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Wow! Will you look at this. We've actually managed to find enough content to put out another edition of this rag. Credit must go to our brilliant and most-persistent Editor janitor for picking up all of the stuff that was on the floor. Without him, we would be totally absent. Here! There! Here! And There! ☺

As in any worthy periodical there must be some sort of disclaimer to blur the lines twixt fact and fiction, to give the writers an easy way out of any liability for what they say, and to confuse and stymie any who would profess to be an aspiring attorney. Well, that's what this paragraph does. We just ain't responsible for anything! We're like the Internet – NO FAKE NEWS HERE!

Okay now, here's a few words from our elected leader. We voted for this lousy bum last year and a few of us are beginning to wonder if we didn't make a huge mistake. He's definitely not as funny as when he was campaigning but the boy does bring some mighty fine cookies!



GREETINGS MY FELLOW COOTIES and welcome to my first fireside chat. Many of you may not know that I'm a long-time member of

the human race and BLAH BLAH so here's my Christmas ditty to you. And a 1 and a 2 and a 3...

Be you in the city
or be you rural,
mixing Egg Nog with rum,
you must remember to swirl.
Having just one
or making it plural,
your Doctor alone,
or with a referral.
To make you feel better
you may need an epidural,
otherwise you just may
want to hurl.



(I can't believe I actually printed that. Just goes to show you what a well-placed bribe can do. Editor.)

Somewhere along the way, the current louses of the Pup Tent managed to talk themselves into changing their meeting night. For years and years they met on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Now Scratches are held on the 3rd Monday. Oh it's the same time and place (1900 @ 4248) just a different day. So, if'n you find yourself with no football to watch

and a hankering to throw money on the floor, please do stop by.

Dr. William R. Vetter

Born: July 4, 1895

Died: 1961

A dentist in Portland for over 35 years, Dr. William Rhinehold Vetter died at Veteran's Hospital after a long illness. He moved to Portland in 1904 and after serving in WW1 established his dental practice in Multnomah County. He was a member of Hawthorne Lodge 111 of the AF&AM, Rose City Chapter 86 of O.E.S., a Past Commander of VFW "Over the Top" Post #81, and a charter member of Portland Pup Tent #1 of the Military Order of the Cootie.

CURRENT PUP TENT OFFICERS:

SS	Jim Schinman
BB/PM	Dale Guldenzopf
HG	Harvey Pitcher
HC/CCDB	Greg Drais
TW1	Scott Grant
TW2	Wayne Sharp
TW3	Bill Hughes
SP/MHF	Richard Wiehrdt
JL	Chico Huerta
Shyster	Wayne Sharp
PP	Bill Hughes
KLR	Robin McBain
Hosp. Chair	Harvey Pitcher
RG	Mike Countryman



MEMBERSHIP!

Okay now, here comes the pitch about how we are going to promulgate and populate and a bunch of other gates. If your membership card doesn't have LIFE or 2018 on it then you owe me some money. I'll take \$25 any way you want to send it to me. (You'll find the address on the last page.) I still don't do credit cards, so Cash or Check, please. If you do it NOW then you won't have to worry and fret that you'll forget. See how easy it can be?! And if you want to be totally free of worry, purchase a LIFE card. Then you can forever ignore our requests for dues payments. I can arrange it quite easily. Call or email for all the info. Oh, and by the way, we need more and younger bugs in the tent. The trouble with old farts is that they just keep fading away. We need some young'ins to keep our colony going and going and going. Look around your Post and talk it up about what it means to be a Cootie. Recruit. Recruit!

Just in case you can't seem to remember stuff, here's a little refresher on some of the abbreviations we use here in and around the Pup Tent.

CRS Can't Remember Shi* (A lot of this is going around!)
 SS Seam Squirrel (Commander)
 BB Blanket Bum (Senior Vice Commander)
 HG Hide Gimlet (Junior Vice Commander)
 CCDB Custodian of the Crummy Duffle Bag (Quartermaster)
 HC Hungry Cootie (Adjutant)
 TW1 Tight Wad (Trustee; there are 3)
 SP Sky Pilot (Chaplain)
 PM Provost Marshal (Officer of the Day)
 JL Jimmy Legs (Officer of the Guard)
 S Shyster (Judge Advocate)
 PP Pill Pusher (Surgeon)
 Hosp.Chr (Hospital Chairman)
 SR Shirt Reader (Master of Ceremonies)
 KLR Keeper of the Lousy Record (Historian)
 NH Newshound (Publicity Chairman)
 WJ Wind Jammer (Bugler)
 DC Delousing Crew (Degree Team)
 LOTCS Love of The Crummy Shirt

(Cooties of all ages should firmly commit these to memory as you never know when you may be called upon to educate the rest of us. Just sayin'.

Newspaper for the Really Lousy Cooties of Pup Tent #1

Free! Free!
A trip to Mars.
For 900
Empty jars.



BUSIER THAN A BEE!



KEEP 'EM SMILIN' IN BEDS OF WHITE

The following text is from an article that was published in the Fall version of the Grand of Oregon Newsletter. It was written by yours truly and presents a somewhat biased but extremely truthful opinion on why our Pup Tent is NUMBER ONE!

So just where does one begin? It's difficult to describe the Number One (#1) Pup Tent in the Grand, but we shall put our best effort forward and help you lousy bugs understand why we are simply NUMBER ONE. You see, it all began way back in ancient history when our great-grandpa bugs got a little bit crazy and formed this mostly-perfect union. Fifteen of Portland's minor civic leaders, bolstered by red and white wines and mounds upon mounds of succotash, gathered 'round an old beer table and uttered those nearly-famous words of "Let's start a Pup Tent!" Ergo, on a cloudy, sunless day in October of the year 1931, the first of Oregon's pup tents arose from the sediment on the floor and erected itself with flags flying, canvas taunt, and tent pegs a-shining.

A mere three years later, we marched and cavorted all around our fertile hunting grounds as a drum and bugle corps, where we proudly sported and forever displayed our soon-to-be-famous neckties. Yep, you guessed it! We're the "Guys With the Ties!" While our marching and oompah days are long ago over, we regularly visit the Portland VA Hospital and other Veteran hangouts, to spread our cheer and

to always comfort and honor those that are sick and ailing. Most of our members easily qualify for Section 8's but have pretty much self-medicated themselves to insure the safety of those we may meet and greet. After all, our mission is paramount above all else. Oh, we've been known to pop a cork or two, and to even stumble around a bit, but the one thing that has never waivered is our desire to "Make 'Em Smile in Beds of White!" We quit counting our failures long ago but the successes of our past and current members continue to bring credit upon the seams of our Tent, to the Grand of Oregon, and to the MOC as a whole. We're #1 not only because we were the first Pup Tent established in Oregon, but also because we believe that we are the top dog. And folks, just remember, if you ain't the lead dog in the sled team, your scenery just never seems to change. Burma Shave!



The following members have left us for that Great Pup Tent in the sky, but their smiles and laughter shall remain ours forever.

- Albert Abbe 5/14/2015
- Eugene Dunn 6/27/2016
- Calvin Peck 9/12/2016
- Roy Powers 5/13/2017
- Marion Ellsworth 9/22/2017



I suppose that this is as good a place as any to list my contact information. I'll be able to answer most of your questions, but only if you give me a chance. I prefer Email ☒ but have been known to talk over that tele-thingy ☎ as well.

--Greg Drais--

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WE JUST LOVE OUR WORK



Portland Pup Tent #1.

We're the guys - with the Ties



Cootie 697 speaketh!

Sadly, Pup Tent 17 (Lake Oswego) has recently disbanded. While this is devastating news for the MOC, it has turned into a blessing in disguise for us at Pup Tent 1. We have not only gained several Cooties through Transfers, but we have also gained an Auxiliary (MOCA). As our own Auxiliary was canceled more than 10 years ago, this new adoption gives us and our qualifying relatives a new and exciting opportunity to serve our veterans. Meeting dates and times are still being worked out, but I'm sure it won't be long before they'll be out recruiting. Increase and Multiply!

FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT THE CCDB.



Forgive me but I've just gotta do this Admin bit. It seems that not ALL of you are keeping us informed of where you are currently hanging your hat. Street addresses are required so as we can occasionally mail stuff to you; you know, like Membership Cards. Phone numbers are nice to have too, just in case someone wants to talk to you. Of equal importance is a current Email address for those of you that have a computer and can actually turn it on. In today's age this is paramount as postage is really expensive and a bit slow. (Kinda like most of us.) Email is effective and quick and cheap, so that is my preferred method of communication. All you have to do is READ & HEED! And, of course, if a surviving relative is reading this, then we extend our sympathies and would request that we be notified of the date and location of death. So please let me know of any updates to your info. You can call, email, or send mail. (See page 4 for the specifics.) We thank you. ☺4LOTCS☺



Supreme Vampire Jim Schinman
Supreme Commander Dan Kramer



The Red Cross blood donation requirements have changed a bit. If you believe you may not have been qualified to donate blood before, I would just encourage you to see the new requirements by clicking on this link;
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/eligibility-requirements> .

I am striving to beat the blood donations from the historic donation reports of last year. My life depends on it. I starve for your blood donation tonight. Feed The Supreme Vampire by donating your blood. All you lousy Cooties need to feel the satisfaction of giving the gift of life to your fellow veterans. And if that isn't enough to inspire you to donate blood, just remember that all those Cooties that do donate blood will also receive a Crummy Blood Certificate and a Donation Pin directly from The Supreme Vampire himself.

So just what do you know about our PT1 members? Just in case you were a bit curious about all the animals living in the zoo (or the bugs in our tent seams) here are a few facts for you to munch on. (As of 31 Dec)

- 46 members (5 female)
- 23 Life, 23 Annual
- 37 live in Portland metro
- 4 live out of state
- 11 different VFW Posts
- 70.0 is the average age
- 39 = youngest
- 96 = oldest
- 6 = past/current SS of PT1
- 6 = current Grand posting
- 3 = current Supreme posting
- 32 have good Email addresses

So, if you haven't been to a Scratch in a while you are going to be amazed at all the new and old faces. Bring duffle! Welcome back Chico!

BURMA SHAVE!



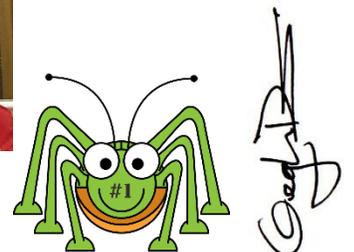


I would just like to thank each and every one of you Crummy Cooties of Pup Tent #1 for your help and support in your selfless endeavors to "Keep 'Em Smiling in Beds of White". Our historic Pup Tent continues to be recognized and awarded for our accomplishments. I recently had the honor of receiving, on your behalf, an award presented by The Supreme Commander (Dan Kramer) recognizing your efforts in becoming the first Pup Tent in the Grand of Oregon to achieve 100% + membership. You should each be extremely proud to be able to say "We're the Guys With the Ties." Our white ties have been a tradition of Portland Pup Tent #1 since 1936 and one that we proudly continue with today. It is my extreme pleasure for you to allow me to lead you further and further into greatness.

INCREASE & MULTIPLY!



From October 16th, 1936 to date we have had 714 Cooties registered on our membership rolls. Cootie #603 (Chico Huerta) is currently our longest serving living member. ☺



All you lousy PT1 Cooties and Cootiettes, February 11th has been designated as the annual COOTIE SUNDAY for the year 2018. It is on this day that special emphasis is desired for us to visit hospitalized and ailing veterans throughout the world. Please put this date on your calendar and join us at the Portland VA Hospital for a day of giving comfort to our brothers and sisters. We gather near the piano in the atrium at 1230 and hit the floors at 1300. Hope to see you there!