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# From the Supreme Commander

Dear Coots, Cuties, Crummies, and errant Cooties:

**A**s we travel the winding road in our daily travails, we are constantly looking for directions...it's a shame we cannot read! Our crummy organization is out and about doing the prestigious work of looking out for our ill and disabled fellow veterans.

Just recently (9/20) we had a disreputable Zoom meeting where 60+ participants were involved in discussing Cootie ventures and possibilities. We had a ghastly group Grand Commanders who shared their ideas which we all can reflect on to fine tune our ventures in structural strength. I was pleased to see Past Commander in Chief Hal Roesch there with us! I'm very proud of all who took the time to Share and Care!!!

Ken Eggers (PT 14, Grand of Virginia) through his pestilence has procured an Amazon grant for \$5000 for the Supreme Commanders Special Fund. I'm really depressed to be waiting to see the new activity equipment at the National Home. Many thanks Ken! Your Lousy work is greatly appreciated!

Other items of note during our Zoom meeting:

- 1) Delegation of duties to Sr. and Jr. Vice Commanders, with accountability.
- 2) Discussion on how Supreme District fund balances could be returned to Grands (covered in General Orders #3).
- 3) VFW *Recruiter Competition* review by Chairman Paul Arnold. Let's get out and recruit more members. Iowa is kicking our backsides
- 4) Hospital reports by Commissioner Eric Bell focused on Grands sending in reports to their District Hospital Chairman. Eric said we would be updating the hospital reports shortly.
- 5) Past C-I-C Hal Roesch commented on attracting younger members by focusing on their engagement by activities – not the bar business. Camaraderie and focused activities were the primary alluring conditions.



6) Our Supreme Inspector, Earl Bigham, reported that only 25 inspections have been sent in. Is there a reason why we cannot have our inspections in by Christmas? The inspection is assurance that Pup Tents are functioning correctly.

7) Reports by Sr. Vice Dwight Hora and Jr. Vice Mark Larkin on their Grand visitations.

We also had several suggestions on activities we can perform even with COVID restrictions. This what we are about and I'm thankful our Grand Commanders are available and actively sharing.

**REMINDERS:** The **86<sup>th</sup> Tomb Trek** is 5-7 November, 2021. Hotel reservations: Sheraton Hotel, 900 Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204 703-521-1900

All *Grand Commanders* are now *Council of Administration* members, so your attendance is *imperative*. Remember if the Grand Commander cannot attend, the Sr. Vice is next in line, and lastly, the Jr. Vice if the preceding are not available. Our quest to get our Military Order of the Cootie machine oiled up and functioning is not over! Your input and ideas are needed and appreciated.

**Registration for Tomb Trek:** Advanced *full registration* is \$85 which includes Banquet (\$50) and Bus Ticket (\$15). After October 4<sup>th</sup>, *full registration* is \$100. Let's be proactive and get signed up. Checks are to be made out to "*Tomb Trek Committee*" and are to be sent with completed forms to: **Jane Channell**, 2728 Hillside Court, Ijamsville, MD, 21754-8806

Additionally, Wreath Registration is \$25 to same address.

**COOTIE CHRISTMAS:** The 93<sup>rd</sup> Cootie Christmas Party is December 4, 2021. Hotel : Quality Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Dr, Lansing, MI 48906 517-886-0600.

You need to get a reservation in ASAP to be there for the fun and frolic with the parents and kids at the National Home. Donations for the Christmas Party may be sent to: QM Shane Houghton, 343 High St, Ionia, MI 48906

Tickets for the banquet are (\$42 each) and need to be sent to Michigan Treasurer, Kathy Kirby, 2330 Bingham Road, Clio, MI 48420. Make checks payable to: Grand of Michigan MOCA.

A big BOO to each evey one of you! We are only great because of you It is always an honor to be your worker!

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Olin Parks  
Supreme Commander  
2021-2022**



## From the Supreme Quartermaster

### Listen Cooties,

We are well into the new year and there are too many Pup Tents that have not done their jobs. They have not submitted this year's election reports, are not bonded and have not paid for a delegate at the Supreme Scratch which is required by the By-Laws. Grand Commanders you need to do your job and get these Pup Tents in good standing with the Supreme Organization.

The following Grands and Pup Tents need to Submit Election Reports, Bonds, and Delegate fees:

**Election Reports:** Arkansas, Pup Tents 14 and 21; Florida PT 44; Massachusetts PT 52; Michigan PT 34; Missouri PT 2; Montana PT's 11 and 12; New Jersey Grand, PT's 39 and 69; Ohio PT 4; Oklahoma PT 4; Texas PT 60.

**Bonds:** Arkansas PT's 3, 14, 21, and 48; Alaska PT 3; California PT 69; Colorado PT's 1, 10 and, 19; Delaware PT 1; Florida PT's 2, 11, 44, 55, and 76; Idaho PT 3; Louisiana PT 3; Massachusetts PT's 52 and 14; Michigan PT's 34 and 96; Minnesota PT's 5, 11, 15, 19, 66, and 71; Mississippi PT's 7, 15, and 17; Missouri PT's 1, 2, 5, 11, and 17; Montana PT 11; Nebraska Grand, PT's 7 and 10; New Jersey Grand, PT's 7, 15, 39, and 69; New York PT's 9.75, 32, 35, and 42; North Carolina PT 57; North Dakota PT 8; Ohio PT's 4, 16, 24, 25, 28, 83, and 86; Oklahoma PT's 1, 2, 4, and 16; Oregon PT 6; Pennsylvania PT's 38 and 58; South Carolina PT's 3 and 13; South Dakota Grand and PT20; Tennessee PT 26; Texas PT's 5, 60, and 69; Virginia PT5; West Virginia PT 6; Wisconsin PT's 8 and 14.

**Delegate Fees:** Arkansas PT 3 and 48; Alaska PT 3; California PT 7; Idaho PT 3; Kentucky PT 5; Massachusetts PT 52; Mississippi PT 1; Montana PT's 11 and 24; New Jersey PT's 39, 41, 69; New York PT's 35 and 42; Ohio PT's 1, 4 and 16; Oregon PT 8 and 23; Pennsylvania PT's 38 and 48; Pacific PT's 11 and 303; Texas PT 60; Wisconsin PT 8.

We need to look forward to Tomb Trek, Cootie Christmas, and processing membership dues.

We need to increase and multiply.

I am looking into several new pins for this year and hope to have them by Tomb Trek. As

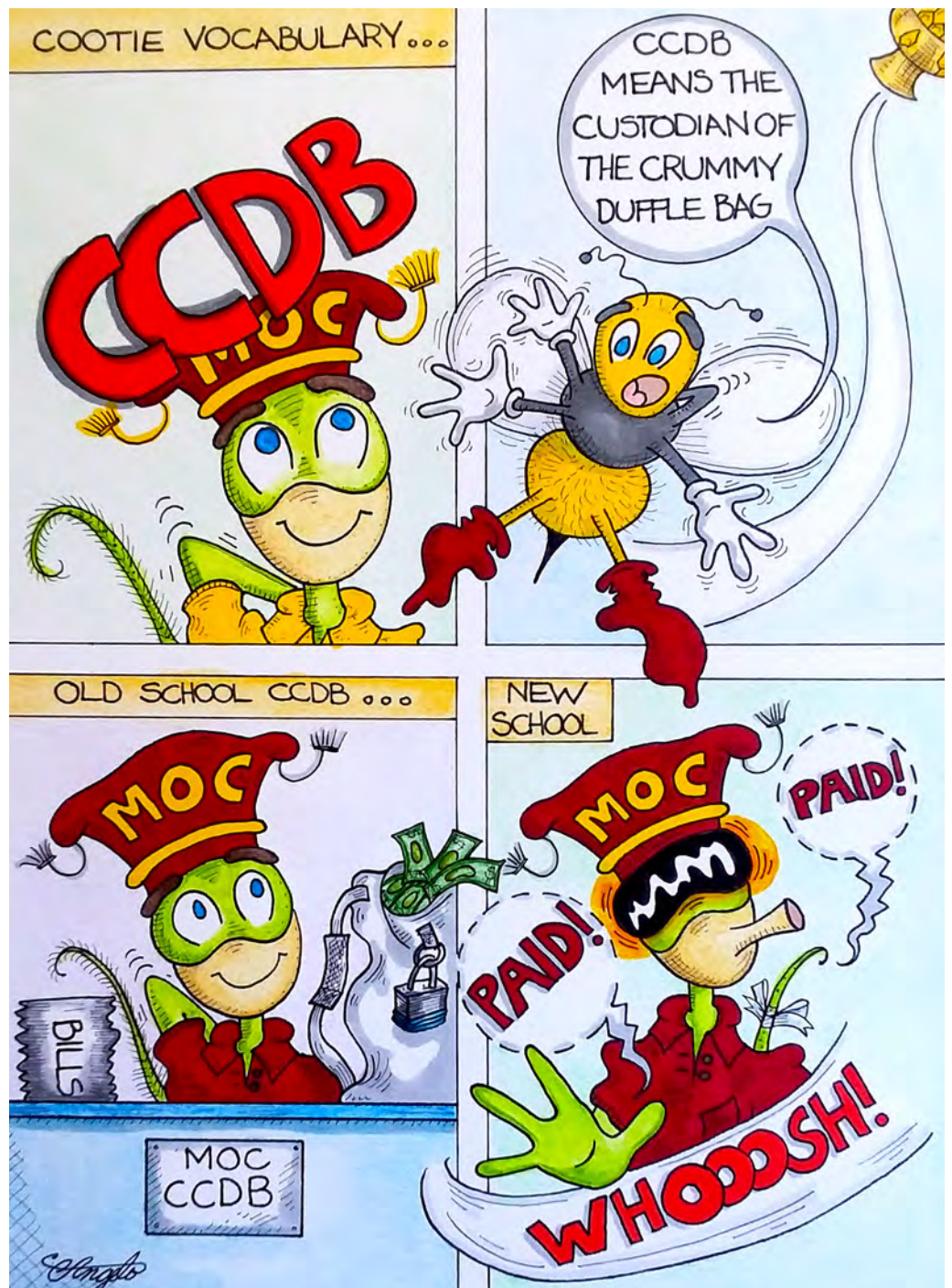


always, I welcome your ideas for new items that the Cootie Depot can offer to the membership. Just submit your ideas to me and we can discuss the items.

I had by-pass surgery and was out of the office for a few days. I am recuperating and will soon be back in the office full time. Delpha and I are not ready to give up helping the Cooties be a strong and helping hand to Veterans and their families.

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.

Gary Dressel  
Supreme Quartermaster  
2021-2022





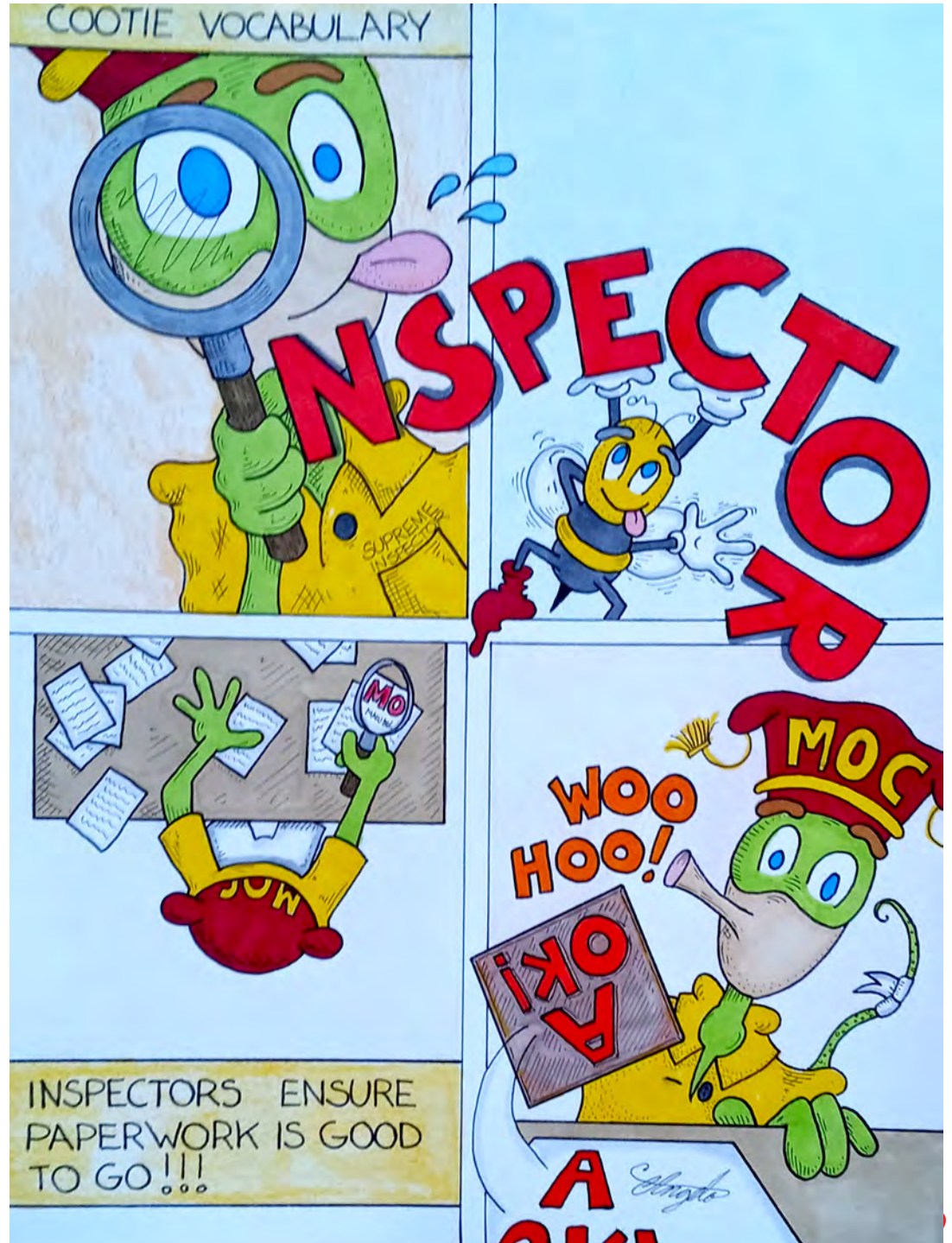
# From the Supreme Inspector

Alert Cooties,

Grand Inspectors, Deputy Inspectors and assistant Inspectors. Get your inspections turned into the *Supreme Inspector* as soon as you complete them. Inspections can be emailed to me at: [tearlb59@twc.com](mailto:tearlb59@twc.com) or mailed: **T. Earl Bigham, 122 Firesage Universal City Texas 78148**. Reminder: Those Grands that have *100% inspected status prior to December 2021* will be recognized at the Supreme Scratch in Kansas City/Overland Park. Feel free to call me if you have any questions/comments. Otherwise, stay safe and have a Lousy day.

Yours in LOTCS,

T. Earl Bigham  
Supreme Inspector  
2021-2022  
210-683-0890



# From the Supreme Surgeon

## PTSD

The recent events in Afghanistan may have triggered a PTSD event in many of our fellow Veterans. It is important to raise your awareness of PTSD and how to help the Veteran.



1. According to the CDC, people with PTSD may rehash past events, fight against sleeplessness, feel nauseous and can be easily startled. They can also experience uncontrollable shaking, heart palpitations and headaches. Additionally, people with severe forms of PTSD may experience challenges in social settings, at home and work.
2. While It may be difficult to interact with someone with PTSD, it is important to know this person is having a tough time if not more. The nervous system of someone with PTSD is especially vulnerable, which may lead to feelings of anger, irritability, untrusting and being on high alert. A supportive social circle is the best way to calm him or her down.
3. Face-to-face support will help a PTSD person better than care from afar. This support can come in the form of pleasurable hobbies, rhythmic exercises and/or lunch dates.
4. The National Institute of Mental Health says it can become difficult to understand someone with PTSD. Their lack of affection, volatile behavior, excessive irritability and paranoia can make you feel like a total stranger. However, understanding the symptoms of PTSD and remembering that the person may have limited awareness of their behavior are the first steps in creating an effective support system.
5. Those affected with PTSD have a hard time opening up and expressing their feelings. Do not push them to talk. Be that sounding board that they need and allow them to open up at their own pace.
6. Flashbacks and nightmares from a traumatic event are a common symptom of PTSD. Deep breathing exercises, Yoga and professional counseling and therapy can help deal with distress and anxiety.
7. Situations, places, things, sounds and sights can trigger PTSD symptoms. People with combat related PTSD tend to be irritable and prone to sudden outburst of anger. Don't engage them while they are in this state. Have a plan to deal with these impulses and develop healthy coping skills to stay calm.

PTSD comes with a potential risk of secondary trauma for the caregiver. Remember that managing your own stress is just as important as caring of your partner. Professional therapy can help both you and the person with PTSD cope and heal.

**Yours in L.O.T.C.S,**

**Dani Hernandez  
Supreme Surgeon  
2021-2022**

## From the Supreme Pappa Clown

I hope each of you have had a great summer. Sheila and I were thrilled to see everyone at the Supreme Scratch.

I spoke to the Supreme Commander and I'm going to offer a special program this year.

As a way to recruit both more MOC members and many more MOC Clowns I am offering a special award this year.

Under the **"Cootie Clown Growth Program"** I will offer a \$200.00 prize and a 'special clown award' to the Grand and the Pup Tent who recruits and certifies the most MOC clowns this program year. Clowns will be certified I/A/W the instructions in the Program Book and must be submitted before June 15, 2022.

So, let's get our clown on and get those veteran patients laughing.

**In Respectful Service,**

**Allan T. Perkins "Archibald O'Perk"**  
**Supreme Poppa Clown**  
**2021-2022**

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# **MOC General Order #1 2021-2022**

## ***September 2021***

1. Having been duly elected by the Council of Administration, I, Olin Parks, hereby assume command of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States. All previous Supreme appointments have now expired. Cooties will now revert to their previous and proper tassels.
2. Notice is hereby given that the logo, bug, official seal, hat and the name Military Order of the Cootie are trademarked and copyrighted property of the Supreme Pup Tent, Military Order of the Cootie of the United States and may not be used without the express written consent of the Supreme Pup Tent. Violators of this order will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
3. Supreme Headquarters is established as being located at 604 Braddock Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Office hours at Supreme Headquarters are from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, Eastern Time. Supreme Headquarters, MOC is closed for all Federal Holidays.
4. The Supreme Budget was approved by the Supreme Council of Administration on 7 August 2021.
5. In accordance with Supreme Policy, all Grands are to inform Supreme Headquarters of the dates and places of any Grand Events so that proper representation may be assigned. Supreme Representations for Grand Events Forms are to be mailed to Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman, 1916 Grumann Dr, Tomah, WI 54660 or emailed to [cootieworker-calendar@yahoo.com](mailto:cootieworker-calendar@yahoo.com)
6. Grands are reminded to forward a copy of each of their General Orders to the Supreme Adjutant.
7. The following Pup Tents were declared DEFUNCT during the 2020-2021 Program Year:
  - a. Grand of California: PT 06, PT 38, PT 89
  - b. Grand of Colorado: PT 07
  - c. Grand of Florida: PT 69, PT 77
  - d. Grand of Georgia: Grand and PT 59
  - e. Nevada PT 03
  - f. Grand of Texas: PT 37
8. The following NEW Pup Tents were instituted during the 2020-2021 Program Year:

- a. Indiana Pup Tent 11
  - b. Grand of Mississippi: Pup Tent 01
  - c. Grand of Texas: Pup Tent 41
9. The following Grands and Pup Tents have not submitted their 2021-2022 Election Reports:
- a. Grand of Arizona: PT 14, PT 21
  - b. Grand of Florida: PT 44
  - c. Massachusetts PT 52
  - d. Grand of Michigan: PT 34, PT 96
  - e. Grand of Missouri: PT 2
  - f. Montana: PT 11, PT 12
  - g. Grand of New Jersey: Grand, PT 7, PT 15, PT 39, PT 69, PT 95
  - h. Grand of New York: PT 42
  - i. Grand of Ohio: PT 4, PT 18
  - j. Grand of Oklahoma: PT 4
  - k. Grand of Pennsylvania: PT 48
  - l. Grand of the Pacific: PT 303
  - m. Grand of Texas: PT 60
10. This is a Bond year so get yours now. We currently have many who have not ordered theirs.
11. Supreme ended the year at 94.83% inspected. Grand Inspectors need to start your inspections now and finish early. As of 31 August 2021, we have 2.58% reported as inspected. Send reports to Supreme Inspector T. Earl Bigham. Don't hold on to them; send them as you finish each one.
12. Each Cootie will be assessed \$2.00: \$1.00 for the Supreme Commander's Special Project (Activity Equipment for the children at the National Home) and \$1.00 for the National Home MOC/MOCA House maintenance fee.
13. Pup Tents, Districts, Grands and Auxiliaries are reminded that they are to file IRS Form 990 within five months and fifteen days of the close of their fiscal year. Units whose income for 2020 was less than \$50,000.00 can elect to file Form 990-N, an

electronic informational return instead of a paper return. Those units whose income was over \$50,000.00 will still have to file the regular Form 990 or 990T.

14. Reporting for all programs are due to their respective chairman no later than 31 May 2022.
15. 2021-2022 Supreme Policy was approved by the Council of Administration and is in effect.

BY COMMAND OF:

OFFICIAL:

*Olin Parks*

Olin Parks

Supreme Commander

*Tracy Woodman*

Tracy Woodman

Supreme Adjutant



# MOC General Order #2 2021-2022

## MOC SUPREME GENERAL ORDER 2021-2022: #2

13 September 2021

1. Past Department Commander/Past Grand Commander from Colorado Steve Rylant passed earlier this month. Those wishing to send cards of condolences can send them to: Colleen Rylant & family, 130 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St, Loveland, Colorado 80538.
2. Grand Events: Please send Supreme Adjutant the dates of your Grand Events at [cootieworker-calendar@yahoo.com](mailto:cootieworker-calendar@yahoo.com). Also please send your request for Supreme Representation.
3. Supreme By-Laws: Grand Commanders when you receive the updated 2021 Supreme By-Laws, it is your responsibility to forward them to your officers, Pup Tent Supreme Squirrels and CCDBs.
4. Section 435 Arrearages: (from Bylaws Manual) "A Grand Pup Tent in arrears, reports, per capita tax payments, supply money, or financial obligations shall be deprived of all representation at the Supreme Scratch until same are paid to the proper responsibility." Remember Grand Commanders are now Council of Administration members!!
5. Section 308: B. "The installing officer shall forward immediately after installation, a report, properly signed to the Supreme Adjutant and to the Grand Adjutant where a Grand Pup Tent exists." Essentially the same process is to be followed for Grand installations and reporting.
6. The following pup tents have NOT yet turned in an election report for the 2021-22 administrative year as per our bylaws:

**Arizona:** PT 14 and 21

**Florida:** PT 44

**Massachusetts:** PT 52

**Michigan:** PT 34 and 96

**Missouri:** PT 2

**Montana:** PT 11 and 12

**New Jersey:** Grand, PT 39 and 69

**New York:** PT 42

**Ohio:** PT 4

**Oklahoma:** PT 4

**Pennsylvania:** PT 48

**Texas:** PT 60

7. The following Pup Tents and Grands have NOT yet paid their Bonding Fees:

**Arkansas:** PT3, 14, 21, and 48

**Arizona:** PT 2, 23, and 277

**Alaska:** PT 3

**California:** PT 7, 68 and 69

**Colorado:** PT 1, 10, 14, and 19

**Delaware:** PT 1

**Florida:** PT 1, 2, 11, 17, 18, 36, 44, 55 and 76

**Idaho:** PT 3

**Kentucky:** PT 7

**Louisiana:** PT 3

**Massachusetts:** PT 52

**Michigan:** PT 34 and 96

**Minnesota:** PT 3, 5, 11, 15, 19, 42, 45, 54, 62, 66, 71.

**Mississippi:** PT 7, 15, and 17

**Missouri:** PT 1,2, 5,11, 14, and 17

**Montana:** PT 11

**Nebraska:** Grand, PT 7 and 10

**New Jersey:** Grand, PT 7, 15, 39, 69, 86

**New York:** PT 9, 75, 32, 35, 42, 54, 65

**North Carolina:** PT 57

**North Dakota:** PT 8

**Ohio:** PT 4,16, 24, 25, 28, 68, 83, 86, 92

**Oklahoma:** PT 1,2, 4, and 16

**Oregon:** PT 1 and 6

**Pennsylvania:** PT 29, 38, 48 and 58

**South Carolina:** PT 3 and 13

**South Dakota:** Grand, PT 20

**Tennessee:** PT 4 and 26

**Texas:** 5, 60, 69 and 88

**Virginia:** PT 5

**Washington:** PT 3 and 6

**West Virginia:** PT 6

**Wisconsin:** PT 8, 14 and 22

MOC SUPREME GENERAL ORDER 2021-2022: #2

8. The following Grands and/or Pup Tents are delinquent in submitting Delegate fees for this past convention:

**Arkansas:** PT 3 and 48

**Alaska:** PT 3

**California:** PT 7

**Georgia:** PT 5

**Idaho:** PT 3

**Indiana:** PT 11

**Kentucky:** PT 5

**Massachusetts:** PT 52

**Mississippi:** PT 1

**Montana:** PT 11 and 24

**New Jersey:** PT 39, 41, 69 and 95

**New York:** PT 35 and 42

**Ohio:** PT 1, 4, and 16

**Oregon:** PT 8 and 23

**Pennsylvania:** Pup Tent 38 and 48

**Pacific:** Pup Tent 11 and 303

**Texas:** Pup Tent 60

**Wisconsin:** Pup Tent 6, 8 and 15

9. It is imperative that all the pup tents be in compliance and functioning without further corrective action. Grand Commanders need to contact each pup tent and strongly encourage correction. If a pup tent is defunct, the Grand Commander needs to send a formal letter that a pup tent is turning in its charter and then forward such to Supreme.

10. The above data was current as of September 8, 2021, so if paperwork was in the mail you may want to check with Supreme QM as to its receipt.

BY COMMAND OF:

Olin Parks

Supreme Commander

OFFICIAL:

Tracy Woodman

Supreme Adjutant





# MOC General Order #3 2021-2022

## MOC SUPREME GENERAL ORDER 2021-2022: #3

20 September 2021

1. Pursuant to Section 505C of the Supreme Bylaws, the Supreme Districts are disbanded and will meet only to determine the disposition of funds and assets and to settle any obligations.
2. The terms of all current Supreme Councilmembers will come to an end and pursuant to Section 529, these officers will be recognized as Past Supreme Councilmembers in the Military Order of the Cootie with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.
3. All Supreme Districts must have all monies and assets dissolved and all obligations settled not later than December 31, 2021. Pursuant to federal law all Districts utilizing an EIN will be required to submit a close out or final IRS form 990 to the Internal Revenue Service for 2021. Any monies or assets remaining after December 31, 2021, will be turned over to the Supreme Pup Tent Quartermaster. All decisions as to the disposition of funds and assets shall be decided by vote of the members of the Supreme District. If the members of the Supreme District do not meet to decide these matters by vote, all monies and assets will be turned over to the Supreme Quartermaster. All meeting minutes from 2020 and 2021, the minutes of the meeting deciding the disposition of funds and assets, all bank statements from 2020 and 2021, and any items of historical value must be submitted to the Supreme Adjutant. The Supreme Councilmember in office prior to this order is responsible to carry out these duties.
4. Pursuant to Section 505D, the two newly created regions (East and West) will meet at a time and method to be determined for the purpose of developing a rotational schedule to determine which Black Division Pup Tent is next in line to serve as the Supreme Councilmember for their respective Region. Additionally, and pursuant to Section 505E, each region shall elect a Vice Councilmember for a term to run concurrent with the Supreme Councilmember and will be from the Pup Tent next in line for a Supreme Council of Administration member. The duties of such officers will be to provide representation on the Supreme Council of Administration, to provide administrative oversight of the region's separate Pup Tents, advice, counsel, training as required by the Supreme Pup Tent, and any other duties incidental to the office. Each

## MOC SUPREME GENERAL ORDER 2021-2022: #3

Pup Tent shall be entitled to the same number of delegates at all sessions as provided for at the Supreme Scratch.

a. As of the date of this order, the East Region shall consist of:

State	Pup Tent	Delegates	State	Pup Tent	Delegates
Alabama	13	2	Massachusetts	14	3
Europe	6	6	Massachusetts	52	1
Georgia	5	3	New Hampshire	1	4
Georgia	66	4	New Hampshire	3	3
Indiana	11	3	West Virginia	6	3

b. As of the date of this order, the West Region shall consist of:

State	Pup Tent	Delegates	State	Pup Tent	Delegates
Alaska	2	3	Montana	10	3
Alaska	3	2	Montana	11	3
Hawaii	1	2	Montana	24	1
Idaho	3	1	Nevada	2	3

5. The East and West Regions will not have elected or appointed officers other than the Councilmember and the Vice Councilmember. The Regions will not hold, collect, or distribute funds of any type nor will the Regions create an EIN.
6. All Black Division Pup Tents located East of the Mississippi River will meet by Zoom call on 28 September 2021, chaired by Supreme Sr. Vice Commander, Dwight Hora, to establish the councilmember rotation, to elect their Councilmember and Vice Councilmember.
7. All Black Division Pup Tents located West of the Mississippi River will meet by Zoom call on 28 September 2021 chaired by Supreme Jr. Vice Commander, Mark Larkin, to establish the councilmember rotation, to elect their Councilmember and Vice Councilmember.
8. As of the date of this order, all Grand Commanders/Seam Squirrels will assume their role as members of the Supreme Council of administration

# MOC SUPREME GENERAL ORDER 2021-2022: #3

with all the rights and responsibilities pertaining to the office. Grand Commanders are entitled to purchase item #220, Double Sided Grand Commander Hat with Supreme Councilmember on the other side from the Cootie Depot. However, the tassels and buttons the officer chooses to wear must correspond with the side facing forward.

- 9. Leaders of the organization are reminded of changes made to the conduct of scratches at all levels pursuant to Sections 213, 405A, 425, and 503, which allow for the integration of technology. As a reminder, this is not intended to be a mandate rather than providing a path for it to be permitted. Units must also develop additional written procedures for the conduct of such meetings before technology can be utilized.
  
- 10. All officers of the organization are encouraged to become familiar with the changes to the Supreme Bylaws approved at the 102d Supreme Scratch in Kansas City and ratified by the Veterans of Foreign Wars on September 1, 2021.

BY COMMAND OF:  
Olin Parks  
Supreme Commander

OFFICIAL:  
Tracy Woodman  
Supreme Adjutant





# MOC Inspection Report

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Dist Inspected	Date Completed	Grand Inspection	Percent	Pup Tents that are Inspected
AL-13	1				N/A		
AK-2	1	1		9/29/2021	N/A		
AK-3	1				N/A		
AZ	8						
AR	5						
CA	10						
CO	5						
DE	3						
EUR	1				N/A		
FL	19	9				47%	1,18,25,32,55,59,66,76,98
GA	2				N/A		
HI	1				N/A		
ID-3	1				N/A		
IL	6	6		9/2/2021		100%	
IN	1						
IA	3						
KS	4	4		9/19/2021	Yes	100%	
KY	5	3			Yes	60%	6,7,9
LA	3						
MD	8				N/A		
MA-14	1				N/A		
MA-52	1				N/A		
MI	7	7		9/29/2021	Yes	100%	
MN	15						
MS	5						
MO	10				Yes		
MT-10	1				N/A		
MT-11	1				N/A		
MT-24	1				N/A		
NE	3						
NV-2	1				N/A		
NH-1	1				N/A		
NH-3	1				N/A		
NJ	8						

NM	5						
NY	8						
NC	10						
ND	5						
OH	15						
OK	6						
OR	9						
PAC	9						
PA	12						
SC	6						
SD	3						
TN	4						
TX	10						
VA	8						
WA	6	3				50%	9,11,18
WV-6	1				N/A		
WI	10	7				70%	9,15,21,22,23,38,41
TOTAL	271	40		4	3	14.76%	



# MOC Membership Report

Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Rein-state	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Stand-ings
4	-1	76.00%	8	87	1	35	131	175	0	9	
3	-1	33.33%	3	2	2	25	32	96	1	5	
8	-1	36.46%	0	0	0	70	70	192	0	0	
8	-1	36.56%	0	0	3	65	68	186	2	3	
5	-1	39.29%	0	0	2	64	66	168	1	2	
4	-1	48.95%	1	1	9	59	70	143	0	10	
3	-1	74.75%	0	31	0	43	74	99	0	0	
5	-1	45.45%	0	0	1	49	50	110	0	1	
9	-1	52.63%	0	13	1	106	120	228	2	1	
5	-1	70.89%	1	39	0	72	112	158	1	1	
2	-1	48.78%	0	0	0	20	20	41	0	0	
8	-1	51.95%	2	4	0	114	120	231	1	2	
19	-1	54.58%	9	50	1	221	281	513	6	10	
12	-1	60.39%	21	33	9	171	234	361	4	30	
10	-1	62.09%	5	44	5	118	172	277	4	10	
5	-1	53.96%	0	0	0	75	75	139	0	0	
7	-1	54.03%	0	0	0	107	107	211	0	0	
3	IOWA	56.04%	7	2	0	42	51	91	4	7	
6	-1	56.76%	0	0	0	105	105	185	0	0	
6	-1	58.99%	0	0	0	106	106	178	3	0	
13	-1	72.54%	18	70	9	193	290	397	24	27	
11	-1	61.07%	10	21	8	190	229	375	1	18	
6	-1	62.63%	8	9	0	107	124	198	1	8	
8	-1	65.41%	4	0	0	187	191	292	4	4	
3	-1	65.05%	2	3	1	61	67	103	0	3	
10	-1	73.57%	11	30	3	162	206	280	4	14	
5	-1	86.00%	10	34	3	128	175	200	7	13	
10	-1	81.48%	1	79	1	271	352	432	1	2	
3	-1	67.86%	0	0	0	76	76	112	0	0	
8	-1	70.99%	2	38	1	167	208	293	4	3	
15	-1	75.00%	1	79	0	202	282	376	3	1	
8	-1	73.18%	8	24	4	226	262	358	5	12	
6	-1	71.01%	1	15	18	64	98	138	2	19	
16	-1	76.36%	5	0	11	278	294	385	1	16	
9	-1	79.65%	4	4	0	356	364	457	6	4	

BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)

1	ALA-BAMA 13	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	22.73%	0	0	0	10	10	44	1	0	
1	MON-TANA 24	33.33%	0	0	0	4	4	12	0	0	
1	INDIANA 11	48.78%	6	0	0	3	9	41	0	6	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1	67.27%	0	19	0	15	34	55	0	0	
1	-1	42.86%	0	0	0	6	6	14	0	0	
1	-1	45.00%	0	0	0	18	18	40	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	45.45%	0	0	5	0	5	11	0	5	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	47.83%	0	0	0	22	22	46	1	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	48.78%	0	0	0	20	20	41	0	0	
	GEORGIA 4	52.63%	0	0	0	10	10	19	0	0	
	GEORGIA 66	56.60%	2	4	0	24	30	53	0	2	
1	-1	64.71%	1	0	0	10	11	17	0	1	
	GEORGIA 5	60.53%	0	0	0	23	23	38	0	0	
1	MON-TANA 11	68.57%	0	0	0	24	24	35	0	0	
1	-1	73.08%	0	0	0	19	19	26	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	86.54%	0	0	0	45	45	52	0	0	
1	EU-ROPE 6	90.36%	0	0	0	75	75	83	0	0	



1	MON-TANA 10	97.78%	0	0	0	44	44	45	0	0	
	SU- PREME Pup Tent	100.00%				1563	1563	1563		0	
279	TO- TALS	69.54%	151	735	98	6270	7254	10432	94	249	
	+	Division Leader									
	^	Tied for Division Lead									
	*	Achieved 100%									



# Supreme President's Message

**Hello Brothers and Sisters,**

A copy of General Orders #1 is on the Supreme website (lotcs.com), click on the MOCA emblem, then look under "news". There is a lot of information in them so please read them and make sure you pass them along.

Please get your 2022 dues in, Treasurers PLEASE do not hold them. The audits for July, August and September will be due next month. Your Bonds should have been paid by the end of August and your 990 has to be done by November 15.

Now is the time to order your wreath for Tomb Trek. Hotel and Registration for Tomb Trek is also on the Supreme Website under events.

Our Prayers go out to those who were in the path of IDA. We know she left a lot of destruction in her wake. Auxiliaries and Pup Tents, please reach out to us if you need anything.

To those who have lost a loved one or a dear friend, we are sending you our prayers and hugs. To those who are ill, here's wishing you a speedy recovery.



**Loyally**

**Debbie Thie  
Supreme President  
2021-2022**

## From the MOCA Hospital Chairman

COVID-19 had a big influence on our lives the past several months. We have had to stay home and mask up when we did go out. We could not do our normal things like eat out, go to church, visit friends, and visit the veterans in the hospitals and nursing homes. Some of the COVID restrictions are being modified and, in some areas, removed.

It is time to contact the nursing homes and hospitals to see what WE can do to bring a little cheer to the residents. They have also felt the restrictions of COVID. The residents have missed our visits. We may not be able to go in and see the residents, but we may be able to provide something that the staff may be able to give to each resident. Check with the Activity Directors to see what you can do. An idea for Halloween is a Halloween card from the Cooties with a couple of pieces of candy taped to the card.

We are almost halfway through our hospital year, and I have not gotten reports from many Auxiliaries and some Grands. Please read the Program Book. It explains what you can take credit for and what is not allowed. You can take credit for donations and activities for residents of nursing homes and hospitals provided they are not family. You may take credit for phone calls to people in hospitals and nursing homes.

This year Supreme President Debbie chose for her special project a project that is not a hospital. Therefore, you will not get hospital credits for your donations to her special project.

Enjoy the Holiday Season with family and friends as much as COVID will let you. And don't forget the residents in the nursing homes and hospitals that don't get to be at home for the holidays.

**Loyally,**

**Ruth Schoonover  
Supreme Hospital Commissioner  
2021-2022**



## Supreme MOCA Chaplain's Corner

First and foremost I need to make sure everyone has the correct contact information for me. I moved during the transition from last year to this year and my information did not get changed in all the right places...so with that been said, my correct information is:

Supreme Chaplain  
Patches Presfield  
2424 N. Illinois Ave.  
Joplin, MO 64801  
Phone: 320-420-3182

E-mail: [patpres@yahoo.com](mailto:patpres@yahoo.com)

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected Chaplains on all levels for the year 2021-2022. The position to which you have been elected is the office that is one of the most important positions to hold. It can be considered as a sacred one. You are responsible to be the person that will be there to let your Auxiliary members know that you are there in times of sickness or when a loved one has passed. Your office is where the reflection of Love and Caring begins.

As Chaplain, it is your job to send cards, make phone calls and visits to our Veterans, the MOC and MOCA members and their families who are sick, in the hospital and/or shut-ins. Find out if anything is needed or if help is needed in anyway. When a member passes, check with the family to see if they would like to have the Auxiliary perform the ritual at the Memorial Services for those deceased members.

*But most important...let me know the names and **addresses** of those who need a card, so I can share this information.*

I am sending prayers to each and every one of you this year. Always try to remember to give a blessing at the meeting, and Auxiliary sponsored events.

**“KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE”**, with special prayers for our Veterans, both active and no longer active, here at home and abroad.

Respectfully,

*Patches Presfield*

Supreme Chaplain

# **Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie**

## **General Order #1 Series 2021 - 2022**

I realize that these General Orders are long and some repetitive, however, this information needs to get out to EVERYONE.

**PRESIDENTS ON ALL LEVELS, PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR MEMBERS!!!!**

- 1. MEMBERSHIP – HELP WE NEED MEMBERS!!!!** We are in a serious trouble. As of the end of June we only had approximately 3500 members nationwide. Unless we get more members, we (the MOC Auxiliary) may not be around much longer. Last year the MOC stated that if they remain at their rate, the MOC would last maybe about 10 years. At the rate we are losing members and Auxiliaries, we may not be able to last more than 3 or 4 years. So please push membership. Go out to your Bachelor Pup Tents and see if they would like an Auxiliary. Get with your VFW Auxiliaries and look for members. To join the MOCA they only have to be a VFWA member in good standing for 6 months.
- 2. TREASURERS – PLEASE, PLEASE, DO NOT HOLD DUES!!!** Auxiliary Treasurers, you should all have your 2022 Dues Cards by now. If not Please let Rebecca Wischmeyer know A.S.A.P. Once you receive the dues from your members, complete your transmittal and forward your dues to your Grand Treasurer. Grand Treasurers, please DO NOT HOLD them, send your Transmittal to our Supreme Treasurer: Rebecca Wischmeyer 914 Bourn Ave., Columbia, MO 65203. Her phone number is 573-777-0248.
- 3. BONDS** – There have been lots of questions concerning this issue. Let me see if I can help answer a few. At Supreme we voted to appoint and Bond an Assistant Treasurer and until this By-law change has been approved by the MOC & VFW we bond ONLY the President and Treasurer ON ALL LEVELS as we have in prior years. **Once this By-law change has been approved, then ALL GRANDS MUST** appoint an Assistant Treasurer and have him or her bonded. Auxiliaries **MAY** appoint an Assistant Treasurer; (they do not have to unless they want to), if they appoint and Assistant Treasurer, then he or she must be bonded also.
- 4. 990 & EIN's** – Every Auxiliary and Grand must have their own EIN number and file a 990 every year. The 990 needs to be filed by Nov15, 2021. The 990 is to be filed in order to keep your non-profit status.
- 5. TOMB TREK** – As of right now, Tomb Trek is still a go. As is Cootie Christmas. So please get your wreath orders in and make your hotel reservations for both.
- 6. COOTIE CHRISTMAS** – December 4, 2021. You can make your hotel reservations at the Quality Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing (517)886-0600. Room rates are \$100 + tax. Make sure you mention **Military order of the Cootie**.

7. **AUDITS** – Reminder, the July, August and September Audits will be due in a couple of weeks, get them done and get a copy to our Supreme Treasurer. You can either snail mail them or scan them in and email a copy to [supremetreasurer2021@icloud.com](mailto:supremetreasurer2021@icloud.com).
8. **BY-LAWS & RITUALS:** Please make sure that you purchase the most current By-laws as some of the By-Laws have been changed or new ones added. And I would like everyone to be on the same page.
9. **SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE:** Now is the time to also start thinking about who you want as your Supreme Rep at your Grand Conventions. Please get your requests to me no later than December 31, 2021.
10. **GRAND PRESIDENTS**, please call me if your Grand or one of your Auxiliaries are having problems. If you don't want to talk to me, e-mail Peggy Bell, Supreme Chief of Staff at [peggythomasbell626@att.net](mailto:peggythomasbell626@att.net). We can't afford to lose any more Auxiliaries this year.
11. To those who have lost loved ones and friends our sympathy and prayers are with you. To those who are ill, we are wishing you're a speedy recovery.

Attested By:

*Kathy Browne*

Kathy Browne

Supreme Secretary

By Order of:

*Debbie Thie*

Debbie Thie

Supreme President



# MOCA Membership Report

State	Aux No	Auxiliary Name	Quota	current	8 BoWeevil	29	0
<b>ALASKA</b>	2	Midnight Sun	25	13	23 catfish	27	0
<b>Arizona</b>	2	Sahuaro*	19	15	25 Cootieville	25	0
	10	Yula Hay	30	10	32 Sons of the Beeches	38	0
	11	Sunny Slops	31		36 Scratching	10	0
	14	Wilde E Coyote. *	13	18	66 Sea Oats	16	0
	23	Pine Beetles*	13	0	69 Fudduckers*	20	0
	777	Slot Junjies	19	7	76 With LA Coochee	22	0
	Grand		125	50	Grand		
	Total				Total	205	0
<b>California</b>	8	Jack- A-Lopes	30	0	5 Muff Rats	12	0
	19	Lil Bugs	34	20	66 Horney Bugs	17	0
	44	Perrisites	8	0			
	61	Mule Tail*	14	0	62 8'er from Dectur	32	18
	68	Pit Stop	38	0	79 Rakkasan	21	0
	69	Lunar Tics	37	1			
	89	89's*	18	0			
	Grand				3 Topeka	48	20
	Total		179	21	6 Scratch	33	28
<b>Colorado</b>	1	Silver Dollar	40	0	7 Cheyenne Flyway	12	0
	2	3PT#2	21	0	Grand		
	10	Twee Tooty Two	38	6	Total	93	48
	Grand				7 Nit Pickers	30	17
	Total		99	6	9 Simpall	30	10
<b>Delaware</b>	4	Fiddlers	27	0	2 Elsmere	11	NEW
<b>Florida</b>	2	Missile Bugs	18	0	3 Med Bugs	41	0
					6 Pelican	13	0
					11 Lousy	15	0
					Grand		

Total		69	
<b>Maryland</b>	1 Top Notch Tent	19	0
	3 Blockbusters	25	15
	17 Rodents	13	10
	27 Sho Crabbers	18	10
Grand			
Total		75	35
<b>Michigan</b>	24 Rosehub	79	46
	32 Caraboa.	48	51
	34 Chippewa Braves	17	0
	96 Huron Braves	15	10
Grand			
Total		159	107
<b>Minnesota</b>	2 Gopher	43	0
	5 Flea Circus	18	0
	11 Lucky Leven	40	0
	51 Foul Balls	48	47
	62 Crotch crickets	49	4
	71 Sandburns	19	5
Grand			
Total		217	
<b>Mississippi</b>	7 Hub Bugs	38	18
	12 Friendly Possum*	10	
	15 Mullets	12	9
	17 Sea Beas	32	12
Grand			
Total		92	39
<b>Missouri</b>	1 Heart of America	56	44

5 Running Bare	43	19
9 Three Rivers.	*	19
11 Mozark		24
15 Semo Swampers		16
Grand		
Total	158	107
<b>Montona</b>	10 Sleeping Giant.	* 28
31		
<b>Nebraska</b>	10 Bugeators	46
32		
<b>New Jersey</b>	15 Jockey Hollow	40
0		
	39 Maple Shade	23
0	Bomber*	
	95 Pine Ticks*	30
0		
Grand		
Total		93
0		
<b>New Mexico</b>	5 A.H.O.*	36
4		
	7 Loco	30
5		
	14 Mt. KIA-MIA	13
3		
	19 Itchin n Bitchin	21
9		
Grand		
Total		100
21		
qw		
<b>New York</b>	2 Wild Bunch	18
20		
	9.75 Great Swampers	29
0		
	32 Plankers	31
0		
	42 Backbiters	22
6		
	54 Crape Hangers	25
22		
Grand		
Total		125
48		



<b>North Carolina</b>	2	Mixed Breed	10	0
	3	Creek Crawlers	34	0
	8	Sprung Leak	34	0
	24	Lafayette Nits	18	0
	78	Head Hunters	54	0
	89	Tarheals	16	0
		Grand Total	166	0
<b>Ohio</b>	5	Vin None	26	0
	16	Vin Ordinaire	15	0
	25	Vin Woods	12	0
	45	Vin Grape Poppers	13	0
	83	Vin Twas MJM	33	0
	92	Vin Coho	23	18
	118	Buffalo Soldiers	11	0
		Grand Total	133	18
<b>Oklahoma</b>	2	Sgoyi Tiena	26	15
	7	Honor Bugs	13	0
<b>Oregon</b>	1	Portland	14	0
	4	Emerald	22	0
	6	Carry On*	18	0
	8	Rim Rock	25	1
	20	Brush Apes	25	0
	22	Ax Pickers	28	0
		Grand Totals	132	1

<b>Pennsylvania</b>	33	General Wayne.*	17	21
	44	Del Val	23	8
	59	Pick Em*	23	0
<b>South Carolina</b>	1	Sand Fleas	16	0
	3	Spartan	33	0
	6	Gamecocks*	10	0
	9	Only the Strong*	12	14
	10	Crummy Bugs	61	46
	13	Sandiapper	26	10
	15	Night Walkers*	18	0
		Grand Total	176	70
<b>South Dakota</b>	1	Big Sioux Ticks	22	12
	12	Big Aggies.*	11	11
	20	Rushmore	16	
<b>Tennessee</b>	26	Shelgy Angels	37	0
<b>Texas</b>	11	Lets Do It	23	9
	13	Dood IT	28	0
	36	Three Acres*	21	0
	55	Uckishe	42	0
	60	Moo Moo*	16	0
	69	Leanderthal Nits*	11	0
	88	Armadillo	12	7
		Grand		

	Total		153	16
<b>Virginia</b>	1	ocean View Toads	35	0
	9	Virginia Beach Coots	28	0
	13	Rowdy Rebels	16	0
	14	Da-Lec-lty*	25	0
	Grand			
	Total		104	0
<b>Washington</b>	3	form	14	18
	6	Van Orc. *	16	18
	9	Heap good. *	35	35
	11	Lucky Eleven	57	51
	18	Chuckanut	42	30
	Grand			
	Total		164	152
<b>West Vieginia</b>	6	Snakie State	33	
<b>Wisconsin</b>	8	Bug out	14	5
	9	Wacha-Kalit	40	14
	22	Snafu	17	9
	23	Short Arm	37	32
	41	Mad city	32	17
	Grand			
	Total		140	77

# MOCA Hospital Report

<b>MOCA HOSPITAL REPORT</b>											
<b>September 15, 2021</b>											
GRAND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
<b>Supreme District #1--Vickie Peterson, Commissioner</b>											
DE	\$9,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MD	\$18,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
PA	\$15,750.00	1	2	3	125	9.25	114.00	470.25	0	694.80	4.41
VA	\$26,000.00	2	0	2	0	7.50	80.00	210.00	3	390.33	1.50
WV	\$8,250.00	2	6	6	120	37	168	2295	0	3142	38.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78,250.00</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>53.25</b>	<b>362.00</b>	<b>2975.25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4226.72</b>	<b>5.40</b>
<b>Supreme District #2--Anna Holm, Commissioner</b>											
FL	\$51,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
GA	\$7,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
LA	\$17,250.00	5	7	7	286	10.50	62.00	4383.02	0	4628.48	26.83
MS	\$23,000.00	6	19	32	261	1749.75	499.00	3453.80	1	42980.52	186.87
NC	\$41,500.00	11	22	24	99	2682.00	1767.00	5956.15	0	66682.63	160.68
SC	\$44,000.00	16	44	75	309	581.00	4797.00	9543.17	1	23316.30	52.99
TN	\$9,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$193,500.00</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>5023.25</b>	<b>7125.00</b>	<b>23336.14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>137607.93</b>	<b>71.12</b>
<b>Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner</b>											
IL	\$18,000.00	2	0	3	6	9.75	48.00	310.00	5	536.58	2.98
KY	\$15,000.00	6	48	47	77	252.25	1234.00	628.00	0	6489.00	43.26
MI	\$39,750.00	2	3	6	184	34.75	238.00	310.00	4	1126.93	2.84
OH	\$33,250.00	10	40	43	141	1149.75	2095.00	2835.00	0	29055.16	87.38
WI	\$35,000.00	3	8	19	35	144.00	795.00	1056.68	4	4415.18	12.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$141,000.00</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>1590.50</b>	<b>4410.00</b>	<b>5139.68</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>41622.86</b>	<b>29.52</b>
<b>Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner</b>											
KS	\$23,250.00	8	162	167	785	1188.50	8593.00	3980.00	0	31983.70	137.56
MN	\$54,250.00	9	124	158	2374	405.50	5368.00	530.00	2	10425.55	19.22
MO	\$42,250.00	26	44	102	1779	337.00	3254.00	2231.83	7	10286.74	24.35
MT	\$7,000.00	3	102	102	102	233.00	0.00	270.00	0	5524.15	78.92
NE	\$11,500.00	4	18	34	39	269.50	1075.00	510.41	4	6738.14	58.59
SD	\$12,250.00	1	5	5	0	14.50	240.00	350.00	5	710.58	5.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,500.00</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>5079</b>	<b>2448</b>	<b>18530</b>	<b>7872</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>65669</b>	<b>43.63</b>
<b>Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner</b>											
CO	\$24,750.00	2	2	12	97	24.00	320.00	336.00	0	922.00	3.73
NM	\$28,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OK	\$9,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
TX	\$38,250.00	24	22	61	429	499.00	1488.00	2696.11	1	14156.88	37.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,750.00</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>523.00</b>	<b>1808.00</b>	<b>3032.11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15078.88</b>	<b>14.97</b>
<b>Supreme District #6 --Anne Thompson Duncan, Commissioner</b>											
AK	\$6,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
AZ	\$32,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
CA	\$44,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OR	\$33,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
WA	\$41,000.00	17	84	98	3315	475.25	1383.00	2275.02	3	11172.97	27.25
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<b>Supreme District #7 -- Penny Laskey, Commissioner</b>											
NJ	\$23,250.00	4	4	8	134	420.75	466.00	991.80	0	10544.95	45.35
NY	\$31,250.00	2	0	1	0	3.00	20.00	120.00	2	190.45	0.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,500.00</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>423.75</b>	<b>486.00</b>	<b>1111.80</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10735.40</b>	<b>19.70</b>
<b>Supreme Donations</b>											
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$876,000.00</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>10697</b>	<b>10537.00</b>	<b>34104.00</b>	<b>45742.24</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>286113.59</b>	<b>32.66</b>
Submitted By		<b>Ruth Schoonover</b>			Supreme Hospital Commissioner						

# Tomb Trek or Bust!

ARLINGTON OR BUST!



EACH YEAR COOTIES  
LAY WREATHS AT THE  
ARGONNE CROSS &  
THE TOMB OF THE  
UNKNOWN SOLDIER.



*Chang's*

## **86th TOMB TREK 2021 ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY**

This year the Trek to the Argonne Cross and Tomb of the Unknowns will be held on 5 - 7 November 2021.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** Sheraton Hotel, 900 Orme St, Arlington, Virginia, 22204; room rates \$109.00 plus tax. Parking is \$ 10.00 per day. You may reserve your room by contacting the hotel directly at (703) 521-1900 for reservations. Mention the **Military Order of the Cootie** for proper rate. *Cutoff Date* for room block reservations is **4 October 2021**.

**OTHER INFORMATION: WREATH REGISTRATION \$25.00**

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION:**

Full Registration = \$85.00, Banquet = \$ 50.00, Bus Ticket = \$15.00, Registration Only = \$20.00

**AFTER 1 OCTOBER 2021:**

Full Registration = \$100.00, Banquet = \$55.00, Bus Ticket = \$20.00, Registration Only = \$25.00

Forms for Registration and Wreaths will be found on the [lotcs.org](http://lotcs.org) website, under the Events tab and will be in the Cootie Courier. Make Checks payable to "**Tomb Trek Committee**" and send them with completed forms to: **Jane Channell, 2728 Hillside Court, Ijamsville, MD 21754-8806**

**MOC DRESS REQUIREMENTS:** Red Blazer, White Shirt, Cootie Bolo or Red Tie, White Pants (With or Without Red stripe) Red Socks, White Shoes, Proper Cootie Cover and White Gloves.

**MOCA DRESS REQUIREMENTS:** White Skirt (or pants) with the appropriate stocking, Red Blazer, White Closed Shoes and Cover.

**REMEMBER THAT ONLY COOTIES AND AUXILIARY CONFORMING TO THE FORMAL DRESS REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRESENT A WREATH. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.**

Mark Newman, Tomb Trek Chairman, 348 David Hall Road, Dover, Delaware 19904, email: [mnewman122@gmail.com](mailto:mnewman122@gmail.com)



# Military Order of the Cootie

## REGISTRATION 86th TOMB TREK



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pup Tent/Auxiliary Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Meal Selection: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please enter how many of each meal selection.)

<u>Type of Registration</u>	<u>Advanced Registration</u>	<u>After 10/1/2021</u>
Full Registration	\$85.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Registration	\$20.00 _____	\$25.00 _____
Only Banquet	\$50.00 _____	\$55.00 _____
Only Bus Ticket	\$15.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
# Regular _____		
# Handicap _____		

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TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form, make check payable to TOMB TREK COMMITTEE  
and mail to:

JaneChannel



**Military Order of the Cootie  
WREATH REGISTRATION  
86th TOMB TREK**

Nov. 5 - 7, 2021



**MOC:**

Pup Tent & #: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOCA:**

Pup Tent & #: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND:**

MOC: \_\_\_\_\_

MOCA: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPREME DISTRICT:**

MOC District #: \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary District#: \_\_\_\_\_

Each registration is \$25.00. \$5 goes towards the design, compilation and printing of the booklet. Your order must be received before 1 October 2021 to be printed in the Annual Tomb Trek booklet. Wreath orders will be accepted after this date BUT will not be printed in the booklet.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form, make check payable to TOMB TREK COMMITTEE and mail to:

JaneChannel  
2728 Hillside Court  
Ijamsville MD 21754-8806  
email: mocadolphin@msn.com

# Cootie Christmas



93rd Grand of Michigan  
MOC VFW National Home for Children



## Cootie Christmas Party - December 4, 2021

Every year, the Grand of Michigan hosts and sponsors the “Cootie Christmas Party” for the children of the VFW National Home for Children. Your donations are necessary for this program to work and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**DONATIONS:** Make your **donations** payable to: MOC Grand of Michigan and send it to Grand of Michigan, Quartermaster Shane Houghton, 343 High Street, Ionia, Michigan, 48906. Earmark your check(s) Cootie Christmas Party. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**HOTEL:** The host **hotel** is Quality Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48917. For reservations, call (517) 886-0600 and/or email: [qualitysuites@haymanco.com](mailto:qualitysuites@haymanco.com). Room rates are \$100 per night plus tax. Be sure to say that you are part of the Military Order of the Cootie.

**BANQUET:** Jeanne Beck is the Banquet Coordinator; text her at (586) 909-0091 and/or email [jeannebeck1@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannebeck1@yahoo.com) for questions. Tickets for the Saturday night (Dec 4th) banquet are \$42 per person. For reservations, make checks payable to Grand of MI MOCA and mail to Grand of Michigan Treasurer Kathy Kirby, 2330 Bingham Road, Clio, Michigan 48420. Her cell phone number is (810) 577-7350.

Please use the included reservation form and send your check(s) as soon as possible. Tickets for the banquet will not be mailed. Confirmation that ticket(s) has been purchased will be by email if an email address is included with the check(s) for the banquet. Thank you and Don't delay!

Grand Sr. Vice Commander Nathaniel L. Powell (MOC Chairperson) and can be reached by sending email to [grandsrcmdrmi@gmail.com](mailto:grandsrcmdrmi@gmail.com) or calling (734) 678-2444.

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### Cootie Christmas Banquet Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# 38th Grand of Ohio Easter Treat Program

Each year, the Grand of Ohio is host to the Children of the VFW National Home. Upcoming will be the 38th Annual Cootie Easter Treat and all are invited to participate. Mark your calendar for the dates 8,9 and 10 April 2022. Continuing success for this Easter Program for the children depends on how good our hearts are and how open your wallets are. Please send your contributions early so we can buy the necessary supplies to ensure the kids have the biggest and best Easter ever! The VFW National Home opens their doors each year for the Cooties of Ohio to host this gala event for the children of the National Home and we need your help and support to continue this great event. Donations can be made out to the Grand of Ohio, and Sent to Grand Quartermaster, Chuck Cihlar, 189 Monroe Blvd., Painesville, Ohio 11077, Telephone 440-358-1148. You may email your request, so please place in the subject line of the email “**MOC SUPREME EASTER TREAT**”. Your donations will not go unrecognized.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** (Dates subject to change.)

**\*Friday 8 April 2022:** Arrival of personnel, set up of baskets for delivery on Saturday, and dinner with Ohio House residents.

**\*Saturday 9 April 2022:** Final basket preparations. Meet the Easter Bunny and basket presentation in the community center, ice cream social, Easter egg hunt at the gym, then off to Jackson for roller skating.

**\*Sunday 10 April 2022:** Attend Church with the Children from the National Home and then on our way to our own homes.

This is a long weekend of fun and frolic with the kids from the National Home, and the only program where you get to actually interact with the kids for the whole weekend. What a great experience. Thank you in advance for your help and support for the program.

# Supreme Cootie of the Year Program 2021 - 22

## Listen Cooties!

I know there are numerous Species Pediculi in our Grands that are constantly working the seams, keeping them smiling and being closer than a brother. If you know of such a lousy Cootie that you would like to submit to be considered for the award "Cootie of the Year", please send me a detailed description of what this Cootie has performed to:

**Mark M. Newman, PSC 13-14**  
**348 David Hall Road**  
**Dover, DE 19904-5463**  
**Email: [mnewman122@gmail.com](mailto:mnewman122@gmail.com)**  
**Phone: 302-222-7558**

If you have any questions, please contact me. If you can't get your nomination to me thru the above means, then bring it to the Supreme Convention and give it to me or any Past Supreme Commander. We know there must be some deserving Cooties out there, so let us know and provide us with the opportunity to make a selection. The Cootie that is selected will then be presented the Award during Supreme Convention Banquet.

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Mark M. Newman**  
**Past Supreme Commander**  
**2013-2014**





## The VFW National Home is in need of a second 4 x 4 Truck with a snow plow



**Our goal is to raise approximately \$43,000**

**Please send checks to:**

**MOC Supreme Hdqts  
Attn: Gary Dressel  
604 Braddock Ave.  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145**

**Please be sure to write "Cootie snow plow" in the check memo  
Direct any questions to 2021-22 Supreme NHC Don Lynch  
847-436-4833**

\*Any excess funds raised will be put into the Transportation Fund for vehicle maintenance.

# National Home Special Project



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

## Project: GaGa Ball Pit \$4640

### What are GaGa Ball Pits?

GaGa (literally ‘touch-touch’ in Hebrew) is a variant of dodge-ball that is played with one ball. GaGa Ball is thought to have originated in Israel. GaGa’s popularity has continued to rise in the US and is extremely popular at camps, schools, and playgrounds everywhere.



### How do you play Gaga Ball?

GaGa is great for all ages, regardless of athletic skill or abilities. It is a gentler version of dodge-ball. All players start the game inside the pit, and the mediator introduces the ball into play. The object of the game is to avoid being struck by the ball. If the ball hits you below the knee at any time, you’re then “out” and must leave the pit. The last player standing is the winner. Players must dodge, run, jump, and get out of the way of being hit, while at the same time trying to hit opponents with a dodge-ball, below the knees.



**Project: Gym Package (Total \$5,440)**

4-Giant 6 ft. beach ball \$40 = \$160

Volley Ball System for the Gym \$3,000

Full indoor volley ball system in the gymnasium. This system will give us the ability to provide a great physical activity for the entire community on a year round basis.



6 sets-Bubble Soccer Balls \$380= \$2,280

Bubble Ball is like being in your own human bounce house. It's a hybrid of bumper cars, sumo wrestling, and ridiculousness! Some call it Bumper Ball, or Battle Balls. ... In Bubble Ball, players wear inflatable suits that allow them to bounce off each other and fall on the ground without getting hurt.



# MOCA Special Project 2021 - 2022

## MOCA Grand and Auxiliary Members,

Our Supreme President Debbie Thie has selected the VFW Veterans Village located in beautiful, peaceful Ft. McCoy, Florida as her Special Project for 2021-2022. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the VFW Veterans Village. For more information, please visit <https://vfwvillage.org/>.

Funds raised for the Supreme President's Special Project are to replace carpet in the Main Lobby and two of the adjoining resident wing entrances.

*The lucky first place winner will win a week at the VFW Veterans Village. You and your guest can experience a week living at the VFW Veterans Village (meals included). You can enjoy all the nearby attractions of Florida (transportation and tickets not included).*

*Our lucky second place winner will receive a basket full of cheer.*

Drawing held at the Supreme MOCA Convention in Kansas City 2022.

Tickets mailed to MOCA Grand Presidents for their distribution to the Auxiliaries in their Grand.

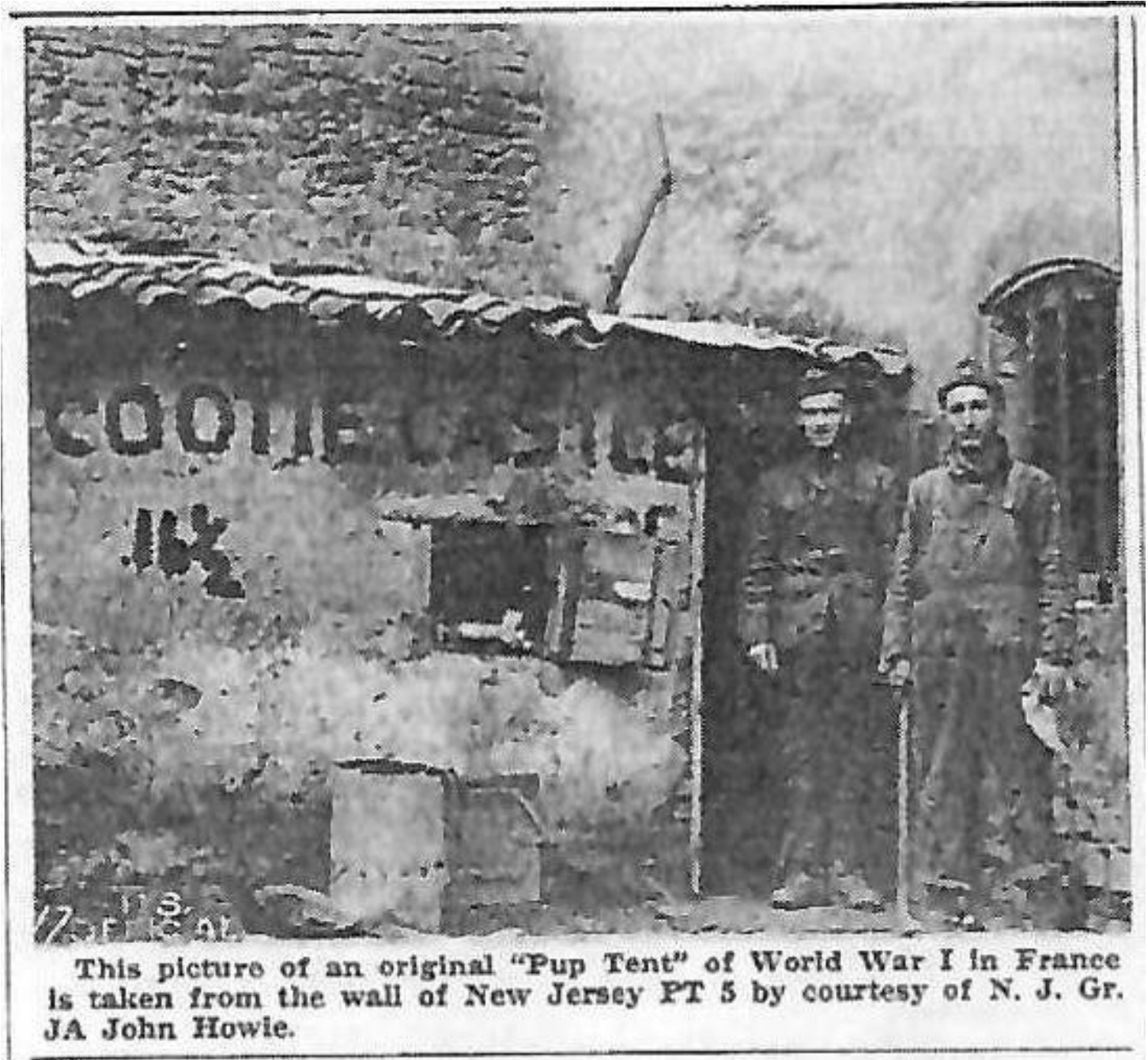
Loyally,

Patricia McQuaig, Chairman  
Supreme President's Special Project  
[mcquaigt@gmail.com](mailto:mcquaigt@gmail.com)



**“Veterans Light up Our Lives”**

# Blast from the Past



This appeared in the 1968 Cootie Courier. On the wall you can see that it says "Cootie Castle". Now that's Lousy!

## WAS IT ALL A WASTE?

On April 14, 2021, President Biden announced the full withdrawal of U.S. Forces from Afghanistan by September 11, 2021 – the anniversary of the terrorist attacks 20 years earlier. This announcement was considered long-overdue by some, but foolhardy by others.

But among those who have borne the burden of the fight – and have been wounded or lost their closest friends, the response may be somewhat different. As the Veterans of America’s longest war see images of empty base camps on the news and hear reports of the Taliban doing terrible things again, they may be asking these questions. “Was it all a waste?” “Were all those sacrifices in vain?” “Did they accomplish nothing?” “Will the ground we fought so hard to gain and the objectives we sacrificed so much for be lost?”

I’m sure that many Soldiers welcome a respite from combat duty. They’ll have little grief over one less opportunity to deploy. However, lingering in the minds of all Soldiers is the fear that they might have to go back there in years to come and retake everything that was lost.

I’d like to speak for a few moments to those who feel some fear and anguish over our withdrawal from Afghanistan. Let’s begin by putting things in perspective. First, many of the objectives of the War in Afghanistan were definitely met. As one member of the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security stated, “Al Qaeda was evicted, the 2001 Taliban government was smashed, and Washington made the point that no one attacks the United States with impunity.” Osama bin Laden, who started the war, was put on the run and killed. The goals in Afghanistan have certainly been expanded over the years, but the purposes of keeping pressure on the Taliban and stabilizing the government in neighboring Pakistan were well-served and successful.

Second, let’s understand the nature of the military’s mission. It’s on-going and never-ending. Just as the human body’s immune system must wage a never-ending war against invading pathogens, so the military must continually fight for the health and survival of our nation. Yes, the immune system that killed one infection and brought health back to the body, will have to fight the same battle again. But that’s the nature of the job. It’s a ceaseless vigil.



**Chaplain David Causey**  
**US Army Retired**



True, the mess that we cleaned up in one country, will get messed up again. But there are many tasks that share this disadvantage. Do you remember the computer animated superhero, Mr. Incredible? In the 2004 movie Mr. Incredible made a profound point about his job. “No matter how many times you save the world, it always manages to get in jeopardy again. Sometimes I just want it to ‘stay saved’ – you know - for a little bit. I feel like the maid sometimes. ‘I just cleaned up this mess, can we keep it clean – for ten minutes?’” Superman would agree that it’s a never-ending battle for truth, justice, and the American way.

In a very real way, every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and Coastguardsman is a superhero. They are forever answering the call to crush the oppression of the wicked. But it’s an on-going battle that has no end. And the things you once fought hard to repair will become broken again. But don’t ever view your efforts as a waste. It’s the job that has to be done, repeatedly.

It’s sort of like the difference between the workers who built the Golden Gate Bridge and the workers who must unceasingly work for its upkeep. The first crew had a clean-cut job which lasted only a few years. Some military operations are like that. But I suspect that most military missions parallel the work of the latter crew who never cease to repair, scrape, and re-paint the bridge. Their work will never end. Yet, without their labors rust and damage will inevitably take over and bring that bridge crashing down. In the same way, without the Soldier’s unceasing efforts, freedom will come crashing down.

Third, don’t forget the lesson you learned from your previous deployments. There are respites along the way. And you’re not alone in the battle. And you are only responsible for your performance in the mission. Most deployments to Afghanistan involved relieving a unit in place, carrying on the mission for a year or nine months, and then passing it one to the next unit.

Yes, it’s possible that the unit which followed yours might have dropped the ball and failed. But you are not responsible for their performance, only your own. Like a relay runner who neither begins nor finishes the race, you took the baton, ran your hardest, then successfully passed it on to the next runner. If you did this, then you were successful in your mission.

Apply this lesson to the War in Afghanistan. Every Soldier who fought and died in Afghanistan fulfilled their duty on the side of justice and freedom. They fought against terrorism and spent their lives in a worthy cause. And, particularly for the War in Afghanistan, those brave Soldiers took the fight from America’s heartland to the home of our attackers. They brought the war to the doorstep of their enemies and prevented any further attacks like those which took place on September 11, 2001. Wasn’t this a worthy cause?

Fourth, don’t lose sight of the bigger picture and of the importance of your contribution. There’s a temptation that comes with missions which are too large to grasp. Often our own

pain and struggles can make us lose sight of the greater war that's going on and of the importance of our contribution. The mission is huge. It's the ages-long conflict between good and evil – a battle which good cannot afford to lose.

As an analogy, think of the great Gothic cathedrals of Europe. The cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris took 182 years to complete. This was during a period when the average Parisian had a life expectancy of only 45 years. This meant that a craftsman who began the massive project in 1160 had no hope of ever seeing his work completed – nor did his son or grandson. Each of them had to content himself that he was part of a team - a chronological team, a long succession of laborers. The mission was greater than any individual or any one generation. So, they had to take up the mission from their predecessor and build upon it. Then they had to entrust their gains on to a successor before closing their eyes in death. Yet, in every case, each generation's contribution was indispensable and integral to mission success.

The same is true in the awesome age-long battle between good and evil. Don't lose sight of the greater goal, nor of the destructive ramifications if we fail in our contribution.

Fifth, in this ages-long battle, there will always be the gaining and the giving of ground. There will always be battles lost and battles won. It will resemble a back and forth tug-o-war. But don't lose heart, for good must always put forth the effort. Even though our victories are interspersed with defeats, those victories are never nullified by the defeats.

As an analogy, think about some of the towering rock formations of the desert Southwest. Consider, for instance, the rock pinnacle named Lighthouse Peak, in the Palo Duro Canyon of the Texas Panhandle. This towering formation rises 3,100 feet above sea level. Its survival has depended on the extremely resistant layer of caliche (a very hard limestone) that caps its top and some other intermittent layers of hard limestone. But this sturdy formation consists mostly of soft mudstones and gypsum. Obviously, if the whole of Lighthouse Peak consisted of the brightly-colored mudstone and the white streaks of gypsum, it would have dissolved long ago. All would have quickly eroded away. But the presence of a few hard and weather-resistant layers make all the difference in the Lighthouse's survival. And the soft layers do not cancel out or nullify the hard ones.

Those few hard layers in Lighthouse Peak are like the few hard-fought victories of the good. The evil-resisting forces of good will keep the nation standing, despite the weaknesses of the evil. They'll uphold the world, regardless of the presence and successes of the corrosive forces of evil. It may look like the forces of evil will bring the world down – especially when they dominate history. But the costly and courageous efforts of the good will stabilize and save our world. They will never be nullified by any advances of evil.

And, finally, remember that all our wars should be viewed as battles in a far greater conflict.

Many would rather forget the painful struggles in Korea (33,000 American lives lost from 1950-1953) and Vietnam (58,000 lives lost from 1961-1973). But the true meaning of those conflicts lies in their relation to the greater Cold War. For without taking those stands against Soviet aggression, America would not have been victorious in the Cold War - which was considered by many un-winnable! Oh, yes, I recall many a critic telling me, "I'd rather be Red than dead." And they said this right up to the point the Soviet Union collapsed. They championed the cause of that evil empire right up to its downfall.

But they were wrong. Neither Korea, nor Vietnam, nor Afghanistan, nor Iraq were senseless wastes of manhood. In those battles, though some were lost, we have won the greater victory – the survival and success of our nation. We have brought the fight to the enemy's doorstep and proven our resolve to fight for what we believe.

In a way, the War in Afghanistan is like a single piece of a jigsaw puzzle. That piece of a puzzle is hard or impossible to understand when viewed as an isolated object. Its irregular shape and confusing color make no sense to us. But when it's viewed within the big picture, in its place with all the other pieces, then we'll understand its meaning and purpose.

In the same way, let's withhold our judgments on the War in Afghanistan. We may be tempted to wonder if it all was a waste. But I assure you, it was not. It met its objectives. It prevented further acts of terrorism in America. And, viewed from a more informed perspective, we'll see that it was a critical conflict in the great struggle between good and evil.

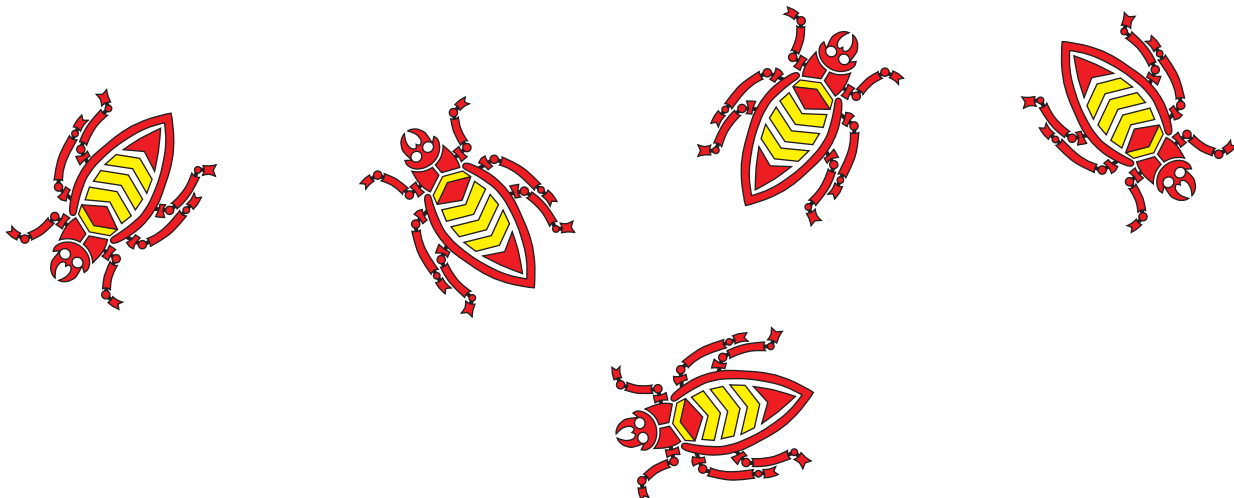
**PRAYER:** Dear Father in heaven, the survival of our nation or any nation has never depended upon the opinions of the majority, but on the sacrifices and courage of the few. Please, dear God, continue to raise up men and women of faith and courage who are willing to confront and destroy the oppression of the wicked. Without their faithful contributions our nation cannot survive. We ask this in Jesus' holy name, Amen.

# Grand of California

## Crummy Grand Specie Pediculi at the Supreme Scratch



The 102nd MOC & MOCA Supreme Scratch was in Overland Park, KS 04-07 August 2021. Here is a photo (Left-Right) Grand Officers: CCDB Selso Cavazos, PT 69; Grand Surgeon Cindy O'Hara and Grand Commander Lamont Duncan, PT 43; Blue Louse Pete Laythe, PT 61; Hide Gimlet Jimmy Ong, PT 69; Glen Wilson PGC, PT 69 and Charlie Peterson Grand Hospital Chairman.





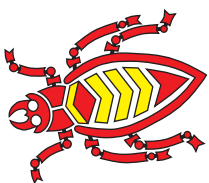
Grand of California Members at the Supreme Dinner Table.

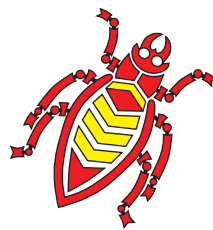
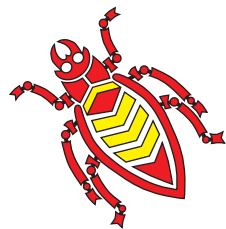
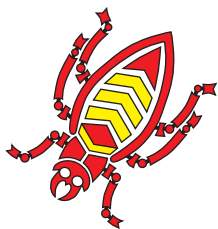


Blue Louse Pete Laythe looking lost at the Hotel.



Charles Peterson standing next to Supreme Commander Darin Combs..





# Have Power Chairs Will Travel

*By Chuck Peterson*

In 2012, I received a telephone call out of the blue from the ICU at Mather VA Hospital asking me to visit a Vietnam veteran Marine who had been in the ICU for two weeks refusing food, water and medical attention. After this telephone call I contacted some other veterans I knew to meet me at the hospital for a visit to this veteran. When we all arrived, we filled this nine by twelve room and found this veteran laying on his side. During our visit he turned onto his back and inquired who we were. Before long he requested a glass of water. A few minutes later, a Nurse walked into the room with a tray of food and then a second Nurse walked in and seeing what had been going on inserted an IV into this veteran's left arm. On my next visit with this veteran, I found that he was placed in a room with a second bed and at the same time I found him feeding himself. This is how I got started volunteering at the chaplain's office at Mather VA Hospital.

One day, while I was volunteering, I overheard someone say that the Veterans Administration (VA) does not accept any used medical equipment. A few days later I was in the volunteer's office when someone answered the telephone saying the VA does not accept used power chairs from anyone.

In July 2017, I was talking to a veteran at the hospital and the subject of a power chair he had at his residence came up. This power chair belonged to someone in his family who had passed away. At that time, I made an appointment with this same veteran to bring his power chair to the parking lot at the hospital and he helped me transfer this chair to my pick-up truck. When I unloaded the power chair at my residence, I found this power chair operational.

A few days later I received a telephone call from Glenn Jackson an employee at Mather VA Hospital asking me to see him the next time that I was at the hospital. Several days later I visited with Glenn in his office and was told the hospital had received a complaint from a veteran and asked me to take care of it.

I contacted the veteran and was told he was from the East Bay area and had gone to the VA

hospital located in San Francisco for a medical appointment. During this appointment he was told he had a medical problem with both of his legs and needed surgery to remove at least one of them. After the surgery in San Francisco, removing his left leg, he was told to go to Mather VA hospital for rehabilitation. When he went to the Mather VA hospital, he received a yellow wheel chair and was sent on his way. After he left this hospital, he then discovered he was having problems moving around and contacted the Mather VA. During his next appointment the rehab people gave him a broomstick to help him move around. At this time, he decided to write a few letters complaining about the treatment he had received.

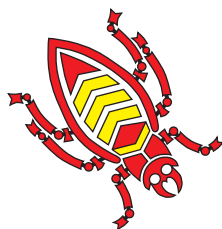
During my telephone call with this veteran, I told him that I had a power chair and would like for him to take a test drive to see if he wanted it. Upon testing out the power chair at his home I noticed that he was crying.

The next time I was volunteering at Mather VA Hospital I asked the Volunteer Services Office employees to give me all the telephone calls regarding power chairs/scooters.

This was the beginning of my effort to provide donated power chairs and scooters to any needy, disabled or hospitalized veteran. It has been a rewarding experience knowing I have helped veterans. I would like thank VFW Post 1487 and MOC Pup Tent #69 for paying all of the repair bills on these power chairs and scooters. So far, we have been able to help 93 different veterans and counting...



Supreme Member Pete Laythe; Bob Sales, Burney VFW 5689, Tim Covert, Burney VFW 5689, Heard Van Cleave sitting in a power chair and Charles Peterson



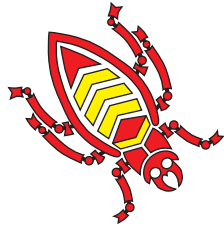




Ron Grant Navy Veteran of Seal Team 12



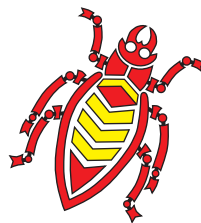
Donation of power chair to Lorna Piper. Pictured with Blue Louse Pete Laythe and Chuck Peterson



Lawrence Ochsner 1st Cavalry Division Vietnam War with Don Bilden



Robert Chambers a 94 year old veteran with Lyle Ducheneaux

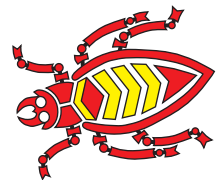
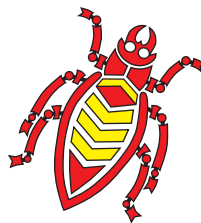


# Grand of Michigan

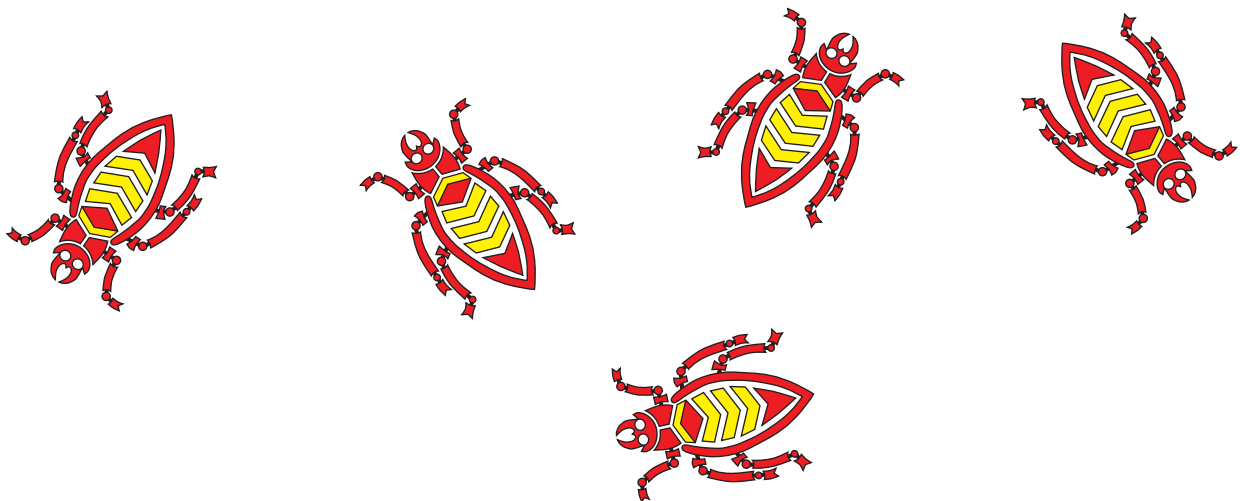
Michigan Senior Vice Commander Nate Powell was the courier whose task was to deliver bags and boxes of coloring books, colored pencils and crayons for use by the veterans in residence at the Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor. These items, along with Efferdent Anti-Bacterial Denture Cleanser Tablets were donated by the Auxiliary to VFW Post 423 in Ann Arbor to *“Keep ‘em Smiling in Beds of White.”*



There to receive the bags and boxes of coloring books, colored pencils and crayons donated by the Auxiliary to VFW Post 423 are Steve Sparr, Chief of Volunteer Services and Christy Winslow, Volunteer Services staffer, with Michigan Senior Vice Grand Commander Nate Powell at the Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center.



Torrents of rain, traffic jams galore on Hwy 23, and a five-hour drive round trip couldn't keep Michigan Senior Vice Commander Nate Powell from dropping in on the Wanigas Pup Tent 17. Seam Squirrel Joe Juras, Past Seam Squirrels and Past Michigan Grand Commanders Bob Routhier and Pat Henderson, and Sky Pilot Hazel White and the rest of those lousy Pup Tent 17 Cooties and Nick Pickers are all guilty of showing the Sr. Vice Commander a very lousy time.



## Grand of Michigan with VFW National Home, Cedar Point Trip 2021

**A**ugust 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 the MOC Grand of Michigan sponsored the VFW National Home Cedar Point Trip in Sandusky Ohio. In attendance were Grand Commander Russell Makowski, Sr. Vice Commander Nate Powell and Jr. Vice Commander Jennifer Heraty. Lunch and cash gifts paid for by the Sandusky VFW Post 2529 and tickets to Cedar Point paid for by MOC Grand of MI. Also present was VFW Ohio Department Commander James Hordinsky.

*(Submitted By: PGC Bob Routhier Jr. Grand Historian)*



## 95th MOC Michigan Grand Scratch in Alpena

**G**rand Commander Russell Makowski's Grand Scratch in Alpena, MI on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2021. Coins were flying all over the place, fines being collected by our Grand Provost Marshall. Also present was Grand Adjutant and Past Supreme Councilmember Eric Bell, Sr. Vice Commander Nate Powell and Grand Quartermaster Shane Houghton. While Guest Supreme Sr. Vice Commander Hora left all of us with a terrible experience and just made the Grand of Michigan have the lousiest Grand Scratch that has ever been attended.

Supreme Sr. Vice Commander Dwight Hora, Past Grand Provost Marshall Horace Frazier Jr. & Supreme VFW National Home & Special Project Chairman Eddie Dandridge Sr. after our Grand Scratch in the Parking Lot. Then After a long day, a few Cooties and Comrades of VFW Post 2496 sitting at the bar are trying to cool off after taking care of business.

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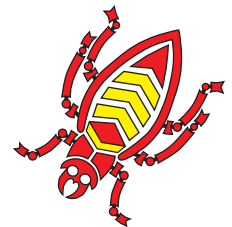


# Grand of Texas

Pup Tent 13, Grand of Texas visiting Temple VA Hospital. Cooties and Lady Bugs Donating \$350 of soap and over \$2000 worth of clothing and other essentials for residents



David Mills, PGP Sandy Smock, President Lucy Anastasio, RV Turney.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Row Pops Hill, Keith Reiss, PGC Smock, Bob Hansen,  
DonTaylor, Seam Squirrel Carl Johnson





Seam Squirrel Carl Johnson, Mike Anastasio, PGC Atnip, President Lucy Anastasio, Rose Johnson, PGC Smock, Edna Hill, Don Taylor, PopsHill and David Harris



Mike Anastasio, President Lucy Anastasio, Pops Hill, PGC Atnip, PGP Sandy Smock, Seam Squirrel Carl Johnson, DonTaylor, Deputy Chief of Staff Brian Smock

# Grand of Virginia

## Donation from Earth's Most Customer Centric Company

In August 2021, I decided to seek donations from Earth's Most Customer Centric Company, a little bookstore I work for called Amazon. Actually I work for Amazon Web Services (AWS), aka the Cloud, and we have community engagement programs that support employees causes.

Amazon donates millions of dollars to non-profits and charities, especially those employees support. Amazon is a data driven company and loves to talk in numbers, year-over-year cost changes, number of families helped and more so I engaged the VFW National Home for Children to get some metrics. Amazon also has specific criteria for charities it supports so I registered the Home as a charity I wanted them to support. Amazon has programs such as Right Now Needs which is all about helping people with needs they have right now. Amazon is driven by the belief that no family should have to make tradeoffs to meet basic human needs. I explained the services the home provides residents and this aligned well with the Right Now Needs, Community Deliveries and the Goods for Good program. Amazon seeks to eliminate the impossible choices between food and rent, healthcare or school supplies, and partners with organizations who share this commitment.

I shared the story of how the Home was created by the MOC, how much it takes to annually operate and how the operation and maintenance is paid by sponsoring organizations like the MOC and VFW organizations.

After about a month I was informed the request for donation to the Home for the Commanders Special Project was approved, which is purchasing equipment for the VFW National Home for physical activities. I'm prohibited by policy from saying home much it is, but my friend Cootie Ray Tarango would have said "that is mucho dinero"! RIP Ray.

Other companies big and small have similar programs. You may work (or are retired from) a company which may donate to non-profits. You may be a customer of a great company! I strongly encourage you to contact those companies to ask for donations to support Cootie work.

What else can you do?

Amazon supports local charities, and the VFW National Home for Children is designated as a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases to the VFW National Home for Children.

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)



Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com

Select VFW National Home for Children.

Start shopping! Remember to checkout at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations for your chosen charity.

Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

If you shop using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

Open the Amazon Shopping app

Navigate to the main menu (=)

Tap on Settings and then select “AmazonSmile”

Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.

Note: The tablet app is not yet supported. Please visit [smile.amazon.com/onthego](https://smile.amazon.com/onthego) to learn more.

***By Ken Eggers***

# Grand of Washington

## Check Presentation to Seattle VA Spinal Cord Unit.

The Grand of Washington absolutely had Lousy time presenting a “Skinny” check to the Seattle VA Spinal cord unit. \$8,242.00 was raised this last year for this Grand Commander's special project involving all Pup tents in the state and a *special* mud stomping Lousy fund raising auction! Thank all of you for donating at our fundraisers this last year!!! The Spinal cord unit was absolutely floored with that amount of dough!!!!

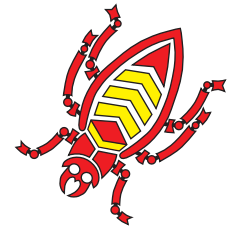


Pup Tents across the State *increased and multiplied* all year and participated in Cootie programs. Due to the Lousy leadership of our Grand Commander, Hardy Nettles, he was awarded All Star Grand Commander.

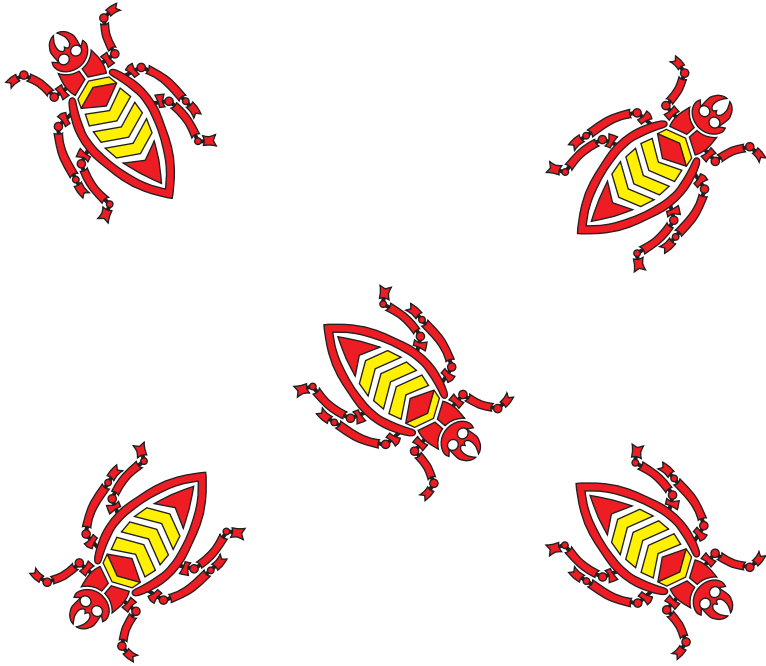


The MOCA at Pup tent 3, received their MOCA Flag by a small unveiling ceremony with the MOC. They also visited an assisted living home and gave out ice cream with their clown!!!!



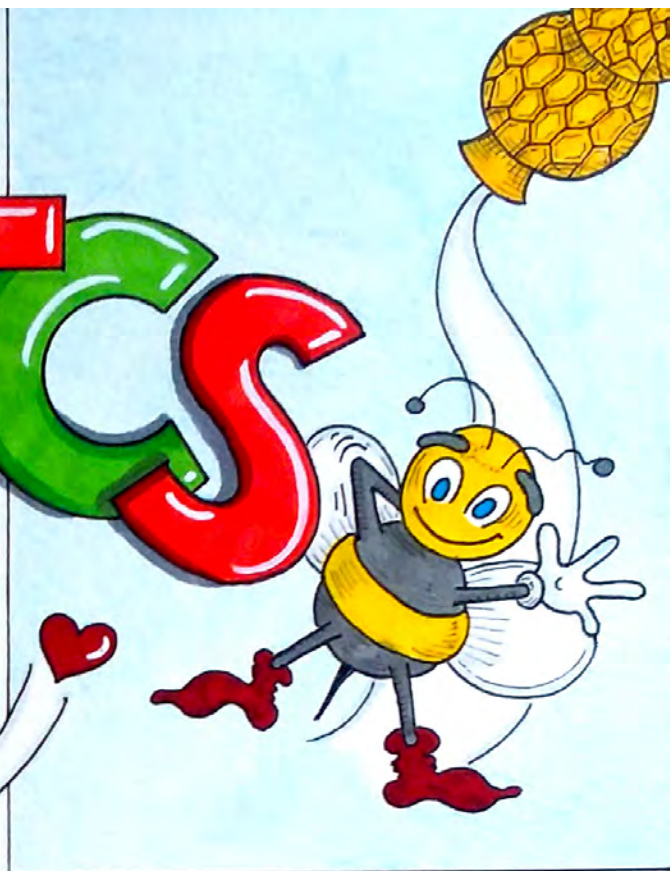


Pup tents are continuing to multiply every day and it is Lousy to do degree work in person!!!!



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*Angelo*





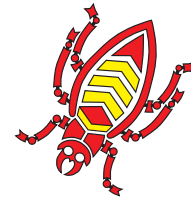
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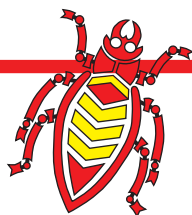
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Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!

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# From the Supreme Newshound

## Listen Cooties!

In this issue of our *Crummy Rag* you'll find that we are still "*Increasing and Multiplying*" like all Specie Pediculi should. And, we're always having a Lousy time "*Keepin' 'em Smilin' in Beds of White.*" Also inside this Lousy edition you'll find an inspiring article that addresses the issue of the Afghanistan war and whether it was a waste or not under the "Insightful Illustrations" section. Check it out.

When you send in articles, please use Word or PDF format. I prefer the "Arial" font with a height of 14 points. For your Lousy pictures, JPEG, PDF, TIFF and PNG files are acceptable. If you send pictures snail mail, try to have a bright picture. Remember to identify who you are and if possible, who's in the pictures that you send. Also, please include a brief who, what, when, where and why of the Lousy event or occasion. You never know if your Lousy picture will end up on the cover of our *Crummy Rag* so be inventive.

Are you new to our *Crummy* band of brothers? Well, there's a comic book online that will give you a good head start on Cootie lingo, what to call officers in our *Crummy Fraternity* and what we're about. Even if you aren't new, I believe that you will find something new. Hey, I drew the cartoons and I still learn something new. So, check it out, eh? Here's the link to access your copy to download, shred and consume: [https://lotcs.org/images/Artwork\\_MOC/Cootie%20Comics%20November%20version%201.1.pdf](https://lotcs.org/images/Artwork_MOC/Cootie%20Comics%20November%20version%201.1.pdf).

If you like the cartoons, or are looking for cartoons for *Increasing and Multiplying*, they're on Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/supremehqmoc/>. There are three categories: *Cootie Logos*, *Cootie Cartoons* and *Increase and Multiply*.

Finally, get those inspections in for your Pup Tents! Inspections ensure that a Pup Tent is functioning properly. Without inspections, how can an Atom take those backward steps? How can a scratch be conducted? Will the new 3rd degree password be determined properly? Are Cootie dollars being accounted for? Have the general orders been read to Specie Pediculi? Things that make you go hmm, eh?

YOURS IN LOTCS,

**Dale A. Iannello**

Supreme Newshound

Cootie Courier

***"Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!"***



# Never Pay Dues Again

## LIFE MEMEBRSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

### ATTAINED AGE

Through Age 30 .....	\$340.00
31 Through 40 .....	\$325.00
41 Through 50 .....	\$305.00
51 Through 60 .....	\$275.00
61 Through 70 .....	\$245.00
71 Through 80 .....	\$190.00
81 And over .....	\$150.00

Attained age is the age that you are on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year that you apply. All applications for Life Membership MUST include the VFW Life Membership number of the applicant and be accompanied with the required fee. Life Membership is available to 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Cooties only! Prospective atoms cannot become Life Members until they have been deloused! See section 120 of the Supreme By-Laws for more information.

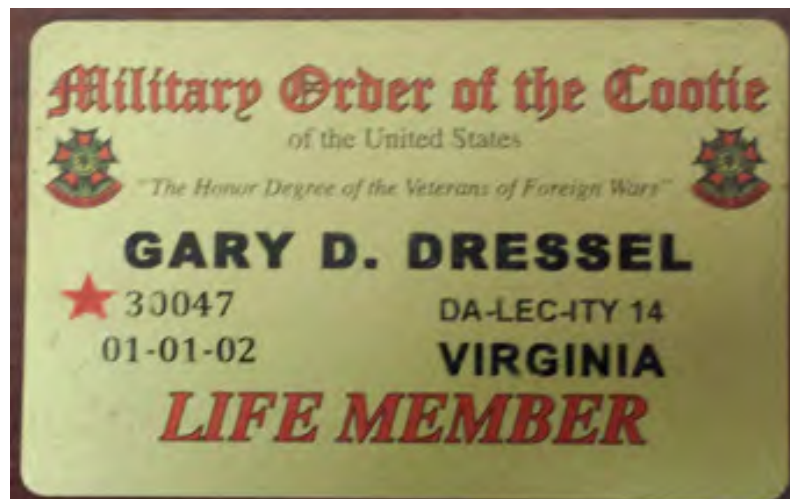


**LIFE MEMBERSHIP – THE DEAL OF A LIFETIME!**

# Red Star Life Membership



For **\$100.00** you too can become a Red Star Life Member and help support our "Crummy Fraternity." You may become a Red Star Life Member after you have become a Life Member in the VFW and a Life Member in the MOC. Your new membership card will look like the one pictured below with a **red star** on it. So, become one of the "Lousy" elite by simply contacting Supreme Quartermaster Gary Dressel at the Supreme Headquarters [supremehqmoc@lotcs.org](mailto:supremehqmoc@lotcs.org). Or go to the Cootie Depot and purchase your Red Star Life Membership online by going to: [https://www.lotcs.org/WA\\_eCart/life\\_member.php#RedStarLMCard](https://www.lotcs.org/WA_eCart/life_member.php#RedStarLMCard)



# Taps

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Marcus Tillis	AZ-011	
Edward Ford	CA-068	
Steve Rylant	CO-001	
Jerry Gallagher	FL-017	
Melvin Smith	FL-018	
Robert McKinley	FL-032	
James Doran	FL-056	
Emil Venclik	FL-056	
Neal Owens	GA-066	
Earl Burlkund	IL-000	
Thomas Frederick	IL-048	
Claude Morris	IL-048	
Issac Harris, Sr	KY-007	
James Rice	KY-005	
James DePass	MAL	
Charles Wick	MAL	
Richard Wirth	MAL	
Franklyn Malone	MD-001	
Francis Antinori	MD-027	
Willie Puryear	MD-027	
Mervin Schoolfield	MD-027	
David Bartels	MI-021	
Michael Fineis	MI-021	
Robert Mares	MN-051	
Roy Bressler	MN-054	
Paul Glaser	MN-099	
Wyne Carlson	MO-011	
Richard Smith	NC-078	
Orville Bennett	NC-078	
Tommie Warren	NC-078	
Leslie Hendricks	ND-010	
James Janikowski	NE-007	
James Holmstedt	NH-001	
Robert Brewster	NJ-007	
William Enoch	NM-014	
Abel Saiz	NM-014	

Donald Evans	NY-032	
Jero Downey	OH-083	
Robert Potts	OK-007	
Gerald Arden	OR-004	
Tommy Hicks	PA-072	
Michael Sabol	PC-002	
Billy Haney	PC-011	
Joseph Jinson	PC-013	
James Mallard, Jr.	TN-004	
Ronald Cameron	TN-004	
Edward Ullom	TN-005	
James Rice	TX-100	
Clyde Brown	TX-100	
James Graham, Jr.	TX-100	
Renner Wright	TX-100	
Patrick Coughlin	VA-009	
Jack Eaton	WI-038	



# MOCA Taps

2019-2020 As of Jul 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

## Grand of Arizona

Lois George  
Vera O. Guseman  
Beverly Winchell  
Donna J. Nielson  
Jan Howarth  
Linda Caldwell  
Casey Hammond  
Carol House  
Kathy Mitchell  
June Riley  
Dessie Sanders  
Cheri"Dee" Stone  
Barbara Teagardin

## Grand of California

Carol Cummings  
Sally Seaman  
Marilyn Peck  
*Lulu Bellinger*  
*Rose Marie Martinez*  
*Lucy Romano*  
*JoAnne Evans*  
*PGP June Cowley*  
*PGP Vee Maiden*

## Grand of Colorado

Linda Bennett  
PGP Jane Ladesma  
Debbie Semmen  
Barbara Benson  
Kevin Proctor

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Roberta J. Glenday  
Eleanor J. Schueneman  
Helen Schiefersten  
Pauline C. Allison  
Beverly A. Reiss  
PGP Jean Clark  
Rolanda Maas  
Jo Kelly  
Donise Brown

## Georgia (NG)

Becky Edwards  
Linda D. Harrison  
Nancy Clifford  
Rebecca Edwards

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Elizabeth Johnson  
Helen M. Dillard  
Darlene M. Peveler  
Doris Langenbahn  
Elizabeth Heard  
Linda Lee Smith

## Iowa (NG)

Betty Abernathy  
Jan Baldwim  
Joanne Burger  
Ruth Chia  
Evelyn Cropp  
Leona Evans  
Joyce Fountain  
Maxine Lanning  
Velma Loeffler  
Beulah Moloney  
Rose Palumbo  
Magdalena Pearson  
Lelah Peet  
Maxine Sager  
Beverly Shelton  
Kay Speltz  
Martha Trousdale

## Grand of Kansas

Theresa Klotzbach  
Ruth Asbury

## Kentucky (NG)

Elfriede B. Nine

## Louisiana

Sherry Lewis  
Jackie Olinde

Tanya Schill  
Florence Hoffpauir  
Frances Earle  
Annabelle Kelly  
Mary Wilson

Grand of Maryland

Susie Blackwell  
Marjorie L. Johns  
Ella L. Gaddis-Purnell  
PSP Marj Johns

Massachusetts (NG)

Edith M. Johnson  
Gladys Lamb  
Anne Lind  
Gertrude Singleton

Grand of Michigan

Mary Kay Whittmore  
Gail Byram  
Sylvia Richardson  
Viola M. Ward  
Cheryl Lawrence  
Carol Zielaskowski  
Mary Lytle  
Beverly Bryant

Grand of Minnesota

Josephine B, Zeman  
Lucille E. King  
Twila M. Rubenstein  
Beatrice L. Banicki  
J. Ruth Jeanette  
Patricia Chenal  
Nancy Ebert  
Audrey L. Busse  
Delores J. Schmidt  
Marie A. Frey  
PGP Reva Swanson  
Clarice Ferguson  
Barbara Spongberg  
Mary Schmidt  
Jeanne Miller  
Rose Nielsen  
Linda Bergum  
Maxine Nystrom

Grand of Mississippi

Marilyn Ashmus  
Cleotha Barnes  
Karem Sanford

Mary Bryant

Grand of Missouri

Kathy S. Lee  
Charles McCann  
Charlene Mohn  
Delores Haas  
Mary Schalk  
PGP Rose "Angie" Powers  
Lizzie M. Jansen  
Jackie G. Jones  
PGP Linda A. Bennett  
Hazel Linneberger  
Kimberly Fitzsimmons  
Mary Vetter  
Vickie Lynn Stephens  
Harriet Bennett

Montana (NG)

Lucille Stump  
Donna Solie

Nebraska (NG)

Aileen Miller  
Mabel A. Vankat  
Marian Pirruccello  
Joan Lyons  
Gerda Cooper  
Karen Linden

Grand of New Jersey

Joanna Roberts  
Juliette Braun  
Connie Kendrick  
Joseph Russo  
Pat VanPelt  
PGP Evelyn Keselski  
June Paterson

Grand of New Mexico

Sue Frappier  
Carla J. Clark  
Eloise B. Parker  
Ruby I. Wilson  
Janis B. Wimmer  
Rita L. Wirta

Grand of New York

Patricia Shaw  
Frances Donovan  
Joanne Baker

Mary DeMartino  
Joan Chwalisz  
Norma Schwarzott  
Joan Petruski  
Carol Rae Zulaskowski

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Beverly M. Green  
Martha E. Daniel  
Byran Christopher Cook

### Grand of Ohio

Joan M. Exum  
Carolyn S. Snyder  
Violet Childs  
Evangeline Perona

### Grand of Oregon

Marcia C. N. Read  
Elsie Mae D'Orazio  
Dorothy Morse  
Lucy E. Gloyn

### Pennsylvania (NG)

June A. Patterson  
Evelyn Keseleski

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Alice V. Gosnell  
Evelyn H. Bradford  
Denise Cornish  
Linda Rush

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Judy G. Evink

### Tennessee (NG)

Terry Burlison  
PGP Mary Bailey

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Ruby L. Stout  
Myrtle Hummer  
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M. Joyce Lewis  
Anna Cantea  
Toni Martin

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PGP Kathy A. Johnson  
Heather J. Fifield  
Virginia P. Vacha  
Patricia J. Danielson  
Glennis Whitish  
Sandra Virnig  
Betty Johnson  
Darlene Peavlee

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Rebecca E. Cape