

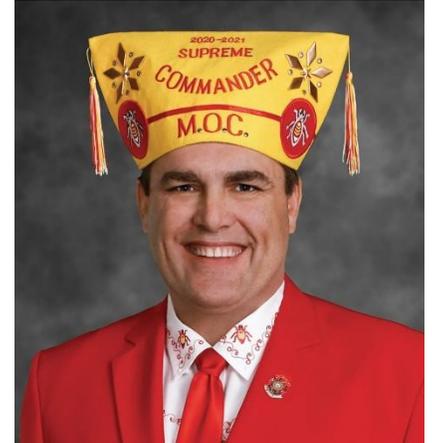


# SUPREME COOTIE TICKLE 2020-2021 SERIES



## #5 – DECEMBER 2020

Listen Cooties, Cuties and all of the Crummies willing to lend an ear, or an eye in this case. I hope everyone is avoiding the COVID bug that is going around. I know it is a hassle, but we will do what we can to continue on serving our Veterans. It is taking some resourceful thinking to meet our mission, but Cooties are finding ways to make it happen! I really appreciate all that you have done this year to serve our Veterans. Since our last Tickle, we were able to conduct the Supreme Mid-Year Council of Administration (CofA) in Springfield, Missouri. The hotel was nice and the food was great! I want to thank Past Grand Commander Jim Thorpe and the Cooties and Cuties from Missouri's Pup Tent 11 for hosting the Hospitality Room. The Sloppy Joe's were excellent and there was plenty of Blue Ointment to go around. We had enough room nights that we didn't have to pay for the meeting room or audio/visual costs. Also, we had enough meals sold for the banquet and lunch attendees as required. It was nice to have the VFW Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland with us for both the scratch and the banquet.



I will remind you that the 2021 Supreme Scratch is scheduled to be held August 5-8, 2021 in Baltimore, Maryland. The BWI Marriott has been selected as our venue. The nightly rate is \$100 with free parking and transportation to and from the airport. The registration fee for the convention is \$15.00 if paid early or \$20.00 if paid at convention. The banquet this year will cost \$50.00. The number to call for reservations is 410-859-8300.

If you are interested in an MOC table cover, please contact the Gary or Delpha at the Cootie Depot. The table covers look great sitting at your Department's C of A or Convention with a fully dressed Cootie behind the table recruiting. Tri-fold brochures are available to download at [LOTCS.ORG](http://LOTCS.ORG). I think you will find the table covers very reasonably priced. There are several new items at the Cootie Depot you should check out. We need the revenue so please stock up on your Cootie gear.

I must address membership in our beloved organization. We are over 2,000 short of meeting our goal of 100% + 1. At our current rate, we have 8 years left in our organization. If we can FINALLY grow by at least one member this year, it would show that we can do it. Do you want to grow or should we start planning our final scratch? It is a decision that must be made at the Pup Tent level. If your Pup Tent does not grow by at least one member, you have shown status quo is OK. Status quo is the death of us. If your Pup Tent is on the list below and you have turned in memberships to Supreme Headquarters, please call Gary ASAP because we do not show any membership applications for the year. I know the first thing out of many mouths will be "But Supreme Commander, we can't recruit because of COVID." Suck it up Cootie! In combat, were we able to stop our operations because of environmental factors? Grands and Pup Tents absent for the lists below have found a way! Just like in combat, you FIGURE IT OUT and carry out your duties. There is no reason why your Grand and / or Pup Tent can't recruit members. You already know where to get your new members.

Grands with **NO MEMBERSHIPS** processed in any of their Pup Tents this year!

Arkansas  
Alabama  
Colorado  
Europe  
Louisiana  
New Jersey (except PT 41)  
New Mexico  
Tennessee

Pup Tents with **NO MEMBERSHIP** processed this year!

Alaska Pup Tents 2 and 3  
Arizona Pup Tents 2  
California Pup tents 6, 7, 38, 44, 61 and 89  
Florida Pup Tents 1, 2, 11, 44, 55, 76 and 77  
Illinois Pup Tents 3 and 79  
Kansas Pup Tents 3, 6 and 7  
Kentucky Pup Tent 5  
Maryland Pup Tents 16, and 27  
Massachusetts Pup Tent 14  
Michigan Pup Tents 14, 34, and 96  
Minnesota Pup Tents 34, 54, and 99  
Mississippi Pup Tents 7 and 17  
Missouri Pup Tents 2, 5, 8, 14 and 17  
Montana Pup Tent 24  
Nebraska Pup Tent 10  
New York Pup Tents 9.75, 32, 35, 42 and 69  
North Carolina Pup Tents 0, 57, 79 and 89  
North Dakota Pup Tent 6  
Ohio Pup Tents 4, 9, 24, 28, 54, 83, 86 and 118  
Oklahoma Pup Tent 1  
Oregon Pup Tents 6, 12, 20, and 22  
Pennsylvania Pup Tents 38, 48, 92  
South Carolina Pup Tents 1, 3, and 13  
South Dakota Pup Tent 1  
Texas Pup Tents 11, 36, 60  
Virginia Pup Tents 1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 13, and 17  
Washington Pup Tent 4  
Wisconsin Pup Tents 6, 8, 9, 22 and 38  
West Virginia Pup Tent 6

My Homecoming will be held on March 6, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona. This is the BEST time of year in Phoenix and we have a good time planned. If you are interested in attending the Homecoming, please contact Weezie Burrell (602) 615-0093 or Stephani Gregory (480) 435-0163. We planned to start the festivities at 1pm at Post 9400 located at 804 East Purdue Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85020. Tickets will be \$30 each or 2 for \$50 and there are only 100 tickets available. We will have great food, drinks, door prizes, and plenty of entertainment. The best part though is sharing in comradeship with a bunch of lousy coots! I hope to see you all there.

I know the ‘bugging’ question in your mind is ‘Are we going to have a Supreme Convention in Baltimore?’ Right now, we are still a “GO” for the Convention. As soon as anything changes, I will let you know so you can make or adjust plans as necessary. I would like to have some Cooties present at the National VFW Convention to recruit members at the MOC table. We will have early registration available as always, but having a Cootie in full uniform recruiting would be a great tool. We can figure out the best way to sign them up, but want to pursue that effort. If you are going to the National Convention and willing to recruit for a little while, please let me know so we can get you into the schedule.

Finally, Grand Commanders need to get your Supreme Rep requests and information (date, location, etc.) to the Supreme Hungry Cootie Gordon Lam. As I receive the requests, I assign the Supreme Rep so we can plan accordingly. If you are hosting your Grand C of A or Convention via Zoom, we will still try to attend. We want to attend as many scratches as possible to express what is important and share as much information as possible with you. I will start hosting a Grand Commanders’ Call each month. This is where the Grand Commanders will meet with the Supreme Top 3 to discuss progress and the way ahead. All Cooties are invited to call in to the Monthly Officers’ Call we conduct on Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please email Gordon or me and we will include on the invitation. Here are the assignments, dates, etc., I have made. If you are not on this list, please contact Gordon and get your Grand on the list.

Month	Cdr Darin Combs	SVC Olin Parks	JCC Dwight Hora	TBD
Nov		Nov 21 TX		
Dec		Supreme C of A in Springfield, Missouri		
Jan	Jan 9 OR	Jan 16 FL	Jan 9 SC	Jan 16 MI
	Jan 16 MS	Jan 9 WI	Jan 16 AL	
			Jan 23 OH	
Feb	Feb 6 VA MOCA			
	Feb 20 KY			
Mar		Mar 6 Sup Cdr Homecoming Phoenix AZ		
		CINC Homecoming		
Apr	Apr 30 WA		Apr 17 IL	
May	May 8 OR	May 1 OH		
	May 22 MI	May 8 KY	May 15 MN	
Jun	Jun 5 FL	Jun 3 NM		Jun 18 SC (Spurlock)
Jul	Jun 17 Pac			

Yours in the LOTCS,  
Darin Combs  
Supreme Commander