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Submitted by Pup Tent 3 through the Grand of North Carolina

Section 201. Formation of.

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Suggested Revision

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Rationale

The idea of instituting a new Pup Tent is to "Increase and Multiply". However, the current wording of the By Laws allows a new Pup Tent to be formed with nothing but transfers. Therefore, negating "The First Great Duty of all True Nits" to "Increase and Multiply" as stated in the opening ceremonies of the Ritual. Also, this could potentially cause irreparable damage to one Pup Tent simply to create a new Pup Tent, thus defeating the intent for starting a new Pup Tent.

Furthermore, pursuant to Section 201 of the VFW By Laws, forming a new Post requires 25 people, 10 of which must be NEW members. This clearly establishes an intent of growing the organization through creation of a new unit. The Military Order of the Cootie, as the Honor Degree of the VFW should follow this notion by establishing a minimum standard as well. A percentage format would allow for a sliding scale in cases where there are more than 15 members desiring to form a new Pup Tent.

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Section 120. Life Memberships.

- C. Life Membership Fee Plan C.** A Life Membership Plan “C” shall be established using the current \$9.00 Per Capita Tax and the following fee schedule:
- 1) Plan “B” shall be closed and no new members will be accepted after October 31, 2006.
 - 2) The applicable fee from the Life Membership fee schedule set forth herein will be determined by using the applicant’s attained age as of December 31st of the calendar year in which the application is submitted regardless of the actual date of birth.

Suggested Revision

- C. Life Membership Fee Plan C.** A Life Membership Plan “C” shall be established using the current \$9.00 Per Capita Tax and the following fee schedule:
- 1) Plan “B” shall be closed and no new members will be accepted after October 31, 2006.
 - 2) **Any member who is a Life Member in good standing in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America and is in good standing with the Military Order of the Cootie may become a Life Member by payment of the proper Life Membership fee to the CCDB or Quartermaster. A member at large in good standing may become a Life Member by payment of the proper fee to the Supreme Quartermaster if they hold a valid VFW Life Membership.**
 - 3) The applicable fee from the Life Membership fee schedule set forth herein will be determined by using the applicant’s attained age as of December 31st of the calendar year in which the application is submitted regardless of the actual date of birth.

Rationale

The purpose of this submission is to clarify the current requirements for Life Membership. The requirement for Life Membership in the VFW is currently specified in Paragraph B of Section 120 regarding Plan "B" Life Membership. As Plan "B" has been closed, this has created some questions as to if that requirement still exists. This change to include this requirement under Plan "C" should eliminate any uncertainties.

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Submitted by the By-Law Committee on behalf of the Supreme Commander

Section 314. Duty of the Custodian of the Crummy Duffel Bag.

- G. Before entering upon the duties, they shall qualify by giving good and sufficient bond in a sum equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which so far as can be anticipated they may be accountable.

Suggested Revision

Section 314. Duty of the Custodian of the Crummy Duffel Bag.

- G. Before entering upon the duties, they shall qualify by giving good and sufficient bond in a sum equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which so far as can be anticipated they may be accountable. Pup Tent CCDB's shall obtain sufficient security bond in the sum equal to the amount of liquid assets for which they are accountable. Pup Tents with total liquid assets of \$5,000.00 or more shall require a bond. Pup Tents with liquid assets less than \$5,000.00, may bond or not bond as determined by the Pup Tent.

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Submitted by the By-Law Committee on behalf of the Supreme Commander

Section 413. Duty of the Grand Quartermaster.

- F. **Bond:** They shall give good and sufficient security, to be approved by the Grand Council of Administration, for the faithful discharge of their duties, the cost of which shall be paid from Grand Pup Tent funds.

Suggested Revision

Section 413. Duty of the Grand Quartermaster.

- F. **Bond:** They shall give good and sufficient security, to be approved by the Grand Council of Administration, for the faithful discharge of their duties, the cost of which shall be paid from Grand Pup Tent funds. Grand Pup Tents with total liquid assets of \$5,000.00 shall obtain a security bond from Supreme Headquarters. For Grand Pup Tents having total liquid assets less than \$5,000.00, security bonding shall be at the discretion of the Grand Council of Administration.

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Section 612. Bonding of Grand District/Area or Supreme Districts.

Whenever a Grand District/Area or Supreme District accumulates assets that exceed \$1,000.00, then the individual responsible for receiving and properly accounting for the expenditure of monies in their possession shall obtain a security bond equal to the total amount of assets in their possession. The cost of this bond shall be paid from the Grand District/Area or Supreme District funds.

Suggested Revision

Section 612. Bonding

Whenever a Pup Tent or Grand Pup Tent accumulates liquid assets that exceed \$5,000.00 the CCDB or Grand QM responsible for receiving the properly accounting for the expenditure of monies in their possession shall obtain a security bond equal to the amount of assets in their possession. Pup Tents with liquid assets less than \$5,000.00 security bonding shall be determined by the Pup Tent. Grands with liquid assets less than \$5,000.00, security bonding shall be at the decision of the Grand Council of Administration.

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Submitted by the By-Law Committee on behalf of the Supreme Commander

Section 120. Life Memberships.

E. Life Membership Committee (LMC).

- 1) The Life Membership committee shall be comprised of the Supreme Commander, Supreme Quartermaster, Supreme Life Membership Chairperson, and three elected Supreme Trustees.
- 2) The Supreme Quartermaster is Treasurer and the Supreme Life Membership Chairperson is Secretary of the LMC. The Treasurer shall invest the Life Membership Fund (LMF) in investment-grade securities in the best interest of the Military Order of the Cootie. The LMC shall present a financial report at the end of each year and will submit it to the Supreme Council of Administration and the Supreme Scratch annually. The LMC shall make recommendations to the Supreme Council of Administration as to the amount of the proposed annual rebate for the Pup Tents, Grands and Supreme Headquarters.

Suggested Revision

Remove Entire Paragraph

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Section 526. Duty of the Supreme Trustees:

C. The Supreme Trustees will also serve as the trustees of the Scholarship Fund and Life Membership funds.

Suggested Revision:

C. The Supreme Trustees will also serve as auditors of the Life Membership fund and the Tomb Trek financial report.

Rationale:

Pursuant to Section 611, all funds donated to the Supreme Pup Tent over the course of any year for such purposes are immediately donated to the VFW National Home for Children at the next Cootie Christmas event and are not maintained nor invested by the Supreme organization.

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Section 607. The Visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier:

The time of this event, beginning in the year 1971, shall be selected by the Supreme Commander on a date as close as possible to Veterans Day as is determined to be appropriate. The Supreme Commander shall appoint the 4th Supreme District as the Host for the event commencing with the 75th Trek in November 2009. The 4th Supreme District shall continue utilizing a Tomb Trek Committee to plan, coordinate and fund all future Tomb Trek events. It shall be the duty of the 4th Supreme Council Member to see that all plans are made and carried out, including the proper policing of the affair. An audited summary financial report shall be submitted to the Supreme organization within 60 days after the event. Full advance information of the affair shall be placed in the Cootie Courier.

Recommended Revision:

The annual visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, known as Tomb Trek, shall be the responsibility of the Supreme Quartermaster. This event shall take place on a date as close as possible to Veterans Day and the Supreme Commander will approve the date. The Supreme Quartermaster may assign such responsibilities to an Assistant Supreme Quartermaster, who may also assemble a committee, to plan, coordinate, and carry out administration of this annual event. A summary financial report shall be submitted to the Supreme organization within 60 days after the event. Proper advance notification of the affair shall be announced in the Cootie Courier.

Rationale:

After dissolution of the Supreme Districts and conclusion of the 86th Tomb Trek, responsibility for administration of this annual event falls on the Supreme Quartermaster since primary duties require collection and disbursement of funds, obligating the organization through contracts, and coordination with external agencies.

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Changes to the Supreme Ritual

NOTE: There were a large number of suggested changes – none of which were substantive, but rather to adjust language for gender neutrality and to provide clarification. Due to the changes being through the document, it is not feasible to include within the Courier. The Supreme Judge Advocate will coordinate the best way to get the proposed changes out for review in a separate mailing to remain within the guidelines of the Supreme By laws.