



Supreme President's Message

November 2023



Auxiliary Members,

Here it is November already. Several of us had the honor of attending Tomb Trek at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC. It was certainly an Honor. Thanks for all those that attended and participated in this honored event. Veteran's Day brought many tributes honoring our Veterans throughout the country.

The holidays are knocking at our door. First and foremost, be safe during the upcoming holidays in all your travels and celebrations.

December has several dates to remember. This is just a few:

- **December 2-95th Cootie Christmas Party at VFW National Home (For more information go to lotcs.org)**

Cootie Christmas – The first week of December



Every year, the Grand of Michigan hosts and sponsors the "Cootie Christmas Party" for the children of the VFW National Home for Children. Your donations are necessary for this program to work, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** DONATIONS: Make your donations payable to: MOC Grand of Michigan and send it to Grand of Michigan, Quartermaster Shane Houghton, 343 High Street, Ionia, Michigan, 48846. Earmark your check(s) Cootie Christmas Party. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

For 90+ years, the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) has been spreading Christmas cheer to the children at the VFW National Home. This happens on the first weekend of December every year. The VFW, VFW Auxiliary, MOC and MOC Auxiliary and of course, we cannot forget Santa and Mrs. Clause travel to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan to share the Christmas spirit and delivery Christmas presents and entertainment to the children living on the campus. If you cannot come and join us, please send presents or contributions to VFW Dept of Michigan and earmark Cootie Christmas. Thank you.

Other Dates:

- December 7-Pearl Harbor Day
- December 13-National Guard Birthday
- December 14-National Wreaths Across America Day
- December 25-Christmas Day

Rep Requests: Grand Presidents: If you have not sent me your Representative request, I need it ASAP. I know everyone does not have the dates when your Convention is, but we can fill in the blanks when this information becomes available. The earlier I receive these requests, the better. I have received a few. I am reviewing Reps that I will be assigning to visit your Grands. Remember that these Reps must make travel arrangements and arrange to get time off work. **If requests are not received by deadline, I will decide who the Representative will be.**

Special Projects: The Joint Special Project is for the National Home music program. We are trying to raise \$10,800.00 jointly and anything over that will go to the Hives to Heroes program at the National home. Please ensure donation checks are earmarked for this purpose. **NOTE: The Joint “Big Boot” Program is a Program** (not a Special Project). Please keep money you donate to this Program in your State/Grand.

Once again, I want to thank you for all your support. And I wish you all a

Happy Thanksgiving



A Very Merry Christmas



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Stay safe.

Keep those “Boots on the Ground for Our Veterans in Beds of White”.

Billie Cassidy

2023-2024 Supreme President