



**“Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars”
Grand of Virginia
Military Order of the Cootie
Of the United States of America**



These minutes are in straight talk or Cootie talk - more or less.

Subject: Grand of Virginia Scratch Minutes – 3 June 2023

TO: Supreme Commander and All Grand of Virginia Pup Tents

1. Our crummy Grand Commander Ben Guinan opened the Grand Scratch @ about 1330, more or less IAW the MOC rituals at Portsmouth, VA. There was a raucous 42 Cooties in attendance!
2. Opening Prayer: Our Sky Pilot Ray Deplesche helped the Cooties pray.
3. A roll call of officers was taken, and Cooties were declared absent, present or unknown. A roll call of Pup Tents was taken:
 - A. PT1 - Absent
 - B. PT2 - Absent
 - C. PT5 – Absent
 - D. PT9 - Absent
 - E. PT11- Absent
 - F. PT13 – Absent
 - G. PT14 - Absent
 - H. PT17 – Absent
 - I. PT18 - Absent
4. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Scratch: A motion was seconded and approved by those present to waive reading of the minutes of the last scratch which had been emailed. To receive all correspondence from the Grand, send an email to: grandofvirginia+subscribe@groups.io .
5. Reading of Official and Other Communication: None.
6. Report of the C.C.D.B in Detail: The C.C.D.B. gave a detailed report: Opening Balance: \$23,352.95 - Ending Balance: \$20,221.56. The books have been audited.
7. Reading of Bills: Nope.
8. Draping of the Charter: The Cooties draped the charter for Past Grand Commander Bob Dugas of PT 14 and Mike Waynik of PT 17
9. Cootie or Family member in Distress:

10. Report of Committees - Standing and Special

A. Membership Report: Cootie M. Eggers provided a report.

PT1 97.4%
PT2 102.08%
PT5 126.09%
PT9 92.68%
PT11 84.00%
PT13 125.00%
PT14 102.05%
PT17 118.04%
PT18 0.00%

The following PT's were selected as All-Star Pup Tents by Supreme Headquarters: PT5 - PT13 - PT14 & PT17. Good Work by their SS and CCDB!

B. Hospital Report: Chairman Cootie Adamczyk provided a Grand Hospital Report:

PT1 116.91%
PT2 314.61%
PT5 308.84%
PT9 795.00%
PT11 322.64%
PT13 337.64%
PT14 166.75%
PT17 729.00%
PT18 0.00%

GRAND TOTAL : 383.67%

C. Virginia Ham It Up Program: Cootie M. Eggers provided a report. Membership is growing. Annually all proceeds collected from membership, after program expenses, will be donated to the VFW National Home for Children.

Bronze	Silver	Gold
20	3	97

Application for membership, which is open to anyone, can be found here:

<https://lotcs.org/programs.html#tabs-9>

11. Visitors of Note:

- A. Supreme Senior Vice Commander Mark Larkin
- B. Past VFW CINC Hal Roesch

- C. PDC Geoffrey Lyster
- D. MOC VFW National Home Representative Mark Winn
- E. VFW National Legislative Comrade Jill Lynch
- F. VFW National Legislative Comrade Tom Levitt

12. Grand Chaplain helped the Cooties remember our National Home for Children.

13. Unfinished Business: We finish our business

14. New Business:

- A. Nominations for 2023-2024 Grand Officers were opened:

Cootie Shannon nominated Cootie Robert "Check" Adamczyk for Grand Commander. No others were nominated and closed. Cootie Adamczyk accepted the nomination.

Cootie David Goldstein nominated Cootie Shannon for Sr. Vice Commander. No others were nominated and closed. Cootie Shannon accepted the nomination.

Cootie Steele nominated Cootie Mike Chism for Jr. Vice Commander. No others were nominated and closed. Cootie Chism accepted the nomination.

Grand Quartermaster: Cootie Steele nominated Cootie Marcia Eggers for Grand Quartermaster. No others were nominated and closed. Cootie M. Eggers accepted the nomination.

Grand Chaplain: Cootie Steele nominated Cootie Ray Delpesche for Grand Chaplain. No others were nominated and closed. Cootie Delpesche accepted the nomination.

Grand Judge Advocate: Cootie Chism nominated Cootie Frank McKiddie for Grand Judge Advocate. No others were nominated and closed. Cootie McKiddie accepted the nomination.

Grand Surgeon: Cootie Shannon nominated Cootie Joanne Smith for Grand Surgeon. No others were nominated and closed. Cootie Smith accepted the nomination.

Grand Historian: Cootie Winn nominated Cootie Charles "Romero" Marlowe. Cootie Check nominated Jill Lynch. No others were nominated and closed. Cootie Lynch declined the nomination. Cootie Marlowe accepted the nomination.

Grand Adjutant: Cootie Ken Eggers was appointed Grand Adjutant.

Grand Inspector: Cootie Butch Schupska was appointed Grand Inspector.

Grand Hospital Chairman: Cootie Robert "Check" Adamczyk was appointed Grand Hospital Chairman.

Grand Membership Chairman: Cootie Marcia Eggers was appointed Grand Membership Chairman.

Grand Blood Chairman: No Blood Hound was appointed.

Supreme Senior Vice Commander (SSVC) Mark Larkin presided over the installation of the lousy Cooties elected in the Grand of Virginia for 2023-2024.

15. Good of the Scratch

- A. On 2 June 2023, degree work was done!
- B. Potential fundraising methods were bantered about.
- C. 19 Aug 2023 the Dept of Virginia VFW Riders are making a ride to the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, MI. Contact PGC Mark Winn.
- D. 7 Oct 2023 from 1100-1400 a Grand CoA (Scratch) will be at PT 1 Ocean View.
- E. **Grand Commander Guinan announced the 2022-2023 Grand of Virginia**
- F. **Seam Squirrel of the Year – PT 13 Cootie Joanne Smith. Cootie Steven Hood from PT 17 was as the Grand of Virginia Cootie of the Year! Congratulations!**
- G. SSVC Mark Larkin shared cheer and salutations from Supreme and reminded the Cooties primary mission is taking care of veterans. SVC Larkin announced his Special Project for 2023-2024 will be the Big Boot Program addressing veteran suicides. All money raised by Virginia will be kept in Virginia.
- H. Grand Commander Check announced his theme to be “Dare to Be Different”.
- I. The CCDB pulled the ticket for the Grand 50/50 and Cootie Charles Busch won \$267.00 and the Grand kept \$268.00.
- J. The CCDB pulled the ticket for the free hotel room at McGruders in Williamsburg and it was won by Joanne Hatter, 1177 Aux. The Grand collected \$260.00. Thanks to Senior Vice Commander Ken Shannon for getting this donated.
- K. The Grand Commander dropped the gavel at about 1423. A lousy scratch.

/s/

Ken Eggers

Grand Adjutant