



Grand of Virginia Military Order of the Cootie



GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1

JUNE 15, 2023

1. COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Grand President Lisa Eck and I are looking forward to another great Cootie year. We look forward to working with you all and ask that you reach out to your Grand officers if you need any assistance with anything throughout the year.

2. COMPOSITION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:

Commander	Robert "Check" Adamczyk
Sr. Vice Commander/PT18 SS	Ken Shannon
Jr. Vice Commander/PT11 SS	Michael Chism
CCDB	Marcia Eggers
Adjutant	Ken Eggers
Chaplain	Ray Delpesche
Judge Advocate	Frank McKiddie
Surgeon/PT13 SS	Joanne Smith
Historian/PT14 SS	Charles "Romeo" Marlowe
Inspector/PGC	Harold "Butch" Schupska
Provost Marshal/PGC	Mark Winn
PT 1 Seam Squirrel	Kevin Ehrhardt
PT 2 Seam Squirrel	David Alexander
PT 5 Seam Squirrel	Francis Duval
PT 9 Seam Squirrel	Chris Thomas
PT 17 Seam Squirrel	Richard Bruns
Past Grand Commander	Ben Guinan
Past Grand Commander	Michael DelVecchio
Past Grand Commander	David Goldstein
Past Grand Commander	Eric Mallett
Past Grand Commander	Geraldine Chapman
Past Grand Commander	William Moran
Past Grand Commander	Chris Wheeler
Past Grand Commander	Hal Roesch
Past Grand Commander	Jill Lynch
Past Grand Commander	Graham Lever
Past Grand Commander	Gary Dressel
Past Grand Commander	Harold Schupska
Past Grand Commander	Sterling Moninghoff
Past Grand Commander	Eugene Broughman
Past Grand Commander	John Dodge
Past Grand Commander	Brian Booker
Past Grand Commander	Ralph Steinway
Past Grand Commander	Joseph Horan

Past Grand Commander	Patrick Coughlin
Past Grand Commander	Harry Sharp
Past Grand Commander	Stanley Schnell

3. DUTIES OF THE TIGHTWADS:

It shall be the duty of the Tight Wads not later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period, to properly audit the books and records of the CCDB and Hungry Cootie and submit on the prescribed form, supplied by Supreme Headquarters, a detailed report of audit. Except for Pup Tents with less than \$1000.00 in total assets, who may submit an annual report at the end of the calendar year rather than four quarterly reports. One copy retained by the Pup Tent, and one (1) copy sent to the Grand Quartermaster at grandqm@vfwva.org. Audit forms can be found on lotcs.org under Forms – Pup Tent: Pup Tent Tight Wad’s Report of Audit. Ensure that the ending numbers from the previous audit match the starting numbers for the current audit.

4. FALL CofA:

The fall CofA shall be held at the Oceanview VFW Post 3160 on October 7th at 1100. All members in good standing are invited to attend. The address is 111 A View Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503.

5. MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Each cootie should have a membership card for the current year at each Scratch. Supreme will be mailing out Pup Tent Membership Rosters and Cards soon. Please verify all contact information is correct and forward any corrections to grandqm@vfwva.org.

6. EMAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails. To log into your email account, go to office.com, enter your email address ending in @vfwva.org, and enter the default password: VFW2023! MOC accounts are as follows: grandcdr@vfwva.org, grandadj@vfwva.org, grandqm@vfwva.org, puptent#@vfwva.org where # is the number of the Pup Tent. For example: puptent18@vfwva.org.

7. IMPORTANT DATES:

Supreme Scratch, Tempe, Arizona 26 July – 30 July 2023. Details on lotcs.org
 Fall CofA, 7 October, 2023, VFW Post 3160 @ 1100
 Tomb Trek, 3-5 November 2023, Sheraton, Pentagon City. Details on lotcs.org
 Winter Council, 12-14 January, Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center, Williamsburg VA.
 Details in the VFW Virginia general orders on vfwva.org.
 Grand Convention – TBD

8. INSPECTIONS:

Pup Tent Inspections will begin in the coming months. The inspector will give advance notice of their visit. Please be prepared with updated books and records of the Hungry Cootie and CCDB. Also have proof of your CCDB bond and the latest quarterly audit. Pup Tent Annual Inspection Report form can be found on lotcs.org under Forms – Pup Tent to see what will be needed for your inspection.

9. BONDS:

Pup Tent CCDB's may be required to obtain sufficient security bond in the sum equal to the amount of liquid assets for which they are anticipated to be 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.

10. MOC LIFE MEMBERSHIP – NEVER PAY DUES AGAIN

VFW Life Members who are MOC Members in good standing and who have reached third degree are eligible for and encouraged to sign up for MOC Life Membership. Prices are on a sliding scale based on age:

Through Age 30 - \$340

31 Through 40 - \$325

41 Through 50 - \$305

51 Through 60 - \$275

61 Through 70 - \$245

71 Through 80 - \$190

81 And Over - \$150

Contact your CCDB or sign up online at lotcs.org under Forms – Membership.

11. SUPREME SCRATCH:

The Supreme Scratch this year is in Tempe, AZ. All MOC members in good standing are invited to attend. Details are available at lotcs.org under Events – Supreme Scratch.

12. PUP TENT SCRATCHES:

In accordance with Supreme By-Laws, Article II, Section 213: The regular scratches of each Pup Tent shall be held at least once a month at the location designated on the Charter, unless otherwise authorized by special dispensation, and will be called a local scratch. Pup Tents may incorporate the use of technology for scratches provided that additional procedures are adopted pertaining to the conduct of scratches and that it allows all participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously. The Pup Tent Charter must be displayed during all scratches.

13. HONOR DEGREE CERTIFICATES:

Pup Tent members who have completed the 3rd Degree initiation ceremony should be presented with their Honor Degree Certificate printed on card stock paper. Blank certificates are available at lotcs.org under Forms – Pup Tent. Current Pup Tent Seam Squirrels should sign and distribute these to members who went through 3rd degree in previous years, but have not received their certificate.

14. REPORTING:

- a. Hospital – All Hospital reports should be submitted online at hospital.cootie.org. The goals for 2023-2024 have been loaded and reports are now being accepted.
- b. Blood – Blood Reports should be submitted to the Supreme Vampire. Details can be found on lotcs.org under Reports – Blood.
- c. Recruiting – The MOC is tracking how many VFW members are recruited by MOC members. Recruiting reports are normally posted weekly on lotcs.org under Reports –

Recruiting. If you know of a Pup Tent member who has recruited a VFW member, but isn't showing up on the weekly reports, contact Robert Adamczyk at mrcheck@gmail.com with the full name as listed on their VFW Membership Card and their full name as listed on their MOC membership card.

- d. Sky Pilot – Sky Pilots should file reports on their activities using the report form located on lotcs.org under Reports – Sky Pilot.

15. GRAND COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT:

This year's Grand Commander's Special Project is to raise funds to support the Dog Tags 4 Life organization. Dog Tags 4 Life distributes Dog Tags containing information about the 988, then press 1 Veterans Crisis Line AKA the Suicide Prevention Hotline. The mission is to get the information into the hands of as many Veterans as possible so it's available if/when they ever need it.

16. GRAND WEBSITE:

The Grand Website is located at www.lotcsvava.org. All members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the materials available on the site.

17. GRAND GROUPS.IO:

All MOC and MOCA members should be encouraged to sign up for the Groups.io mailing list to receive updates in their inbox. Please distribute this information in your monthly scratches so your members can receive updates.

18. VIRGINIA HAMS:

Spread the word about the Virginia Hams and if you haven't already, sign up today and Ham It Up! Details are attached below.

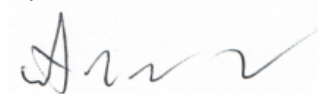
19. ALL-STAR PUP TENTS:

Supreme instituted a new program called All-Star Pup Tents for 2022-2023. The program is expected to continue in 2023-2024. Once published, information should be available on lotcs.org under Forms – Supreme – 2023-2024 Supreme Commander Mark Larkin Program Book.

Official:

Ken Eggers
Grand Adjutant

By Order of:



Robert Adamczyk
Grand Commander



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:

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: 703.730.6709. 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, ANNUAL OR LIFE.

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.