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Mike Pritchett is visited by Blanket Bum Traci Williams during the Supreme Scratch. See Grand of Washington.

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From the Supreme Commander

Listen Up Cooties,

First, I want to share a big thank you to all the Cooties and MOCA Members that have been supporting some of the natural disasters around the country. We deal with this every year, and I am very thankful that we are all paying attention to these situations.

We are making great strides in the business of the MOC. As we continue to connect with the VFW, our parent organization, we are getting the word out of what we do and how we can and will support our parent organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars while accomplishing our mission or **Keep `Em Smiling in Beds of White**.

I am traveling a lot and visiting many Grands and Pup Tents. As I travel, I want to visit as many Cooties as I can, so do not be surprised if I pop in at your post to say hello to the Cooties and MOCA members, Comrades and Auxiliary. I will probably call a few days before I stop in as my schedule will fluctuate as things come up.

The Veteran's Administration is starting to open some hospitals for visits of small groups. I know that each state is still dealing with Covid residual, and policies are moving slowly. I ask that you be patient with all the situations that are coming slowly, and we continue to do what we can to support our mission.

We are continuing with the zoom meetings this year. The first Monday of the month is for the MOC and MOCA to share ideas and learn from each other of what is going on around the country. The third Monday of the month is for the Supreme Council, Grand Commanders, and any other Cooties to sit in and learn some things about what is going on within Supreme and its programs. If you are interested, please contact Supreme Adjutant, Tracy Woodman at mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com.

I can't thank you all enough for your sacrifices of **time**, **talent**, and **treasure** your support for our Military Order of the Cootie and the **veterans** and **families** that need our support. We are a great relief for veterans worldwide and we will continue to be.

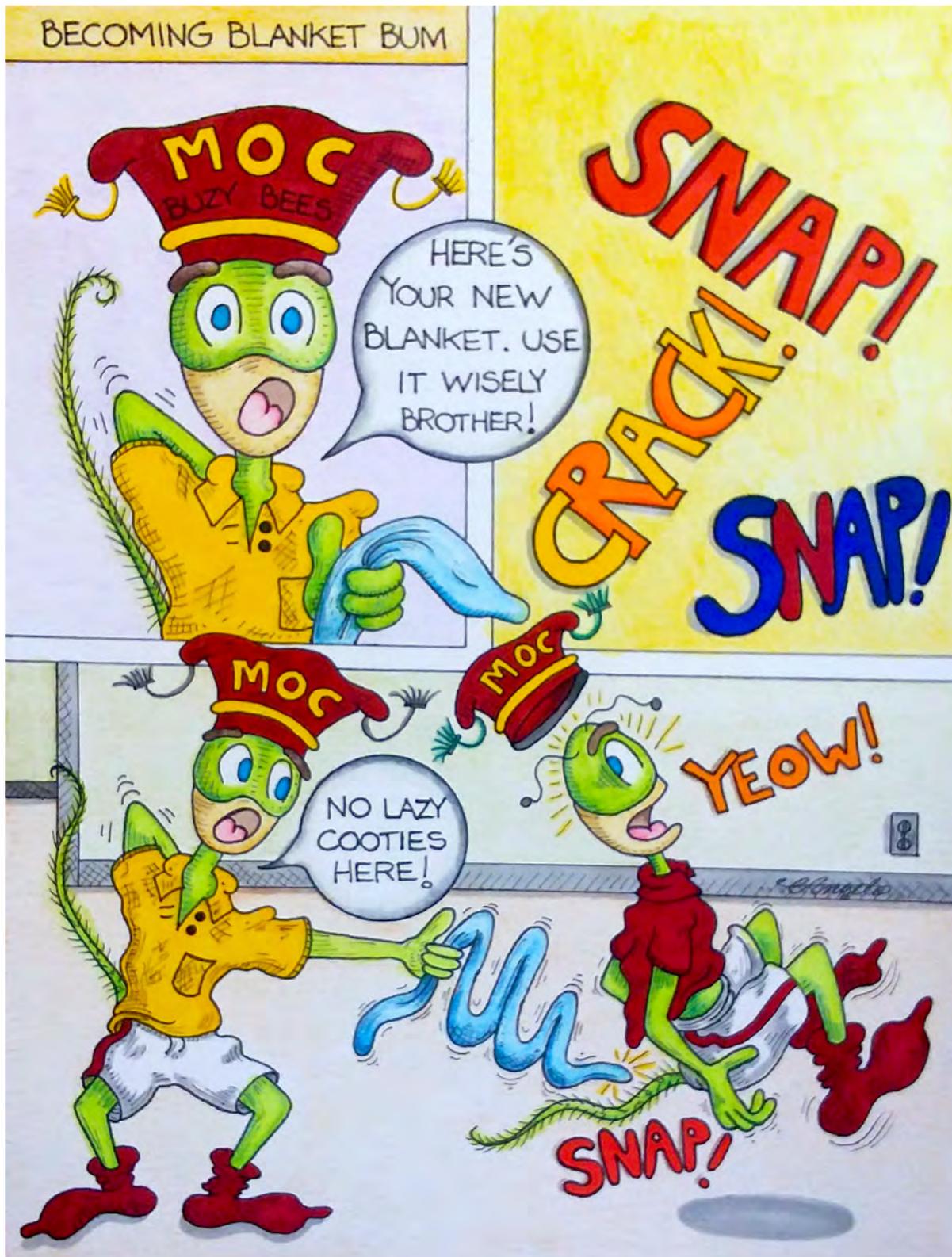
I wish you all a very **Lousy** time of year and if you don't come to Tomb Trek and or Cooties Christmas, I would like to ask that you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.

Dwight Hora
Supreme Commander
2022-2023

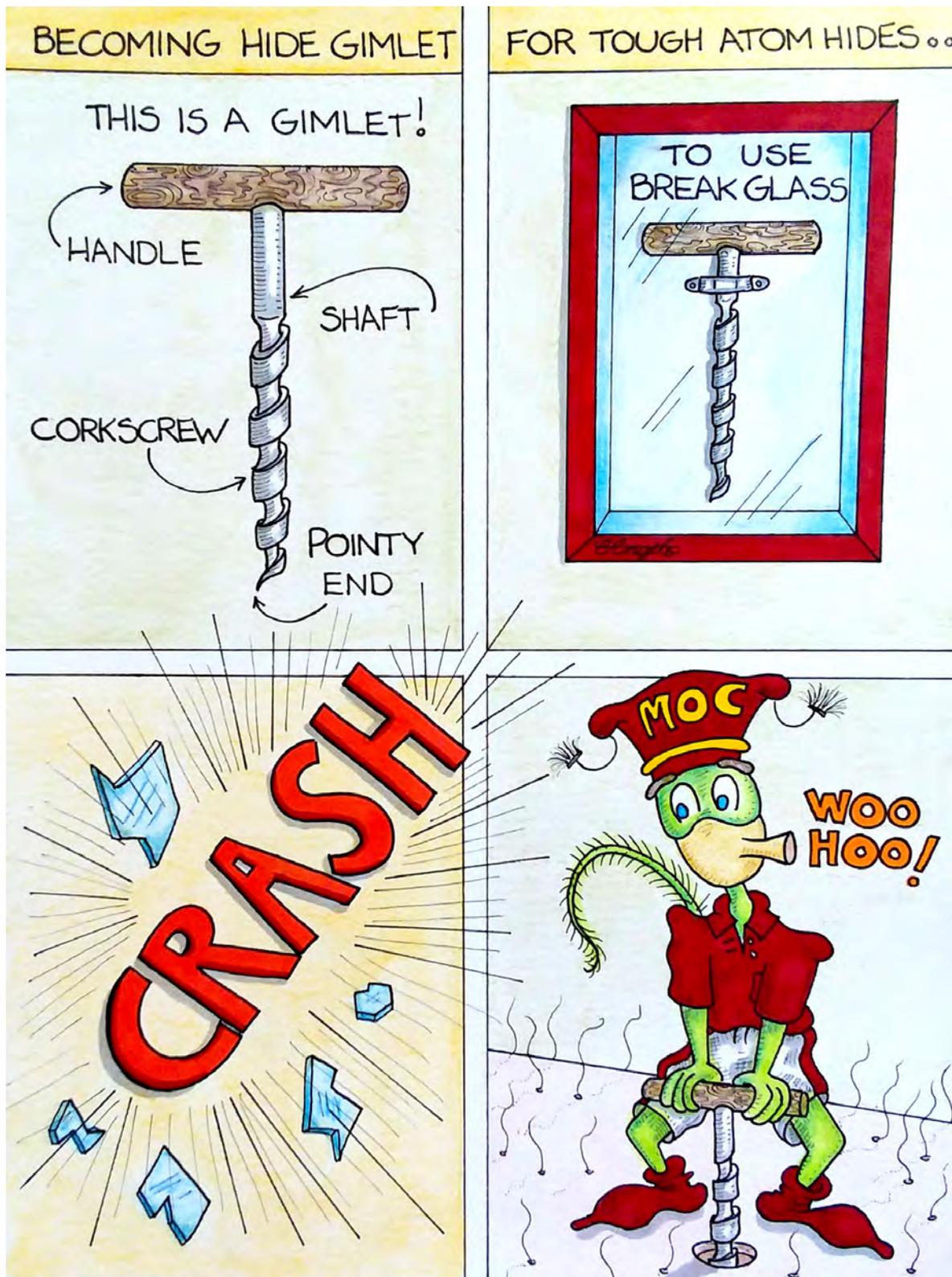


What is a Supreme Sr. Vice Commander?



A Sr. Vice Commander is a Blanket Bum in "Cootiespeak."

What is a Supreme Jr. Vice Commander?



A Jr. Vice Commander is a Hide Gimlet in "Cootiespeak."

From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,

So far, this year is going well, membership is coming in but it could be greater. Quartermasters, please remind your Seam Squirrels and CCDB's that membership for annual members stops on Dec. 31, 2022; after that they are no longer members in good standing. In addition, the Cootie application has been changed and modified. Please start using the new form **NOW**. All previous application forms will **NOT** be accepted after December 31, 2022. The new form is on the website under Forms/pup tent starter kit or the membership tab.



I look forward to seeing a lot of you at Tomb Trek; travel safely on the way there and back home. After that is Cootie Christmas at the National Home. The Home has finally gotten the truck and plow that we paid for in 2021.

I am going to Phoenix in early October to see the hotels that have responded to our request for a proposal for our convention next year. As soon as I have a signed contract, I will have the information posted on our website. Please remember that all Pup Tents must register a delegate for the Supreme Convention, as usual the cost is \$15.00 if sent in prior to July 15, 2023.

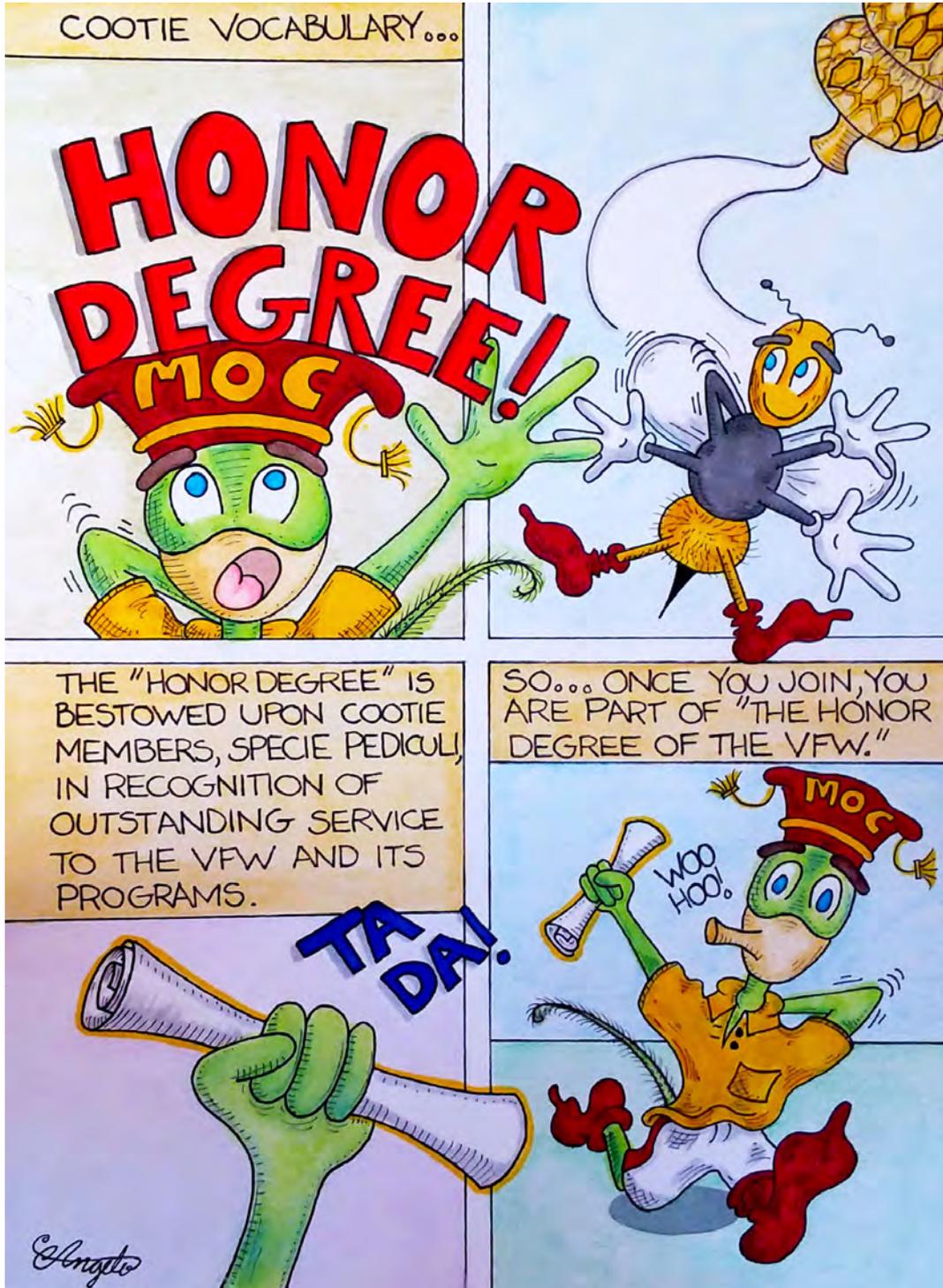
My supply clerk wants me to let you know that we have added a new pair of socks to our inventory and it is posted on the website, item 9977. We will have them at Tomb Trek.

Yours in LOTCS,

Gary Dressel
Supreme Quartermaster
2022-2-23



Honor Degree



After completing your 3rd degree initiation, did you ever wonder where your "Honor Degree" was? We are the "Honor Degree" of the VFW, right? Well, now there is an actual "Honor Degree" for our Crummy Fraternity of Specie Pediculi; authorized by our Supreme Commander, Olin Parks. The PDF fillable version can be found on the Forms page under the Pup Tent tab: <https://www.lotcs.org/forms.html>. So, once you have completed your 3rd degree initiation, you now will have proof of your journey from Atom to Nit to Grayback and finally to a Cootie. What about if you've already completed your 3rd degree initiation? Not to worry, the degree is retroactive. So, have the present Seam Squirrel (the issuing authority) print your degree.

Are you new to our Crummy Fraternity? Do you know what LOTCS means? Do you know what a Sock Check is? What's a Shavetail? How do you check if one is a Cootie or not? Scan the QR code to find out in our Comic Book.



From the Supreme Surgeon

Flu Season 2022-2023

It's that time of year where we are entering the flu season. The CDC has published some key facts about this year's seasonal flu vaccine.



1. Why should people get vaccinated against the flu?

The flu is a potentially serious disease that can lead to hospitalizations or death. Complications from the flu can range from ear or sinus infections, bacterial pneumonia and the worsening of chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and congestive heart failure. Getting an annual flu vaccination is the best way to protect yourself against getting the flu.

2. **How does flu vaccines work?** The vaccine will help your body produce antibodies against influenza viruses that research has determined will be the most common for the 2022-2023 flu season. All flu vaccinations in the U.S. protect against four different viruses: An influenza A(H3N2) virus, an influenza A(H1N1) virus and two influenza B viruses.

3. **Flu Vaccine Options.** For people younger than 65, the CDC does not preferentially recommend any age-appropriate, licensed flu vaccines over another during this year's flu season. Options for this group include recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV), live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) or inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV).

New for this season: For those aged 65 or older, there are three flu vaccines that are recommended over the standard-dose, unadjuvanted flu vaccines. These vaccines include Flublok Quadrivalent recombinant flu vaccine, Fluad Quadrivalent adjuvanted flu vaccine and Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent vaccine.

All vaccines for the 2022-2023 season are quadrivalent vaccines and will protect you from two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses.

Always check with your Doctor to see which is the right vaccine for you.

4. **When should I get vaccinated?** For those only needing one dose of the flu vaccine for the season, September and October is usually the preferred time to get a flu shot.

5. What are the benefits of getting a flu shot?

- The vaccination can keep you from getting sick with the flu.
- The vaccination has been shown to reduce the severity of illness in people who get the flu shot but still get sick.

- c. The vaccination can reduce the risk of being hospitalized with the flu.
- d. The vaccination is an important preventative tool for people with certain chronic health conditions.
- e. By getting vaccinated, you can protect the people around you.

Please take care of yourself this flu season and get your flu shot.

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,

**Dani Hernandez
Supreme Surgeon
2022-2023**



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Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE

Good evening, Cooties. I say evening since nighttime is more comfortable for me.

I sincerely hope that you are having a “Lousy” time working to try and bring the *Smiles* to our *Veterans* in state ceteran homes, VA health care facilities and private nursing facilities around the country and the globe.

Our Country always has an extreme need for the *Precious Fluid* that we as Cooties and the public as a whole carry around in our bodies every waking moment.

We know that many of us cannot give of ourselves because of personal medical conditions and medications that prevent us from doing so. But, we can still help organize blood drives at our VFW post homes with the Pup Tent as the sponsor. Maybe the Blood Mobile will allow you to sponsor at another location. Just make the effort and you can report all of the collections.

I have changed the Supreme Vampire report form for donations to reflect *Whole Blood, Platelets, and Plasma* separately. Each has a medical use unto itself and are extremely medically valuable in their own right.

There will be awards at the Supreme Scratch for Grands and Pup Tents who have reported the most in each category. So, from now on put the heat on your Pup Tent Vampire and Grand Vampire to report, report, report. And, those Cooties that have hit some personal milestones, recognition is coming their way, too.

Dawn is approaching, so I must take a nap. I look forward to seeing great efforts by each Grand, Pup Tent and Cootie.

Yours in LOTCS,

Frank Presfield
SUPREME VAMPIRE
2022-2023



From the Supreme Hospital Commissioner

Listen up Cooties!

Please visit the Supreme Hospital Reporting System website at <https://hospital.cootie.org>. (A screen grab of the page is shown below.) There you can view Training (instructional videos on “how to” report). We are in beta testing right now, but you can see what the dashboard and the reports will look like when we roll it out next year.

Yours in LOTCS,

Eric Bell
Supreme Hospital Commissioner
(The Commish)
2022-2023

Robert “Check” Adamczyk
Supreme Code Slinger
2022-2023

Welcome to the MOC Hospital Reporting System Login

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MOC Hospital Reporting System



Automated submission of MOC Hospital Reports

- Pup Tents can enter Hospital Reports directly into the system using an Excel like interface that saves your work as you go in Draft mode
- When a Pup Tent is ready to submit the report to their Grand, they simply click the Submit button which changes the status to Submitted
- The Grand can either Accept the report or Return it to the Pup Tent with remarks on why it was Returned
- Once the Pup Tent has resolved any issues, they can Submit the report again
- Once the Grand Accepts the report, it is then shown on the Grand Hospital Report which shows the status of each Pup Tent
- Once the Grand has Accepted all of the Pup Tent reports for the month, they click the Submit button to submit the report to Supreme

Please direct any comments/questions/feedback to the Supreme Codeslinger, Robert "Check" Adamczyk at mrcheck@gmail.com

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From the Supreme Pappa Clown

Greeting my Crummy Cootie Clowns (C3).

It was great to see so many of you at the Supreme Scratch.

In this issue I just want to remind you how easy it is to certify as an MOC Clown.

1. Put together a clown outfit made up of at least three pieces of clown clothing (Something funny, weird, or outrageous. Just so long as it is not offensive.)
2. Wear your clown outfit to at least three MOC hospital events and have pictures taken.
3. Send the pictures, with the dates and places for each event to your Grand Hospital Chair. They will send a form to me, and I will send you your pins and cards.



In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins “Archibald O’Perk”

Supreme Poppa Clown

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From the Supreme VAVS Chairman

Hello everyone.

My team is working to build the MOC VAVS program. Our hope is to get more certified volunteers in as many VA medical sites as we can, and to get certified VAVS Representatives and Deputies in every VA medical center.

I am available to answer any questions you have. In each Cootie edition, I will try to share new information to help out.

What is a VAVS volunteer? There are two types of volunteers. **Regular Volunteers**, who are certified by the VA and have one or more regular assignments in their local VA Medical Facility. Then there are **Casual Volunteers**. These Cooties only come to special events and do not have a regular assignment.

Two regular assignment programs the VA is building up are **Ambassadors** and **No Veteran Dies Alone**. Ambassadors are responsible for greeting veteran patients who come to the VA and help them find their way around the facility. This is not a big deal in the smaller facilities but is critical in the much larger locations.

Cooties assigned to No Veteran Dies Alone will work in the Palliative care unit. When a veteran patient is coming to the end of their life, these volunteers sit with them doing what ever makes them comfortable. The volunteer might read to the patient, talk with them, or sit quietly next to the bed. But, they ensure the patient feels as peaceful as possible and knows someone cares and is with them to the end.

You should check with your local VAMC to determine what volunteer slots are available in your area.

I'll talk to you again soon.

In Respectful service,

Allan T. Perkins
Supreme VAVS Chair
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MOC General Order 01

1 August 2022

1. Having been duly elected by the members of the Military Order of the Cootie, I, Dwight Hora, hereby assume command of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States. All previous Supreme appointments have now expired. Cooties will now revert to their previous and proper tassels.
2. Notice is hereby given that the logo, bug, official seal, hat and the name Military Order of the Cootie are trademarked and copyrighted property of the Supreme Pup Tent, Military Order of the Cootie of the United States and may not be used without the express written consent of the Supreme Pup Tent. Violators of this order will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
3. Supreme Headquarters is established as being located at 604 Braddock Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Office hours at Supreme Headquarters are from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, Eastern Time. Supreme Headquarters, MOC is closed for all Federal Holidays.
4. The Supreme Budget was approved by the Supreme Council of Administration on 24 July 2022.
5. In accordance with Supreme Policy, all Grands are to inform Supreme Headquarters of the dates and places of any Grand Events so that proper representation may be assigned. Supreme Representations for Grand Events Forms are to be mailed to Supreme Adjutant Tracy Woodman, 1916 Grumann Dr, Tomah, WI 54660 or emailed to mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com
6. Grands are reminded to forward a copy of each of their General Orders to the Supreme Adjutant.
7. Each Cootie will be assessed \$2.00: \$1.00 for the Supreme Commander's Special Project (Activity Equipment for the children at the National Home) and \$1.00 for the National Home MOC/MOCA House maintenance fee.
8. Pup Tents, Districts, Grands and Auxiliaries are reminded that they are to file IRS Form 990 within five months and fifteen days of the close of their fiscal year. Units whose income for 2020 was less than \$50,000.00 can elect to file Form 990-N, an electronic informational return instead of a paper return. Those units whose income was over \$50,000.00 will still have to file the regular Form 990 or 990T.

9. Reporting for all programs are due to their respective chairman no later than 31 May 2023.

10. 2022-2023 Supreme Policy was approved by the Council of Administration on 24 July 2022 and is in effect.

BY COMMAND OF:

Dwight Hora

Dwight Hora

Supreme Commander

OFFICIAL:

Tracy Woodman

Tracy Woodman

Supreme Adjutant 2022-2023



MOC Hospital Report



Date: AS OF: 9/21/2022

Grand	Goal	Reports	Visits	Cooties	Patients	Hours	Miles	Gifts	Total Monies	Percentage
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Robert "Check" Adamcyk										
DE	\$27,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MD	\$72,000.00	3	182	180	1,110	1,458.60	6,405.00	\$3,138.93	\$36,927.13	51.29%
PA	\$101,750.00	2	50	102	81	231.80	1,223.00	\$950.00	\$6,348.32	6.24%
VA	\$75,750.00	3	159	361	1,153	1,183.43	12,944.70	\$5,982.07	\$34,480.60	45.52%
TOTALS	\$277,000.00	8	391	643	2,344	2,873.83	20,572.70	\$10,071.00	\$77,756.05	28.07%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#2 - Marjorie "Maggy" Wesley										
FL	\$128,000.00	31	251	301	7,184	988.00	14,567.00	\$4,992.33	\$29,311.11	22.90%
LA	\$24,000.00	21	38	65	1,037	349.00	1,346.00	\$110.00	\$8,168.39	34.03%
MS	\$44,000.00	20	185	286	976	2,377.00	27,628.10	\$9,966.00	\$67,435.28	153.26%
NC	\$73,250.00	19	312	1,073	1,567	5,305.65	13,623.16	\$18,464.72	\$140,014.37	191.15%
SC	\$48,750.00	6	16	67	126	304.50	3,368.60	\$518.00	\$7,856.08	16.12%
TN	\$38,000.00	8	32	68	141	711.00	3,441.00	\$2,496.00	\$19,010.79	50.03%
TOTALS	\$356,000.00	105	834	1,860	11,031	10,035	63,973.86	\$36,547.05	\$271,796.02	76.35%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Wayne "Moose" Woodman										
IL	\$42,500.00	7	30	39	1,790	137.00	3,842.00	\$2,105.00	\$5,732.23	13.49%
KY	\$47,500.00	12	96	244	103	1,048.00	13,286.00	\$1,000.00	\$26,492.44	55.77%
MI	\$59,250.00	1	48	138	253	392.15	3,776.00	\$2,561.00	\$11,932.62	20.14%
OH	\$90,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
WI	\$64,750.00	25	190	248	2,835	1,400.00	15,829.00	\$2,516.00	\$36,302.06	56.06%
TOTALS	\$304,250.00	45	364	669	4,981	2,977.15	36,733.00	\$8,182.00	\$80,459.35	26.45%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - James "Jim" Dalziel										
IA	\$22,750.00	11	40	51	142	247.00	1,613.00	\$500,660.00	\$506,444.40	2226.13%
KS	\$44,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MN	\$89,500.00	2	43	44	182	63.00	1,291.00	\$220.00	\$1,821.39	2.04%
MO	\$83,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NE	\$27,750.00	5	81	158	275	492.00	6,387.00	\$202.00	\$12,179.51	43.89%
ND	\$42,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
SD	\$24,500.00	4	106	234	298	280.00	5,194.00	\$3,895.00	\$10,924.89	44.59%
TOTAL	\$333,500.00	22	270	487	897	1,082.00	14,485.00	\$504,977.00	\$531,370.19	159.33%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Michael Merit										
AR	\$23,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
CO	\$28,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NM	\$31,500.00	6	39	99	256	506.00	16,250.00	\$226.00	\$14,133.00	44.87%
OK	\$38,750.00	3	37	298	124	1,254.00	28,726.00	\$500.00	\$32,799.34	84.64%
TX	\$101,750.00	20	197	189	5,875	781.00	9,753.00	\$3,751.40	\$22,728.37	22.34%
TOTAL	\$223,750.00	29	273	586	6,255	2,541.00	54,729.00	\$4,477.40	\$69,660.71	31.13%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Charles Peterson										
AZ	\$83,000.00	9	327	406	5,538	2,675.20	16,937.00	\$4,149.64	\$66,846.58	80.54%
CA	\$104,500.00	191	1,412	2,236	2,596	4,036.43	46,847.00	\$17,727.31	\$115,307.39	110.34%
OR	\$50,000.00	4	19	25	21	138.00	725.00	\$0.00	\$3,213.40	6.43%
PAC	\$109,000.00	24	645	708	826	1,808.20	17,713.00	\$5,498.50	\$48,753.23	44.73%
WA	\$52,250.00	297	464	511	3,136	2,525.80	36,626.30	\$20,557.28	\$105,191.75	201.32%
TOTAL	\$398,750.00	525	2,867	3,886	12,117	11,183.63	118,848.30	\$47,932.73	\$339,312.35	85.09%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 - Denis Querrard										
NH	\$22,500.00	22	26	46	27	127.05	1,380.00	\$86.99	\$3,145.17	13.98%
NJ	\$33,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NY	\$46,250.00	4	14	112	50	166.00	11,688.00	\$1,875.00	\$7,254.62	15.69%
TOTAL	\$102,500.00	26	40	158	77	293.05	13,068.00	\$1,961.99	\$10,399.79	10.15%
PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION) - Eric Bell										
AL#13	\$4,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
AK#2	\$6,000.00	1	11	26	824	129.50	944.00	\$2,811.00	\$5,863.39	97.72%
AK#3	\$6,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
EU#6	\$20,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
GA#1	\$4,750.00	3	7	13	15	31.10	644.00	\$160.00	\$951.47	20.03%
GA#5	\$9,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
GA#66	\$12,750.00	2	12	12	38	40.50	965.00	\$42.00	\$1,090.38	8.55%
HI#1	\$4,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
ID#3	\$3,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
IN#11	\$10,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#14	\$9,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MA#52	\$13,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MT#10	\$11,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MT#11	\$8,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
MT#24	\$2,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
NV#2	\$11,750.00	1	14	19	14	76.00	518.00	\$0.00	\$1,786.32	15.20%
Supreme	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	\$137,750.00	7	44	70	891	277.10	3,071.00	\$3,013.00	\$9,691.56	7.04%
Supreme Total										
	\$1,995,750.00	760	5,039	8,289	37,702	30,985.81	322,409.86	\$614,149.17	\$1,380,754.46	69.18%

MOC Inspection Report



Supreme Inspection as of 09-30-2022

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Defunct Pup Tents	Date Completed	Grand Inspection	Percent	Pup Tents not yet Inspected
AL-13	1				N/A	0%	13
AK-2	1				N/A	0%	2
AK-3	1				N/A	0%	3
AZ	8					0%	2,6,10,11,13,14,23,777
AR	5					0%	3,13,14,21,48
CA	10					0%	7,16,19,23,40,43,44,61,68,69
CO	5				Yes	0%	1,2,14,17
DE	3					0%	1,2,4
EUR	1				N/A	0%	1
FL	18	6				33%	2,8,11,17,18,23,25,29,32,44,55
GA-1	1				N/A	0%	1
GA-5	1				N/A	0%	5
GA-66	1				N/A	0%	66
HI	1				N/A	0%	1
IL	6	6		8/1/2022		100%	All
IN	1				N/A	0%	11
IA	3					0%	1,6,69
KS	4					0%	2,3,6,7
KY	4					0%	2,6,7,9
LA	3					0%	3,6,11
MD	8	6				75%	6,27
MA-14	1				N/A	0%	14
MA-52	1				N/A	0%	52
MI	8	8		9/19/2022	Yes	100%	All
MN	15					0%	2,3,5,11,15,19,34,42,45,51,54,62,66
MS	6				Yes	0%	1,6,7,12,15,17
MO	10					0%	1,5,9,11,12,14,15,17,56,88
MT-10	3				N/A	0%	10
NE	3					0%	4,7,10
NV-2	1				N/A	0%	2
NH-1	1				N/A	0%	1
NH-3	1				N/A	0%	3
NJ	5					0%	7,15,38,41,86
NY	8					0%	2,9,75,32,35,42,54,65,69
NM	5					0%	5,7,14,19,20
NY	8					0%	2,9,75,32,35,42,54,65,69
NC	12	7				58%	11,24,57,78,254
ND	6					0%	2,6,7,8,10,12
OH	13	2				14%	1,4,9,24,25,45,68,83,86,92,118
OK	6					0%	1,2,4,7,16,17
OR	9					0%	1,4,6,8,9,12,20,22,23
PAC	9					0%	1,2,6,7,8,11,13,15,303
PA	11		38,48			0%	18,29,30,33,44,45,58,59,72,92,99
SC	6					0%	1,3,9,10,13,15
SD	3					0%	1,12,20
TN	4					0%	4,5,9,26
TX	11	5				45%	5,11,24,37,41,100
VA	8					0%	1,2,5,9,,11,13,14,17
WA	7	7		9/26/2022		100%	
WV-6	1					0%	6
WI	10	9	15,22			90%	8
TOTAL	287	57		3	3	19.86%	

56,76

71,99

CO
PA
WI

PT 7 open 2022
PT 38,48 Defunct
PT 15,22 Defunct

MOC Membership Report



2021-2022 Membership Report 9/30/2022											
Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Standings
4	KANSAS	39.55%	0	30	0	40	70	177	0	0	
3	LOUISIANA	101.00%	2	70	3	26	101	100	1	5	
5	NEW JERSEY	56.00%	0	22	1	47	70	125	0	1	
8	NEW YORK	38.17%	4	0	0	68	72	186	1	4	
5	COLORADO	53.10%	0	2	0	54	56	113	0	0	
4	TENNESSEE	47.06%	0	4	0	68	72	153	3	0	
3	SOUTH DAKOTA	41.41%	0	0	0	41	41	99	0	0	
5	ARKANSAS	50.00%	1	0	0	47	48	96	0	1	
9	OREGON	58.21%	1	6	6	104	117	201	0	7	
6	NORTH DAKOTA	64.50%	3	30	0	76	109	169	0	3	
2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	97.50%	0	15	0	24	39	40	0	0	
8	MICHIGAN	50.42%	0	4	0	118	122	238	1	0	
19	FLORIDA	67.86%	9	105	2	224	340	501	0	11	
10	MISSOURI	57.66%	3	15	0	175	193	333	2	3	
10	WISCONSIN	62.89%	5	39	0	117	161	256	1	5	
5	NEW MEXICO	55.91%	0	0	0	71	71	127	0	0	
6	SOUTH CAROLINA	62.76%	3	0	5	103	111	196	2	8	
3	IOWA	58.70%	1	8	1	44	54	92	1	2	
6	ILLINOIS	59.06%	0	0	1	100	101	171	0	1	
6	MISSISSIPPI	62.86%	0	0	0	110	110	175	5	0	
13	PENNSYLVANIA	70.83%	10	71	1	208	290	408	3	11	
11	TEXAS	58.33%	16	25	0	197	238	408	4	16	
7	WASHINGTON	60.48%	2	15	0	108	125	210	3	2	
8	VIRGINIA	66.78%	6	3	0	196	205	304	7	6	
3	NEBRASKA	68.47%	3	4	0	69	76	111	3	3	
13	NORTH CAROLINA	62.04%	27	10	1	163	201	324	1	28	
5	KENTUCKY	87.13%	3	42	0	132	177	202	3	3	
10	CALIFORNIA	82.82%	8	65	2	272	347	419	3	10	
3	DELAWARE	65.77%	0	0	0	73	73	111	0	0	
8	MARYLAND	70.14%	1	34	0	167	202	288	2	1	
15	MINNESOTA	78.55%	5	85	1	191	282	359	2	6	
8	ARIZONA	76.88%	6	14	6	230	256	333	2	12	
6	OKLAHOMA	44.87%	7	0	0	63	70	156	0	7	
14	OHIO	75.41%	3	9	0	261	273	362	6	3	
9	PACIFIC AREAS	85.35%	4	16	1	354	375	437	4	5	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	ALABAMA 13	88.89%	0	0	0	16	16	18	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	27.78%	0	0	0	10	10	36	0	0	
1	INDIANA 11	31.25%	3	0	0	10	13	48	2	3	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 1	55.77%	3	10	1	15	29	52	0	4	
1	ALASKA 2	68.00%	0	0	0	17	17	25	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 14	0.00%	0	0	0	10	10	36	0	0	
1	MASSACHUSETTS 52	9.09%	0	0	0	1	1	11	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGINIA 6	46.81%	0	0	0	22	22	47	0	0	
1	NEW HAMPSHIRE 3	97.50%	0	15	0	24	39	40	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 1	70.00%	3	0	0	12	15	20	2	3	
1	GEORGIA 66	57.69%	2	5	0	23	30	52	0	2	
1	HAWAII 1	64.71%	0	0	0	11	11	17	0	0	
1	GEORGIA 5	89.47%	0	0	11	23	34	38	0	11	
1	ALASKA 3	70.37%	0	0	0	19	19	27	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	97.92%	0	0	0	46	46	48	1	0	
1	EUROPE 6	94.87%	0	0	0	74	74	78	0	0	
1	MONTANA 10	81.40%	0	0	0	70	70	86	0	0	
	SUPREME Pup Tent	100.00%				1563	1563	1563		0	
277	TOTALS	71.09%	144	773	43	6307	7267	10222	65	187	

- + Division Leader
- ^ Tied for Division Lead
- * Achieved 100%

Supreme President's Message

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to our newly elected MOCA Officers and Appointed Chairmen; we are going to be a great Team this year. Congratulations to Dwight Hora for being our newly elected Supreme Commander. We are both here to help and guide you!

To those who attended our Supreme Convention I wish each affected by the COVID outbreak a speedy recovery. To my Cootie Family on both sides of the MOC/MOCA house I want to **Thank You** for helping us make it through a very trying time. You have continued to do your best to preserve our programs by helping our Veterans and their families through these past 2 years. You have accomplished many things by thinking outside the box to achieve goals through amazing ideas. We need to develop a line of communication for sharing ideas to achieve goals, raise funds and support those "In Beds of White." Auxiliaries, let you Grand or (NIG) Chaplains know about your ill or deceased members. Get Well Soon and Prayers to those who lost loved ones.!



I am throwing out a "**Challenge**" to increase our membership by EVERY Member. For those who sign up 4 *New or Reinstated* members during this year, I will be giving out special gifts in addition to membership awards. We must **INCREASE** to survive. It's our *Veterans in Hospitals* who suffer if we are not able to support them and their families. In addition to our children's scholarship program and the National Home, my special National Home project is the **Music** program.

To find anything MOCA related, go to: https://www.lotcs.org/MOCA/moca_index.html. Or go the MOC Supreme home page: <https://www.lotcs.org> and click on the MOCA emblem to be redirected to the Auxiliary side. Once there, look under Forms tab to find Office/Chairman forms. Also, look under the News and Events tabs to find dates for upcoming events or important general orders. There is much information to be found there. Please read it all and make sure you pass it along.

Housekeeping: It's **Dues** time! "Please" get your 2023 dues in! Treasurers PLEASE do not hold them. Remember 31 Dec is the deadline to remain in good standing. The **Audits** for July, August and September will be due next month. Your **Bonds** should have been paid by the end of August and your 990 has to be done by November 15, 2022.

Loyally,

Cathy Seippel (and Tink)

**Supreme President
2022-23**

MOCA General Order 01

PRESIDENTS ON ALL LEVELS, PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR MEMBERS!!!!!!

I am looking forward to a great year.

- 1. Membership*** - Our membership needs to grow. We all need to work hard. We have eleven possible members every time someone joins a VFW auxiliary so go get them please. As you know this year we are working together with MOC, VFW and our auxiliaries. Let's make this a great year for one and all.
- 2. Treasurers - PLEASE, DO NOT HOLD DUES!!!*** This year all treasures need hard copy books. ***There is no excuse.*** Presidents, this is part of your job to make this happen. Also we are using Robert's rules of order. If at a meeting someone stands and calls for a vote, this means all questions and talk stops. The motion on the floor is voted on now. When you call for the Question means close debate and call for vote. This is not a motion.
- 3. Respect*** - Remember at a meeting to have respect for each other. We are here to have fun, not talk over each other or to cause people to question each other, or to hear yourself speak.

To those who have lost loved ones and friends our sympathy and prayers are with you. To those who are ill we wish you a speedy recovery.

Thank you for all you do and keep up the great work.

By Order of

Cathy Seippel

***Supreme President
Cathy Seippel***

Attested by:

Kathy Browne

***Supreme Secretary
Kathy Browne***

	3	Blockbusters		30		11	Mozark		22	16
	17	Rodents		10		15	Semo Swampers		17	18
	27	Sho Crabbers		18		Grand				
	Grand					Grand				
	Total			77	0	Total		169		109
Massachusetts	14	Plymouth Rock	Montona	33		10	Sleeping Giant.	*	33	35
										106%
Michigan	24	Rosehub	Nebraska	80	54	10	Bugeators		48	30
	32	Caraboa. *		59	44					
	96	Huron Braves	100% Nevada	13	13	2	Snakes Eyes		13	
	Grand									
	Total		New Jersey	152	111	15	Jockey Hollow		36	14
							Maple Shade			
Minnesota	2	Gopher		39		39	Bomber*		13	
	5	Flea Circus		15		41			new	7
	11	Lucky Leven		40		95	Pine Ticks*		29	
	51	Foul Balls		49		Grand				
	62	Crotch crickets		55		Total			78	21
	71	Sandburns		19						
	Grand									
	Total		New Mexico	217	0	5	A.H.O.*		41	
						7	Loco		31	
						14	Mt. KIA-MIA		17	
Mississippi	7	Hub Bugs		44	14	19	Itchin n Bitchin		12	
	12	Friendly Possum*	100%	10	10	Grand				
	15	Mullets		15		Total			101	0
	17	Sea Beas		32	8					
	Grand									
	Total		New York	101	32	2	Wild Bunch		30	13
						9.75	Great Swampers		26	8
						32	Plankers		23	
						42	Backbiters		17	
Missouri	1	Heart of America		57	35	54	Crape Hangers		26	22
	5	Running Bare		41	30	Grand				
	9	Three Rivers.	*	32	10					

	Total	122	43	Totals	133	0
North Carolina						
	2	13			23	30
	3	33			23	8
	8	30				
	24	21				
	78	53			16	
	89	19			33	
	Grand	169	0		14	14
	Total				62	29
Ohio					21	100%
	5	25			21	
	16	13	6			
	25	11			167	43
	45	18				
	83	27	14		23	10
	92	19	22		16	7
	118	12			23	
	Grand	125	42			
	Total					
Oklahoma						
	2	32	24		18	19
	7	13				105%
Oregon						
	1	19			37	
	4	22			26	
	6	14			22	28
	8	25			41	
	20	26			14	8
	22	27			16	16
	Grand				156	52
	Total					
Virginia						
	1					38



9	Virginia Beach Coots	29
13	Rowdy Rebels	16
14	Da-Lec-Ity*	29
Grand Total		112 0
Washington		
3	form	23
6	Van Orc.	25
9	* Heap good.	39
11	Lucky Eleven	66
18	Chuckanut	42
Grand Total		195 0
West Vieginia		
6	Snakie State	33
Wisconsin		
8	Bug out	16
9	Wacha-Kalit	36
22	Snafu	14
23	Short Arm	41
41	Mad city	33
Grand Total		140 21
Supreme Totals.		3477 917

MOCA Inspection Report



9/25/2022

Marquitta Hill, Insp.

Unit	# of Aux.	Aux. Insp'd	Dist. Insp'd	Grand Insp'd	Date Complete	Percent Complete	Yr End Rpt
Alaska 2	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Delaware 4	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Georgia 5	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Georgia 66	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Illinois 62	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Illinois 79	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Indiana 11	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Montana 10	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Nebraska 10	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Nevada 2	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Oklahoma 2	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Oklahoma 7	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Pennsylvania 33	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Pennsylvania 44	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
South Dakota 1	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
South Dakota 12	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
South Dakota 20	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Tennessee 26	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
West Virginia 6	1		N/A	N/A		0%	N/A
Arizona (Cat 2)	6		N/A			0%	
California (Cat 1)	4		N/A			0%	
Colorado (Cat 1)	3		N/A			0%	
Florida (Cat 3)	8	2	N/A		9/17/22	25%	
Kansas (Cat 1)	3		N/A			0%	
Kentucky (Cat 1)	3		N/A			0%	
Louisiana (Cat 1)	3		N/A			0%	
Maryland (Cat 1)	3		N/A			0%	
Michigan (Cat 1)	3	3	N/A		8/25/22	100%	
Minnesota (Cat 2)	6		N/A			0%	
Mississippi (Cat 1)	4	2	N/A		9/23/22	50%	
Missouri (Cat 2)	5	5	N/A		9/22/22	100%	
New Jersey (Cat 1)	3		N/A			0%	
New Mexico (Cat 1)	4		N/A			0%	
New York (Cat 2)	5		N/A			0%	
North Carolina (Cat 2)	6		N/A			0%	
Ohio (Cat 3)	7	1	N/A		8/29/22	14%	
Oregon (Cat 2)	6	1	N/A		9/16/22	17%	
South Carolina (Cat 2)	6	1	N/A		9/6/22	17%	
Texas (Cat 2)	6		N/A			0%	
Virginia (Cat 1)	4		N/A			0%	
Washington (Cat 2)	5		N/A			0%	
Wisconsin (Cat 2)	5		N/A			0%	
Units	127	129		0	0		
TOTAL:	150	15		0	15		
		11.63%		0.00%	10.00%		
	Total	Local Aux		Grands	Overall		

MOCA Hospital Report



July 31, 2022

GRA ND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
Supreme District #1 -- Vickie Peterson, Commissioner											
DE	\$9,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MD	\$18,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
PA	\$15,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
VA	\$26,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
WV	\$8,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$78,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Supreme District #2 -- Anna Holm, Commissioner											
FL	\$51,250.00	6	6	8	127	198.00	1118.00	4353.52	0	8974.94	17.51
GA	\$7,250.00	1	2	5	6	12.00	270.00	0.00	0	308.40	4.25
LA	\$17,250.00	1	2	2	257	1.75	36.00	789.00	0	833.50	4.83
MS	\$23,000.00	3	14	27	459	90.50	850.00	700.32	0	2860.10	12.44
NC	\$41,500.00	4	6	7	105	29.50	436.00	721.61	1	1447.88	3.49
SC	\$44,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
TN	\$9,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$193,500.00	15	30	49	954	331.75	2710.00	6564.45	1	14424.81	7.45
Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner											
IL	\$18,000.00	1	1	1	70	4.50	129.00	446.00	0	565.54	3.14
KY	\$15,000.00	3	18	20	203	34.00	545.00	468.00	2	1311.00	8.74
MI	\$39,750.00	4	7	12	65	62.00	1720.00	15.98	0	1654.88	4.16
OH	\$33,250.00	8	20	35	124	708.75	840.00	1885.00	0	17984.91	54.09
WI	\$35,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	\$141,000.00	16	46	68	462	809.25	3234.00	2814.98	2	21516.33	15.26
Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner											
KS	\$23,250.00	9	155	268	2223	1225.50	10293.00	665.00	0	29741.05	127.92
MN	\$54,250.00	12	208	238	2051	835.50	10054.00	1093.10	8	21341.19	39.34
MO	\$42,250.00	16	39	50	1132	226.75	2045.00	743.95	0	6143.46	14.54
MT	\$7,000.00	3	94	96	94	263.00	0.00	324.00	0	6254.65	89.35
NE	\$11,500.00	3	27	40	1234	144.00	2725.00	258.00	0	3886.70	33.80
SD	\$12,250.00	3	11	24	135	63.50	545.00	1280.00	7	2788.23	22.76
Total	\$150,500.00	46	534	716	6869	2758	25662	4364	15	70155	46.61
Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner											
CO	\$24,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NM	\$28,000.00	2	2	2	165	12.00	420.00	330.00	0	659.40	2.36
TX	\$38,250.00	26	28	74	462	412.75	1997.00	3439.11	6	13026.20	34.06
Total	\$91,000.00	28	30	76	627	424.75	2417.00	3769.11	6	13685.60	15.04
Supreme District #6 -- Gaylene Ramos, Commissioner											
AK	\$6,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
AZ	\$32,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
CA	\$44,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NV	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	#DIV/0!
OR	\$33,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
WA	\$41,000.00	36	142	168	9827	1172.00	4493.00	16955.84	3	44013.46	107.35
Total	\$157,500.00	36	142	168	9827	1172.00	4493.00	16955.84	3	44013.46	27.95
Supreme District #7 -- Clare Prevot, Commissioner											
MA	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	#DIV/0!
NJ	\$23,250.00	8	6	16	540	179.25	844.00	1413.08	0	5573.33	23.97
NY	\$31,250.00	1	0	1	0	2.75	0.00	70.00	1	132.01	0.42
Total	\$54,500.00	9	6	17	540	182.00	844.00	1483.08	1	5705.34	10.47
Supreme Donations											
Total	\$866,250.00	150	788	1094	19279	5678.00	39360.00	35951.51	28	169500.81	19.57
Submitted By		Ruth Schoonover		Supreme Hospital Commissioner							

Cootie Christmas



94th Grand of Michigan

MOC/MOCA VFW National Home for Children



Cootie Christmas Party - December 3, 2022

Every year, the Grand of Michigan hosts and sponsors the “Cootie Christmas Party” for the children of the VFW National Home for Children. Your donations are necessary for this program to work and **WE NEED YOUR HELP! DONATIONS:** Make your donations payable to: MOC Grand of Michigan and send it to Grand of Michigan, Quartermaster Shane Houghton, 343 High Street, Ionia, Michigan, 48846. Earmark your check(s) Cootie Christmas Party. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The VFW NHC has requested **NO CLOWNS**, sorry.

HOTEL: The host **hotel** is Quality Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48917. For reservations, call (517) 886-0600 and/or email: qualitysuites@haymanco.com. Room rates are \$99 per night plus tax. Be sure to say that you are part of the Military Order of the Cootie.

HOSPITAL VISIT: We will be visiting Regency of Lansing West. 12200 Broadbent Rd, Lansing, MI 48917. We will meet in the hotel lobby 1:30pm and depart at 2:00pm on Friday, December 2nd. Christmas carol singing will be in order. **Clowns are appropriate for HOSPITAL VISIT ONLY.**

BANQUET: Jeanne Beck is the Banquet Coordinator; text her at (586) 909-0091 and/or email her with your questions at jeannebeck1@yahoo.com. Tickets for the Saturday night (Dec 3rd) banquet are \$43 per person. For reservations, make checks or money orders payable to Grand of MI MOCA and mail to Grand of Michigan Treasurer Kathy Kirby, 2330 Bingham Road, Clio, Michigan 48420. Her cell phone number is (810) 577-7350.

Please use the included reservation form and send with your payment. **Deadline is November 16, 2022.** Tickets for the banquet will not be mailed. Confirmation that ticket(s) has been purchased will be by email, if an email address is included with the banquet ticket payment. Thank you and don't delay!

Grand Sr. Vice Commander Horace Frazier (MOC Chairperson) and can be reached by email hfrazier1948@gmail.com or calling (734) 218-5239.

Cootie Christmas Banquet Form

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Address: _____

Name of person(s) attending: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Supreme Cootie of the Year Program 2022 - 23

Listen Cooties!

I know there are numerous Species Pediculi in our Grands that are constantly working the seams, keeping them smiling and being closer than a brother. If you know of such a lousy Cootie that you would like to submit to be considered for the award "Cootie of the Year", please send me a detailed description of what this Cootie has performed to:

Mark M. Newman, PSC 13-14
348 David Hall Road
Dover, DE 19904-5463
Email: mnewman122@gmail.com
Phone: 302-222-7558

If you have any questions, please contact me. If you can't get your nomination to me thru the above means, then bring it to the Supreme Convention and give it to me or any Past Supreme Commander. We know there must be some deserving Cooties out there, so let us know and provide us with the opportunity to make a selection. The Cootie that is selected will then be presented the Award during Supreme Convention Banquet.

Yours in LOTCS,

Mark M. Newman
Past Supreme Commander
2013-2014



Sky Pilot - Chaplain of the Year

Sky Pilot / Chaplain of the Year Program 2022-2023

Objective: The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the Military Order of the Cootie.

Mission: The Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the MOC are second to none. Their labor of love brings true credit to the MOC and its programs. The Supreme Sky Pilot or Chaplain of the Year Program is an excellent opportunity to recognize your best Sky Pilot or Chaplain. Sky Pilots of the Pup Tent, Chaplains of the Grand, District or Area, have been recognized at the Supreme Scratch each year as *Supreme Sky Pilot of the Year* or *Chaplain of the Year* since Cootie Year 1975-1976.

Selection:

1. Selection of the Supreme *Sky Pilot of the Year* or *Chaplain of the Year* is done from letters of nominations sent by Pup Tent Seam Squirrels, Grand District and Area Commanders, Grand Commanders, and Supreme Council Members to the Supreme Chaplain.
2. Letters of nominations are judged by a Select Committee of no less than three people who are NOT members of the MOC or VFW, but who understand fully the work or labor of the Chaplain. Any Sky Pilot and Chaplain previously selected as Sky Pilot of the Year or Chaplain of the Year on any level is not eligible for recognition a second time at that level. However, if they are honored at one level, they can be honored at another.
3. Nominations letters should be written on MOC letterhead.
4. Letters postmarked after 15 May 2023 will not be considered. Nomination letters may be mailed between 1 June 2022 and 15 May 2023.
5. Letters of nomination should contact facts, not just words. We have Sky Pilots and Chaplains who do great work in this, and our parent, organizations. So please nominate them and get them recognized by sending your letter to the Supreme Chaplain.
6. Do not let your Sky Pilot or Chaplain down. Please make a nomination for this honor. If you don't nominate them, they may not be recognized.

Dennis Fairell, Supreme Chaplain
27594 Log Cabin Rd
Salisbury, MD 21801
Hcit704FSH@gmail.com
(443) 859-2620 Hcit704FSH@gmail.com



THE INCREDIBLY STUPID ONE

In June 1967, Douglas Brent Hegdahl appeared at the Navy Recruiting office in his hometown of Clark, South Dakota to enlist and fight for his country. As Doug spoke to the Navy recruiter, he explained that he had only one stipulation. He wanted to go to Australia.

The recruiter produced orders assigning him to the USS Canberra, a missile cruiser, named for Australia's capital city. "With a title like that, the ship's bound to stop near its namesake," the recruiter told him. That was good enough for Doug, so he signed on the dotted line.

After completing boot camp, Doug Hegdahl assumed duties on the missile cruiser. Early one morning (0330) Hegdahl awoke to prepare for his watch in the aft ammunition handling room at 0400. But before beginning his watch, he went on deck to get a bit of fresh air. This was a fateful decision. For the Canberra was about to begin shelling North Vietnam from just three miles off its coast in the Gulf of Tonkin. Once shelling commenced, the blast from the ship's eight-inch guns knocked Doug overboard.

The thunderous guns drowned Hegdahl's cries for help as the Canberra steamed out of sight. Fortunately, Hegdahl remembered his water survival training. He removed his dungarees and used them as a floatation device and waited to be rescued. A Cambodian fishing boat picked Hegdahl up and turned him over to North Vietnamese officials.

Believing he might be a CIA agent – he was too tall to be a pilot, the officials sent Doug to the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" for interrogation. After several weeks of abuse, he employed a strategy of "playing stupid" before his captors. For instance, Hegdahl convinced his captors that he was their equivalent of a "poor illiterate peasant." His portrayal was so convincing that he earned the name "the incredibly stupid one."

Believing he posed no threat to them, the guards allowed Hegdahl free range of the camp to sweep it clean. They even gave him glasses to see better. But Hegdahl used his reputation as an idiot against his captors and for the good of his fellow prisoners.



Chaplain David Causey
US Army Retired

He disabled all the prison's trucks by contaminating their fuel lines. He committed to his phenomenal memory all the details of the camp – its layout, location within the city, cell numbers, location of each inmate, schedule, procedures, staff members, and war crimes. He used the strokes of his broom to tap coded messages to other prisoners. He also memorized the names of all 256 of his fellow prisoners – including personal identifiable information about them (rank, dates of capture, names of children and pets).

Since Doug was armed with so much valuable intel, his cellmate and immediate supervisor, Navy Commander Dick Stratton, hatched a plan. He ordered Doug to volunteer to be one of the North Vietnamese's "token prisoners" to be sent home for propaganda purposes.

To Hegdahl this was a distasteful order. All the prisoners had bound themselves to an oath not to accept such favors from the enemy. But Commander Stratton knew that Hegdahl possessed critical information that the U.S. Armed Forces needed to know. So, he gave him a direct order to accept the favor and go back to America.

Once he arrived in America (1969), Hegdahl divulged all his critical intelligence. The military discovered that 256 officers who were listed as missing or presumed dead were actually alive! He also revealed the horrific conditions and the torture they endured while in captivity. He described in detail the layout of the prison and its daily routines.

Multi-millionaire, Ross Perot, flew Hegdahl to Paris so he could appear before the North Vietnamese delegation at the peace talks. There he accused them of mistreating their prisoners – describing in detail the tortures their guards inflicted upon American captives. This resulted in a wave of political pressure from around the world against North Vietnam. Almost immediately the Hanoi Hilton's quality of life improved for the American prisoners. More and better rations, better treatment, and the cessation of torture followed.

But Doug Hegdahl did tell the delegation one huge lie. He accused the North Vietnamese of murdering his former cellmate, Commander Stratton because he had embarrassed the guards in a photo. Why did Hegdahl tell such a lie? He knew it would place pressure upon North Vietnam to produce the commander alive – and well. It worked. The North



Vietnamese made sure no evil befell him. They ensured that, when Commander Stratton was released, he would be in perfect health – minus the scars they inflicted on his body.

After his release, Stratton wrote this tribute to his former cellmate. “The incredibly stupid one, my personal hero, is the archetype of the innovative, resourceful, and courageous American Sailor. These Sailors are the products of the neighborhoods, churches, schools, and families working together to produce individuals blessed with a sense of humor and a gift of freedom who can overcome any kind of odds. These Sailors are tremendously loyal and devoted to their units and their leaders in their own private and personal ways. As long as we have “the Doug’s” of this world, our country will retain its freedoms.”

Doug Hegdahl is also a supreme example of how any of us, under the darkest and most adverse and restrictive circumstances, can still be a blessing to many. It was in the adversity of prison that Joseph was molded into the savior of both Egypt and the inhabited world. It was in prison that Paul’s most powerful epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, and 2 Timothy) were written. His imprisonment (at least while in Caesarea) may have also helped produce the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. And it was in prison that John Bunyan penned what was once the world's most read book, apart from the Bible, *The Pilgrim’s Progress*.

If you feel imprisoned by circumstances, family responsibilities, work responsibilities, or perhaps by a military deployment, do not despair. Nor should you shift to autopilot and simply “serve your time.” Instead, determine in your heart that, by God’s grace and help, you will be a blessing where the Lord has planted you. Seek to grow through your ordeal, so you will emerge from it greater than when you entered it.

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, please give me the grace, power, and faith to rise to the occasion and be a blessing to others wherever You plant me. Why else do You light a lamp, but to place it in the darkness where its light is needed most? Amen.

Newshound's note: *Insightful Illustrations* is a daily devotional. If you would like receive it, e-mail Chaplain Dave Causey at: dcausey@network211.com. Also, check out “*The Warriors Journey*” website where Chaplain Causey is a frequent contributor. <https://thewarriorsjourney.org>.

Grand of California

Annual Burger Bash

MOC Grand Commander Jeaneen Austin, PT44 visited PT43 "Chinchies" to support our annual Burger Bash on 21 August.

Pictured are Grand Officers including PGC/Grand Hospital Chairman Lamont Duncan, MOC Grand Commander Jeaneen Austin PT44, Sr. Vice Commander Cindy Ohara, Grand Historian Steve Kemp, Jr. Vice Commander Kenny Lindbreg and PGP Annie Thompson-Duncan.



PT 43 "Chinchies" and PT 44 "Perrisites" Cooties would like to thank our MOC Grand Commander for supporting our annual hospital fundraiser. We had door prizes, raffles and lots of Cootie Milk. All who attended had a LOUSY time!



*Photos by
Steve Kemp
Grand
Historian*

Cooties marching into the hall for opening ceremonies and PGC Lamont Duncan explains all the work Cooties do to support veterans in hospitals all around the world.



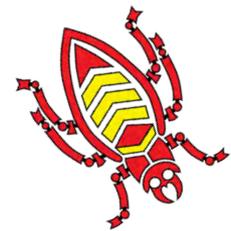
Chuck Peterson met with Lucinda Chin, President of the Cuddle Quilt Committee and picked up a large number of pillowcases, laundry bags and different sized blankets. This sewing group of ladies are from the Loomis, CA.

All of the donations were given to the Fresno VA Hospital's long-term care building.

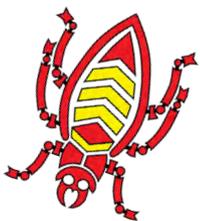
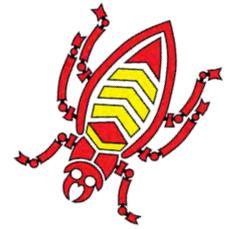
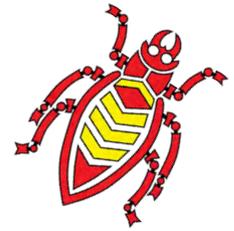
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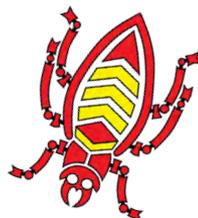
A small pile of comfort blankets given to me by the Jen's Sewing Group located in Rocklin, CA



Grand of Iowa



Pup Tent #6, Cedar Bugs, Seam Squirrel
Rick Martin cooking at Iowa City VA Hospital.



Grand of Maryland

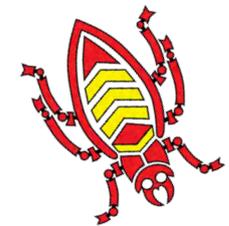
Grand of Maryland at State Commander/President Homecoming



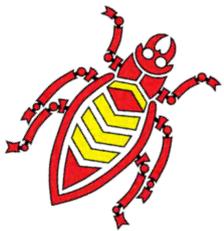
Grand Commander Clinton “T” Townsend, Grand President Mildred Spence, Grand Secretary VaNette Jones, Grand Chaplain Rita Surber, Grand Fun Chairwoman Johnnie Mae Townsend, and Grand Sr. Vice President Sheila M. Justice enjoy themselves at the State Commander/President’s homecoming on 30 July 2022 along with two other MOCA members from the Grand leadership to have some fun.

Submitted by Clinton “T” Townsend





Grand Sr. Vice President Sheila Justice, Grand Secretary VaNette Jones, PupTent #1 Newshound Kathleen Fitzpatrick and MOCA member (Past State President) Cynthia Davis, man the President's pin booth at the State Commander/President's Homecoming.



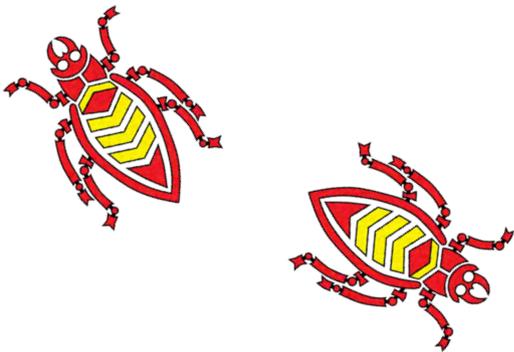
Grand President Mildred Spence and Grand Fun Officer Johnnie Mae Townsend meet and greet at the Homecoming.





Grand Chaplain Rita Surber and Grand Fun Chairwoman Johnnie Mae Townsend confer on spiritual matters at the Homecoming.

Grand School of Instruction



Past All Star Grand Commander Randy Peaker, Grand Inspector Larry Williams and Grand Pill Pusher Thomas Frasier listen as Grand Commander Clinton Townsend passes out information.

Grand of Michigan

In August we had two main events supporting the VFW National Home for Children (VFW NHC); the Cedar Point Trip and Michigan Day. In September the Grand participated in the Romeo Michigan Peach Festival Parade.

The Cedar Point Trip is a Grand of Michigan function where we purchase admission tickets for children, their parents and chaperones, for a fun filled day at the Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio. Working in conjunction with Department of Ohio, VFW Post 2529 in Sandusky, their Auxiliary and the Dad's of Foreign Service Veterans Post 32, who provided transportation (if required) from the VFW National Home to VFW Post 2529, to the amusement park and back to Eaton Rapids, MI. They also provided brunch for the attendees and gift cards for purchases at the amusement park. Everyone had a truly LOUSY time at the park.



Grand Commander Nathaniel "Nate" Powell, VFW NHC Staff Member Nancy Bowers, and Past Department of Ohio Commander James Hordinski at VFW Post 2529 in Sandusky, Ohio.



Just some of the kids having a great brunch- fuel for the day!
Thank you Post 2529!

This is the third year out of the past four (2020 was canceled), that the Grand of Michigan M.O.C. and M.O.C.A. members participated in the **Romeo Peach Festival Parade**. We had marchers and riders in the parade and passed out tons of candy. There had to have been approximately 20,000 people along the parade route. This brings awareness of the Military Order of the Cootie and the Auxiliary in our State. It is always a blast!



Grand Commander Powell, Grand President Bridget White and her son Liam, posing for pictures with the American Legion Jeep Brigade.



Grand Windjammer/Provost Marshall Rudy Wade, Grand Sr Vice Commander Horace Frazier Jr., Grand Commander Powell, Grand Sky Pilot Hazel White, PGC Russell Makowski, and Past 8th Supreme District Council Member PGC Mahlon Breese getting ready to start.

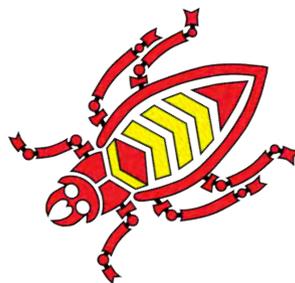
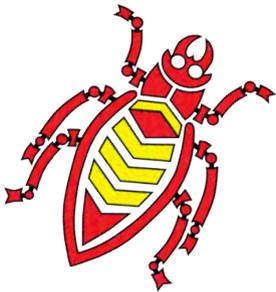


Screen shot of us on the local TV station.



Grand Commander Powell presenting a Grand of Michigan donation to the VFW National Home for Children on **Michigan Day**. From left to right; VFW NHC Director Michael Wilson (PT-14), Department of Michigan Commander John Griffith (PT-21), Buddy Poppy Child Aurora, and Department of Michigan President Diana Ward (PT-32 Auxiliary).

***Submitted by:
PGC Eric Bell
Adjutant/Chief of Staff
Grand of Michigan***



Grand of Washington

Traci Williams visited one of her Post members at KU Medical Center while at National Convention / Scratch a few times! He was in a motorcycle accident here in Kansas City. He was in ICU for 2 weeks, and now in critical care unit.

Courtesy of Traci Williams, Crazy Eights, Blanket Bum, PT 8



Traci said, "The patient's name is Mike Pritchett. He is now, as of today, at home with a rehab team as he didn't want to go to a rehab center! Hard headed, obviously, because he wasn't wearing a helmet and didn't die! Anyway, yea, Kansas University Hospital was where he was."





A check for \$15,139.38 was presented to golf course director Bruce McKenty for last year's special project for 2021-2022 for American Lake Veterans Golf Course Disabled/Handicap Training Program.

The American Lake Veterans Golf Course provides affordable, enjoyable golf for all our veterans and their family members. They do this through a volunteer force of over 230 volunteers who manage, operate, and maintain this beautiful 18-hole golf course, designed by Jack Nicklaus, and its support facilities. Their mission is to help veterans "heal through the power of golf" and they feel they accomplish that mission daily. They do a very good job in the mobility impaired arena.

Pictured from left to right are: Walt Tanimoto, Past Grand President Lori Nettles, Bruce McKenty, Past Grand Commander Hardy Nettles and Grand Commander Steve Woodward.



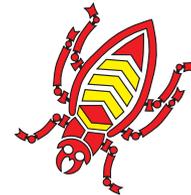
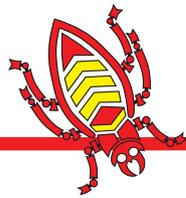
The price for a mailed copy of the Cootie Courier has increased to \$10.00/Year. To continue receiving a mailed copy, please send a check or money order to:

MOC Supreme Headquarters
604 Braddock Avenue
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Yes, I would like to receive a mailed copy of the Cootie Courier at the annual subscription price of \$10.00.

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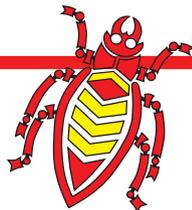
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Did you know that a **Life Membership** in the Military Order of the Cootie can be purchased with your credit card?

Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!

(412-824-2240)



From the Supreme Newshound

Listen Cooties!

First of all I would like to echo the Supreme Commander's thanks for all those responding to the natural disasters this year. *Brad Henry* once said, "The worst thing that we can do is do nothing." The article about the "Incredibly Stupid One" on page 32 tells of how Douglas Brent Hegdahl did "something" in the Vietnam War to help the POW brothers.

Have you received your Honor Degree certificate yet from your Pup Tent? If not, see the article on page 9 of this issue to find out how.

Are you a Red Star Life Member? If not, you can find out how on page 50. Once you are a Red Star Life Member you are eligible for a 5% discount on the Cootie Depot.

Have you invited an atom to take those backward steps and become a part of our Crummy Fraternity? There's a cartoon on page 53 that shows what the transformation from an atom to a nit looks like.

I thank everyone for sending in articles to our Crummy Rag. This any issue wouldn't be possible without Specie Pediculi input. Remember when submitting content to include who, what, when, where and why in your submissions and when sending in photos, I accept JPEG, PDF, TIFF and PNG files. Send all your Crummy submissions to be shredded to: cootiecourier@lotcs.org.

Yours in LOTCS,

DALE A IANNELLO

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Never Pay Dues Again

LIFE MEMEBRSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

ATTAINED AGE

Through Age 30	\$340.00
31 Through 40	\$325.00
41 Through 50	\$305.00
51 Through 60	\$275.00
61 Through 70	\$245.00
71 Through 80	\$190.00
81 And over	\$150.00

Attained age is the age that you are on December 31st of the year that you apply. All applications for Life Membership MUST include the VFW Life Membership number of the applicant and be accompanied with the required fee. Life Membership is available to 3rd Degree Cooties only! Prospective atoms cannot become Life Members until they have been deloused! See section 120 of the Supreme By-Laws for more information.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP – THE DEAL OF A LIFETIME!

Red Star Life Membership

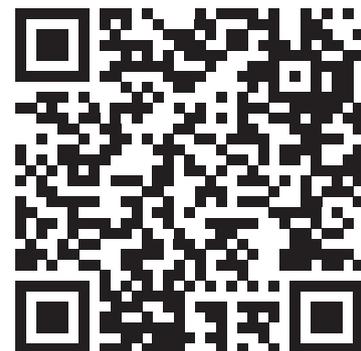
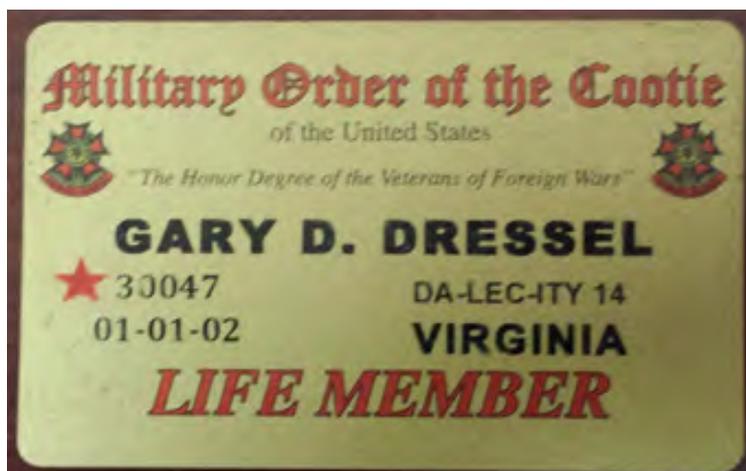
For the price of \$100.00 you too can become a **Red Star Life Member** and help support our "**Crummy Fraternity**" and leave a legacy for your Pup Tent.



How you might ask? Well, you may become a **Red Star Life Member** after you have become a *Life Member* in the VFW and a *Life Member in the MOC*. Your new membership card will look like the one pictured below with a **red star** on it.

So, become one of the "**Lousy**" elite by simply contacting Supreme Quartermaster Gary Dressel at supremehqmoc@lotcs.org. Or go to the Cootie Depot and purchase your **Red Star Life Membership** online by going to: https://www.lotcs.org/WA_eCart/life_member.php#RedStarLMCard. Or scan the QR code below.

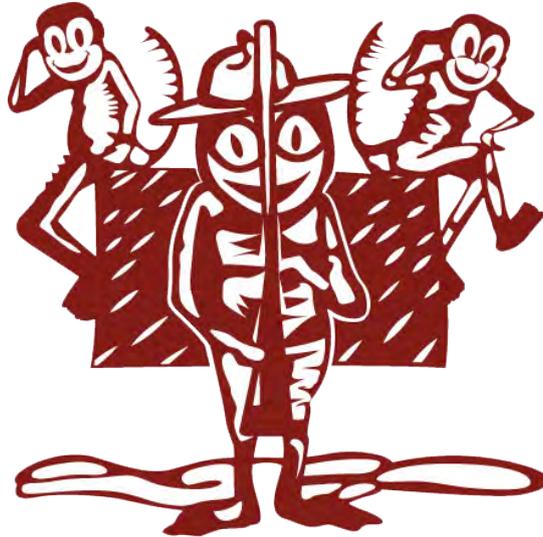
All **Red Star Life Members** receive a 5% discount on Cootie Depot gear. Just check the Red Star Life Member box and enter your Red Star Life Member card Number on the checkout page.



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Past Supreme Commander Fernando "Fred" Garcia Jr. passes away

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of PSC Garcia. Keep his wife and family in your prayers.

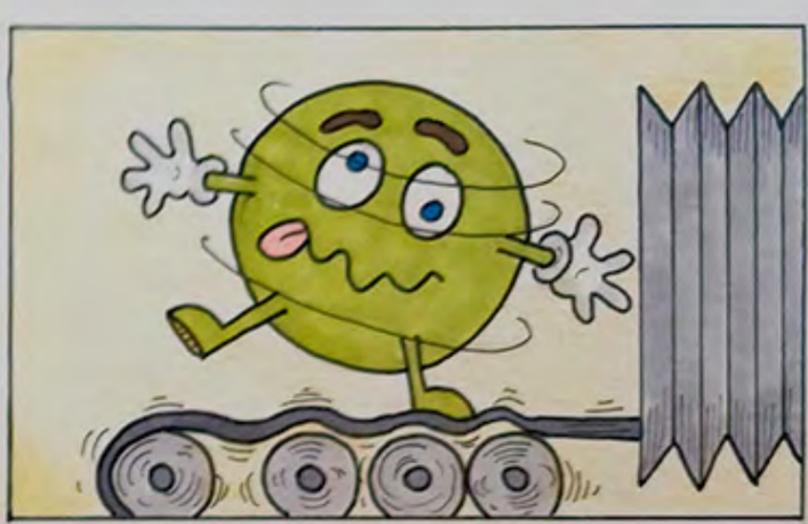
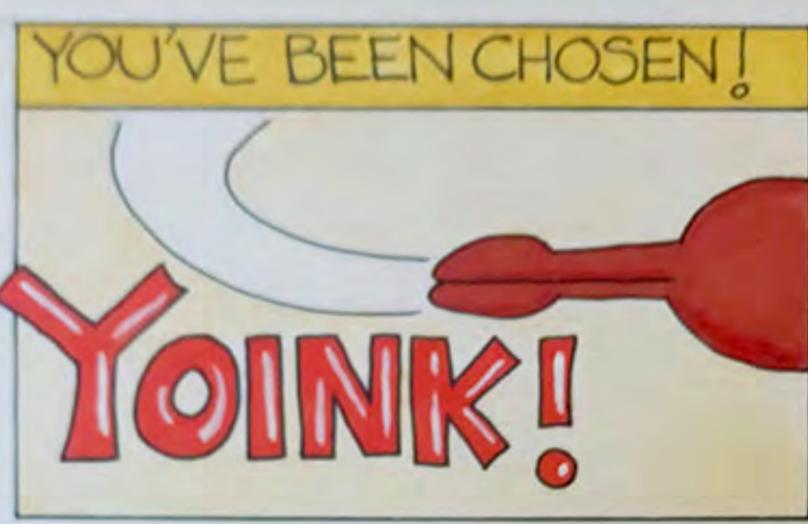
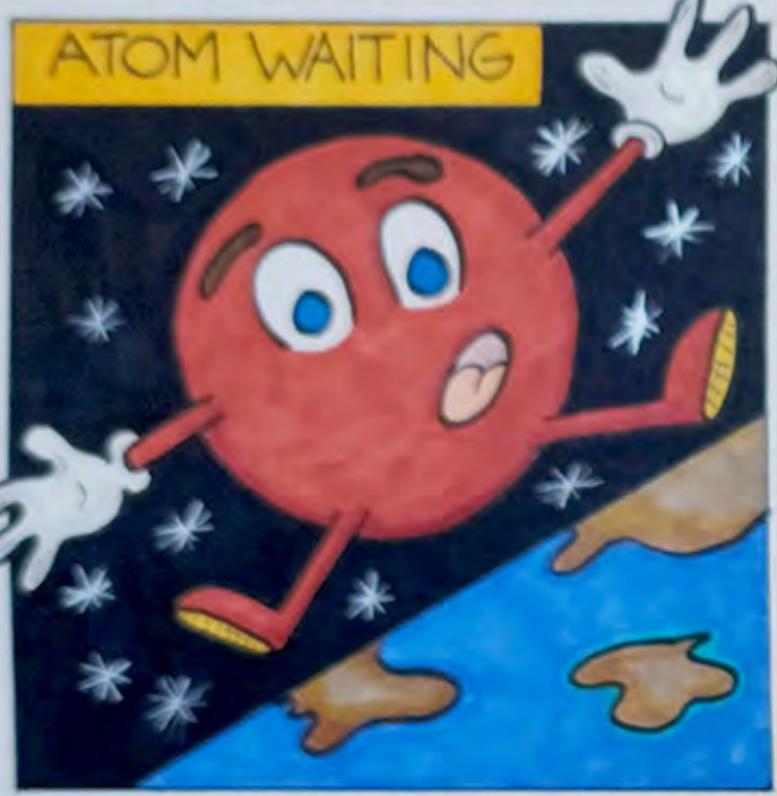
Fernando "Fred" Garcia, Jr., age 87 of Victoria, Texas passed away Friday, August 5, 2022. He was born September 8, 1934, in Gonzales to the late Rev. Fernando Garcia and Carlota Ibarra-Garcia.

He is survived by his wife Antonia "Tonie" Garcia of Victoria; daughters; Rosita Silvestri, Yolanda Garcia, Theresa Ordonez, and Linda Lerma; sons; Clemente Garcia and Hector Garcia; sister Lydia Sevier and brother Rev. Andres Garcia.

He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, daughter Jeannette Garcia, and son Ciro Garcia.





A NEW NIT IS FORMED!

