



**MILITARY ORDER of the COOTIE
of the UNITED STATES
Grand Pup Tent of Oregon**



25.5 July 2019

GENERAL ORDER #2 (2019-20 Series) Dale Pack, Commander 2019-20

TO BE READ AT THE NEXT PUP TENT SCRATCH

1. The **Fall Council Meeting** (C of A) shall take place on the 28th day of September, 2019, in a place that shall not remain a secret for much longer. (VFW Post 584) You'll find it alongside an old wagon road on a street named for Paul Bunyan's favorite word ("TIMBER!") in the south-eastern portion of one of Oregon's most famous timber-towns, ALBANY. If you lead your horses up/down I-5, then turn east at the Phoenix Inn – it's just up the road a piece behind some shiny new wagons on the right. If your map got wet along the way, just fire up that new GPS and feed it the address of 1469 Timber Street SE, Albany, Oregon. We'll leave the light on for ya....

Lodging: The Phoenix Inn Suites, 3410 Spicer Drive SE, Albany, Oregon 97322.

Phone: (541)926-5696. (The best way to make a reservation.)

Website: www.phoenixinn.com/albany

Group: tell 'em you're a Cootie.

Negotiated Rate: King Suite = \$94+tax; Double Queen Suite = \$104+tax

Reservations must be made no later than 30 August to get this rate.

Meals: (All meals to be served at the Post.) The Post is having a **Friday night Dinner Special** that will feature the culinary talents of whomever they can talk or blackmail into cooking. The last time we were here, they had something called "Hobo Chili" that in its after-life was used as a paint and stain remover. You can always order off the menu. **Saturday lunch** will set you back \$7 and is rumored to be sandwiches, macaroni and potato salads, chips, and a cookie. **Saturday dinner** is going to cost you \$13. Beef stroganoff, salad, bread and some sort of dessert. (It is rumored that there might be some sort of entertainment planned during the mealtime.)

Agenda: (tentative: subject to numerous revisions)

- 0800 Audit
- 0900 Registration
- 1030 Joint Session (MOC/MOCA)
- 1100 Breakout business sessions
- 1200 Lunch
- 1330 Breakout business sessions continue
- 1730 Dinner

Hospitality Room will be open Friday night at the Phoenix Inn. (At least that's the plan at this point.) The Commander assures me that he has enough stuff for us all. The MOCA will be providing some light finger-food. Pre-Registration may also be available if someone can just find Bob.

2. **The new Membership Year has begun.** By now all CCDB's should have their membership cards and a computerized listing of their members. So now it's time to roll up them sleeves and get to work. Go through your list and then report back on any data changes and, sadly, any deaths. Now is the opportune time to get that list right; to make it as perfect as possible. And while you're doing that, be sure to stick your hand out when talking with your annual members and collect their dues. If you do it now, then you can just ignore my pleas in the future about it. And you'll be that much closer to winning the BIG PRIZE at the end of November for the Pup Tent with the most-est. Remember, the more members you have means the less work per member.
3. **Email listing:** Once again I'm attempting to stream-line our communications to get meaningful stuff out to everybody in a short time. Email is *f-a-s-t* and *c-h-e-a-p* so it's the perfect thing for what I want to do. Please send me (the Adjutant) a listing of email addresses for all your members that have them. No, I'm not going to sell these to WallMart or the IRS; it's just for our own use to enable us to better communicate with ALL of our members. For the folks that don't have an email address, it's understood (by me, at least) that the Seam Squirrels will see to it that the word gets to those members that are "not connected." Phone, mail, or Pony Express; don't matter to me.
4. **The Oregon Veterans' Home, The Dalles, Oregon,** has expressed a desire to go into the t-shirt business and needs some help getting started. Their initial estimate is that this venture could effectively bring an estimated \$10,000 into their coffers, in addition to providing a service to their residents and their many supporters statewide. The Grand of Oregon, Military Order of the Cootie, has been approached to participate in the financial start-up of this endeavor. After careful consideration, and after consulting with several senior Grand of Oregon Cooties, we have determined this to be a worthwhile project. Therefore, we are asking all pup tents to send a \$100 minimum donation to the Grand Quartermaster (earmarked for The Oregon Veterans' Home) as soon as possible so that we can assemble our \$2000 tasking and get this t-shirt business rolling. We have a chance to make a real difference. We will be talking more about this at the Fall Council Meeting.
5. **Inspections** will be starting up soon. Our aim is to provide a schedule of when these will occur so you can dust the furniture and get rid of the dead bodies. It is assumed that the SS, HC, and CCDB will be present for Inspections as there are many things to go over. The schedule will be published shortly....
6. **Hospital Work** continues to be largely un-reported. You really need to take a good look at what it is that y'all are doing. Visiting sick and ailing veterans anywhere is reportable. All it takes is a quick note or email to your Hospital Chair and then it's done. (Of course, somebody has to be sure he follows through.) We all are guilty of under-reporting; you'd be surprised how all that small stuff adds up. DO IT; REPORT IT!
7. **Our Grand Website and Newsletter** gurus are just sitting around and waiting for you to tell them something so they can turn around and blab it to the world. They got nuttin' better to do and I believe we oughtta change that. Shirly there must be sumthin' that you want to brag about; nu haircut, warshed the jalopy, kleaned out the junk room, Bingo at the old folks home, fixed the steps, tidied-up the cemetery, found an old photo of Ron Schelin in his Civil War uniform. You know what we're talking about; classy impotent stuff. Send it; we're really desperate for material. (My Spell-Check went nuts with this. Fun!!) Jim Schinman (jimschinman@yahoo.com) for the Website. Dennis Marsh (keahouse@q.com) for the Newsletter. Let's make 'em work!
8. **2019-20 Calendar:** The following dates and locations are announced for planning purposes and will be fully detailed in subsequent announcements. (This really means this is when we ~~think~~ believe things are going to happen, but we're not quite sure 'cuz "stuff" just seems to happen along the way. (Hey Department, we published our calendar first!))

OR Fall C of A: 27-28 Sep 2019; Albany, OR.

WA Fall C of A: 11-12 October 2019, Bremerton, WA.

OR Winter C of A: 10-11 Jan 2020; Springfield, OR.

WA Winter C of A: 20-21 March 2020, Renton, WA.

WA Convention: 1-2 May 2020, Bellingham, WA.

OR Convention: 8-9 May 2020; Redmond, OR.



The word “phonetically” doesn’t even start with an “f.” Stuff like this is why aliens fly straight past us.

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