

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.

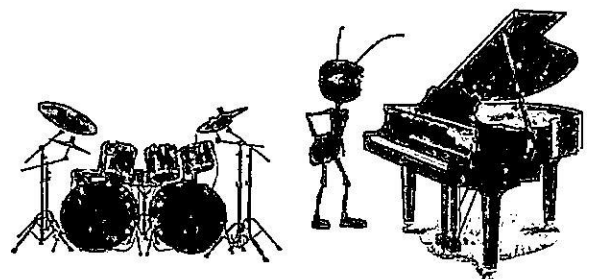
OBJECT: Financing of a specific project for the VFW National Home is the objective of this program. We do not replace any other monies that might be used with your donations under this project. Your donations are merely a supplement to the other individual donations to the VFW National Home. Pup Tents, 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.

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- 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: _____	

