



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



28 September 2020

GENERAL ORDER #5 (2020-21 Series) Floyd Leach, Commander

TO BE READ AT YOUR NEXT PUP TENT SCRATCH

1. In spite of the obstacles, the Grand Scratch for 2019-20 has now concluded and will forever be embedded in our collective memory. Many challenges were met and mostly overcome. It wasn't perfect, but it's done and in the books. Some of us actually learned new skills and others really gave it a good try. (ZOOM!!?##?) Kudos need to go out to Pup Tent 8 and VFW 4108. They really stepped it up!
2. **Grand of Oregon Bylaws changes.** During the Scratch, four (4) Bylaw change proposals were presented by the Adjutant. All of these proposals had been previously discussed at the January C of A meeting and had been scheduled for a vote at the next Grand Scratch. They all seek to update our aging 13 August 2007 Grand Bylaws.

☞ **Article V; Section 503; Fees, para A. Delegate Fees.** (Proposal to increase the Grand Delegate Fee from \$4 to \$6 effective 1 October 2020.) Motion passed.

☞ **Article V; Section 503; Fees, para B. Registration Fees.** (Proposal to increase the Grand Registration Fee for Scratches and Council Meetings from \$4 to \$6 effective 1 October 2020.) Motion passed.

☞ **Article V; Section 504; Per Capita Tax, para A.** (Proposal to increase the Grand membership per capita tax from \$5 to \$6 effective 1 October 2020.) Motion passed. This means that the total amount going to Supreme/Grand for annual membership will increase from \$14 to \$15 beginning 1 October 2020.

☞ **Article VI; Section 604; Parliamentary Authority.** (Proposal was to remove Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law and replace it with Robert's Rules of Order so we can be in agreement with current VFW Bylaws. To be effective 1 October 2020.) Motion Passed.

3. **CONGRATULATIONS TO EMERALD PUP TENT 4 for being named PUP TENT of the YEAR 2019-20! Way to go! Boooooooooooooo!!**

Other annual winners included:

Membership: PT4 103.45%, PT1 95.65%, PT9 90.00%

Hospital Work: PT22 420.43%, PT4 258.17%, PT23 218.00%, PT1 81.61%

(Checks and Certificates will be mailed.)

4. VFW Department of Oregon Rosters are now available to the pup tents and will be hand-delivered or mailed depending upon our Inspection schedule and/or the whims and idiosyncrasies of the Commander.

5. Inspection season is now open! Pay attention to your emails to see when the Commander/Inspector will be visiting your tent. Rumor has it that he will be accompanied by his new Bug Squad. EEGGADS, it's alive!
6. Our Grand website is really in need of some current Pup Tent and MOCA input. Check around for some photos or make up some fable about yourselves. With as much bull as gets thrown around in a Scratch there surely must be something that's fit to publish. And if it's a really long and drawn-out doggie-story, you can also send it to Dennis Marsh for our Grand Newsletter. C'mon, advertise!
7. **2020-21 Calendar:** The following dates and locations are for planning purposes and will be fully detailed in subsequent announcements:

WA 2020-21 Fall C of A:	10 Oct 2020; Bremerton, WA.
OR 2020-21 Winter C of A:	9 Jan 2021; Albany, OR.
WA 2020-21 Spring C of A:	6 Mar 2021; Bellingham, WA.
WA 2020-21 Grand Scratch:	1 May 2021; Skyway, WA.
OR 2020-21 Grand Scratch:	8 May 2021; Florence, OR.
OR 2021-22 Fall C of A:	25 Sep 2021; TBD.

There is no doubt that this year will be a real challenge. If we all do what we can, whenever we can, we'll figure out a way to survive. Maybe even thrive!

“Let's Go
Hunting for Nits!”

BY COMMAND OF:



Floyd Leach
Grand Commander

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