



# Grand of Virginia 2018-2019 General Orders #1 25 June 2018 - Corrected

To: ALL Grand Council members, Grand President, Past Grand Commanders, Seam Squirrels, and C.C.D.B.'s

1. Greetings Cooties, I am so humble yet proud to be serving as Grand Commander....yeah, yeah, yeah enough of that stuff. I would like to thank all who attended the Grand Scratch in Oceanview, we had a lousy time. The food catered by Mission BBQ really sucked. Boos go to Mark Winn for that idea.
2. Let me start off with congratulating all the new Grand and Pup Tent officers. I am looking forward to a lousy year. I am going to be visiting Pup Tents, no not to inspect (that will come after the Supreme Scratch - i.e. Aug or later) but rather to say hi and distribute my pin. They finally came in, I thought starting the process 6 months early was rather much but it took 7 months from when I first contacted the vendor to delivery.
3. Seam Squirrels, I want to be kept informed of what's happening in your Pup Tent health wise. If one of your cooties (or their

family) is on the Binnacle List let me know (if you do not know the term ask a Squid) - that said, I don't care that Sterling has the sniffles or that Butch has a headache. I'm talking serious illness and definitely any passing.

4. CCDB's I know that you (and possibly the Hide Gimlet) do most of the work within the seams of your Pup Tent - yes, I'm a CCDB as well. Your audit (Apr - Jun) is due shortly, please get them in to the Grand Quartermaster, I can do without her friendly reminders to me that Pup Tent XXX has not submitted their audit yet. This audit closes out the 2017-2018 year, 2018-2019 started 1 June and runs thru 31 May 2019.
5. Seam Squirrels, I also need to know what's going on at your Pup Tent, events you're involved with, etc. For those who have not recently (like in the last couple weeks) checked out the MOC page on the Department website, it is now updated. Blame for that goes to our Grand Adjutant, it no longer lists Bill Moran as the Grand - speaking of which Bill has been hanging around PT 9 and Post 392 while he was in the area for the past month or so. He and Denice hate the traveling life of their retirement. But back to the Grand, if you are doing something and would like me or one of the officers there let me know. No guarantee, but I will try to make it happen. If you are doing something that you want other Cooties to know about (a Bike Run, Pancake Breakfast, Blood Drive, whatever) let the Adjutant and I know. It will go on the web page and I'll put it in the General Orders - that way no one knows about it. Remember, no matter how close to you the next Pup Tent is located, if you don't let people know they are probably not going to show up to support you.
6. Speaking of which, the next Cootie event is the Supreme Scratch in Overland Park, MO 24-28 July. For more information, it's in

the Cootie Courier <http://lotcs.org/Events.html> All VA Pup Tents are registered so if you are there you get a vote. Catch me in the Hospitality Room; I'll buy a round of Cootie Milk for VA Cooties. The next Grand event is the CofA; it will be held at VFW Post 392 (Virginia Beach) and is scheduled for 25 August. Following that will be Tomb Trek 2-4 Nov.

7. For those of you who have seen the 2018-2019 Program Book; Supreme Policy #19 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree password. However it's not in code, so do use it at Grand events - I hate fines. The password for the year will be announced at the Supreme Scratch or shortly afterwards. I'll pass it to you for distribution to your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Cooties.
  
8. Selections are open for the below listed positions, if you have someone you feel is worthy of the title send me a nomination. There is no form, but include what the person does that makes them worthy rather than just a name.  
Supreme Deputy Chief-of-Staff; Supreme Deputy Inspector;  
Supreme Recruiter (VFW or MOC); Supreme Seam Worker;  
Supreme Cootie Supporter; Supreme Aide-de-Camp; Supreme Newshound; Supreme Comedian; Supreme Cheerleader; and  
Supreme Cootie Juicer.
  
9. In closing Live Short and Don't Do Well. Yes, I am known to borrow (okay plagiarize) the occasional phrase from others. It comes from my days as a Division Officer, when you had to write or update an instruction you would visit your sister ships. You would then lift the good parts out of theirs and use it in your instruction. As long as you file off the serial number nobody is the wiser. Except of course when you use one like "Live Long and Prosper" - people seem to have heard that one somewhere.

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