



# Cootie Tickle

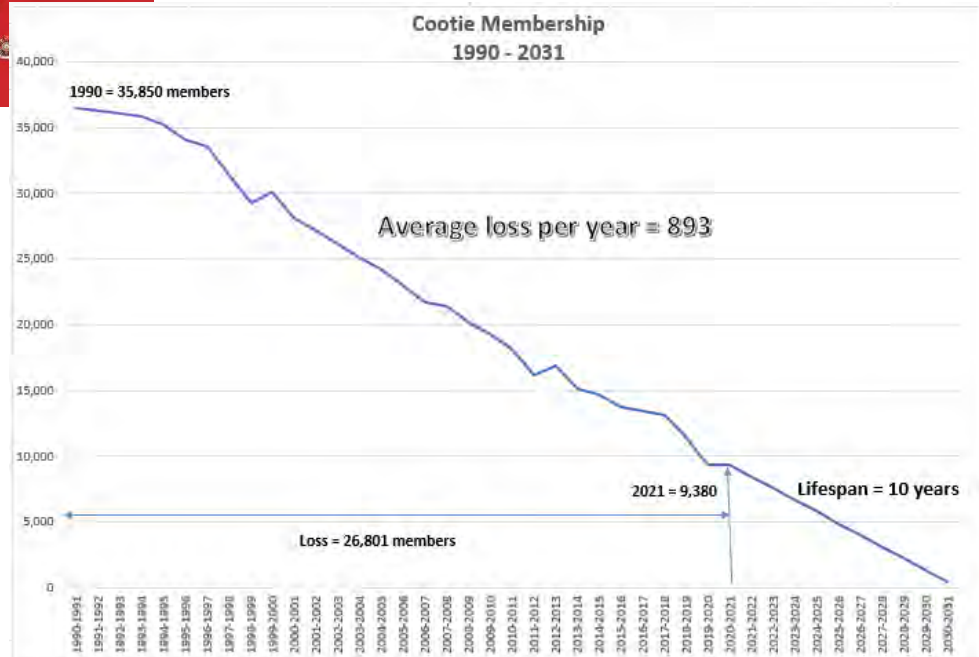


## April Edition



Listen Cooties, Cuties and all of the Crummies who will painfully make their way through the following gibberish. I want to start off by saying “YOU DID IT”! I remember growing up with my twin brother, Dalin and older brother, Scott, we would often say that when we wanted to place blame for doing something wrong. I guess in “Cootie Talk” you did something TERRIBLY WRONG! It was SO WRONG that I had to immediately call VFW CINC Hal Roesch and tell him.

Our goal this year was 9369 Cooties. Gary Dressel, our LOUSY Quartermaster informed me this morning that our membership is at 9380 members! The Military Order of the Cootie is OVER 100% from last



year! Isn't that just sickening to hear! If you were a part of that growth, THANK YOU SO MUCH! In spite of the very difficult year, YOU MADE IT HAPPEN. Just like in combat, when you have an objective to take out, you don't let barriers get in your way. If there's a hill, you climb it. If there's a river, you cross it. You don't simply put down your weapons and tell your commanding officer, "It's too hard" or "We can't" or "We're tired"! Instead, you salute smartly and figure it out and that's exactly what you did. You found ways to get into the Post, District and Department meetings. You found time to get on the phone and hold Scratches both in person and over video conferencing. We are turning this ship around (tank for you Army guys, aircraft of the Airmen, amphibious assault vehicle for the Marines) and we aren't going to stop today, this month or this year! We want to surpass 10,000 members again and I know we can do it! We extend our lifespan with every new Cootie we bring into the organization. Bring them in and get them active! We can't let up because when we process the deceased list at the end of the year, it will hit us hard as it always does.



While I am rattling on about membership, have you become a Red Star Life Member yet? If you notice on my Supreme Commander's Pin, there is a red star. That red star is to thank all of the dedicated Cooties who are Red Star Life Members in the MOC. These members have taken a little extra step to support our great organization. This year, we have been hit hard financially since we were not able to deploy the Cootie Depot like we have been able to do in the past. If you would like to become one of the elites in our Honor Degree fraternity, you may become a Red Star Life Member after you have become a Life Member in the VFW and Life Member in the MOC. Many of you are already Life Members in the VFW and the MOC. Becoming a Red Star Life Member is very easy for you. Simply contact Gary Dressel at the Supreme Headquarters ([supremehqmoc@lotcs.org](mailto:supremehqmoc@lotcs.org)) and he will take care of you. While you are at it, why not log onto "LOTCS.ORG" and go to the Cootie Depot to get your dress white uniform up to date. Don't tell me quarantine hasn't affected your waistline any. I would like to have everyone in full whites with red jacket and tie (any form of tie is good) at the Supreme Banquet. Gary and Delpha can hook you up with what you need. Anyone still have a Cootie Cumberbund? Let's wear them to bring back old times!

I want to thank everyone who came to Phoenix for my Supreme Commander's Homecoming. We had such a wonderful time with great food, entertainment and there were a few stories told; I'm not sure I believe every story, but I'll pretend I do. Thank you to the Department of Arizona, District 4, Post 9400, Grand of Arizona and Put Tent 11. The Grand and Pup Tent MOCA members were AMAZING and made it all happen like clockwork. The relationships between the Arizona VFW, VFW Auxiliary, MOC, MOCA and VFW Riders are relationships to be envied. We all work together and support each other in our common effort.

I hosted the Supreme Council of Administration Officer's Call the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month and had a record attendance. I appreciate everyone attending. There is great information passed along at these Zoom meetings. Everyone is invited to attend. Before the end of the year (coming quickly) I would love to have 100 participants, the maximum number allowed under my profile, in one of the Zoom meetings. If you will send me an email at [LTDARIN@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LTDARIN@YAHOO.COM), I will put you on the mailing list and you can be a part of the conversation. We do not vote in these meetings, but simply share information that affects everyone. We hear from our Supreme

Inspector, Hospital Chair, By-Laws Chair, National Home Chair, Tomb Trek Chair, VAVS Chair, as well as the Supreme Officers. The meeting times on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month are 5pm Pacific, 6pm Mountain, 7pm Central, 8pm Eastern, Tuesday at 8am in Korea and 2am in Germany (I'm sorry, again).

Speaking of VAVS Chair, I want to thank Tom Sutterfield from the Great State of Florida for stepping up to be the VAVS Chair for the remainder of the year. When he volunteered, he didn't realize we made that a position of perpetuity (for our Marines in four letters per word or less, that means 'no end', 'very, very, very long time'), so don't tell him. The Grand Commander's Call is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Everyone is also invited to that Zoom meeting.

If you recall your March Cootie Tickle, I named the Grands who had **OFFICERS** who had *unpaid memberships* for this year. I said that this month, I would name the Pup Tents who have **OFFICERS** who are still unpaid for this year. However, after not-so-wise counsel, I have decided to go ahead and publish the list of **OFFICERS** who are unpaid for this year. I have been **VERY KIND** and patient since I could (perhaps **SHOULD**) have declared them ineligible and force the Pup Tent to hold elections to replace the officer. If your name is on the list, why not just '**Go Life**' and never have to worry about it again?

Last Name	First Name	Grand	PUP TENT
Feeney	Gary	OH	16
Barnes	James	TN	5
Dixon, Jr.	Louis	PA	48
Montgomery	Monte	OR	22
Eakin	Mike	OR	22
Mabry	Darryl	OK	16
Mueller	Fritz	NJ	95
Caird	James	MT	24
Cain	Rex	MT	24
Jones	Steven	MO	8
Wertz	Chris	MO	2
Archuletta	Marilynn	MO	2
Alterson	Bonnie	MO	8
Feeley	Joseph	MA	14
Hull	Thomas	FL	44
Konlinski	Gary	FL	44
Bridwell	Steven	CO	7
Manskey	Arnie	CO	7
Martinez	Jesse	CA	38
Morland	William	CA	23
Muller	John	CA	89
Bishop	Ashleigh	AR	21
Patrick	James	AR	21
Smith	Billy	AL	13

Our VFW CINC, Hal Roesch has allowed the MOC to place another article in the VFW Magazine this year! Please, as soon as possible, send all of your 'Cooties in Action' photos to our Supreme Assistant Adjutant Tracy Woodman at [mocpictures@yahoo.com](mailto:mocpictures@yahoo.com). Please do not send pictures of installation ceremonies, degree work, or Cooties simply posing; even in funny poses. We need Cooties helping Veterans in homes, hospitals, senior living homes, etc. We are under a very short deadline, so please act ASAP!

Cooties Christmas planning has already started for a few Grands. Please help make the 93<sup>rd</sup> Cootie Christmas at the VFW National Home for Children a very special one since it is **SO POPULAR** among the residents **AND** we didn't get to celebrate last Christmas. It is sponsored by the Grand of Michigan and scheduled for December 4, 2021. You can help by sending your donation to the Grand of Michigan. Wonder how you could put your stimulus check or tax return to good use? Donate it to make Cootie Christmas an amazing event.

If you are still awake after reading all of this gibberish, I will remind/summarize so you don't have to go back and read again:

- **MOC Membership is over 100%** of last year's ending membership
- Become a **Red Star Life Member**
- Get your **Dress Whites** ready (cummerbund too) for **Supreme Banquet and Installation**
- **Thank you** for attending my homecoming!
- **Zoom** meeting **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays**, **ALL** invited, let's get over **100** in attendance
- **Pup Tent Officers** who have not paid your dues, **PAY ASAP**
- Submit pictures of **Cooties in Action ASAP**

**Yours in the LOTCS,**

**Darin Combs**  
**Supreme Commander**