



# *Grand of Virginia Military Order of the Cootie*



## **GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 3 OCTOBER 2021**

1. **Commander's Remarks:** Cooties, another month has come and gone where we are at the mercy of COVID and getting in to see the vets at in hospitals. Please don't let that deter you from getting your hospital reports in. There are other options available to report, did you make a phone call to check on a vet; did the Pup Tent hold a fundraiser to purchase items for hospitalized vets (the money can still be in the hospital fund); did you take a veteran to breakfast? These all can be used for hospital fund reports. And despite the rumor, you can double report to the VFW and the MOC; in fact, it is highly encouraged by the National and Supreme leadership.
2. **Clowns:** Clowns can no longer wear makeup due to the fact that it scares some patients. Please notify your clowns so they do not disqualify themselves from any awards.
3. **Cootie Safari:** Cootie Safari was a rounding success! Pup Tent 1, and the Posts visited, would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting.
4. **Supreme Scratch:** For those that went, we had a lousy time in Overland Park. For those that missed it, I hope to see you attend a Supreme Scratch in the future.
5. **Tomb Trek:** 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Tomb Trek is scheduled for 5-7 November, 2021. See the attached forms for Registration and Wreath Order forms.
6. **Cootie Christmas:** Cootie Christmas is scheduled for the VFW National Home for Children on 4 December. See the attached form for Registration and further information.
7. **Grand Email List:** Seam Squirrels, CCDB's, Hungry Cooties, and Cooties in the Grand should send an email to [grandofvirginia+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:grandofvirginia+subscribe@groups.io) to subscribe for communications from the Grand.
8. **Grand Recruiting Competition:** The Supreme is looking to recognize those Grands that are "refilling our VFW pond." The top Grand within their respective Division will be presented with a roaming trophy; if the trophy is won by the same Grand for two consecutive years then the Grand keeps the trophy. Please send reports, attached, to Grand Membership Chair Marcia Eggers ([marcia.eggers@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.eggers@gmail.com)) by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the Month so that she can compile the information and send to Supreme by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the Month.

***"Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White"***

9. **Membership Awards:** In addition to the Recruiting Competition stated above the Supreme has announced the following awards:

**PUP TENT AWARDS:** Pup Tents with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of two (2) new or reinstated members by 31 December 2021 and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will receive a Supreme Commander's pin and a Supreme Citation. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership by 31 May 2022 will receive a Supreme Citation.

**SEAM SQUIRRELS and CCDB'S:** Seam Squirrels and CCDB's with 100% paid membership PLUS a growth factor of two (2) new or reinstated members by 30 November 2021 and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will receive an "Outstanding SS" and "Outstanding CCDB" pin, and a Supreme Citation. The Seam Squirrel's name will be entered into a drawing to win one of the following for the 103rd Supreme Convention:

- 1) A three day stay,
- 2) A Two-day stay and a banquet ticket,
- 3) A one day stay and a banquet ticket.

This is only for the Seam Squirrel; is not transferable and is only for the room. This does not include food or transportation costs. Transmittals must be postmarked by 30 November 2021. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership by the end of the 2021-2022 year (31 May 2022) will receive a Supreme Citation.

**GRAND AWARDS:** Grands that are 100% in membership by 31 December 2021 will have their Grand Commanders name entered into a drawing to win one of the following for the 103rd Supreme Convention:

- 1) A three day stay,
- 2) A two day stay and a banquet ticket,
- 3) A one day stay and a banquet ticket.

This is only for the Grand Commander and is not transferable and is only for the room and does not include food or transportation costs. Transmittals must be postmarked by 31 December 2021. Grands with 100% paid membership by the end of the membership year 31 May 2022 will receive a Supreme Citation.

\* Nits, Graybacks, and Cooties can be used to qualify for the award as long as a dues transmittal has been completed.

10. **School of Instruction:** There will be a School of Instruction at the Fall Council of Administration on 16 October. Pup Tents should have at least one shavetail in attendance.
11. **Supreme Zoom Calls:** Supreme MOC has a Zoom call on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month. Send an email to [cootieworker-Zoom@yahoo.com](mailto:cootieworker-Zoom@yahoo.com) to receive an invite to join the call.
12. **Grand Emails:** The Department of Virginia has been gracious enough to provide three (3) email address for use of the Grand. Please use the below emails for official correspondence.

Here are directions for logging into your new account for the first time.

1. Go to Department web site [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org).
2. Click on Resources, Microsoft 365.
3. The username is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be **VFW2021!**

Once you have accessed the mail program you will be asked to change it; it must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.

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| a. Grand Commander     | <a href="mailto:grandcdr@vfwva.org">grandcdr@vfwva.org</a>   |
| b. Grand Quartermaster | <a href="mailto:grandqm@vfwva.org">grandqm@vfwva.org</a>     |
| c. Grand Adjutant      | <a href="mailto:grandadj@vfwva.org">grandadj@vfwva.org</a>   |
| d. Pup Tent 1          | <a href="mailto:puptent1@vfwva.org">puptent1@vfwva.org</a>   |
| e. Pup Tent 2          | <a href="mailto:puptent2@vfwva.org">puptent2@vfwva.org</a>   |
| f. Pup Tent 5          | <a href="mailto:puptent5@vfwva.org">puptent5@vfwva.org</a>   |
| g. Pup Tent 9          | <a href="mailto:puptent9@vfwva.org">puptent9@vfwva.org</a>   |
| h. Pup Tent 11         | <a href="mailto:puptent11@vfwva.org">puptent11@vfwva.org</a> |
| i. Pup Tent 13         | <a href="mailto:puptent13@vfwva.org">puptent13@vfwva.org</a> |
| j. Pup Tent 14         | <a href="mailto:puptent14@vfwva.org">puptent14@vfwva.org</a> |
| k. Pup Tent 17         | <a href="mailto:puptent17@vfwva.org">puptent17@vfwva.org</a> |

13. **Pup Tent Scratches:** In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, Article II, Section 213, all Pup Tents shall hold at least one scratch per month.
14. **Hospital Reports:** Monthly Hospital Reports are due by the 7th of each month and should be sent directly to the Grand Hospital Chairman Robert “Check” Adamczyk [hospitalmocgrandva@vfwus.org](mailto:hospitalmocgrandva@vfwus.org).
15. **Blood Reports:** Blood Reports should be submitted to <http://vampire.puptent1.org/> in order for the computer to recognize your effort. Questions or pleas for assistance may be directed to the Supreme Vampire via the above page.
16. **Pup Tent Inspections:** Pup Tent Inspections will begin in August. The inspector will give advance notice of their visit and it is important that you be prepared with the updated books and records of the HC and CCDB. In addition, you should have on hand proof of your CCDB bond and the latest Quarterly Report of Audit. Attendance of the SS, HC, and CCDB is paramount to a quality, worthwhile visitation.
17. **Membership Cards and Pup Tent Roster:** Supreme will be mailing out Pup Tent Membership Rosters and Continuous Membership Cards for the 2021-2022 membership year shortly. Please verify all contact information on the included printout and forward any corrections on the appropriate forms to Grand Quartermaster Marcia Eggers. Reports should be emailed to [grandqm@vfwva.org](mailto:grandqm@vfwva.org). Be exact, as the Supreme printout is the ONLY one that really counts; if it’s not right

there, then it's not right. Appropriate fillable "pdf" forms may be found on the Supreme website (<https://www.lotcs.org/>).

18. **Membership Dues:** Due's payment, with appropriate Transmittal Forms and payment, need to be sent directly to Grand Quartermaster Marcia Eggers, [grandqm@vfwva.org](mailto:grandqm@vfwva.org), in a most timely and expedient manner. Do your best to have all renewals completed by 30 November.
19. **Pup Tent Audits:** Quarterly Audits are required to be completed and submitted to Grand Quartermaster Marcia Eggers no later than (NLT) 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. Reports should be emailed to [grandqm@vfwva.org](mailto:grandqm@vfwva.org).
20. **Pup Tent Bonding:** As a reminder, bonds are renewed every odd numbered year with a requirement for each Pup Tent to have a minimum bond of \$1000.
21. **Grand Website:** The Grand of Virginia website, <http://lotcsva.org/>, will be a repository of all General Orders and the Virginia Rumor Mill for viewing at your leisure. You can always see the latest editions there and it's an easy place to send your members for their respective education. In addition, here is an opportune place for you to tell this great land about all that you do. Photos, events, officers, visitations, special dates, etc. of your Pup Tent and Auxiliary in action can all be posted here. Contact Grand Adjutant Ken Eggers, [grandadj@vfwva.org](mailto:grandadj@vfwva.org) with information and activities your Pup Tent is doing.
22. **Photos:** Supreme is asking for pictures from events you hold this year. Most likely to be used are those showing Hospital Work or unique events.
23. **2021-2022 Calendar:** The following dates and locations are announced for planning purposes.


a. Fall Grand Aux CofA	October 2, 2021	10:00	PT 1 / Post 3160
b. Fall Grand CofA (SOI)	October 16, 2021	11:00	PT 5, PT 13, PT 14
c. Tomb Trek	November 5-7, 2021		Arlington, VA
d. Cootie Christmas	December 3-5, 2021		Eaton Rapids, MI
e. Winter C of A	January 7-9, 2022		Portsmouth, VA
f. National Home Easter	April 8-10, 2022		Eaton Rapids, MI
g. VFW National Convention	16-21 July, 2022		Kansas City, MO
h. MOC Supreme Scratch	21-24 July, 2022		Overland Park, KS
24. **Supreme Appointments:** Congratulations to the following on their Supreme Appointments:

a. Supreme Deputy Chief-of-Staff	Chris Mulholland	Pup Tent 11
b. Supreme Deputy Inspector	Harold Sayles	Pup Tent 13
c. Supreme Recruiter (VFW or MOC)	Tom Levitt	Pup Tent 14
d. Supreme Seam Worker	Jose Rivera	Pup Tent 13

e. Supreme Cootie Supporter	Ray Delpesche	Pup Tent 17
f. Supreme Aide-de-Camp	Dennis Turner	Pup Tent 11
g. Supreme Newshound	Kathy Goodall	Pup Tent 2
h. Supreme Comedian	Michael Mackowiak	Pup Tent 5
i. Supreme Cheerleader	Josh Heger	Pup Tent 9
j. Supreme Cootie Juicer	Doug Hoffman	Pup Tent 1

25. **General Orders:** The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No Exceptions.

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 Grand Adjutant

By Decree of:  
  
 Ronnie Steele  
 Grand Commander