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for Tots event. See  
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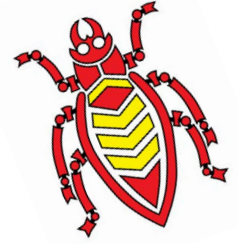
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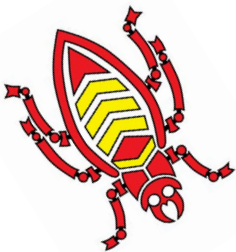
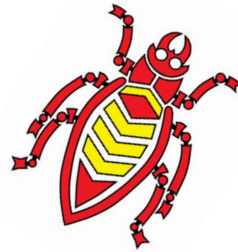
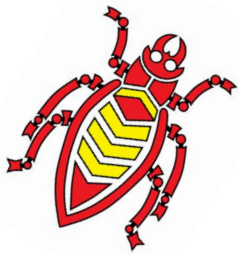
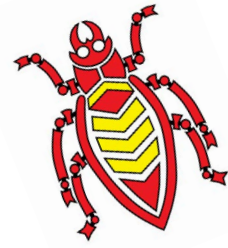
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# From the Supreme Seam Squirrel

## STEWARDSHIP!!!

– The art of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization.

*Listen up Cooties,*

Above is one of the definitions of *Stewardship* with a slight twist. All of us are Stewards for this organization called the “*Honor Degree*” of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America. I ask you, “*Are you a good Steward for us and our parent organization?*” “*Are you good for the members of these organizations?*” “*How do you represent these organizations?*” “*Do you want to be the type of Steward others want to emulate?*”



There you are sitting in your Post and a guest (potential member, maybe) or someone you do not know walks in; do you look at them like they have a horn on their forehead? Do you get up to greet them and make them feel welcome? Will you create an atmosphere in your Post that is inviting and welcoming to all? Even to those persons whom you may not agree with, do *YOU* make them feel like this is *THEIR* home too, brother or sister?

Do you disparage others of this organization? Do you plant the negative seeds in other's minds about other comrades/auxiliary members before they even get a chance to make up their own minds about an individual? Or, are you the Comrade/Cootie or Auxiliary member to make everyone feel at home and at ease when they grace you with their presence?

Are you the Comrade/Cootie that always complains about the decisions made by the Post or Pup Tent? But never attends a meeting/scratch. *Remember, we are NOT to allow any harm to be done to this organization or its members if in our power to prevent.*

Are you the member after attaining the Chair or Position desired, who stopped doing things at your Post or Pup Tent? Were you just a Hat chaser? Never ever, forget where you came from, for these are the people and the place that propelled you to the heights of your VFW/ MOC career.

After all of that, I urge each one of you to be the positive force multiplier in your Post or Pup Tent. **BE** the **POSITIVE** influence. Make your **STEWARDSHIP** one to be looked upon with honor and prestige these organizations deserve!! May your **STEWARDSHIP** be the one ev-

everyone wants to emulate.

In Closing, you will never know the impact on the lives we encounter. You will never know the impression you will leave on someone's mind. Let them always say!

NOW there goes a **Comrade's "Comrade"**, NOW there goes a **Cootie's "Cootie"**.

Be a stand-up person, always accountable! SOOOO, for the future of these organizations to continue for the next 125 years.

Be a **GREAT Steward** for the Organization!!!

(This year's theme by CIC Sarmiento) **"Meet the Challenge"** by

**"Scouting for Comrades"** (This year's Theme by your Triple "S")

Yours in LOTCS,

*Mark P. Larkin*

Mark P. Larkin  
YOUR Triple "S"



# From the Supreme Blanket Bum

## Listen Cooties!

Supreme Blanket Bum spouting off in in straight talk. It feels like we were just in Phoenix the other day, but blink and now we're halfway through the year. Tomb Trek this year was the first time I have had the privilege to lay wreaths at the Argonne Cross, and as always, I was humbled by the awe of Arlington National Cemetery. During Cootie Christmas this year I was able to stay on campus at the National Home and had the pleasure of assisting the Grand of Florida on their 50<sup>th</sup> annual Friday luncheon for the Staff. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.



I'm going to push a couple things

- 1) **Inspections:** As of writing this, Supreme is at 63.8% reporting for Inspections. Tripple S has pushed Front-Loading your work since day one, and I will back him on the importance of getting your inspections done early. I fully intend on incorporating early reporting into my All Star program, so you are forewarned.
- 2) **Grand event dates:** Please, For the love of all that is Lousy, get your dates in to the Supreme Adjutant ASAP! This feels like a broken record for a while now. Many of us on the Supreme Staff have very busy schedules, and the earlier we can plan out Grand visitations the better. It also makes travel arrangements much easier.

Yours in LOTCS,

**Robbie Normand**  
**Supreme Blanket Bum**  
**2023-2024**



# From the Supreme Hide Gimlet

## Listen Cooties

*Supreme Little Bug here, in straight talk.*

Please continue to work your seams and recruit. Some of my other organizational goals for the remaining year is verifying my Pup Tent member information, i.e., mailing addresses, contact phone numbers and emails, just to name a few. General records upkeep is very important. This regularly scheduled task has two benefits:

1. It keeps our records up to date and
2. It shows you care for the wellness of your Cooties by checking in with them periodically (WarriorChecks). Once you find corrections, send them to the Supreme QM and Adjutant.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Pup Tent Inspections. If anyone needs help accomplishing inspections, contact me.

Continue being a positive influence within your VFW District and Department. The more times our parent organization sees Cooties attending and supporting VFW events, the better we will be received and it should strengthen our relationship together. In turn, making it easier for us to recruit Cooties.

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Eric Bell  
Supreme Hide  
Gimlet  
2023-2024**





# From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

I hope that everyone had a lousy Christmas and New Year. But now it is time to get back to cootie work. Especially membership. It is time to start thinking about elections and please remember to send me and the Supreme Adjutant copies of your election reports. These reports are due to both of us by the end of April. Please do not elect Cooties that have not paid their dues as I will be verifying all election reports that are sent to me. Remember that every Pup Tent is required to register at least one Cootie for the Supreme scratch which is in Louisville, KY this year.

The Supreme Commander's goal for membership this year is 10,500 and we are just short of 2500 cooties to meet that goal. It is possible to reach that goal if we do not let our older Cooties walk out the door. We have started 7 new Pup Tents this year and I know that there are a couple of more in the wings that could get started. Get out there and bring in new Nits and new VFW members. In 6 months, those new VFW members could be new Cooties if you recruit the right people.

I have asked for your support over the past 13 years, and you have given me your support. I am asking for your support one more time as I run for the high office Supreme Junior Vice Commander.

If I can be of any help to any of you please reach out to me by phone or email.

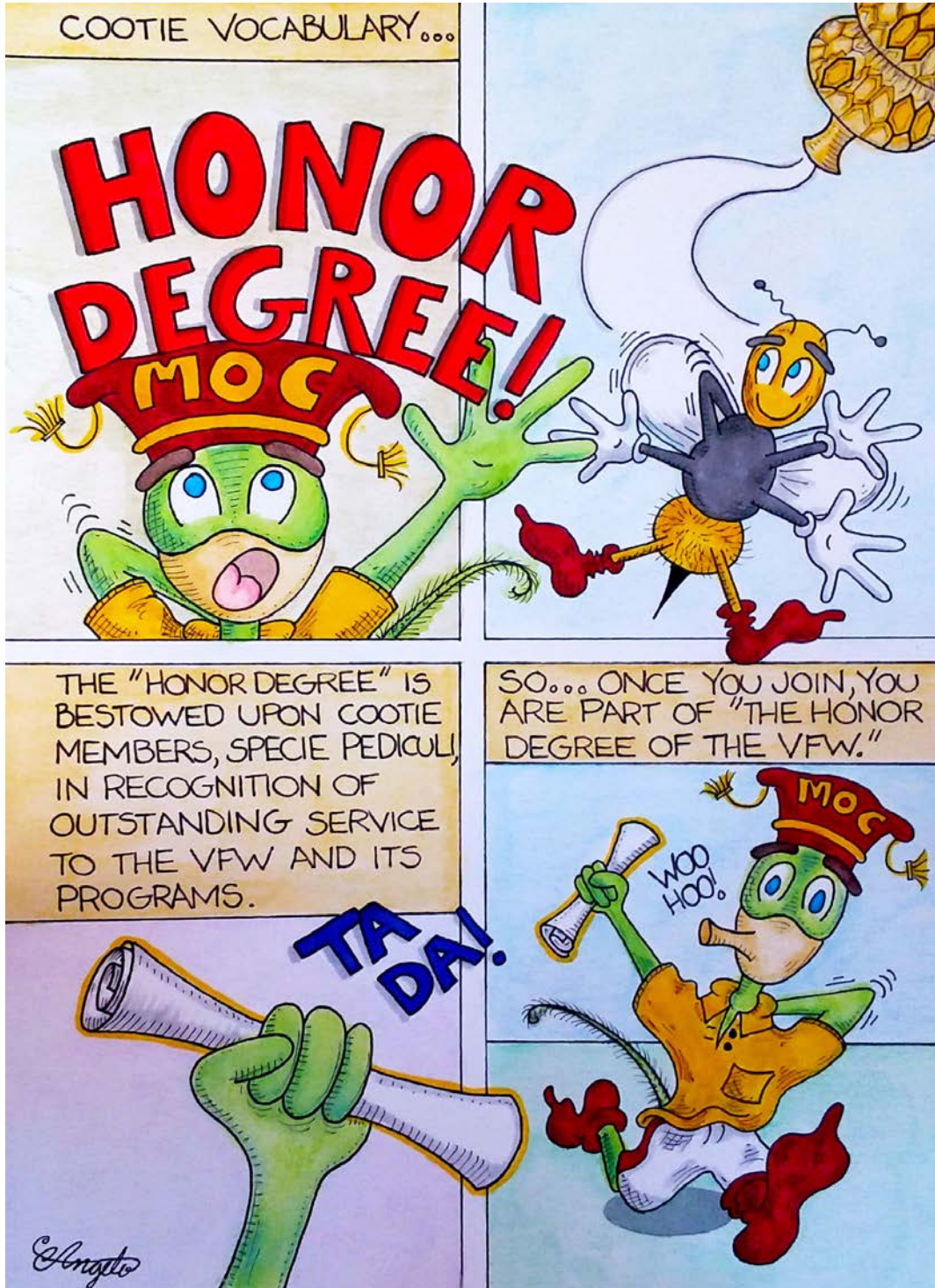
Yours in L.O.T.C.S.

**Gary Dressel**  
Supreme Quartermaster  
2023-2024



# 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 Surgeon

## Tips to Lose Those Unwanted Holiday Pounds

**D**id you indulge in a few too many cookies, candy and pies for the holidays? If you did, listed below are a few tips to help make them disappear.

- Get in daily movement: A little exercise goes a long way and will help you feel better about yourself.
- Hydrate: If you want to lose the holiday weight and keep the weight off, you need to drink enough. Your body needs at least 1.5 liters of purified water a day. Water removes excess salt and toxins from your body. This will help you reduce bloating by losing water weight.
- Get quality sleep: Sleep is an essential part of a healthy weight loss plan. If you don't get at least 7 hours of sleep a night, your body will go into stress mode and start storing fat in order to protect itself.
- Add greens/vegetables to every meal: Start your day with a green smoothie. Green smoothies supply you with plenty of minerals, convenient on the go and keeps your energy levels stable throughout the morning.
- Fill up on fiber: If you are feeling sluggish or bloated, boost your digestion by enjoying fiber-rich foods. Fiber-rich includes fresh fruits and vegetables, chia seeds, psyllium, quinoa, lentils and beans. Fiber will fill you up and sweep away any food residues or toxins that got left behind.
- Hide your scales for a week: After the holidays, give yourself a break and don't step on the scale. Give yourself a week to get back in your daily routine of healthy eating and exercising before you weigh yourself.



***Just remember to stay positive and don't beat yourself up for gaining a few pounds.***

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

Dani Hernandez  
Supreme Surgeon  
2023-2024

# From the Supreme Hungry Cootie

Listen Cooties,

The Supreme calendar is filling up with Grand dates, but we're still missing a few. If you haven't sent your dates to the Supreme Adjutant, please do as soon as possible. Also send the Supreme Representative Request forms if you would like someone specific to attend as assignments are being scheduled. This form can be found on the LOTCS.org website. If you have an itinerary/registration form, please send that as well. The more information we have, the better we can prepare your Supreme Representative.



Yours in LOTCS,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tracy M. L. Woodman'.

**Tracy M. L. Woodman**  
**Supreme Hungry Cootie/Adjutant**  
**Cootie #98 PT-21 of Wisconsin**  
**mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com**



# From the Supreme Pappa Clown

## Greeting my Crummy Cootie Clowns (C3).

I hope for each of you a blessed and peaceful holiday season.

I have received pictures from several parts of the country. I always love seeing them. But remember to be certified as a Cootie Clown you must follow the procedures printed in the program book. If you have any questions, please call me.

Remember the number three. Dress in at least three pieces of 'clown clothing'. Attend at least three events dressed as a clown and take pictures. Use the form at the LOTCS.org website, and turn in your report as instructed.

It's that easy.

Let's work together to make this the largest group of Cootie Clowns in a decade.



**In Respectful Service,**

**Allan T. Perkins "Archibald O'Perk"**

**Supreme Poppa Clown**

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# Clown Program back at the National Home



11/9/2023

Donald Lynch  
National Home Representative  
Dept. of Wisconsin VFW  
Military Order of the Cooties

Subject: Military Order of the Cooties Clown Program

Don,

It's recently come to my attention that prior to Covid 19 pandemic the National Home prohibited the presence of the MOC Clown program on campus.

Due to the Movie "It" there was some trepidation for the Clowns of the MOC and as I understand it, the program was prohibited from returning to campus.

I am glad to share that the rule has been changed. As of today, I am changing the policy to allow the Cootie Clown program to entertain the children of the VFW National Home just as they have always done in the past.

Please share with those who are involved or have direct effect with the program. If I can answer any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Wilson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Wilson  
Executive Director  
VFW National Home

Cc: Eric Bell  
Mark Larkin  
Angie Harkins  
Sue Alverson



# FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

What an absolute “**Lousy**” effort the following Pup Tents have put forward this last quarter!!!

**In no special order.**

BEAVER PATROL, Pup Tent 69, Grand of Iowa

BIG AGGIE, Pup Tent 12, Grand of South Dakota

TARHEELS, Pup Tent 89, Grand of North Carolina

LAFAYETTE NITS, Pup Tent 24, Grand of North Carolina

LUNAR TICS, Pup Tent 69, Grand of California

UCKISHE, Pup Tent 55, Grand of Texas

LET’S DO IT, Pup Tent 11, Grand of Texas

YUR-a-BUM, Pup Tent 3, Grand of Washington

CRAZY EIGHTS, Pup Tent 8, Grand of Washington

RUNNING BARE, Pup Tent 5, Grand of Missouri

DA-LEC-ITY, Pup Tent 14, Grand of Virginia

DUNE BUGS, Pup Tent 9, Grand of Oregon

YELLOW RIVER BELLIES, Pup Tent 1, Grand of Florida

DUCK-BUCK-GUSE, Pup Tent 6, Grand of Maryland



**This group of Specie Pediculi had the audacity to account thru personal and blood drives a total of 1, 570 pints of the Special Fluid!!**

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Frank Presfield  
Supreme Vampire  
2023-2024**



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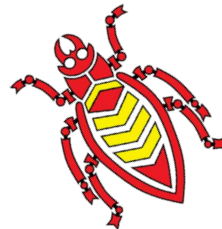
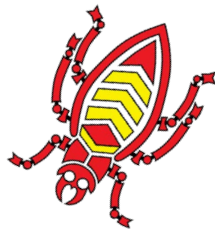
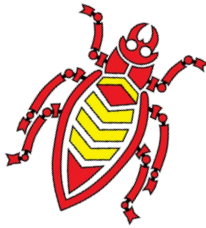
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Did you know that a **Life Membership** in the Military Order of the Cootie can be purchased with your credit card?  
Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!  
(412-824-2240)



# 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



12-19-2023

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Defunct Pup Tents	Date Completed	Grand Inspection	Percent	Pup Tents not yet Inspected
AL-13	1				N/A	0%	13
AK-2	1	1		9/5/2023	N/A	100%	
						0%	
AZ	8					0%	2,6,10,11,13,14,23,777
AR	4					0%	3,13,21,48
CA	10+1	10		10/31/2023	Yes	100%	(PT 66 New)
CO	5				Yes	0%	1,2,7,14,19
DE	3					0%	1,2,4
EUR	1	1		10/15/2023	N/A	100%	
FL	17	15	11			88%	17,56
GA-1	1	1		Aug-23	N/A	100%	
GA-5	1				N/A	0%	5
GA-66	1	1		9/5/2023	N/A	100%	
HI	1				N/A	0%	1
IL	6	6		8/1/2023	Yes	100%	
IN	1	1			N/A	100%	
IA	3	3		11/17/2023		100%	
KS	4+1	2				50%	3,7 (PT 4 New)
KY	4	4		10/3/2023		100%	
LA	3					0%	3,6,11
MD	8	8		10/31/2023		100%	
MA-14	1				N/A	0%	14
MA-52			MA-52			0%	
MI	9	9		8/1/2023	Yes	100%	
MN	12	7			Yes	58%	2,5,15,19,51
MS	6				Yes	0%	1,6,7,12,15,17
MO	8	8	9	12/5/2023	Yes	100%	
MT-10	1				N/A	0%	10
NE	3					0%	4,7,10
NV-2	1	1		11/21/2023	N/A	100%	
NH-1	1	1		10/7/2023	N/A	100%	
NH-3	1				N/A	0%	3
NJ	4		86			0%	7,15,38,41
NM	4	4		10/2/2023		100%	
NY	7	2	35		Yes	29%	2,9,75,32,42,65
NC	10	10		11/1/2023	Yes	100%	
ND	6	3				50%	6,10,12
OH	13	5				38%	1,9,18,24,25,83,86,118
OK	7	3				43%	1,4,16,17
OR	7	7		11/15/2023		100%	
PAC	8	3				38%	2,8,11,13,15
PA	11	10				91%	99
SC	6	5			Yes	83%	3
SD	3					0%	1,2,20
TN	3	2				67%	26
TX	9	7				78%	5,11
VA	10	8				80%	17
WA	7	7		9/18/2023		100%	
WV-6	1				N/A	0%	6
WI	7	7		10/23/2023		100%	
							<b>DEFUNCT PUP TENTS</b>
							FL 11,MA-52, MO 009, NJ 86, NY 35
TOTAL	249	163	5	19	10	65.46%	

# MOC Membership Report



2022-2023 Membership Report											
12/15/2023											
Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
5	KANSAS	84.57%	16	83	2	39	140	162	1	18	
3	LOUISIANA	42.86%	7	12	0	26	45	105	1	7	
5	NEW JERSEY	72.22%	1	32	0	45	78	108	1	1	
8	NEW YORK	67.57%	6	44	3	72	125	185	1	9	
5	COLORADO	86.41%	9	20	3	58	90	103	1	12	
3	TENNESSEE	53.72%	3	1	0	61	65	121	2	3	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	42.42%	0	0	0	42	42	99	0	0	
4	ARKANSAS	82.80%	11	0	19	48	78	93	1	30	
8	OREGON	69.49%	0	24	4	95	123	177	3	4	
6	NORTH DAKOTA	86.23%	0	71	0	73	144	167	1	0	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	75.00%	0	0	0	33	33	44	0	0	
9	MICHIGAN	49.24%	9	0	0	120	129	262	0	9	
18	FLORIDA	77.16%	19	95	10	227	351	451	10	29	
9	MISSOURI	68.51%	20	23	4	165	212	308	4	24	
7	WISCONSIN	69.39%	8	54	3	108	173	245	3	11	
4	NEW MEXICO	59.34%	0	0	0	54	54	91	0	0	
6	SOUTH CAROLINA	74.63%	2	28	0	103	133	201	4	2	
3	IOWA	85.56%	3	1	28	45	77	90	0	31	
6	ILLINOIS	83.54%	4	35	0	98	137	164	0	4	
6	MISSISSIPPI	72.73%	7	6	0	108	121	165	4	7	
11	PENNSYLVANIA	84.16%	9	111	12	210	342	404	4	21	
9	TEXAS	68.18%	18	30	6	202	256	374	14	24	
7	WASHINGTON	79.49%	7	49	0	131	187	234	7	7	
10	VIRGINIA	81.04%	26	26	2	211	265	327	10	28	
3	NEBRASKA	70.75%	2	3	0	70	75	106	1	2	
10	NORTH CAROLINA	80.44%	30	22	5	162	219	271	10	35	
4	KENTUCKY	89.85%	4	48	0	127	179	197	3	4	
11	CALIFORNIA	99.27%	21	128	3	260	412	411	7	24	
3	DELAWARE	86.46%	1	14	0	67	82	96	3	1	
8	MARYLAND	97.55%	2	111	1	165	279	286	1	3	
12	MINNESOTA	96.58%	4	143	0	167	314	322	4	4	
8	ARIZONA	77.50%	5	5	0	242	252	320	9	5	
7	OKLAHOMA	74.27%	10	51	2	64	127	171	2	12	
13	OHIO	86.14%	0	36	0	250	286	332	2	0	
9	PACIFIC AREAS	91.55%	9	8	7	357	381	414	5	16	
<b>BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)</b>											
1	ALABAMA 13	100.00%	0	0	1	15	16	16	0	1	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	32.26%	0	0	0	10	10	31	0	0	
1	INDIANA 11	73.91%	0	9	0	15	24	46	3	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1	63.27%	0	12	1	18	31	49	2	1	
1	ALASKA 2	113.95%	5	27	0	16	48	43	0	5	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	8.33%	0	0	0	1	1	12	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	46.67%	0	0	0	21	21	45	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	75.00%	0	0	0	33	33	44	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 1	92.31%	0	3	0	18	21	26	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 66	100.00%	3	13	0	25	41	41	0	3	
1	HAWAII 1	100.00%	1	0	0	11	12	12	0	1	
1	GEORGIA 5	64.52%	0	0	0	20	20	31	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	100.00%	1	0	0	42	43	46	0	1	
1	EUROPE 6	100.00%	5	1	1	72	79	79	2	6	
1	MONTANA 10	95.00%	0	0	0	56	56	60	4	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	100.00%				1563	1563	1563		0	
260	TOTALS	82.31%	288	1379	117	6241	8025	9750	130	405	

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

# Supreme Scratch Advertising Form



## MOC Convention Advertising Form

2024 Advertisements for the MOC Convention Booklet

The Supreme Convention will be held in Louisville, KY from 31<sup>st</sup> of July through 4<sup>th</sup> of August 2024. We hope that you would like to tell EVERYONE what your Fertile Hunting Ground has been accomplishing this year. Place your advertisement in the MOC Convention Book.

Send your Black & White or Colored design ads with this form to Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman, 1916 Grumann Dr, Tomah, WI 54660 or by email to [mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com](mailto:mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com) by 30 June 2024. Want to see your name in print? We've got Booster Ads available as well. Questions? Email or call Tracy at (608) 487-2440.

You will be contacted by Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman if there is an issue with your ad copy.

Booklet Ad Prices (See page 3 for sizing guide)

Full Page (Blue)	\$150.00
½ Page (Red)	\$100.00
1/4 page (Green)	\$50.00
Booster Ads (Page 2)	\$2.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand: \_\_\_\_\_

Pup Tent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Size (Check/Circle)    Full (Blue)    1/2 Page (Red)    1/4 Page (Green)

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to: Supreme MOC

Send to: Supreme MOC Headquarters, 604 Braddock Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Send ad to: Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman via email or snail mail.

2024 Supreme Convention Booster Ads (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Names \$2 each \_\_\_\_\_ x \$2 = \_\_\_\_\_

Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

Pup Tent: \_\_\_\_\_

Please type or print clearly each booster ad to go into the booklet. Thank you!

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Mail Monies to:

Supreme Headquarters  
604 Braddock Ave, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Booster Ads to:

Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman  
1916 Grumann Dr, Tomah, WI 54660  
or email to [mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com](mailto:mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com)

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1/2 Page (Red)

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Fee to  
Supreme QM  
Gary Dressel

# Gary Dressel Candidate for Supreme Jr. Vice Commander 2024-2025

December 1, 2023

Listen Seam Squirrel,

I am writing to you to inform you that this is my last year as the Supreme Quartermaster for this organization. I have enjoyed the position, and it is time for me to move on. You can be assured that I will support and assist the new quartermaster since I am not moving away from Supreme Headquarters. The other reason I am writing to you is to inform you that I am announcing that I am running for the high office of Supreme Junior Vice Commander at Tomb Trek. Since I joined the Cooties in 1997, I was elected as the Grand Quartermaster and served in that position until 2016. In 2011, I was elected as the Supreme Quartermaster and still hold that position. I have attended every Tomb Trek since 1997. I have this organization in my heart and know that there is more I can do to help and support this organization for our Cooties and our Veterans.



I am asking for you and your Pup Tent's support in this next step in my career with the Cooties. If you have any questions, please call me either in the office 412-824-2240 or my cell phone. at 703-447-3607 and let's talk about it. Hopefully, I can get you and your Pup Tent's support in this endeavor.

I currently have the support of several Past Supreme Commanders.

Yours in LOTCS,

*Gary Dressel*

**Gary Dressel  
Supreme Quartermaster  
2023-2024**



# Tracy M. L. Woodman Candidate for Supreme Jr. Vice Commander 2024-2025



Tracy M. L. Woodman

2024-2025

Supreme Junior Vice Commander  
Candidate

Characteristics of a Good Leader:

Integrity \* Delegation \* Communication \* Self-Awareness \* Gratitude  
Learning Ability \* Influence \* Empathy \* Courage \* Respect





# Supreme President's Message

Dear Auxiliary Members,

This year has flown by. Here it is January 2024 and that is hard to believe. How time flies. I hope and pray that all of you had a wonderful holiday and that 2024 will be even a better year.

Cootie Christmas at the National Home was wonderful. It is always great to see the delight on all the children's faces when Santa and Mrs. Clause show up and give out gifts. Thanks to all of you that took the time to travel and participate in this event. I also want to send out a great big thanks to all the MOC's and the MOCA's that sent in their donations to help with this yearly event.

It is now time to start thinking about what is on the horizon. Grand Conventions are just around the corner. I have received some of your Representative Requests, but not all of them. I will try to send one of the Representatives that you requested. But, just remember, that cannot always happen.

**Auxiliaries in a Grand:** Nominations, elections, and installation of officers must be completed between January 15th and March 31st, 2024; **unless** the Supreme President has given the approval in writing, to delay it. IAW MOCA By-Laws Section 305, "Installations shall be held at a date to correspond with the Pup Tent and if desired by mutual consent of the Pup Tent and Auxiliary, may be joint. New officers will assume their duties at the same time as their Pup Tent.

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tary/Treasurer gets information for the Roster). Do not wait on sending these in.

As most of you know, we have a new Supreme Treasurer. She is doing an awesome job on updating information into the database. Get those Membership Transmittals to her now. **I have extended the membership cutoff date until 31 January. Do not sit on those transmittals.**

Remember that all Treasurers must have time to process them. A reminder to all, if your 2024 dues are not paid by 31 January on 1 February you will become a **“Member not in good standing.”**

I personally want to thank all of you for your hard work and support that you have given to me. We still have a few months to go. I hope to see you as I travel throughout the country visiting the Grands.

**Billie Cassidy**  
**MOCA Supreme President**



# Supreme Sr. Vice President's Message

Members All,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and your new year will be a happy and fruitful one.

My year is coming up very fast and I am trying to get going on my pins and shirts.

This year my shirts will be by order only and all Auxiliaries and Grands will be receiving an order blank.

There will be an expiration date for ordering, so please get your orders in early. I will be distributing the orders at Supreme Convention. All information on the shirts will be included on the order blank.



I looking forward to a successful year. Thank you, all.

## MOCA DEVOTED TO VETERANS



Loyally,

**Patches Presfield  
Supreme Sr. Vice President  
2023-2024**



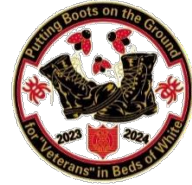
# MOC Auxiliary General Order #4

Corrected Copy



## Supreme President's Message/General Order #4

January 2024



Auxiliary Members,

Here it is a New Year. What does the month of January symbolize?



January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways, who symbolize beginnings and endings. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future. So, we need to look towards the future.

The last few months have been hectic and exciting. We have had Tomb Trek and Cootie Christmas. What an honor and privilege it was to attend these events. I have visited a few of the Auxiliaries that are not in a Grand. By this time all but a couple of Auxiliaries not in a Grand have been inspected. Here are some reminders:

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** On 1 Feb 2024, (this year only) any member not currently holding a 2024 membership dues card is NOT a member in good standing. **Normally, the dues are to be paid by 31 December. I have extended that to 31 January.** They cannot attend meetings nor claim hospital hours and are ineligible to be elected or hold an office. Dues must be paid by 1 Sep 2024, or these individuals will have to rejoin as a new member. Payment of their dues will restore all rights immediately. All treasurers, please transmit dues ASAP.

2. **ALL AUXILIARIES:** Not having 10 or more members paid for the current year are no longer in good standing with the Supreme organization. The Auxiliary cannot conduct any business, nor elect and install new officers, until the required number of members has been paid.

3. **GRAND PRESIDENTS:**

- Your VAVS Representatives and Deputies should be performing their duties at the VA Hospitals. It is your responsibility to visit all the VA Hospitals in which you have a VAVS Representative and Deputies. If there is a problem, as Grand President, you should be planning on appointing replacements.

- Your visits to your Auxiliaries within your Grand should be almost complete. Please send your Inspection Reports to Supreme Inspector Marquitta Hill, PO Box 16113, Hattiesburg, MS 39404. E-mail: [nicolefvw@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolefvw@yahoo.com)

4. **GRAND CONVENTIONS are just around the corner:** I will be assigning a Supreme Representative to attend your Grand Convention. For those who have not already done so, please send your Request for Supreme Representative for your Grand Convention to me now. Every effort will be made to send your choice. But bear in mind that it is not always possible. The Supreme Rep will be reviewing your books. When you are inspected, be sure to have the hard copies of the documents that are required available for the inspectors (copy of the bond (Due in August), audits, ledgers, banks statements, CD statements, EIN#, a copy when the 990 or 990N e-postcard was filed (this should be a receipt from the IRS) and Secretary's minutes. The inspectors will need to sign on each of these documents.

***SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS OF YOUR CONVENTION.***

5. **TREASURERS ON ALL LEVELS:** No checks are to be made out to any Supreme or Grand Chairman. Checks are made out to the organization, not an individual. Checks for the any Supreme Program are to be made out to Supreme MOCA & sent to

Georg Jean Zimmerman  
9117 SW 31st St  
Oklahoma City, OK 73179  
Cell Ph: 405-406-8700  
Email: [gjazzzman@gmail.com](mailto:gjazzzman@gmail.com)

- All Auxiliaries must have their own EIN to maintain their non-profit status under the umbrella of the Supreme Organization and **it is the responsibility of the Treasurer to file the 990n epostcard annually.** This is your EIN number and cannot be shared. This number is to be provided to the Supreme Quartermaster, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145. A reminder: Your EIN is for non-profit status, not tax exemption status. Please review the requirements for a tax exemption number before applying for one.

6. **MOC AUXILIARIES. Auxiliaries in a Grand:** Nominations, elections, and installations of officers must be completed between January 15th and March 31st, 2024; **unless** the Supreme President has given the approval in writing, to delay it. IAW MOCA By-Laws Section 305, "Installations shall be held at a date to correspond with the Pup Tent and if desired by mutual consent of the Pup Tent and Auxiliary, may be joint. New officers will assume their duties at the same time as their Pup Tent.

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8. **BY-LAWS**: By-laws are revised every 5 years. Please submit any resolutions for changes to Pat Potter at email: [ppotter1293@gmail.com](mailto:ppotter1293@gmail.com) for the consideration at a future convention.

9. **HOSPITAL REPORTS**: Auxiliary Hospital Chairmen, please report your member's hours and dates that they were volunteering. Our members do great hospital work, and they should be rewarded at the end of the reporting year. Each District Hospital Commissioner 's name and address can be found in the Supreme Roster book.

10. **SUPREME PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT**: Please send your donations to Supreme Treasurer Georg Jean Zimmerman and "Earmark" the check "*Supreme President's Special Project.*"

11. **SUPREME PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL HOME SPECIAL PROJECT**: Please make your donations to Supreme Treasurer Georg Jean Zimmerman, "Earmark" the check "*Supreme President's National Home Special Project.*"

- ***A reminder the Joint Project "Operation Big Boot" is a program that is being worked by the MOC/MOCA. If monies are donated to you for this project, please keep that money in your state to help on Suicide Prevention. DO NOT SEND TO SUPREME!***

To those who are experiencing illness, we extend the best wishes for a speedy recovery and to those who have lost loved ones, we extend our most profound and deepest sympathy from the Supreme Organization. Please ensure ALL the sick and departed members are reported to your Grand Chaplain as well as names are sent to the Supreme Chaplain Dawn Van Tassell, 110 Burgundy, Ekron, KY 40117. Cell: 502-655-1379 E-mail: [cootiecutiedawnvt@gmail.com](mailto:cootiecutiedawnvt@gmail.com)

**BY ORDER OF:**

*Billie Cassidy*  
Supreme President  
2023-2024

**ATTESTED TO:**

*Georg Jean Zimmerman*  
Supreme Secretary  
2023-2024

# MOC Auxiliary Hospital Report

MOCA HOSPITAL REPORT											
November 30, 2023											
GRAND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
<b>Supreme District #1 -- Vickie Peterson, Commissioner</b>											
DE	\$9,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MD	\$18,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
PA	\$15,750.00	7	6	28	459	424.50	3002.00	3364.50	2	13357.26	84.81
VA	\$26,000.00	10	8	16	168	77.00	1251.00	5623.14	4	7534.63	28.98
WV	\$8,250.00	5	40	109	422	578.50	1191.00	1322.91	0	14534.83	176.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78,250.00</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>1080.00</b>	<b>5444.00</b>	<b>10310.55</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>35426.71</b>	<b>45.27</b>
<b>Supreme District #2 -- Debbie Thie, Commissioner</b>											
FL	\$51,250.00	21	21	41	1287	1902.25	2568.00	27534.82	0	70790.08	138.13
GA	\$7,250.00	3	3	9	44	31.75	470.00	110.00	0	891.76	12.30
LA	\$17,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MS	\$23,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NC	\$41,500.00	9	22	37	471	317.75	1484.00	3256.02	2	10629.04	25.61
SC	\$44,000.00	8	6	14	374	39.00	6.23	1136.71	0	2017.03	4.58
TN	\$9,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$193,500.00</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2176</b>	<b>2290.75</b>	<b>4528.23</b>	<b>32037.55</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>84327.91</b>	<b>43.58</b>
<b>Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner</b>											
IL	\$18,000.00	2	12	35	1800	83.00	442.00	160.00	2	2093.53	11.63
IN	\$12,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
KY	\$15,000.00	4	7	29	178	62.25	1161.00	838.46	3	2404.74	16.03
MI	\$39,750.00	5	13	25	192	1076.50	1152.00	1600.00	2	26036.36	65.50
OH	\$33,250.00	28	24	69	572	540.75	1914.00	6935.37	23	19397.24	58.34
WI	\$35,000.00	14	135	153	1650	812.75	12233.00	4852.91	0	24893.04	71.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$153,750.00</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>4392</b>	<b>2575.25</b>	<b>16902.00</b>	<b>14386.74</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>74824.91</b>	<b>48.67</b>
<b>Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner</b>											
KS	\$23,250.00	14	269	334	5175	1843.50	22736.00	1055.69	0	45809.66	197.03
MN	\$54,250.00	20	234	374	4405	1136.50	20317.00	3290.70	35	31763.16	58.55
MO	\$42,250.00	43	184	216	5771	1408.00	6688.00	4666.10	8	37352.82	88.41
MT	\$7,000.00	2	68	69	64	178.50	20.00	216.00	0	4243.98	60.63
NE	\$11,500.00	26	90	127	3153	131355.50	4802.00	672.05	3	2963410.86	25768.79
SD	\$12,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,500.00</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>18568</b>	<b>135922</b>	<b>54563</b>	<b>9901</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>3082580</b>	<b>2048.23</b>
<b>Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner</b>											
CO	\$24,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NM	\$28,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OK	\$9,750.00	8	7	26	304	298.50	4728.00	1014.00	1	8407.10	86.23
TX	\$38,250.00	18	20	65	443	200.75	1563.00	2246.46	5	6992.19	18.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,750.00</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>499.25</b>	<b>6291.00</b>	<b>3260.46</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15399.29</b>	<b>15.28</b>
<b>Supreme District #6 -- Gaylene Ramos, Commissioner</b>											
AK	\$6,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
AZ	\$32,500.00	22	33	94	1202	21954.75	4782.00	9480.16	8	505229.25	1554.55
CA	\$44,750.00	11	6	75	165	509.00	2353.00	2207.93	0	14015.30	31.32
NV	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	#DIV/0!
OR	\$33,000.00	9	20	28	495	133.50	1006.00	662.50	0	3813.77	11.56
WA	\$41,000.00	18	147	163	10020	906.25	2157.00	13549.01	3	34286.93	83.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$157,500.00</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>11882</b>	<b>23503.50</b>	<b>10298.00</b>	<b>25899.60</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>557345.25</b>	<b>353.87</b>
<b>Supreme District #7 -- Penny Laskey, Commissioner</b>											
MA	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	#DIV/0!
NJ	\$23,250.00	8	8	16	336	46.00	809.00	1955.00	0	3105.56	13.36
NY	\$31,250.00	2	1	2	38	2.50	12.00	50.00	0	108.06	0.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,500.00</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>48.50</b>	<b>821.00</b>	<b>2005.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3213.62</b>	<b>5.90</b>
<b>Supreme Donations</b>											
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$888,750.00</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>1384</b>	<b>2154</b>	<b>39188</b>	<b>165919.25</b>	<b>98847.23</b>	<b>97800.44</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>3853118.14</b>	<b>433.54</b>
Submitted By		<b>Ruth Schoonover</b>			Supreme Hospital Commissioner						

# Supreme Seam Squirrel Homecoming

## SUPREME Pup Tent



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE**  
**OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
*"The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars"*



*From the Office of the: Supreme Seam Squirrel a.k.a Supreme Commander*

Date: 08 November 2023

From: MOC Supreme Seam Squirrel Mark P. Larkin  
To: Supreme Newshound and Supreme Hungry Cootie  
Subj: Supreme Seam Squirrel's Homecoming Information 21-23 March 2024

Listen Up Cooties,

Y'all are cordially invited (in Cootie speak – Un-invited) to attend the Homecoming of Mark Larkin your Supreme Seam Squirrel, aka Triple "S", aka Big Bug, aka Supreme Commander.

Below you will find the information for the 2 Hotels you may choose from, for the Triple "S's" Homecoming.

### Dates: 21-23 March 2024

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Hampton Inn of Havelock, NC<br>105 Tourist Center Drive<br>Havelock, NC 28532<br>(252) 447-9400<br>Code: MOC | 2. Holiday Inn Express of Havelock, NC<br>103 Branchside Rd.<br>Havelock, NC 28532<br>(252) 447-9000<br>Code: MOC |
|---|---|

**Room rate for both Hotels is 125.00 per night. CUTOFF DATES for Reservations is 21 February**

- These 2 Hotels are right next to each other and straight across the highway from Leslie C. Lewis Memorial Post 7315, 121 Lynnwayne Circle, Havelock, NC. A shuttle between the Hotel and Post will be provided.
- Basic itinerary: 21 March – Meet and Greet for all who may want to arrive early – Dinner TBD  
22 March – Homecoming/Roast – Whole Hawg Roast and Chicken – Post 7315  
23 March – North Carolina Grand Scratch - Dinner TBD – Post 7315
- Full itinerary, Details and registration information to follow.

LOTCS

*Mark P. Larkin*

Mark P. Larkin  
Your Triple "S"  
Cootie #122 PT-3 of North Carolina

Distribution:

Commander in Chief – Duane Sarmiento  
All Supreme Council of Administration members  
Supreme Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary President – Billie Cassidy  
Supreme Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary Grand Presidents



# Supreme Scratch Hotel

Reservation link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1701368501135&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Or Scan the QR Code below...



## Supreme Scratch Hotel

We have selected the Marriott East Hotel in Louisville to host our Supreme Scratch. The hotel is located at 1903 Embassy Square Boulevard, Louisville, KY 40299. The phone number is: 902-491-1184.

The room rate is \$154.00 plus tax, the cutoff date for making reservations is *July 5, 2024*. After this date you may not get the Cootie rate.

The hotel is about 7-8 miles from the convention center and the time to get there is about 20 minutes. If you are flying into Louisville, the hotel does not have a shuttle. The cost of a taxi to the airport is approximately \$20-\$30.

If you have a service dog there is no charge for bringing your dog with you.

The banquet cost is \$60.00 per person and the hotel is offering 2 dinner choices, a beef brisket which I have tried, and it was excellent and a Posto Chicken Bruschetta. Dinner will include salad, rolls, vegetables, dessert, coffee, tea or water.

If you want to use this hotel to attend the VFW convention you can do so at the Cootie rate, but you must stay thru Saturday August 3, 2024.

# Supreme Cootie of the Year Program 2023 - 24

## Listen Cooties!

I know there are numerous Species Pediculi in our Grands that are constantly working the seams, keeping them smiling and being closer than a brother. If you know of such a lousy Cootie that you would like to submit to be considered for the award "Cootie of the Year", please send me a detailed description of what this Cootie has performed to:

**Mark M. Newman, PSC 13-14**  
**348 David Hall Road**  
**Dover, DE 19904-5463**  
**Email: [mnewman122@gmail.com](mailto:mnewman122@gmail.com)**  
**Phone: 302-222-7558**

If you have any questions, please contact me. If you can't get your nomination to me thru the above means, then bring it to the Supreme Convention and give it to me or any Past Supreme Commander. We know there must be some deserving Cooties out there, so let us know and provide us with the opportunity to make a selection. The Cootie that is selected will then be presented the Award during Supreme Convention Banquet.

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Mark M. Newman**  
**Past Supreme Commander**  
**2013-2014**



# Sky Pilot - Chaplain of the Year

## Sky Pilot / Chaplain of the Year Program 2022-2023

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

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

Selection:

1. Selection of the Supreme *Sky Pilot of the Year* or *Chaplain of the Year* is done from letters of nominations sent by Pup Tent Seam Squirrels, Grand District and Area Commanders, Grand Commanders, and Supreme Council Members to the Supreme Chaplain.
2. Letters of nominations are judged by a Select Committee of no less than three people who are NOT members of the MOC or VFW, but who understand fully the work or labor of the Chaplain. Any Sky Pilot and Chaplain previously selected as Sky Pilot of the Year or Chaplain of the Year on any level is not eligible for recognition a second time at that level. However, if they are honored at one level, they can be honored at another.
3. Nominations letters should be written on MOC letterhead.
4. Letters postmarked after 15 May 2023 will not be considered. Nomination letters may be mailed between 1 June 2022 and 15 May 2023.
5. Letters of nomination should contact facts, not just words. We have Sky Pilots and Chaplains who do great work in this, and our parent, organizations. So please nominate them and get them recognized by sending your letter to the Supreme Chaplain.
6. Do not let your Sky Pilot or Chaplain down. Please make a nomination for this honor. If you don't nominate them, they may not be recognized.

Dennis Fairell, Supreme Chaplain  
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Salisbury, MD 21801  
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# MOC Auxiliary Ways and Means Raffle



**Greetings Brothers & Sisters,**

The Ways & Means Committee are asking each Grand and Auxiliaries not in a Grand to bring Gift Cards to Tomb Trek in November 2023 and Supreme Convention 2024 in the amount of \$25.00. Gift Cards will be easier for those traveling via airplane, etc. instead of baskets. At the 2024 Supreme Convention, we will also hold a Cash Raffle drawing. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Each Grand, Auxiliaries not in a Grand and local Auxiliaries are asked to purchase or sell a minimum of 10 tickets (\$10.00). 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$50.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$25.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25.00.

Make checks payable to: **Supreme MOCA**  
Memo Section: **Ways & Means 2023 – 2024**

Mail check and ticket stubs to :  
**Supreme MOCA Ways and Means Chairman**  
**Benita Lyman**  
**14 Spencer Road**  
**Wiggins, MS 39577**

Any questions or comments, please contact me at (601) 466-9986.

**Sincerely,**

**Benita Lyman,**  
**Supreme MOCA Ways & Means Chairman**  
**2023 - 2024**



# From the VFW National Chaplain



## Chaplain's Corner

Comrade Chaplains,

It's a new year already! Wow, does time fly! I sure hope this message finds everyone healthy and happy. I would like to borrow a quote from Mark Twain. "Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection". I believe that holds true to most of life's battles; from something as simple as getting up in the morning, or something as serious as battling suicide. A little improvement every day goes a long way. I truly wish everyone a Happy New Year and may God Bless you all!

Yours in Comradeship,

Chaplain Frei

David Frei  
VFW National Chaplain

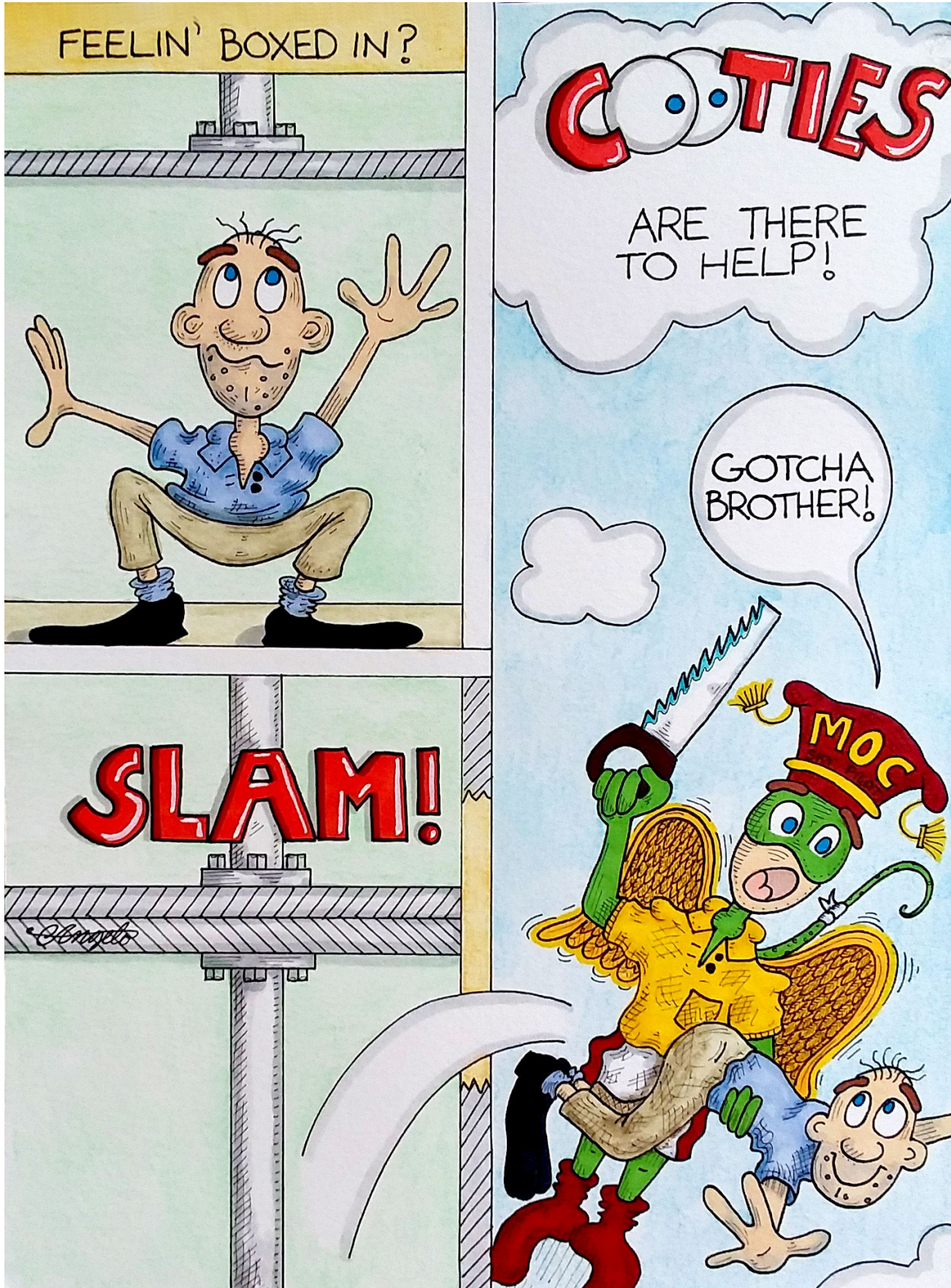


**Veterans  
Crisis Line**

DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**



# Cooties are always there!



## A DECISION WE'RE GUARANTEED TO REGRET

Recently several amazing survival stories appeared in the news. One featured the story of Georgie Knox from Alberta, Canada who struck a coyote with her car at highway speed. She heard a “crunch” sound and assumed she had killed the critter. Then, 21 miles later, someone motioned to her that there was something stuck to the grill of her car. She stopped to find - the coyote implanted in the grill, badly shaken but alive and well. Fish and Wildlife personnel inspected the coyote for injuries, then released him back into the wild.

But a far more obscure, but important story received almost no attention from the media. A 24-year-old woman in the Wuhan prefecture of China, attempted suicide by leaping from a bridge spanning the Yangtze River. The woman, identified only by her surname Li, had been publically shamed by her employer. She was so distressed that she thought death was her only escape. But she didn't die – even though the waters were bone-chilling and river swept her downstream for 25 miles – a journey that lasted five hours! Finally, police plucked her from the frigid waters alive and well.

What struck me about this woman was her comment to the police and media. She told them that, the instant she jumped from the bridge, she immediately regretted her decision. This is why she fought so hard to save her life while in the grip of the turbulent waters.

That very same comment about immediate regret has been voiced by almost all survivors of suicide attempts. Of the 1600-1800 people who have jumped from the Golden Gate Bridge, only 2% have survived the fall. And every one of them has made the same comment – the moment they lunged from the bridge they immediately regretted their decision. Suddenly their eyes were opened and they realized how precious life was to them.

A recent ABC article highlighted this same fact when it featured the story of two such survivors of suicide attempts. The survivors were Kevin Hines and Ken Baldwin. Kevin Hines told an ABC reporter, “The millisecond my legs cleared it, the millisecond of true free fall, (I felt) instant regret for my actions.” Ken Baldwin agreed. “I just vaulted over (the rail), and I realized, at that moment, this is the stupidest thing I could have done.”



**Chaplain David Causey**  
**US Army Retired**

Both men also expressed profound gratitude that they have lived to experience unforeseen joys - that they would have otherwise missed had their lives ended. Kevin Hines met the love of his life and married – his father serving as his best man. Ken Baldwin lived to give away his daughter in marriage and to see his first grandchild. Their deep depression at the time they attempted suicide blinded them to all the joys that lay ahead.

Friend, if you are depressed and feeling worthless, helpless, and hopeless – then I assure you that your vision is impaired. You're not seeing things as they are. Your life is truly wonderful and God loves you more than you could ever imagine. And He's got so many wonderful chapters of your life left to live. Yes, there is one decision that we will always regret - the decision to throw away God's greatest gift.

**PRAYER:** Dear Father in heaven, open my eyes to see all the blessings You have poured into my life and to see the possibilities of good things yet to come. Give me, O God, the will to live and fulfill Your purpose for my life. Amen.

*(Information from: <http://www.ndtv.com/offbeat/alberta-woman-drives-34-kilometres-with-coyote-stuck-in-bumper-it-survived-1749922>; <http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1065874.shtml>; <http://6abc.com/society/second-chances-i-survived-jumping-off-the-golden-gate-bridge/2020159/>)*

**Newshound's note:** It is with a sad heart that I must inform all Specie Pediculi that Chaplain David Causey has passed away to the great Hunting Grounds in the sky. But his Insightful Illustrations live on.



# Grand of California



At the C of A in September the Grand received certificates of achievement from MOC Supreme to PT 19 and PT 69 for having All Star Pup Tents. Pictured are PT 19 Mick Thomas Seam Squirrel and Anthony Precie CCDB. PT 69 Seam Squirrel James Ong and Grand Quartermaster, CCDB Selso Cavazos. PGC Jeannie Austin 2022 presenting these awards with Grand Commander Cindy Ohara and Grand Adjutant Ed Little of PT 43.

*Courtesy of Steve Kemp Grand Historian*



## Installation of MOC New PT #66 Green Backs

A new MOC Grand Pup Tent (#66 Green Backs) was installed on November 19th, 2023 at VFW Post 2070 in Monrovia. Now the MOC Grand of California has 11 Pup Tents. MOC Grand Commander Cindy Ohara of PT #43 and Supreme Senior Vice Commander Robbie Normand of PT #19 installed the Pup Tent and performed the proper "Degree" work. New Cooties getting installed into Pup Tent #66 and second photo Pup Tent Grand Installation with MOC Grand Senior Grand Commander Kenny Lindberg as Seam Squirrel.

*Courtesy of Steve Kemp Grand Historian*



PT-19 Cooties with Barstow Veterans Home Public Information Officer Laura Moraco make a donation at the Barstow Veterans Home.

The MOC Grand CA PT-19 Cooties met with Laura Moraco on 20 Dec 23 at the CA Veterans Home-Barstow to donate six boxes of Christmas gifts for the male and female residents of the Veterans Home. The boxes contained:

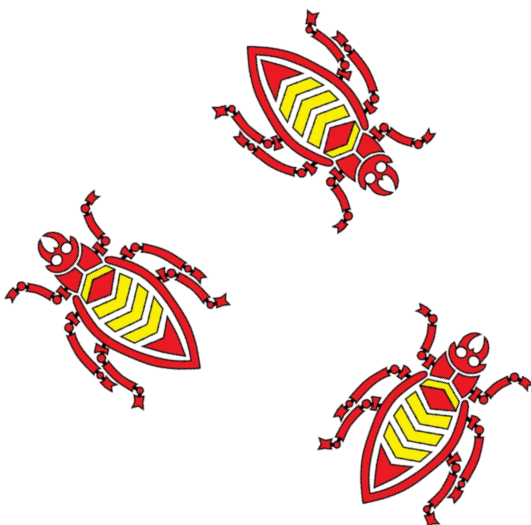
1. 24 wheelchair blankets.
2. 25 keychains.
3. 50 puzzle and Sudoku books/pens.
4. 30 heart-shaped jewelry boxes
5. 30 woven knit caps

The approximate value of the donation from MOC Grand CA Pup Tent-19 of California City, CA is \$565.00.

**Submitted by: Anthony A. Precie,  
Hungry Cootie, PT-19**



The three PT-19 Cooties from left to right are:  
Seam Squirrel Mick Thomas; Past Grand  
Commander CA/Tightwad Jerry McCleary; and  
Grand JVC CA/Hungry Cootie Anthony Precie.



# Grand of Delaware



## Military Order of the Cootie Grand of Del-a-where??



Presents its

**Annual Red & White Gala**

**February 24, 2024**

**VFW Post 475, 100 Veterans Drive, Newark, Delaware**

Come out and join us for PHUN, FOOD and FRIVOLITY

DJ - 50/50 - Silent Auction

Cocktails start at 4p and dinner at 5p. We'll go until we're done!

Come have a lousy time with Cooties and enjoy a spaghetti dinner with chopsticks. Must wear a white shirt to participate. Upgrades are available for a small donation.

For our traveling Cooties, we have reserved a block of rooms (\$109.00 per night+ tax) at:

**Holiday Inn Express, 1570 Elkton Road, Elkton, MD** - Phone: (443) 350-9154  
(Mention Military Order of the Cooties when making reservations)

**The Red & White Gala is a fundraiser to support the New Store Project at the VFW National Home.**

Be prepared with Cootie "Donations" and ready to have an overall crummy time.

**Family & Friends are welcome to join us.**

Please email your reservation lists to QM John Morrow @ [morrowir@aol.com](mailto:morrowir@aol.com) or mail reservation form to: John Morrow, 1350 Arrow Way, Bear, DE 19701.

**PAYMENTS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR**

**PLEASE RESERVE**

**TICKETS AT \$10.00 EACH = \$\_**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND: \_\_\_\_\_

PUP TENT #: \_\_\_\_\_

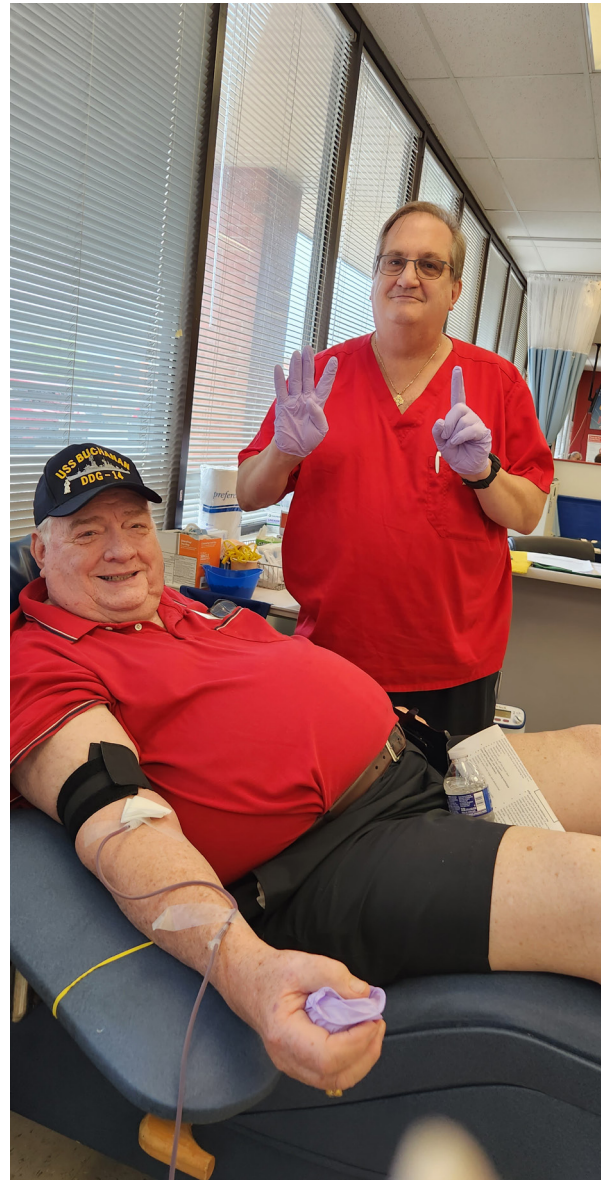
# Grand of Maryland



## Wow! 14 Gallons of Blood!

Cootie Phil Beinke of Pup Tent # t04, donated his 112 th pint of whole blood, at the Red Cross donation center in White Marsh Maryland. Red Cross employee, Mark Gast is pictured with Cootie Phil Beinke.

*Courtesy of Phil Beinke*



# toys for tots

## Gift Collection Event event



Jim Brady from Block Busters Pup Tent (The Real # 3) of Glen Burnie MD, plays Santa Claus. He however resides and played Santa in McCormick South Carolina. At this one event we collected over 750 toy's and over \$3,500.00.

***Submitted by Jim Brady, Cootie # 308, PGSS of Maryland***

# Grand of Michigan

Cootie Christmas in Michigan December 1-2, 2023



L-Triple S Larkin explaining something. R-Middle Bug Normand at the VFW National Home.



SPRING COOTIE ALL DAY



**“Whooh” said it’s Cootie Christmas time?**



**Triple S Larkin getting some hot soup on a chilly Michigan morning. Thanks Grand of Florida!**





**Packed house!**



**Singing Christmas carols!**

Some activities for the morning; Magic Show, craft table, and facepainting.



Just some of the bonus gifts for the children.



# Story time with Mrs. Claus.



**Santa has arrived!**



Back at the hotel for some Phun, fellowship, and the banquet.



Having breakfast on Sunday, courtesy of Tom the Chef! Thanks Tom, totally LOUSY! A big lousy Thank You for supporting Cootie Christmas 2023!

# Grand of North Dakota

## Tomb Trek, "Such an honor!"



This was my first Tomb Trek and is something that I'll never forget for the rest of my life! It was such an honor to lay the wreath at the Argonne Crossand to represent North Dakota.

I also want to say thank you to the Supreme Seam Squirrel, Mark Larkin, for letting me come over to the Tomb of the Unknown. It was a very honored experience. I also would like to thank the Cooties who asked me to stand in line, while

the Supreme Seam Squirrel and the MOC Auxiliary President went to lay the wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown. Another experience that I'll never forget!

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Corey Moen  
Grand Commander  
North Dakota  
2023-2024**



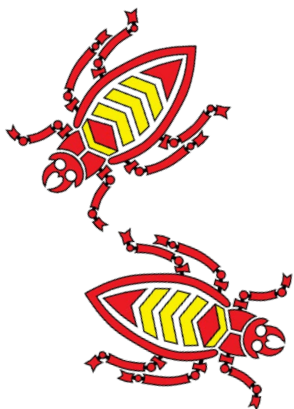


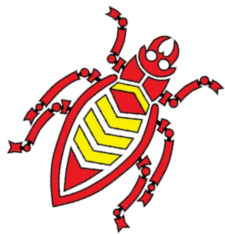
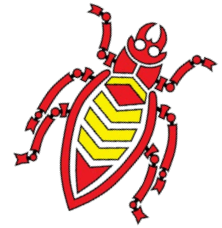
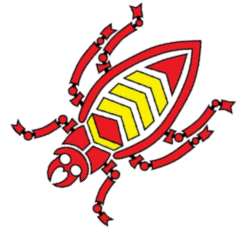


# Grand of Oregon

## Our Grand flipping burgers and dogs

Spring Valley Assisted Living, Springfield, Oregon. We BBQ'd burgers and dogs and made rootbeer floats for the residents. Participating were: Vern Beard, Oregon Grand; Camren Baker, Pup Tent Seam Squirrel. and Jonathan Tollesen. *Courtesy of Gene Lord*





## Linn County, Oregon Distinguished Veteran for 2023

On November 10, 2023 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 584 hosted the 2023 Linn County Veteran of the Year Banquet in Albany where our 2010-11 Oregon Past Grand Commander Robert (Bob) Gore (US Army) was honored as the 2023 Veteran of the year. This award was made by judges from the community who selected him from a slate of outstanding veterans who demonstrated outstanding devotion in providing community service to veterans, their families, and the community at large.

Honoring PGC Gore included Congresswoman Lori Chaves-DeRemer and Special Guest/ Keynote Speaker USMC Gunnery Sergeant John W. Stefanowicz from the US Navy Military Academy.

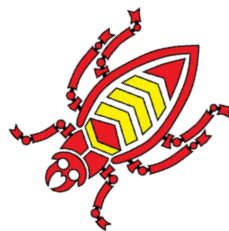
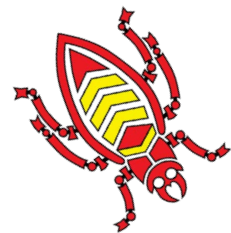
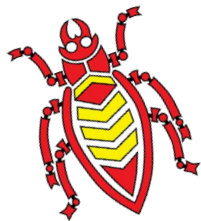
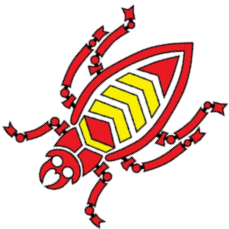
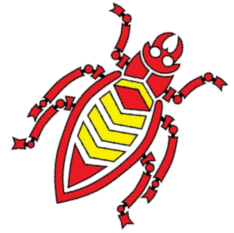
*Courtesy of Bert Logan III, Oregon Past Grand Commander (2009-10)*



PGC Gore surrounded by members of the Lebanon High School JROTC, Commander of Post 584 Mark Lamberty, and Gunnery Sergeant Stefanowicz.



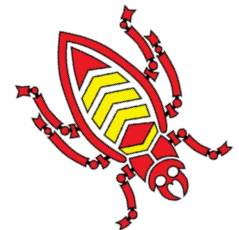
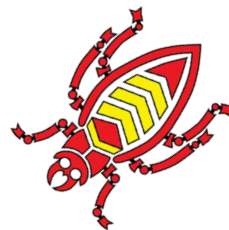
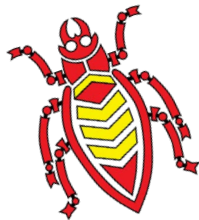
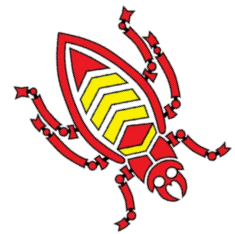
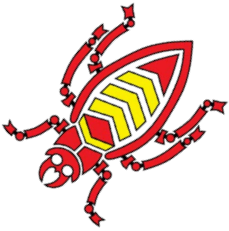
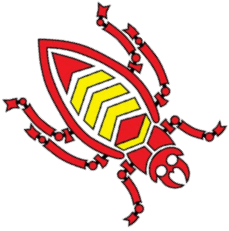
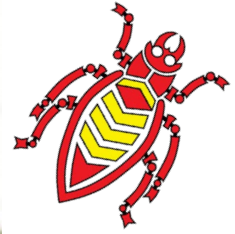
PGC Gore poses with his award.



# Grand of Texas



Allan Perkins unloading the 77 baby strollers at Michael E. DeBakey VAMC.

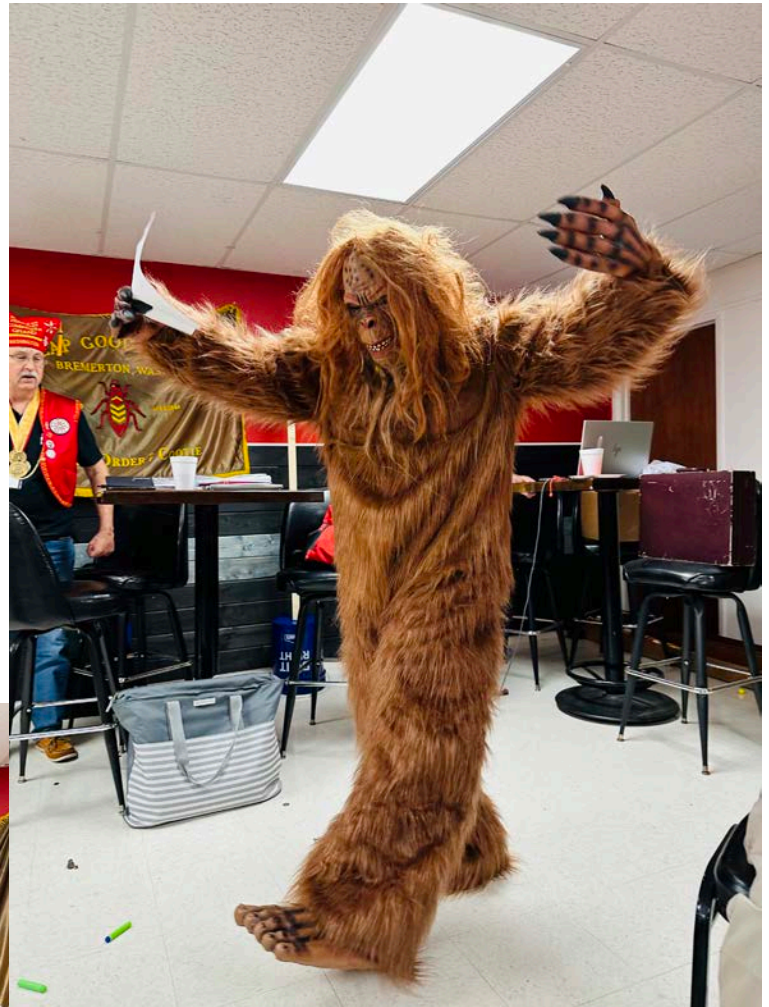


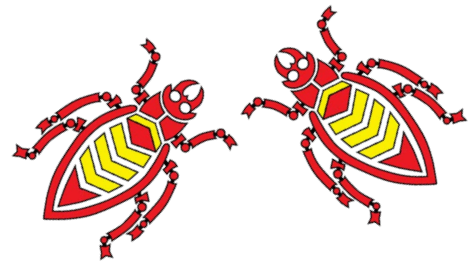
# Grand of Washington

## Bigfoot sighting at the Fall C of A

During the Grand's Fall C of A Bigfoot appeared out of nowhere and read our general orders. His voice was booming and sounded like Charlie Brown's teacher. But, us Cooties, well versed in multiple dialects and languages understood his mumblings quite well. Was it really Bigfoot? Or, was it someone in a Bigfoot costume? Well, roll call was taken "again" after he left and all were present and accounted for. So, we "believe" he is real. You decide!

**Submitted by Grand Commander Paul Herrera**







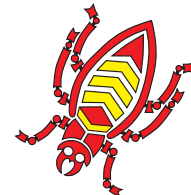
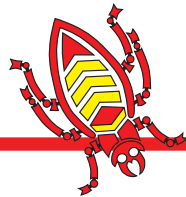
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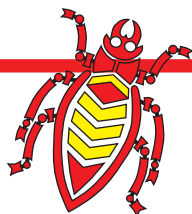
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Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!  
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# From the Supreme Newshound

Shred, shred, shred...Have you checked out the mumblings of our Supreme officers? Sometimes they use "Straight Talk" and other times "Cootiespeak". Whatever their mumblings are about they're important! So, be sure to grab a glass of Cootie Milk and find out what they have to say, eh?

Are you a *Sky Pilot* or a *VFW Chaplain*? If you are, you're invited to the next Zoom training session about *Suicide Prevention*. Date and Time: Wednesday, Jan 17, 2024, 7:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada). Training sessions are held every month on the third Wednesday, until May 15, 2024, at 7:30 Central Time. Join the Zoom Meeting with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337342658?pwd=bVI4RUMyNi9HUEYvckFJZk43V3VkZz09>

Have you ever seen Bigfoot? Well, the Grand of Washington has! Yep! Now I'm a believer! Check out the pictures in this issue!

Finally, remember when submitting content to our *Crummy Rag* 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:

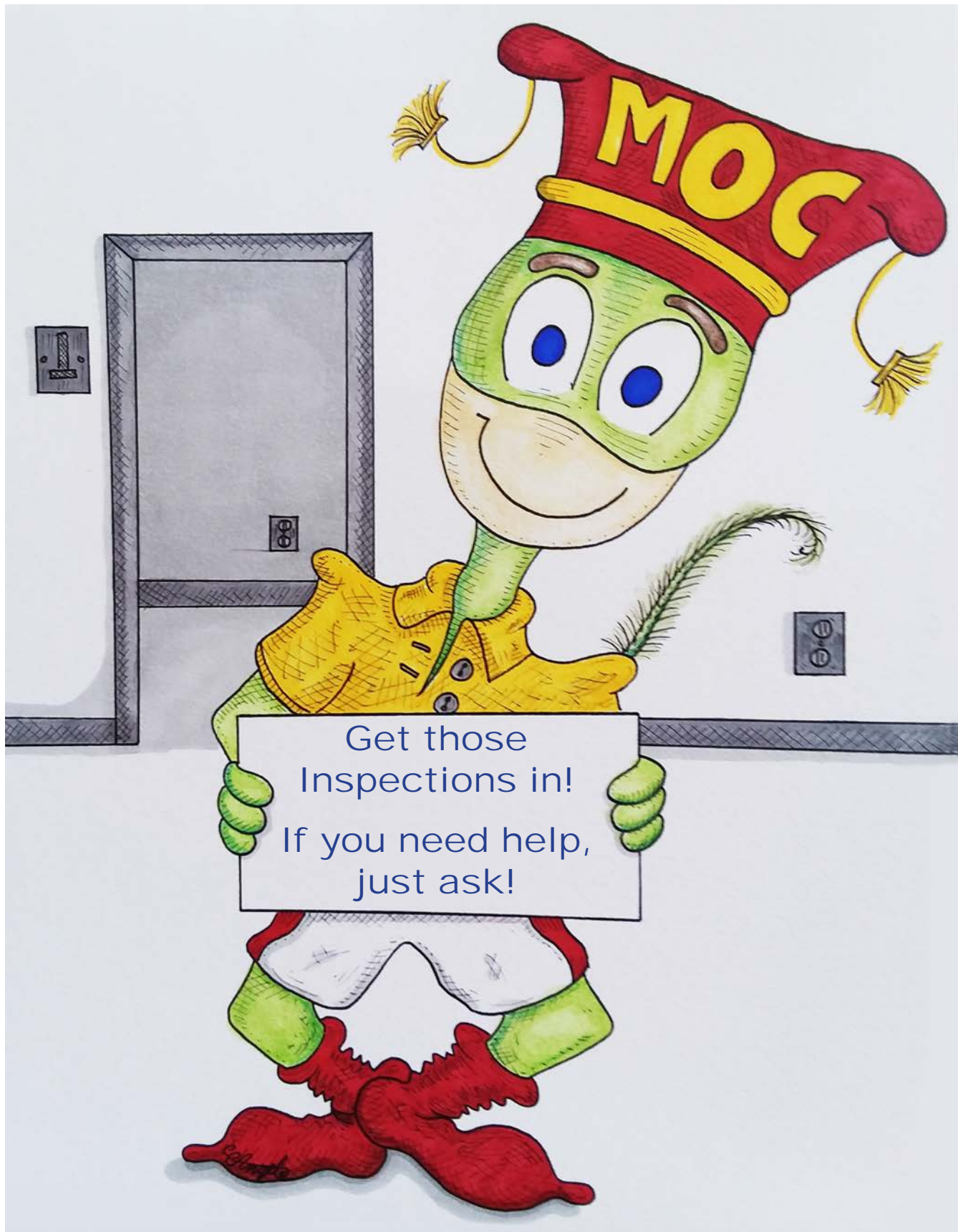
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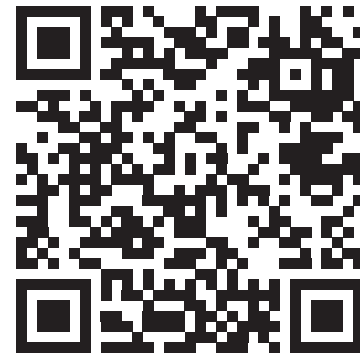
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Attained age is the age that you are on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year that you apply. All applications for Life Membership MUST include the VFW Life Membership number of the applicant and be accompanied with the required fee. Life Membership is available to 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Cooties only! Prospective atoms cannot become Life Members until they have been deloused! See section 120 of the Supreme By-Laws for more information.

# Red Star Life Membership

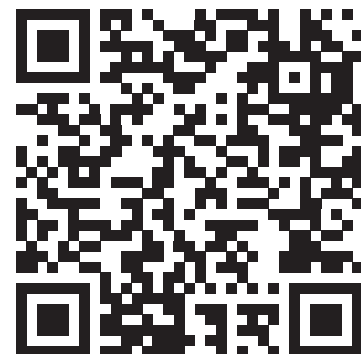
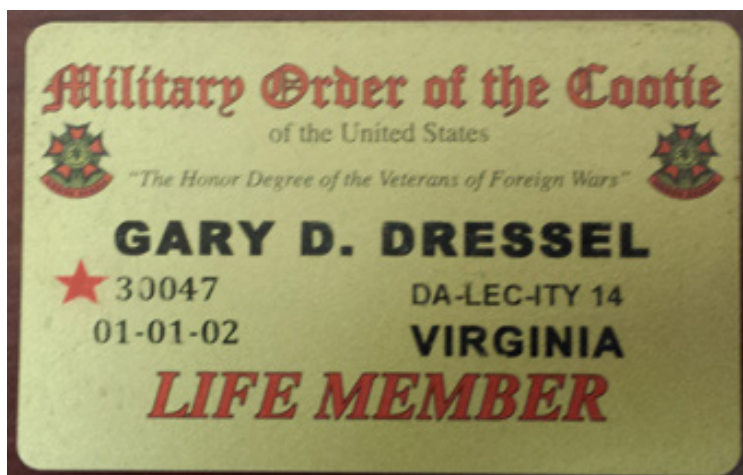
For the price of \$100.00 you too can become a **Red Star Life Member** and help support our "**Crummy Fraternity**" and leave a legacy for your Pup Tent.



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.

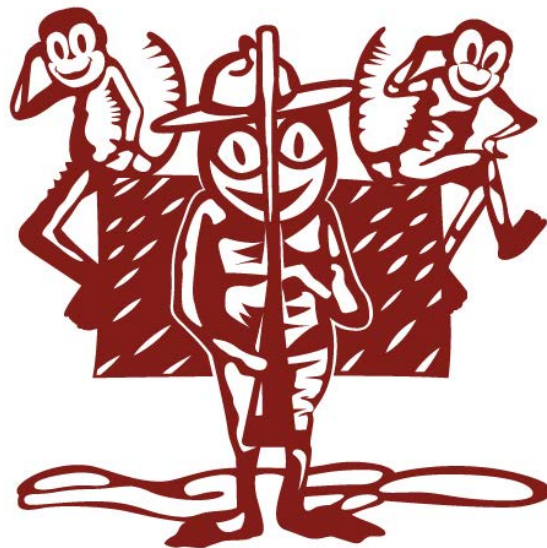
So, become one of the "**Lousy**" elite by simply contacting Supreme Quartermaster Gary Dressel at [supremehqmoc@lotcs.org](mailto:supremehqmoc@lotcs.org). Or go to the Cootie Depot and purchase your **Red Star Life Membership** online by going to: [https://www.lotcs.org/WAeCart/life\\_member.php#RedStarLMCard](https://www.lotcs.org/WAeCart/life_member.php#RedStarLMCard). 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.



# Taps

<u>Name</u>	<u>PUP TENT</u>
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Raymond Boros	AZ-002
Richard Lowe	CA-007
Robert Morehouse	CA-007
Daniel Canright	CA-040
Jose Ortega	CO-001
Paul Phillips	DE-001
Edward Cambell	FL-098
Terry Theriac	IL-048
Ridley Miller, Jr	IL-062
Patrick Mann	IN-011
Clinton Vawter	KS-003
Paul Torres	MD-004
James Lopez	MD-004
Earl Tefft	MI-014
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Lawrence Kessel	ND-008
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John Kotheimer	NH-001
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Rev. Dr. Barry Walker	OH-092
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**Cooties are here to serve!**

