

# COOTIE TICKLE



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Listen Cooties, Cuties and all of the Crummies who will painfully make their way through the following gibberish. If you weren't on the ALL HANDS Commander's Call earlier this week or if you haven't heard yet, the VFW National Convention has been moved to Kansas City, Missouri. Pursuant to our Supreme By-Laws, our location also changes. So, we will be having our Supreme Scratch in Overland Park, Kansas (very near Kansas City) where we held our last Kansas City area Supreme Scratch. We are working out the details for reservations, costs, banquet menu, etc. Please be patient since this is brand-new news and takes some time to negotiate and schedule. We are having a FULL CONVENTION this year. I would like for all of us to show up in FULL FORCE. Let's get out all of our regalia and wear it proudly. It would be nice to fill the banquet hall with nothing but red and white. If you have the old-style cummerbund, please wear it! Let's celebrate not being locked up. Let's celebrate being over 100%. Let's celebrate being COOTIES! The dates of the Supreme Scratch are Aug 4-7. We will begin the afternoon of Aug 4<sup>th</sup> with a Joint Opening Session and close Saturday morning with the New Council of Administration scratch. The agendas will be released shortly as will the hotel information.



Here is the list of Grands SO FAR who have not let COVID stop them from getting in their way this year. Are you one of them? Remember, the Cootie year ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>. All reports, inspections, membership, etc. must be accepted by Supreme Headquarters prior to May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are in doubt about ANY number, call direct to confirm. There is STILL TIME to be an elite!

Kansas	112.67%
Michigan	106.10%
Mississippi	102.98%
Kentucky	102.07%
Texas	101.95%
Delaware	101.83%
North Dakota	101.30%
Washington	101.05%
Nebraska	100.97%
Maryland	100.35%
New Hampshire 3	115.79%
Montana 24	107.32%
Montana 10	107.32%
Alaska 2	102.63%

I really enjoyed the ALL HANDS call Friday night. It was nice to see your smiling faces. I appreciate the attentiveness of everyone and the background noise being kept to a minimum. We have been trying to attend the Grand Conventions as best we can be it in person or by Zoom. I want to commend the officers, especially your SVC Olin Parks and JVC Dwight Hora for all of their travel this year. Not one travel voucher has been filed for officer travel. When one of us was or is not available, I appoint someone who was going to be at the Convention anyway to help keep our expenses low on such a difficult year. Thank you to the Supreme Representatives for your support.

All Cooties are invited to my 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Zoom meetings. The first Monday of the month, all Supreme Council members are encouraged to log into the Zoom call for updates and planning. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, all Grand Commanders are encouraged to log into the Zoom meeting. I have left both meetings open to any Cootie wanting to join. I have tried to add anyone interested in attending to the email invitation. If you want to attend and have not been receiving the invitations, please email me at [LTDARIN@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LTDARIN@YAHOO.COM) and I will add you to the distribution list.

In summary, Supreme Scratch is a GO in Overland Park, Kansas; I had a great time at the ALL HANDS meeting; it's not too late to get your memberships submitted to become part of the solution, and all Cooties are invited to attend my Zoom meetings.

Yours in the LOTCS,

Darin Combs  
Supreme Commander