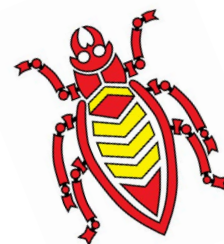


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From the Supreme Seam Squirrel

Listen Cooties!

It's crazy that we're already two months into the year. I hit the ground running, and I hope all of you have too. Please get your reports in. As of writing this, several Grands/Pup Tents have little to no hospital reporting. This is our mission, and the reporting system is very simple. If you have any troubles with your reports reach out to the Hospital Commissioner and/or Code Slinger for help. Also, get your inspections done to qualify for All Star this year. They are due by 1 Mar 2025.



On a serious note, I am continuing to bear the torch that Cooties are Comrades First! I am urging everyone to work together to rebuild/rekindle the relationship's with our parent organization to build a more cohesive partnership. I don't know where/when the divide happened, and frankly don't care at this point. This also extends to our sister VSO's. We all have a similar goal and we shouldn't be bad mouthing other VSO's when out recruiting or doing hospital work. Second, we need to work on our internal cohesiveness as well. I recommend all Grands to reach out to your fellow Grand Commanders and discuss what is working for you and maybe where you are struggling and help each other grow together.

If you haven't been following my Facebook feed. I have been on the road a lot already this year. I had the pleasure to attend Al's Commander-in-Chief's homecoming in Savannah, where the Cooties of GA PT1 took great care of me. I attended steak night at the post home Thursday night, followed by a hospital visit on Friday morning where we had a water fight with the residents and staff, and a Savannah Banana's game that night. Then Saturday morning PT1 had their inaugural "Cootie Cruise" to Daufuskie Island, and Saturday evening we attended the Commander-in-Chief homecoming banquet where I presented Al with one of my Gold polos. Finally, Sunday I was able to give the oath to two new MOC Auxiliary members. If anyone makes it to Savannah make sure to look up post 660, and PT 1.

Two weeks later I had the honor to attend the VFW National Council of Administration (C of A) and I received a Supreme Commander VFW cover from Al in front of the council. It was eye opening to see the VFW business at that level, and spread the good work we do to the VFW staff and council members. Lastly, I attended the Grand of CA's C of A in Selma, where I always have a great time.

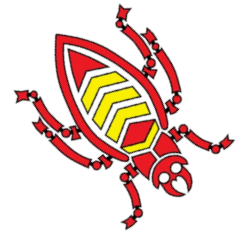
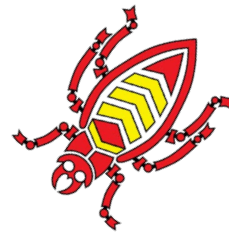
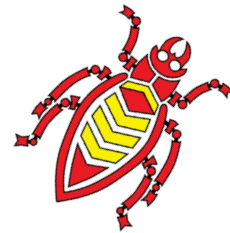
As always, please get your Supreme Representative requests in ASAP so that we can properly fill them. As a courtesy, add a tentative agenda to your requests, if able. Don't think you have to do as much as PT1 did for me in GA, or ND did for Mark during Memorial Day last year, that bar is pretty high!

I look forward to seeing all that can make it at Tomb Trek this year.

Yours in LOTCS,

Robbie Normand
Supreme Seam Squirrel
2024-2025





From the Supreme Blanket Bum

Listen Cooties!

Supreme Middle Bug here in straight talk.

Our humor is a huge part of who we are. Being able to make fun of ourselves makes us fearless. This quality not only makes others laugh, but even helps some of us overcome or cope with our own fears. One of the keys in maximizing this effect, is knowing when to stop. Always be courteous and respectful while having fun.

Keep up the great work in your seams! Hospital work is looking great so far. Let's get those inspections done and submitted.

Continue to work with your Cootie Auxiliary team; assisting them in recruiting and growing as well.



Increase and multiply!

Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!

Busier than a Bee!

Yours in LOTCS,

Eric Bell
Supreme Blanket Bum
(Senior Vice Commander)
2024-2025



From the Supreme Hide Gimlet

Listen Cooties:

I am honored that you have chosen me to the esteemed position of Supreme Hide Gimlet. Thank you!

It was great hanging out with those who were able to attend the VFW National and MOC Supreme Conventions. For those who were not able to attend.... We missed you! Seeing all the children at the conventions was phenomenal. I don't know about you, but I rested for about a week when I got back. Some of it probably had to do with the weather changes between Kentucky and Wisconsin.

Congrats to those who left the 2024-2025 gate running. Looking at the different reports, I have already seen 100% inspections for some Grands on Pup Tents. Hospital reports are already over 100% on many Pup Tents and Grands. There's even quite a few 100%+ in Membership.

Recently while in Missouri, Wayne and I were able to meet up with Grape Nuts Pup Tent 56. Thank you for your lousy hospitality. The grandkids enjoyed helping mark numbers and passing out money to the veterans during bingo at the Missouri Veterans Home.

Looking at my calendar, there's lots of events to do in the upcoming months with VFW Big Ten Conference (Indiana), Jr Vice Training, Tomb Trek and Cootie Christmas to name a few. Hope to see you soon out there in Cootie land!

3 last words... Mentorship and Families!

Yours in LOTCS,

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From the Supreme Quartermaster

WOW Cooties!

Supreme Headquarters had been running at full throttle. Following Supreme Convention, after getting knocked on my arse by the firehose of transition from Gary, Grands and Cooties are Increasing and Multiplying. We've processed 41 New Life Members and numerous Continuous Members from our independent Pup Tents and Grands. Please remember membership in this Crummy Fraternity is very important! Pup Tent CCDB's encourage new Atoms to take those backward steps. Process them through the Grand CCDB's; Grand CCDB's get them processed to Supreme. Headquarters is receiving Depot orders and membership emails from "New Cooties" that are not on the Supreme Rolls.



I'm very happy to report, Headquarters is working with 2 Grands to start new Pup Tents. For more information on "How to Start a New Pup Tent" visit lotcs.org; Forms.

The Cootie Depot sales are jumping off the charts, we've processed 132 orders between 9 August & 30 September, for over \$15,000 in sales – Thank you for every order! Keep 'em coming.

For those of you who have called or emailed the Headquarters, you have met Ken Eggers, Supreme QM's Lackey (Official Title). I would like to thank him for the support, encouragement and for taking on this adventure with me! I wouldn't be able to do this alone!!!

It's been a very busy couple months here at the Headquarters; all the training (CCDB & Cootie Depot), learning new systems, processes, procedures, vendors, supply chains, ALL on top of trying to move and get settled in Pittsburgh.

Please feel free to call or email the Headquarters at Supremehqmc@lotcs.org, or call 412-824-2240. Everything I put out is clear as mud.

In closing, **THANK YOU** for giving me your vote of confidence, it is an honor it to be elected as your **SUPREME CCDB!**

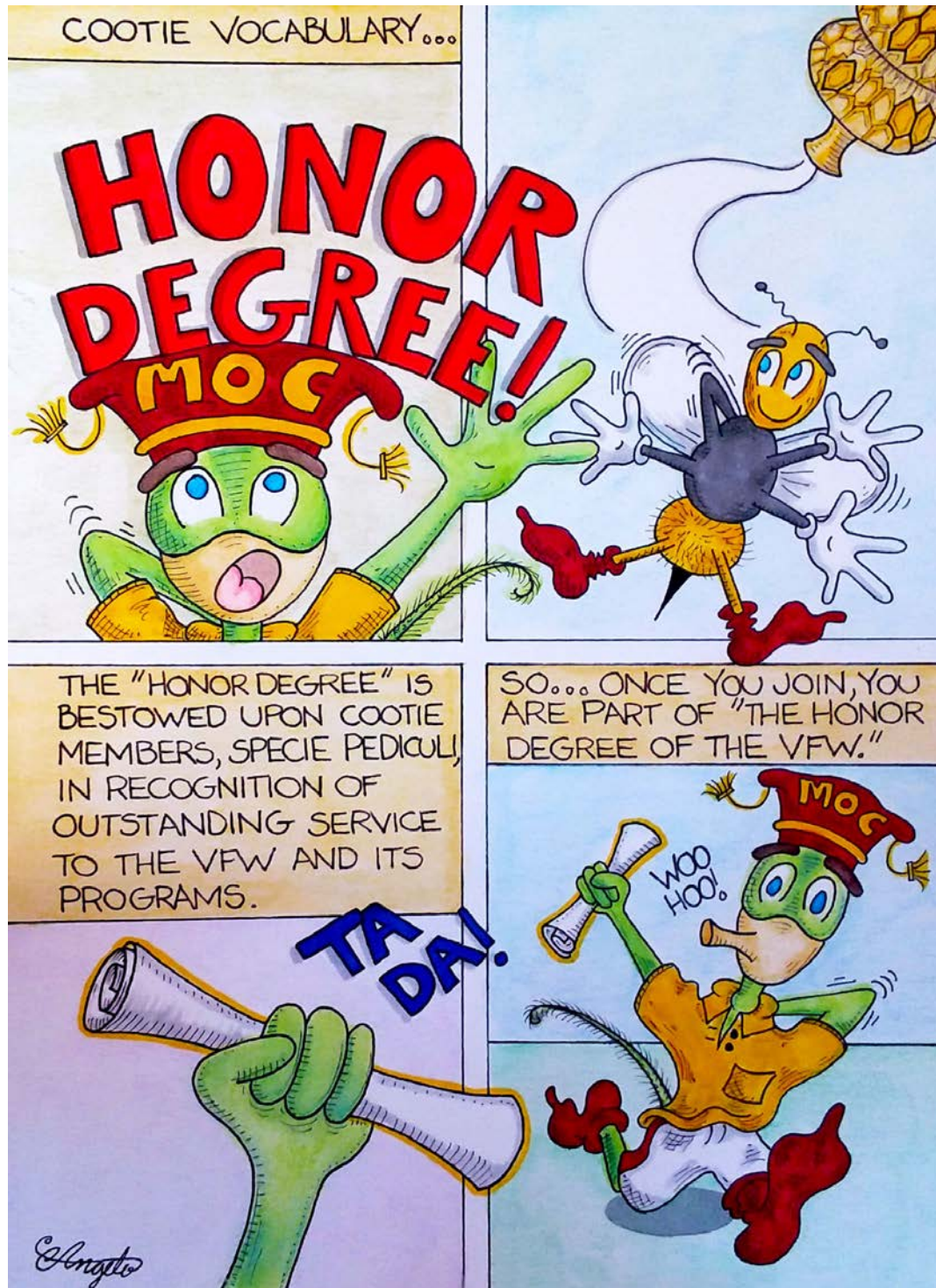
Yours in LOTCS,

**Marcia Eggers
Supreme CCDB
2024-2025**

Blue Ointment Chronicles



Honor Degree



After completing your 3rd degree initiation, did you ever wonder where your "Honor Degree" was? We are the "Honor Degree" of the VFW, right? Well, now there is an actual "Honor Degree" for our *Crummy Fraternity* of Specie Pediculi; authorized by our Supreme Commander, Olin Parks. The PDF fillable version can be found on the Forms page under the Pup Tent tab: <https://www.lotcs.org/forms.html>. So, once you have completed your 3rd degree initiation, you now will have proof of your journey from Atom to Nit to Grayback and finally to a Cootie. What about if you've already completed your 3rd degree initiation? Not to worry, the degree is retroactive. So, have the present Seam Squirrel (the issuing authority) print your degree.

Are you new to our Crummy Fraternity? Do you know what LOTCS means? Do you know what a Sock Check is? What's a Shavetail? How do you check if one is a Cootie or not? Scan the QR code to find out in our Comic Book.





FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

GOOD EVENING!! WHAT an OPPORTUNE TIME to see each of you again. To Those that have GIVEN. Schedule again AND give for the SAKE of VETERANS and FAMILIES in need of those PRECIOUS FLUIDS.



ARIZONA: SUNNY SLOPS #11, HUCHIE KUCHIE #13

FLORIDA: YELLOW RIVER BELLIES, #1, MISSLE BUGS #2, BOWEEVIL #8

GEORGIA: MOSSY MITES #1

ILLINOIS: 8-ER FROM DECATUR

IOWA: BEAVER PATROL #69

LOUISIANA: LOUSY #11

MARYLAND: DUCK BUCK GUSE #6

MINNESOTA: GOPHER #2

MISSOURI: RUNNING BEAR #5

TEXAS: KREWE DE SANFU #10, LUCKY #37, UCKISHE #55

VIRGINIA: FRED GNATS #19

WASHINGTON: LUCKY #11



MY PERSONAL FAVORITE. WHOLE BLOOD, BUT PLASMA & PLATELETS ARE JUST FINE, TOO.

From the Supreme Papa Clown

Greetings my Crummy Cootie Clowns (C3),

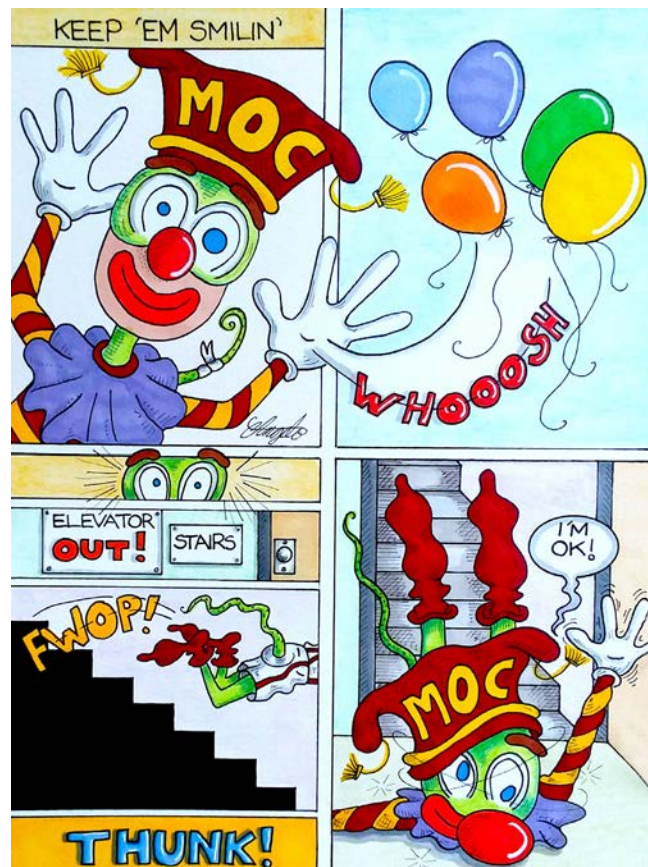
We had a great Supreme Scratch and are working on another Crummy Cootie year.

I'll remind everyone again, the key to being certified as an official clown is the number 333.

At least **three** separate hospital visits, where you wear at least **three** pieces of "**Clown Clothing**", Sending the dates, places and a picture of you at **three** different events to me for certification before the 1st of June.

In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins "Archibald O'Perk"
Supreme Poppa Clown
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From the Supreme VAVS Representative

Hi Cooties,

I have had several calls about how to have a Cootie designated as VAVS Representative or Deputy in your local VA medical center.

The procedure is not that hard. The Grand Commander chooses a Cootie for the position, the commander then prepares the VAVS Certification form found at: <https://lotcs.org/Forms/Hospital/2022-2023%20VAVS%20Certification.pdf> Or scan the QR code below to access the form. The completed form is sent to me, or Walt if you live on the east coast, for approval and forwarding to VA Headquarters.



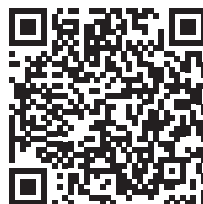
Another point to remember. VAVS Reps and Deputies are assigned to a specific VA Medical center, not to the Grand. So, if there is more than one VA Medical Center in your state, a representative, and as many deputies as are needed, should be assigned to each medical center.

As we spoke of before, Representatives and Deputies are expected to be "regularly assigned volunteers" at that medical center.

As always, feel free to call me if you have any questions. Be blessed as you serve our fellow veterans.

Yours in LOTCS,

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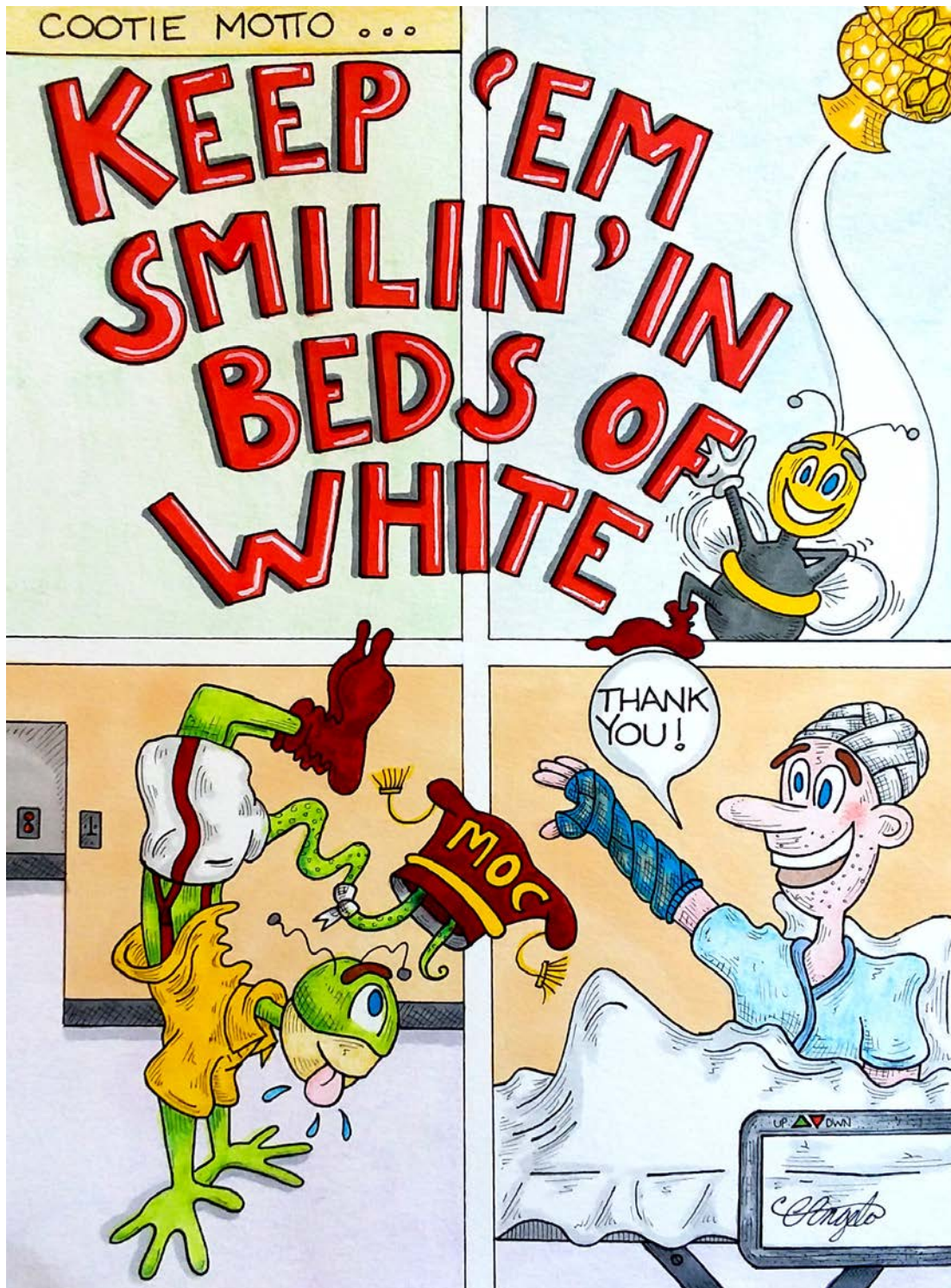
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Did you know that a **Life Membership** in the Military Order of the Cootie can be purchased with your credit card?
Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!
(412-824-2240)

MOC Hospital Report

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



MOC Inspection Report



09-30-2024

Grand	# of PT's	PT's Inspt'd	NEW PT /#	Defunct PT/#	Date Cmpl't'd	Grand Inspt'd	Percent	Pup Tents not Inspected
AL-1	1					N/A	0%	1
AL-13	1					N/A	0%	13
AK-2	1	1			09/22/24		100%	
AZ	8						0%	2,6,10,11,13,14,23,777
AR	5						0%	3,13,14,21,48
CA	11						0%	7,16,19,23,40,43,44,61,66,68,69
CO	5	1					20%	2,7,14,19
DE	3					N/A	0%	1,2,4
EUR	1						0%	6
FL	17	12				N/A	71%	8,25,29,44,59
GA-1	1					N/A	0%	1
GA-5	1					N/A	0%	5
GA-66	1	1			09/24/24	N/A	100%	
HI	1					N/A	0%	1
IL	6	1				N/A	17%	2,3,42,48,79
IN	1						0%	11
IA	3					N/A	0%	1,6,69
KS	5	4				Yes	80%	6
KY	4	3				Yes	75%	9
LA	3						0%	3,6,11
MD	8	4				N/A	50%	1,3,6,27
MA-14	1						0%	
MI	9					N/A	0%	12,14,17,18,21,24,32,42,96
MN	12	6					50%	2,15,54,62,66,99
MS	6	6			09/23/24	Yes	100%	
MO	8					N/A	0%	1,2,5,12,14,15,17,58
MT-10	1						0%	10
NE	3					N/A	0%	4,7,10
NV-2	1					N/A	0%	2
NH-1	1					N/A	0%	1
NH-3	1						0%	3
NJ	4						0%	7,15,38,41
NM	4						0%	5,7,14,19
NY	7						0%	2,9,75,32,42,54,65,69
NC	11						0%	1,2,3,8,11,17,24,57,78,89,254
ND	6						0%	2,6,7,8,10,12
OH	11						0%	1,5,9,16,18,24,45,68,83,86,92
OK	7						0%	1,2,4,5,7,16,17
OR	7	1					14%	1,6,8,9,13,23
PAC	8	1				Yes	13%	2,6,7,8,11,13,15
PA	11						0%	18,29,30,33,44,45,58,59,72,92,98
SC	6						0%	1,3,9,10,13,15
SD	3						0%	1,12,20
TN	3						0%	4,5,26
TX	11	6	205				55%	5,11,13,34,36
VA	10						0%	1,2,5,9,11,13,14,17,18,19
WA	7					N/A	0%	3,4,5,6,8,9,11,18
WV-6	1						0%	6
WI	7	7			09/18/24		100%	
								DEFUNCT PUP TENTS
TOTAL	254	54	1			4	21.26%	New Pup Tents
								TX 205

MOC Membership Report



2024-2025 Membership Report 9/15/2024											
Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
5	KANSAS	67.84%	1	80	0	35	116	171	0	1	
3	LOUISIANA	63.30%	0	41	0	28	69	109	0	0	
4	NEW JERSEY	52.04%	0	11	0	40	51	98	0	0	
7	NEW YORK	92.78%	7	91	0	69	167	180	2	7	
5	COLORADO	51.33%	0	0	0	58	58	113	0	0	
3	TENNESSEE	53.10%	0	0	0	60	60	113	0	0	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	41.00%	0	2	0	39	41	100	0	0	
5	ARKANSAS	79.14%	5	57	0	50	112	139	1	5	
6	OREGON	80.62%	3	33	0	72	108	129	4	3	
6	NORTH DAKOTA	47.67%	1	9	0	72	82	172	0	1	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	82.98%	0	2	0	37	39	47	0	0	
9	MICHIGAN	46.27%	0	17	0	103	120	255	2	0	
17	FLORIDA	68.02%	9	61	0	232	302	444	6	9	
8	MISSOURI	79.51%	7	59	0	165	231	283	8	7	
7	WISCONSIN	56.18%	2	28	1	111	142	251	2	3	
4	NEW MEXICO	70.00%	0	16	0	55	71	100	1	0	
6	SOUTH CAROLINA	64.32%	0	13	0	124	137	213	2	0	
3	IOWA	53.85%	2	0	0	48	50	91	2	2	
6	ILLINOIS	83.65%	3	38	1	91	133	159	0	4	
6	MISSISSIPPI	92.73%	0	32	2	113	147	165	1	2	
11	PENNSYLVANIA	70.76%	4	52	6	206	268	383	2	10	
13	TEXAS	62.25%	31	19	9	205	264	400	7	40	
8	WASHINGTON	88.28%	7	81	2	139	229	256	4	9	
10	VIRGINIA	70.34%	4	18	0	230	252	354	11	4	
3	NEBRASKA	75.51%	0	3	0	73	76	98	3	0	
10	NORTH CAROLINA	70.19%	0	36	1	172	209	312	3	1	
4	KENTUCKY	96.00%	4	58	0	131	193	200	2	4	
11	CALIFORNIA	85.38%	4	101	0	267	372	431	5	4	
3	DELAWARE	77.17%	0	2	0	71	73	92	2	0	
8	MARYLAND	72.63%	1	36	1	168	206	285	1	2	
12	MINNESOTA	62.77%	0	26	0	178	204	325	8	0	
8	ARIZONA	79.94%	9	1	0	256	266	329	3	9	
7	OKLAHOMA	37.30%	1	3	0	66	70	185	1	1	
11	OHIO	78.57%	1	10	0	242	253	322	1	1	
8	PACIFIC AREAS	92.87%	2	15	0	376	393	421	2	2	
INDEPENDENT DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALABAMA 13	28.85%	0	0	0	15	15	52	0	0	
1	ALABAMA 1	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	97.67%	0	32	0	10	42	43	0	0	
1	INDIANA 11	47.73%	0	4	0	17	21	44	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1	41.67%	0	2	0	18	20	48	0	0	
1	ALASKA 2	30.61%	0	0	0	15	15	49	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	48.84%	0	0	0	21	21	43	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	82.98%	0	2	0	37	39	47	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 1	76.67%	1	4	0	19	24	30	1	1	
1	GEORGIA 66	102.22%	1	16	0	29	46	45	0	1	
1	HAWAII 1	81.82%	0	0	0	9	9	11	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 5	60.61%	0	0	0	20	20	33	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	90.00%	0	0	0	45	45	50	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	88.64%	3	3	0	79	85	88	7	3	
1	MONTANA 10	95.08%	0	0	0	57	57	61	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	100.06%		1		1563	1564	1563		0	
268	TOTALS	76.27%	113	1115	23	6336	7587	9947	94	136	

+ Division Leader
 ^ Tied for Division Lead
 * Achieved 100%

Erik Rothenberg Candidate for Supreme Hide Gimlet - Jr. Vice Commander

Military Service

- Army 2000 - 2014 Retired

VFW

- Gold Legacy Life Member
- Post 4262 (SC) 2015 - 2016 3 - year Trustee
- Post 993 (VA) 2016 - 2017 Jr. Vice CDR
- Post 4262 Jr. Vice CDR 2018
- Post 641 All American/All State Post CDR 2020 - 2021
- District 2 All American CDR 2019 - 2021
- Post 10281 House Committee 2024 - 2025

MOC

- Red Star Life Member
- Seam Squirrel PT #15 2018 - 2021 (1ST SS, Charter Member)
 - Columbia VA VAVS Rep 2018 - 2021
 - Grand Cootie of the Year 2020
 - Grand Inspector 2021 - 2022
 - All Star Grand CDR 2022 - 2023
 - Supreme Council member 2022 - 2023



- South Carolina Grand 3-year Trustee 2023 - 2024
- Supreme Jimmy Legs 2023 - 2024
- Supreme 3yr Trustee
- Supreme Membership Chairman

IOTA PHI THETA Beta Nu Omega (Greek Fraternity)

- Treasurer 2024-2026

Fort Knox NPHC Council

- Trustee 2023-2024

Work

- Department of the Army – United States Cadet Command – Brigade S1

Organizations

- American Legion Post 113 - Member
- NABVETS
- AGCRA (Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association) – Life Member
- NAACP– Hardin County Chapter – Life Member

MasonicHouses

- Euclid Lodge #13 Bardstown, KY – Sr.Warden
- AL-Nahda Temple #247 Elizabethtown, KY – Assistant Rabban
- Allie S. Carr Sr. #41 Royal Arch Masons–Elizabethtown, KY–Scribe
- Royal and Select Masters Elizabethtown, KY – Chaplain
- Knights Templar Elizabethtown, KY – Member
- Lancaster Consistory #257 RockHill, SC - Member

Ronnie Steele Candidate for Supreme Hide Gimlet - Jr. Vice Commander

Joining the U.S. Navy from Great Falls, Montana Ronnie joined the VFW in 2014 at VFW Post 9382 in Suffolk, Virginia earning eligibility during his service in the Pacific and Middle Eastern Theaters. His qualifying eligibility include the Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, and Hostile Fire Pay for Operations in the Philippines. He maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership with Joe Bagley VFW Post 2582 in Suffolk, Virginia and his MOC Red Star Life (x2) with the Virginia Beach Coots Pup Tent 9 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

Pup Tent

Pup Tent 9 Seam Squirrel	2020-2021, 2024-Present
Pup Tent 9 Hungry Cootie	2021-2024
Pup Tent 9 Provost Marshal	2016-2020
Pup Tent 9 Hospital Chair	2016-Present

Grand

Grand Commander (All-Star Captain)	2021-2022
Grand Sr Vice	2020-2021
Grand Jr Vice	2019-2020
Grand Surgeon	2018-2019
Grand Historian	2024-Present

Supreme

Supreme Chief of Staff	2024-Present
Supreme Council Member	2021-2022
Supreme Duncie	2022-2024

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Post

Post 9382 Commander (All-State/All-American)	2016-2017
Post 3160 Adjutant	2019-2023
Post 2582 Adjutant	2023-2024

District

District 2 Commander (All-State/All-American)	2018-2019
District 2 Adjutant	2024-Present
District 2 Inspector	2019-2023
District 2 Scouting Chair	2019-2024
District 2 Fundraising Chair	2019-2023

Department

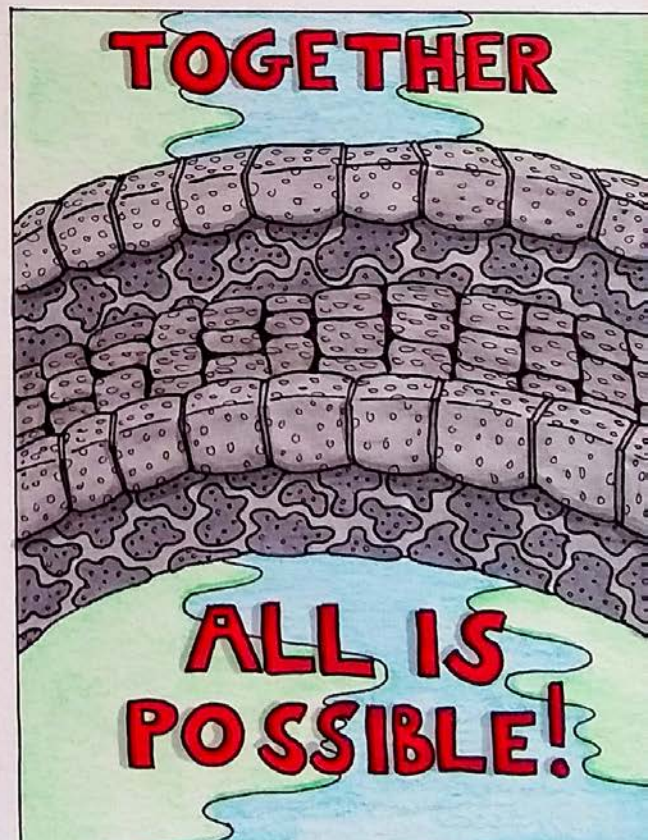
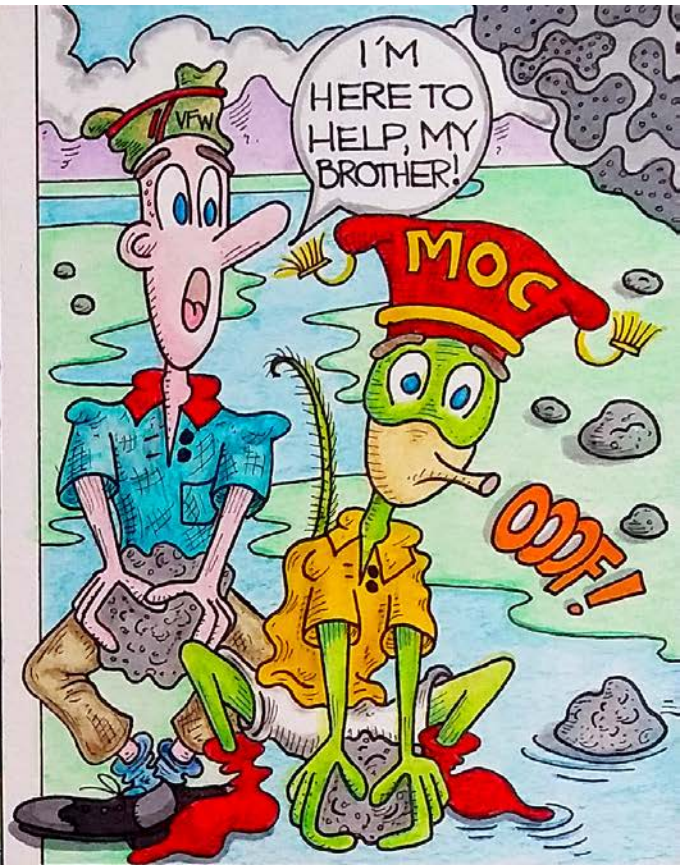
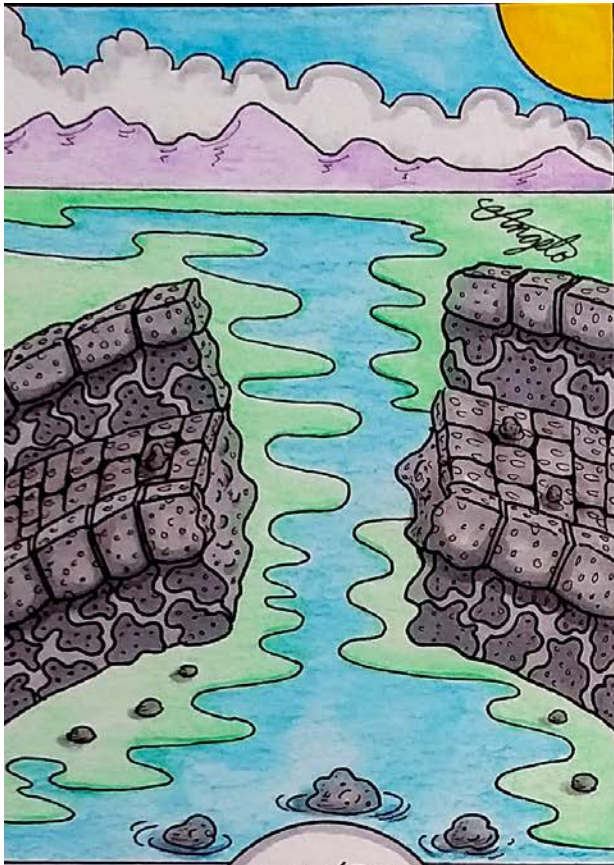
Virginia IT/Zoom Committee Member	2024-Present
VFW Riders Virginia Committee Member	2016-Present
VFW Riders Virginia Secretary	2022-Present

COMMUNITY

Hospital Volunteer (Jones & Cabacoy VCC)	2024-Present
Kiwanis Club (North Suffolk, Charter Member)	2024-Present
American Legion (Life Member)	2014-Present
Disabled American Veterans (Life Member)	2015-Present



All is Possible



Supreme President's Message

Members All,

Welcome to the 24-25 MOCA year. Thank you to all who attended the Supreme Convention. I hope you had a good time and I want to thank everyone for their support.

This year my Supreme President Special Project is "Charlie 22 Outdoors". I am including a flyer that explains this program. This is not to be confused with the Big Boot program. The Big Boot Program is one that Supreme Commander Robbie and I are continuing again this year. I hope that you will give generously to both.

My goal for this year is to keep our organization strong and try not to lose any more Auxiliaries. I am asking those bachelor Pup Tents to consider having an Auxiliary. You would be surprised at how much they can help with your hospital work and other projects.

MOCA members, there are so many VFW Auxiliaries that do not know that we exist or understand what we are about. Approach them, let them know that we are the "Honor Degree" of the VFW and we would love to have them as members. Ask them to join your Auxiliary and join in on the great work we do for our hospitalized, nursing home and home hospice veterans.

My National Home Special Project is to raise funds to replace the windows in the Early Education Center. This is a joint project with Supreme Commander Robbie.

I am looking forward to a great year with the MOCA and it's fantastic membership!



Respectfully,

Patches Presfield
Supreme President
MOC Auxiliary
patpres@yahoo.com



Charlie 22 Special Project



The United States of America is facing a very real crisis. Veteran suicide. It has been said that 22 veterans commit suicide every day in our country. Some people think that number is higher than 22. Others think that it is lower. Charlie 22 Outdoors believes that 1 a day is too many.

Our mission is clear: To provide outdoor activities to our nation's veterans, and their families, with the goal of showing them there is hope, love, and a personal meaning in God's grace. The PTSD and demons they face are very real. Unfortunately, far too many are succumbing to the battle with those. We provide our events free of charge to those we serve. We cover all expenses including travel, lodging, meals, tags, licenses, etc. Charlie 22 Outdoors was founded, as a result of our passion, to "Serve those who have already Served." We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based out of Webb City, Missouri.

Some of our events include the following:

Operation Marsh Madness (Winter waterfowl/pheasant hunt)
Operation Thunder Chicken (Spring turkey hunt)
Operation Speedway (NASCAR race)
Operation Roaring River (Trout fishing)
Operation Little Flat Creek (Lake fishing)
Operation T'ing Off (Golf)
Operation Deep Water (Deep Sea fishing)
Operation Stockton Lake (Lake fishing)
Operation Spring Canyon (Mountain trout fishing)
Operation Risen Ranch (Horse therapy)
Operation Steelhead (Michigan Steelhead fishing)
Operation Spring River (Pheasant hunt)
Operation Ice Breaker (Ice fishing)
Operation Whitetail (Deer Hunt)
Women Retreats
Couples Retreats
Charlie 22 Outdoors Dinner Banquet

Any and all veterans are welcome to apply for our events. We can provide services to veterans with or without physical disabilities. Many of our events can accommodate families. Applications to our events are found on our website. Once completed we will contact applicants. Please remember that simply applying with us does not secure a spot to one of our events.

There are many ways you can join our efforts. Prayer is our greatest need. Pray that we always follow our mission. Donors and sponsors are needed. What we do requires money. And one of our biggest needs is through volunteering. Charlie 22 Outdoors realizes that our volunteers are the core to the ministry. Our volunteers serve with us in many different capacities. From serving meals, to providing lodging and properties for our use, and everything else in between. Our volunteers are tremendous. Anyone wishing to join us as a volunteer can simply fill out the online application. Once completed we will contact you to finish the application process.

Charlie 22 Outdoors

Joshua 1:9

*"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.
For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

From the MOC Auxiliary Chaplain

Hello MOCA Chaplains!

Please keep those monthly reports coming! We had a slow start, but now all the problems have been resolved. Remember, when you send the report to me, please be sure that all addresses of people who require cards are printed neatly and the complete address is enclosed. Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper. If you send the report by e-mail or text that is fine, and you do not have to use the current report. Please feel free to adapt it to your liking. I would rather receive a late report instead of no report. We want to reach as many people as possible this year to let them know that we value their membership. I am a phone call or text away with any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from each of you and look forward to seeing many of you at *Tomb Trek*.



Yours in LOTCS,

Gloria Corno
Chaplain
MOC Auxiliary
2024-2025



MOC Auxiliary General Order 01

First and foremost, congratulations to all the officers and chairman for the 24-25 year. I am looking forward to a successful year.

1. Membership is of utmost importance...get your membership collected and in to Supreme as soon as possible. Remember if membership is not paid by December 31, you will no longer be a member in good standing. Make sure the VFW Auxiliary dues are paid first.
2. Audits are due as soon as they are completed. Auxiliaries in a Grand, get them to your Grand Treasurer. Auxiliaries NOT in a Grand, send them directly to Supreme Treasurer Georg Jean.
3. Tomb Trek is fast upon us remember to get your registrations turned in and make hotel reservations. All this information can be found on the Supreme MOC website (LOTCS.org) or in the Cootie Courier.
4. The same goes for Cootie Christmas. This is always a *phun* time for everyone, especially the kids.
5. Supreme Representative requests have to be in to me by December 1. BECAUSE many of you have conventions on the same week, I am requesting that you send me list of your C of A (Council of Administration) meetings ASAP. If I can't get a Supreme Representative to your convention, I can have the opportunity to send one to make the Supreme visit to a Council meeting. Same rules will apply to visitation process.
6. Auxiliaries NOT in a Grand, please make sure meeting information is correct and sent to me. This is needed for Supreme visits also.
7. Final shirt orders have been extended to Oct.10, and can be picked up at Tomb Trek. There is an order blank in the Cootie Courier.
8. Supreme President's pins can be ordered from me. They are \$4.00 each and are sold in bags of 10. Send your paid request to me at: 2424 N. Illinois Ave., Joplin, MO 64801. Checks for pins are to made out to "SUPREME MOCA". Please include \$5.00 for shipping. Pins will be sent out immediately.

I sincerely hope these General Orders find all in good health or healing nicely. My sympathies and condolences to those who are dealing with a loss.

by Order of :

Patches Presfield

Patches Presfield
MOCA Supreme President
2024-2025



MOC Auxiliary Inspection Report

SUPREME MOCA INSPECTION REPORT

09/23/2024

Marquitta Hill, PSP
Supreme Inspector

Unit	# of Aux.	Aux. Insp'd	Grand Insp'd	Date Complete	Percent Complete	Yr End Rpt
Delware 4	1		N/A		0%	
Georgia 1	1		N/A		0%	
Georgia 5	1		N/A		0%	
Georgia 66	1		N/A		0%	
Illinois 62	1		N/A		0%	
Indiana 11	1		N/A		0%	
Kansas 3	1		N/A		0%	
Kansas 6	1		N/A		0%	
Nebraska 10	1		N/A		0%	
New Jersey 15	1		N/A		0%	
New Jersey 41	1		N/A		0%	
Oklahoma 2	1		N/A		0%	
Oklahoma 7	1		N/A		0%	
Pennsylvania 33	1		N/A		0%	
Pennsylvania 44	1		N/A		0%	
South Dakota 1	1		N/A		0%	
South Dakota 12	1		N/A		0%	
Tennessee 26	1		N/A		0%	
West Virginia 6	1		N/A		0%	
Arizona	5		3	9/16/24	60%	
California	5				0%	
Colorado	3				0%	
Florida	8				0%	
Kentucky	3				0%	
Louisiana	3				0%	
Maryland	4				0%	
Michigan	4				0%	
Minnesota	4				0%	
Mississippi	3	1		9/12/24	33%	
Missouri	4				0%	
New Mexico	4				0%	
New York	4				0%	
North Carolina	6				0%	
Ohio	6				0%	
Oregon	4				0%	
South Carolina	5				0%	
Texas	6				0%	
Virginia	4				0%	
Washington	5				0%	
Wisconsin	3				0%	
Units	112	112	21	133		
TOTAL:	112	1	3	4		
		0.89%	13.64%	3.57%		
	Total	Local Aux	Grands	Overall		

Supreme President's Shirt Order Form

ORDER BLANK FOR SUPREME PRESIDENT'S SHIRT

SHIRTS ARE SOLD BY ORDER ONLY. They are Gildan polos and run true to size. They are red with my symbol embroidered on the left chest.

SHIRTS WILL BE DELIVERED AT SUPREME CONVENTION

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SMALL	_____	\$ <u>20.00</u>	\$ _____
MEDIUM	_____	\$ <u>25.00</u>	\$ _____
LARGE	_____	\$ <u>25.00</u>	\$ _____
X-LARGE	_____	\$ <u>25.00</u>	\$ _____
XX-LARGE	_____	\$ <u>30.00</u>	\$ _____
3X LARGE	_____	\$ <u>30.00</u>	\$ _____
4X LARGE	_____	\$ <u>30.00</u>	\$ _____
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>
	_____		\$ _____

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Auxiliary: _____ Grand or State: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____

Shirt orders must be received by **JUNE 1**. Orders not received by the deadline may not be available at convention. Late orders will have to be shipped and will have a \$10.00 shipping charge.

If you will not be able to pick up your order at Convention, please include your address and a \$10.00 shipping charge.

Checks are to be made payable to: PATRICIA PRESFIELD And mailed to: 2424 N. Illinois Ave., Joplin, MO 64801

MOCA Supreme Convention Registration

Date Received by Supreme Treasurer: _____

M.O.C.A. 64th Supreme Convention
Columbus, OH / Dates: 13-17 AUG 25

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Make Advance Registration checks payable to the Supreme M.O.C.A. and mail to Georg Jean Zimmerman, 9117 SW 31st St. Oklahoma City, OK 73179. Advance Registration is \$20.00. On-site Registration is \$25.00. **NOTE: Registration includes the Supreme President's Program Book for 2025-2026 or a digital copy on a thumb drive with the Roster.**

Additional copies of the Supreme President's Program Book may be ordered by entering a quantity below.

Both the Program Book Hardcopy and a Thumb drive can be ordered for \$25.00.

Please be sure to mail your advance registration so it is received by the Supreme Treasurer before June 30, 2025.

PLEASE print or type ALL information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Area Code (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Email: _____

Grand or State: _____ MOC Aux # _____

Total Amount submitted: \$ _____

IMPORTANT: All auxiliaries should register at least one member. Registration includes the Officers' Report Convention Book and the incoming Supreme President's Program Book. Please indicate how you want your Supreme Program Book. Enter quantity in the box below:

☐

Registration / Supreme Program Book (Hardcopy) - \$20.00 each

☐

Registration / Thumb Drive with Digital Supreme Program Book and Roster - \$20.00

☐

Supreme Program Book (Hardcopy) and Thumb Drive - \$25.00

To gain admission to the Supreme Convention sessions, you must possess a current official 2025 membership dues card.

ALL PRICING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

MOCA Convention Credentials

CREDENTIALS FOR SUPREME CONVENTION - 2025

Section 322 - Delegates to Conventions, section B

Delegates and Alternates to the Supreme Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Supreme Convention: one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of election.

The Auxiliary Secretary shall send a complete list of elected delegates and alternates to the Supreme Credentials Chairman, **Kathy Holmes** immediately following election, either by Email: holmeske@att.net or by mail: **13820 NE 139th St., Kearney, MO 64040**

The number of Delegates allowed per auxiliary will be based on per capita tax (membership dues) that are received by the Supreme Treasurer and are elected by **June 30, 2025.**

In your Auxiliary, **Supreme Officers, Supreme Appointed Officers** and **PSPs** that carry their own vote at Supreme, should be identified separately. They are in addition to your elected Auxiliary Delegates / Alternates.

NOTE: if they might need to vote as an Alternate (for example, if there is a chance that no one else from your Auxiliary will attend, you may also list them as an Alternate for your Auxiliary. They must determine, at Convention, which position they represent with their vote.

Grand Presidents have their own vote (are not an elected Delegate). List them separately as 2025-2026 Grand President, unless they are acting as an Auxiliary Delegate.

Auxiliary Presidents for Auxiliaries NOT in a Grand, have their own vote if they attend. List them separately unless they are acting as an Auxiliary Delegate.

Each person can only vote representing one position, whether Aux Delegate/Alternate, Supreme position, 2025-2026 Grand President or 2025-2026 Aux President NOT in a Grand.

If you have credentials questions, contact Kathy Holmes at email above.

It is very important that the **Installation Report** be correctly filled out and received by the Supreme Treasurer. Also all **Audits from April 2024 thru March 2025** are required so you are allowed to **VOTE**.

Installation Reports and Audits are to be sent to Georg Jean Zimmerman, either via email: gjazzzman@gmail.com or mail: 9117 SW 31st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73179

Advance Registration forms are a separate form, to be sent to the Supreme Treasurer.

Registration after **June 30, 2025** or at the Supreme Convention will be \$25.00. To gain admission to the Supreme Convention sessions, you must possess a current official 2025 membership dues card.

E-Mail to: _____

Send this form to Credentials Chair: [Kathy Holmes holmeske@att.net](mailto:KathyHolmesholmeske@att.net)

or by mail: 13820 NE 139th St., Kearney, MO 64040

**Supreme Convention Credentials
Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie**

Auxiliary Name _____ Auxiliary No. _____

City _____ State _____ Date _____

This is to certify that member (s):

Delegates

Alternates

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

4. _____

4. _____

5. _____

5. _____

6. _____

6. _____

Have been elected delegates and alternates of this Auxiliary to the Supreme Convention.

In Witness whereof we hereunto affix our signatures.

President: _____

Secretary: _____

***** Only elected Delegates / Alternates listed on this Credential Form will be allowed to place their Auxiliary votes at the Supreme Convention.**

The following are the Supreme Officers / Appointments that have their own vote (are not elected as Delegates by the Auxiliary.) Only list for one (1) "voting position" if they happen to have multiples:

Supreme: President, Sr. Vice President, Jr. Vice President, Treasurer, Chaplain, Conductor/Conductress, Guard, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Inspector, Chief of Staff, Hospital Commissioner, VAVS Rep, and Past Supreme Presidents.

2024-2025 Grand Presidents and Aux. Presidents NOT in a Grand may also be listed below:

Name _____ Supreme Title/Grand Pres/Aux Pres not in a Grand _____

Tomb Trek Registration



Military Order of the Cootie WREATH REGISTRATION 89th TOMB TREK

Nov. 8 - 10, 2024



MOC:

Pup Tent #: _____

Grand of: _____

MOCA:

Pup Tent #: _____

Grand of: _____

GRAND:

MOC: _____

MOCA: _____

Each registration is \$ 25.00. (\$5 goes towards the design, compilation and printing of the booklet) Your order must be received before 1 October 2024 to be printed in the Annual Tomb Trek booklet. Wreath orders will be accepted after this date BUT will not be printed in the booklet.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ CHECK # _____ DATE _____

Please complete this form, make check payable to TOMB TREK COMMITTEE and mail to:

JaneChannel
2728 Hillside Court
Ijamsville MD 21754-8806
email: mocadolphin@msn.com

Tomb Trek Wreath Order Form



Military Order of the Cootie REGISTRATION 89th TOMB TREK

8 - 10 November 2024



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Pup Tent/Auxiliary Name & Number: _____

Email: _____

Meal Selection: Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian _____
(Please enter how many of each meal selection.)

<u>Type of Registration</u>	<u>Advanced Registration</u>	<u>After 10/1/2024</u>
Full Registration	\$85.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Registration Only	\$20.00 _____	\$25.00 _____
Banquet Only	\$50.00 _____	\$55.00 _____
Bus Ticket	\$15.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
# Regular _____		
# Handicap _____		

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____ CHECK # _____ DATE _____

Please complete this form, make check payable to TOMB TREK COMMITTEE and mail to:

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email: mocadolphin@msn.com

Cootie Christmas



96th Grand of Michigan

MOC/MOCA VFW National Home



Cootie Christmas Party - December 7, 2024

Every year, the Grand of Michigan hosts and sponsors the “Cootie Christmas Party” for the children of the VFW National Home. Your donations are necessary for this program to work and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

DONATIONS: Make your donations payable to: MOC Grand of Michigan and send it to Grand of Michigan, Quartermaster Jim Schultz, 9538 Deering, Livonia, Michigan, 48150. Earmark your check(s) Cootie Christmas Party. Your donations are greatly appreciated. **Clowns are encouraged to attend.**

HOTEL: The host **hotel** is Quality Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48917. For reservations, call (517) 886-0600 and/or email: qualitysuites@haymanco.com. Room rates are \$101 per night plus tax. Be sure to say that you are part of the Military Order of the Cootie. **Deadline for the secured room rate is November 15th.**

HOSPITAL VISIT: We will be visiting Regency of Lansing West. 12200 Broadbent Rd, Lansing, MI 48917. We will meet in the hotel lobby 1:30pm and depart at 2:00pm on Friday, December 6th. Christmas carol singing will be in order.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Saturday, December 7th. 10:00am to 2:00pm at the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, MI.

BANQUET: PGP Jeanne Beck is the Banquet Coordinator; text her at (586) 909-0091 and/or email her with your questions at jeannebeck1@yahoo.com. Tickets for the Saturday night (Dec 7th) banquet are \$45 per person. For reservations, make checks or money orders payable to Grand of MI MOCA and mail to Grand of Michigan Treasurer PGP Catherine Vargo, PO Box 87933, Canton, Michigan 48187. Her cell phone number is (734) 718-4016.

Please use the included reservation form and send with your payment. **Deadline is NO LATER THAN November 22, 2024.** Tickets for the banquet will not be mailed. Confirmation that ticket(s) has been purchased will be by email, if an email address is included with the banquet ticket payment. **No banquet tickets be sold at the door.** Thank you and don't delay!

If you have any questions, contact;

Grand Commander Matthew Dzikowicz (MOC Chairperson) by email sapperjuggernaut@gmail.com or calling (313) 717-8169. Grand President Kathryn Kirby (MOCA Chairperson) by email kighthouse6@yahoo.com or calling (810) 577-7350.

Cootie Christmas Banquet Form

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Address: _____

Name of person(s) attending: _____

Cootie Easter Treat



OHIO EASTER TREAT

April 11 – 13, 2025

VFW National Home

3573 S Waverly Rd

Eaton Rapids, MI

We are reaching out to all our Cootie brothers and sisters to donate to this wonderful event. If you wish to donate, please send your checks to our quartermaster Chuck Cihlar, 489 Monroe Blvd, Painesville OH 44077 or to MOCA Treasurer Cheri Soltesz, 6152 Stratford Drive, Parma Hts., Ohio 44130.

If you plan on attending, make room reservations with Sandra Richards and Judy Fackler at richards-sandi230@gmail.com and kastllee@sbcglobal.net, and advise them of any food items you wish to donate.

Ohio (and some from out-of-state) Cooties and Auxiliary will gather on Friday the 11th at the National Home Lodge & Annex where we will settle in and begin with a dinner prepared by & for us. After dinner we will load candy and \$1 bills into eggs in preparation for the Egg Hunt. Next, we will line up all of the candy and baskets to assemble Saturday morning the 12th right after breakfast. Then we will take all to the Recreation Center where the festivities will begin. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, then visitation with the Ohio Easter Bunny to receive their baskets and get pictures with the bunny, Grand Commander, and Grand President. Then the Ice cream Social is shared by all with the Commander and President serving. We all take a break at this point and then gather later to caravan to the Allskate skating rink in Jackson for skating, arcade game playing, pizza & soda. The children and, yes, even the parents have a wonderful time, and it fills our hearts with joy.

Information provided by MOC Chairman Sandi Richards

Addition of MOCA requests from Susan Cihlar, Grand Secretary



Dog Tags 4 Life

We've all heard it. On average, 22 Veterans a day commit suicide. In 2023, three Cooties formed a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization called Dog Tags 4 Life to try to do something about it.

In July of 2022, a new Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline number went nation wide: 988, then press 1. It's now called the Veterans Crisis Line. But how many people know about it?

Dog Tags 4 Life was formed with the sole purpose of creating dog tags with that information and getting them into the hands of as many Veterans as possible. By distributing this information as dog tag key chains, we hope to have that information, and the reassuring statement that you are not alone, in the hands of as many veterans as possible.



If you're interested in helping spread the word by passing out some of these dog tags, and/or making a donation, please visit dt4life.org. Additional information, as well as a donation link, is available on the website.

Thanks from DT4Life: Robert "Check" Adamczyk, Ben Guinan, and Charles "Romeo" Marlowe.

Official Cootie Song

ALL ABOARD (OFFICIAL SONG) COOTIES

You've heard of all our Soldiers,
and deeds they have done;
You've read of all the fights
Know how they were won;
But there's one great battle on raging day and night,
With a little enemy keeping out of sight;
He gets with-in your clothing,
Hides behind a seam
and everytime he grabs you,
All you do is Scream.

Chorus:

There are Coot-ies on your back,
Even in your pack; The nas-ty lit-tie pest is ev-ry-where;
He at-tacks you while you sleep,
Ev-en while you eat;
He's as wick-ed as a wounded Griz-zly Bear;
The on-ly time he's glad is when you yell, "Kam-er-ad"
And he knows he has you at his mer-cy;
For there ne-ver was a man
Who fought in No Man's Land
Who nev-er had a bat-tie with the coo-ties.

The French met him at Ver-dun,
The Yanks at Bell-aux,
Tommy fought him on the Marne
And at Ypres too;
Every place the war was on
This pest was sure to be,
Even in the air-o-planes
and the ships at sea;
The boys who stayed at home here

Fought him in the house;
They did-n't call him "Cootie"
Just called him, a "Louse"

Copyrighted by: Harry W. Merrill, MCMXX

Words by Merrill
Music by Friedman

It is suggested that this song be fitted to
the tune of "HEART OF MY HEART"

We are appreciative of the fine contribution of Mrs. Harry W. Merrill, widow of the late composer, who graciously donated the song "COOTIES" to the Military Order of the Cootie and which was adopted as the Official Song by the 49th Supreme Scratch meeting in Detroit, Michigan, August 17, 1968.



From the VFW National Chaplain

On July 30, 2024, the United States proudly commemorated the 68th anniversary of our national motto, ***"In God we Trust."*** These four words resonate deeply with the foundational principles upon which our nation was built. From the Declaration of Independence to the halls of Congress, the acknowledgment of a Supreme Being has been woven into the fabric of American identity.

Our national motto, ***"In God we Trust,"*** officially became part of our currency during the Civil War era, a period marked by profound national challenges. In 1864, amid the strife and division of war, Congress authorized the minting of coins bearing this inscription, symbolizing a unifying affirmation of faith and hope in God's providence during a tumultuous time. Then, on July 30, 1956, ***"In God We Trust"*** was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the U.S. Congress as the official motto of the United States of America.



As a Nation we believe there is one eternal supreme being. Not every individual believes that, but as a Nation, we are one Nation under God.

As a diverse nation, not all individuals share the same beliefs, yet collectively, we stand united under the recognition that there is an eternal supreme being. Our forefathers, inspired by their faith as expressed in the Sacred Scriptures, established a nation where the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are seen as endowed, not by government, but by God Himself.

For 248 years, the United States of America has upheld these principles, becoming a beacon of freedom and opportunity. President George Washington aptly noted, *"It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favors."* These words continue to resonate as we reflect on our history and look toward the future, guided by the belief that our liberties are rooted in divine providence.

By celebrating this milestone, let us reaffirm our commitment to the values that have made America a land of promise and resilience, where ***"In God we Trust"*** remains more than a motto--it is a testament to our enduring faith and unity as a nation.

Blessings as you serve,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peter R. Hook".

Rev. Peter R. Hook
National Chaplain
Veterans of Foreign Wars
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Supreme Scratch 2024







Are you Hungry for more Crummy photos from the Supreme Scratch in Louisville, Kentucky? If so, either put this link in your browser or scan the QR code below: https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipMq61V9wTsAGAEzQ_bg759tPQcdilbU8LrsdBdxdwq_9znLv1rJ-OGwYPQfuKywQ?key=TU5raWM0V1JlQm5QdS0tU3NFN1c1SzBIUFU1aHZR

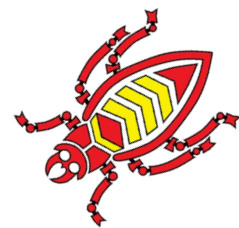
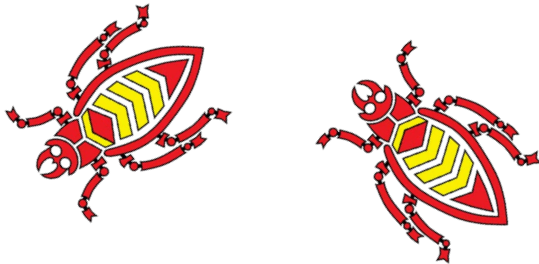


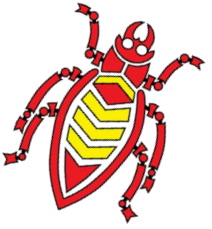
Grand of California

A Burger Bash held on July 20th by the MOC and MOC Auxiliary, Pup Tent #43, Chinchies and we sold out. Our horrible guest was Supreme Seam Squirrel Robbie Normand of Pup Tent #19, Li'l Bugs and he rambled on about what Cooties can do to support Veteran's programs. Robbie's program is the "The Big Boot Program. Grand Commander Kenny Lindbergh of Pup Tent #66, Greenbacks mumbled about on working more with VFW National to increase new members.

The Grand C of A was held on September 19-21 at Holiday Inn Swan-court in Selma. Supreme Seam Squirrel Robbie Normand droned on about his Supreme Duties for the year including working with VFW National Home, how all Grands need to increase new Cooties and supporting the MOC/MOC Auxiliary programs.

Cootie Steve Kemp, Grand Historian





Grand of Florida

Hawaiian themed hospital visit at the Orlando VA 07/08/2024



Left to Right Past Grand President, Jane Kibler; Auxilary President, Sandy Clatchey; Auxiliary Chaplain, Karen Pack; Past Grand President & Grand Secretary, Jerry-Ann Henry & Past Grand Commander, John Henry. Wellington had fun playing BINGO with the residents of our Community Living Center!

Submitted by Jerry-Ann Henry

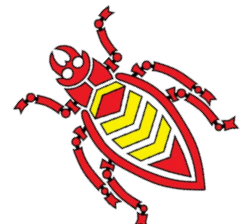
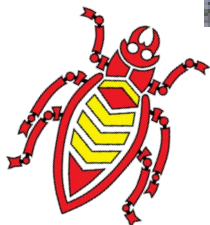
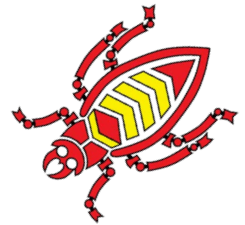
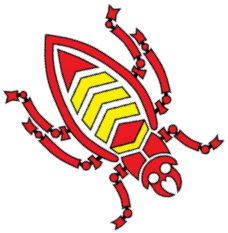
Grand of Georgia

Cooties All Out For Big Boot

On 17 August 2024 in Hinesville, VFW Post 6602 sponsored Mission 22, a bike ride, Jeep fest and car show along with a bounce house and plenty food for all. Though Cootie, Ken Bohnannon, is a VFW member of the Jesup Georgia Post he is a Cootie in Hinesville. The entire program was to educate and bring notice to the terrible number of suicides that are affecting our Veterans every day.

PT #66 Cooties jumped in and cooked the meat: 150 pounds of chicken, 27 slabs of ribs and some Boston butts. They Started the cooking at 5 AM and served several hundred people at 1 PM.

We had two large smokers and a block smoker going. Eight Cooties watched and kept these cookers going. It was a long but very rewarding day. This event has been held in Hinesville for over five years and grows larger every year.



In August, Military Order of the Cootie, Mossy Mites, Pup Tent 1 of Georgia hosted Supreme Commander Robbie Normand during the VFW Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt's Homecoming in Savannah, GA.

During that time Cooties from around the Country visited PT 1's home at VFW Post 660 in Savannah for a special homecoming steak night attended by the Supreme Commander, VFW Quartermaster General and Executive Director of the VFW National Home.



During the Supreme Commanders trip he was requested to swear in two new members in the MOC Auxiliary!

Of course, any trip to beautiful Savannah, GA must include a trip to see the Savannah Bananas!



During the homecoming The Supreme Commander presented the Command-in-Chief of the VFW with his Supreme Officer Polo.





There was even time for a Cootie Cruise out to Daufuskie Island!

Pup Tent 1 Hosted the Annual Beach Bum Parade at Riverview Health and Rehab during the homecoming. The Supreme Commander had a BLAST soaking up the Veterans there!





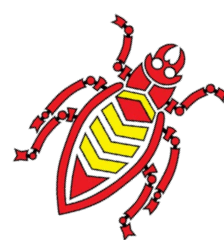
Grand of Missouri

Tracy Woodman, Supreme Hide Gimlet, met up with the Grape Nuts Pup Tent 56 for a Hospital Visit at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James.

Courtesy of Tracy M. L. Woodman



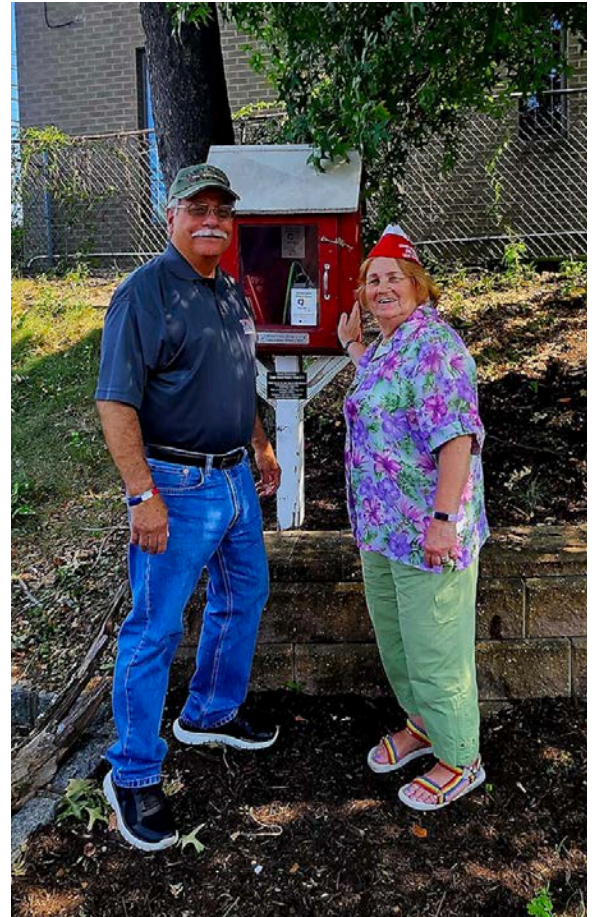
(L-R): Wayne Woodman, Tracy Woodman with Michael Gasper and Adam Gasper in front, SS Dwight Sandeen and Ben



MOC Auxiliary in New Jersey

Thank you to everyone that came out to the dedication of our Serenity Garden on September 14th. MOCA National Chaplain, Gloria Corno, and past NJ MOC Commander, and Jake Martinez were in attendance. VFW National Council member, Bill Thomson, was also present. MOCA Pup Tent 15 Chaplain, Donna Tutuian, gave a blessing that our efforts to reduce veteran suicide are successful. Pup Tent 15 and our NJ MOCA members hope that this space provides a place of reflection and hope. In addition to being a quiet spot for contemplation, the Little Free Library in the garden houses prevention and crisis information for those in need. Bergen County Veteran Services helped to provide those materials. American Legion Post 170 Commander, Dennis Duddie, expressed that the Post is very proud to provide this safe space on their grounds. Special thanks to NJ VFW District 2 Commander, Bruce Young, and NJ VFWA President, Carolyn Rovito, as well.





Grand of Oregon



VFW Post 584, Pup Tent 12 “Timbertoppers” participated in the birthday celebration of WWII Marine Veteran Bill Gropp, who turned 100 on June 14th, 2024. Bill was 19 years old when he landed on Iwo Jima in 1945. “No one new anything for the first 5-10 days”, said Bill. “We lost track of everybody and didn’t have any idea which way to go. Things settled down in the second week. I saw some terrible things”. *Left to right:* Bert Logan, Past Grand Commander; Bill Gropp; Sheila Logan, Past Grand MOCA President.

Submitted by Bert Logan, PGC Oregon

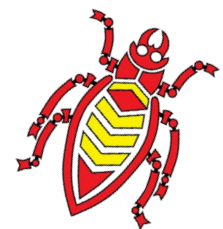
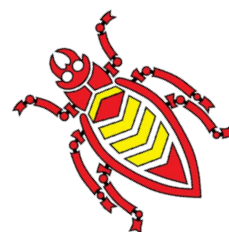
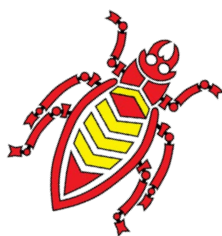
Grand of Washington

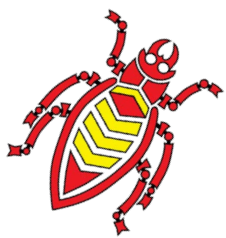
Van Orc Pup ,Tent #6, held a Cootie Fourth of July
hot dog BBQ at theVancouver Community Living Center



Larry Ross (Seam Squirrel), Margie Ekstrand, Andrea Osborn,
Bea Close (President), Phil Tagliavia, Rebecca Pellechi, Martha Causey

Submitted by Bea Close

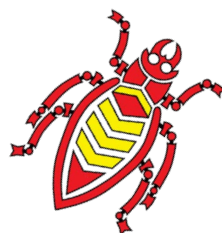
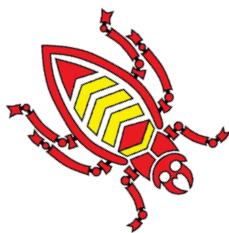
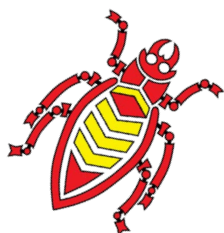
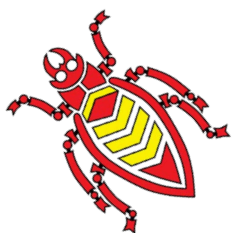




Phil Tagliavia



Margie Ekstrand and VanOrc;
MOCA President, Bea Close





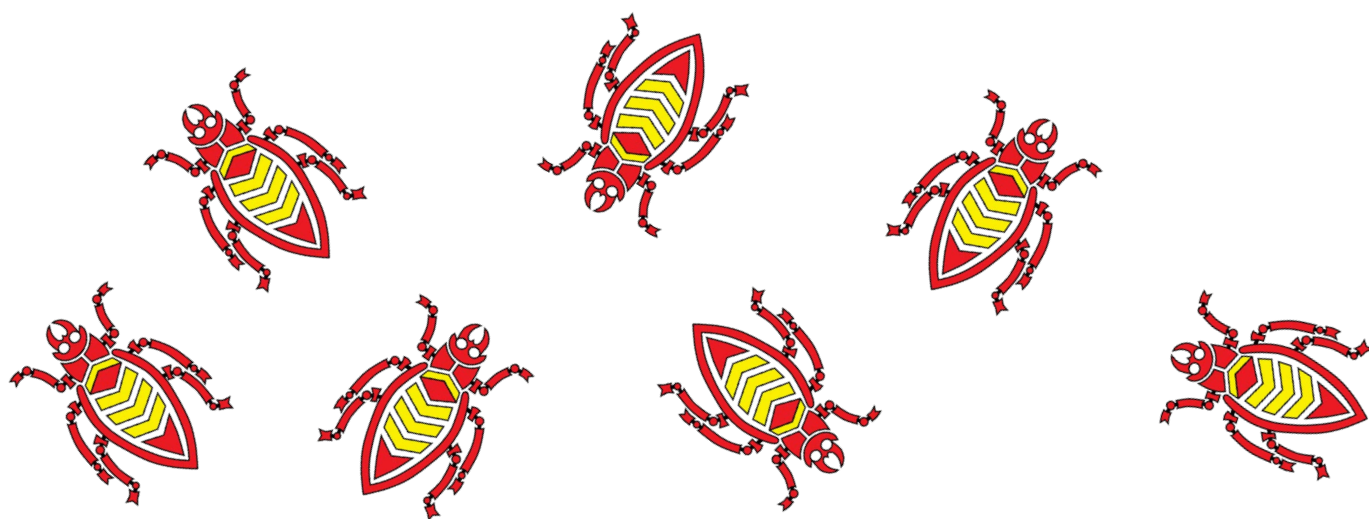
Grand of WA Martha Causey



Cootie Clown hospital visit in Puyallup to Life Center in September 2024



Van Orc Scratch in Vancouver. Pup Tent Specie
Pediculi are planning their next diabolical move.



New Cootie Depot Coming Soon!



COOTIE DEPOT



From the Supreme Newshound

Well, hello there again! I finally fixed my shredder so that it won't spit out staples anymore. When they get stuck in your head, they kinda look funny in the mirror. I hope that all is Crummy where you are! In this issue of the Cootie Courier (CC for short) or Crummy Rag is you wish, you will see that the Supreme Commander has been as "Busy as a Bee"! Be sure to check out his mumblings. At times I just can't understand him because he speaks in "straight talk." It's horrible I tell ya! Also, check out what the Grands are doin' If you don't see your Grand, go do stuff, take pictures and send your horrible mumblings to me. I'll get to shreddin' you Lousy adventures right away! Remember though that you **MUST** include **who, what, when, where and why** in your submissions. And, when sending in photos, I accept *JPEG, PDF, TIFF and PNG* files. Names are important! In your pictures, be creative. The lousiest photo makes it onto the cover of our **Crummy Rag**. Send all your **Lousy** submissions to be shredded to: cootiecourier@lotcs.org

On the cover you'll see the new **Supreme Burglar, Drew James!** He's also the **Supreme Shyster!** That's how he stays out of jail ya know? So, keep track of **ALL** of your belongings! He's always lurking around the corner!

Bee sure and peruse the pics from the Supreme Scratch that was held in Louisville, Kentucky. There's a QR code and a link to more pics. Too many to shred for this issue! I look Backward to next year's Supreme Scratch!

Some Specie Pediculi are lookin' for the Supreme Program Book. Well, it's on the Supreme Programs page at: <https://lotcs.org/programs.html>. If you're a 3rd Degree Cootie, remember to decipher the code, eh?

If you're a Sky Pilot, check out the comic book at: https://lotcs.org/images/Artwork_MOC/Cootie%20Comics/Sky%20Pilot%20Comics%2031%20JUL%202024.pdf. There's new gear to check out. How do I know this? Well, I'm a Sky Pilot too!

Coming soon! The **NEW Cootie Depot** store online. It's your source for **Cootie Gear** ya know?

So...enough mumbling for now. Get to shreddin' this issue, eh? Remember, Blue Ointment is Lousy for whatever ails you!

Yours in LOTCS,

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Red Star Life Membership

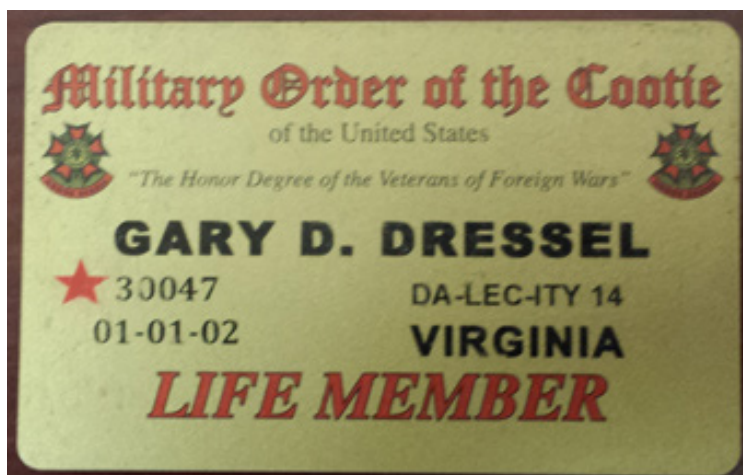
For the price of **\$100.00** you too can become a **Red Star Life Member** and help support our **"Crummy Fraternity"** and leave a legacy for your Pup Tent.



How you might ask? Well, you may become a **Red Star Life Member** after you have become a *Life Member* in the *VFW* and a *Life Member in the MOC*. Your new membership card will look like the one pictured below with a **red star** on it.

So, become one of the **"Lousy"** elite by simply contacting Supreme Quartermaster Gary Dressel at supremehqmoc@lotcs.org. Or go to the Cootie Depot and purchase your **Red Star Life Membership** online by going to: https://www.lotcs.org/WA_eCart/life_member.php#RedStarLMCard. Or scan the QR code below.

All **Red Star Life Members** receive a 5% discount on Cootie Depot gear. Just check the Red Star Life Member box and enter your Red Star Life Member card Number on the checkout page.



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