



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

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GENERAL ORDER #3: To be read at the next Auxiliary meeting and filed.

The usual reminders:

Audits must be conducted quarterly and mailed to the **Grand Treasurer, Vickie Petersen.**

Hospital Reports to Chairman Vickie Petersen, vpetersquilts@gmail.com, within 90 days!

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.

Grand Chaplain, Jennifer Winn stands ready to assist any members in need, jen.vfwa.moca@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who attended Cootie Safari!! A great time was had by all.

Fall Council will be held October 7 from 11-2 at VFW 3160. 111 A. View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503. Treasurers please bring a check for \$25.00 made out to the Grand of VA for 2024 Tomb Trek Wreaths. Grand will send one check in to Supreme for the wreaths.

The 88th Annual Tomb Trek, November 3-5, 2023-the dress code required for presenting a wreath is printed in the Supreme Program Book and includes **appropriate** white pants, COLLARED white shirt and closed toe shoes. **ANY PERSON, NOT ATTIRED IN THE REQUIRED UNIFORM, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT A WREATH.**

Please read the dress code carefully, so that you will be able to represent your Auxiliary at this wonderful ceremony. No pins on hats or jackets.

HOTEL: Sheraton, Pentagon City, 800 South Orme Street, Arlington, Virginia 22204. Phone: (703) 521-1900. Room rates are \$114.00 plus tax. **Make your reservation directly with the hotel** and mention "Military Order of the Cootie" for discounts.

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, 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 at the Fort Magruder and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia: phone: (757) 220-2250. Room Rates are \$89.00 per night plus tax. Group name “Veterans of Foreign Wars-Winter Council Meeting Group”, Cut-off Date December 11, 2023. Not sure about date and time of Grand meeting at this time.

Please keep in mind, that all our Hospital events are open to ALL volunteers. So when your post advertises an event, include the info. Many new members do not know what the Cooties do, so this is a good way to recruit! Remember, we never turn away volunteers!

Remember, while *Running to Support Our Veterans*, We Keep Them Smiling in Beds of White!

My heart and prayers go out to those sisters and brothers who are ill, or who have lost loved ones. Please attend to these members with calls, cards or visits. Many times they do not reach out!

With Love & Respect,
Lisa M. Eck

