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From the Supreme Commander



Listen Cooties!

I promise to get a better "Official" picture to represent the organization. The background isn't the best in my current picture. I'm sure you don't read my correspondence for my looks though.

I had the great opportunity to attend my first official function as your Supreme Commander with my home Pup Tent, 11 Sunny Slops, in Phoenix, Arizona. The Pup Tent's annual awards ceremony was held with some of our crummiest Cooties and Cuties. Several highly coveted awards were given out to very deserving individuals such as "Cootie of the Year, "Fart Smeller" and the newly minted award, the "Whining, Sniveling, Malcontent". I am proud to have been inducted into the "John Barnard Order of the Whining, Sniveling, Malcontent" as Whining, Sniveling, Malcontent Number One. The induction came with a serialized pin and certificate singed by none other than Pup Tent 11's Seam Squirrel "This Jody won't steal your girl" Jody Lauer. A terrible time had by all with some terrible food by our Cooties and Cuties (mostly Cuties).





We had a very successful Council of Administration (C of A) on August 22nd. The Zoom meeting went GREAT! There were only a few unable to attend. The next C of A is scheduled for December 4, 2020 just before the start of Cootie Christmas. More details to follow as to specific location. We plan to allow those who are unable to attend in person to attend via Zoom.

I want to thank Agnes Nusspickel for making me a Commander's quilt. The front is my Commander's pin and the back is made from pieces of the many shirts I have accumulated in the VFW and MOC. She has such great talent and I am so appreciative of all the memories this quilt brings. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH AGNES !



We are taking a big financial hit this year since we were not able to have the Cootie Depot open for our Supreme Scratch and Tomb Trek since both have been cancelled.

Please try to keep Delpha busy with orders. Every little bit helps keep us afloat. The masks have been a big hit. Consider giving those out to new Cooties or make them part of a raffle. This will increase Depot sales as well as raise funds for your Pup Tent or Grand. You have probably seen Supreme officers wearing Gold polos with the Commander's patch, their name and position. These shirts are available for you to purchase in red. They will have the Commander's patch with your name and position (at whatever level) if any. If you are a Past Supreme Commander or Past Supreme President, you have a gold shirt on its way to you with your name, unless you have already received a shirt due to being a Supreme officer this year.

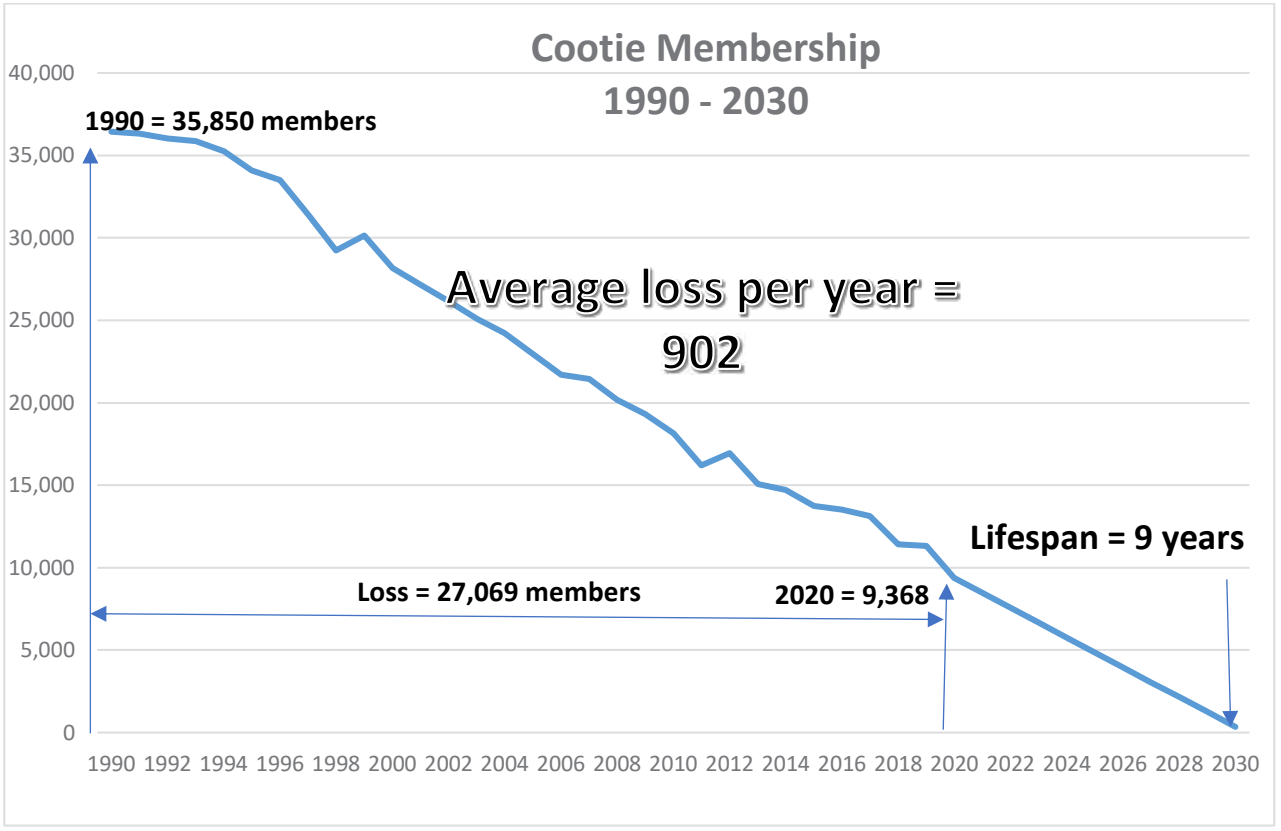
Although we are going through some unprecedented times, we still have a mission to accomplish. Our first order of business is to "Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White" and our second, and just as important task, is to "Increase and Multiply." If we do not do the second, we will not be able to do the first in the near future. Let's AT LEAST get our membership to be 100% plus 1 at the Supreme level this year. I think, I KNOW we can do it.

Yours in the LOTCS,

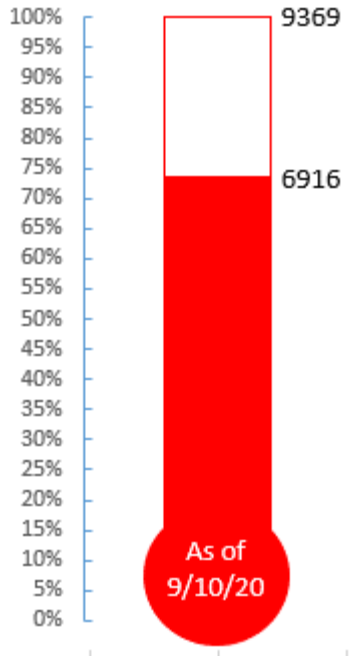
Darin Combs
Supreme Commander
2020-2021



Cootie Membership Losses and Goal for 2020-2021



Membership Goal for 2020-2021




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INCREASE & MULTIPLY!
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From the Supreme Sr. Vice Commander



With the variety of COVID restrictions lingering around, we need to be cognizant of a variety of issues. We need to make attempts to let veterans know that we are still there for them and have not forgotten them. The hospitalized and rest home veterans are literally locked in – same 4 walls and restrictions everywhere. Kentucky is thinking out of the box by going out and refilling the veteran homes' bird feeders. A kind and thoughtful gesture from that pup tent. Use all the brain power present in the pup tent – no matter how dim it is – to generate some projects that can touch our hospitalized and rest home patients. Get a list of veterans, along with their birthdates to send birthday cards, special occasion cards, or even "just thinking of you" cards…these veterans enjoy mail too. You can also fix up "goodie bags" for veterans after consulting with the rest home or veteran's home about any restrictions there.

It is imperative that we continue our activities that nourish our membership. With all the restrictions it so easy to just "wait it out". We are combat vets and we are not much in the "waiting" mode! Get out and find something you can do for our hospitalized veterans in rest homes and hospitals. The opportunities are there and we just have to make the best of the current situation by praying that it changes back to something we can recognize.

Yours in LOTCS,

Olin Parks
Supreme Sr. Vice Commander
2020-2021

From the Supreme Jr. Vice-Commander

Listen Up Cooties,

I want to thank you all for your support with the election for my candidacy to Supreme Jr. Vice Commander. I am humbled to have been elected to this high office in such a lousy and self-sacrificing organization. I ask that we all put forward our best foot to increase and multiply this year and following years so we can show our parent organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars that we are here to perform and to stay the course of Keepin them Smilin' in Beds of White.

I ask that we look at our By-Laws and continue to strive to build our organization focused on self-sacrifice, fun and frolic. We as the Military Order of the Cootie, should stand to support others above self. This starts at home in our local community. With the Covid-19 situation still keeping people at home, out of hospitals and nursing home, and just being a little timid about going to see people, we need to remember that there are other ways to continue our mission.

I was informed the other day that the Ralph H. Johnson, VA Medical Hospital 4th floor residents can get on a computer for video conferencing. This is a great way to get your Pup Tent together and share some laughs and silliness to help them get through their days. We can also do things like small parades in front of nursing homes and in our own way, it will bring a laugh to the residents and create some good thoughts later in the day.

We as Cooties also need to increase and multiply. We have our own little secrecy with our initiation, but that is really all that is secret. We need to think outside of the box and help create a better image of who we are. That image is as stated prior, as self-sacrifice to others. This is not a tough organization. We are a gentle spirited group wanting to support those that are hurting and facing physical or mental challenges through being goofy. With the red and white apparel and our sideways hats we can attract many VFW members to join our seams and help us share the spirit of the Cootie.

Once again I thank you all so much for your support to this high office and I look forward to working with you over the next few years to put the Military Order of the Cootie in a position to be recognized as a strong group of veterans that want to make a difference.

Yours in LOTCS,

Dwight Hora
Supreme Jr. Vice-Commander
2020-2021

From the Supreme Quartermaster

Listen Cooties,



I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but the Cooties are dying. If we do not increase our membership, we will be nothing but a memory. Our membership has declined over the past 10 years, and we are currently at about 10,000 members. Current membership sits at about 67%. Your Supreme Commander, Senior Vice and Junior Vice commanders are working to develop ideas on how to increase our membership numbers and would welcome your ideas on how to accomplish this task. I have printed out our recruiting brochure and if anyone needs some please contact me with the number you want.

In September I visited the city of Baltimore to see the hotels that submitted bids to host our Supreme Convention in July 2021. I have asked for their final offers to be in my hands in October so that a decision could be made by the end of October. If that happens, I will pass on our selection to the Supreme Commander so that he can inform the organization in his next Cootie Tickle.

We have Grand Quartermasters that are holding this year's membership cards for whatever reason and have not passed them out to the Pup Tents so that the Pup Tents can process dues. Which, by the way, is one of the things that keeps headquarters floating; especially with the loss of income from not having a Supreme Convention or Tomb Trek this year. The Supreme Commander is doing all he can to keep headquarters solvent by purchasing shirts, for the Grand Commanders and all the Past Supreme Commanders and Supreme Presidents.

Yours in LOTCS,

Gary Dressel
Supreme Quartermaster
2020-2021



From the Supreme Hospital Commissioner

Listen Cooties,

Here are some bulleted notes for Pup Tent alternative hospital work:

- Coordinate with the VA Hospital Volunteer Service office or your VAVS Representative for "items of need". They will ALWAYS accept donations. Get the number and call them first-coordinate.
- Pup Tents are now doing walking or vehicular parades around the hospital grounds. The key is to coordinate through the VA Volunteer Office. Annotate how many Cooties participated and how many miles for the parade along with miles to/from Hospital.
- If you do a telephonic checkup on a veteran, label it *"Warrior Call"* and total time per veteran you spoke to. Unfortunately, no miles can be counted here.
- Pen/Pals with Reply, One way Cards, or One Way Letters. Standard times and cost for composing mail as follows: Pen/Pals= 0.5 minutes per letter and $4.00 (materials/postage) as a gift; One way Card= 0.1 minutes per card and $1.50 (materials/postage) as a gift; One way Letter= 0.2 minutes per letter nd $2.00 (materials/postage) as a gift. You could include these items in "Care Packages" overseas. Great way to let the troops know we care. Make sure they know **WHO** sent it to them.

When you are in doubt if an action would be counted for Hospital work, submit it on a report.

Finally, the **Supreme Commander's Special Project** (renovation of the Childcare Center) is in full swing and looking for your monetary support to make it happen. Plus we need to take care of the M.O.C./M.O.C.A "Cootie House" at the V.F.W. National Home for Children. If you click the link and visit www.lotcs.org/projects.php you can donate to either cause. Your Pup Tent can donate here or you can send your donations through your Grand QM. Either way is gratefully appreciated.

Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work!

Yours in LOTCS,

Eric Bell
Supreme Hospital Commissioner
Special Project Chairperson
2020-2021
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FROM THE SUPREME VAMPIRE



The Supreme Vampire is sending out Blood Donation Certificates and Commemorative Pins to those generous Cooties that gave blood to save lives last year. Our appreciation goes out to all of our regular donators, that have given even during this COVID time.

As you can imagine, the Corona virus has kept may people at home. The American Red Cross reports that blood donations are severely down recently. This is the time when so many fellow veterans really need your help. As Cooties we are all inherently eager and willing to give what we can for our veteran brothers and sisters.

What we need to focus on right now is recruiting new blood donors. Our frequent donors seem to come through no matter what. But in these desperate times we must seek new donors to join our fold.

So many people seem to believe they do not qualify to give blood. Please don't use that as an excuse. Look to your heart and allow your Cootie generosity to flourish. Many of the donation requirements have changed. If you are willing to donate but are not sure if you qualify, simply visit: https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/eligibility-requirements.html

Over 4,000 blood drives have been canceled in the U.S. because of the Coronavirus, resulting in a loss of 130,000 donations, according to the American Association of Blood Banks.

Hospitals across the country are canceling elective surgeries and reducing the amount of blood they give patients to conserve their blood supply.

Many benefits for the person donating blood:

- Reduce harmful iron stores. According to the Mayo Clinic, one in every 200 people in the U.S. is affected by a condition called hemochromatosis that causes an iron overload.
- Preserve cardiovascular health.
- Reduce the risk cancer.
- Burn calories.
- Free blood analysis.
- Give you a sense of pride.

Jim Schinman
Supreme Vampire
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PLEASE DONATE BLOOD



From the Supreme Surgeon

The VA has recently partnered with OnStar's emergency services to improve access to suicide prevention resources to Veterans. Veterans in crisis will have the opportunity to be transferred to 24-hour, confidential support via VA's Veteran's Crisis Line through the OnStar button in their vehicle or the OnStar Guardian smartphone app.

More information on this partnership can be found in the VFW's Action Corps Weekly for August 21, 2020.

Positive Thinking

Do you ever have one of days those when nothing seems to be going right and your first thought is why does nothing ever go right for me? Why is my life so hard? When you are hurt or disappointed by others, do you feel that the world is against you? Do you blame yourself for everything that goes wrong?

For many of us, negative self-talk comes naturally and it's hard to be positive. However, research has proved that positive thinkers are both psychologically and physically healthier.

What is positive thinking? Positive thinking is the practice of approaching life's challenges with a positive outlook. According to verywellmind.com, "Positive thinking does not necessarily mean avoiding or ignoring the bad things; instead it involves making the most of potentially bad situations, trying to see the best in other people and viewing yourself and your abilities in a positive light."

Your explanatory style is how you explain events that have happened to you. An optimistic person will give themselves credit when something good happens and blame outside forces when things so bad. Negative events are seen as temporary obstacles.

A negative person will blame themselves for bad things and fail to take credit for successful outcomes. Pessimists view negative outcomes as expected and lasting.

Which one are you?

Some benefits of positive thinking include:

- *Longer life span*
- *Less stress*
- *Increased resistance to colds*
- *Better coping skills and stress management*
- *Lower risk of depression and cardiovascular disease*
- *Increase physical well-being and better psychologic health*

One of the first steps to becoming a positive thinker is to focus on your inner monologue and pay attention to your self-talk. **Stay positive, you do matter and keep the glass half full!**

L.O.T.C.S,

Dani Hernandez
Supreme Surgeon

From the Supreme Chief of Staff

Listen Cooties,

I am overwhelmed with all the fantastic work you continue to do during such trying times. Your imagination and dedication enabled the Cooties to continue our tradition of serving others. Many of your innovative ideas in dealing with the restrictions placed upon us will help our organization in finding ways to serve our veterans.

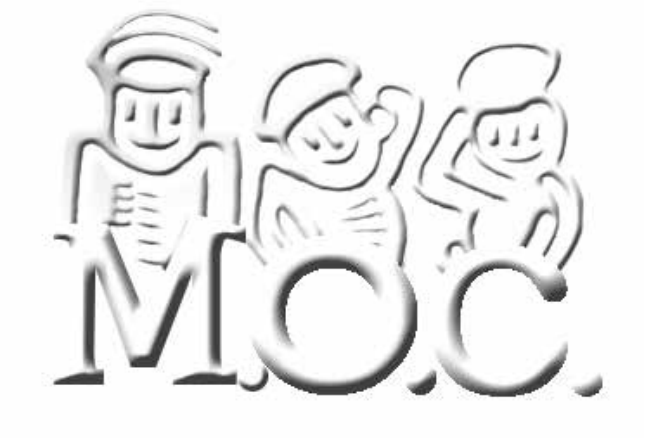
The year has started as it had ended. Lockdowns and restrictions. But you cannot keep a good Cootie down. We are resilient and constantly finding ways to fulfill our mission. Serving those in need and "Keeping 'em Smilin' in Beds of White." In the months to come we will persevere and team together in having a successful year.

In that light our organization is facing the challenge of "Increasing and Multiplying." The challenge is even greater this year as VFW members think about those VFW members who may be worthy of becoming a Cootie…Surely there must be some. Invite them into our folds. One here, one there and before you know it, we will have started growing.

Hopefully our Cooties are staying safe as they go about the business of being busier than a bee. I wish you all the best of health and happiness. (Straight talk!)

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

Jim Malott
Supreme Chief of Staff
2020-2021

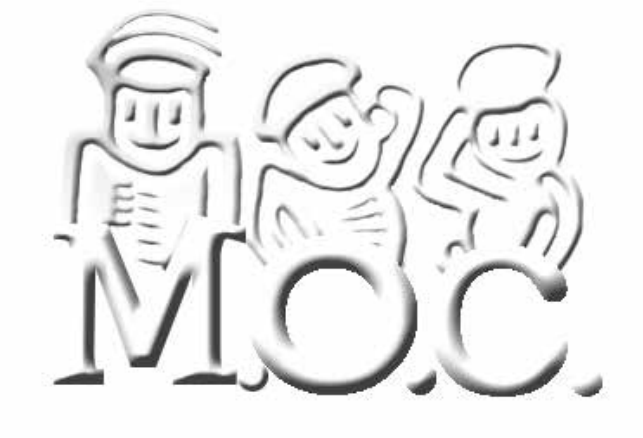


From the Supreme Inspector

Grand Inspectors and Grand Commanders. Inspections of your Pup Tents are still being accepted (and required I might add). If your Grand is completed with ALL inspections in before December 1st 2020, your Grand is entitled to a nice "I Love Me Wall" hanging certificate along with the Supreme Commanders pin. Those submitted on and after December 1st 2020 still count for the Cootie year up to just prior to the Supreme Scratch in Baltimore in July 2021. Inspections can be emailed to me or sent in by mail. With that information, the choice is yours, wait for the beep, and remember.....have a lousy day!

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

T. Earl Bigham
Supreme Inspector
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From the Supreme Papa Clown

None of us had any idea this year would turn out this way. I have noticed that, even though we are locked out of all our normal hunting grounds, many of you are doing everything you can to help. You have collected needed supplies and delivered them to nursing homes and VA medical centers. Some of you have also set up outside activities, with social distancing.



I am proud to work with so many caring and hard-working people.

This pandemic will not last forever. Keep yourself and those you care about, safe, healthy, and happy. Then, when it is safe, Cootie Clowns will rise again to serve our comrades. Keepin' 'em smilin' in beds of white.

In Respectful Service,

Allan T. Perkins "Archibald O'Perk"
Supreme Poppa Clown
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MOC General Order #1

1. Having been duly elected by the Council of Administration, I, Darin Combs, hereby assume command of the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States. All previous Supreme appointments have now expired. Cooties will now revert to their previous and proper tassels.

2. Notice is hereby given that the logo, bug, official seal, hat and the name Military Order of the Cootie are the trademarked and copyrighted property of the Supreme Pup Tent, Military Order of the Cootie of the United States and may not be used without the express written consent of the Supreme Pup Tent. Violators of this order will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

3. Supreme Headquarters is established as being located at 604 Braddock Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Office hours at Supreme Headquarters are from 9 AM to 5PM Monday through Friday, Eastern Time. Supreme Headquarters, MOC is closed for all Federal Holidays.

4. The Supreme Budget was approved by the Supreme Council of Administration Aug 22, 2020 and is in effect.

5. In accordance with Supreme Policy, all Grands are to inform Supreme Headquarters of the dates and places of any Grand Events so that proper representation may be assigned. Representation for Grand Scratch Forms are to be mailed or e-mailed to Supreme Headquarters no later than Nov 30, 2020.

6. Grands are reminded to forward a copy of each of their General Orders to the Supreme Adjutant.

7. The following Pup Tents were declared DEFUNCT during the 2019-20 Program Year: CA-34 Sloco-Beavers, FL-57 Engle Bug, FL-75 Mealy Bugs, IA-16 Tumbling Bug, KY-16 Ma Deuce, MD-25 R. E. Vogan, MA-34 North Shore Witch, NJ-28 Jet Fleas, NV-05 Duces Wild, OR-24 Crater Lake Louse's, WA-14 Wudnikol.

8. The following NEW Pup Tents were instituted during the 2019-20 Program Year: MO-08 Heartless Hillbillies, NY-9.75 Great Swampers, OK-07 Honor Bugs.

9. The following Grands and Pup Tents have not submitted their 2020-21 Election Reports: AL 13; AR 13, 14, 21; CA 38; CO 07, 19; IA 01, 06; MA 52; MS Grand, 06, 12, 15, 17; MO 02, 08, 17; MT 11; NJ 07, 15, 39, 69, 95; NY 02, 32, 35, 42, 54, 65; NC 79; OH 04, 16, 86; PA 29, 48, 58, 92; SD Grand, 12; TN Grand, 04.

10. Supreme ended the year at 83.75% inspected. Grand Inspectors need to start your inspections now and finish early. Send them to the Supreme Inspector. Do not hold on to them.

11. Each Cootie will be assessed $2.00: $1.00 for the Supreme Commanders Special Project (Renovation of the Childcare Center at the National Home) and $1.00 for the annual

maintenance fee MOC/MOCA House at the VFW National Home.

12. Pup Tents, Districts, Grand's, and Auxiliaries are reminded that they are to file IRS Form 990 within five months and fifteen days of the close of their fiscal year. Units whose income for 2019 was less than $50,000.00 can elect to file Form 990-N an electronic informational return instead of a paper return. Those units whose income was over $50,000.00 will still have to file the regular Form 990 or 990T.

13. Announcement is made of the TREK TO THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNS CANCELLATION.

14. Reporting for all programs are due to respective Chairmen no later than May 31, 2021.

15. Supreme Policy was approved by the Council of Administration on Aug 22, 2020 and is in effect.

BY COMMAND OF:
Darin Combs
Darin Combs
Supreme Commander

OFFICIAL:
Gordon K. Lam
Gordon K. Lam
Supreme Adjutant

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MOC Hospital Report

MOC SUPREME HOSPITAL REPORT					
Date: AS OF: 9/14/2020					
Grand	Goal	Reports	Cooties	Total Monies	Percentage
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#1 - Gary Dressel					
DE	$26,500.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
DC	$0.00	0	0	$0.00	
MD	$69,500.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
PA	$103,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
VA	$71,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
WV	$12,250.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
TOTALS	$283,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#2 - Louis C. McVey					
AL	$7,000.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
FL	$134,500.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
GA	$33,000.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
LA	$24,000.00	5	12	$5,974.58	24.89%
MS	$40,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
NC	$66,000.00	3	49	$1,624.21	2.46%
SC	$49,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
TN	$34,000.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
TOTALS	$389,000.00	8	61	$7,598.79	1.95%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#3 - Charles Cihlar					
IL	$45,250.00	2	14	$10,399.24	22.98%
IN	$0.00	0	0	$0.00	
KY	$47,000.00	2	14	$2,383.99	5.07%
MI	$51,500.00	5	126	$5,652.90	10.98%
OH	$96,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
WI	$69,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
TOTALS	$310,250.00	9	154	$18,436.13	5.94%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#4 - Olin Parks					
IA	$21,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
KS	$36,500.00	20	52	$5,247.71	14.38%
MN	$92,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
MO	$88,750.00	7	83	$16,435.50	18.52%
MT	$0.00	0	0	$0.00	
NE	$25,000.00	6	129	$10,348.74	41.39%
ND	$37,250.00	60	83	$21,681.56	58.21%
SD	$24,250.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	$326,250.00	93	347	$53,713.51	16.46%

SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#5 - Gordon Lam					
AR	$27,500.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
CO	$46,000.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
EURO	$21,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
NM	$33,500.00	8	58	$5,517.60	16.47%
OK	$30,500.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
TX	$87,000.00	3	34	$1,968.09	2.26%
WY	$0.00	0	0	$0.00	
TOTAL	$246,250.00	11	92	$7,485.69	3.04%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#6 - Vaughn Gates					
AK	$15,000.00	19	25	$3,647.36	24.32%
AZ	$92,500.00	8	152	$33,017.06	35.69%
CA	$138,250.00	17	318	$80,095.62	57.94%
HI	$4,000.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
ID	$3,000.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
NV	$13,250.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
OR	$66,000.00	5	34	$5,457.34	8.27%
PAC	$114,750.00	38	422	$45,732.91	39.85%
WA	$46,000.00	10	168	$16,409.10	35.67%
TOTAL	$492,750.00	97	1,119	$184,359.39	37.41%
SUPREME HOSPITAL DISTRICT#7 - Jesse Kitson					
CT	$0.00	0	0	$0.00	
ME	$0.00	0	0	$0.00	
MA	$22,500.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
NH	$25,500.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
NJ	$52,250.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
NY	$48,000.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	$148,250.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
PUP TENTS NOT IN A GRAND (BLACK DIVISION)					
AK#2	$9,250.00	7	10	$1,445.67	15.63%
AK#3	$5,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
AL#13	$7,000.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
EU#6	$21,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
HI#1	$4,000.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
ID#3	$3,000.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
MA#14	$12,250.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
MA#34	$5,750.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
MA#52	$5,250.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
NV#2	$13,250.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
NV#3	$0.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
WV#6	$12,500.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%
Supreme	$3,250.00	0	0	$0.00	0.00%

TOTAL	$103,000.00	7	10	$1,445.67	1.40%
Supreme Total					
	$2,196,500.00	218	1,773	$271,593.51	12.36%
DIVISION STANDINGS					
GOLD	0	0.00%	BLUE	0.00	0.00%
SILVER	0	0.00%	GREEN	0.00	0.00%
RED	0	0.00%	PURPLE	0.00	0.00%
WHITE	0	0.00%	BLACK	0.00	0.00%
Telephone: 734-389-9498 E-mail: roadrunnerdaddy@hotmail.com					

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Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!
(412-824-2240)

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MOC Supreme Headquarters
604 Braddock Avenue
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

MOC Inspection Report

As of September 27, 2020

Grand	# of Pup Tents	Pup Tents Inspected	Dist In-spected	Date Complet-ed	Grand Inspection	Percent	Pup Tents that are Inspected
AL-13	1				N/A		
AK-2	1				N/A		
AK-3	1	1		7/12/2020	N/A	100%	
AZ	8						
AR	5	2				40%	3,48
CA	13						
CO	6						
DE	3						
EUR	1				N/A		
FL	19	6				30%	11,44,55,69,76,77
GA	4						
HI	1				N/A		
ID-3	1				N/A		
IL	6						
IA	3						
KS	4	2				50%	2,7
KY	5				Yes		
LA	3						
MD	8	6				75%	1,3,4,10,16,17
MA-14	1				N/A		
					N/A		
MA-52	1				N/A		
MI	7	1				14%	32
MN	15						
MS	5						
MO	11						
MT-10	1	1		7/12/2020	N/A	100%	
MT-11	1				N/A		
MT-24	1				N/A		
NE	3				Yes		
NV-2	1				N/A		
NV-5	1				N/A		

NH1,3	2				N/A		
NJ	8						
NM	5	1				20%	20
NY	8						
NC	10						
ND	5						
OH	16	9				56%	4,5,9,16,24,45,68,83,92
OK	6						
OR	9						
PAC	9						
PA	12	7				58%	18,29,33,44,58,59,99
SC	7						
SD	3						
TN	4						
TX	10	3				30%	13,55,60
VA	8						
WA	6	2				34%	4,6
WV-6	1						
WI	10	6				60%	6,9,14,22,23,38
TOTAL	280	46		2	2	16.43%	



MOC Membership Report

September 2020

Pup Tents	Grand	Per Cent	New	Cont	Reinstate	Life	Total	Goal	NLM	N/R	Stand-ings
GOLD DIVISION											
13	-1	69.26%	2	43	14	333	392	566	2	16	
16	-1	75.93%	2	1	16	287	306	403	0	18	
SILVER DIVISION											
19	-1	47.67%	4	31	12	219	266	558	1	16	
15	-1	82.64%	0	110	3	206	319	386	0	3	
11	-1	61.00%	2	12	0	205	219	359	0	2	
RED DIVISION											
8	-1	72.49%	6	42	2	226	276	378	18	8	
6	-1	55.08%	0	0	0	103	103	187	0	0	
8	-1	74.13%	4	47	0	161	212	286	1	4	
7	-1	67.61%	3	29	0	112	144	213	2	3	
8	-1	38.71%	2	0	12	58	72	186	1	14	
9	-1	77.99%	2	14	1	347	364	468	4	3	
12	-1	52.69%	6	46	3	171	226	427	1	9	
8	-1	63.05%	0	0	0	186	186	295	0	0	
10	-1	59.17%	4	45	4	118	171	289	3	8	
WHITE DIVISION											
4	-1	69.12%	1	22	0	71	94	136	0	1	
11	-1	53.28%	2	33	0	160	195	366	2	2	
8	-1	39.30%	0	0	0	79	79	201	0	0	
5	-1	56.12%	0	0	0	78	78	139	0	0	
10	-1	67.52%	3	27	2	153	185	274	1	5	
6	-1	67.37%	4	23	8	94	129	190	4	12	
BLUE DIVISION											
5	-1	44.35%	0	0	1	50	51	115	0	1	
6	-1	35.26%	0	0	0	67	67	190	0	0	
5	-1	79.27%	7	28	3	115	153	193	3	10	
5	-1	61.90%	0	2	0	104	106	168	2	0	
5	-1	92.21%	0	70	0	73	143	154	1	0	
9	-1	37.22%	0	0	0	99	99	266	0	0	
7	-1	78.03%	4	15	0	109	128	173	1	4	
4	-1	42.14%	0	0	0	59	59	140	0	0	
GREEN DIVISION											

3	-1	79.82%	2	2	6	78	88	109	5	8	
4	-1	34.00%	6	7	0	38	51	150	0	6	
3	-1	26.26%	0	0	0	26	26	99	0	0	
3	-1	77.27%	3	0	0	65	68	88	0	3	
3	-1	72.82%	0	10	0	65	75	103	0	0	
2	-1	73.12%	3	29	8	30	70	93	2	11	
6	-1	60.94%	5	18	0	57	80	128	3	5	
PROVISIONAL GRAND DIVISION											
3	IOWA		0	0	0	35	35	90	0	0	
3	-1	77.00%	0	0	33	44	77	100	0	33	
BLACK DIVISION (Pup tents not in a Grand)											
1	-1	47.37%	0	0	0	18	18	38	0	0	
1	-1	83.33%	1	0	1	18	20	24	0	2	
1	ALA-BAMA 13	65.52%	0	0	0	19	19	29	0	0	
1	EUROPE 6	87.50%	0	0	0	77	77	88	0	0	
1	-1	47.06%	0	0	0	8	8	17	0	0	
1	-1	84.62%	0	5	1	5	11	13	0	1	
1	MASSA-CHU-SETTS 14	18.75%	0	0	0	9	9	48	0	0	
1	MASSA-CHU-SETTS 52	18.52%	2	0	2	1	5	27	0	4	
1	MON-TANA 10	97.56%	0	0	0	37	37	41	0	0	
1	MON-TANA 11	68.57%	0	0	0	24	24	35	0	0	
1	MON-TANA 24	33.33%	0	0	0	4	4	12	0	0	
1	NEVADA 2	81.48%	0	0	0	43	43	54	0	0	
1	NEVADA 3	77.78%	0	0	0	14	14	18	0	0	
1	WEST VIRGIN-IA 6	44.00%	0	0	0	22	22	50	0	0	

	SU-PREME Pup Tent	94.30%				1407	1407	1492		0	
284	TOTALS	66.75%	80	711	132	6187	7110	10652	57	212	
	+	Division Leader									
	^	Tied for Division Lead									
	*	Achieved 100%									

Supreme President's Message

Auxiliary Members;

To our Cootie Families that were devastated by Hurricane Laura, please know you each are in our thoughts and prayers.

To our Cootie Families that are being devastated with the Wild Fires in Oregon, California and Washington you all are in our prayers & thoughts. All please stay safe.

Audit Time: Audits for July, August and September are due by October 15th. Once the audit is completed: Auxiliaries in a Grand, please send a copy of the audit to your Grand Treasurer. Auxiliaries not in a Grand, please send a copy of the audit to Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard. All completed audits should have a copy of the last month's bank statement (which coincides with the audit) attached.

Membership: Keep collecting the 2021 dues. Don't hold due transmittals, send to Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard. Our veterans depend on us being there for them. Only by retaining our current members and adding new members will we be able to grow. If your Auxiliary has lost members, reach out to those members and see if there is something that you can do to reinstate them. Send your report to Anna Meinert

Hospital: Janis Wimmer sent out ways to help with hospital work. Keep those reports coming in. We all know you do the work. Now please report.

Inspection: Should be underway/started. All Auxiliaries should be 100% inspected by December 31, 2020. Please send reports to Gail Payne.

Clowns: remember to report to Phyllis Kelley Mama clown.

DATE TO REMEMBER:

- **October – 26th** Ballots Returned
- November – 7th Zoom Meeting & Election Results 1:00 PM EASTERN TIME.
- VFW National Home **COOTIE CHRISTMAS** December 4-6, 2020. Please check the website for information on event. www.lotcs.org

Loyally,

Jennifer Winn
Supreme President
2020 – 2021

Working Hand-n-Hand with our Veteran's

"Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White"

Supreme Senior Vice President

Hello everyone in Cootie Land! I hope everyone is well and keeping safe. I don't have much to say except that I miss seeing all of you. This has been a bummer year! We missed seeing each other at Convention and we will miss seeing each other at Tomb Trek. I'm looking forward to seeing all my MOCA Brothers and Sisters at the Zoom meeting on November 7th. Now that they are starting to loosen our restrictions, I am hoping that we will be seeing each other at Cootie Christmas. Everyone please, continue to stay safe.

Debbie Thie
Supreme Sr. Vice President
2020-2021

MOCA Supreme Hospital Commissioner Janis Wimmer

This has sure been a rough year. I still do not have all the pin sheets signed and returned. Please get these to me as soon as possible.

The new report forms for 2020-2021 have been on the web site since May. The program books have been sent out. If you did not get one, please contact Supreme Treasurer Penney Howard. You need to make sure you are using the current forms and program book. If you do not understand something, your auxiliary hospital chairman, Grand hospital chairman, Supreme District Hospital Commissioner or I will be glad to help you.

Everyone has been having a hard time trying to get hospital hours. Each state has different rules for their hospitals and nursing homes. You need to contact your hospitals and nursing homes to find out how you can help the veterans and their family members that are there. Some of them are asking for certain items and they will let you deliver them. When you get there, you call and they will come out and get them from you. You can get your project hours for everyone making the items. The person delivering can get their travel time and mileage.

Remember you can be making your projects. When you are finally able to deliver them, you can report and take your credit.

Blood donations are needed everywhere. Please think about donating blood. If you do, please make sure to report your blood donations on the hospital form.

We have members who are homebound and they still want to do hospital work. Let them know what they can do from their homes to help. Do not forget them. There is a lot of untapped help just waiting to be asked. You may have to have someone go by their home to drop off supplies or pick items up.

I want to thank all the members that have been doing hospital work and reporting it to their auxiliary. We have had many auxiliaries that are not in a Grand doing their hospital work and reporting it to their Supreme District Hospital Commissioner like they should. Please continue to keep up the good work. I know that our hospitalized veterans and their families in the hospitals and nursing homes really appreciate all the work you have been doing.

Please remember to count travel time correctly. Some of you are still using 15, 30, etc. instead of .25, .50, and .75.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Janis Wimmer
MOCA Supreme Hospital Commissioner
2020-2021

2019-2020

Clown Report

The following states sent in Clowns reports and received their pins and Bars.

California 10

Colorado 4

Florida 6

Kansas 1

Ohio 8

New Jersey 7

Mississippi 13

Missouri 13

Nebraska 7

New Mexico 1

North Carolina 5

Oregon 10

South Carolina 5

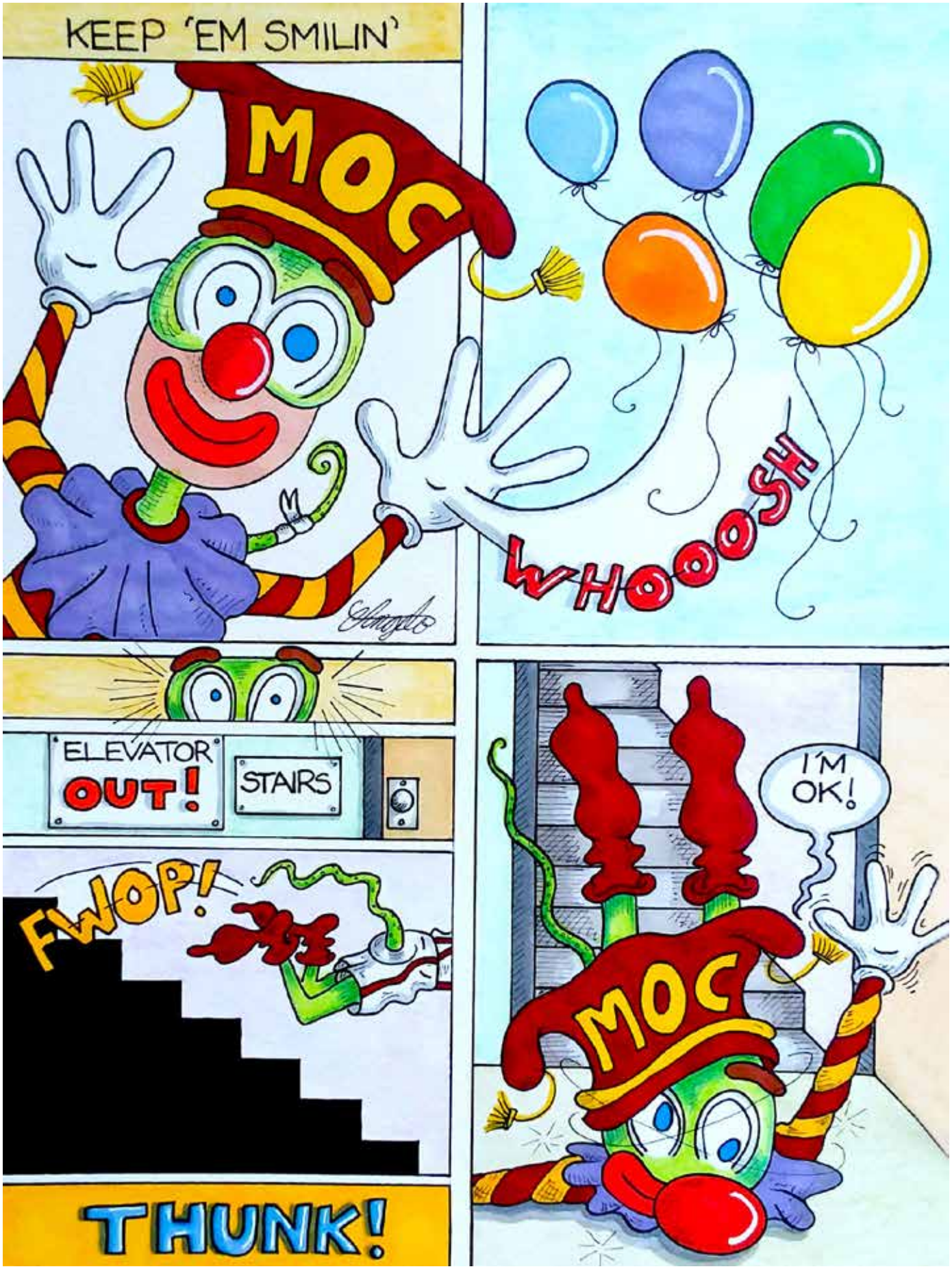
Texas 20

West Virginia 6

This gave us 116 Clowns for this year. New Clowns were 21 and Fifteen States reported and worked hard.

Thank You,

Phyllis Kelly Supreme Mama Clown & K Rosemarie Brown Asst. Mama Clown


KEEP 'EM SMILIN'
MOC
WHOOOSH
ELEVATOR
OUT!
STAIRS
FWOP!
THUNK!
I'M OK!
MOC

Auxiliary to the Military Order of the Cootie
General Order #1 Series 2020 - 2021

Thank you everyone for the support you have shown me as I became Supreme Military Order of The Cootie Auxiliary President. Working together this year we will make sure our Veterans know we are there for them.

Congratulations to Supreme Commander Darin Combs and your officers and chairmen. I look forward to working hand in hand with the MOC. Together the MOC and MOCA will have an Outstanding 2020-2021 year.

1. All 2019-2020 elected and appointed officers and chairmen are declared null and void. Please make sure you successor has all paperwork needed to fulfill this year.

2. 2021 membership dues are now due. Please pay your dues. Our Veterans need us.

3. Audits for July, August and September are due by October 15th. Auxiliaries not in a Grand, please forward a copy to Supreme Treasurer Penny Howard, PO Box 34, Flora Vista NM 87415. Auxiliaries in a Grand, please forward a copy to your Grand Treasurer.

4. Our 2020-2012 program books will be going out soon. Please review and pass on all reports and other material to your chairmen.

Since our Country is still fighting the Covid virus, your Auxiliary meeting if necessary, may be conducted as a virtual meeting.

We are all saddened that our annual Tomb Trek has been cancelled.

5. There will an election for Supreme MOCA Guard at our virtual meeting held on Saturday November 7th. Instructions in regards to this election will be mailed to Auxiliaries and Grands.

6. As I write this Cootie Christmas is still on. Watch for more information to come.

Watch for announcements and updates on the LOTCS.org webstie under MOCA

To those who are ill, we wish a speedy recovery, to those who have lost loved ones our deepest sympathies.

By Order of:
Supreme President

Jennifer Winn
Jennifer Winn
2020-2021

Attested:
Supreme Secretary

Georg Jean Zimmerman
Georg Jean Zimmerman
2020-2021

Supreme MOCA Membership Report

MOCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT
September 26, 2020

State	2020	2021	%
Division 1 (under 100)			
Illinois	75	14	18.67%
Kansas	90	24	26.67%
Louisiana	76	0	0.00%
Maryland	86	0	0.00%
New Jersey	84	0	0.00%
5 Grands	**411**	**38**	**9.25%**

Division 2 (101-145)			
Arizona	140	0	0.00%
Colorado	100	26	26.00%
Mississippi	100	0	0.00%
New Mexico	111	57	51.35%
New York	130	26	20.00%
Oregon	132	31	23.48%
6 Grands	**713**	**140**	**19.64%**

Division 3 (146-180)			
North Carolina	169	0	0.00%
Ohio	149	42	28.19%
South Carolina	179	0	0.00%
Texas	161	0	0.00%
Virginia	153	0	0.00%
Washington	148	122	82.43%
6 Grands	**959**	**164**	**17.10%**

Division 4 (181 & over)			
California	195	0	0.00%
Florida	203	41	20.20%
Michigan	185	98	52.97%
Minnesota	227	51	22.47%
Missouri	183	97	53.01%
Wisconsin	181	52	28.73%
6 Grands	**1174**	**339**	**28.88%**

State	2020	2021	%
Division 5 (Auxiliaries not in a Grand)			
Alaska #2	22	19	86.36%
Delaware #2	24	0	0.00%
Delaware #4	23	0	0.00%
Georgia #5	16	0	0.00%
Georgia #66	17	5	29.41%
Kentucky #7	26	19	73.08%
Kentucky #9	34	12	35.29%
Massachusetts #14	33	0	0.00%
Montana #10	32	26	81.25%
Nebraska #10	53	33	62.26%
Nevada #2	10	0	0.00%
Pennsylvania #33	17	0	0.00%
Pennsylvania #44	26	10	38.46%
Pennsylvania #59	32	0	0.00%
South Dakota #1	21	8	38.10%
South Dakota #12	18	7	38.89%
South Dakota #20	21	0	0.00%
Tennessee #5	40	0	0.00%
Tennessee #26	19	0	0.00%
West Virginia #6	33	26	78.79%
	517	**165**	**31.91%**
TOTALS	**3774**	**846**	**22.42%**

100% Auxiliaries since 9/1/20

MI #32	110.53%
MI #34	107.69%
WA #9	100.00%

CONGRATULATIONS

GREAT JOB!!!

Supreme MOCA Hospital Report

MOCA HOSPITAL REPORT

September 9, 2020

GRAND	QUOTA	REPORTS	VISITS	MEMBERS	PATIENTS	TOTAL HOURS	MILES	GIFTS	Blood	TOTAL CREDITS	%
Supreme District #1--Vickie Peterson, Commissioner											
DE	$11,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MD	$21,500.00	4	2	4	5	13.00	112.00	202.30	0	511.13	2.38
PA	$18,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
VA	$38,250.00	2	1	4	100	8.00	76.00	1066.27	0	1257.31	3.29
WV	$8,250.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	$98,500.00	6	3	8	105	21.00	188.00	1268.57	0	1768.44	1.80
Supreme District #2--Anna Holm, Commissioner											
FL	$50,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
GA	$8,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
LA	$19,000.00	1	0	3	0	15.50	105.00	450.88	0	815.11	4.29
MS	$25,000.00	7	94	98	811	251.50	727.00	1070.00	1	6843.11	27.37
NC	$42,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
SC	$43,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
TN	$14,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	$203,750.00	8	94	101	811	267.00	832.00	1520.88	1	7658.21	3.76
Supreme District #3 -- Julie Constable, Commissioner											
IL	$18,750.00	2	1	3	1	6.00	139.00	160.00	1	314.76	1.68
KY	$15,000.00	1	3	9	43	38.00	1010.00	1070.25	0	2068.55	13.79
MI	$46,250.00	9	22	28	272	190.00	1651.00	420.35	0	4935.99	10.67
OH	$37,250.00	1	1	1	90	2.00	10.00	50.54	0	97.04	0.26
WI	$45,250.00	3	8	14	114	96.50	552.00	76.06	0	2329.42	5.15
Total	$162,500.00	16	35	55	520	332.50	3362.00	1777.20	1	9745.76	6.00
Supreme District #4 -- Carolyn Bell, Commissioner											
KS	$22,500.00	4	34	36	239	248.00	1298.00	250.00	0	6024.12	26.77
MN	$56,750.00	10	42	52	191	555.75	1330.00	799.00	3	13517.36	23.82
MO	$45,750.00	8	28	37	1706	68.50	947.00	3453.32	0	5130.58	11.21
MT	$8,000.00	2	1	2	0	180.00	0.00	270.00	0	4329.00	54.11
NE	$13,250.00	2	4	4	14	19.00	210.00	108.85	0	566.70	4.28
SD	$15,000.00	1	2	2	0	6.00	120.00	140.00	2	292.10	1.95
Total	$161,250.00	27	111	133	2150	1077	3905	5021	5	29860	18.52
Supreme District #5 -- Sheila Perkins, Commissioner											
CO	$25,000.00	1	0	1	0	36.00	0.00	72.00	0	883.80	3.54
NM	$27,750.00	4	3	18	120	178.00	725.00	1805.00	0	5920.40	21.33
TX	$40,250.00	5	6	7	112	13.50	313.00	1772.00	0	2120.25	5.27
Total	$93,000.00	10	9	26	232	227.50	1038.00	3649.00	0	8924.45	9.60
Supreme District #6 --Cathy Seippel, Commissioner											
AK	$5,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
AZ	$35,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
CA	$48,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NV	$2,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
OR	$33,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
WA	$37,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	$161,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Supreme District #7 -- Clare Prevot, Commissioner											
MA	$8,250.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NJ	$21,000.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
NY	$32,500.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	$61,750.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Supreme Donations											
Total	$942,500.00	67	252	323	3818	1925.25	9325.00	13236.82	7	57956.71	6.15
Submitted By		JANIS WIMMER			Supreme Hospital Commissioner						

Supreme MOCA President Pin Order Form

Since we were unable to meet and hand out pins to be sold.

At the new C of A it was voted on to established an order form, have the pins prepaid for and add $5.00 for postage.

Please fill out the form print clearly and include your check. Pins are $3.00 each.

Name:_____

Phone Home:_____ Cell:_____

Address:_____

City:_____, State & Zip code:_____

Email:_____

Auxiliary Name:_____ Auxiliary #:_____ Grand of:___

Quantity of pins_____X $3.00 =_____ + $5.00 Postage = $_____

Make check payable to MOCA Supreme in the memo earmark it

Supreme President Pins.

Mail Form and Check to:

MOCA Supreme President
Jennifer Winn
952 Avatar Dr.
Virginia Beach, Va.23454

Cootie Christmas 2020

Greetings You Crummy Cooties,

As Thomas Paine wrote in 1776, “THESE are the times that try men’s [and women’s] souls.” Now, I doubt that he had any foreknowledge of the 2020 COVID-19 virus back then, but the times now are certainly trying to all of us!

That being said, we are looking forward to the annual Cootie Christmas Party at the National Home for Children on December 4-5, 2020. Whether or not we will be able to hold the party “in person” as we normally do or whether social distancing will prevent this, we still want the children who live in the homes to be treated to a wonderful Christmas. The gifts and gift cards cost money. So, please consider upping your donation towards this cause.

Talk things over with your fellow Pup Tent Cooties and VFW Post Comrades and discuss ways to up your game to increase your donations for this important cause.

You may start sending money earmarked for **“Cootie Christmas”** to Shane Houghton, Grand of Michigan Quartermaster, 343 High Street, Ionia, MI 48846. Let’s make this the best party ever!

Any questions – please feel free to contact:

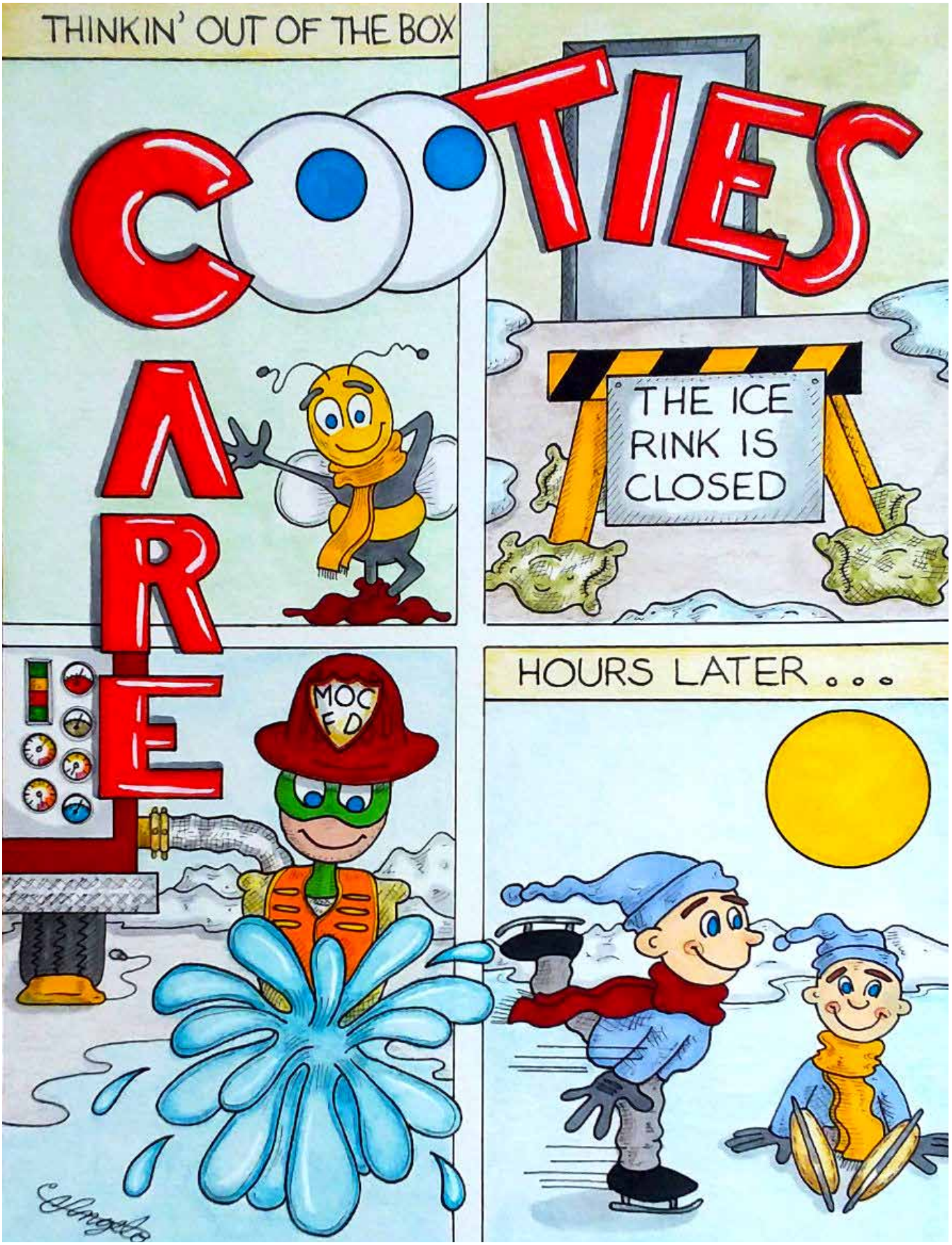
Grand of Michigan Commander Russell Makowski – ramak43@yahoo.com – 313-670-3874 or Grand of Michigan Sr. Vice Commander Nate Powell – powpowe@gmail.com – 734-678-2444.

Depending on when you read this, have a crummy morning, afternoon, or evening,

“Keep ‘em Smilin’ in Beds of White”

Russ Makowski
Grand of Michigan Commander

Nate Powell
Grand of Michigan Sr. Vice Commander


THINKIN' OUT OF THE BOX
COOTIES
ARE
THE ICE RINK IS CLOSED
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HOURS LATER . . .

Supreme Cootie of the Year Program 2019-20

Listen Cooties!

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

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

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

Yours in LOTCS,

Mark M. Newman
Past Supreme Commander
2013-2014



How 2020 Changed VA Loans

On June 25th, 2019, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, signed the Bluewater Navy Veterans Act. The goal of this act was to expand benefits to Vietnam War veterans exposed to the dangerous Agent Orange chemical during their deployment. The bill also improved benefits for VA Home Loans recipients by making changes to the VA loan limit and the VA funding fee.

The bill became law on January 1st, 2020 and has since been one of the few good things to come out of 2020.

Loan Limit Changes to VA Home Loans

Loan limits, which previously limited the choices for housing that veterans could afford with their VA loans, got removed at the beginning of the year. This change allows veterans the opportunity to purchase property in more upscale communities.

However, lenders are still required to make sure that the borrower can afford their monthly payments. Since individual lenders provide these loans, each lender can set up their loan limits. The website https://www.vahomeloancenters.org/VA Home Loan Centers is currently offering a loan limit of $5 million, as long as the applicant can afford their monthly payments.

As previously stated, the loan limit removal is targeted explicitly at borrowers with only one active loan. Borrowers with more than one existing VA loan are still subject to their county's loan limit. The good news is that loan limits have also seen an increase on average from $484,350 in 2019 to $510,400 in 2020. These loan limits also differ depending on the county and its median home price.

Native American Veterans who finance the building or purchase of a home on Federal Trust Land with a VA loan also got their loan limits removed.

Funding Fee Changes to VA Home Loans

The new law also made some changes to the funding fee, which is a one-time payment done by borrowers to reduce the cost of a loan for taxpayers. Funding fee changes include an increase to Active Duty Service Members from 0.15% to 0.30%. At the same time, the funding fee decreased for members of the National Guard and military reservists.

Additionally, Purple Heart recipients can now have their funding fee waived as long as they close on their property while in active duty. Furthermore, the loan did not impact disabled veterans who were already exempt from having to pay for the funding fee.

All of these changes to the funding fee are going to last at least until 2022.

VA Home Loan Benefits

VA Home Loans have long been considered to be one of the best government-guaranteed loans available. Assisting more than 22 million veterans achieve homeownership. The reason why the VA program has been attractive for so long is that it offers some of the best benefits out of any home loan. These benefits include:

- $0 Money Down Payment Requirement.
- Lower Monthly Mortgage Payments.
- No prepayment penalties.
- Low-interest rates.
- No mortgage premiums.

In addition to these benefits, VA loans also offer the choice between a 15 or 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. These changes allow the borrower the opportunity to pay off the loan faster with a 15-year mortgage, although their monthly payments would be higher.

Conclusion

The year 2020 improved VA loans, which were already considered the premier home loans for current and former military members. By implementing this law, the Government has reinforced its commitment to members of the military for their service.

Phil Georgiades is the CLS for VA Home Loan Centers; a government-sponsored brokerage focused on VA Home Loans. With more than 22 years of experience working in real estate, Phil and his team of trained real estate agents can help you find the home loan that is right for you. To apply for a VA loan, https://www.vahomeloancenters.org/apply-for-a-va-home-loan

Insightful Illustrations

Well, there's a new challenge being hurled out to all who love to eat. According to Mirror.co.uk, Kyle Barlow, owner of Madihah's Takeaway in Workington, England, has created a beast of a burger. This monster weighs in at 24 pounds and contains 31,000 calories. What's the appeal to chomp down this behemoth? He's offering it free of charge to anyone who can eat it – along with an order of fries – within one hour.



Chaplain David Causey
US Army Retired

Offers like this are common. One of the most well-known is the Big Texan's 72-ounce steak dinner in Amarillo, Texas. This meal is free to anyone who can consume it within an hour. Even though this is too much food for anyone to safely stuff down, these offers will always have takers. Why? Because our appetites know no boundaries. There's no limit to our capacity for self-indulgence.

The article ends with a question to its readers. "Do you have what it takes for this challenge?" Oh, yes, we all have what it takes. Because all it takes to eat a 24-pound, 31,000-calorie hamburger is to be a selfish, gluttonous, and wasteful person. And all human beings have both the capacity and the propensity for such indulgence. No matter how good we have it in life, we'll always bellyache for more.

Remember this the next time someone tells you how awful and unfair things are and how our quality of life is so much worse now than it was years ago. Check out that person's size and fitness. I suspect they won't be lean or starving. Just look around and view the obesity, the self-indulgence, and unrestrained appetites of today's complainers. There's not a skinny one among them.

Be honest, do you personally know any starving people? Not in the Western world. Even the protestors and rioters, who claim to be so oppressed, are some of the healthiest people you'll ever see. If they're really at the bottom of the food chain, as they profess to be, then why are they so big and strong? They look and behave much more like predators than prey.

No, these rioters are having too good a time to be oppressed. They're enjoying their destruction too much to be victims. Honestly, most of them are nothing but over-grown bullies and thugs. They attack people weaker than themselves and take pleasure in

destroying what their victims spent a life-time of hard work to build. And because they themselves are completely unfamiliar with hard work, these bullies – who are praised by our Marxist media – have no idea of the intense pain they inflict. They are like children who delight in knocking down sand castles which took the skill and labor of others to build. In reality, the rioters are themselves the oppressors. They are the racists. They're the ones at the top of the food chain. They are everything they themselves condemn and profess to be fighting against.

Never before in human history has there been a people so indulged, so coddled, and so excused for its hateful, racist, and criminal behavior as we see today. But don't expect God to excuse this behavior. His X-ray vision penetrates right down to our souls and He knows our true motives. Far worse, He will administer the same impossible standards upon us that we've imposed upon others. And I assure you, we will not survive His judgment when we ourselves have been so hateful and merciless. There will be terrifying consequences to this over-indulged generation, which lives, thrives, and destroys at the expense of honest and hardworking people.

Fortunately, God not only diagnoses the problems of our sinful, selfish hearts. He can also administer the cure. God can soften and melt our hardened hearts. If we ask Him, He will fill us with the resurrection life of Jesus and make us alive. He will fill us with His Holy Spirit and with His healing love.

So, if you're weary of harboring hatred, then look to Jesus. Ask Him to save you and set you free. And, if you're distressed by all the rioting and racism around you, then pray for our nation. Pray for God to save us from our own self-destruction and to breathe a mighty revival across this land.

You don't want to pray for this racist nation? Well, just remember that you and I will share the fate of America. God will make sure of that. If it self-destructs, you and I will perish with it. Look at what God told His people whom He exiled to Babylon. He told them to "seek the peace and welfare of the place where I've sent you – and pray to the LORD on its behalf. For in its peace, you will have peace" (Jeremiah 29:7). God would not excuse them if they failed to benefit and pray for their temporary home – Babylon. He would make them share its fate. Therefore, it was in their own best interest that Babylon turn to God and prosper. God's message is the same to us. If you hope for America's destruction, then you hope for your own as well.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, I confess to You my own sinfulness and hatred. I confess that I am everything which I have so self-righteously condemned. I'm no better than those I count as my enemies. Please, dear Jesus, save my sinful soul. Wash me in Your blood and cleanse me from every sin. Heal my wounded heart and fill me with Your resurrection power. Let me, from this moment onward, be an instrument of Your peace and healing in this would. Instead of tearing down, help me to build up and to bless others. Please, also bless

our nation. Heal it of all its divisions. By Your Holy Spirit, turn our hearts to you in faith and repentance and to each other in love and reconciliation. I ask this, Lord Jesus, according to Your eternal atonement and Your infinite love. Amen.

(Information from: https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/weird-news/two-stone-burger-challenge-labelled-22646570)



Supreme Council Scratch via Zoom



A Lousy time was had by all Specie Pediculi that showed up via Zoom for the Supreme Council Scratch after the *"bugs"* were worked out.

Grand of California



The MOC & MOCA Supreme Grand Scratch was held on 25th July 2020 by Tele-Conference. All Supreme MOC business was completed including Elections and Installation of Supreme Officers. Here is a photo of New Supreme Commander Darin Combs. This Supreme/ Grand Scratch will go down in History for all "Cooties".

The Grand of California Cooties were represented by 12th Supreme District Council Member Vaughn Gates PGC, PSS, PT #68; Grand Commander Lamont Duncan, PT #43 (2020-2021); MOCA Grand President Annie Thompson-Duncan, PT #19 and Steve Kemp, PT #43 Chinchies, Grand Historian. We hope Supreme Commander Combs has a **"Lousy"** year.

The MOC Grand of California has lost a few Cooties in the last two (2) months. Rodger Van Tassel PT #68 "Pit Stop", PSS,PGC,& CCDB was one. The MOC Grand of California will remember him for his long time service as our CCDB and all the jokes he told in Grand Scratches & C of A's. Rodger was a active member of VFW Post 5059, Turlock where he was Past Commander and Quartermaster.

PT # 69 Lunar Tic's lost three (3) Cooties and they will be missed. Ray Reason, Past 17th District Commander and member of VFW Post 8762; Milford Everett member of VFW Post 4647 and Tony Wheatley member of VFW Post 1487. All of these "Cooties" have transferred to ***"The Sky Pilot Pup Tent".***

Courtesy of Cootie Steve Kemp, Grand Historian



Rodger Van Tassel

Chuck Peterson has also been as busy as a bee "again" donating power chairs to veterans during the COVID-19 pandemic. So far 65 chairs have been donated, with more to come.



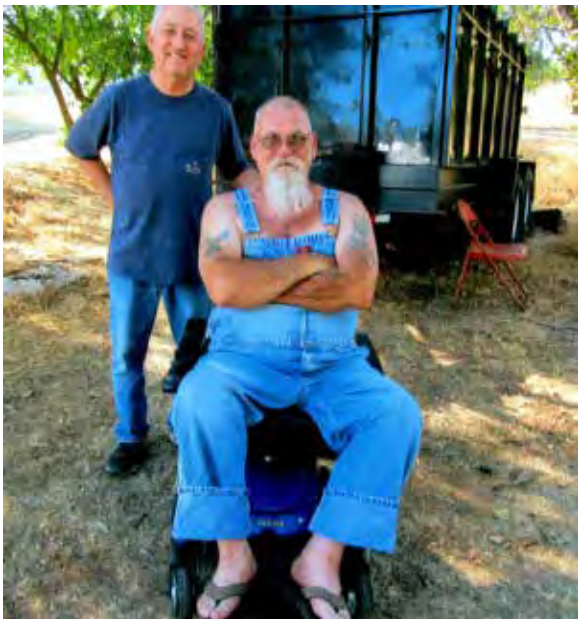
Adrian Tillis, Army Vietnam veteran



Bobby Williams



John Eddie



Robert Gresy



Rodney Hamond with Raquel Mangone, VFW Post 1487 Commander and a Member of Pup Tent #69

Yes, huck Peterson, Vaughn Gates, and Selso Cavazos have been donating more masks to the Livermore VA System and Palo Alto VA. To date there have been 2045 face masks donated.

Courtesy of Chuck Peterson, Grand Hospital Chairman





Grand of Maryland



TNT Pup Tent #1 and Auxiliary donated 9 cases of water,1 case of Kleenex and a container of Tide pods to the Fisher House at the VA Medical Center,Washington, D.C. This was presented by the Grand of Maryland Blanket Bum Clinton “T” Townsend, Johnnie Mae Townsend (Grand MOCA Conductress), Pup Tent 1 Seam Squirrel Joe Respress and Pup Tent CCDB/Hungry Cootie Georgia Ann Eaves. The donation was accepted by Ms. Rosalyn Gray of the Fisher House, DCVAMC, Washington, D.C.

Photo Courtesy of Georgia A. Eaves, Hungry Cootie



The Grand of Mississippi finally had their Grand Business Scratch during this COVID lockdown in Hattiesburg, MS. The Seam Squirrel of Pup Tent 7 “Hub Bugs,” Cootie Tibbett, had a banner made for the MOC and MOCA to sign and have their picture made with it.

Grand of North Dakota



The Pack Rats of PT 8 carry the Load in North Dakota. Charlie Weible (Far Right) leads the Pack as Grand Commander of North Dakota.
Photo Courtesy of Steven Volk

Grand of Pacific Areas

Cooties!

For those of you who may have been wondering, General Douglas Macarthur really didn't die. Like he said "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away."

He was seen visiting MOC Pup Tent 11 Seam Squirrel Dan Wilson and VFW Post Commander Don Robbins a couple years ago in Subic Bay, Philippines. The Philippines was one place General MacArthur felt at home. He still has his Army jeep and famous corn cob pipe and at times seen driving his jeep down the road in the Philippines.

Looks like he put on the wrong shirt. He is wearing his former rank. Must be a Cootie thing!





General MacArthur visiting military base.

Grand of South Carolina

CRUMMY BUGS MOC/MOCA PT 10, SUMMERVILLE, SC



Members cleaning up the ***"COOTIE SHACK"*** aka ***Turkey Shoot Hut*** for upcoming Turkey Shoot (Oct-Dec)! This is our very important fundraiser for the year! Home of the SC Grand Cmdr. James "Smokey" Stover, SC Grand Pres. Sandy Rowland, Seam Squirrel Anglia Soza MOC PT 10 and President Dana Alves, MOCA 10 Aux. ***Stop by and have a chance to win a turkey***!

Submitted by Judy Duncan



Grand of Tennessee

News from Pup Tent #5, Smyrna, TN

On August 7th Cooties of Pup Tent #5 and members of VFW Post 8422 in Smyrna celebrated Purple Heart Day. All who attended shared and enjoyed a beautifully decorated cake from our local Publix store, "Where shopping is a pleasure." Bravo Zulu to MOCA member Becky "Baby Doll" Goodreau for here diligence in securing the cake in time for the cutting.

Post Commander and Past Grand Commander Darrell Birk entertained the crowd with some Purple Heart trivia. All had a "Lousy" time.

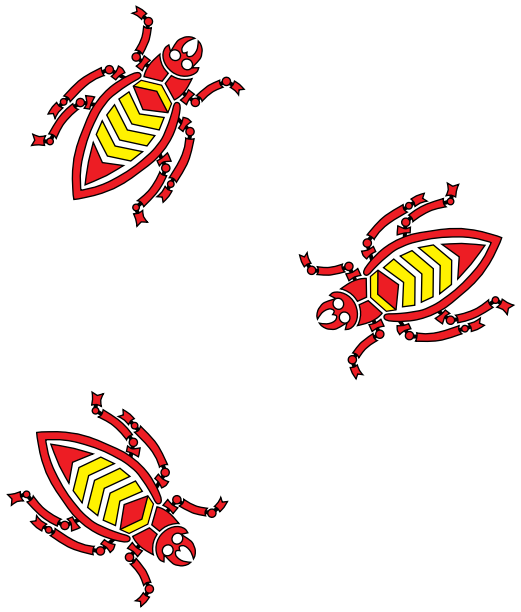
Pup Tent #5 sends wishes to all the Cooties and their families to remain safe during this pandemic. Without your health you have nothing.

Pup Tent #5 Cooties and MOCA members are missing going on hospital and nursing home visits. We are utilizing our time checking on sick members and gathering supplies the patients need at the VA hospital and nursing home in Murfreesboro.

Thanks to all for their help and donations. Be safe, be healthy.

Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White!

Submitted by PGC John "Buy a Round" Rydzewski







Pictured are left to right: John "teach" Marable; PGC Darrell Birk' member Randy "Bird Hair" Hopkins; Terry Hightower, PGC Charles Goodreau; Zale Hicks and Ross Liist.



Pictured are Zale Hicks and PGC Darrell Birk dropping off socks and toiletries at the VA facility on 24 July.

Grand of Washington

Pup Tent 3 Yur-a-Bum in Washington State has been busy as a bee.

Thinking outside the box During Covid -19 restrictions, they served several dinner fund raisers and delivered them to folks waiting out in there cars!!! Most meals turned into a tailgate reunion!

Later in the summer Cooties helped with “Tacos @ Tailpipes” a Motorcycle poker run that ended with food out in the parking lot, free hair cuts, Service Officers doing claims and the Vet Center booth! About 50 + bikes showed up!

Keeping with community service, MOC Pup tent 3 assisted a 93 year old WWII vet with his farm all summer. Harvest time produced fresh vegetables & pumpkins which was shared with the community!

Always Increasing & Multiplying, Pup tent 3 added about a half a dozen new members!!!

Submitted by Paul Herrera, Pup Tent #3 Seam Squirrel






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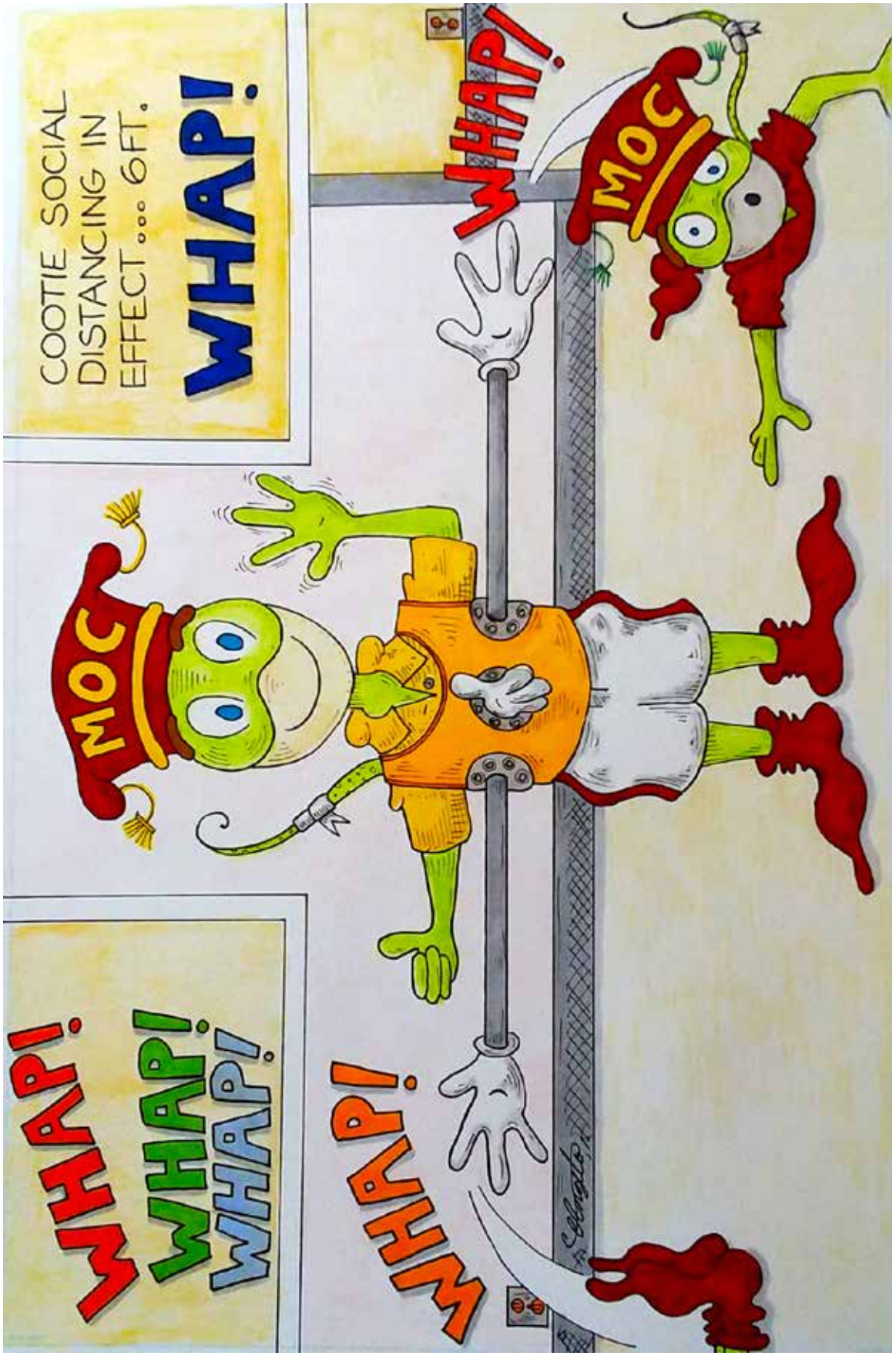


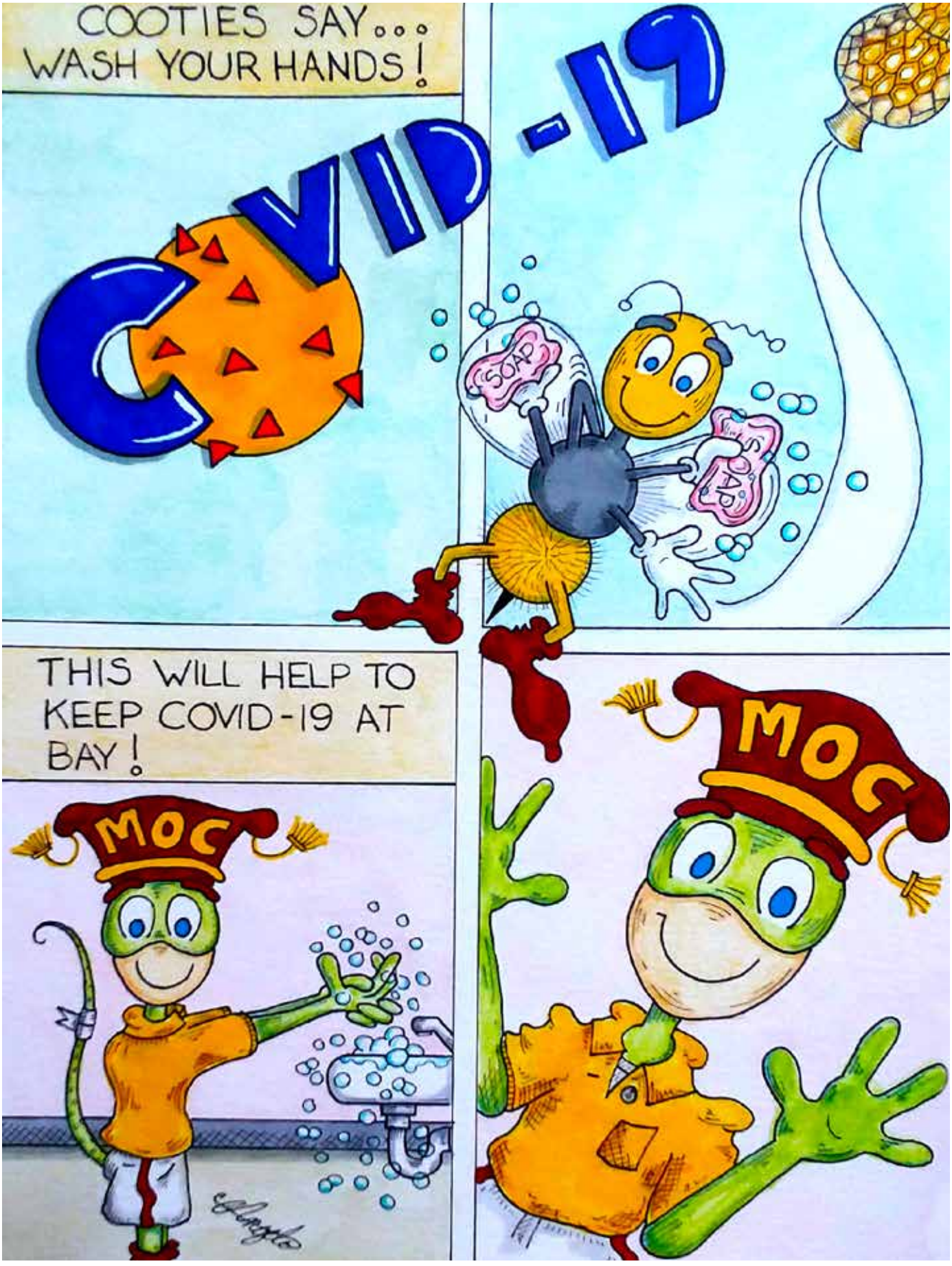


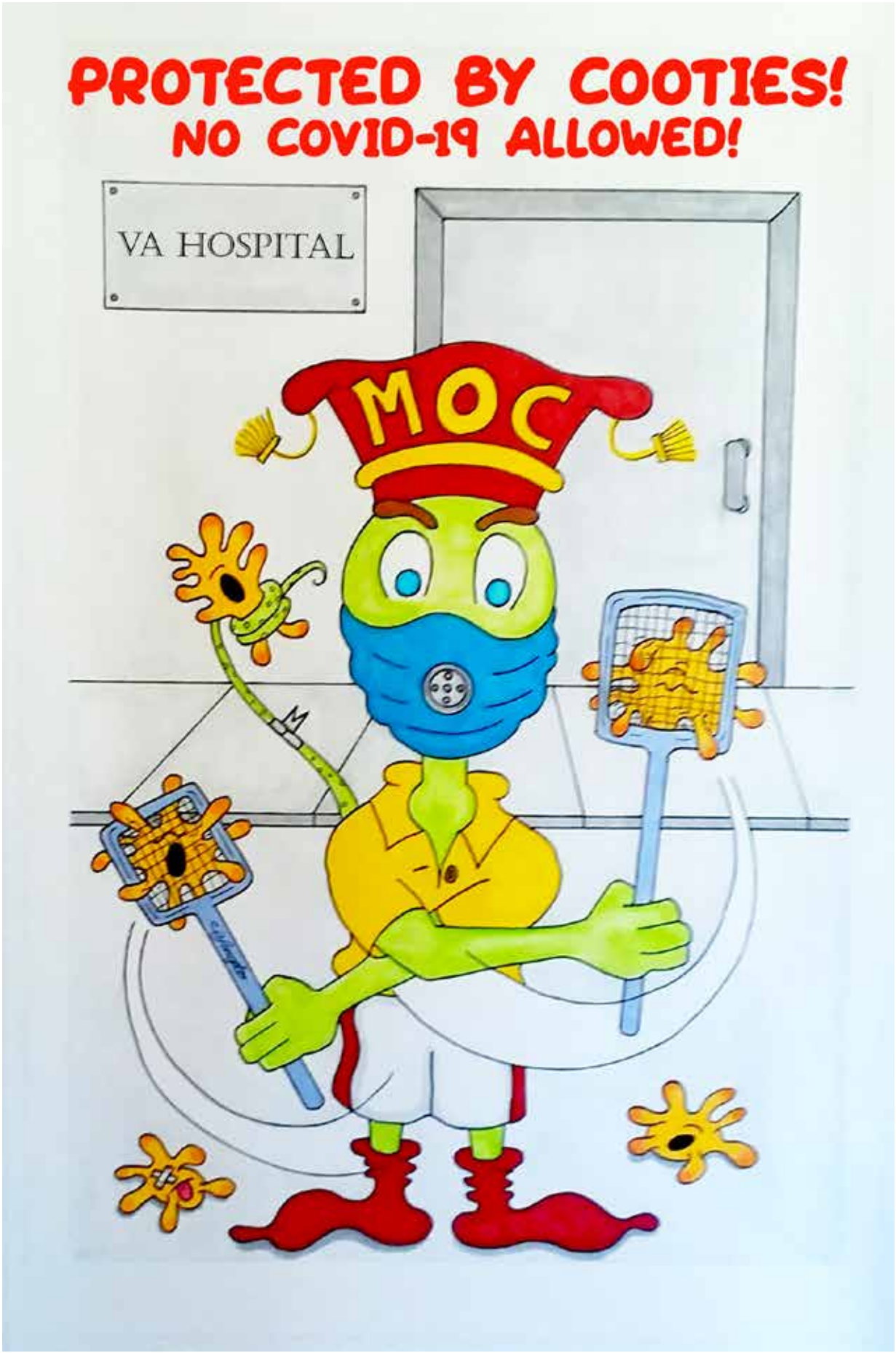
Busy as a Bee


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INDUSTRY: WORKING AS ONE, BUSY AS A BEE!!!
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Cooties and COVID-19




COOTIES SAY... WASH YOUR HANDS!
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THIS WILL HELP TO KEEP COVID-19 AT BAY!
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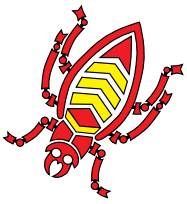
The price for a mailed copy of the Cootie Courier has increased to $10.00/Year. To continue receiving a mailed copy, please send a check or money order to:

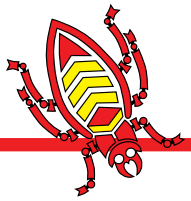
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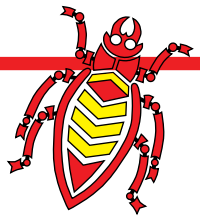
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Did you know that a ***Life Membership*** in the Military Order of the Cootie can be purchased with your credit card?
Call Supreme Headquarters to make it happen!
(412-824-2240)



Blue Ointment



From the Supreme Newshound

Alert! Alert! Alert!

Give me a pound of **Blue Ointment!** Our "Crummy" ranks are severely depleted! Just take a look at the chart on right after the Supreme Commander's message. Yes, in 9 years, if we're not as "Busy as a Bee" the delousing crew will no longer operate. There will be no more Cootie Christmas, Tomb Trek or Easter Treat. The smiles that we give our veterans because of our silly antics and funny uniforms will be turned upside down into frowns. So, as "Specie Pediculi" I "believe" that we need to "Invade those Seams" immediately! We need to follow the example of Pup Tent #3, Yur-a-Bum from the Grand of Washington. They are consistently recruiting new members. I know that I'll have to pay a bragging fee, but it's the Pup Tent that I belong to. I enjoy every scratch that I attend and always leave with a smile on my face. And they're always as "Busy as a Bee" serving our veterans. Ask yourself, "Does my Pup Tent always have a scratch where some Atom is taking backward steps?" "Is my Pup Tent "Keeping 'em Smilin' in Beds of White" by serving veterans and their families?" "Does my Pup Tent "Invade those Seams." "Do I have a "Lousy" time when I attend a scratch?" Well, if the answer is "NO" (Cootie talk) then it's time to sound the alarm! "Blue Ointment" needs to be spread throughout that Pup Tent to make it "Crummy" again. If you need some recruiting posters in the endeaver to "Increase and Multiply" material can be found on Pinterest. There are many cartoons to assist Specie Pediculi in recruiting new members: https://www.pinterest.com/supremehqmoc/increase-and-multiply/. I encourage all Cooties to check it out.

Finally, stay safe! Remember to practice social distancing guidelines, wear a mask and always remember to 'Spread the **Blue** and **NOT** the Goo!'

Yours in LOTCS,

Dale A. Iannello

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Supreme Newshound
Cootie Courier

HERE'S A WAY TO

NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN!

LIFE MEMEBRSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

ATTAINED AGE

Through Age 30 ..... $340.00

31 Through 40 ..... $325.00

41 Through 50 ..... $305.00

51 Through 60 ..... $275.00

61 Through 70 ..... $245.00

71 Through 80 ..... $190.00

81 And over $150.00

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



LIFE MEMBERSHIP – THE DEAL OF A LIFETIME!

Taps

Name	PUP TENT
Gary Holder	AZ-011
Thomas Landy	AZ-011
Roger Van Tassel	CA-068
John Lacy	DE-004
Fred Leonard	FL-008
Gene Welch	FL-066
Ronald R Maher	GA-066
Raymond Remp	KS-003
Daythel Turley	KS-003
William Carter	KS-006
Gary McClain	KY-007
Charles Short PSC	MA-052
Thomas Paul	MA-052
Leroy Tyler	MO-001
Eugene Norheim	ND-002
Lloyd Luce	NE-010
Richard Morrison	NE-010
Ruben Sierra	NM-005
Robert Endress	OH-068
Charles Law	OH-092
Thomas G. Laing	OR-004
Ronald Herman	PA-045
Leonard Fritz	PA-099
Thomas Elliott	PC-015
James Crognal	TX-055
Eugene Johnstone	TX-055
William Hart, Jr	TX-055
Rodney Raulston	TX-055
Jeff Clark	TX-069
Tony Baars	WI-023
Donald Christian	WI-023



MOCA Taps

2019-2020

ARIZONA

Linda Caldwell
Casey Hammond
Carol House
Kathy Mitchell
June Riley
Dessie Sanders
Cheri 'Dee' Stone
Barbara Teagardin

COLORADO

Linda Bennett
PGP Jane Ladesma
Debbie Semen

FLORIDA

Jo Kelly
Rolanda Maas
Helen Schieferstein

ILLINOIS

Elda Resler

IOWA

Betty Abernathy
Jan Baldwin
Joanne Burger
Ruth Chia
Evelyn Cropp
Leona Evans
Joyce Fountain
Maxine Lanning
Velma Loeffler
Beulah Moloney
Rose Palumbo
Magdalena Pearson
Lelah Peet
Maxine Sager
Beverly Shelton
Kay Speltz
Martha Trousdale

LOUISIANA

Frances Earle
Annabelle Kelly
Ginny Ledoux
Evelyn Nash
Jacqueline Olinde
Mary Wilson

MARYLAND

Susie Blakwell

MASSACHUSETTS

Ginny Ledoux
Anne T. Lind
Gertrude Singleton

MICHIGAN

Gail Byram
Kathy Johnson
Marcela L. Mack
Viola Ward
Mary Kay Whittemore
Carol Rae Zielaskowski

MISSISSIPPI

Marilyn Ashmus
Bonita Perego
Fredean Taylor

MISSOURI

PGP Linda Bennett
Dolores Haas
Charlotte Jones
Kathleen Sarah Lee
Hazel Linneberger
Charles Robert McCann
Mary Schalk
Gertrude Singleton
Vickie Lynn Stephens
Mary Vetter

MONTANA

Donna Solie

NEBRASKA

Joan Lyons
Arleen Miller
Mabel Vankat

NEW JERSEY

Connie Kendrick
PGP Evelyn Keseleski
Jane Patterson
Joseph Russo
Pat VanPelt

NEW MEXICO

Sue Fappier
Eloise Parker
Bea Scott

NEW YORK

June Patterson
Joan Petruski
Carol Rae Zulaskowski

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Jeanette Clark
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OHIO

Joan Exum
Judy Fackler
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TEXAS

Myrtle Hummer
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