

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 Rowdy Rebels MOCA #13 for hosting the Fall Council meeting and providing an amazing lunch! I was glad to see all those who were in attendance at the Fall Council meeting and hope to see even more of you at the Winter Council meeting!

At Fall Council a resignation from Pamela Flores was read for the position of Grand Guard. As such we will have a special election to fill the vacant position at Winter Council.

Thank you all who attended **Tomb Trek!** To those who placed wreaths at the Argonne Cross, it was a truly wonderful experience, wasn't it?

The usual reminders:

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

Hospital Reports should be sent 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.

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 6-8, 2024, I will be traveling to Eaton Rapids, Michigan, to share the holiday spirit at the **National Home** for **Cootie Christmas**. See the MOC/MOCA website, **lotcs.org** for more details.

Winter Council will be held January 10th-12th, 2025. Hotel: Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, 6845 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Phone: (757) 220-2250. Room Rates are \$92.00 per night + tax. Make your reservations directly with the hotel and mention group name "Veterans of Foreign Wars-Winter Council

Meeting Group", Cut-Off Date is December 19th, 2024. Grand MOCA meeting is Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 1:30pm-3:00pm in the Petersburg A room.

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 the Cooties do, so this is a good way to recruit! Remember, we never turn away volunteers!

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

Happy Thanksgiving, my dearest sisters and brothers, be safe and eat a lot of pumpkin pie! I know I will!

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, Grand President, Laura A. Adamczyk

