



Grand of Virginia 2022-2023 General Orders #1 Aug 2022

1. Commander's Remarks

It is with great and humble honor that Grand President Shema Peppers and I have been installed as the Grand leaders for the 2022-2023 year. We are looking forward to a year that brings all Cooties together to accomplish our important works. We are family and **We Are Better Together.**

2. Commander's Special Projects

For the Grand Special Project: we are looking to raise funds for the Virginia and MOC/MOCA houses at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI. Various fundraising events will be held throughout the year. If you have any fundraising ideas for this cause, please contact me at grandcdr@vfwva.org

Johnny Hambone Initiative: with the advent of a new tradition brought to us by the Grand of Wisconsin this year, each Grand Commander will be given a stuffed animal that is to be their companion at all Cootie functions for their year. Johnny is my gorilla that has come with me to Pup Tent meetings and Supreme Convention. We are looking to collect other stuffed gorillas/monkeys/primates this year. At the end of the year, we will be donating the collected animals to the Prince William Police Department Domestic Abuse division. They use these to help children have something to hold on to while the Police deal with incidents. If you would like to take part in this program, please have the animals available when you see me around the State this year.



Thank you in advance for any and all support for these programs this year!

3. Kentucky Flood Relief

Many VFW Comrades and their Auxiliary members were impacted by the recent flooding in Kentucky. The Department of Kentucky is accepting donations made payable to VFW HQ Relief Fund, 3031 Poplar Level Road, Louisville, KY 40217. The Department of Kentucky appreciates your support in our efforts to assist those in need!

4. Grand Scratch

All Grand elected and appointed officers were duly installed at the Grand Scratch held in Portsmouth, VA in June 2022.

Elected Officers:

Commander	Ben Guinan
Sr. Vice Commander	Robert "Check" Adamczyk
Jr. Vice Commander	Ken Shannon
Quartermaster	Marcia Eggers
Chaplain	Ray Delpesche
Judge Advocate	Michael Chism
Surgeon	Frank McKiddie
Historian	Jill Lynch

Appointed Officers:

Chief of Staff	Ronnie Steele
Adjutant	Ken Eggers
Jimmy Legs	Open
Shirt Reader	Open
Provost	Mark Winn
Inspector	Harold "Butch" Schupska
Membership	Marcia Eggers
Hospital	Robert "Check" Adamczyk
Blood	Ben Guinan

If anyone is interested in the Jimmy Legs and/or Shirt Reader positions, please contact me at grandcdr@vfwva.org

5. Supreme Scratch

The 103rd Supreme Scratch was held in Overland Park, KS and was attended by a plethora of Cooties from far and wide and our Grand was well represented by many Virginia Cooties. The next Supreme Scratch is projected to be held in Phoenix, AZ with dates and times to follow. It is sure to be a lousy and cool time. If you are available, think about attending as it is a great experience.

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. VA Grand Teams Calls

Grand MOC has a Teams call on the last Monday of each month. Send an email to grandcdr@vfwva.org to receive an invite to join the call

8. General Goals and Information

Pup Tents scratches: Scratches will be held at least once a month, per Supreme By-Laws.

Hospital Reports: Thanks to our most lousy Grand Hospital Chairman/Senior Vice Commander/Supreme Codeslinger/too many other titles to list, Robert “Check” Adamczyk, the Virginia Grand is the first Grand to use our new online reporting system. Live system is located here: <https://hospital.cootie.org> Training for the new site and systems can be found on the site. Please use it and get used to it as this is where we are headed to in the future for all things hospital reporting. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Check at mrcheck@gmail.com.

Blood Reports: if you donate blood, make sure to report it at: <https://lotcs.org/blood.html> Every donation helps saves lives so if you are able to give, please do so.

Pup Tent Inspections: Inspections will commence this month. Grand Inspectors will be in touch with their respective area Pup Tents to schedule the inspections. Seam Squirrels, CCDBs, and Hospital Chairmen are requested to be in attendance for the inspection. Make sure to have everything inspectable ready to go.

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.

Pup Tent Bonds: per the 2022 update Supreme Bylaws – Pup Tent CCDB’s shall obtain sufficient security bond in the sum equal to the amount of liquid assets for which they are accountable. Pup Tents with total liquid assets of \$5,000.00 or more shall require a bond. Pup Tents with liquid assets less than \$5,000.00, may bond or not bond as determined by the Pup Tent. This is an inspectable item so make sure you have this situated.

Membership: The 2022-2023 Membership Cards have gone out in June 2022. Now is the time to start contacting the annual members in your Pup Tent and get them renewed. Please don’t wait thinking you’ll see them in December 2022 to get them renewed for 2023!

Supreme has put out a revised MOC Membership Application (attached) for your New Cooties. Please use this revised form, all other cootie applications will no longer be accepted by Supreme after December 31, 2022. This revised form will allow the Supreme Headquarters to better track information for the Supreme Commander.

Boooooo! to following Pup Tents for starting 2022-2023 on a broken leg, this is the worst start we've had for some time:

PT5 for 1 New Life Member

PT9 for 1 New Member

PT11 for 2 New Life and 1 New Members

PT13 for 2 New Life and 3 New Members

Any questions on membership, the new member form, extra membership cards OR any CCDB anything! Please contact Marcia Eggers, Grand CCDB at 703-967-3551;

Marcia.eggers@gmail.com

9. Communication

Communication is the cornerstone of every successful endeavor! It is our goal to foster increased communication with all aspects of the Virginia Cootie family this year. Here are some ways to stay in touch, find information, and put information out:

Grand Website: <http://lotcsva.org/> All kinds of info can be found here. 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.

Grand Facebook page: I created a new FB page for us. Search for "Military Order of the Cootie – Grand of Virginia". I'm still working on the page, but it is available to be joined. We will be using this to put out all kinds of info so please join it and stay tuned.

Grand emails: You can contact us via the following vfwva.org emails. For all official communication, please use them.

Grand Commander grandcdr@vfwva.org

Grand Quartermaster grandqm@vfwva.org

Grand Adjutant grandadj@vfwva.org

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.

10. Recognition: Special Appointments for this year are open for nomination!

The following are appointments that are available for nomination:

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	Supreme Cootie Juicer

Please submit your nominations for these positions to the Grand. One (1) nomination per cootie per position.

11. 2022-2023 Programs

Supreme Programs:

Please refer to the Supreme Commander's 2022-2023 Program Book for all information on the programs that Supreme has enacted for this year.

Grand Programs:

Grand Cootie of the Year: nominations for Cootie of Year can be submitted to the Grand. The nomination form and program information will be sent out to all Pup Tent Seam Squirrels soon.

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12. 2022-2023 Calendar of Events

Cootie Safari	August 27, 2022, PT 1 / Post 3160, Virginia Beach, VA
Fall Grand Scratch/C of A	October 8, 2022 Post 9808 in Mechanicsville, VA (1000-1200)
Tomb Trek	November 4-6, 2022, Arlington, VA
Cootie Christmas	December 2-4, 2022, Eaton Rapids, MI
Winter Grand Scratch/C of A	January 13-15, 2023, Portsmouth, VA

Official:

Ken Eggers
Grand Adjutant

By Decree of:

Ben Guinan
Grand Commander