



Supreme President's Message/General Order #4

January 2024



Auxiliary Members,

Here it is a New Year. What does the month of January symbolize?



January was named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways, who symbolize beginnings and endings. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future. So, we need to look towards the future.

The last few months have been hectic and exciting. We have had Tomb Trek and Cootie Christmas. What an honor and privilege it was to attend these events. I have visited a few of the Auxiliaries that are not in a Grand. By this time all but a couple of Auxiliaries not in a Grand have been inspected. Here are some reminders:

1. **MEMBERSHIP**: On 1 Feb 2024, (this year only) any member not currently holding a 2024 membership dues card is NOT a member in good standing. **Normally, the dues are to be paid by 31 December. I have extended that to 31 January.** They cannot attend meetings nor claim hospital hours and are ineligible to be elected or hold an office. Dues must be paid by 1 Sep 2024, or these individuals will have to rejoin as a new member. Payment of their dues will restore all rights immediately. All treasures, please transmit dues ASAP.

2. **ALL AUXILIARIES**: Not having 10 or more members paid for the current year are no longer in good standing with the Supreme organization. The Auxiliary cannot conduct any business, nor elect and install new officers, until the required number of members has been paid.

3. **GRAND PRESIDENTS**:

- Your VAVS Representatives and Deputies should be performing their duties at the VA Hospitals. It is your responsibility to visit all the VA Hospitals in which you have a VAVS Representative and Deputies. If there is a problem, as Grand President, you should be planning on appointing replacements.

- Your visits to your Auxiliaries within your Grand should be almost complete. Please send your Inspection Reports to Supreme Inspector Marquitta Hill, PO Box 16113, Hattiesburg, MS 39404. E-mail: nicolefw@yahoo.com

4. **GRAND CONVENTIONS are just around the corner:** I will be assigning a Supreme Representative to attend your Grand Convention. For those who have not already done so, please send your Request for Supreme Representative for your Grand Convention to me now. Every effort will be made to send your choice. But bear in mind that it is not always possible. The Supreme Rep will be reviewing your books. When you are inspected, be sure to have the hard copies of the documents that are required available for the inspectors (copy of the bond (Due in August), audits, ledgers, banks statements, CD statements, EIN#, a copy when the 990 or 990N e-postcard was filed (this should be a receipt from the IRS) and Secretary's minutes. The inspectors will need to sign on each of these documents.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS OF YOUR CONVENTION.

5. **TREASURERS ON ALL LEVELS:** No checks are to be made out to any Supreme or Grand Chairman. Checks are made out to the organization, not an individual. Checks for the any Supreme Program are to be made out to Supreme MOCA & sent to

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- All Auxiliaries must have their own EIN to maintain their non-profit status under the umbrella of the Supreme Organization and **it is the responsibility of the Treasurer to file the 990n epostcard annually.** This is your EIN number and cannot be shared. This number is to be provided to the Supreme Quartermaster, 604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145. A reminder: Your EIN is for non-profit status, not tax exemption status. Please review the requirements for a tax exemption number before applying for one.

6. **MOC AUXILIARIES. Auxiliaries in a Grand:** Nominations, elections, and installations of officers must be completed between January 15th and March 31st, 2024; **unless** the Supreme President has given the approval in writing, to delay it. IAW MOCA By-Laws Section 305, "Installations shall be held at a date to correspond with the Pup Tent and if desired by mutual consent of the Pup Tent and Auxiliary, may be joint. New officers will assume their duties at the same time as their Pup Tent.

Auxiliaries not within a Grand will assume their duties at the same time as their Pup Tent. All Installation warrants must be submitted within 15 days. The exception is those Grands having Conventions less than 30 days before Supreme; then warrants are sent in immediately.

8. **BY-LAWS:** By-laws are revised every 5 years. Please submit any resolutions for changes to Pat Potter at email: ppotter1293@gmail.com for the consideration at a future convention.

9. **HOSPITAL REPORTS:** Auxiliary Hospital Chairmen, please report your member's hours and dates that they were volunteering. Our members do great hospital work, and they should be rewarded at the end of the reporting year. Each District Hospital Commissioner 's name and address can be found in the Supreme Roster book.

10. **SUPREME PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT:** Please send your donations to Supreme Treasurer Georg Jean Zimmerman and "Earmark" the check "Supreme President's Special Project."

11. **SUPREME PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL HOME SPECIAL PROJECT:** Please make your donations to Supreme Treasurer Georg Jean Zimmerman, "Earmark" the check "Supreme President's National Home Special Project."

- ***A reminder the Joint Project "Operation Big Boot" is a program that is being worked by the MOC/MOCA. If monies are donated to you for this project, please keep that money in your state to help on Suicide Prevention. DO NOT SEND TO SUPREME!***

To those who are experiencing illness, we extend the best wishes for a speedy recovery and to those who have lost loved ones, we extend our most profound and deepest sympathy from the Supreme Organization. Please ensure ALL the sick and departed members are reported to your Grand Chaplain as well as names are sent to the Supreme Chaplain Dawn Van Tassell, 110 Burgundy, Ekron, KY 40117. Cell: 502-655-1379 E-mail: cootiecutiedawnvt@gmail.com

BY ORDER OF:

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Supreme President
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Supreme Secretary
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