



**GRAND OF VIRGINIA  
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO THE  
MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE  
OF THE USA**

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**GENERAL ORDER #9:** To be read at the next Auxiliary meeting and filed.

Please forgive the early arrival of these orders, but I have friends coming to stay and am really busy this month! I did not want anything to slip through the tracks...I may write more later.

The usual reminders: Secretaries-just read BOLD:

**Audits** must be conducted quarterly and mailed to the **Grand Treasurer, Lula Lamb.**

**Hospital Reports** must be filed within 90 days. **Hospital Chairman Delpha Martin.**

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**Grand Chaplain, Donna Webster, [websweb@cox.net](mailto:websweb@cox.net)**

**Vicki Petersen, Ways and Means.**

**Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or smoking** will be permitted in the meeting room during business session.

**Blood supplies** are still low. Please, if you are able to donate, do so now. For additional information call, 1-800-733-2767 or visit the website [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). If you are able to respond, please report to our **Hospital Chairman, Delpha Martin.**

**I have received a letter of resignation from Senior Vice President, Sarah Dugas. Due to illness, as much as she would like to, Sarah is physically unable to serve. In addition, Junior Vice President, Irene Peters has indicated that she is not able to move up to President this year. But she will move to Sr. Vice President. So, we need to fill chairs at our Grand Convention in June. I have been approached to serve again as President, and, if that is the wish of the membership, I will take it for ONE more year, BUT I need your help!**

**4<sup>th</sup> Supreme District** meeting was held in Northern Virginia. Thank you to all who attended! Obviously Virginia had the greatest showing, but unfortunately many Presidents were absent....Let's work on this next time?????

By now, all elections are completed. **Thank you to all the VA Aux. Secretaries** who sent the election reports out so quickly! Good job!

What did your Auxiliary do for the **"Valhalla Ranch Program"** or **"Adopt a Veteran" Care Unit? Please send reports to me!**

If any auxiliary has something to share with the membership, please send the info to me and I will include it in the orders. **Vicki Petersen**, our Ways & Means Chair, has asked that if anyone has the cosmetic/perfume bags given at department stores, please bring to Grand Convention. She will be stuffing them with goodies for raffles. Unfortunately, I Just donated 8 of them to DAV! GRRR!

It is time to **submit your reports** to your Grand Chairmen. They need to get these into Supreme for the Awards at convention in Orlando. Presidents, please check your books for due dates.

**Grand Convention** will be held again at the Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel. Tentatively, we will be meeting Saturday, June 15th at 4:00. Make your reservations now!

**Supreme Convention-Orlando-at the banquet**, our own **Hal Casey** will be providing the entertainment! Different Grands will represent different decades. Virginia has been delegated the 1960's. Clothing and accessories are expected! Music for the particular decade will be played. Hal has been choosing music for months now. It should be fantastic! A letter from the Grand of Florida is attached.

**Tomb Trek**, Nov 4-6, 2019 is our most hallowed tradition. The Cooties have been laying wreaths at Arlington Cemetery for 86 years. **It is of utmost importance that if you plan to lay a wreath, you must be in proper uniform, Please see the dress code in the MOCA Ritual. IF NOT IN PROPER ATTIRE, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LAY A WREATH! Active Duty Cooties. May wear their DRESS Uniforms! This is a solemn occasion. No smoking is permitted in the cemetery, and church voices should be remembered. Any questions? I will be happy to answer!**

We are members of the greatest organization in the world, the Veterans of Foreign Wars. That we are also MOC/MOCA members, which is the HONOR DEGREE of the VFW, attests to our dedication to our service members and our veterans. We don't question what we need to do; we just get it done. Only by working hand in hand, with the Auxiliary and Post members, and combining our forces, can we do what we do best: assist and care for our veterans.

**Our numbers are down this year, due to lack of recruitment. Only by recruiting new members are we able to continue our work. Discouragement is NOT a recruiting tool. We have people who want to join us, ask them!**

Remember, only WE will "Keep them smiling in beds of white

My heart and prayers go out to those brothers and sisters who are ill or who have lost loved ones.

As always, I am available to all who need my assistance...Grand President, *Gail M. Payne*

