Cootie Tickle

July 2021

Listen Cooties, Cuties and all of the Crummies who will painfully make their way through the following gibberish. I write this, my final Cootie Tickle, with great gratitude and thanksgiving to all of you for allowing me to serve you as your Supreme Commander. Together, we made great strides in advancing our organization. As your Commander, I tried to do EVERYTHING in the best interest of the organization and our members. We did an outstanding job in recruiting with over 105%! This is the largest percentage increase in at least 30 years; perhaps longer (our records go back 30 years). Let's start early and get our numbers to surpass 10,000 members. Our hospital work also came in at over 105%! Thanks to all of you for not allowing anything to stand in your way to 'keep 'em smiling in beds of white'.

Since you were last Tickled, I had the honor to attend Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch's Homecoming with our MOCA President Jennifer Winn. I was honored to present the Chief with his VFW CINC Cootie Shag and appoint him as the 'Supreme Tomb Trek Bouncer' (you will have to ask him the story behind that appointment). We were also honored to see VFW Auxiliary President Sandi Ontswedder at the Homecoming. The Chief has been such a HUGE supporter of the Cooties this year. We owe him a great deal of gratitude.

So far, Cootie Christmas at the National Home for Children is a GO ! We will send out updates as we get them. You may reach out to the Grand of Michigan for donations for gifts.

Also, Tomb Trek is still a GO and we will send out more information on that even as we get it as well.

I held my final Zoom meeting on July 19th with the Grand Commanders. I HIGHLY encourage members of the 2021-2022 Council of Administration to attend the Zoom meetings the Supreme Commander holds montly and the Grand Commanders to attend the Grand Commander's Zoom meeting. This is an OUTSTANDING way to pass on important information and provides a time when you may speak to the Commander, line officers, chairpersons, etc., to know if your Pup Tent or Grand is up to date on reports and other suspenses. At the Zoom meeting with the Grand Commanders, I announced the attire for the Supreme Convention. For opening day, August 4th, the attire will be the dress red since we will hold our Joint Session and Memorial. On August 5th, please wear your Gold / Red polo shirts in casual attire. Casual Cootie wear is the attire for business on August 6th but the red and white dress uniforms for the banquet and installation on Friday evening. Saturday morning, for the New Council of Administration, wear the 2021-2022 gold shirts with casual clothes since it is our travel day.

It has been such a great honor to serve you as your Supreme Commander. A HUGE '*Thank You'* goes out to our CINC Hal Roesch for supporting the MOC so strongly this year. Also, a VERY HUGE *'Thank you'* goes out to our MOCA President Jennifer Winn for the great work and communication this year; no, we aren't getting a divorce either (you can ask her about that). I can't list everyone because there are SO MANY to thank, but your SVC Olin Parks and JVC Dwight Hora have gone ABOVE AND BEYOND in their service. I can't imagine any SVC or JVC in our history could have worked as hard as these two in recruiting, education and their leadership; all done without any compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Thank you to the Line Officers, Chairpersons, Council, Commanders, Seam Squirrels, the list goes on and on. You are such a LOUSY bunch.

Supreme Commander (Presumptive) Olin Parks, I'm at your service.

Yours in the LOTCS,

Darin Combs
Supreme Commander