



**GRAND OF VIRGINIA
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO THE
MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE
OF THE USA**

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GENERAL ORDER #4: To be read at the next Auxiliary meeting and filed.

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: Secretaries-just read BOLD:

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

Auxiliary Treasurers please send Grand Treasurer, Vickie Petersen your \$25.00 check for Hospital.

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.

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 PREENT 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, 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.**

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 Ladies 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 Halloween! My dearest ladybugs, be safe and eat a lot of candy.

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

Grand President,
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