



**GRAND OF VIRGINIA
AUXILIARY TO THE
MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE
OF THE USA**

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GENERAL ORDER #1: To be read at the next Auxiliary meeting and filed.

Additional **Chairpersons** appointed since grand convention, are as follows:

Mama Clown Peggy Schupska

VAVS Rep Robin Milewski

All I need now if Supreme President's Special Project????? Thank you ladies!

MOC/MOCA 14 is having a Flea Market on Sept 28 8-3 at the Post 1503 Pavilion and a Cornhole Tournament on Oct 5, 11-4 Post 1503 Pavilion.

MOC/MOCA 9/Post 392- Battleship Run Oct 12th

VFW Riders Casino night at 392, Oct 26th. Come out and support our organizations!

I have just received 2 more awards for Supreme Convention:

For Outstanding participation in the **Scholarship Program:**

Norfolk Crabs #2 and Da-Lec-Itz #14 Congratulations!

The usual reminders:

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

Hospital Reports to Chairman Vickie Petersen, vpetersquilts@gmail.com, within 90 days!

Thank you Vickie, you are so incredibly busy and still accepted this position!

Vicki Petersen and Lula Lamb are co-chairman of **Ways and Means**. If anyone has any items they can use, please bring them to the next **Grand Meeting in January in Portsmouth.**

Blood supplies are still low. Please, if you are able to donate, do so now. For additional information call 1-800-448-3543 or visit the website www.weneedblood.org. If you are able to respond, please report to our Hospital Chairman, Vickie Petersen.

Grand Chaplain, Lisa Horan Eck stands ready to assist any members in need,
lisahoraneck@yahoo.com

The 85th Annual Tomb Trek November 1-3, 2019 -the dress code required for presenting a wreath is printed in the Supreme Program Book and includes **appropriate** white pants, COLLARED shirt and closed toe shoes. **ANY PERSON, NOT ATTIRED IN THE REQUIRED UNIFORM, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT A WREATH.**

Please read the dress code carefully so that you will be able to represent your Auxiliary at this wonderful ceremony. No pins on hats or jackets.

HOTEL: Sheraton, Pentagon City, 800 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204. Phone: 703-521-1900. Room rates are \$109.00 plus tax. **Make your reservations directly with the hotel** and mention “Military Order of the Cootie” for discounts.

Fun Day is being held at **Post 3160, Ocean View on November 23rd**. Seam Squirrel, Melissa Barnes has kindly agreed to host this for the Grand. **IMPORTANT: THEY MUST BE APRISED OF MEMBERS ATTENDING! This is the initiation for all NEW members. If you have not been initiated or received your “Cootie Name”, you must attend! Presidents, you are charged with contacting me, with attendees,** and I will pass the info on the Melissa.

Fall Council will be held at approx. 3:00PM, directly following Fun Day at 3160. Please plan to attend.

The Military Order of the Cootie has been spreading Christmas cheer to the children of the VFW National Home for over 89 years. On November 29- December 1, we will again, be traveling to Eaton Rapids, Michigan, to share the holiday spirit at the **National Home with Cootie Christmas**. See the MOC/MOCA website, lotcs.org for details.

Please keep in mind, that all our Hospital events are open to ALL volunteers. So when you post or advertise an event, include this info. Many new member do not know what we do, so this is a good way to recruit! Remember, we never turn away volunteers!

Remember, while *Running to Support Our Veterans*, We Keep Them Smiling in Beds of White!

My heart and prayers go out to those sisters and brothers who are ill, or who have lost loved ones. Please attend to these members with calls, cards or visits. Many times they do not reach out!

With Love and Respect,
Grand President,
Gail M. Payne

