



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

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GENERAL ORDER #1: To be read at the next Auxiliary meeting and filed.

Your **Officers and Chairpersons**, elected or appointed at grand convention, are as follows:

Pres	Laura Adamczyk	Sr Vice	Donna Webster
Jr Vice	Lisa Peterson	Chaplain	Jennifer Winn
Treas	Vickie Petersen	Conductress	Ann Hill
Guard	Pamela Flores	Secretary	Carol Vangi
Chief of Staff	Delpha Martin & Lisa Eck	VAVS Rep	
Nat'l Home	Lisa Eck	Ways/Means	Donna Webster
Hospital	Vickie Petersen	Scholarship	
Inspector		Trustee 1	Lisa Eck
Trustee 2	Jennifer Winn	Trustee 3	Shema Peppers

Congratulations to all and thank you so much!

Inspections will begin in August/September so Secretaries and Treasurers, please have your books ready! I intend to be present at all inspections so I can meet more of you in person.

I would love to share any events with other Auxiliaries, so please let me know what is going on at your posts so I can put it out in my general orders! Post 3160 is having Cootie Safari, August 17. Tickets are \$45.00. Please reach out to me if your interested in more information or would like to go on Safari.

I am in need of volunteers to fill the chairman positions of VAVS Representative, Scholarship, and Inspector. If you are interested please let me know.

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! Thank you so much Vickie for accepting this position as well as grand treasurer! It means a lot to me.

Donna Webster is chairman of **Ways and Means**. If anyone has any items they can use, please bring them to the next **Grand Meeting**.

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

Fall Council will be on October 19th at VFW Post #9808 at 10am in Mechanicsville.

The 86th Annual Tomb Trek November 7-10 2024 -the dress code required for presenting a wreath is printed in the Supreme Program Book and includes **appropriate** white pants, COLLARED 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, VA 22204. Phone: 703-521-1900. Room rates are discounted. **Make your reservations 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 90 years. In December, I will 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 in the coming months.

Please keep in mind, that all our Hospital events are open to ALL volunteers. So when you post or advertise an event, include this info. Many new members do not know what we do, so this is a fantastic way to recruit!

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 and Respect,
Grand President,
Laura A. Adamczyk

