



Supreme Headquarters MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE OF THE UNITED STATES

“The Honor Degree of the VFW”

(2019-2020 Series)

March 17, 2020

Executive Order Number 1

In concert with the National Veterans of Foreign Wars of the of the United States’ Commander-in-Chief, William ‘Doc’ Schmitz, effective immediately and until rescinded, Pup Tents and Grands, if possible and within the requirements of mandated state declarations, make an attempt to elect officers for the 2020-2021 year. For such Pup Tents and Grands that are not able to elect (or install) officers as a result of COVID-19, all current officers shall continue to function within their capabilities until new officers are elected and installed. It is further stipulated that no Cootie, Pup Tent or Grand be sanctioned as a result of the inability to properly execute duties or function, as mandated by state or local government declarations, as a direct cause of COVID-19.

To further explain:

1. The requirement for Grand and Pup Tent Inspections to compete for All-Star Grand will be waived if the inspections have not been completed as a result of COVID-19.
2. The requirement for Grand Pup Tents to be 80% inspected to be able to vote at the Supreme Convention is waived.
3. Supreme Representative travel is suspended until further notice. Supreme Officers travelling to attend Grand Scratches will do so on their own accord without compensation.
4. Please advise the Supreme Adjutant Gordon Lam or Supreme Quartermaster Gary Dressel of any cancellations or changes to your Grand Scratch time and/or location.
5. Video teleconferencing for Pup Tent and Grand Scratches are authorized if membership can be verified for the member(s) present on the video. Cooties must be physically present on video to be counted present and cast votes. Audio conferencing alone is not authorized since membership cannot be verified; voice recognition alone is not authorized.
6. If an election is conducted, please fill out both sides and scan the Election (Installation) Report then email to Supreme Headquarters.

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