



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

Donna Webster, chairman of **Ways and Means** requests that if anyone has any items she can use, please bring them to the next **Grand Meeting in October.**

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.

Hospital Chairman Vickie Petersen, requests that **all hospital chairmen attend the Grand Council of Administration to benefit from report training and distribution of information necessary for reporting.** She is also asking for everyone to check their stock of pins and bring any old hospital hours or blood donation pins because this helps keep costs down.

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

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!

I am still in need of volunteers to fill the chairmanships of VAVS Representative and Scholarship. If you are interested please let me know.

Fall Council will be held Saturday, October 19th at 10AM at VFW Post 9808 in Mechanicsville. Registration form attached in email. Registration is \$6.00. Registering in advance helps us provide you with printed materials to take back to your auxiliary.

The 89th Annual Tomb Trek , November 8-10, 2024 -the dress code required for presenting a wreath is printed in the Supreme Program Book and includes **appropriate** white pants 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 \$114.00 plus tax. 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 National Home for over 95 years. On December 6-8, I will be traveling to Eaton Rapids, Michigan, to share the holiday spirit at the National Home with **Cootie Christmas**. Room rates are \$101 plus tax. More details can be found on the supreme website under events.

Winter Council will be held at Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia: phone: (757) 220-2250. Room rates are \$89.00 per night + tax. Group name “Veterans of Foreign Wars-Winter Council Meeting Group”, Cut-Off Date should be in December of 2024. Grand meeting date and time have not been set yet. Details should follow in a following general order later this year.

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

Remember, When Supporting Our Veterans' Needs, 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, visits. Many times they do not reach out!

With Love & Respect,
Grand President,
Laura A. Adamczyk

