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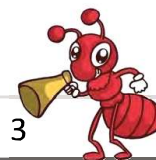
Supreme Seam Squirrel
Triple 'S'
Eric S. Bell
“Making a Difference in
Veteran’s lives”

Supreme President
Dave Johnson
“All Vets Lives Matter”



Supreme Seam Squirrel’s Book
2025-2026

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Supreme Seam Squirrel's Message

Listen up Cooties,

As your Supreme Commander for 2025-2026, I, Eric S. Bell pledge my allegiance and dedication to the Military Order of the Cootie and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Together, we can overcome any obstacles that may come before us. "As we look to the days ahead, may we by our faithfulness to the VFW advance its cause and programs and by so doing also advance our cause."

My goals for our future are simple:

1. Continue to be a positive resource for veterans around the globe.
2. Remain steadfast and true to our parent organization (the VFW) by staying active in our posts, districts, and departments by recruiting VFW members and to spread Cootie awareness.
3. Recruiting and mentoring new cooties.
4. Staying engaged within our Pup Tents, Districts and Grands by teaching our cooties the process; ensuring proper completion and timely submission of our administrative requirements.

In addition, communication and transparency are key. If you need assistance, ask for help. If you are asked to help... HELP!

I am humbled and honored to serve the membership in this capacity. Most of all, continue our hospital work and continue "Making a Difference in Veteran's Lives"

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

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Supreme Commander 2025-2026





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Supreme President's Message

President Dave Johnson

Greetings, fellow Cooties and Comrades! I am very pleased I have been allowed to address you in your Convention Book. What a great organization we belong to. We offer so much to our hospitalized Veterans in reminding them that we value them and their sacrifices, as well as those of their families. We are coming off of a good year in which we were able to expand our reach back into our VA hospitals. Under the leadership of Supreme Commander Robbie and Supreme President Patches we have begun to get back into our VA's in a much bigger way. We need to keep promoting our programs and expand upon them in new ways.

We have made impacts on the Suicide rate and PTSD treatments and must continue to expand our efforts in these areas. We need to work together as a whole organization to expand our reach in these important areas. The Auxiliary is expanding their efforts to enhance the programs that you have begun as well as our own. If we can support each other we can heavily impact our client's lives. If we want to achieve the greatest impact, we need to work hand-in-hand to have the most success.

Incoming Supreme Commander Eric and myself want to see our organization achieve greater successes this year. Those can only be achieved if we work together to address our needs. We need to increase our membership. Normal attrition is lowering our effectiveness. We need to expand our membership. We need younger members with fresh ideas and energy to keep us moving forward.

We also have new program ideas for National Home. We need to continue to support those families and increase their ability to transition back into society. We have been doing a good job but must find additional programs to increase the program's effectiveness.

Finally, I would like to express my excitement at what lies ahead of us this year. We are finally able to access many of our VA's but have also begun to implement programs for our nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities. We are going to have a great year and we will advance our organization in a big way. Remember *"EVERY VETS LIFE MATTERS"*



Respectfully,
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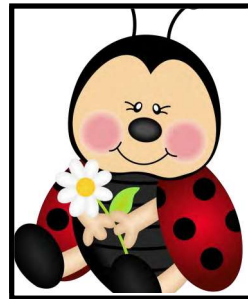
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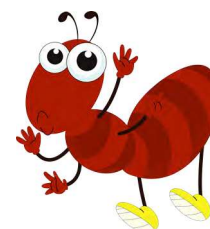
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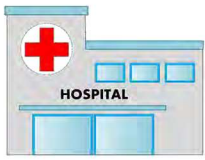
2025-2026 Supreme Policy

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 2025-2026 Goals** are formulated using the 31 May 2025 end of the year membership report. All Supreme annual program goals will end 31 May 2026.
10. It is preferred that the **Supreme Hide Gimlet (Jr Vice) office** be rotated between the four areas listed below.

⇒ 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)
⇒ 2028-29: Northern Area	(CT, IL, IN, KY, MA, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, RI, VT, WI)
⇒ 2029-30: Atlantic Area	(DE, EUR, FL, GA, MD, NC, PA, SC, VA, WV)

11. **The Official Third-Degree Password for 2024-2025 is 35-3 39-5-3 7-29-13-13-3-9-3-21-15-3!**





SUPREME HOSPITAL REPORTING SYSTEM (HRS) PROGRAM 2025-2026

OBJECTIVE: The objective of the Supreme Hospital Reporting System (HRS) Program to encourage Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) members to actively participate in hospital visitations and volunteer work. A goal of \$250.00 credit per Cootie has been established for the 2025-2026 program year.

SUPREME HOSPITAL REPORTING SYSTEM PROGRAM OVERVIEW: For the 2025-2026 program year; all MOC Pup Tent reports shall be entered in to the web-based HRS at <https://hospital.cootie.org/> A link is provided on the Supreme Hospital Reporting Page at <https://lotcs.org/hospital.html>. All reports also need to be submitted via your VFW Post Hospital Program, as VFW National reports the number of hours and monetary value of all our donated time and money to Congress.

- Pup Tent Hospital Chairman or designee is responsible for entering the Pup Tent's hospital reporting data.
- Grand Hospital Chairman or designee is responsible of the approval or disapproval of data submitted by the Pup Tents.
- Supreme level report approval/disapproval are the responsibility of the Supreme Hospital Commissioner or one of the Deputy Supreme Hospital Commissioners.
- A login is required to enter data, approvals, and disapprovals. The Supreme Hospital Commission provides login credentials through the Supreme Code Slinger.
- The Supreme Hospital Report is located on the HRS dashboard and can be viewed without a login.
- Training videos are also available (without logging in) on the HRS dashboard.
- Grand Hospital Chairman coordinates with Pup Tents not able to enter data in to the HRS and enter the data for the Pup Tents.
- Pup Tents not in a Grand enter their own data and will be approved or disapproved by the Supreme Hospital Commissioner or a Deputy. Training and reporting assistance can be provided upon request.

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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 “donation” as required.
- **Hours:** All volunteer visitation, preparation hours, and travel time credited at \$34.79 per hour per Cootie. Travel time limited to actual hours expended.
- **Veteran’s Funeral Credit:** Credit each Cootie at \$34.79 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 (\$6.70) with materials/postage cost listed as a “Gift”.
- **Gifts:** Actual retail cost of the item, “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>.
- **Activities/Items not Stated:** Contact the Supreme Hospital Commissioner or designated deputy.

PUP TENT HRS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Pup Tent Seam Squirrel shall appoint a PUP TENT HOSPITAL CHAIRPERSON.
2. Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson coordinates and encourages the Pup Tent to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations for the Pup Tent and ensures the report is accurate based on MOC reporting guidelines.
4. Hospital Chairperson consolidates individual reports, using the current Pup Tent Hospital Report form and either upload the form or manually enters the data in the online Hospital Reporting System (HRS). Pup Tent reports should be submitted by the 5th of the month to the Grand.
5. Final reports for the 2025-2026 Program Year will include all activity through 31 May 2026 and must be approved by Supreme Level in the HRS by 10 June 2026.

INDIVIDUAL DIVISION PUP TENT HRS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Pup Tent Seam Squirrels shall appoint a PUP TENT HOSPITAL CHAIRPERSON.
2. Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson coordinates and encourages the Pup Tent to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. Pup Tent Hospital Chairpersons shall keep accurate records of activities and donations for the Pup Tent, and ensures the report is accurate based on MOC reporting guidelines.
4. Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson consolidates individual reports, using the current Pup Tent Hospital Report form and either uploads the form or manually enters the data in the online Hospital Reporting System (HRS).
5. Pup Tent reports should be submitted by the 5th of the month.
6. Final Reports for the 2025-2026 program year includes activities through 31 May 2026 and must be approved by Supreme level in the HRS by 10 June 2026.

GRAND HRS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Grand Commanders shall appoint a GRAND HOSPITAL CHAIRPERSON.
2. Grand Hospital Chairperson assists and encourages Pup Tents within their jurisdiction, to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. Grand Hospital Chairperson using MOC hospital reporting guidelines reviews Pup Tent reports for accuracy and either approve or disapprove the data entered. Pup Tent reports should be submitted and approved by the 10th of the month. Once all Pup Tent reports have been approved, the Grand Hospital Chairperson submits the Grand report to the Supreme Commissioner or a Deputy.
4. Final reports for the 2025-2026 program year includes activities through 31 May 2026 and approved by the Supreme Commissioner or Deputy in the HRS by 10 June 2026.

SUPREME HRS LEVEL PROGRAM

1. The Supreme Commander shall appoint the SUPREME HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER and DEPUTY HOSPITAL COMMISSIONERS.
2. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner and Deputies encourages Pup Tent and Grand Hospital Chairpersons to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. The Supreme Commissioners and Deputies ensures the Supreme Hospital Program operates within the highest traditions of the MOC and the Veterans of Foreign Wars at all Veterans Administration medical facilities, community nursing homes and other similar facilities.
4. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner ensures required forms are available for download on the Supreme website.
5. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner with the Supreme Code Slinger ensures HRS login credentials are available and the system is running properly.
6. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner ensure each Pup Tent, Grand, and District achieving 100% or greater in hospital work receives a citation at Supreme Convention.
7. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner advocates and encourages participation in the MOC VAVS program.
8. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner provides a list of Grands and Pup Tents 100% or greater in hospital work to the Supreme Quartermaster.
9. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner and Deputies, shall assist Pup Tent and Grand Hospital Chairpersons in data entry in teh HRS and provide HRS training upon request.
10. The Supreme Hospital Commissioner provides the annual hospital program goals and the Supreme Hospital Report to the Supreme Editor/Webmaster, with pertinent data for publication in the Cootie Courier and the Supreme website.
11. Final reports for the 2025-2026 program year includes activities through 31 May 2026 and must be approved at the Supreme level no later than 10 June 2026.

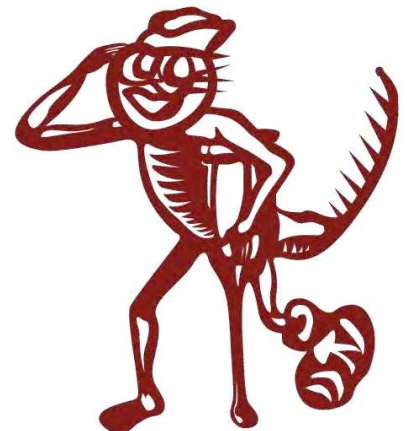
HOSPITAL PROGRAM AWARDS

Pup Tents achieving 100% in hospital work:

- Receives a citation from Supreme at the Supreme Convention
- Pup Tents achieving 100% may purchase 100% Hospital Program Plaque for display in their post home.
- Pup Tent Hospital Chairperson achieving 100% may purchase a special 100% hospital pin.

Grands achieving 100% in hospital work:

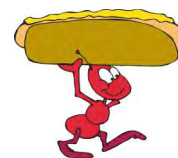
- Receives a citation from Supreme at the Supreme Convention
- Grand Hospital Chairperson achieving 100% may purchase a special 100% Hospital program pin



107th Supreme Scratch

The 107th Supreme Scratch will be held in Reno, NV on 29 July - 2 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 28 July | \$20.00 |
| • Registration | 29 July or after | \$25.00 |
| • Adv Banquet Ticket | on or before 28 July | TBD |
| • Banquet Tickets | 29 July or after | First Come First Serve at Supreme Convention |



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 106th Supreme Scratch.

107th Supreme Convention Chair Cootie Marcia Eggers

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.

Supreme Chief-of-Staff Program 2025-2026

Objective: Supreme Chief of Staff Program is to strengthen the ranks of the Military Order of the Cootie through Pup Tent growth, Pup tent growth, Pup Tent reinstatement, and working closely with our parent organization, The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, in all areas especially in the area of the VFW recruitment.

Guidelines: All Chief-of Staff, Membership Chairmen, and all Cooties will take responsibility for the success of this program. The following guidelines are provided for all Cooties:

1. Promote our VFW Honor Degree by encouraging all VFW workers to read Article XII of the VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure Section.
2. Promote our VFW Honor Degree by presenting to all VFW workers who seek the seams of our Pup Tent our MOC brochure.
3. Report at all VFW Post meetings and VFW District Meetings what our VFW Honor Degree has done in the name of the VFW.
4. Recruit VFW workers that are worthy to join our ranks in this Military Order.
5. Help Pup Tents in need to ensure they are conducting our VFW Honor Degree business and programs properly. It is much easier to rebuild a Pup Tent Membership than to organize a new Pup Tent. Always EXTEND a helping hand and NEVER give up.
6. Grand Chief of Staffs will become familiar with the MOC Pup Tent Starter Kit. The Starter Kit can be requested through Supreme Headquarters or at www.lotcs.org under the Forms tab. The Starter kit is a great management tool and all information contained within should be shared with all Pup Tents and Cooties.

Reporting: Report the increase of all NEW/INSTATED Pup Tents to the Supreme Chief-in-Staff. The Chief-of-Staff Program deadline is 31 May 2026. All reports of growth are due by 01 June 2026.

Calculating New/Reinstated Pup Tents: The Grand must first deduct all declared defunct Pup Tents during the same Program Year to attain the net increase.

Supreme Chief of Staff Awards

Any cootie organizing a NEW Pup Tent will be awarded Supreme Deputy Chief of Staff and will receive a Supreme Citation.

Any cootie rebuilding a Pup Tent will be awarded Supreme Deputy Chief of Staff and will receive a Supreme Citation.

The Grand Chief of Staff reporting the most NEW or REINSTATED Pup Tents in each division will receive a Supreme Citation. Categories will be for the first, second and third place in each Division.

The Grand reporting the most NEW or REINSTATED Pup Tents for the current program year will receive an award of distinction. Let's recruit as many **worthy** VFW members into the MOC as possible.



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Membership Program 2025-2026

OBJECTIVE: To encourage all Pup Tents to SURPASS their 31 May 2025 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 2025-2026 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 2026.

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 2025 and verified by Supreme Headquarters will receive a Supreme Citation. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership + 1 by 31 May 2026 will receive a Supreme Citation.

SEAM SQUIRRELS and CCDBS:

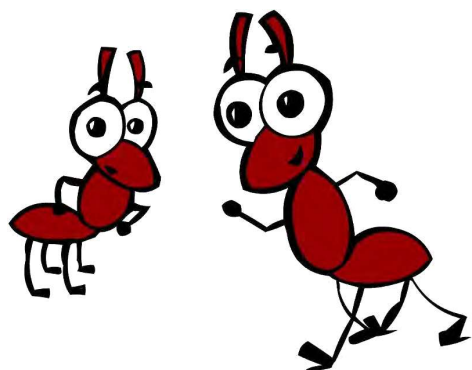
Seam Squirrels and CCDBs with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of two (2) new or reinstated members by 30 November 2025 and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will receive an "Outstanding SS" and "Outstanding CCDB" pin, and a Supreme Citation.

GRAND AWARDS:

Grands that are 100%+2 by 31 December 2025 will receive a Supreme Citation. Grands that are 100%+1 by 31 May 2026 will receive a Supreme Membership Award.

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

- ◇ Total Membership as of 31 May 2025, 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 2025-2026

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	\$395.00
* 31 through 40	\$375.00
* 41 through 50	\$355.00
* 51 through 60	\$320.00
* 61 through 70	\$285.00
* 71 through 80	\$220.00
* 81 and over	\$175.00

Reminder that annual and life membership became effective 1 June 2025.

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!

Today is the day to become a Red Star Life Member. You'll have a shiny new card with a Prestigious Red Star! ! You will receive a huge 5% discount on most items at the Cootie Depot and help the MOC (the organization you love the most).

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 Western/Eastern Division may submit nominations beginning 4 August 2025 to the Supreme Adjutant, for your deserving Cooties for Supreme Special appointments.

Appointees receive official recognition of appointment. Tassels must be purchased separately at a cost of \$7/pair through the Supreme Supply Department. (Price subject to change.)

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

Supreme Deputy Clown

Supreme Recruiter (VFW or MOC)

Supreme Cootie Supporter

Supreme Deputy Newshound

Supreme Cheerleader

Other appointments available upon request

Supreme Deputy Inspector

Supreme Seam Worker

Supreme Aide-De-Camp

Supreme Comedian

Supreme Cootie Juicer

Inspection Program 2025– 2026

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 2025-2026 beginning on **1 June 2025**.
- * 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.
- * Individual Division Pup Tents can be inspected by any qualified Pup Tent Inspector who do not belong to the Pup Tent being inspected. Any Individual 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 2026** 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 2025** will receive a Supreme Citation at the 2026 Supreme Convention.

Vincent VanCleave, Supreme Inspector
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Grand All-Star Program 2025-2026

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, the following requirements must be accomplished by 31 May 2026 unless different date is listed (**See #5**).

1. Must be 100% + 2 in Membership. (based on 31 May 2025 membership).
2. Must be 150% in Hospital quota (\$250 worth of work x number of members at EOY-Cootie).
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 **1 March 2026**.
6. All Pup Tent election reports must be received by the Supreme Adjutant and QM by 31 May 2026. Grand Warrants/Election reports need to be submitted upon completion of Grand Convention.
7. Must submit a Big Boot Report as defined by the Supreme Seam Squirrel's program.

All Grands 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.

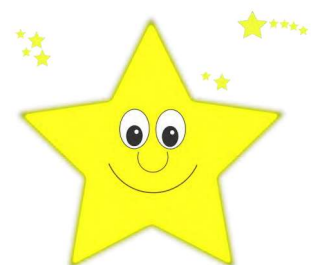
POINT VALUES

⇒ 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. All Supreme Program Chairmen will submit monthly reports to the Supreme Quartermaster and Supreme Adjutant.

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 2025-2026

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, the following requirements must be accomplished by 31 May 2026 unless different date is listed (See #4).

Must be 100% + 2 in Membership. (based on 31 May 2025 membership).

1. Must be 150% in Hospital quota (\$250 worth of work x number of members at EOY).
2. Must be 100% in Supreme Special Projects (\$1 per cootie in the Pup Tent).
3. Must be 100% in Donation to MOC/MOCA House Support (\$1 per cootie in the Pup Tent).
4. Pup Tent must be inspected and to Supreme Inspector by 1 March 2026.
5. Pup Tent election report must be received by the Supreme Adjutant and CCDB by 31 May 2026.

OPTIONAL: Pup Tents who submit a Big Boot Report separate from their Grand Big Boot Report will receive 5 points. See Big Boot Program for more information.

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

POINT VALUES

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| ⇒ Special Project Quota | 5 points for each 10% achieved over 100% |
| ⇒ MOC/MOCA Quota | 3 points for each 10% achieved over 100% |
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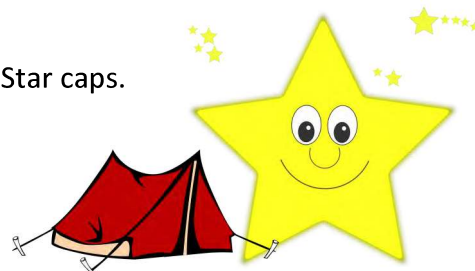
Eligibility and point total will be compiled by the office of the Supreme Quartermaster who will receive monthly program totals from all the Supreme Program Chairman.

AWARDS

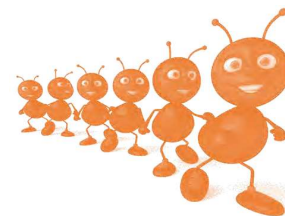
Each All*Star Pup Tent will receive a Supreme Citation at the 2026 Supreme Convention.

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

Pup Tents Seam Squirrels who are not in the Top 25 may purchase their All*Star caps.



Recruiter Competition



OBJECTIVE: Replenish the Pool we recruit from... Our Parent Organization...the VFW!

PROGRAM DETAILS:

1. Reports are generated based on the weekly VFW Recruiting Reports.
2. Cooties who are not receiving credit for recruiting VFW Members, please let your Grand CCDB know. Grand, please fill out the updated recruited form Grands are split up based on size from last year's membership totals. See below!
3. Top recruiter and Top Recruiting Grand will receive Commendation from the Supreme Seam Squirrel.

FORMS: Can be found under the membership tab and in this program book.

CHAIRMAN: Robert 'Check' Adamczyk mrcheck@gmail.com 703-763-6189

RED (330+)			BLUE (150-199)			INDIVIDUAL DIVISION		
◇	Florida	461	◇	Kentucky	199	(Pup Tent w/No Grand)		
◇	California	445	◇	Oklahoma	186	◇	Europe 6	87
◇	Pacific Areas	420	◇	New York	179	◇	Montana 10	60
◇	Texas	416	◇	North Dakota	171	◇	Nevada 2	49
◇	Pennsylvania	382	◇	Kansas	170	◇	Alaska 2	48
◇	Virginia	353	◇	Mississippi	164	◇	New Hampshire 1	47
						◇	New Hampshire 3	46
						◇	Indiana 11	43
						◇	Massachusetts 14	42
						◇	West Virginia 6	42
						◇	Illinois 79	38
WHITE (200-329)			YELLOW (0-149)			◇	Illinois 42	34
◇	Arizona	327	◇	Arkansas	138	◇	Illinois 48	33
◇	Minnesota	324	◇	Oregon	128	◇	Illinois 3	26
◇	Ohio	321	◇	Georgia	119	◇	Alabama 13	19
◇	North Carolina	311	◇	Colorado	112	◇	Alabama 1	17
◇	Maryland	284	◇	Tennessee	112	◇	Illinois 62	15
◇	Missouri	282	◇	Louisiana	107	◇	Illinois 2	12
◇	Washington	254	◇	New Mexico	99	◇	Hawaii 1	10
◇	Michigan	254	◇	South Dakota	99			
◇	Wisconsin	248	◇	Nebraska	97			
◇	South Carolina	212	◇	New Jersey	93			
			◇	Iowa	90			
			◇	Delaware	87			

Military Order of the Cootie - VFW Recruiters

PT: _____ Grand: _____ Month: _____

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Please send in completed form monthly to Membership Chairman 'Check' Adamczyk at mrcheck@gmail.com

Due the 10th of each month.



Supreme Seam Squirrels and Supreme Presidents

Joint Mission 2025-2026

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.

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 and to the Supreme Adjutant



Military Order of the Cootie and its Auxiliary

Supreme Social Media. Just posting awareness for contact #988 is a reportable effort. This will get you started Special Project 2025-2026

Simple process program reporting criteria just report your activities under Hospital report and or email your reports to chairman: luthersawicki@gmail.com (440)228-8594 Special Project 23 and to Supreme Adjutant at mocsupremeadjutant@gmail.com.

Your pup tents are doing this everyday making contact with Veterans in Beds of White. Neighbor's, and even better source especially for those younger Veterans on.

Example: reporting for your Pup Tent/Grand that will get you toward qualify your MOC/MOCA toward the Overall Golden Boot.

- ◇ Buddy Checks for Veterans in your Community, Etc.
- ◇ Posting awareness to Social Media (please be sure to send me your Social Media items too share.
- ◇ Hold a Community Day at community events with Suicide Awareness events in your VA, Community.
- ◇ Create special project within your own grand that places special bags just for your VA intake ER Veterans in Crisis. This is what The Big Boot Does when it gets in Donations (Sea Bag small) Gold Bag (ladies) Men Blue bag for these Veterans who come into the Emergency Room for Mental Health 72 hour stay. They need sweat clothes, socks, booties, make-up, slippers, toothpaste, combs, brushes, travel size toiletry items. This is due in part that they come in with nothing with them and it gives them some much needed stress release until they can obtain these items. They are earmarked for ER intake Patients only. Simply Put Yesterday was their Hardest Day. (\$18.00 Value average) per bag.
- ◇ Donate to the Special Project Supreme Project.
- ◇ IF any of your members work on the crisis Hotline for Suicide those hours count.
- ◇ Have direct contact with any Veteran in Crisis that you/your members may have assisted.
- ◇ Raffle Basket at one of your events. Tail Gate Party at your post.

Be creative reducing the loss of a comrade affects on the average of an estimate of 135 friends, Family, Co-workers, etc. when, we lose a comrade.

Every Pup Tent, Grand or MOCA is in contention.

10 or more total events will grow your level to Big Red Boot Contender.

The Golden Boot will be the highest overall for both the MOC and MOCA Special Project impact.

Keeping it simple for those in Beds of White and bringing awareness to all.

Acknowledgement:

All Operation Big Boot reports received by the “Big Boot” Chair will be reviewed by the

Position	Name	Grand of	Email Address	Phone number
Big Boot Chair	Luther Sawicki	Ohio	luthersawicki@gmail.com	(440) 228-8594
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
Big Boot Member	Mary Kay Sawicki	Ohio	sawickimaryk@yahoo.com	(440) 228-4099
Big Boot Member	Lisa Dayhoff	Texas	Lisa.dayhoff@gmail.com	(254) 338-6465

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 - (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

Operation Big Boot Event

Grand/Area: _____ Date(s) of Event: _____

Location of Event: _____

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

Other Groups Present: _____

of MOC: _____ # of MOCA: _____ # of other Participants: _____ Total Miles (Walked): _____

Description of Event: _____

VFW National Home and Special Project Programs



2025-2026



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 Eric Bell's and Supreme President Dave Johnson's **SPECIAL PROJECT** is to fund the Heros to Hives Program and a supporting program of Regenerative Farming. The addition of the management and farming plants are critical in the production of honey.

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 Supreme CCDB for Independent Pup Tents. 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.

NEW!!!!!! You can now make your donations online through the Cootie Depot.

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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VFW National Home Chairman
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Wayne Woodman
Special Project Chairman
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Sky Pilot / Chaplain of the Year Program 2025-2026

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 2026 will not be considered. Nomination letters may be mailed between 1 June 2025 and 15 May 2026.
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.

AWARDS:

- The Sky Pilot of the Year will receive an engraved medallion from the Supreme Sky Pilot at the Supreme Convention.

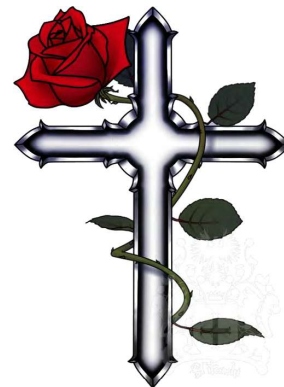
Carl Fogg, Supreme Chaplain

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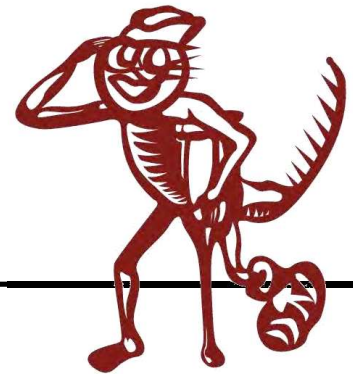
Cootie Of the Year Program 2025-2026

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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mnewman122@gmail.com



Blood Program 2025-2026

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 2025 and 31 May 2026 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)
2424 N. Illinois Ave, Joplin, MO 64801
ftpres@yahoo.com / 320-310-6808

VAVS Program

2025-2026

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!

Send publications to
Press President Chuck Burroughs
cfburroughs63@gmail.com for submissions and more details!

Clown Program

Keeping them smilin' 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, 2025 and May 31, 2026. 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.

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Cooties are
clowns too!



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.

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.

Iowa Old Coots - **Coming Soon!**

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.

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.

Wisconsin Critter Cooties - Make your favorite or not favorite critters (real, stuffed, plastic, etc) an official Critter Cootie. Funds received go toward VFW National Home and Cootie fun.

Past Supreme Commanders/Seam Squirrels

	<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* (IL)
1st	1920	New York	Frederic C. Madden* (NY)	57th	1976	New York	Mark A. Farrell*
2nd	1921	Detroit	Benjamin Gambell*	58th	1977	Bloomington	John Sparks*
3rd	1922	Seattle	William F. Eighmey* (IA)	59th	1978	Dallas	William Frey* (MI)
4th	1923	Norfolk	F. Willard Kime* (MI)	60th	1979	New Orleans	Frederick Kauffman* (WA)
5th	1924	Atlantic City	F. Willard Kime* (MI)	61st	1980	Chicago	Eugene D. Thomas, Jr.* (FL)
6th	1925	Tulsa	Thomas J. Nottingham* (VA)	62nd	1981	Philadelphia	Lionel Fontaine* (NH)
7th	1926	El Paso	Robert E. Lee Murphy* (KY)	63rd	1982	Los Angeles	William E. Bryce
8th	1927	Providence	Val N. Brandon* (MD)	64th	1983	New Orleans	Arthur G. Selbo* (WI)
9th	1928	Louisville	Malachi F. Healy* (NY)	65th	1984	Chicago	Robert Graber*
10th	1929	St. Paul	Edward H. Giguere* (OH)	66th	1985	Las Vegas	Bobbie Alton Birdett* (TX)
11th	1930	Baltimore	Oscar J. Stearns, Jr* (MN)	67th	1986	St. Paul	Eugene E. Calloway*
12th	1931	Kansas City	Charles F. Wetter* (IL)	68th	1987	New Orleans	James H. Patterson*
13th	1932	Sacramento	Walter C. Winters* (VT)	69th	1988	Chicago	Albert S. Thomas, Jr* (PA)
14th	1933	Milwaukee	Thomas C. Ryan* (CA)	70th	1989	Las Vegas	Robert M. Cortright* (NY)
15th	1934	Louisville	George T. Dougherty* (IL)	71st	1990	Baltimore	Thomas J. Atkins*
16th	1935	New Orleans	Victor B. Galloway* (MI)	72nd	1991	New Orleans	Myron H. Rowe* (MD)
17th	1936	Denver	William J. Crehan*	73rd	1992	Indianapolis	Donald V. Nettler* (MI)
18th	1937	Buffalo	Thomas McBride*	74th	1993	Dallas	John E. Hamilton (FL)
19th	1938	Columbus	Carl. C. Gibson* (TX)	75th	1994	Las Vegas	Glen Maroney* (MN)
20th	1939	Boston	Patrick H. Houle* (NY)	76th	1995	Phoenix	J.F. "Jack" Holleran*
21st	1940	Los Angeles	William M. Harper*	77th	1996	Louisville	Gary Strauss* (TX)
22nd	1941	Philadelphia	Ashley Beck* (MI)	78th	1997	Salt Lake City	Charles D. Short*
23rd	1942	Cincinnati	Frank Topash (DC)	79th	1998	San Antonio	Larry Alexander (OR)
24th	1943	New York	Daniel A. Tarantola* (MO)	80th	1999	Kansas City	Stephen H. Wheeler* (GA)
25th	1944	Chicago	Otto Steinberger* (MI)	81st	2000	Milwaukee	C. Marty Ellingwood (PAC)
26th	1945	Chicago	Austin A. Flanagan*	82nd	2001	Milwaukee	Ken Cole (PA)
27th	1946	Boston	Vincent C. Schaaf* (PA)	83rd	2002	Nashville	H Steve Mason (MD)
28th	1947	Cleveland	Benjamin F. Griffey* (PA)	84th	2003	San Antonio	Fernando "Fred" Garcia* (TX)
29th	1948	St. Louis	Richard E. Hodges* (OH)	85th	2004	Cincinnati	Joe "Rollin' Joe" Velasquez *(CA)
30th	1949	Miami Beach	A. Thomas Wheaton* (MI)	86th	2005	Salt Lake City	Thomas Tweet * (MN)
31st	1950	Chicago	Newell Warner*	87th	2006	Reno	Terrance "Shorty" Lyons* (TX)
32nd	1951	New York	Percy W. Graves* (AL)	88th	2007	Kansas City	Raymond "Ray" Fern* (PA)
33rd	1952	Los Angeles	W. J. Grow* (FL)	89th	2008	Orlando	Ralph Corno (NJ)
34th	1953	Milwaukee	Ernest H. Moore*	90th	2009	Phoenix	Johnny L. Howard* (NC)
35th	1954	Philadelphia	William Wark*	91st	2010	Indianapolis	C. Maurice Theriac (IL)
36th	1955	Boston	Raymond Burke* (FL)	92nd	2011	San Antonio	George Dennis* (NV)
37th	1956	Dallas	Raymond F. Nichols*	93rd	2012	Reno	Joseph T. McCullough (TX)
38th	1957	Miami Beach	Ervin F. Rothenbuhler* (ND)	94th	2013	Louisville	Gerald L. Constable (OH)
39th	1958	New York	George E. Hunt* (PA)	95th	2014	St. Louis	Mark Newman (DE)
40th	1959	Los Angeles	Joseph F. Jacques*	96th	2015	Pittsburg	Dave Wimmer* (NM)
41th	1960	Detroit	Charles W. Briner* (OH)	97th	2016	Charlotte	Donald 'T-Bone' Lynch (WI)
42nd	1961	Miami Beach	Angus McNaught* (NJ)	98th	2017	New Orleans	James D. Malott (PAC)
43rd	1962	Minneapolis	John W. Burnett*	99th	2018	Kansas Crty	Dan Kramer (NE)
44th	1963	Seattle	Dr. Vernon G. Olson* (WI)	100th	2019	Orlando	Emil Soltesz (OH)
45th	1964	Cleveland	Fred L. Finch, Sr* (AR)	101st	2020	Reno	Steve W. Ruger, Sr (GA).
46th	1965	Chicago	Donald Ferguson*	102nd	2021	Overland Park	Darin Combs (AZ)
47th	1966	New York	Patrick McCaulla* (MO)	103rd	2022	Overland Park	Olin Parks (MO)
48th	1967	New Orleans	Darwin Cochran* (OH)	104th	2023	Tempe	Dwight Hora (SC)
49th	1968	Detroit	George F. Jalbert*	105th	2024	Louisville	Mark Larkin (NC)
50th	1969	Philadelphia	Jean R. Brelsford* (MD)	106th	2025	Columbus	Robbie Normand (CA)
51st	1970	Miami Beach	Dr. Frank O. Brasch* (KY)				
52nd	1971	Dallas	Samuel R. Frutoso*				
53rd	1972	Minneapolis	Randy Lofgren*				
54th	1973	New Orleans	Owen W. Ball* (FL)				
55th	1974	Chicago	Jerry Bloir*				

*deceased



Schedule of Events 2024-2025

MOC EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
90th Tomb Trek	Arlington, VA	31 Oct-2 Nov 2025
95th Grand of Michigan Cootie Christmas	VFW National Home Eaton Rapids, MI	5-7 December 2025
President Dave Johnson's Home- coming	TBA	TBA
Seam Squirrel Bell's Homecoming	TBA	TBA
42nd Easter Treat	VFW National Home Eaton Rapids, MI	27-29 April 2026
106th Supreme Scratch	Reno, NV	29 July - 2 August 2026



VFW EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
National Council Of Administration	Kansas City, MO	20-21 September 2025
NCIC Carol Whitmore Homecoming	Des Moines, IA	25-28 September 2025
Big Ten Conference	Bettendorf, IA	17-19 October 2025
Eastern Conference	Wilmington, DE	24-26 October 2025
Southern Conference	Montgomery, TX	6-9 November 2025
Western Conference	Garden City, ID	6-9 November 2025
Washington Conference / Legislative	Washington, DC	28 February - 5 March 2026
126th VFW National Convention	Reno, NV	24 - 30 July 2026

Dates and locations subject to change.

Supreme Date Line

ASAP	All Grand Dates, Information and Requests to Supreme Adjutant
31 August 2025	25-27 Bonds Due!
25 September 2025	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 11)
30 November 2025	Pup Tent Membership Awards (pg 13) Pup Tent Inspection Goal Date (pg 16)
25 December 2025	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 11)
31 December 2025	Grand Membership Awards (pg 11)
29 February 2026	Supreme By-Laws Changes Due to Committee
1 March 2026	Inspections Due for All*Star Program (pg 16-17)
25 March 2026	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 11)
31 May 2026	All 2025-2026 Programs End (pg 7) • Hospital (pg 8-11) • Chief of Staff (pg 12) • Membership (pg 13-15) • Inspections (pg 16) • All*Star Programs: Grand (pg 17), Pup Tent (pg 18) • Sky Pilot of the Year (pg 25) • Blood Program (pg 26) • Clown Program (pg 28)
10 June 2026	Final Hospital Reports due to Supreme (pg 8-10)
10 June 2026	Final Hospital Reports will be posted. (pg 8-10)
25 June 2026	Cootie Courier Article Deadline (pg 11)
1 July 2026	Cootie Of the Year nomination (pg 26)
2 July 2026	Press Club entries (pg 27) Clown Program entries (pg 28)
28 July 2026	Last Day to Early Bird register for Supreme Convention \$20 (pg 11) Last Day for Early Bird Supreme Banquet Tickets at Cootie Booth (pg 11)
29 July 2026	Supreme Convention Registration \$25 (pg 11) Supreme Convention Banquet Tickets while available (pg 11)