



## Grand Commander Berg

(a.k.a. Big Bug Berg – B3)

**“THRU STRENGTH WE WILL INCREASE AND MULTIPLE”**

(our motto)



Listen Cootie, here as the Crummiest!

ST - CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PUP TENTS THAT INVITED ME TO THEIR SCRATCH - NOTEWORTHY I ALONG WITH PUP TENT 6 SS WENT TO AUSTRALIA FOR THE PT SCRATCH AND D5 MEETING - PT 6 INITIATED 2 ATOMS INTO LEVEL 3 NITS - THE GRAND OF THE PACIFIC CONQUERED ANOTHER CONTINENT/COUNTRY TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

ST - REMINDER - WE ARE THE HONOR SOCIETY OF THE VFW - DO NOT DISHONOR THE GRAND BY ALLOWING UNQUALIFIED MEMBERS INTO OUR MEMBERSHIP

ST - REMINDER - NO TWO PUP TENTS MAY MERGE WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THE GRAND AND SUPREME

L.O.T.C.S.,  
 Fred Berg  
 Commander, (Big Bug)  
 Email: [bergfrederick2@gmail.com](mailto:bergfrederick2@gmail.com)



# Grand Sr. Vice Commander Gley

(a.k.a. Middle Bug)



Lousy New Year Cooties,

I was unlucky enough to attend the first Beach Bash since COVID began and Post 11447 and Pup Tent 11 made it a lousy time. We had a miserable time in the sun and sand and made sure to read lots of library books. As of 28 February, the Grand is sitting at **86.73%**, with 7 New, 17 Continuous, 1 Reinstated, 356 Life; for a Total of 381 members; our goal is 437 members; so we still have a long way to go needing 56 more Cooties. We currently have two **100%+ Pup Tents: 6 and 15.** We also have two Pup Tents that are **close to 100%: 1 and 303.**

To be considered an All-Star Grand:

Must be 100% +2 in Membership.

Must be 125% in Hospital quota.

Must be 100% in Supreme Special Project.

Must be 100% in Donation to MOC/MOCA House Support.

Must have 100% of the PTs inspected and received by the Supreme Inspector by 31 May 2023.

All Pup Tent election reports must be received by the Supreme Headquarters by 31 May 2023

To be considered an All-Star Pup Tent:

Must be 100% +2 in Membership.

Must be 150% in Hospital quota.

Must be 100% in Supreme Special Project.

Must be 100% in Donation to MOC/MOCA House Support.

Pup Tent must be inspected by 31 May 2023.

Pup Tent election report must be received by the Supreme Headquarters by 31 May 2023

Do not recruit just to make numbers; make sure that they are hard workers and supporters of the Post; remember we are all VFW members first. They need to be someone who can get the job done and understand the importance of what we do. Let us do everything we can to increase and multiply so that all those deserving, can experience the lousy feeling that this order brings us. Let us continue to keep our fellow comrades Smilin' in Beds Of White by performing Buddy Checks even if it can only be through phone or video calls.

Through Strength We Will Increase and Multiply

L.O.T.C.S.,

Yours in LOTCS,

David Gley

Cootie #. 266

dbgley@gmail.com



# Grand Jr. Vice Commander Himes

(a.k.a. Little Bug)



Greetings all you Lousy Cooties out there.

I was also in attendance to the Post 11447's Beach Bash. I would have to say it looked as if everyone was bored to death. No one was having any fun at all.

We are asking that we all keep on doing our BUDDY Checks, and if possible, start making some Hospital Visits.

**2022-2023 AWARDS** inputs are due in by COB, 15 April 2023. The forms are located by [clicking on this link](https://vfwdeptpacific.org/GMOCDPA/cootie-admin/cootie-admin-2/)

These are the following inputs we are looking for from each Pup Tent:

- Outstanding-Pup Tent
- Outstanding Standing CCDB
- Outstanding Cootie
- Outstanding Seam Squirrel
- Outstanding Hungry Cootie
- Outstanding Outside Contributor

This year we are dropping the Outstanding New Cootie.

See you all in the next Rim of Fire and let **Keep them Smiling in Beds of White.**

L.O.T.C.S.,  
Randall Himes  
rehimes@gmail.com



# Grand Jr. Past Commander Moses

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES GRAND



Listen Cooties,

Please let us make sure that one of our main focuses for the MOC is the growth of our Pup Tents and Grand. We need to have the attitude to fill up our VFW Posts and let our VFW comrades know how much value the Military of the Order of the cooties is.... we are the Best Public Relations that Post has - or should be. Recruit New VFW members that are involved with what is good for the VFW and advertise what Military Order of the cooties is doing in partnership with our VFW comrades. Ask for a slot at the upcoming District conventions and next year's meeting and share what the Pup Tents have been doing in those districts. This should be a secret.



We need to power up and make sure that our organizations VFW and MOC are strong with focus and determination and not hatred, petty jealousies trivial personalities. Doing things, the way we have always done will only lead to the same results and that is not good.

The challenge for each of us is to take the time to figure out the gift and the way it's beneficial to our grand and department. We all have gifts and the important thing isn't how we view these gifts but rather, how well we use them.

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

Robert "Mo" Moses  
Junior Past Big Bug  
Grand of Pacific



## Grand Quartermaster Napsey

(a.k.a., Duffle Bug)

Listen up Cooties!

Below is each PT and Grand current membership percentages as of 28 Feb 2023:

PT 1	100.00%
PT 2	93.00%
PT 6	109.09
PT 7	74.51%
PT 8	77.67%
PT 11	80.00%
PT 13	90.91%
PT 15	100.00%
PT 303	97.67%



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

Mike "Hot Spot" Napsey  
PT 15 Mighty Pinatubo





# Grand Adjutant Holzworth

(a.k.a., Hungry Cootie)



## *From the Desk of the GRAND PACIFIC ADJUTANT:*

Greetings, I do hope all had a great and safe Christmas and New Year holiday. As we look toward an exciting and productive 2023 for Cooties across the Department of Pacific Area. We are in the second half of this Cootie term and before we know it the Annual Scratch will be knocking on all our Pup Tent seams.

## **Cootie Notes from Grand Mid Term:**

- Thanks to all the Cooties that attended the Mid Term C of A last month, the Scratch was as always truly LOUSY!!! The Big Bug rambled on with no direction until he broke his toys. A huge thank you to VFW Senior-Vice Commander in Chief and Cootie Life Member of Ky-Yi, PT-1 Delaware Duane Sarmiento who expressed his appreciation for what all the Pup Tents within the Grand of the Pacific.
- Special thanks to Tim Peters Cootie Life Member from East Helena, Montana (Western Conference) who spoke at the Scratch echoing SVC Sarmiento's comments. Tim also is seeking support for his election as Junior-Vice Commander in Chief for 2023-2024 Term.
- All Pup Tents within the Grand should have an elected CCDB and an Assistance CCDB to allow visibility and financial coverage in the unforeseen event of a death or debilitating illness occurs in a PT.
- JPGC Moses as well as the Big Bug are encouraged by the recruiting numbers to date and reiterated to continue recruiting of those that truly desire to be Cooties, not just for the numbers, Quality rather than Quantity.
- Grand Scratch date has not yet been set; however, it will be held between 11-15 June in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, more information to be released in the March edition of the rim of Fire.

## **Pup Tent General Order Number 1:**

Thanks to all Pup Tents for sending in your up-to-date GO#, B3 is content and quietly coloring with his crayons. Please continue to send any and all changes that occur within your PT the Adjutant when they occur.

## **Pup Tent Scratch Minutes**

To ALL the Hungry Cooties!!! There are still several Pup Tents that have not provided Scratch Minutes. I will be sending out another reminder in Mid-March to all Hungry Cooties that have not sent me minutes, but no need to wait for that, send me what you have soonest.

As per Article III Section 316C requires Pup Tents to record all proceedings of each Scratch (minutes), further the minutes are to be emailed to the Grand Adjutant for review by the Big Bug to allow for his



situational awareness (SA) of significant value happening within each of your Pup Tents. Please forward copies of your minutes to me soonest for review and filing to my email address, [Divemaster65@yahoo.com](mailto:Divemaster65@yahoo.com). We intend on keeping the Big Bug smiling so he will not whine and cry about everything he is missing.

**COOTIE Correspondence**

Just a reminder that all correspondence for the Big Bug or on Grand of the Pacific Cootie are to be CCed to the Adjutant for filing. Please send to [Divemaster65@yahoo.com](mailto:Divemaster65@yahoo.com) or [hholzworth65@gmail.com](mailto:hholzworth65@gmail.com).

**Rim of Fire**

Remember; the ROF is published every two months. It is posted on the Grand Website and MOC site on Facebook. Articles are due to the Newshound, Randy Riggs not later than the 5<sup>th</sup> of (September, November, January, March, and May). Be sure to mark your calendars and send to Newshound Riggs at [GPANEWSHOUND@gmail.com](mailto:GPANEWSHOUND@gmail.com).

No Correspondence have been received to date form Supreme, however, please note that Cootie Joseph Bozsoki of Pup Tent 8 ROK and Shyster Randy Riggs of Pup Tent 6 (D5 Thailand) have formally announced their intent to run for MOC-GPA Little Bug 2023-2024 Term. Also, our current CCDB Michael Napsy and James Malott have submitted their intent to run for office.

Every Cootie should access the MOC Grand website at [vfwdeptpacific.org/GMOCDPA](http://vfwdeptpacific.org/GMOCDPA) for update information and the MOCGPA Facebook page at **gRAND oF tHE pACIFIC MOC 2.0**.

Be LOUSY always!  
L.O.C.T.S.  
Howard Holzworth (H2)



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## Grand Inspector Larson

(a.k.a., Watchdog Bug)

Listen up Cooties!

The “WATCHDOG” was let out last issue and since then, four inspectors were found to be milling about with hands in their pockets and possessing non important inspections. No dog bites were reported during the “classified” document turnover.



The Grand is currently at 89%, with 8 of 9 Pup Tents having completed their inspections. Pup Tent 303 is the only Pup Tent remaining to complete their annual inspection.

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

Barry Larson  
Grand Inspector



# Grand Judge Advocate Riggs

(a.k.a., Shyster)



Listen Up all you Coots,

## Elections & Installation

Well, the Election & Installation are here. Pup Tents Office (except those designated in Sec 303) shall be elected and installed for a period of one year. The Shavetails shall elect and install NLT the last day of March, unless otherwise provided for by special dispensation granted by the Grand Commander. District or Area Pup Tents (IAW Sec 404D) will follow the same rules as noted in the Grand Bylaws, unless otherwise directed by special dispensation. If you have adopted procedures that allow for virtual attendance, I encourage you to review your guidelines prior to the Scratch.

## Delegates

As per Sec.326 of the Supreme Bylaws; delegates to the Grand Scratch are based on the strength of its monthly report for the period prior to the Grand Scratch, provided that the members elected hold a paid-up a dues card and the Pup Tent has paid per capita tax during the month prior to the Grand Scratch.

Pup Tents within the Grand Tent, who are in arrears for membership reports, minutes, CCDB returns, per capita tax payments, and inspection reports will be excluded from all representation in the Grand and Supreme Scratches until reviewed by proper authority.

Calculate the number of authorized delegates by dividing the number of members in good standing by 15 or a fraction thereof, equals your Pup Tent delegate strength. Example:  $50/15 = 3.33$  or 4 authorized delegates

## Amendments and Resolutions

If anyone has a proposed Amendment to our Grand Bylaws or Supreme Bylaws, you are asked to run them through the proper channels and submit them in final format to me Not Later Than the 15th of May 2023. This will ensure all concerned are able to review your proposal prior to our Scratch in June. Any questions or concerns please email me the Grand Newshound (gpanewshound@gmail.com)

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,  
Randy Riggs  
PT6 "Maeng Das"  
LM# 42280



# Grand Chaplain Kelly

(a.k.a., Sky Pilot)

## Sickbay

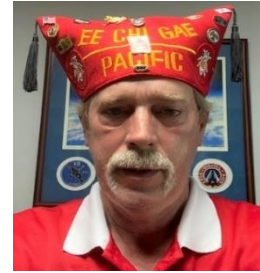
Listen up you old Coots –

Loving and ever-present God, we believe that your grace is sufficient for all things. Comfort us anew by your presence. Allow that in our weakness we may be made strong, in our grief, consoled, and in our ignorance, wise. Protect and guide us that we may know the way to take and that at each crossroad of life we may see the right path to choose. Safeguard us by your power, uphold us your kindness, and warm us by your love. By your divine grace help us to do what is right, to act courageously, to love our neighbors, to forgive our enemies. By your grace, bless us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Amen Amen Amen HALLELUJAH!!!

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

Don Kelly



# Grand Surgeon Higgins

(a.k.a., Medic Bug)

Listen Up, The Doctor is in the House

## 6 Body Parts You Should Not Ignore After 50



### 1. Your eyes

Even if you have perfect vision, an eye exam every one to three years should be part of your routine starting at age 55, when the eye begins to blur and lose central vision, which damages the optic nerve, threatening peripheral vision. Some researches show you can slow the progress of macular degeneration with a specific multivitamin supplement. And if you're experiencing the gritty sensation of dry eye — which gets more common with age — look for relief with omega-3-rich foods or supplements, eyelid hygiene or artificial tears.

### 2. Your teeth and gums

These days, basic oral hygiene can get the needed mileage out of them but, you may need to do more than you are used to. To keep your teeth and gums healthy for the long haul, it's recommends doubling down on your oral hygiene (no skipping flossing tonight!). And avoid chewing ice, as tooth enamel can chip, or using your teeth for things like removing a price tag. "Teeth are not tools," he says.





### 3. Your feet

You probably don't think much about your feet until they hurt — and pain is a strong likelihood. Many of my patients over 50 have significant foot issues, Long-term forces are often to blame. Calluses on the soles develop from foot abnormalities that make it difficult to walk, such problems not only make your feet smart but can lead to knee, hip and back problems.

Forty to 60 are the prime ages for inflammation of the tissue band (fascia) that connects the heel bone to the toes. It typically comes from overstressing the fascia due to the force of activity and hard surfaces. Feet are designed for grass, dirt and sand; so, everything that we walk on is hard, and it's the hard stuff that causes problems. What to do: Wear supportive shoes — even around the house.

### 4. Your pelvic floor

You might think of the pelvic floor — the muscles that stretch from the pubic bone back to the tailbone at the bottom of the pelvis — as a female concern. But it's just as important to men. The pelvic floor muscles hold up your bowel, your bladder, and your uterus, if you're a woman, and your prostate, if you're a man. A strong pelvic floor is also essential to sexual arousal. Strengthening your body's core is also vital. Abdominal muscles, hip muscles and spinal muscles connect to and support the pelvic floor, and vice versa, allowing it to work at its best.

### 5. Your hips and knees

These familiar joints are among your body's most vulnerable. They are considered weight-bearing joints. And having a knee or a hip that is causing you pain diminishes every aspect of your life." Unfortunately, hip and knee pain are common after 50 and often lead to surgery. Other factors like obesity can also play a role. The carrying extra weight seems to wear out, not just because there's more stress, but having a lot of fatty tissue on your body causes you inflammation, and that inflammation seems to attack hip and knees. Shedding excess pounds and exercising are good ways to minimize joint pain. If your joint is already giving you trouble, keep moving, but you may need to alter what you've been doing. So, listen to your joints.

### 6. Your ears

LISTEN UP ---- Just 2 percent of Americans ages 45 to 54 have serious hearing loss. But that changes over time, rising to half of people 75 and older. We start to see people who are bothered by hearing loss in their 50s and 60s. Hearing changes may be small year to year, and it takes the average person seven years to seek help, but addressing hearing loss early on may lead to lowering risks for depression and dementia, both of which can be linked to poor hearing. Another reason to care for your ears: They play a crucial role in preserving your balance and preventing falls, which become more common and risky as you age.

To all Brothers and Sisters, please take care of yourselves and I look forward to seeing you in June.

LOTCS,  
Pat "Doc" Higgins  
Aka the Witch Doctor



# Grand Hospital Chairman Himes

(a.k.a., Sick Bay Bug)



We are moving along very smoothly with the online reporting of the Hospital Reports to Supreme. This will be starting in May 2023 become the norm for the Hospital RPT. If you are still having trouble with the new online system let me know.

A few of the PT that are sending their reports the old way in email and I have been uploading them. This is not a problem for me and I am glad to input them for you guys.

**WORKER Tab** needs to be sent to me by **15 April** so I can have the patches made and ready for passing out in the June convention.

With this new system your due dates are push until the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month. Even if you are still going to send Excel reports to me the same date will be used. Report email is still to me at [rehimes@gmail.com](mailto:rehimes@gmail.com). I will still try and send reminders out on the 23<sup>rd</sup> each month to you all.

This is the report sent out **01 March 2023** please check for your files.

Pup Tent	Goal	Report	Visit	Cooties	Patient	Hour	Mile	Gift	This Month Credit	Previous Month Credit	Total Credit	Percentage
1	\$20,500.00	1	64	64	69	145	325	\$50.85	\$3,366.10	\$25,686.77	\$29,052.87	141.72%
2	\$7,500.00	1	4	4	6	4	15		\$92.30	\$6,451.30	\$6,543.60	87.25%
6	\$11,000.00	1	283	105	24	135.5	358.5	\$66.00	\$3,171.72	\$14,656.57	\$17,828.29	162.08%
7	\$12,750.00	1	32	32	24	73	225	\$155.33	\$1,832.98	\$11,567.85	\$13,400.83	105.10%
8	\$25,750.00	1	9	13	12	61.5	493		\$1,455.85	\$10,279.61	\$11,735.46	45.57%
11	\$6,250.00	1	12	12	12	36	315		\$855.90	\$11,951.88	\$12,807.78	204.92%
13	\$5,500.00	1	70	70	100	104	805	\$220.00	\$2,677.90	\$22,828.37	\$25,506.27	463.75%
15	\$9,000.00	1	10	9	11	22.00	30.00		\$500.30	\$8,827.46	\$9,327.76	103.64%
303	\$10,750.00	1	26	7	25	21.45	246.20	\$99.00	\$617.17	\$15,126.57	\$15,743.74	146.45%
MAL												
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$109,000.00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>602.45</b>	<b>2812.70</b>	<b>\$591.18</b>	<b>\$14,570.21</b>	<b>\$127,376.38</b>	<b>\$141,946.59</b>	<b>130.23%</b>

**Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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

Randell sends  
 GOP Little Bug  
 GOP Hospital Chairman  
 PT1 Cootie 1251



# Grand National Home Chairman Guarnuccio

(a.k.a., Kid's Home Bug)



Listen up Cooties

On behalf of the Big Bug; we are looking forward to having all of you becoming a Life Member or an Associate Life Member with the National Home. This creates a lasting bond between yourself and the mission of the National Home. Membership fee is \$45.00 plus \$5.00 for the pin and you receive a membership card. Let support the National Home through donations, or even joining the other charters that support the home.

Be a Life Membership now.

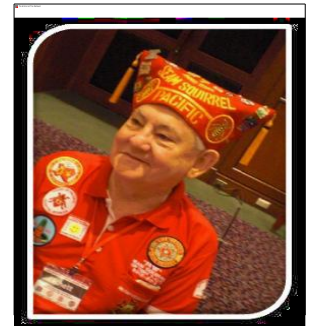
Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,

Emanuel "Manny" Guarnuccio  
Grand of Pacific Hospital Chairmen  
PT6, Maeng Das LM# 42500



# Grand Blood Chairman Webber

(a.k.a., Vampire Bug)



Grand Blood/Vampire Says,

If any of our Cooties donate blood during this year, send your Pup Tent data to me, to include fellow Vampire's donation name, dates, amount in pints of blood sucked out of the donors. Blood Chairman/Vampire has not received any data yet, from any Pacific Grand Pup Tent or Cootie!!!

Remember to continue supporting our Paddy Daddy and VFW National Home for Children Programs.

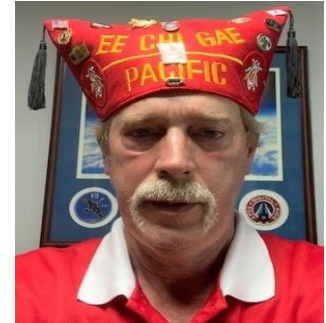
As always, you can contact me anytime for *assistance!*

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



# Grand Paddy Daddy Chairman Kelley

(a.k.a. Pad Dad Bug)



Big Bug and Fellow Cooties,

This year has truly started off crummy for the VFW National Home Special Project Paddy Daddy Program.

So far, we only have 15 lousy new members. Most of these members are the results of a former Ee CHI GAE Pup Tent #2 Cootie who deserted to the seams of Georgia. The new Seam Squirrel of Mossy Mites Pup Tent #1, Justin Howe, from the Grand of Georgia has recruited 7 lousy new members. I'm thinking they are really enjoying the delicious bowl of Ee CHI GAE that infamous Cootie Howe brought from the fertile hunting grounds of the Pacific.

But not lagging far behind, the disgraceful cooties from Maeng Das Pup Tent #6 did a truly despicable job of recruiting 5 lousy new members.

The children of our departed comrades at the VFW National Home for Children are kneeling at their bedsides in reverent prayer to Almighty God. Bless our National Home for Children.

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

Don Kelley



## MOC PACIFIC AREAS PADDY DADDY PROGRAM

M.O.C. Grand of the Pacific Areas is inviting you to support our Paddy Daddy Program. Applications are available online on the MOC Grand of Pacific Areas website. The Paddy Daddy Application for signing up Comrades, Cooties, Friends, Family, and yes, even your Pets can be signed up!

Please fill out as many applications as you like for a very good cause. Proceeds go to the VFW National Home Special Project. Send the application to me along with a check made out to "Ee CHI GAE Pup Tent #2, in the amount of US\$25.00. Your Certificate, Card and Pin will be mailed to you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to e-mail:

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

Don Kelley





Ee CHI GAE PUP TENT #2  
GRAND OF PACIFIC AREAS  
"PADDY DADDY"

VFW NATIONAL HOME SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Pup Tent #: \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Dept / MOC Grand: \_\_\_\_\_

Paddy Daddy Chairman: Donald Kelley  
PSC 400 Box 6623  
APO AP 96273  
Tel: 82-10-2442-8938  
Email: [don@vfw10223.org](mailto:don@vfw10223.org)

## Grand Historian

(a.k.a. Old News Bug)

No Report Submitted

## Grand Duffel-Raising Chairman Mortimer

(a.k.a., Fundraising Bug)



Coooooooooooooooooots!

**STAY SAFE** so I can collect duffel from you at our next  
**PHUN RAISER!**

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

J. F. MORTIMER, JR.  
Red Star Life Member, MOC  
Blue Guard Hatchin', Blue Louse Guard



# Grand News-Web Hound

Next edition inputs are due by 05 May 2023

*Please submit inputs in the following format*

- Arial Font, 11 Pitch
- Single Page (two pages if needing to use charts, etc.).
- Double space after end of sentence punctuation, including colons.
- Sentences must be single spaced.
- Document Type: Microsoft Word Document (.docx or .doc ONLY) (Please do not send PDFs, rtf, text, e-mail text, notepad, etc.)
- Photos / Graphics: Use JPG, PNG, or GIF, place in line with the text on the Word Document and include a caption or paragraph of who is in the photo and what they are doing. Do not stretch photos to make them fit. I can edit size and crop as necessary. No PDFs.

Date Inputs Due: **5th of the Month** (July, September, November, January, March, and May)

Date Published: **10th of the Month**

**Submit ROF inputs**

[GPANEWSHOUND@gmail.com](mailto:GPANEWSHOUND@gmail.com)



# Letter of Intent



## Position of Grand Lil Bug

Lousy Cooties of the Grand,  
(Straight Talk)

My name is Joseph "BOZ" Bozsoki.  
I am a Life Member of Post 8180, originally 10216.  
I served with Honor as an AMMO Troop for 20 Plus  
years, retiring as a Master Sergeant in the  
United States Air Force. I spent most of my career  
in the Pacific AOR and currently live in Korea.  
I have held multiple positions in Post 8180 and I am  
currently the Post Commander.

On the Cootie side of the house I have been a Lousy  
Cootie of Pup Tent 8 for many years, again holding  
many positions in the Pup Tent. In 2019 - 2020 I held  
the position of Grand Provost Marshall.  
Currently I am the Seam Squirrel of Pup Tent 8 out  
of the Fertile Hunting Grounds of SOOngTan Korea.

I do here by announce my intent to crawl for the office  
of Grand Junior Vice AKA Lil Bug for 2023 - 2024.

*///Signed///*  
**BOZ**





# Letter of Intent



## Grand Lil Bug

Greetings to all the Lousy Grand Officers, Council and Cooties, I'm officially informing every one of my intentions to become a candidate for the Grand of the Pacific, Little Bug for the term 2023-24.

Many of you already know me as Commander District Five (3 years) and Commander Post 9951 (5 years). However, what you might not know is that I have held or assisted with every position in the VFW. My military background has been just as noteworthy as both senior enlisted and as a Chief Warrant Officer in the U.S. Navy. My education has several major accomplishments that include three separate degrees: Psychology, Information Technology, and English (MEd). I'm currently becoming a student of the law.

As part of the Pup Tent 6 Leadership; I'm currently the Seam Squirrel, Grand Judge Advocate and Newshound 2022-23. Previously the Pup Tent CCDB 2020 – 22 (Awarded the Grand Outstanding CCDB for 2021-2022), and Blanket Bum (2019-2020). We have adopted a better and improved computerized approach for tracking membership and accountability for all current and future Cooties of the Pup Tent. We succeeded four years in a row meeting our goals by adding 8 new Life Members and brought 8 more into our inner seam at the PT which is sitting at 102% and still growing. I sincerely believe we need to move to a computerized tracking system for the Pup Tents as they are the backbone of the Grand and I trust everyone can support this concept of "team building", at all levels.

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Letter of Intent for Grand of Pacific CCDB

Listen up Cooties

I am submitting my name in for the Grand CCDB for 2023 -2024. Over the past six years I have been humbled in serving the Pup Tents with processing membership, Bonding and working various issues. I have managed our Grand Funds, processed PT funds for membership and executed our Grand Budget which we have been in the black every year since I have been the Grand CCDB. I am humbled to serve and ask for your support.



Have a Lousy Day  
L.O.T.C.S.  
Mike "Hot Spot"  
Grand CCDB  
PT 15

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Letter of Intent for Grand of Pacific CCDB

Cooties,

I hereby announce my intent to run for Grand of Pacific Areas Quartermaster for the 2023-2024 year.

In 1991 I became a charter member of Pup Tent 8 when it was instituted in the fertile hunting grounds of Songtan-Si, Korea. Since then, I have served our organization in numerous positions.

In Pup Tent 8 I served many years as CCDB. My service resulted in being awarded Grand CCDB of the Year. After being reassigned to Guam I served as Grand Commander and later Supreme District 15 Councilman. As Grand Commander through your dedication and hard work we were recognized as an All-Star Grand. I accepted the role as Newshound from PGC Emory Russell and that continued for many years. After passing it off to other Cooties it came back to me until this year.

During my years in the Pacific Areas, I was awarded Cootie of the Year. In 2015 I was elected as Supreme Junior Vice Commander and later Supreme Commander in 2016-17. With my return to the Pacific Areas in 2022 I transferred to Pup Tent 15. Then the membership elected me to serve as their Seam Squirrel in June 2022. A position I had not had the opportunity to serve in previously. In Pup Tent 8 they were happy with me as their CCDB, so there I stayed for many years.

While at Post 10216, now 8180, I became Post Commander in 1996-97. Then when transferred to Guam in 1997 I served as Post QM and District VI Commander for two years. In



the Department of Pacific Areas, I served as Inspector, Typhoon Editor – winning VFW National Editor of the Year twice. In 2006-07 I was elected Department Junior Vice Commander and moved up to Commander in 2009-10.

VFW National Headquarters recognized me as an All-American Post Commander in 1996-97 for Post 10216, an All-American District Commander in 1998-99 for District VI and All-American Department Commander in 2009-10. This resulted in my being selected as a VFW Triple Crown Commander in 2010. As Post 10219 Commander in North Las Vegas, Nevada we achieved All-American recognition in 2018-19 and 2019-20. All-State status for three years 2018-21. The third year the All-American membership requirements were such that it would have been detrimental to the Post during the following year if we pursued it. So, we did not.

This recognition is based upon a proven record of outstanding leadership in working with the VFW Post, District, Department and MOC Grand membership in successfully achieving National and Supreme goals in programs and membership.

The success of our organization is based upon the officers you elect to represent you, the membership. Please do not take the nominations and election lightly because the officers you elect are responsible to Supreme Headquarters, to the Grand of Pacific Areas, to our Districts, to our Pup Tents and to each you. They are responsible to provide you with the support required for successful attainment of MOC program and membership goals. As an officer elected by the membership, they carry the burden to serve the entire Grand membership at each of these levels. As veterans and Cooties, you have earned and deserve nothing less. I am dedicated to the philosophy that:

- Officers are here to serve the membership
- Communication is essential to team building and success
- Veteran's military service and benefits cannot be forgotten

Cooties, I am a candidate who desires to serve you and the Military Order of the Cooties as your Grand Quartermaster. I feel my experience and success in positions of leadership within both of our organizations makes me your logical choice.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Management from University of Maryland.

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

James D. Malott



## ***Cootie Activities Around the World***

***We all do not know everything but together we can accomplish everything  
(From the Supreme CDR Dwight Hora)***

The MOC Supreme and its Auxiliary has a Facebook page (link below)  
<https://www.facebook.com/MOCSupreme/>

### **104th Supreme Scratch - Phoenix, Arizona**

Cooties and Sisters will gather in Tempe Arizona at the Temple Mission Palms Hotel the weekend of 27-30 July 2023 for the 104th Supreme Scratch. Cooties will be responsible for their own reservations. Cut-off for hotel reservations is June 23, 2023. Additional information will be posted on the Supreme website as it becomes available.



### **104<sup>th</sup> Supreme Scratch Hotel Information**

We have selected the Temple Mission Palms Hotel and Conference Center, located at 60 East 5th street in Tempe, AZ. The room rate is \$119.00 plus tax and a reduced resort fee of \$5.95 per day. The room rate is for 2 people in the room if you put 3 or 4 people in the room the rate goes up \$10.00 for each person. The hotel is pet friendly, for certified service dogs at no charge. The hotel will allow family pets at a one-time fee of \$25.00. I have arranged for a breakfast buffet at a cost of \$12.00 for your time at the hotel Sunday through Sunday. The hotel has numerous restaurants within easy walking distance of the hotel. There is a shuttle, to and from the airport that runs twice an hour and is available to take you anywhere want within a 3-mile radius of the hotel, which could take you to several local restaurants. There is also a light rail system that will take you to the convention center if you want to attend the VFW convention. I have been told that the cost of the light rail system is \$2.00 per day. A link for the hotel will be on our website in early January. Please make your reservation early. The hotel has limited ADA rooms, so if you need one you will need to indicate that when making your reservations. The cost of the banquet has gone up to \$55.00 and you will be able to choose a beef, chicken or fish entrée. The exact menu has not yet been determined. Remember that all pup tents are required to register at least one delegate for the Supreme Convention. Registration cost is \$15.00 if you register before July 15th and \$20.00 if you register after that date.



## Cootie Activities Around the Pacific

Grand CDR is looking forward to another unforgettable moment with all the Old Coots at the Grand Scratch (Jun) – this should be an exciting new twist if all goes well. The Supreme CDR Dwight Hora will be attending.

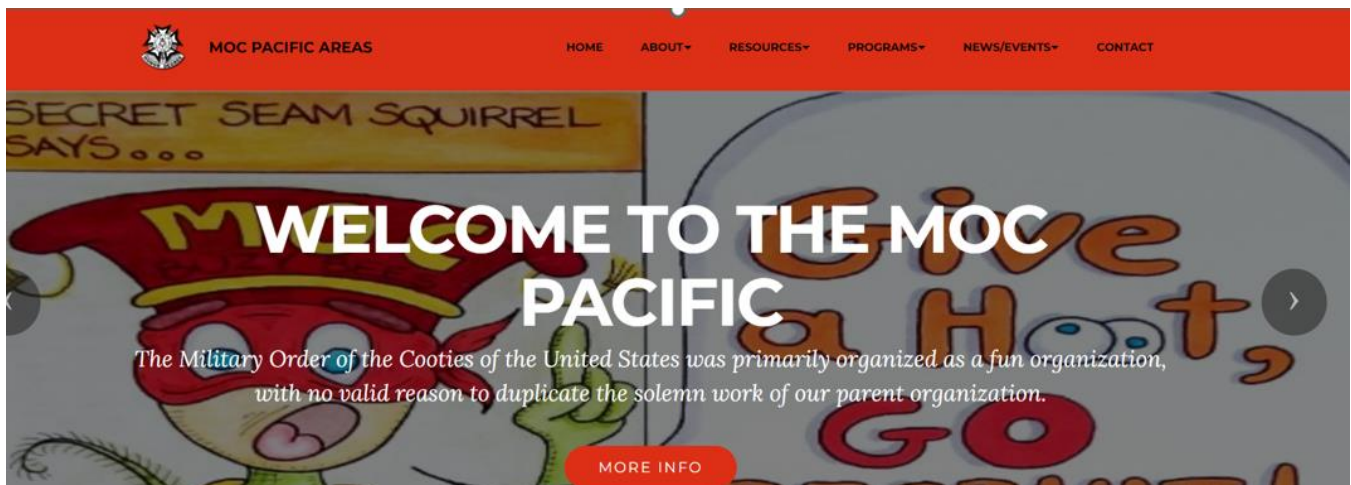
## Grand of Pacific Areas Announcements

**Grand Scratch – 10-15 June 2023**

Slight delay with the organization committee – more information will be released soon.

## The new website is here

**Please go visit the new MOC Pacific AREAS**



The collective email addresses have been completed but still working on the membership login for Member's Only. To help with the process – submit PT rosters to Newshound

[MOCPACIFIC.ORG](http://MOCPACIFIC.ORG)





## LEAVING THE LOCAL AREA OF YOUR PUP TENT? LET YOUR PUP TENT KNOW!



**We can't read your minds!!** If you are moving away from your Pup Tent area, please be sure to let your Pup Tent know and provide them with your change of address.

## Emergency Contact / Medical Information Form

It may be helpful to carry around some additional immediate information for first responders in case you are unconscious, unable to speak, or worse. I made up this card below and carry it in my wallet. I thought this may be a good idea for others too and am sharing here with you: *(Cut around outer edge of card below, fold in half, and laminate for durability.)*

### Emergency Contact / Medical Information

**Medical Conditions / History:**

**Religious Faith:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physicians (Name / Phone):** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Medications:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Insurance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Updated** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies / Other** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*In an emergency where I am unconscious or unable to communicate, please read both sides of this card to know who to contact and the special care I must have.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Blood Type:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contacts (State / Name / Relationship / Phone):**

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**Preferred Hospital:**



## GRAND PUP TENT NEWSLETTERS/WEBSITE LISTING



If your Pup Tent has a website and/or a newsletter, let me know, provide me with a link or how to receive them and I can list the link or information for you here!

These are a few current known websites and newsletters in the Grand of Pacific Areas:

**Website: MOC Pacific (NEW)**  
[MOCPACIFIC](http://MOCPACIFIC)

**Website: MOC Grand of Pacific Areas**  
[www.vfwdeptacific.org/GMOCDPA/](http://www.vfwdeptacific.org/GMOCDPA/)

**Website: PT 6 – Maeng Das, VFW District 5 Thailand**  
<https://vfwpacificdist5.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=67386>

**Website: PT 8 – Chokum Chingos**  
<https://www.vfw8180.org/puptent.html>

**Website: PT 15 – Mighty Pinatubo, Angeles City, Philippines – VFW Post 2485**  
[Fertile Hunting Grounds for Cooties \(gpapuptent15.org\)](http://Fertile Hunting Grounds for Cooties (gpapuptent15.org))

## SEND ME YOUR PUP TENT WEBSITE / NEWSLETTER LINKS!

[GPANEWSHOUND@gmail.com](mailto:GPANEWSHOUND@gmail.com)



## VFW NATIONAL HOME GIVE SMARTER: YOUR LEGACY

If you're looking to expand your commitment and make a difference in the lives of our nation's war heroes and their families, the National Home offers many giving options that can help you give smarter, secure your future finances, and establish a personal legacy that will support our veterans' families for generations to come. [Download our free "Ways to Give Smarter Boot Camp" handbook](#) or explore the options below and you'll get the basic training you need to understand how you can give smarter to the National Home.

To make it straightforward and easy for you to begin your estate planning, we've partnered with FreeWill. [Click here to start the process of writing your will at no cost to you.](#) Including a gift to VFW National Home is a powerful way to provide safe refuge for our veterans for decades to come.

This tool is free to you whether you choose to include a gift to VFW National Home or not, and can be used to create your fully valid legal will, or simply support you in thinking about your estate plans before finding a lawyer near you.

If you have any questions or need help finding the giving option that best meets your personal, charitable, and financial goals, email Nancy Archambeau at [narchambeau@vfnationalhome.org](mailto:narchambeau@vfnationalhome.org), or call her directly at 517-663-7931.

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# UPDATE!

Submit ROF inputs to:



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