



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



14 February 2020

GENERAL ORDER #3 (2019-20 Series) Dale Pack, Commander 2019-20

TO BE READ AT THE NEXT PUP TENT SCRATCH

1. The **Grand Scratch** shall take place on the 9th day of May, 2020, at the humble home of VFW Post 4108 located in Redmond, Oregon. Look for the tank in their parking lot at 491 SW Veterans Way.

Lodging: Motel 6. (2247 S. Highway 97, Redmond, OR 97756)

Phone: (541)923-2100. (Local information ONLY.)

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS CALL 1-800-544-4866. Ask for Group Sales. Make sure you tell them that you belong to the Military Order of the Cootie and our Group reference # is GP3SIVHLS2.

Double Queen 1 occupant = \$63.99+tax

Double Queen 2 occupants = \$79.99+tax

Single King 1 occupant = \$65.99+tax

Single King 2 occupants = \$71.99+tax

Reservations must be made no later than 14 April to get these rates.

Free WIFI, Cable TV, and Morning coffee. You are strongly encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible as other events are happening in Redmond the same weekend.

Meals: (Meals will be served at the Post and will feature the culinary talents of Jocelyn and her marvelous crew.)

Friday night Dinner Special (\$10) All-you-can-eat buffet, served from 5:30 – 7:00pm, and featuring Clam Chowder, Black Angus Beef Stew, loaded Green Salad with your choice of dressing, homemade bread, and Pineapple Upside-Down Cake.

Saturday lunch (\$8) will consist of Made-to-Order BLTs, French Fries, and assorted cookies & things made especially for you by the LadyBugs of Pup Tent 8.

Saturday Dinner (\$15) will include Roasted New York Strip Loin Au Jus w/Horseradish Sauce, Chicken Picatta, Brooks Street Salad w/Big Ed's Fresh Dinner Rolls, Cheesy Potatoes, a mystery vegetable, and Strawberry Pretzel Dessert.

Agenda: (tentative: subject to numerous revisions)

0800 Audit

0900 Registration

1000 Joint Session (MOC/MOCA)

1015 Breakout business sessions

1200 Lunch

1300 Breakout business sessions continue

1400* 13th District Scratch (* = at conclusion of Grand Scratch)

1700 Dinner/Installation of 2020-21 Officers

2. **The Membership Year is more than half over.** And, unfortunately, membership is way down. Only 5 of our pup tents are over 50% - THIS STINKS! Only 4 pup tents have sent in membership transmittals in this new year of 2020. THIS REALLY STINKS! Two of our pup tents are currently under 20%!!! We all need to **get serious** about this and to go out and actively recruit those VFW members that want to work just a little bit harder, and to have some fun doing it. No, this isn't just for anybody, but if you don't ask, you're not going to know who wants to and who doesn't. Look around the tent; your numbers are diminishing due to old age and bad cheese. If you don't increase and multiply soon (I'm talking about making a real effort here) you are going to be shouldering the load all by yourself. And that's a gigantic load for a single bug.....
3. **Email listing:** Once again the Adjutant is attempting to stream-line our communications to get meaningful stuff out to everybody in the shortest time possible. Email is ***f-a-s-t*** and ***c-h-e-a-p*** so it's the perfect thing for spreading ~~manure~~ info. Please send the Adjutant a listing of email addresses for all your members that have them. For the folks that don't have an email address, it's understood that the Seam Squirrels will see to it that the word gets to those members that are "not connected."
4. **Hospital Work** continues to be largely un-reported. You really need to take a good look at what it is that you're 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. We all are guilty of under-reporting; you'd be surprised how all that small stuff adds up. DO IT; REPORT IT!
5. **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. Send something; they're really desperate for material. Jim Schinman (jimschinman@yahoo.com) for the Website. Dennis Marsh (keahouse@q.com) for the Newsletter.
6. **2019-20 Calendar:** The following dates and locations are announced for planning purposes and will be fully detailed in subsequent announcements.

WA Winter C of A:	20-21 March 2020, Renton, WA.
WA Grand Scratch:	1-2 May 2020, Bellingham, WA.
OR Grand Scratch/13 th District Scratch:	8-9 May 2020; Redmond, OR.
101 st Supreme Scratch:	24-28 July 2020, Reno, NV
OR Fall C of A:	25-26 September 2020, Florence, OR

“FIND A NIT!”

BY COMMAND OF:



DALE PACK
Grand Commander

OFFICIAL:



GREGORY L. DRAIS
Grand Adjutant