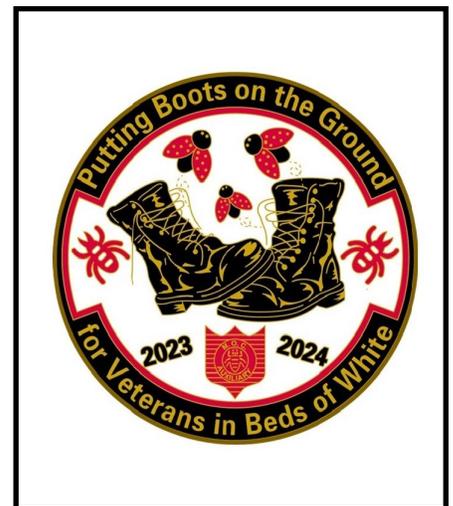


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Supreme Seam Squirrel
Mark Larkin
“Scouting for Comrades”

Supreme President
Billie Cassidy
“Putting Boots on the Ground for
Veterans in Beds of White”



Supreme Seam Squirrel's Book
2023-2024

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Supreme Seam Squirrel's Message

Listen Up Cooties,

As your Supreme Seam Squirrel for 2023-2024. I, Mark P. Larkin pledge to do my duty to the best of my ability without FEAR or FAVOR to serve this Lousy Organization and our parent Organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I am a Cootie and like you I have a deep desire to serve our Veterans and their families. Also, please understand I am a VFW FIRST kind of Cootie as I suspect all of you are. I am thankful that you trust me enough to be your representative and the "FACE" of the Species Pediculi around these United States and the World.

First and foremost, I am very PRO-Auxiliary on both sides, MOCA and VFW Auxiliary. They are a crucial component to the success of our mission. They continue to join us in our journey to accomplish our mission. They are happy to do so and in turn we need to assist them in their growth. By supporting each other, we can grow together.

I ask all of you to continue to mend our relationship with our VFW counterparts, as without them we cannot exist. It is not lost on me that we are all comrades first but there are those who do not believe it on both sides. I understand that but it must be up to us to sing our own praises without interfering with the agendas of the VFW. We are here to lift-up their programs thru our own programs and efforts.

Lastly, as many of you may have heard me say; when you are elected or appointed to a position whether it be MOC, MOCA, VFW or Auxiliary. I ask that you seek out your counterpart in the other organizations and start working on a symbiotic relationship that will benefit both organizations. Some of the individuals you will have to associate with may not be the easiest to work with. However, it will be up to you to learn how to navigate thru for the benefit of all. My best of wishes to all of you for this year and may it be a very lousy year for us all.

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

Mark P. Larkin

Supreme Seam Squirrel 2023-2024





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Supreme President's Message

President Billie Cassidy

I am very honored and humbled to become the Supreme President for the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary. This has been quiet a journey. One I started on the encouragement of my husband Charles Cassidy. He told me not to quit. I just wish he was here to see me complete this journey.

I am a dual member. After serving 22+ years in the Air Force, I retired and returned to Tennessee where I joined both the VFW and VFW Auxiliary as a Life Member. Then I joined the MOC and MOC Auxiliary. I am a Life Member of the MOC.

First, I would like to Congratulate our Supreme Commander Mark Larkin and all his officers for the upcoming year. Best of luck and success in your future endeavors with all the new challenges that will come your way throughout this year.

My theme is "Putting Boots on the Ground for Veterans in Beds of White." You have all heard the phrase of having "Boots of the Ground". As a dual member of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary and the MOC and MOC Auxiliary, my pin represents them all.

This year my President's project is going to be a Joint Project with the MOC and the MOCA. It is called "Operation Big Boot" raising money for Suicide awareness. Monies raised will go to a Suicide Awareness program of choice as voted on at your grand.

My National Home Special Project is also a Joint Project with the MOC. We are joining together in a two-part project:

1. Our first part will be for music equipment like pianos and drum sets for the National Home music program. When children learn music, they carry this knowledge on into life to other activities. By supporting this music program by purchasing musical instruments in support of this program.

2. The second part is to help with a project called "Heroes to Hives". This is a unique program that will be offered through Michigan State University Extension and will seek to address financial and personal wellness of veterans through professional training and community development centered around beekeeping at the National Home.

Now, it is time to roll up our sleeves by "Putting our Boots on the Ground for veterans in Beds of White". Continue to think outside that box and be creative because by doing this we can accomplish a lot for our Veterans and the National Home.

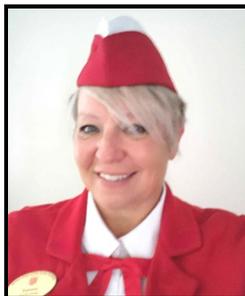


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2023-2024 Supreme Policy

1. **Supreme Council of Administration** members are expected to attend all Council meetings. If a member of the Council is going to be absent, the member shall notify the Supreme Hungry Cootie (Adjutant) prior to the Council meeting.
2. **The Supreme CCDB (Quartermaster)** will manage Supreme Headquarters and the Headquarters staff at the direction of the Supreme Commander.
3. **Life Membership cards** may be replaced for a fee of \$6.00. This fee is to offset all costs associated with the replacement.
4. **Each Cootie** will be assessed \$2.00; \$1.00 for the Supreme Seam Squirrel's Special Project and \$1.00 for the annual maintenance fee of the MOC/MOCA House at the VFW National Home for Children.
5. **The Supreme Seam Squirrel** is responsible for assigning and is the ultimate authority of all Supreme Representative assignments for functions such as Grand Scratches, investigations, and other events as deemed appropriate. Transportation will be reimbursed to the officer in accordance with established policy. Exceptions must be pre-approved by the Supreme Seam Squirrel and Supreme CCDB. Grand Pup Tents are expected to provide housing and official function tickets. If a specific Supreme representative is requested for an event other than a Grand Scratch, the requesting Grand is expected to make arrangements with the requested individual about expenses.
6. **Travel Allowance Reimbursement** for authorized travel will be paid upon submission of a properly completed Travel Voucher, a Trip Report, Grand Inspection Form (if Conducted) and Supporting Receipts not to exceed the officer's budgeted allowance. A Trip Report must be submitted to Supreme Headquarters stating what took place during the authorized trip. A travel voucher will not be paid unless all documents are submitted. Non-reimbursement expenses are those expenses paid by a third party or expenses deemed inappropriate by the Supreme Seam Squirrel. Lodging will be at the single room rate except when the traveler is sharing a room and then reimbursement will be at the shared rate. Transportation will be reimbursed at the most economical airfare rate for advanced reservations, not to exceed coach airfare or POV mileage at .32 cents per mile, 2,340 miles maximum. Ground transportation will be reimbursed at both ends (i.e. home-airport-hotel-airport-home). Rental Car, if more advantageous, will be reimbursed if approved by the Supreme Seam Squirrel. It is expected that all travel will be done with great prudence. In no case will any reimbursement assignment exceed a maximum of \$1000.00 per assignment.
7. **All Supreme Officers** on official travel assignments are required to attend all functions for the event that they are attending (i.e. Grand Scratch, Memorial Services, Council Meetings, Banquets, Installations, Past Grand Commander's Meeting, if eligible and qualified, etc) Non-attendance at the schedule functions may declare reimbursement ineligible.
8. **A Supreme Officer** or representative will inspect all Grand's unless waived by the Supreme Seam Squirrel. The inspection of the Grand is not calculated in that Grand's reimbursement to be 100% inspected.
9. **All 2023-2024 Goals** are formulated using the 31 May 2023 end of the year membership report. All Supreme annual program goals will end 31 May 2024.
10. It is preferred that the **Supreme Hide Gimlet (Jr Vice) office** be rotated between the four areas listed below.
 - ⇒ 2024-25: Northern Area (CT, IL, IN, KY, MA, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, RI, VT, WI)
 - ⇒ 2025-26: Atlantic Area (DC, DE, EUR, FL, GA, MD, NC, PA, SC, VA, WV)
 - ⇒ 2026-27: Pacific Area (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, PAC, UT, WA, WY)
 - ⇒ 2027-28: Central Area (AL, AR, IA, KS, LA, MN, MS, MO, OK, NE, ND, SD, TN, TX)
11. **The Official Third-Degree Password for 2023-2024: 15-33-33-39-29-3-25 47-9-3 15-33-45-9-47-7-3-25 13-29-9-25-39 .**





HOSPITAL PROGRAM

2023-2024

OBJECTIVE: It is the objective of the MOC Hospital Program to encourage all MOC members to actively participate in hospital visitations and volunteer work. A goal of \$250.00 credit per Cootie has been established for the 2023-2024 program year.

SUPREME HOSPITAL PROGRAM NOTE: For the 2023-2024 program year; the reporting program will be the new web-based reporting system and will be utilized by all Pup Tents and Grands. Effective 1 June 2023, ALL Supreme Hospital Districts and Supreme Hospital District Commissioner positions will be dissolved. All Supreme level reports approvals/disapprovals will be the responsibility of the Supreme Hospital Commissioner with the assistance of the Deputy Supreme Hospital Commissioners.

FORMS

The Hospital reporting Program link is located on the Supreme website under the Hospital tab at <https://www.lotcs.org/forms>.

CREDIT ALLOWANCE

- **Transportation Credit:** \$0.14 per mile per Cootie, for visitation and transportation of veterans to and from hospitals, domiciles, nursing homes, etc., where sick veterans are visited, excluding family members.
- **Tolls:** Report actual cost under “mileage” as required.
- **Hours:** All volunteer visitation, preparation hours, and travel time credited at \$31.80 per hour per Cootie. Travel time limited to actual hours expended.
- **Veteran’s Funeral Credit:** Credit each Cootie at \$31.80 per hour, for the number of hours it may require and \$0.14 per mile round trip for attendance at any veteran’s funeral. (If more than one Cootie rides in a vehicle, only the driver of the vehicle gets the mileage credit.) Remember that deceased veterans deserve an Honor Guard.
- **Warrior Call Credit:** Calling veterans to check on welfare, comradeship, and keeping the lines of communication open. Record call time per veteran called in hours block.
- **Mail/Correspondence Credit:** Pen Pal letters, One-way cards or One-way letters get 0.2 (twelve minutes) per letter or card with materials/postage cost of \$4.00 listed as a “Gift”.
- **Gifts:** Actual retail cost of the item, by definition “gifts” include anything bought by the MOC for use or appreciation by the hospitalized veteran. For homemade or home-grown items, the cost is estimated, but never more than retail. Used items are reported at no more than one half their actual costs, keeping in mind the useful life of the item. Operation UP-LINK Calling card donations are credited under this section of the hospital report form.
- **Clothing Credit:** Itemize all clothing on the Hospital Chairperson’s report form or attach to the report an itemized consolidated sheet. Using the following guides for costs on used items; <https://goodwillnne.org/donate/donation-value-guide/> or <https://satruck.org/home/DonationValueGuide>
- **Hospital Equipment:** Donated hospital equipment can be credited, but hospital equipment loaned to individuals is reported to your VFW Post Hospital Program.
- **Blood Donations:** Report all blood donations to the Supreme Blood Program Chairman at <https://lotcs.org/blood.html>.

PUP TENT LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Each Pup Tent Seam Squirrel shall appoint a PUP TENT HOSPITAL CHAIRPERSON.
2. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson is to coordinate and encourage the Pup Tent to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations for the Pup Tent. The Hospital Chairperson shall consolidate the information and utilize Hospital Chairperson’s web-based reporting system. Pup Tent Hospital contributions will be reported monthly. Do not mix months on one sheet.
4. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson shall accept all correctly reported data as performed. Final reports for the 2023-2024 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2024 and must be received by the Grand Hospital Chairperson no later than 3 June 2024.

BLACK DIVISION PUP TENT LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Each Pup Tent Seam Squirrel shall appoint a PUP TENT HOSPITAL CHAIRPERSON.
2. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson is to coordinate and encourage the Pup Tent to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations for the Pup Tent. The Hospital Chairperson shall consolidate the individual report and put it on the proper Hospital Chairperson's report form. The Hospital Chairperson will then send (by mail or email) their report to the Supreme Hospital Commissioner.
4. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson shall accept all correctly reported data as performed. Final reports for the 2023-2024 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2024 and must be received by the Supreme Hospital Commissioner no later than 5 June 2024.

GRAND HOSPITAL LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Each Grand Seam Squirrel appoint a GRAND HOSPITAL CHAIRPERSON.
2. The Grand Hospital Chairperson shall encourage all Pup Tent members, within their jurisdiction, to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
3. The Grand Hospital Chairperson shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to them from their Pup Tent Hospital Chairpersons.
4. The Grand Hospital Chairperson shall accept all correctly reported data as performed. Final reports for the 2023-2024 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2024 and must be received by the Supreme Hospital District Commissioner no later than 5 June 2024.
5. Grand Hospital Chairpersons shall insure that their Pup Tents report each month's activity on the web-based reporting system. Please do not put more than one month's totals on each reporting form.
6. The Grand Hospital Chairperson shall consolidate all properly completed Hospital forms and attachments from Pup Tents and record these results onto the monthly Grand Hospital activity report form and forward the monthly report to Supreme Hospital Commissioner.

SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICTS LEVEL PROGRAM - **IS DISOLVED**

SUPREME COMMISSIONER/HEADQUARTERS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. The Supreme Commander shall appoint the SUPREME HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER.
2. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall ensure that the Supreme Hospital Program is operating within the highest traditions of the Military Order of the Cootie and the Veterans of Foreign Wars at all Veterans Administration medical facilities, community nursing homes, and other similar facilities.
3. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall encourage all Supreme Deputy Hospital Commissioners, Grand Hospital Chairpersons and Pup Tent Hospital Chairpersons to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
4. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall accept all correctly reported data. Final reports for the 2023-2024 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2024 and shall be posted to the Supreme Hospital Reporting section of the Supreme website, no later than 10 June 2024.
5. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted.
6. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall ensure all required input reports are available for download on the Supreme website.
7. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to them from the Black Division Pup Tent Hospital Chairpersons.
8. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall ensure each Pup Tent and Grand achieving 100% or greater in hospital work receives a citation at Supreme Convention.
9. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall advocate and encourage participation in the MOC VAVS Program.
10. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall provide a list of all Grands and Black Division Pup Tents that are 100% or greater in hospital work, to the Supreme Quartermaster.
11. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner shall provide the annual Hospital Program goals to the Cootie Courier for publication in the issue following the Supreme Convention and he shall provide pertinent data to the Cootie Courier and Webmaster for publication in each.

HOSPITAL PROGRAM AWARDS

1. Each Pup Tent that achieves 100% in hospital work will receive a citation from Supreme at Supreme Convention.
2. Pup Tents that achieve 100% may purchase a 100% Hospital Program Plaque for display in their Post Home.
3. A Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson who achieves 100% may purchase a special 100% Hospital Program pin.
4. Each Grand that achieves 100% will receive a citation from Supreme at Supreme Convention.
5. A Grand Hospital Chairperson who achieves 100% may purchase a special 100% Hospital Program pin.
6. Grand Hospital Chairpersons can request 100% Hospital Program Certificates via email directly from the Supreme Hospital Commissioner prior to their Grand Convention.

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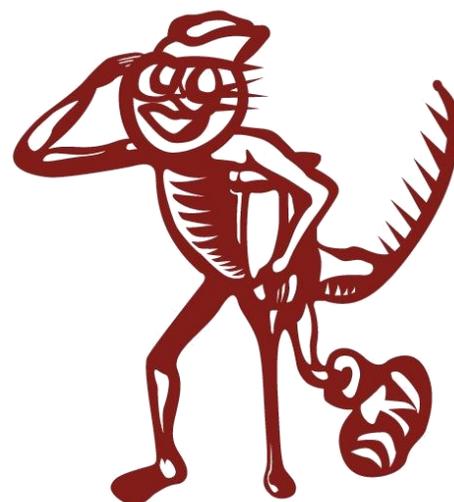
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105th Supreme Scratch

The 105th Supreme Scratch will be held in Louisville, Kentucky on 31 July-4 August. Each Pup Tent is required to preregister at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch.

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| • Advanced Registration | on or Before 26 Jul | \$15.00 |
| • Registration | 27 July or after | \$20.00 |
| • Adv Banquet Ticket | on or before 15 Jul | TBD |
| • Banquet Tickets | 16 July or after | First Come First Serve <u>at the Convention</u> |



The advanced registration form and additional information will be in upcoming editions of the Cootie Courier and on the Cootie website lotcs.org. Properly filled out registration forms and fees must be received by the Supreme Registration Chairman in order to save \$5 on registration.

Today is the best date to start planning your trip to the VFW National Convention and 105th Supreme Scratch.

105th Supreme Convention Chair Cootie Gary Dressel

Cootie Courier

Receiving the Cootie Courier: We encourage all Cooties to get the *Cootie Courier* delivered via electronic mail. Postage is increasing and the bulk mail is getting slower. If you elect to get the courier via electronic mail, send your request and email to cootiecourier@lotcs.org. If you want the Courier delivered by mail it will cost you \$10. Send your check to Supreme Headquarters.

How to Submit News Copy: The *Cootie Courier*, just like all other papers, is looking for current and news that will be interesting to our readers. Remember that space is always a consideration and most time limited, so please keep articles direct and to the point. **Submission Deadlines: 25 Mar, 25 Jun, 25 Sept & 25 Dec.**

Basic Rules for All Submissions:

1. Try to have each article contain the **five Ws**—who, what, when, where, why and oftentimes, how. With “who” use the correct title and of important note - ensure all names are spelled correctly.
2. **Submit your articles** to the Cootie Courier Editor by email (preferred) at cootiecourier@lotcs.org. **Other ways of submission** are land (snail) mail to: Dale Iannello, PO Box 8451, Tacoma, WA 98419. Do not submit them to Supreme Headquarters. This will cause a delay.
3. **Photos:** Strive to use a solid light-colored background. Remember your submitted pictures will not be printed on Kodak photo paper! Remember that this is our Cootie Newspaper, so try to have the photos depict Cooties doing MOC/MOCA activities in their Cootie gear. Email submitted photos **MUST** be in JPEG, PNG or TIF format.
4. **When submitting your annual election bio sketch**, you should ALWAYS include a photo of yourself.
5. If you move, please submit a **change of address**. The form is located elsewhere in this publication and available through our website <https://www.lotcs.org/>. If you **change your email address**, please forward your new one to the editor as well. The editor may edit your story to fit the paper.

Membership Program 2023-2024

OBJECTIVE: To encourage all Pup Tents to SURPASS their 31 May 2023 membership total by recruiting at least one (1) new member. The Supreme organization recognizes all Grands and Pup Tents who reach their goal which will be EOY + 1 cootie.

SEAM SQUIRREL'S MESSAGE: We do our duty as SPECIES PEDICULI to INCREASE and MULTIPLY: this is our 2023-2024 goal. We have a tremendous pool for membership. They are workers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who wish to become Cooties; all you need to do is ask them. So please do your duty and these good comrades will join our ranks and we will all increase and multiply.

QUARTERMASTERS AND CCDBS: Membership transmittals must be postmarked by 31 May 2023. Look at the awards program below and set your goals.

Membership Awards

PUP TENT AWARDS: Pup Tents with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of 1 new or reinstated members by 31 December 2023 and verified by Supreme Headquarters will receive a Supreme Citation. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership + 1 by 31 May 2024 will receive a Supreme Citation.

SEAM SQUIRRELS and CCDBS: Seam Squirrels and CCDBs with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of two (2) new or reinstated members by 30 November 2023 and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will receive an "Outstanding SS" and "Outstanding CCDB" pin, and a Supreme Citation. The Seam Squirrel's name will be entered into a drawing to win one of the following for the 105th Supreme Convention:

A three day stay.

A Two-day stay and a banquet ticket.

A one day stay and a banquet ticket.

This is only for the Seam Squirrel; is not transferable and is only for the room. This does not include food or transportation costs. Transmittals must be postmarked by 30 November 2023. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership by the end of the 2023-2024 year (31 May 2024) will receive a Supreme Citation.

GRAND AWARDS: Grands that are 100% in membership + 1 by 31 December 2023 will have their Grand Commanders name entered into a drawing to win one of the following for the 105th Supreme Convention:

A three day stay.

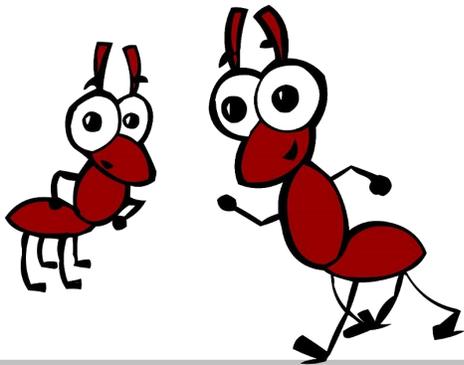
A two day stay and a banquet ticket.

A one day stay and a banquet ticket.

This is only for the Grand Commander and is not transferable and is only for the room and does not include food or transportation costs. Transmittals must be postmarked by 31 December 2023. Grands with 100% paid membership + 1 by the end of the membership year 31 May 2024 will receive a Supreme Citation.

COMPUTING YOUR BASE MEMBERSHIP: Computing the quota for each Pup Tent will be as follows:

- ◇ Total Membership as of 31 May 2023, total membership is the total of continuous members, plus life members, plus those members that did not renew (pay) their membership during the current year or the prior year, plus one (1) new or reinstated member.
- ◇ Any deceased members reported during the membership must be made up.
- ◇ For a Pup Tent to be 100% in membership, it must grow by one (1) new or reinstated member based on the EOY.
- ◇ Delinquent members will fall off the roster in the 3rd year after they did not pay their membership dues.
- ◇ The Supreme CCDB's records will be used to compute membership awards.
- ◇ **Grand CCDB's are directed to forward a copy of the Grand membership transmittals to:**



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Life Membership Program 2022-2023

The Life Membership Program has been approved and is in effect.

First, all applicants must be VFW Life Members - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Second, all applications for Life Membership must be paid-up continuous 3rd degree members for the current year. The Life Membership dues are as follows:

* 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

Do you have your Red Star Life Membership?



If you are a Life Member of our crummy fraternity, you may or may not be aware of a program that started over a decade ago. In 2005, Supreme Commander Tom Tweet proposed a program to help raise funds for Supreme Organization.

At that time, Supreme Quartermaster/Adjutant, John L. 'Jack' Roberts announced that we were about to run out of the old-white-life membership-cards. He began redesigning a new-shiny-gold-colored-life-membership-card to replace the nearly depleted stock of old, white cards.

During the process, SC Tweet suggested that every life member replace their white cards with the gold cards. He mentioned that when the US Mint replaces a semi-destroyed dollar bill, it re-issues the serial number, but places a little star in front of the serial number. He suggested that we start up a program similar to that, only the Life Member would have their LM# reissued on the new gold-colored card with a Red ★ Star placed in front of their number signifying that a second donation of ninety-five dollars (\$95) had been made to help the MOC. Since then, hundreds of Cooties have sent in their cards, from all three Life Membership plans.

Now is the time to change out your tired old card for a shiny new one, you can do that for only six bucks. However, if you combine you change out your old card with a Red Star donation of only ninety five dollars, you can save one dollar and do it all for \$100 even!

You'll be helping the organization you love the most, the MOC and you'll have a shiny new card with a Prestigious Red Star! Today is the day to become a Red Star Life Member!

Supreme Special Appointments

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Cooties with Supreme Special appointments.

NOMINATIONS: Grand Commanders and Seam Squirrels from the Black Division may submit nominations beginning 0900 hrs 28 July 2023, for your deserving Cooties for Supreme Special appointments. Please nominate your outstanding Cooties early for these appointments so they can proudly wear their new tassels.

Appointees receive certificates and credential cards only. Tassels must be purchased separately at a cost of \$5/pair through the Supreme Supply Department.

Appointments: The following are appointments that are available for nomination:

Supreme Deputy Chief of Staff	Supreme Deputy Inspector
Supreme Recruiter (VFW or MOC)	Supreme Seam Worker
Supreme Cootie Supporter	Supreme Aide-De-Camp
Supreme Newshound	Supreme Comedian
Supreme Cheerleader	Supreme Cootie Juicer

Inspection Program 2023– 2024

OBJECTIVE: It is the objective of the Supreme Inspection Program to ensure that all Grand Pup Tents, Grand Districts/areas and Pup Tents are conducting the Business and Programs of the Military Order of the Cootie in the highest traditions of the MOC. Conducting inspections provides for the necessary tools to locate any problem areas within the level of the MOC that can be corrected, allowing our MOC to operate properly.

SUPREME INSPECTOR: The Supreme Inspector will perform such duties as required by the Supreme Seam Squirrel by taking charge and supervising the Supreme Inspection Programs in accordance with Sections 330, 432, 516, and 604 of the Supreme By-Laws. The Supreme Inspector will provide Inspection report updates to the Cootie Courier and the Webmaster for publication.

GRAND SEAM SQUIRRELS: Grand Seam Squirrel will appoint a qualified Grand Inspector and qualified Grand Deputy Inspectors who will be directly responsible to the Grand Seam Squirrel for the conduct of Inspections pertaining to the Supreme Inspection Program.

GRAND INSPECTORS: The Grand Inspectors will perform such duties as required by the Supreme Inspector by taking charge and supervising the Grand Inspection Program in accordance with Section 415 of the Supreme By-Laws. All Grand Inspectors will pay close attention to Sections 330, 432, and 604 of the Supreme By-Laws.

INSPECTION GUIDELINES: The following inspection guidelines are provided:

- * All Inspectors will be familiar with all Supreme Inspection report forms, quarterly audit form, and bonding procedures.
- * All Inspectors will be familiar with the Supreme By-Laws when inspecting the conduct of any Pup Tent business and MOC Programs, especially the duties of the Seam Squirrel, CCDB, and Hungry Cootie.
- * All Inspectors must be familiar with the Supreme ritual when inspecting the conduct of any work under the Supreme Ritual.
- * Any Pup Tent that has not been inspected will be excluded from all representation at the Grand Scratches/ Convention and Supreme Convention.
- * The Supreme Inspector will accept inspection reports for 2023-2024 beginning on **1 June 2023**.
- * Inspection report forms are available on the Supreme website lotcs.org/forms. They can also be requested through Supreme HQ or through the Supreme Inspector.
- * Grand Pup Tents will be inspected by any qualified Pup Tent Inspector who does not belong to the Grand Pup Tent being inspected.
- * Black Division Pup Tents can be inspected by any qualified Pup Tent Inspector who do not belong to the Pup Tent being inspected. Any Black Division Pup Tent can request a Supreme Officer or Grand Officer who is a qualified inspector to inspect that Pup Tent, if that officer is not a member of that Pup Tent.

BONDING: Proper Bond can be purchased through Supreme HQ. The amount per thousand is \$14 and is good for two-year period. If Supreme HQ is not the Bonding Company, legible copy of the Bond must be provided with this year's completed inspection report form. This is a requirement to maintain Tax Exempt Status.

INSPECTION REPORTS: Any Grand Pup Tent that has not filed a minimum of 80% of Pup Tent inspection reports by **31 May 2024** will be excluded from all representation at the Supreme Convention. All inspection reports must be received by the Supreme Inspector at least 30 days prior to the Supreme Convention.

AWARDS: All Grand Inspectors who reported their Grand Pup Tent 100% inspected by **30 November 2023** will receive a Supreme Citation at the 2024 Supreme Convention.

T Earl Bigham, Supreme Inspector
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Grand All-Star Program 2023-2024

The Supreme Grand All-Star Program recognizes outstanding effort by individual Grands. The Supreme Commander identifies these outstanding Grands with the Supreme Grand All*Star designation. One Captain of the All Stars is selected each year for overall outstanding effort in all programs.

QUALIFYING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: To be eligible for the Grand All-Star program, each of the five (5) core programs of the MOC by 31 May 2024 in addition to the addendum in item 6.

1. Must be 100% + 2 in Membership. (based on 31 May 2023 membership).
2. Must be 125% in Hospital quota (\$250 worth of work x number of members at EOY).
3. Must be 100% in Supreme Special Projects (\$1 per cootie in the Grand).
4. Must be 100% in Donation to MOC/MOCA House Support (\$1 per cootie in the Grand).
5. Must have 100% of the Pup Tents in the Grand inspected and received by the Supreme Inspector by 31 May 2024.
6. All Pup Tent election reports must be received by the Supreme by 31 May 2024.
7. Must submit a Big Boot Report as defined by the Supreme Seam Squirrel's program (pgs 20-21).

Grand that qualify for All*Star will compete for the award of 'Captain of the Grand All*Star'. Point values are awarded as described in the program below. The top scoring Grand will earn the title 'Captain of the All*Star' Grand. There is only one winner for this award.

POINT VALUES

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| ⇒ Hospital Quota | 6 points for each 10% achieved over 100% |
| ⇒ Special Project Quota | 5 points for each 10% achieved over 100% |
| ⇒ MOC/MOCA Quota | 3 points for each 10% achieved over 100% |
| ⇒ Membership Quota | 4 points for each 10% achieved over 100% |

Eligibility and point total will be compiled by the office of Supreme Quartermaster who will receive monthly program totals from all the Supreme Program Chairman.

AWARDS

Designated All*Star Grand Commanders, Grand Quartermasters and Grand Adjutants will each be presented with a distinctive 'All*Star' hat with special tassels.



Pup Tent All-Star Program 2023-2024

The Supreme Pup Tent All-Star Program recognizes outstanding effort by individual Pup Tents. The Supreme Commander identifies these outstanding Grands with the Supreme Pup Tent All*Star designation. One Captain of the All Stars is selected each year for overall outstanding effort in all programs.

QUALIFYING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: To be eligible for the Pup Tent All-Star program, each of the five (5) core programs of the MOC by 31 May 2024 in addition to the addendum in item 6.

1. Must be 100% + 2 in Membership. (based on 31 May 2023 membership).
2. Must be 150% in Hospital quota (\$250 worth of work x number of members at EOY).
3. Must be 100% in Supreme Special Projects (\$1 per cootie in the Pup Tent).
4. Must be 100% in Donation to MOC/MOCA House Support (\$1 per cootie in the Pup Tent).
5. Pup Tents must be inspected.
6. Pup Tent election report must be received by the Supreme Headquarters by 31 May 2024.

Pup Tents that qualify for All*Star will compete for a Pup Tent All*Star cover. Point values are awarded as described in the program below.

POINT VALUES

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| ⇒ Hospital Quota | 6 points for each 10% achieved over 100% |
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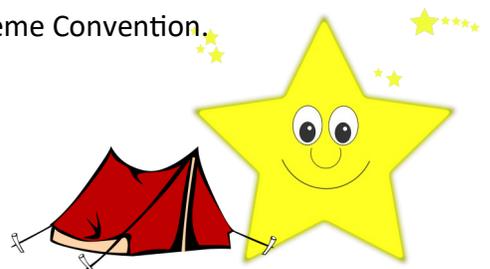
Eligibility and point total will be compiled by the office of the Supreme Quartermaster who will receive monthly program totals from all the Supreme Program Chairman.

AWARDS

Pup Tent All*Stars will receive a certificate recognizing their hard work.

Seam Squirrels of Pup Tent All*Star Leaders (top 25 in points) will be presented with a distinctive 'All*Star' hat.

Each All*Star Pup Tent will receive a Supreme Citation at the 2024 Supreme Convention.





Supreme Seam Squirrels and Supreme Presidents

Joint Mission 2023-2024

Keep' em Vertical
Operation Big Boot

Subject: This mission has been developed to reduce the Veteran Suicide Rate commonly referred to as “22 a day”. Now there has been some adjustments to these numbers in the past few years i.e. In 2019 the Veteran suicide rate fell to 17.2% according to VA study. That is a good thing... Right??? Kind of, because there are studies to suggest the percentage is much much higher than 22 a day. We need to what we can to get that number to zero. Understand that I have no illusions that we will ever get to that number. However, doing nothing is unacceptable. It is time we as Cooties and Auxiliary try to do something about it. This is a plan that we will never know the true impact of or efforts until after we have tried it. However, we have to start somewhere, to do nothing we will have failed in our mission as VFW and MOC members to try to help every veteran to live a long and prosperous life. The reason for the boot being utilized as the symbol is that we need to show the Veterans they are not alone and we will help walk with them through their journey to recovery. If you are looking at this like...”Oh Great just another thing we have do to get a check in the box.” Then you are not looking at it as intended. We really do not need to hear the negative on how this won’t work or can’t work. I would rather hear how we “CAN” make this work. Let’s figure this out together. So, Please embrace the idea and intent behind this effort and make a conjoined effort to “Keep’em Vertical” so we can “Keep’em Smilin’ in Beds of White”, when the time comes.

So how will this mission work.

Every Grand, East & West Area Black Pup Tents and Auxiliary will be required to do an event that is geared towards the awareness of Veterans Mental Health Issues and the prevention of Veteran Suicides. The Supreme does not want any funds be given to Supreme for this effort, only thing required is a report of an event with the minimum information on the form below. It is fashioned somewhat like Hospital report. If your event is a fundraiser, we want you to keep those funds in your state/Grand/ Area. As many of you know your areas and how to help those veterans in your areas. If your organization is already doing that then you are ahead of the game.

Position	Name	Grand of	Email Address	Phone number
Big Boot Chair	Luther Sawicki	Ohio	luthersawicki@gmail.com	(440) 228-8594
Big Boot Assist. Chair	Billie Cassidy	Tennessee	bscassidy@tds.net	(913) 628-1774
Big Boot Member	Scott Van Tassell	Kentucky	scottvantassell@gmail.com	(502) 680-2340
Big Boot Member	Dan Kramer	Nebraska	kramerd27@yahoo.com	(308) 636-8359
Big Boot Member	Robert ‘Check’ Adamczyk	Virginia	mrcheck@gmail.com	(703) 763-6189

Types of Events that meet the requirements:

- Fundraisers specifically for Veteran Mental Health Awareness and the prevention of Veteran Suicide
- An event that actually provides a forum / meeting to address Veteran’s Issues
- Assisting another Organization with an event addressing the issues
- Attending another event as a group (not an individual) geared toward the issues
- Any other event that may be outside the box and reviewed by the Committee as acceptable

- If you have a Fundraiser and cannot find a worthy place for donation you may send it to Supreme earmarked for Operation Big Boot and we will be supporting DogTags 4 Life.
- Simply donating money will not meet the requirement of this Mission. This is meant to be an “attend and do something” Mission.

Remember this is basically your Grand Pup Tent program to help veterans, as it helps the Veterans in YOUR community.

All reports will be sent to the Operation Big Boot Chair – Luther Sawicki

Acknowledgement:

All Operation Big Boot reports received by the “Big Boot” Chair will be reviewed by the Operation Big Boot in order to determine level of commitment to “Keep’em Vertical”.

- Red Boot Certificate** – Mission Participation by submitting the form
- White Boot Certificate** – Mission Participation by submitting the form and separate event report.
- Gold Boot Certificate** – Mission Participation by submitting the form and separate detailed event report.

- Pacific Area - (AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, PAC, UT, WA, WY)
- Central Area - (AL, AR, IA, KS, LA, MN, MS, MO, OK, NE, ND, SD, TN, TX)
- Northern Area - (CT, IL, IN, KY, MA, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, RI, VT, WI)
- Atlantic Area - (DC, DE, EUR, FL, GA, MD, NC, PA, SC, VA, WV)

Big Gold Boot Award – Will be chosen by the Committee and awarded to the one Grand Pup Tent that portrayed the true meaning and intent of this mission.

Operation Big Boot Event

Grand/Area: _____ Date of Event: _____

Location of Event: _____

of other Groups Present: _____ Amount Raised (if a fundraising event): _____

Other Groups Present: _____

Number of Cooties: _____ Total Number Attendees: _____

Description of Event: _____

VFW National Home and Special Project Programs

2023-2024



Established in 1925, the VFW National Home was created as a home for widows and orphans of deceased veterans. The idea to build such a home came from the Military Order of the Cootie. However, it was through the efforts of a 23-year-old girl from Detroit named Amy Ross that the idea became a reality. Supreme Seam Squirrel Mark Larkin's and Supreme President Billie Cassidy's **SPECIAL PROJECT** is a dual project with 1. Continuing support of the music program, by supplying the families with starter Pianos and drum sets to practice their lessons at home. 2. Hives to Heroes start up program at the VFW National Home to coincide with counseling program to help Veterans and families cope with those difficult times and issues that confront them. This is a start-up program designed to become a VFW National program that will hopefully become self – sustaining. It will be done in phases starting with the Veteran and family first and then focus on the older children and become of the current 4H program under the Non-Livestock category.

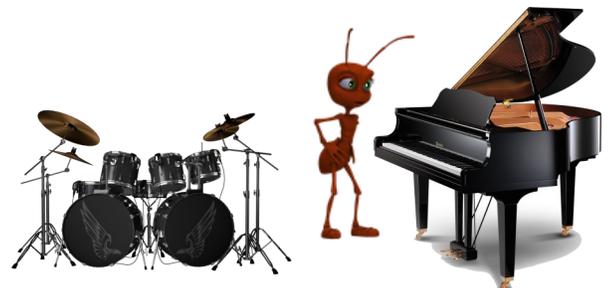
OBJECT: Financing of a specific project for the VFW National Home is the objective of this program. We do not replace any other monies that might be used with your donations under this project. Your donations are merely a supplement to the other individual donations to the VFW National Home. Pup Tents, Grands, Cooties and Auxiliary members at all levels are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause. Selected projects are presented and must be approved by a majority vote at an annual Supreme Scratch. In addition, supporting our VFW National Home is one of our stated objectives.

GOAL: The established goal for this program is an annual one-dollar donation per Cootie.

PROCEDURES: Forward monies collected at the Pup Tent to your Grand Quartermaster who will forward them to Supreme Headquarters. All donations must be received through the Grand Quartermaster or Black Division Pup Tent CCDB. Anyone may contribute to the fund. Earmark all checks as to what they are for. By encouraging MOC Auxiliary Members to contribute gives both their Pup Tent and Grand credit for the donations. A report on a financial status of the fund is required at the Supreme Scratch and Council of Administration meeting IAW Section 512C & E, By-Laws of the Supreme Pup Tents.

AWARDS: Pup Tents and Grands reaching 100% will receive a citation from the Special Projects Chairman. See All*Star programs for more details.

Mark Winn
VFW National Home Chairman
953 Avatar Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 93454



Sky Pilot / Chaplain of the Year Program 2023-2024

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

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

Selection:

1. Selection of the Supreme *Sky Pilot of the Year* is done from letters of nominations sent by Pup Tent Seam Squirrels, Grand Seam Squirrels and Area Seam Squirrels, 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 Sky Pilot. Any Sky Pilot selected as Sky Pilot 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 2024 will not be considered. Nomination letters may be mailed between 1 June 2023 and 15 May 2024.
5. Letters of nomination should contact facts, not just words. We have Sky Pilots 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 Sky Pilot.
6. Do not let your Sky Pilots down. Please make a nomination for this honor. If you don't nominate them, they may not be recognized.

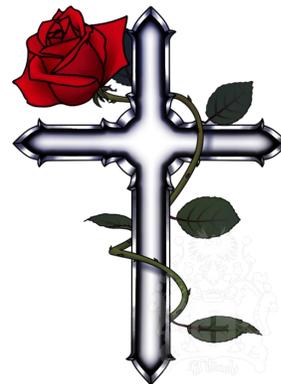
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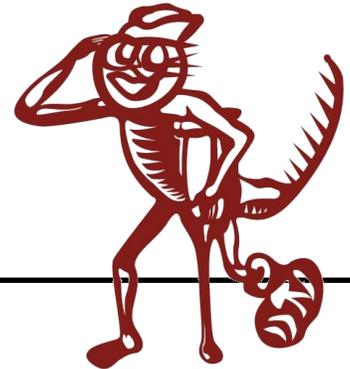
Cootie Of the Year Program 2023-2024

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 the Cootie chosen attends the Supreme Convention, it will be awarded at that time. If not, the Cootie will receive the award at another event they are attending.

Nominations should be a detailed description of what the Cootie has performed. If you have any questions or to submit a cootie for the Supreme Cootie of the Year, please contact me.

If for any reason, you could not get the nomination to me, 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 the opportunity to recognize this Lousy Cootie.

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Blood Program 2023-2024

Objective: The Supreme Seam Squirrel fully supports the VFW Blood Program and encourages all Cooties to participate. The Blood Program is a recognition program. DO NOT REPORT the Supreme Blood Program as part of the Supreme Hospital Program.

Appointments: Each Grand and Pup Tent will appoint a Pup Tent Vampire/Blood Chairman.

Awards: Any Cootie giving blood between 1 June 2023 and 31 May 2024 will receive a Certificate of Appreciation. The certificate will be signed by the Supreme Vampire and the Supreme Seam Squirrel. If any Cootie reaches one, five or ten gallons lifetime total on record, that Cootie will receive a pin and/or tab with the gallon amount on it.

Reporting: Having satisfied the above criteria your Pup Tent Vampire must report the work to your VFW Post for Community Service credit. Report all blood donations to your Pup Tent Vampire and the Vampire will report to the Supreme Vampire to get recognition for your Cootie. There are no middle men in this Program. Vampire will report the total blood donated by a member not just the most current donation.



Send report of donations to me via email. Include Cootie name, Grand/Pup Tent, Date, Blood or Plasma

Frank Presfield
Supreme Vampire
(Supreme Blood Chairman)
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VAVS Program

2023-2024

The Supreme VAVS Representative/Certifying officer will notify the local VA Directors of who is assigned to their VA facilities. No Grand will contact the VA directly. The Supreme VAVS Certifying officer is the clearing house, so to speak, for the local VAVS representative/deputy. The appointment is to be recommended by the Grand Seam Squirrel/Commander or the Pup Tent Seam Squirrel if there is no Grand.

An awards program is in effect based on hourly service in VA Facilities. For the award, a Cootie Bug pin with VAVS will be sent after reaching 1,000 hours of hospital hours, a tab for 1,000 will be issued upon request of the Grand. There is only one Supreme VAVS representative who is the Certifying officer and one Supreme Deputy VAVS representative.

All local VAVS representatives/deputies must be regularly scheduled volunteers at their VA facilities. A representative/deputy can only service one organization at a time at the same facility. The representative/deputy cannot be a paid VA employee.

Supreme VAVS Chairman

Allan Perkins

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Did you know?

The MOC/MOCA has a Press Club?
Hard Copy or eCopy? What do you use?
They want to see your work!

Contact Allan Perkins at (281) 450-7824 for more details!

Clown Program

Keeping them smiling in beds of white is the goal of every MOC Clown. We are hoping for members this year to bring cheer and happiness into the lives of those who have given us freedom and are in the hospitals or long-term care facilities. Everyone likes a reason to clown around. So, take time to sing a song, tell a joke, or do something fun with our hospitalized, disabled, elderly veterans. Let's put on a happy face and help the world smile.

Pup Tents

Clown costumes should be in good taste and must consist of more than a funny hat; normally it takes at least three pieces of clown or silly clothing. If you know how to do clown make-up, that's great, but do not use any clown makeup when clowning as a Cootie. We are trying to cheer not scare and some people are afraid of clowns in make-up. To be certified by Supreme, clowns must make three (3) visits between June 1, 2023 and May 31, 2024. Of course, more visits are encouraged. A picture taken of the clown must be sent to the Grand Hospital Chairman who must report these visits on their monthly Hospital Report form. The remarks section of the pup tent hospital form can be used to report clown visits. After the three (3) have been made, the Pup Tent Hospital Chairman should fill out the Clown Request Form. They then send a copy to the Grand Hospital Chairman for verification. After the Supreme Clown receives the signed form (which must be signed by the Grand Hospital Chairman), the Supreme Clown will issue the Supreme Clown Card and pin within 60 days of receipt. Pup Tents not in a Grand will submit pictures to the Supreme Clown directly.

Grand

The Grand Hospital Chairman will keep records for all clowns who have three (3) visits or more and submit them to the Supreme Clown.

Supreme Convention

Bring your Clown Costume with you to the Supreme Convention. Please notify the Supreme Clown if you plan to attend the Supreme Convention as a Clown. A special prize will be given to the Grand and Pup Tent not in a Grand with the best participation throughout the year.

The **Supreme Papa Clown** will provide an initial clown pin for first time clowns and a bar for each following year. These awards will be send to the Grand Hungry Cootie/Adjutant and passed out at the Grand Scratch. Awards not given out at the Grand Scratch must be mailed to the qualifying clown. Awards to clowns not in a Grand will be mailed in the month of June.

Supreme Papa Clown:

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Supporting Programs

The following is a list of fun programs you can join that support each other. The full flyers can be accessed on the lotcs.org website under the Programs tab. Check back often for updated forms and maybe even a new program to support.

Knights Hospitalier - MOC issued a special medal as a fundraiser for the organization. During the Crusades, the first knights to enter the Holy Land opened a hospital. Since the MOC is the Honor Degree of the VFW and since the MOC is the order that services hospitals and cares for veterans and their families, the medal is named "Knights Hospitalier"

For the below programs, if you cannot get ahold of the POC on the form, contact the corresponding Grand Commander.

Kentucky Bourbon Bugs - **Coming Soon!**

Maryland Fire Dept - The money received in support of this Grand of Maryland Honorary Fire Department is presented each year to the VFW National Home.

Michigan Nitpickers - Proceeds go to the Grand of Michigan to help with all programs they are involved in to include possible donations to the National Home, support the children of the National Home Cedar Point Trip and Veterans Hospital Work.

PA Keystone Cops - Proceeds from this program are donated to the VFW National Home to assist in the security of the grounds.

MOC Pacific Area Paddy Daddy Program - The VFW National Home Special Project is the recipient of the proceed from this program in the Pacific Area.

Tennessee Chess Pie - Supports the VFW National Home

Texas Horny Toads - Proceeds from this program are used to help purchase vehicles for the VFW National Home for Children. During the past thirty-five year, we have donated over twenty-five vehicles for the home.

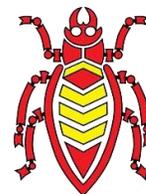
Virginia Hams - Proceeds for this program go to the VFW National Home.

Washington Apples - All funds received are donated to the VFW National Home for Children for approved special projects.

Past Supreme Commanders

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>		<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
	1920	Washington DC	Organizational	56th	1975	Los Angeles	George Jeschke*
1st	1920	New York	Frederic C. Madden*	57th	1976	New York	Mark A. Farrell*
2nd	1921	Detroit	Benjamin Gambell*	58th	1977	Bloomington	John Sparks*
3rd	1922	Seattle	William F. Eighmeyer*	59th	1978	Dallas	William Frey*
4th	1923	Norfolk	F. Willard Kime*	60th	1979	New Orleans	Frederick Kauffman*
5th	1924	Atlantic City	F. Willard Kime*	61st	1980	Chicago	Eugene D. Thomas, Jr.*
6th	1925	Tulsa	Thomas J. Nottingham*	62nd	1981	Philadelphia	Lionel Fontaine*
7th	1926	El Paso	Robert E. Lee Murphy*	63rd	1982	Los Angeles	William E. Bryce
8th	1927	Providence	Val N. Brandon*	64th	1983	New Orleans	Arthur G. Selbo*
9th	1928	Louisville	Malachi F. Healy*	65th	1984	Chicago	Robert Graber*
10th	1929	St. Paul	Edward H. Giguere*	66th	1985	Las Vegas	Bobbie Alton Birdett*
11th	1930	Baltimore	Oscar J. Stearns, Jr.*	67th	1986	St. Paul	Eugene E. Calloway*
12th	1931	Kansas City	Charles F. Wetter*	68th	1987	New Orleans	James H. Patterson*
13th	1932	Sacramento	Walter C. Winters*	69th	1988	Chicago	Albert S. Thomas, Jr.*
14th	1933	Milwaukee	Thomas C. Ryan*	70th	1989	Las Vegas	Robert M. Cortright*
15th	1934	Louisville	George T. Dougherty*	71st	1990	Baltimore	Thomas J. Atkins*
16th	1935	New Orleans	Victor B. Galloway*	72nd	1991	New Orleans	Myron H. Rowe*
17th	1936	Denver	William J. Crehan*	73rd	1992	Indianapolis	Donald V. Nettler*
18th	1937	Buffalo	Thomas McBride*	74th	1993	Dallas	John E. Hamilton
19th	1938	Columbus	Carl. C. Gibson*	75th	1994	Las Vegas	Glen Maroney*
20th	1939	Boston	Patrick H. Houle*	76th	1995	Phoenix	J.F. "Jack" Holleran*
21st	1940	Los Angeles	William M. Harper*	77th	1996	Louisville	Gary Strauss*
22nd	1941	Philadelphia	Ashley Beck*	78th	1997	Salt Lake City	Charles D. Short*
23rd	1942	Cincinnati	Frank Topash	79th	1998	San Antonio	Larry Alexander
24th	1943	New York	Daniel A. Tarantola*	80th	1999	Kansas City	Stephen H. Wheeler
25th	1944	Chicago	Otto Steinberger*	81st	2000	Milwaukee	C. Marty Ellingwood
26th	1945	Chicago	Austin A. Flanagan*	82nd	2001	Milwaukee	Ken Cole
27th	1946	Boston	Vincent C. SchAAF*	83rd	2002	Nashville	H Steve Mason
28th	1947	Cleveland	Benjamin F. Griffey*	84th	2003	San Antonio	Fernando "Fred" Garcia*
29th	1948	St. Louis	Richard E. Hodges*	85th	2004	Cincinnati	Joseph "Rollin' Joe" Velasquez
30th	1949	Miami Beach	A. Thomas Wheaton*	86th	2005	Salt Lake City	Thomas Tweet
31st	1950	Chicago	Newell Warner*	87th	2006	Reno	Terrance "Shorty" Lyons*
32nd	1951	New York	Percy W. Graves*	88th	2007	Kansas City	Raymond "Ray" Fern*
33rd	1952	Los Angeles	W. J. Gow*	89th	2008	Orlando	Ralph Corno
34th	1953	Milwaukee	Ernest H. Moore*	90th	2009	Phoenix	Johnny L. Howard*
35th	1954	Philadelphia	William Wark*	91st	2010	Indianapolis	C. Maurice Theriac
36th	1955	Boston	Raymond Burke*	92nd	2011	San Antonio	George Dennis*
37th	1956	Dallas	Raymond F. Nichols*	93rd	2012	Reno	Joseph T. McCullough
38th	1957	Miami Beach	Ervin F. Rothenbuhler*	94th	2013	Louisville	Gerald L. Constable
39th	1958	New York	George E. Hunt*	95th	2014	St. Louis	Mark Newman
40th	1959	Los Angeles	Joseph F. Jacques*	96th	2015	Pittsburg	Dave Wimmer*
41th	1960	Detroit	Charles W. Briner*	97th	2016	Charlotte	Donald 'T-Bone' Lynch
42nd	1961	Miami Beach	Angus McNaught*	98th	2017	New Orleans	James D. Malott
43rd	1962	Minneapolis	John W. Burnett*	99th	2018	Kansas Crty	Dan Kramer
44th	1963	Seattle	Dr. Vernon G. Olson*	100th	2019	Orlando	Emil Soltesz
45th	1964	Cleveland	Fred L. Finch, Sr*	101st	2020	Reno	Steve W. Ruger, Sr.
46th	1965	Chicago	Donald Ferguson*	102nd	2021	Overland Park	Darin Combs
47th	1966	New York	Patrick McCaulla*	103rd	2022	Overland Park	Olin Parks
48th	1967	New Orleans	Darwin Cochran*	104th	2023	Tempe	Dwight Hora
49th	1968	Detroit	George F. Jalbert*				
50th	1969	Philadelphia	Jean R. Brelsford*				
51st	1970	Miami Beach	Dr. Frank O. Brasch*				
52nd	1971	Dallas	Samuel R. Frutoso*				
53rd	1972	Minneapolis	Randy Lofgren*				
54th	1973	New Orleans	Owen W. Ball*				
55th	1974	Chicago	Jerry Bloir*				

*deceased



Schedule of Events 2023-2024

MOC EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
88th Tomb Trek	Arlington, VA	3-5 November 2023
94th Grand of Michigan Cootie Christmas	VFW National Home Eaton Rapids, MI	1-3 December 2023
President Cassidy's Homecoming	TBA	TBA
Seam Squirrel Larkin's Homecoming	Havelock, NC	21-22 March 2024
40th Grand of Ohio Easter Treat	VFW National Home Eaton Rapids, MI	22-24 March 2024
105th Supreme Scratch	Louisville, KY	31 July - 4 August 2024



VFW EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
National Council Of Administration	Kansas City, MO	26-27 August 2023
Big Ten Conference	Itasca, IL	20-22 October 2023
Southern Conference	Tulsa, OK	2-5 November 2023
Western Conference	Salt Lake City, UT	2-5 November 2023
Eastern Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	20-22 October 2023
VFW Legislative Conference	Washington DC	3-7 March 2024
124th VFW National Convention	Louisville, KY	27 July - 1 August 2024

Dates and locations subject to change.

Supreme Date Line



ASAP	All Grand Dates, Information and Requests to Supreme Adjutant
10th of each month	Recruiting Report (page 18-19)
31 August 2023	23-25 Bonds Due!
25 September 2023	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 11)
30 November 2023	Pup Tent Membership Awards (pg 12) Pup Tent Inspection Goal Date (pg 15)
25 December 2023	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 11)
31 December 2023	Grand Membership Awards (pg 12)
29 February 2024	Supreme By-Laws Changes Due to Committee
25 March 2024	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 11)
15 May 2024	Sky Pilot of the Year (pg 23)
31 May 2024	All 2023-2024 Programs End (pg 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hospital (pg 9-10)• Membership (pg 12-13)• Inspections (pg 15)• All*Star Programs: Grand (pg 16), Pup Tent (pg 17)• Blood Program (pg 24)• Clown Program (pg 26)
3 June 2024	Final Pup Tent Hospital Reports due (pg 8)
5 June 2024	Final Hospital Reports due to Supreme Commissioner (pg 9)
10 June 2024	Final Hospital Reports will be posted. (pg 9)
25 June 2024	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 11)
15 July 2024	Last Day to Early Bird register for Supreme Convention Banquet (pg 20)
26 July 2024	Last Day to Early Bird register for Supreme Convention \$15 (pg 20)
27 July 2024	Supreme Convention Registration \$20 (pg 20) Supreme Convention Banquet Tickets purchase at Cootie Booth (pg 20)
1 August 2024	Cootie Of the Year (pg 24)
2 August 2024	Clown Program (pg 25) Press Club (pg 26)