



Grand of Virginia Military Order of the Cootie



GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 5 FEBRUARY 2022

1. **Commander's Remarks:** I would like to thank Supreme Sr. Vice Commander, Dwight Hora, for having the displeasure of gracing us at our Grand Scratch this Past month. The Scratch was well attended and provided insight into the Grand has forthcoming. The Supreme Sr. Vice recognized Cootie Joanne Smith for the tireless work she has done since joining Pup Tent 13 earlier this year.

We are coming into the homestretch for the year; yet we still have a few steps to take before we can close out the year. Every Pup Tent is on the verge of making 100% in membership (just need to get those reports submitted). Yes, those First and Second-Degree Cooties count, and will receive a hat from the Grand once their transmittal is submitted to the Grand.

The biggest hurdle that Pup Tents are facing is Hospital Reports, yes it has been a rough couple of years for hospital reports, but Supreme has relaxed the criteria to help make up for this. If you call and check up on a veteran or if you mail a letter to a veteran, you can count it as a Hospital Report. If you drive a veteran to a hospital appointment, report it. If you attended a veteran's funeral or memorial service, report it. Attached is a form that I hope will help Cooties with their reports; just fill out and submit to your Pup Tent Hospital Chair.

Our recruiting efforts are paying dividends on both the VFW and Cootie side. The Grand has recruited 318 members for the VFW and on the Cootie side we have 18 new members to the Grand. Every one of those Cooties are actively engaged within their Pup Tents.

2. **Elections:** Installation of shavetails must be completed prior to March 31st. Start looking for nominations, and appointments, to fulfill the requirement.
3. **Ham It Up:** The Ham It Up program is up and running! Money raised through the program is earmarked for the VFW National Home. Please consider signing up and doing your part to support the National Home. Please see attached form to sign-up.
4. **Grand Email List:** Seam Squirrels, CCDB's, Hungry Cooties, and Cooties in the Grand should send an email to grandofvirginia+subscribe@groups.io to subscribe for communications from the Grand.
5. **Grand Recruiting Competition:** The Supreme is looking to recognize those Grands that are "refilling our VFW pond." If you are out there recruiting and not seeing your name

"Keep 'em Smilin' in Beds of White"

on the list, please let us know so that we can account for your work recruiting new members to the VFW.

6. **Supreme Zoom Calls:** Supreme MOC has a Zoom call on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Send an email to cootieworker-Zoom@yahoo.com to receive an invite to join the call.
7. **Grand Emails:** The Department of Virginia has been gracious enough to provide email addresses for use by 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.
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 | grandcdr@vfwva.org |
| b. Grand Quartermaster | grandqm@vfwva.org |
| c. Grand Adjutant | grandadj@vfwva.org |
| d. Pup Tent 1 | puptent1@vfwva.org |
| e. Pup Tent 2 | puptent2@vfwva.org |
| f. Pup Tent 5 | puptent5@vfwva.org |
| g. Pup Tent 9 | puptent9@vfwva.org |
| h. Pup Tent 11 | puptent11@vfwva.org |
| i. Pup Tent 13 | puptent13@vfwva.org |
| j. Pup Tent 14 | puptent14@vfwva.org |
| k. Pup Tent 17 | puptent17@vfwva.org |

8. **Pup Tent Scratches:** In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, Article II, Section 213, all Pup Tents shall hold at least one scratch per month.
9. **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.
10. **Blood Reports:** Blood Reports should be submitted to <http://vampire.puptent1.org/> in order for the Supreme to recognize your effort. Questions or pleas for assistance may be directed to the Supreme Vampire via the above page.

11. **Pup Tent Inspections:** Grand is 100% inspected; thank you all for working to complete your Pup Tent Inspections.
12. **Membership Dues:** Due's payment, with appropriate Transmittal Forms, need to be sent directly to Grand Quartermaster Marcia Eggers, grandqm@vfwva.org, in a most timely and expedient manner.
13. **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.
14. **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 with information and activities your Pup Tent is doing.
15. **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.
16. **2021-2022 Calendar:** The following dates and locations are announced for planning purposes.

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| a. National Home Easter | April 8-10, 2022 | Eaton Rapids, MI |
| b. Department & Grand Convention | June 9-12, 2022 | Portsmouth, VA |
| c. VFW National Convention | July 16-21, 2022 | Kansas City, MO |
| d. MOC Supreme Scratch | July 21-24, 2022 | Overland Park, KS |
17. **General Orders:** The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No Exceptions.

Official:


Ken Eggers (Feb 9, 2022 17:42 EST)

Ken Eggers
Grand Adjutant

By Decree of:



Ronnie Steele
Grand Commander



Name: _____

Hospital Report Worksheet: (Please return/send to your Pup Tent Hospital Chairman)

Date: _____ Location: _____

Entertainment: _____ Kind of Gift: _____

of Cooties: _____ Time of Travel per Cootie: _____

Visiting Hrs per Cootie: _____ Round Trip Mileage per Cootie: _____

of Patients: _____ Gift \$ amount: _____

Additional information (names of cooties, notes for future visits, etc): _____

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Name: 0

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CREDIT ALLOWANCE

1. *Transportation Credit*: \$0.14 per mile per Cootie to and from hospitals domiciles, nursing homes, etc., where sick veterans are visited, excluding family members. Actual cost, instead of mileage, is used if other than POV's are used.
2. *Tolls*: Report actual cost under "mileage" as required.
3. *Hours*: All volunteer visitation, preparation hours, and travel time credited at \$22.55 per hour per Cootie. Travel time limited to actual hours expended.
4. *Veteran's Funeral Credit*: Credit each Cootie at **\$22.55** 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.
5. *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.
6. *Mail/Correspondence Credit*: **Pen Pal letters, One-way cards or One-way letters** get 0.2 (twelve minutes) per letter or card with materials/postage cost of \$4.00 listed as a "Gift".
7. *Gifts*: Actual retail cost of the item. By definition, "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.
8. *Clothing Credit*: Itemize all clothing on the Hospital Chairperson's report form or attach to the report an itemized consolidated sheet.
9. *Veteran's Transportation*: No credit allowed for transportation of other veterans. These activities are reported to the VFW Post Community Activities Chairperson.
10. *Hospital Equipment*: Hospital equipment loaned to individuals is reported to your VFW Post Hospital Program.
11. *Blood Donations*: Report all blood donations to your Pup Tent Blood Chairperson. Refer all questions pertaining to blood collections to the Supreme Blood Program Chairman listed elsewhere in this Program Book.



HAM IT UP WITH THE VIRGINIA HAMS

OBJECTIVE: THE GRAND OF VIRGINIA INVITES YOU TO “HAM IT UP WITH THE ‘VIRGINIA HAMS’”

MISSION: PROCEEDS HELP SUPPORT THE VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership comes in 3-levels, and open to both the MOC and MOCA; each level is achieved via the following:

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| Bronze: | | Donation of \$10 | \$3 Shipping | \$13.00 Total. |
| Silver: | 1-Year as a Bronze Member; | Donation of \$15 | \$3 Shipping | \$18.00 Total. |
| Gold: | 1-Year as a Silver Member; | Donation of \$20 | \$3 Shipping | \$23.00 Total. |
| Cootie Discount: | Straight to Gold: | Donation of \$50 | \$3 Shipping | \$53.00 Total. |

You will receive a card and Virginia Ham Pin based on your current level. (No need for shipping if purchased from a Grand of Virginia representative on location.)

SUBMIT TO: MAKE YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: **MOC GRAND OF VIRGINIA** AND MAIL TO GRAND QUARTERMASTER MARCIA EGGERS, 4089 CARDINAL CREST DRIVE, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22193. TELEPHONE: 703.967.3551. PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS WITH ZIP CODE (INCLUDE VFW POST AND PT NUMBER IF APPLICABLE). WRITE IN THE MEMO VIRGINIA HAMS, GOLD, SILVER, or BRONZE.

THE GRAND OF VIRGINIA WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

VIRGINIA HAMS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

“Ham It Up” is defined in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as “to act or behave in an exaggerated or playful way.”
 This is in keeping with the Cootie Motto of “Keep ‘em Smiling in Beds of White.”
 Virginia is also world renowned for its Smithfield Ham.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Post Number/Name: _____ / _____

Pup Tent Number/Name: _____ / _____

| Membership Type: | | DONATION | SHIPPING | TOTAL |
|--|---------------|----------|----------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Level Member | | \$10.00 | \$3.00 | \$13.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Level Member | 1-Year Bronze | \$15.00 | \$3.00 | \$18.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Level Member | 1-Year Silver | \$20.00 | \$3.00 | \$23.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cootie Discount: Straight to Gold | | \$50.00 | \$3.00 | \$53.00 |

Making your check or money order payable to: **MOC Grand of Virginia** and mail to:

Grand Quartermaster Marcia Eggers
4089 Cardinal Crest Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Upon receipt, and approval, of membership application and payments, your Pin and Card will be presented to you.