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Grand of Washington, Pup Tent #3, Yur-a-Bum Seam Squirrel Paul Herrera gives blood.

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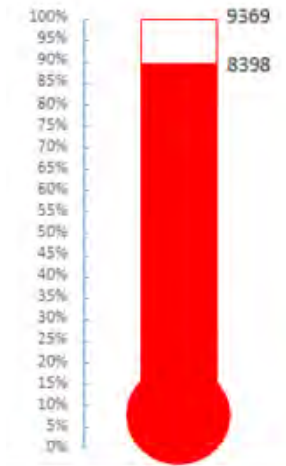
## From the Supreme Commander

A LOUSY NEW YEAR to all Cooties, Cuties and Crummies!

We had a very lousy Council of Administration in Springfield, Missouri. I want to thank Jim Thorpe and Pup Tent 11 for all of their support in making the event go off without a hitch! It was good to see such horrible things going on within our organization. We are still *Good to Go* for Baltimore. Let's keep our fingers, not our legs, crossed! We have been given a difficult situation, but when playing cards, you just have to make the best of the hand you are dealt. We are definitely **NOT** going to fold though. Many great ideas were shared at the C of A on how we are reaching out to *'Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White'*. There are many impressive ideas! I encourage you to be very creative and do whatever **YOU** can to help our veterans, their widows and orphans.



Our membership closed out at 8398 as of Dec 31st. Our goal this year is 9369. We are 971 short to make it to 100% of last year's ending numbers. This means we need 195 per month to make it. **I KNOW** we can do it! We average about 406 per month. However, last month, we increased membership by 564! Let's keep it up! We have 8.5 years left. Either that number increases or decreases. It's all up to you. How many can your Pup Tent recruit or renew? Let's do this!



I hold a **Supreme Officers' Call** the first Monday of each month. If you are not getting the invite, please reach out to our Supreme Hungry Cootie, Gordon Lam and get on the invite. Also, I hold a monthly Grand Commanders' meeting on the third Monday of each month. I really want to increase our communication and help you with any needs you may have. The Supreme officers are ready to help you but we need to know what help you need. This is a way to let us know.

Please reach out to me if you need anything. I will respond to your email, call, text, Facebook message, courier pigeon message, Morse Code, etc., within 24 hours (usually less than that).

Yours in the LOTCS,

Darin Combs  
Supreme Commander  
2020-2021





# Invade Those Seams





## Supreme Sr. Vice Commander Corner

This unique gavel the and wooden base were “lost” at our 2017 Grand Convention. I know that many feel that these articles may be “relieved” from their owner James Mallott, PSC, and many of us would like to see it returned – with a fine or not....kinda an honor issue. PSC Mallot is our current Chief of Staff so his address is readily available.



Mid-Winter Conferences are currently underway. Please make sure that growth of individual Pup Tents and Grands is a real priority. At this writing, I am unsure as to what our current membership levels are, but I would suspect that we are at least 1,000 less than last year. I do not know about your

particular service to our our Republic, but I can assure that the unit I was assigned to would never give up a yard for any reason – pretty much Armored Assault. Let’s all adopt the attitude that we need to fill up our VFW Posts and let our VFW buddies know how much value the Military Order of the Cooties is....we are the BEST Public Relations that a post has – or should be. Good New Year resolution: Recruit new VFW members and chronicle what the Military Order of the Cooties is doing. Ask for a slot at district meetings and share what the Pup Tents in that district have been doing. This should not be a secret!!!



With our New Year we need to power up and make sure that our organizations (VFW and MOC) are strong with focus and determination. Doing things the way we always have will only lead to the same result, which is not good news!

The leadership of the MOC stands ready to assist Grands in *membership drives* and activities....just let us know what you want and we will try to provide!

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Olin Parks  
Supreme Sr. Vice Commander  
2020-2021**

## From the Supreme Quartermaster

### Listen Cooties,

I hope everyone had a lousy holiday season and I hope that everyone is well or recovering. We have lost too many Cooties this past year. Please remember those that have passed or are sick and wish them a speedy recovery.

I hate to say it but **MEMBERSHIP** is important as it is the life blood of this organization. We have to grow! There are a lot of cootie officers that are no longer Cooties in good standing. You ask why or how is that possible? Here is the answer plain and simple; they have not paid their dues! If you do not have a membership card that expires on 12-31-2021 you are not a Cootie in good standing.



I want to congratulate the following Seam Squirrels for being 100% plus 2 by the end of November 2020 and were lucky enough to have their name drawn. First place went to Bruce Fischbach from KS-02, he won a 3 day stay at the Supreme Convention in Baltimore. Second place goes to Roy Hansen from NY-65, he will receive a 2 day stay and a banquet ticket at the convention. Third place went to Ronald Thibault from Tx 05, he received a 1 day stay and a banquet ticket at the convention. This program has been running for several years and is discussed in the program book. Again, congratulations to the winners.

This year will be a bonding year as your current bond will expire on August 31, 2021, plan ahead and get your bond early.

Thanks to everyone that has purchased supplies this past year we need your support as the supply function is one of the things that keeps headquarters operational. If there are unique items you would like to see in the Cootie Depot please let me know and I will see what can be done. If you would like to purchase a shirt or other items for each of your active Cooties, just call us at HQ and we can negotiate a price for you.

Yours in LOTCS,

Gary Dressel  
Supreme Quartermaster  
2020-2021



# From the Supreme Chief of Staff

**Cooties,**

The Supreme Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, MO was a great success. It was a real shot in the arm for all of us. Seeing everyone face-to-face gave us all a much-needed boost.

It is with much sadness that the Cooties have lost some of our best recently.

Grand of California's Ray Tarango had just announced his intent to run for Supreme JVC at our council meeting. He was our Supreme VAVS representative and was doing a heck of a job there. Then, he always gave his all in what he did.



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We lost our Cootie Santa at a time of the year when he meant so much to so many children of all ages and at our VFW National Home. Grand of Michigan reported Cootie Jim Haley, Grand of Michigan Santa Claus, Past PT32 Seam Squirrel and Past Grand Jimmy Legs. He played Santa so well even had me believing.

There were more and they will be missed. Like the song says "Who's Going To Fill Their Shoes?"

With the New Year 2021 many of us are hoping this lockdown we have been hibernating in will pass quickly. As we have done in the past when faced with challenges like this, we march forward. Just hope the march is not too long.

**Wishing everybody a Happy New Year!**

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

**Jim Malott  
Chief of Staff  
2020-2021**

# FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented challenges to the U.S. blood supply. Donor centers have experienced a dramatic reduction in donations due to the implementation of social distancing and the cancellation of blood drives.



Based on recently completed studies and epidemiologic data, the FDA has concluded that current policies regarding certain donor eligibility criteria can be modified without compromising the safety of the blood supply. Therefore, the FDA is revising recommendations in several guidelines regarding blood donor eligibility

Among others, the FDA is making the following changes, for immediate implementation, to the December 2015 guidance:

For male donors who would have been deferred for having sex with another man: The agency is changing the recommended deferral period from 12 months to 3 months.

For female donors who would have been deferred for having sex with a man: The agency is changing the recommended deferral period from 12 months to 3 months.

For those with recent tattoos and piercings: the agency is changing the recommended deferral period from 12 months to 3 months.

Thanks to all of the Lousy Cooties that participate in this EMERGENCY BLOOD request.

**Yours in LOTCS,**

**Jim Schinman  
Supreme Vampire**





## The Forgotten Caregiver

As we have traveled through life, most of us have had to take care of someone that was sick. Whether it was cancer, COVID or the common cold, we have put our lives on hold to take care of that person.

However, we need to remember that the caregiver is struggling as much as the person that is sick. The caregiver stops everything in their life to ensure that the person that is ill has everything they need.

My husband was recently diagnosed with COVID and he was very sick. I thought I was going to lose him. My emotions were all over the place. Below are some of the feelings I experienced during this difficult time and I know others have felt.

- Each day you watch them get a little sicker and know that the hospital will not see him because he is not sick enough.
- Each day you are scared you may lose your family member.
- Each day you struggle with guilt because there is nothing you can do to help them.
- Each day you are exhausted because now the burdens of the family are on you.
- Each day you are angry at the Doctor's that seem to be doing nothing to help your family member get better.
- Each day you are frustrated because the sick member tries to do more than their body will let them.
- Each day you pray to God that he heals your family member.
- Each time the phone rings, your heart begins to race.
- Each day you are stressed out because you feel you are not doing enough.
- Each day you feel alone because you have no other family around.
- Each day you lose a little piece of yourself because you feel like a failure when your family member is not getting better.

This experience has made me become more aware that caregivers need support. Please let's not forget to reach out to someone who is taking care of a family member that is sick. These caregivers need support and someone to talk to about what they are feeling. They need to hear words of encouragement and that they are not alone.

During these struggling times and the holiday season upon us, suicide rates often increase. Please reach out to someone you think might be struggling with life and let them know you care. It only takes a phone call to brighten someone's day.

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

**Dani Hernandez  
Supreme Surgeon**



## From the Supreme Papa Clown

**Happy New Years! I hope each of you're a Crummy and blessed holiday season.**

**W**e all know 2020 was a rough year for everyone. As we start 2021 let's each work hard for our comrades, our beloved fellow veteran.

Some parts of the country are still locked down, but we have found ways to help. Let's show every veteran what it means to be a Cootie and a Clown. Put your glad rags on and go do what you can, even if it is just waving through a door or window and leaving your treats outside for staff to pick up.

**In Respectful Service,**

**Allan T. Perkins "Archibald O'Perk"**  
**Supreme Poppa Clown**  
[Allantperkins1991@gmail.com](mailto:Allantperkins1991@gmail.com)



## **MOC General Order #3**

1. 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 990-T.
2. Cooties at all levels are reminded that Cootie Sunday this year is 13 February 2021. All Cooties should make special effort to visit our hospitalized veterans on this date.
3. Pup Tents are reminded that Supreme By-Laws state that Pup Tents shall elect their Shave tails no sooner than 15 January 2021. Election and installation must be completed and the Election Report mailed to Supreme Headquarters no later than 31 March 2021. Pup Tents who cannot fulfill this obligation must have approval of the Grand Commander for extension of the time beyond the deadline. Pup Tents not in a Grand must have the approval of the Supreme Commander to extend the time to elect and install.
4. The Pup Tent Election Report form is available on the website [www.lotcs.org](http://www.lotcs.org) under the heading “Forms”, then under the heading “Pup Tents.” Download the form and fill it out and either mail or e-mail the completed form to Supreme Adjutant and Supreme Headquarters.
5. Notice to all Grands and Pup Tents. There were several By-Law changes adopted by the 100th Supreme Convention which will affect all levels of the Supreme Organization. If your set of By-Laws are outdated and you need a new set to be in compliance. You can get a FREE PDF version by emailing the MOC Supreme Quartermaster and asking for one or order an updated edition of the Supreme By-Laws through the Supreme Supply Department at a cost of \$12.
6. In accordance with Supreme By-Laws Section 308 Paragraph 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.
7. All suggested by-law amendments and changes to the 2019 By-Laws and Ritual need to be submitted by 15 Feb to the By-Laws Review Chairman Marc Garduno



(post3238cdr@gmail.com or snail-mail). Chairman Garduno will in turn forward to all appropriate board members. The deadline is so that there is adequate time to review, coordinate editorial changes (for grammar, syntax, format) and get them to the Editor for publishing. Please include a name and contact information so that he can contact the correct individual to coordinate with them.

8. All Pup Tents are reminded that ALL continuous members that have failed to pay their dues by 31 Dec 2020 are no longer members in good standing.

9. Information and all necessary forms for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Supreme Scratch to be held in Baltimore, MD are available on the website [www.lotcs.org](http://www.lotcs.org) under the heading Events.

10. In accordance with provisions of Section 534 of the Supreme By-Laws, all Pup Tents are required to register, in advance, at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch. Failure to register shall be grounds for the Pup Tent to be declared in arrears to the Supreme Pup Tent and appropriate action will be taken. Advance registration for the Supreme Scratch is \$15.00 and \$20.00 for registration received after 30 June 2021. No Delegate fee = no vote.

11. The next Cootie Courier will be coming out in April 2021.

BY COMMAND OF:

*Darin Combs*

Darin Combs  
Supreme Seam Squirrel

OFFICIAL:

*Gordon K. Lam*

Gordon K. Lam  
Supreme Hungry Cootie



# MOC Hospital Report

MOC SUPREME HOSPITAL REPORT					
Date: AS OF: 12/19/2020					
Grand	Goal	Reports	Cooties	Total Monies	Percentage
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Gary Dressel					
DE	\$26,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
DC	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
MD	\$69,500.00	16	146	\$14,728.24	21.19%
PA	\$103,750.00	23	1,358	\$85,106.10	82.03%
VA	\$71,750.00	8	24	\$2,715.26	3.78%
WV	\$12,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTALS	\$283,750.00	47	1,528	\$102,549.60	36.14%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#2 - Louis C. McVey					
AL	\$7,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
FL	\$134,500.00	9	42	\$3,626.59	2.70%
GA	\$33,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
LA	\$24,000.00	5	12	\$5,974.58	24.89%
MS	\$40,750.00	13	187	\$23,812.32	58.44%
NC	\$66,000.00	12	190	\$15,873.47	24.05%
SC	\$49,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TN	\$34,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTALS	\$389,000.00	39	431	\$49,286.96	12.67%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Charles Cihlar					
IL	\$45,250.00	3	18	\$10,657.48	23.55%
IN	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
KY	\$47,000.00	13	127	\$21,492.66	45.73%
MI	\$51,500.00	13	210	\$9,634.16	18.71%
OH	\$96,750.00	22	23	\$3,938.37	4.07%
WI	\$69,750.00	46	328	\$32,824.73	47.06%
TOTALS	\$310,250.00	97	706	\$78,547.40	25.32%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - Olin Parks					
IA	\$21,750.00	26	88	\$7,016.45	32.26%
KS	\$36,500.00	40	99	\$10,129.30	27.75%
MN	\$92,750.00	6	45	\$12,347.22	13.31%
MO	\$88,750.00	22	351	\$44,905.22	50.60%
MT	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
NE	\$25,000.00	10	197	\$17,399.77	69.60%
ND	\$37,250.00	137	121	\$40,195.23	107.91%
SD	\$24,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$326,250.00	241	901	\$131,993.19	40.46%

SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Gordon Lam					
AR	\$27,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
CO	\$46,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
EURO	\$21,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NM	\$33,500.00	10	75	\$7,839.45	23.40%
OK	\$30,500.00	4	555	\$67,275.40	220.58%
TX	\$87,000.00	8	85	\$6,361.47	7.31%
WY	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
TOTAL	\$246,250.00	22	715	\$81,476.32	33.09%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Vaughn Gates					
AK	\$15,000.00	32	36	\$8,678.87	57.86%
AZ	\$92,500.00	21	302	\$80,723.48	87.27%
CA	\$138,250.00	47	431	\$193,532.38	139.99%
HI	\$4,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
ID	\$3,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NV	\$13,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
OR	\$66,000.00	12	54	\$10,573.44	16.02%
PAC	\$114,750.00	141	886	\$131,964.12	115.00%
WA	\$46,000.00	40	139	\$31,154.22	67.73%
TOTAL	\$492,750.00	293	1,848	\$456,626.51	92.67%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 - Jesse Kitson					
CT	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
ME	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	
MA	\$22,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NH	\$25,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NJ	\$52,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NY	\$48,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$148,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION)					
AK#2	\$9,250.00	4	34	\$4,640.96	50.17%
AK#3	\$5,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
AL#13	\$7,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
EU#6	\$21,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
HI#1	\$4,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
ID#3	\$3,000.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#14	\$12,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#34	\$5,750.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#52	\$5,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NV#2	\$13,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
NV#3	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
WV#6	\$12,500.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Supreme	\$3,250.00	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%



TOTAL	\$103,000.00	4	34	\$4,640.96	4.51%
Supreme Total					
	\$2,196,500.00	739	6,129	\$900,479.98	41.00%
DIVISION STANDINGS					
GOLD	0	0.00%	BLUE	0.00	0.00%
SILVER	0	0.00%	GREEN	0.00	0.00%
RED	0	0.00%	PURPLE	0.00	0.00%
WHITE	0	0.00%	BLACK	0.00	0.00%
Telephone: 734-389-9498 E-mail: roadrunnerdaddy@hotmail.com					



# MOC Inspection Report

As of December 31, 2020

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Dist In- spect- ed	Date Complet- ed	Grand Inspec- tion	Percent	Pup Tents that are Inspec- ed
AL-13	1				N/A		
AK-2	1				N/A		
AK-3	1	1		7/12/2020	N/A	100%	
AZ	8						
AR	5	2				40%	3,48
CA	13						
CO	6						
DE	3						
EUR	1				N/A		
FL	20	20		11/22/2020		100%	
GA	4						
HI	1				N/A		
ID-3	1				N/A		
IL	6	6		10/24/2020	Yes	100%	
IA	3						
KS	4	4		10/6/2020		100%	
KY	5	5		11/19/2020	Yes	100%	
LA	3						
MD	8	8		10/22/2020		100%	
MA-14	1				N/A		
					N/A		
MA-52	1				N/A		
MI	7	6				86%	12,14,21,24,32,96
MN	15						
MS	5	1			Yes	20%	6
MO	11						
MT-10	1	1		7/12/2020	N/A	100%	
MT-11	1				N/A		
MT-24	1				N/A		
NE	3				Yes		
NV-2	1				N/A		
NV-5	1				N/A		

NH1,3	2						
NJ	8	1				13%	38
NM	5	1				20%	20
NY	8	1				13%	35
NC	10	10		11/18/2020		100%	
ND	5	5		10/5/2020	Yes	100%	
OH	16	15			Yes	94%	missing pt 64
OK	6	6		12/18/2020	Yes	100%	
OR	9				Yes		
PAC	9	9		12/28/2020		100%	
PA	12	8				67%	18,29,33,44,45,58,59,99
SC	7	7		12/11/2020		100%	
SD	3	3		12/15/2020		100%	
TN	4						
TX	10	10		10/6/2020		100%	
VA	8	1				13%	9
WA	6	6		9/28/2020		100%	
WV-6	1						
WI	10	10		12/11/2020		100%	
TOTAL	281	147		16	8	52.31%	





# MOC Membership Report

December 2020

Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Rein-state	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Stand-ings
GOLD DIVISION											
13	-1	75.97%	2	78	14	339	433	566	8	16	
16	-1	89.33%	3	54	16	287	360	403	0	19	
SILVER DIVISION											
19	-1	74.73%	9	168	16	228	421	558	10	25	
15	-1	91.97%	1	142	4	208	355	386	2	5	
11	-1	75.21%	13	47	4	206	270	359	1	17	
RED DIVISION											
8	-1	81.75%	6	72	7	227	312	378	19	13	
6	-1	78.61%	0	42	0	105	147	187	2	0	
8	-1	86.36%	7	78	1	161	247	286	1	8	
7	-1	72.30%	5	36	0	112	153	213	2	5	
8	-1	69.89%	2	56	13	63	134	186	6	15	
9	-1	87.82%	4	51	4	348	407	468	5	8	
12	-1	79.86%	11	151	8	172	342	427	2	19	
8	-1	74.58%	1	33	0	186	220	295	0	1	
10	-1	77.51%	6	96	4	118	224	289	3	10	
WHITE DIVISION											
4	-1	70.59%	1	24	0	72	97	136	1	1	
11	-1	79.78%	10	114	2	167	293	366	9	12	
8	-1	78.61%	0	79	0	79	158	201	0	0	
5	-1	74.10%	1	22	2	78	103	139	0	3	
10	-1	75.18%	12	39	2	154	207	274	2	14	
6	-1	85.26%	9	51	8	95	163	190	5	17	
BLUE DIVISION											
5	-1	44.35%	0	0	1	50	51	115	0	1	
6	-1	35.26%	0	0	0	67	67	190	0	0	
5	-1	84.97%	7	39	3	115	164	193	3	10	
5	-1	84.52%	12	23	2	107	144	168	5	14	
5	-1	96.75%	0	77	0	73	150	154	1	0	
9	-1	57.89%	4	49	0	100	153	266	1	4	
7	-1	83.01%	9	40	5	110	164	206	2	14	
4	-1	42.14%	0	0	0	59	59	140	0	0	

GREEN DIVISION											
3	-1	90.83%	2	13	7	78	100	109	5	9	
4	-1	47.33%	8	25	0	38	71	150	0	8	
3	-1	26.26%	0	0	0	26	26	99	0	0	
3	-1	85.23%	3	7	0	68	78	88	3	3	
3	-1	88.35%	1	25	0	65	91	103	0	1	
2	-1	77.42%	4	31	9	31	75	93	3	13	
6	-1	67.19%	6	23	0	60	89	128	6	6	
PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION											
3	IOWA		0	9	2	36	47	90	1	2	
3	-1	77.00%	0	0	33	44	77	100	0	33	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	-1	47.37%	0	0	0	18	18	38	0	0	
1	-1	83.33%	1	0	1	18	20	24	0	2	
1	ALA-BAMA 13	65.52%	0	0	0	19	19	29	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	87.50%	0	0	0	77	77	88	0	0	
1	-1	47.06%	0	0	0	9	9	17	1	0	
1	-1	84.62%	0	5	1	5	11	13	0	1	
1	MASSA-CHU-SETTS 14	18.75%	0	0	0	9	9	48	0	0	
1	MASSA-CHU-SETTS 52	18.52%	2	0	2	1	5	27	0	4	
1	MON-TANA 10	97.56%	0	0	0	40	40	41	3	0	
1	MON-TANA 11	88.57%	0	0	0	24	24	35	0	0	
1	MON-TANA 24	33.33%	0	0	0	4	4	12	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	81.48%	0	0	0	43	43	54	0	0	
1	NEVADA 3	77.78%	0	0	0	14	14	18	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	92.00%	0	24	0	22	46	50	0	0	

	SUPREME Pup Tent	94.30%				1407	1407	1492		0	
284	TOTALS	89.64%	162	1823	171	6242	8398	10685	112	333	
	+	Division Leader									
	^	Tied for Division Lead									
	*	Achieved 100%									





## **Supreme President's Message**

### **Auxiliary Members,**

I wish to congratulate and welcome aboard David Johnson as the newly elected Supreme Guard for the 2020 - 2021 year.

A BIG Thank You goes out to everyone that Participated in organizing, counting the ballots, setting up Zoom and to all the members that took their time to login to the Zoom meeting.

I would like to give a BIG WELCOME to three new MOC Auxiliaries; Washington State # 3, Oklahoma # 2 and # 7. Even in a pandemic we can still Increase and Multiply.

I hope everyone is following the guidelines for the Coronavirus/Covid-19. Remember to have multiple masks and change them often. You can order more masks through the MOCA Mart.

Due to the unforeseen COVID-19 pandemic still occurring, we have had to make some adjustments with our daily activities. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused meetings to be canceled or postponed, but remember you can still hold Zoom type meetings. This is for the best for everyone to stay healthy.

For those that are traveling, safe travels! For those who are gathering with friends and family be safe!

**Loyally,**

**Jennifer Winn  
MOCA Supreme President  
2020-2021**

## **Working Hand-n-Hand with our Veterans**



# MOCA Supreme Guard

## OPEN LETTER TO THE MOCA MEMBERS

**A**t our recent Supreme ZOOM meeting I was elected as the incoming MOCA Guard. I wish to thank all the members who participated in the election and to those who felt that I was needed in this position, I wish to thank you for your support. I vow to support the leadership team, the MOCA Bylaws and MOC and MOCA programs. The future of our organization is bright if we can enlist the support of our VFW Auxiliary brothers and sisters. We must also keep our eye on the goal of this organization: Support our hospitalized Veterans and their families and “Keep ‘Em Smilin’ in Beds of White”. It will be a different kind of year with many different challenges, but this organization and its leadership are up to the challenge and will move this organization forward. Thanks again for your support and confidence in my ability to help this organization.

**Best of Life and Health in 2020,**

**Dave Johnson  
MOCA Supreme Guard Elect**

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

### **General Order #3 Series 2020 - 2021**

1. **November 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 Zoom Meeting:** I would like to thank everyone who joined the on- line meeting for the election of our Supreme Guard for the 2020-21 year. Congratulations to Dave Johnson who won by a majority vote on the first ballot, of all ballots received.
2. **Treasurers:** *Please Do Not hold dues!* Auxiliary Treasurers, please make sure when you receive 2020 dues from members, you are completing transmittals and sending dues to your Grand Treasurers. Grand Treasurers, please send those 2020 dues to our Supreme Treasurer: Penney Howard, P.O. Box 34, Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034. Auxiliaries Not In a Grand: Please send your 2021 dues and transmittals directly to Penney.
3. **EIN Numbers:** Each Auxiliary and Grand must have their own EIN number. If you do not have an EIN Number, please apply for one as soon as possible. Please contact Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard for any assistance.
4. **990:** Each Auxiliary and Grand please remember to file your 990 each year to keep your nonprofit status.
5. **Institution of New Auxiliary:** Local Auxiliaries may be formed with the Application of Ten (10) or more eligible for membership indicated as follows: They MUST BE NEW or REINSTATED members. TRANSFERRED members are NOT INCLUDED in the FIRST TEN. Evidence of ELIGIBILITY shall be submitted to the Organizer, who shall have Certification from the Seam Squirrel, that the Pup Tent voted at a regular Scratch (meeting) to have an Auxiliary. The Organizer (MOC Auxiliary Member) must complete the Charter Application and mail it to the Supreme Treasurer with a Charter Fee of \$50.00.
6. **Membership:** Our goal is to reach 100% in membership by retaining, recruiting and reinstating members. Remember to reach out to your current membership by contacting them via phone, letter or personal visit to encourage them to pay their 2021 dues. Don't forget to hold Membership Drives and invite VFW Auxiliary members to attend to gain more information about the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary.
7. **Communications:** All official communications to the Supreme President must be in writing and come through proper channels. Any local Auxiliary should send their communications to their Grand President and the Grand President to the Supreme President. Any communication not sent through proper channels will be returned to the Grand President. All decisions will come from the Supreme President in writing.
8. **Bylaws and Rituals:** Please make sure you purchase a new Bylaws and Rituals manual due to changes being made at Supreme Convention.



9. **Supreme Representative:** Submit your Supreme Representative request for your Grand Convention Before December 31, 2020.
10. **Grand Presidents:** Please notify Supreme President of any auxiliaries needing assistance to continue to function and maintain.
11. **To those who are ill, our best wishes for a speedy recovery. To those who have lost loved ones, we extend our sympathy and prayers.**

**Attested By:**

*Georg Jean Zimmerman*

**Georg Jean Zimmerman**  
**Supreme Secretary**

**By Order Of:**

*Jennifer Winn*

**Jennifer Winn**  
**Supreme President**



# Supreme MOCA Membership Report

MOCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
December 31, 2020

State	2020	2021	%
<b>Division 1 (under 100)</b>			
Illinois	75	71	94.67%
Kansas	90	79	87.78%
Louisiana	76	0	0.00%
Maryland	86	53	61.63%
New Jersey	84	70	83.33%
<b>5 Grands</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>66.42%</b>

<b>Division 2 (101-145)</b>			
Arizona	140	105	75.00%
Colorado	100	79	79.00%
Mississippi	100	71	71.00%
New Mexico	111	108	97.30%
New York	130	95	73.08%
Oregon	132	105	79.55%
<b>6 Grands</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>78.96%</b>

<b>Division 3 (146-180)</b>			
North Carolina	169	92	54.44%
Ohio	149	75	50.34%
South Carolina	179	82	45.81%
Texas	161	135	83.85%
Virginia	153	98	64.05%
Washington	148	162	109.46%
<b>6 Grands</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>67.15%</b>

<b>Division 4 (181 &amp; over)</b>			
California	195	0	0.00%
Florida	203	148	72.91%
Michigan	185	142	76.76%
Minnesota	227	168	74.01%
Missouri	183	163	89.07%
Wisconsin	181	97	53.59%
<b>6 Grands</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>61.16%</b>

SC #3	103.45%
SD #1	104.76%
TN #26	110.53%
TX #60	106.67%
TX #69	100.00%
VA #13	100.00%
WA #6	100.00%
WA #9	100.00%
WA #11	100.00%
WA #18	100.00%
WV #6	100.00%
WI #22	100.00%

## NEW AUXILIARIES

OK #2	10/24/20
OK #7	10/24/20
WA #3	09/27/20

State	2020	2021	%
<b>Division 5 (Auxiliaries not in a Grand)</b>			
Alaska #2	22	25	113.64%
Delaware #2	24	0	0.00%
Delaware #4	23	27	117.39%
Georgia #5	16	0	0.00%
Georgia #66	17	11	64.71%
Kentucky #7	26	27	103.85%
Kentucky #9	34	30	88.24%
Massachusetts #14	33	0	0.00%
Montana #10	32	26	81.25%
Nebraska #10	53	42	79.25%
Nevada #2	10	0	0.00%
Oklahoma #2		20	
Oklahoma #7		12	
Pennsylvania #33	17	17	100.00%
Pennsylvania #44	26	23	88.46%
Pennsylvania #59	32	21	65.63%
South Dakota #1	21	22	104.76%
South Dakota #12	18	11	61.11%
South Dakota #20	21	16	76.19%
Tennessee #5	40	0	0.00%
Tennessee #26	19	21	110.53%
West Virginia #6	33	33	100.00%
	<b>517</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>74.27%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3774</b>	<b>2582</b>	<b>68.42%</b>

## 100% Auxiliaries since 9/1/20

AK #2	113.64%
AZ #14	112.50%
DE #4	117.39%
IL #62	100.00%
KS #3	102.13%
KS #6	100.00%
KY #7	103.85%
MD #1	126.67%
MI #32	123.68%
MI #34	130.77%
MN #5	100.00%
MO #1	103.77%
NJ #39	108.33%
NM #5	103.03%
NM #7	107.14%
NM #19	100.00%
NY #32	114.81%
NC #24	105.88%
OH #25	109.09%
OR #1	100.00%
PA #33	100.00%

## CONGRATULATIONS

**GREAT JOB!!!**

# MOCA Supreme Convention Registration Form

**M.O.C.A. 60<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention**  
**Baltimore, Maryland**  
**August 5–8, 2021**

## ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Make Advance Registration checks payable to the **Supreme M.O.C.A.** and mail to Treasurer Penney Howard, P O Box 34, Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034.

Advance Registration is \$20.00. **Due by July 14, 2021.**

Late (July 15 and after) and On-site Registration is \$25.00.

**NOTE: Registration includes the Supreme President's Printed Program Book for 2021-2022 or in CD with Roster included, you have to choose one or the other.** Please be sure to mail your advance registration so it is received by the Supreme Treasurer before July 14, 2021.

PLEASE print or type ALL information

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand: \_\_\_\_\_ Aux # \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Supreme Officers and Grand Presidents, please indicate your title below:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Choose one:**

**Printed Book** ☐

**OR**

**CD with Roster** ☐

# Supreme MOCA Convention Credentials

## Credentials for Supreme Convention

Section 322, paragraph C      Delegates to Conventions

Delegates and Alternates to the Supreme Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the auxiliary held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Supreme Convention, one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifteen (15) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of the election.

The Auxiliary President **does not** have a Vote at the Supreme Convention, unless she has been elected a Delegate.

The Auxiliary Secretary shall send a complete list of elected delegates and alternates to the Supreme Treasurer immediately following election, either **Email** [moca-supreme-treas@comcast.net](mailto:moca-supreme-treas@comcast.net) or by **mail** Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard, PO Box 34 Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034. **We have eliminated Credential Cards so this step is essential even if you don't think your Delegates are attending Supreme Convention, send their names in.**

The number of Delegates per auxiliary will be based on per capita tax that has been received in this office at the time of their election. It is very important that the installation report be correctly filled out and received by the Supreme Treasurer so you are allowed to vote.

Advance Registration is sent to the Supreme Treasurer with the fee of \$20.00. Any member may register for the convention and receive a packet. Please make a list of these members; giving their name, address, auxiliary name, number and State. If you do not plan to attend and you want your packet picked up by another auxiliary sister or mailed to you, please specify on your request.

Registration after July 14, 2021 and at the Supreme Convention will be \$25.00. To gain admission to the Convention session, you must possess a current official 2021 membership dues card.

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### Supreme Convention Credentials Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie

Auxiliary Name \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This is to Certify that Sister(s):

#### Delegates

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Alternates

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Have been elected delegates and alternates of this Auxiliary to the Supreme Convention.

In Witness whereof we hereunto affix our signatures.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_



# MOCA Auxiliary Advertising Form



## 2021 Advertisements for MOCA Convention Book



### 60<sup>th</sup> SUPREME AUXILIARY

### ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

The 60<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention will be held at BWI Marriott in Baltimore, MD on August 5 through 8, 2021. We hope that you would like to tell EVERYONE what your Auxiliaries and Grands have been up to. Here is a way, place your advertisement in our MOCA 60<sup>th</sup> Convention Book this year.

To begin, simply create an ad (in BLACK AND WHITE, no color Please!) and send it along with this form to:

**MOCA Supreme Treasurer**

**Penney Howard**

**PO Box 34**

**Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034**

**E-mail: [moca-supreme-treas@comcast.net](mailto:moca-supreme-treas@comcast.net)**

It would be easiest if you E-mailed a copy of your ad as well as snail mail a copy with your check (made out to MOCA Supreme). In order to have time for the book to be printed I need to receive these ads by June 12, 2021. FYI: We are also doing BOOSTER SHEETS to be printed in this book with the MOC's blessings.

### AD PRICES

- **FULL PAGE** (*best bang for your buck*) .....\$150.00
- **½ PAGE**.....\$100.00
- **¼ PAGE**.....\$50.00
- **BOOSTERS:** .....\$2.00

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRAND** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUXILIARY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **#** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIZE: (CIRCLE ONE):**    **FULL PAGE**    **½ PAGE**    **¼ PAGE**

**CHECK NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #** ( ) - . **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember to send your **BLACK & WHITE** ad copy with your check to SUPREME MOCA TREASURER. Thanks see you in August!

# MOCA Auxiliary Booster Sheet



MOC AUXILIARY SUPREME BOOSTER  
\$2 per Name sent by GRAND of \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

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**Please Mail Forms and Money By June 12, 2021 for Printing**  
**To: MOCA Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard**  
**P O Box 34 - Flora Vista, NM 87415-0034**

# Supreme MOCA President Pin Order Form

Since we were unable to meet and hand out pins to be sold.

At the new C of A it was voted on to established an order form, have the pins prepaid for and add \$5.00 for postage.

Please fill out the form print clearly and include your check. Pins are \$3.00 each.

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

Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of pins \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ + \$5.00 Postage = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **MOCA Supreme** in the memo earmark it

Supreme President Pins.

Mail Form and Check to:

MOCA Supreme President

Jennifer Winn

952 Avatar Dr.

Virginia Beach, Va.23454

# Supreme MOCA President Shirt Order Form

Please fill out the form print clearly and include your check. Shirts are \$30.00 each Small thru XL.  
Please add \$4.00 for 2X,3x and 4X

**Note: Shirts are all Men sizes.**

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

Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of Shirts S \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of Shirts M \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of Shirts L \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of Shirts XL \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of Shirts 2X \_\_\_\_\_ X \$34.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of Shirts 3X \_\_\_\_\_ X \$34.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of Shirts 4X \_\_\_\_\_ X \$34.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total = \_\_\_\_\_**

Custom Name on Shirt \$4.00 each. Please print clearly and check spelling. If more than one line please format it.

Make check payable to **Jennifer Winn** in the memo earmark it Supreme President Shirt.

Mail Form and Check to: MOCA Supreme President Jennifer Winn, 952 Avatar Dr., Virginia Beach, VA.23454



# Supreme MOCA President Coin Order Form

Supreme President and 60<sup>th</sup> MOCA Anniversary Coin. For sale for \$11.50. The profits will go to the Supreme President projects.

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

Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand of: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of coins \_\_\_\_\_ X \$11.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **MOCA Supreme President Jennifer will** in the memo earmark it Supreme President Coin.

Mail Form and Check to:

MOCA Supreme President

Jennifer Winn

952 Avatar Dr.

Virginia Beach, Va.23454

# Supreme Cootie of the Year Program 2019-20

## 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**



# Missing Supreme Gavel

## Alert! Alert!

Prior to our Supreme Scratch June 2017 I had a wooden gavel made in the Philippines. As you see in the photos it is hand carved and nicely decorated. The intent was to have a permanent gavel to proudly represent our organization that would be passed on each year.

In June of 2017 I brought the gavel to the installation banquet and I showed it to our QM Gary Dressel. For the installation we used the ceremonial gavel held at Supreme HQ. That was the last the Supreme MOC Gavel was seen. It was at the podium during the installation. Anyone having any knowledge of the missing gavel, please contact Supreme HQ or Supreme Commander Combs.

The gavel was a gift from me to our organization. It took time and expense to have it made and delivered to me. I'm not pleased that it somehow disappeared and hopefully it will turn up. I communicated with PSC Kramer, Adjutant Lam, Commander Combs and QM Dressel. No one has seen it thus far. Thank you in advance.

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

James D. Malott  
Supreme Chief of Staff  
2020-2021

Supreme Commander  
2016-2017

Email: [jdmcootie@hotmail.com](mailto:jdmcootie@hotmail.com)



# History in the Making

A historical moment occurred in Springfield Missouri during the banquet Supreme C of A, the Supreme Commander with the assistance of attendees signed his *TWIN BROTHER* Dalin up for the *VFW AUXILIARY!!!* He has promised will become a MOCA member when qualified.



At the table Dalin Combs (Supreme Commander's twin brother); Darin Combs, Supreme Commander; Clifford Mitchem, Grand Commander Missouri; Behind MO CMDR: left to right Karen Probst; Karen Peck-Thorpe; Delpha Martin w/MAX; Ella Edwards-Kirtley, MO VFW Department President; Helen Heise; Debbie Thie, MOCA Supreme Senior Vice Commander; Behind Delpha, Tara Woodman, WI MOCA SR VICE; Timothy M. Borland, VFW National JR VICE CMDR; Bob Kirtley; James Mallot, Past Supreme Commmander; Jeff Heise, Supreme Chief of Staff; Vicki Petersen; and David Klaassen.



## SPECIALIZING IN BEAUTY

Orchid bees (AKA Euglossines) have been described as living jewels. Of the 200 or so species that exist, all live exclusively in the Americas, and all are known for their stunning metallic colors of gold, blue, green, and deep purple.

But their beauty extends far beyond their amazing appearance. Orchid bees also specialize in pollinating some the most beautiful, exotic, and rare orchids in the world. In fact, many orchids owe their very existence to orchid bees. These little gems will carry pollen between two rare orchids that are separated by many miles. And orchid bees are the only bees that can do this. They alone have a specialized tongue that's twice as long as its body. And this long appendage is necessary to reach deep inside the orchid to gather pollen, nectar, and – fragrance.

Yes, another specialty of these flying gems is that the males among them collect aromatic compounds produced by various tropical orchids. These bees have an amazing ability to sense the distinctive perfumes of these orchids. Then, with specialized brushes on its forelegs, the male bee gathers the molecules of these fragrances and stores them in specially designed compartments in its hind legs. These compartments seal the aromatic compounds inside by means of waxy hairs that line their opening. After a period of weeks, the male orchid bee has created a virtual cocktail of perfumes.

Then, when it comes time to mate, the male orchid bee releases his specialized perfume and spreads it by buzzing its wings or by flying. It uses this perfume to attract a female orchid bee. Scientists have discovered that females only respond to the most pleasant arrangement of perfumes. In laboratory tests they have scented males with a single potent fragrance, which the females ignore. It must be an arrangement of various pleasant scents in order to attract them.

The male orchid bee specializes in beauty. It's pleasing to the eye. It keeps the world's most beautiful flowers alive. And it spreads some of the most exotic perfumes throughout its little world. It doesn't live a long life – only about three to four months. But it lives a worthy life.



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



In such a perverted world as ours - that glorifies ugliness, promotes violence, and finds humor in human suffering - this little creature points the way to what is desperately needed in the human family. We have too many spewers of poison. We have too many sharp-tongued people who take pleasure in wounding others. We have far too much abuse and belittling. We need more people to live beautiful lives that bring encouragement, healing, and peace to others.

Everyone on this earth is fighting a battle. Everyone carries wounds that just seem to keep accumulating but never heal. Everyone is hurting – deeply. But the cure to our pain is not to inflict it on others. None of us lifts himself up by putting others down. True healing can only come in the warm and loving embrace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus has many, many wounds of His own. So, He knows from personal experience everything we're suffering. Let's find healing in His arms.

And let's go forth with our Savior with a renewed determination to bless and not to curse. Let's wisely choose our words so that they heal rather than hurt. As the Lord Jesus has mended our hearts, let's do some soul-mending of our own. Let's be more like Jesus Christ, specializing in spreading beauty, love, joy, and peace. As Paul commanded us, be "a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and those who are perishing." We will not always be appreciated for it. In our perverse world, some will even consider the fragrance of Christ to be a stench (2 Corinthians 2:15). But for those hungry for love, hope, and encouragement, our lives, words, and deeds will breathe life into their weary souls.

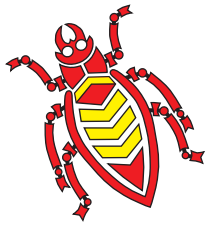
"A soothing tongue is a tree of life; but twisted words crush the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4). "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24). "There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing" (Proverbs 12:18). "But whoever has this world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not only love with word and tongue, but also by deeds and truth" (1 John 3:17-18).

**PRAYER:** Dear Lord Jesus, may Your tender love for me bind me ever closer to You. Teach me, O Lord, to rest in Your arms to experience and feel Your warmth and healing. Remove the poison and pain from my heart and replace them with Your love. And, Lord, may I go forth as an instrument of Your peace, bringing love where there's hate, joy where there's sorrow, and healing where there's hurting. Amen.

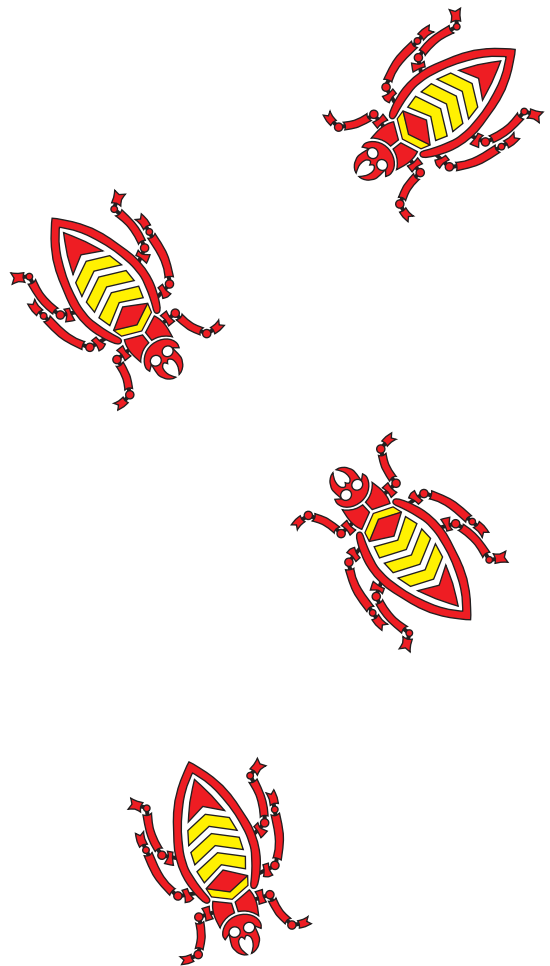


# Grand of California

The MOC & MOCA Grand of California held the "C of A" by Zoom Meeting on 10 October 2020 with Grand Commander Lamont Duncan. 11 Pup Tents were absent and all Cootie business conducted. Plans were set for the 2021 C of A's and the Grand Scratch but, as of now, *"Everything is on Hold due to the Pandemic."*



The MOC Grand of California has lost Cootie Ray Tarango, PGC and Supreme & VAVS Chairman to the COVID-19 Pandemic. He will be missed by all MOC & MOCA & Supreme. "Our Cootie's History is our Destiny."





## Chuck Peterson and few other Specie Pediculi deliver power chairs and masks during COVID-19 pandemic

On December 30, 2020 Chuck Peterson and Don Biloden (pictured here) delivered power chair #73 to Kenneth Sledge.



On December 6, 2020 Chuck Peterson delivered A Go Go 3 wheel scooter (for outside) and an Air Hawk power chair (for inside) to veteran Howard Commins who lives in Olivehurst. These are power chairs #71 and 72 this year.

This Jazzy powered chair was donated to Shirley Grier on November 24, 2020 and was power chair #70.



Robert, who is a double amputee and retired Air Force poses with Ken Lusk and Chuck Peterson. This was power chair #69.



On October 24, 2020 Chuck Peterson and Don Bilodeau, of Pup Tent #69, donated this Elite Traveller Go Go 3 wheel scooter, #68, to Bill Jett, a very disabled veteran.





On October 17, 2020 Chuck Peterson and Don Bilodeau donated this Quantum Edge 2.0, #67, to Army veteran Lloyd Thomas.



On October 13, 2020 Chuck Peterson delivered power chair #66 to Marine veteran Chester Powell, who was really having problems walking.



This chair lift valued at \$2,400 was donated to Chuck Peterson who then sent out word to see if anyone wished to have it. Pup Tent #68 was the fortunate recipient.



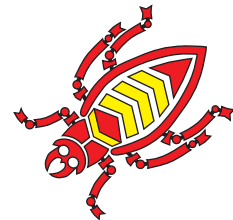
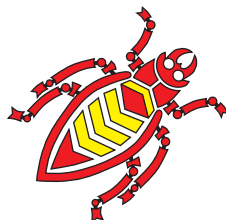
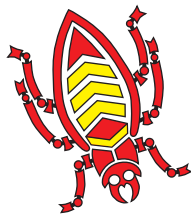
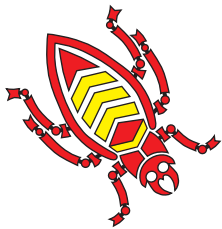
Stephanie Torian, Chief of Voluntary Services poses with Chuck Peterson who has delivered another 200 face masks to the Reno VA Hospital. That makes a total of 2,445 face masks to date.

# Grand of Delaware

Past All Star Seam Squirrel *Rick Ryder* was presented with a top hat for his dedication to Pup Tent 4. He was tagged as our Honorary Leprechaun because of his height and his heart of gold.

Rick Ryder has held every office in Pup Tent 4 and has been Seam Squirrel for 13 terms. He is devoted to the Cooties and our hospital work.

*Submitted by Chuck Werner  
Seam Squirrel Pup Tent 4.*





# Grand of Maryland

**MOC/MOCA/VFW give away over a 100 bags  
of comfort item to local Veterans.**

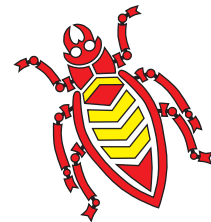
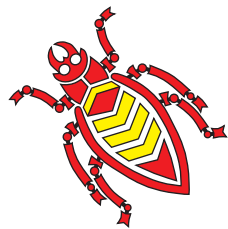


*Pictured:* Grand Blanket Bum Townsend, Grand Membership Chairwoman Eaves, MOCA Fines Officer J.Townsend, Cootie E.Jackson, MOCA Secretary B.Williams and DC Vet Center Coordinator Jamal Fletcher. All of us passed out scarfs, T-shirts and comfort items to Veterans in Ward 7. A lousy time was had by all!

**Photo Courtesy of Georgia A. Eaves**



Grand Membership Chairwoman Georgia Ann Eaves cooked and delivered meals to sick and shut in Veterans on Thanksgiving Day. Cootie Eaves is a member of Pup Tent #1 Grand on Maryland.





# Grand of Michigan

**NO PARTY DUE TO COVID 19, BUT THE GIFTS WERE DELIVERED  
FOR THE CHILDREN AT THE VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN.**

The Military Order of the Cootie (M.O.C.) is the Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America (VFW). One of its many special projects is supporting the residents of the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, MI. To ensure that no child in residence at the National Home goes without on Christmas Day, the Grand Commander of Michigan Russell Makowski, Sr. Vice Commander Nathaniel Powell, Jr. Vice Commander Jennifer Heraty, and Grand Auxiliary President Josephine Miller delivered sixty-six \$50 gift cards, coloring books and crayons, and a check for \$1056 for additional gifts and miscellaneous expenses to the National Home Executive Director Fred Puffenberger. Due to COVID 19, the Grand of Michigan was not able to host the annual MOC Christmas Party, but there was still plenty of Christmas Cheer to spread around. Sixty-six children in residence at the VFW Nation Home will receive gifts cards, toys, coloring books and crayons making their Christmas just a little brighter, due in part, to the generosity of the Grand of Michigan Military Order of the Cootie and Auxiliary. Thank you Military Order of the Cootie and Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary for your generosity. **EMAIL** [powpowe@gmail.com](mailto:powpowe@gmail.com)



From left to right, Military Order of the Cootie Grand of Michigan Commander Russell Makowski and M.O.C. Auxiliary Grand President Josephine Miller hold coloring books and crayons donated by the M.O.C. Auxiliary 34 (Midland) while Executive Director Fred Puffenberger accepts a check from the M.O.C. Grand of Michigan Sr. Vice Commander Nathaniel Powell at the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, MI. The check for \$1056 along with 66 \$50 gift cards given to the VFW National Home for Children will help bring smiles of joy on the faces of the children residing there.



Grand of Michigan Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary President Josephine Miller holds wrapped coloring books and crayons for the children and young adults residing at the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, MI. The coloring books and crayons are donated by M.O.C. A. 34. Pictured with M.O.C.A. President Miller are the Grand of Michigan Commander Russell Makowski and Fred Puffenberger, Executive Director of the VFW National Home for Children.



M.O.C. Grand of Michigan Commander Russell Makowski, M.O.C. Auxiliary President Josephine Miller, M.O.C. Grand of Michigan Jr. Vice Commander Jennifer Heraty, National Home for Children Executive Director Fred Puffenberger, and M.O.C. Grand of Michigan Sr. Vice Commander Nathaniel Powell pose for a group picture after delivering Christmas gifts for the children residing at the VFW National Home for Children.



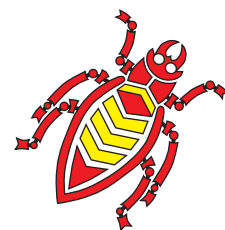
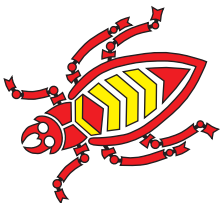
# Grand of Texas

## Grand of Texas Commander Ron Spalding Homecoming



Past Grand Commanders of Grand of Texas and present Grand Commander. Front Row left to right, Mike Espinola, Rosie Carranza, Allan Perkins, T. Earl Bigham, George Smoot, Robert Stone. Back Row L to R, 2020-2021 Commander Ron Spalding, Brian Smock

All photos courtesy of T. Earl Bigham



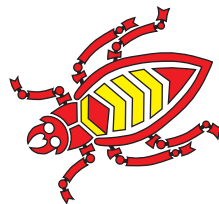




Supreme Sr. Vice Commander Olin Parks visited Grand Commanders homecoming. He is pictured here addressing the Nits at the C of A



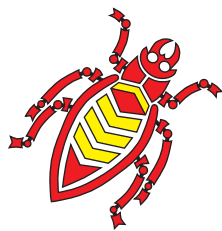
Pup Tent 5 Seam Squirrel Ronald Thibault receiving Certificate of recognition from Supreme for 100% plus 1 membership



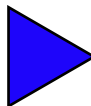




Texas Grand Inspector Lawrence Dayhoff  
 Receives recognition and appointment to  
 Deputy Supreme inspector for achieving  
 100% inspections of the Texas Pup Tents  
 prior to the end of November



Cootie Scott Rebman receives Deputy  
 Supreme appointment, Cootie Scott is  
 the new Texas Horny Toad Chairman.

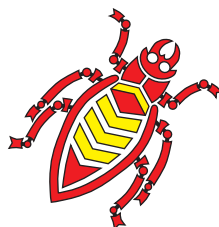
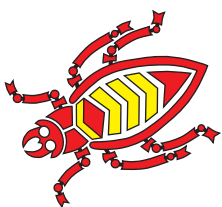
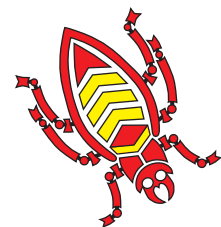
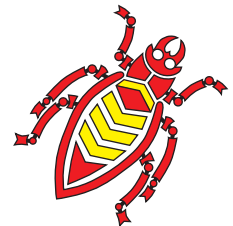


**Now thats a Cootie Clown!**





Cooties and Ladybugs visit to local Nursing Home





# Grand of Washington

Pup Tent 3, Yur-a -Bum made the most out of what the pandemic has served us. But like our founding MOC predecessors 100 years ago during the Spanish flu pandemic, we found ways to get things done.

First and most "Lousy" of the year was "Hatching" a new MOCA for our Pup Tent!!! 15 crawled up and were charted at the end of September 2020. They have been equally yoked with our Pup Tent and have been very busy since they "cracked" open on the scene.

During the Veterans day week, the Pup Tent and the MOCA coordinated with the events person at an assisted living home. They had residents waiting inside their rooms and we visited them through the window with signs that we missed them and thanked them for their service. You could see tears in some of the residence's eyes.

Members of the Pup Tent joined up with "Operation BBQ Relief". They taught us how to prepare and cook real BBQ with donated prime meats and we served all the cooked food to the local first responders!



Pup Tent #3 Yur-a-Bum, hatching a new MOCA

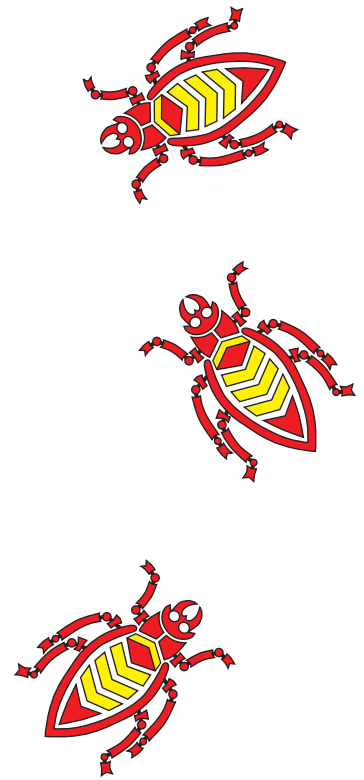
Blood was sucked from members of the Pup Tent.

Take out dinners were served with the assistance of the MOCA while having a bake sale that raised over a "grand" in 4 hours!

The Pup Tent Increased and Multiplied some more with new members and some transfers!

We also did ZOOM scratches when we had to. What a LOUSY Quarter! Have a LOUSY New Year!!!

***Submitted by Paul Herrera, Seam Squirrel***



Pup Tent 3 at Operation BBQ



Pup Tent 3's Zoom Scratch







Seam Squirrel Paul Herrera getting his blood sucked out



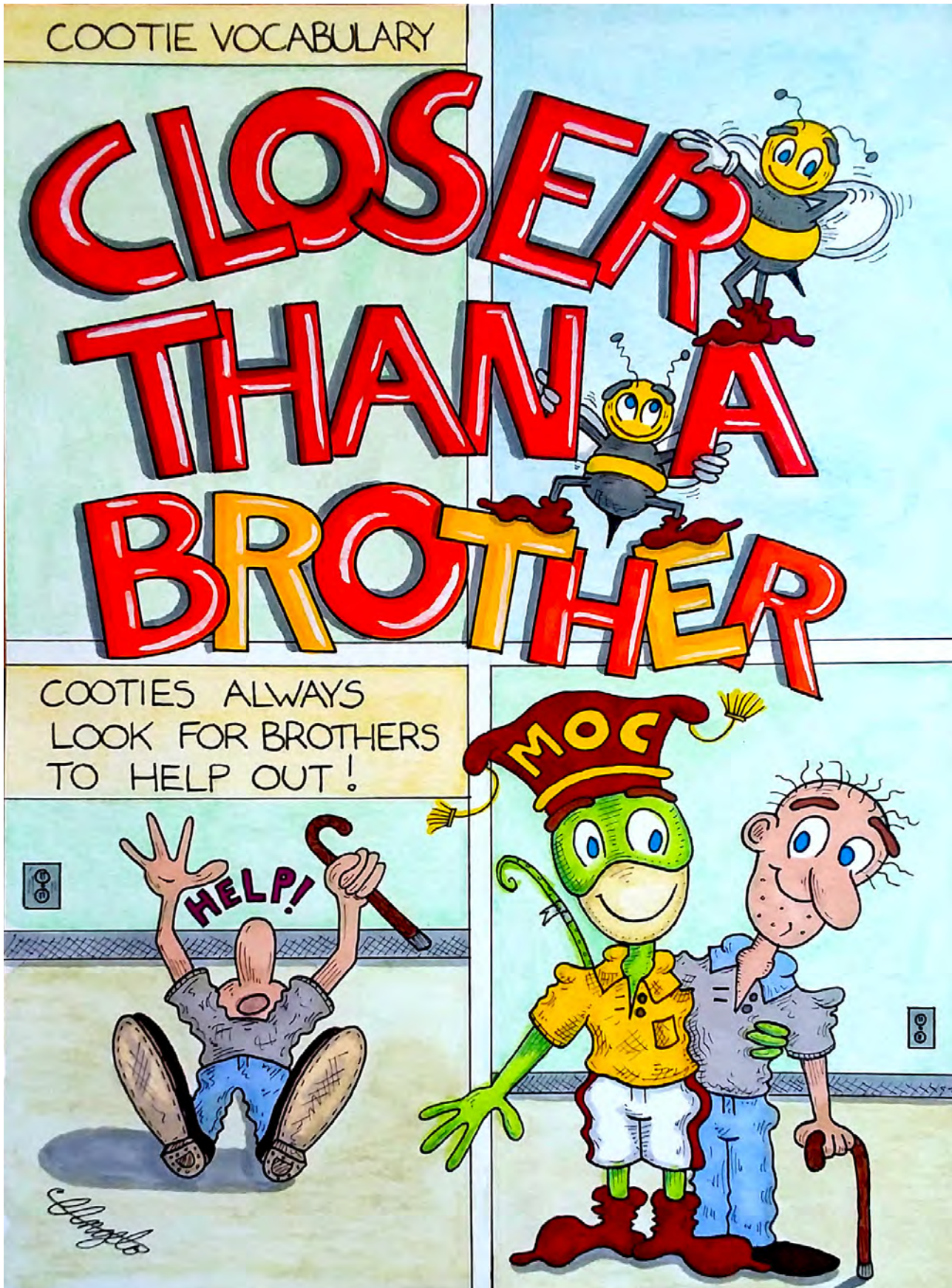
Pup Tent #3, Yur-a-Bum Increasing and Multiplying!



Pup Tent #3, Yur-a-Bum at prayer...May God bless all of us!



# Closer than a Brother





# Cootie Bug





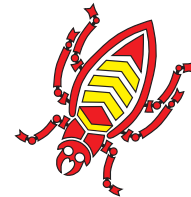
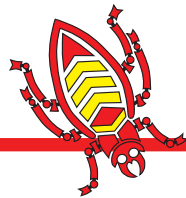
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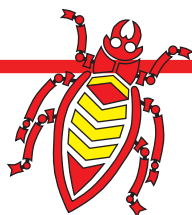
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Did you know that a **Life Membership** in the Military Order of the Cootie can be purchased with your credit card?

Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!

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# MOC & MOCA Working Together





# From the Supreme Newshound

## Listen Cooties!

It's a new year and as Cooties are still fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. As Specie Pediculi we're a resilient band of Crummy Brothers! Perseverance, one of our mantras, comes to mind as I write this. Yes, we persevere, but for how long? Our membership roles just aren't there yet! We know where our *Hunting Grounds* are. All we have to do is put on our hunting gear, grab our weapons of "*Honor, Loyalty, Perseverance and Industry*" and stalk our VFW comrades until they take those "*Backward Steps*" to become a part of our "*Crummy Fraternity*."

If you're new to our "*Crummy Fraternity*" and want to find out more about how we communicate with each other, then there's Lousy news! There's a comic book that I created to assist new Nits, Graybacks and even experienced Cooties in the nuances of our Lousy organization. Inside you'll find Cootie vocabulary such as *Cootie Bug*, *Honor Degree*, *Incubation*, *Increase and Multiply*, *Sock Check*, *Spouting Off* and even what a *Hide Gimlet* is. So, go online and check it out! Here is the

Lousy link: [https://www.lotcs.org/images/Artwork\\_MOC/Cootie%20Comics%20November%20version%201.1.pdf](https://www.lotcs.org/images/Artwork_MOC/Cootie%20Comics%20November%20version%201.1.pdf). Or just click on the image to the right. I "believe" that you'll find the information quite Lousy and most Pestiferous!

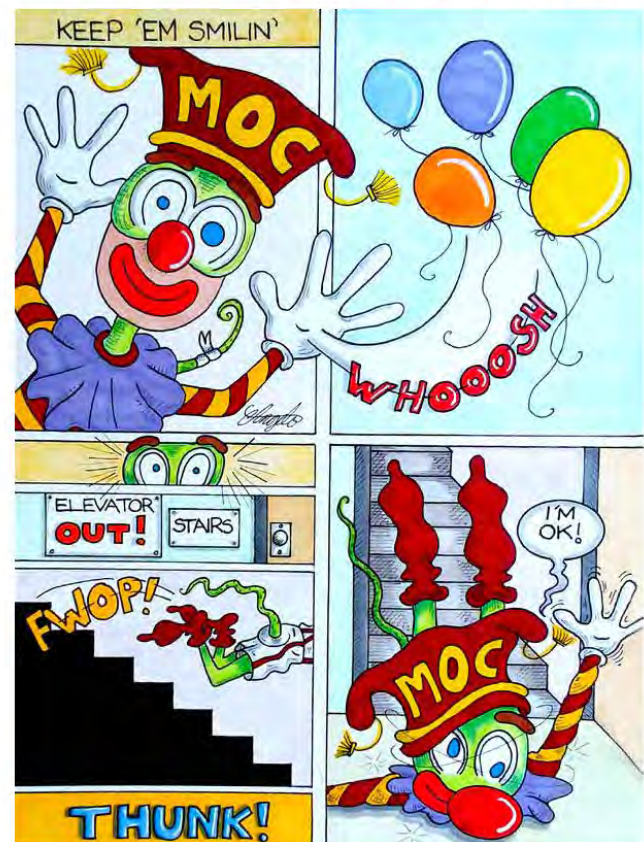
Finally, stay safe! Remember to practice social distancing guidelines, wear a mask and always remember to 'Spread the **Blue** and **NOT** the Goo!'

*Yours in LOTCS,*

*Dale A. Iannello*

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## Cootie Comics



**Created by Dale Iannello**

# HERE'S A WAY TO **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!**

# Taps

Name	PUP TENT	
Robert Hodges	AZ-013	
Raymond Tarango	CA-019	
Milford Everatt	CA-069	
David Hobdy	CA-069	
Gary Reasons	CA-069	
Anthony Whatley	CA-069	
Alfred Freed	FL-017	
James Lashley	FL-017	
Joseph Moser	FL-017	
Carl Patton	FL-017	
William Jacobson	FL-066	
Harry Post	FL-076	
Thomas Zima	FL-098	
Thomas Johnson	KS-002	
Lupe Bargas	KS-006	
Jim Pedigo	KY-009	
Harold Pierce	MAL	
Charles Short	MA-052	
Albert Allee, Jr	MI-012	
Gary Kubik	MI-012	
Charles Thomas III	MO-012	
William Dorsey	MO-012	
Robert Finley	MS-012	
Donald Francisco	MS-012	
Kevin Kennedy Jr	NE-007	
Boyd Bryant	NE-007	
Joseph Hatfield	NC-002	
Stanley Kendrick	NJ-095	
Edwin Bailly	NJ-095	
Michael Horgos	NJ-007	
Gaton Ciallella	NJ-007	
Paul Thomas	NJ-007	
Robert Van Eerden	NJ-007	
Richard Dickson	NM-005	
Henry Cusson	NY-032	
Robert Murphy	OH-001	
Walter Novak	OH-001	
William Reese	OH-001	

Jack Uber	OH-001	
Dennis Marsh	OR-009	
Malcolm Wright	OR-009	
David Pradel	PA-044	
Junior Bittle	PA-045	
David Houle	PC-011	
Roger Maguire	SC-001	
David Stuart	SC-006	
Lou Hamilton	TN-005	
Clarence Soignet	TX-055	
Nick Herrera	TX-088	
Orby Ledbetter	TX-100	
Gordon Dodson	VA-002	
Edwin Tisdale	VA-002	
Hugh Bruckschen	VA-017	
Robert Shawn	VA-017	
Margaret Corbett	WA-003	
Duane Hughes	WA-011	
Gary Hulsey	WA-011	
Stephen Sutterman	WA-018	
Ernest Steinmann	WI-014	
James Duray	WI-015	
Ralph Greinert	WV-006	



# MOCA Taps

I hope this is suitable for publishing in the Cootie Courier as it is impossible for me to thank everyone individually.

"We want to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love, support and sympathy from Cooties and Auxiliaries all over the nation. This has been a difficult time for us, and your support is a comfort.

Mom's support of servicemen began during WWII when she worked in a war plant and corresponded with men in all branches overseas giving them news from home. Her commitment continued until her final days, knitting blankets for the VA. She loved the MOC and MOCA and all of the dear friends she made throughout the years.

Again, thank you.

Kathy and Bruce Finley and extended family of Marj Johns



COME AND JOIN THE FUN  
PART OF THE VFW! ASK  
A COOTIE HOW.



OK... BUT FIRST WHY?  
DOESN'T THE VFW DO  
THE SAME THING?



ACTUALLY, NO. THE VFW  
DOESN'T HAVE COOTIE  
CHRISTMAS, TOMB TREK  
OR EASTER TREAT. ALSO,  
WE KEEP VETERANS  
SMILIN' WITH OUR FUNNY  
UNIFORMS. WE'RE ALL  
ABOUT GETTING A SMILE,  
EVEN IF THERE IS PAIN,  
MENTAL OR PHYSICAL!

B.C. BEFORE COOTIES



A.C. AFTER COOTIES

