



**GRAND OF VIRGINIA
AUXILIARY TO THE
MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE
OF THE USA**

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GENERAL ORDER #5: To be read at the next Auxiliary meeting and filed.

A huge thank you to Auxiliary #1 for hosting Fall Council meeting and providing an amazing lunch! I am very disappointed in the attendance at Fall Council meeting. We only had 11 members in attendance. 7 members from Aux. #1, 2 members from Aux. #13, and 2 members from Aux #14, no members in attendance from Aux. #9. Only 1 President attended the meeting. It's really important to attend the meetings.

Thank you all who attended **Tomb Trek!!** A special thank you to my Senior Vice President, Laura Adamczyk for stepping up and presenting the Grand Wreath in my absence. To those who placed wreaths at the Argonne Cross, truly a breathtaking experience, wasn't it?

According to our Booklet of Instructions, **absolutely no alcoholic beverages** will be permitted in the meeting room during business session. There will also be no smoking during the business session.

The usual reminders:

Audits must be conducted quarterly and mailed to the **Grand Treasurer, Vickie Petersen.**
Hospital Reports mail to **Hospital Chairman, Vickie Petersen.** vpetersquilts@gmail.com.
Grand Chaplain, Jennifer Winn stands ready to assist any members in need,
jen.vfwa.moca@gmail.com.

Shema Peppers is the chairman of **Ways and Means**. If anyone has any items she can use, please bring them to the next **Grand Meeting in January in Williamsburg!**

The Military Order of the Cootie has been spreading Christmas cheer to the children of the VFW National Home for over 95 years. On December 1-3, 2023. I will again, be traveling to Eaton Rapids, Michigan to share the holiday spirit at the National Home with Cootie Christmas. See the MOC/MOCA website, lotcs.org for details.

Winter Council will be held January 11-14, 2024. **HOTEL:** Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6845 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Phone: (757) 220-2250. Room Rates are \$89.00 per night plus tax. **Make your reservation directly with the hotel** and mention group name “Veterans of Foreign Wars-Winter Council Meeting Group”. Cut-off Date December 11, 2023. **Grand MOCA meeting is Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 1:30pm-3:00pm in the Petersburg A room.** The VFW Riders will again be hosting the Friday night dance, Cost is \$10.00.

Blood supplies are still low. Please, if you are able to donate, do so now. For additional information call 1-800-448-3543 or visit the website www.weneedblood.org. If you are able to respond, please report to our Hospital Chairman, Vickie Petersen.

Blood shortages are so severe that Tidewater area hospitals are canceling elective surgeries. Please, if you are able to donate, do so now. For additional information call 1-800-448-3543.

We are members of the greatest organization in the world, the Veterans of Foreign Wars. That we are also MOCA members, attests to our dedication to our service members and our veterans. We don't question what we need to do; we just get it done. Only by working hand in hand, with the Auxiliary and Post members, and combining our forces can we do what we do best: assist and care for our veterans.

Remember, only WE will “Keep them smiling in beds of white”. Happy Thanksgiving, my dearest ladybugs, be safe and eat a lot of turkey. I'm so looking forward to turkey sandwiches!

My heart and prayers go out to those sisters who are ill or who have lost loved ones.

Grand President,
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