



Supreme Seam Squirrels and Supreme Presidents

Joint Mission 2024-2025

Keep' em Vertical
Operation Big Boot

Subject: This mission has been developed to reduce the Veteran Suicide Rate commonly referred to as “22 a day”. Now there has been some adjustments to these numbers in the past few years i.e. In 2019 the Veteran suicide rate fell to 17.2% according to VA study. That is a good thing... Right??? Kind of, because there are studies to suggest the percentage is much much higher than 22 a day. We need to what we can to get that number to zero. Understand that I have no illusions that we will ever get to that number. However, doing nothing is unacceptable. It is time we as Cooties and Auxiliary try to do something about it. This is a plan that we will never know the true impact of or efforts until after we have tried it. However, we have to start somewhere, to do nothing we will have failed in our mission as VFW and MOC members to try to help every veteran to live a long and prosperous life. The reason for the boot being utilized as the symbol is that we need to show the Veterans they are not alone and we will help walk with them through their journey to recovery. If you are looking at this like...”Oh Great just another thing we have do to get a check in the box.” Then you are not looking at it as intended. We really do not need to hear the negative on how this won't work or can't work. I would rather hear how we “CAN” make this work. Let's figure this out together. So, Please embrace the idea and intent behind this effort and make a conjoined effort to “Keep'em Vertical” so we can “Keep'em Smilin' in Beds of White”, when the time comes.

So how will this mission work.

Every Grand, East & West Area Black Pup Tents and Auxiliary will be required to do an event that is geared towards the awareness of Veterans Mental Health Issues and the prevention of Veteran Suicides. The Supreme does not want any funds be given to Supreme for this effort, only thing required is a report of an event with the minimum information on the form below. It is fashioned somewhat like Hospital report. If your event is a fundraiser, we want you to keep those funds in your state/Grand/ Area. As many of you know your areas and how to help those veterans in your areas. If your organization is already doing that then you are ahead of the game.

Remember this is basically your Grand Pup Tent program to help veterans, as it helps the Veterans in YOUR community.

All reports will be sent to the Operation Big Boot Chair –
Luther Sawicki and to the Supreme Adjutant



Military Order of the Cootie and its Auxiliary

Supreme Social Media. Just posting awareness for contact #988 is a reportable effort. This will get you started Special Project 2024-2025

Simple process program reporting criteria just report your activities under Hospital report and or email your reports to chairman: luthersawicki@gmail.com (440)228-8594 Special Project 23 and to Supreme Adjutant at mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com.

Your pup tents are doing this everyday making contact with Veterans in Beds of White. Neighbor's, and even better source especially for those younger Veterans on.

Example: reporting for your Pup Tent/Grand that will get you toward qualify your MOC/MOCA toward the Overall Golden Boot.

- ◇ Buddy Checks for Veterans in your Community, Etc.
- ◇ Posting awareness to Social Media (please be sure to send me your Social Media items too share.
- ◇ Hold a Community Day at community events with Suicide Awareness events in your VA, Community.
- ◇ Create special project within your own grand that places special bags just for your VA intake ER Veterans in Crisis. This is what The Big Boot Does when it gets in Donations (Sea Bag small) Gold Bag (ladies) Men Blue bag for these Veterans who come into the Emergency Room for Mental Health 72 hour stay. They need sweat clothes, socks, booties, make-up, slippers, toothpaste, combs, brushes, travel size toiletry items. This is due in part that they come in with nothing with them and it gives them some much needed stress release until they can obtain these items. They are earmarked for ER intake Patients only. Simply Put Yesterday was their Hardest Day. (\$18.00 Value average) per bag.
- ◇ Donate to the Special Project Supreme Project.
- ◇ IF any of your members work on the crisis Hotline for Suicide those hours count.
- ◇ Have direct contact with any Veteran in Crisis that you/your members may have assisted.
- ◇ Raffle Basket at one of your events. Tail Gate Party at your post.

Be creative reducing the loss of a comrade affects on the average of an estimate of 135 friends, Family, Co-workers, etc. when, we lose a comrade.

Every Pup Tent, Grand or MOCA is in contention.

10 or more total events will grow your level to Big Red Boot Contender.

The Golden Boot will be the highest overall for both the MOC and MOCA Special Project impact.

Keeping it simple for those in Beds of White and bringing awareness to all.

Acknowledgement:

All Operation Big Boot reports received by the “Big Boot” Chair will be reviewed by the

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Operation Big Boot in order to determine level of commitment to “Keep’em Vertical”.

Red Boot Certificate – Mission Participation by submitting the form

White Boot Certificate – Mission Participation by submitting the form and separate event report.

Gold Boot Certificate – Mission Participation by submitting the form and separate detailed event report.

Pacific Area - (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, PAC, UT, WA, WY)

Central Area - (AL, AR, IA, KS, LA, MN, MS, MO, OK, NE, ND, SD, TN, TX)

Northern Area - (CT, IL, IN, KY, MA, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, RI, VT, WI)

Atlantic Area - (DE, EUR, FL, GA, MD, NC, PA, SC, VA, WV)

Big Gold Boot Award – Will be chosen by the Committee and awarded to the one Grand Pup Tent