



Grand of Virginia *Military Order of the Cootie*

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

1. Grand President Laura Adamczyk 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. Having been duly elected, I, Kenneth A. Shannon, do hereby assume the office of Commander, Grand Pup Tent of Virginia, Military Order of the Cootie of the United States.
3. **COMPOSITION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:**

Commander	Ken Shannon
Sr.Vice Commander/PT 11	Michael Chism
Jr.Vice Commander/PT 13	Joanne Smith
CCDB/PGC	David Goldstein
Adjutant	Ken Eggers
Chaplain	Ray Delpesche
Judge Advocate	Paul Smith
Surgeon/PT 19	Todd Taylor
Historian/PT 9	Ronnie Steele
Inspector/PGC	Harold "Butch" Schupska
Provost Marshall/PGC	Hal Roesch
Shirt Reader/PCG	Ben Guinan
Jimmy Legs	Frank McKiddie
Chief of Stuff/Hospital Chair/PGC	Robert "Check" Adamczyk
PT 1 Seam Squirrel	Edward Francis
PT 2 Seam Squirrel	Christine Hague-Renwick
PT 5 Seam Squirrel	Jessica Martinez
PT 14 Seam Squirrel	Charles Marlowe
PT 17 Seam Squirrel	Richard Bruns
PT 18 Seam Squirrel	Mike Indyck
Past Grand Commander	Michael DelVecchio
Past Grand Commander	Eric Mallett
Past Grand Commander	William Moran

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Past Grand Commander	Chris Wheeler
Past Grand Commander	Jill Lynch
Past Grand Commander	Graham Lever
Past Grand Commander	Gary Dressel
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

4. **COMMUNICATION:**

5. Our goal is 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:
6. EMAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:
7. 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.
8. Grand Website: <http://lotcsva.org/>
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. GRAND TEAMS MEETING: Grand MOC has a Teams call on the 4TH Monday of each month AT 8 P.M. Send an email to grandcdr@vfwva.org to receive an invite to join the call.
12. 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.
13. **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.

14. **FALL CofA:** The fall CofA shall be held at Battlefield VFW Post 9808 on October 19th at 1000. All members in good standing are invited to attend. The address is 7168 Flag Lane Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111.
15. **MEMBERSHIP CARDS:** Each cootie should have a membership card for the current year at each Scratch. The new membership year started June 1st and your CCDB should have the new Annual Cards.
16. **MEMBERSHIP:** Annual dues were due as of June 1 2024 for the 2024-2025 membership year. Dues payment, with appropriate Transmittal Forms, need to be sent directly to Grand Quartermaster Dave Goldstein, grandqm@vfwva.org, in a most timely and expedient manner. Do your best to have all renewals completed by 31 Dec 2024.
17. **IMPORTANT DATES:**
 - a. Fall CofA, October 18 2024, VFW Post 9808 @ 1000.
 - i. [RSVP HERE http://lotcsva.org/event/fall-council-of-administration-19-oct-2024-post-9808-mechanicsville/](http://lotcsva.org/event/fall-council-of-administration-19-oct-2024-post-9808-mechanicsville/)
 - ii. Post 9808 will have the kitchen open for lunch. Pay-As you go.
 - b. Tomb Trek, November 8-10 2024, Sheraton, Pentagon City. Details on lotcs.org
 - c. Cootie Christmas December TBD 2024, Eaton Rapids, MI
 - d. Winter Council, January 9 - 12, 2025, Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center.
 - i. Degree work will be conduct for Nit's on Friday evening . More to Follow.
 - e. Grand Convention, June 18 – 23, 2025, Hotel Madison Shenandoah Valley Conference Center
18. **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. If your Pup Tent inspection isn't completed by October we will do the inspection at the CofA Oct 19.
19. **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.
20. **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:
 - a. Through Age 30 - \$340
 - b. 31 Through 40 - \$325
 - c. 41 Through 50 - \$305
 - d. 51 Through 60 - \$275
 - e. 61 Through 70 - \$245
 - f. 71 Through 80 - \$190
 - g. 81 And Over - \$150
 - h. Contact your CCDB or sign up online at lotcs.org under Forms – Membership.

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21. **SUPREME SCRATCH:** The Supreme Scratch next year is in Columbus, OH. All MOC members in good standing are invited to attend. Details are available at lotcs.org under Events – Supreme Scratch.
22. **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.
23. **PROGRAMS 2024-2025:**
- a. **Supreme Programs:**
 - b. Please refer to the Supreme Commander’s 2024-2025 Program Book for all information on the programs that Supreme has enacted for this year.
 - c. **Grand Programs:**
 - d. 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.
 - e. Seam Squirrel of the Year: nominations for Seam Squirrel 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.
24. **PROGRAMS 2024-2025:**
- a. **Recognition:** I ask each Pup Tent Seam Squirrel to submit one (1) name for Supreme Special Appointment. I am taking the liberty to disqualify any Grand elected officers. The positions available are:
 - b. Supreme Deputy Clown
 - c. Supreme Deputy Inspector
 - d. Supreme Recruiter (VFW or MOC)
 - e. Supreme Seam Worker
 - f. Supreme Cootie Supporter
 - g. Supreme Aide-de-Camp
 - h. Supreme Deputy Newshound
 - i. Supreme Comedian
 - j. Supreme Cheerleader
 - k. Supreme Cootie Juicer
25. **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.
26. **REPORTING:**

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- 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.
27. **GRAND COMMANDER/PRESIDENT SPECIAL PROJECT:** For the Grand Special Project: The Grand President and I are looking to raise funds for Equine Therapy. Equine Therapy offers a unique and powerful approach to healing from PTSD. Individuals are guided toward recovery by building trust and confidence, regulating emotions, and reflecting on emotions and behaviors. There are many equine-assisted services (EAS) facilities located throughout Virginia. If your Pup Tent donates to equine therapy this year please send me an email at grandcdr@vfwva.org. Thank you in advance for any and all support!
28. **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.
29. **ALL-STAR PUP TENTS:** Once published, information should be available on lotcs.org under Forms – Supreme – 2024-2025 Supreme Commander Program Book.

Official:

Ken Eggers

Grand Adjutant

By Order of:

Ken Shannon

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 GRAND OF VIRGINIA AND VFW NATIONAL HOME.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is open to all and comes in 3-levels; each level is achieved via the following:

Membership Type:		Donation	Shipping	Total
Bronze Level Member		\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00
Silver Level Member	After 1-Year as Bronze	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00
Gold Level Member	After 1-Year as Silver	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
Cootie Discount:	Straight to Gold	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00

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 DAVE GOLDSTEIN, 302 RUTHERGLEN MUSE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452**. TELEPHONE: 757.650.0244. 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, BRONZE, OR STRAIGHT TO GOLD.

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 Them Smilin' 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: _____ / _____

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Bronze Level Member		\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00
Silver Level Member	After 1-Year as Bronze	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00
Gold Level Member	After 1-Year as Silver	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
Cootie Discount:	Straight to Gold	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00

Making your check or money order payable to: **MOC GRAND OF VIRGINIA** and mail to:

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Grand of Virginia Use:

Member #

Date