

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE
Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

SUPREME COMMANDER
Ralph Corno



Perfect Together
2007-2008

VFW-MOC Perfect Together

PROGRAM BOOK 2007-2008

SUPREME COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Listen Cooties:

The Cootie Year 2007-2008 should continue to be exciting as we continue our work to ***"Keep them smiling in beds of white"***. Remember as we work together, side by side with our Women's Auxiliary and our parent organization, the VFW, together we can accomplish all of our goals and quotas. We do some of the most difficult work of the organization and we always do the task with a smile.

Please join me in showing support to our parent organization, the VFW, in all of its programs and work harmoniously with our women's auxiliary and also with the ladies auxiliary of the VFW. Remember our slogan this year will be ***"VFW & MOC Perfect Together"***. We are part of the VFW and we are and will continue to be the "Honor Degree". Please continue your support as you always have for our new Auxiliary President Donna and strive to work together to make all of our projects come to 100% participation.

I offer each of you my fullest support and a thank you in advance because I am sure that this year will be a banner year for this organization and also for the VFW.

Ralph Corno, Supreme Commander
2007 - 2008

SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For over 80 years the MOC has been working in cooperation with the VFW to accomplish the mission of caring for our veterans, their families, and making our communities better places to live. ***"MOC - VFW Perfect Together"*** is a reminder that we must work together in harmony to accomplish this vital task. As Supreme President I pledge the full support of both myself and the members of the MOC Auxiliary to Supreme Commander Ralph Corno and all of his Cooties as they ***"Keep Them Smiling in Beds of White"***. We have lots of work to do and so many veterans depending on us to stand firm for those in need. Cooties and Sisters, it's time to ***"Join the Pack - Change a Life"***.

In Service,

Supreme President Donna Poelstra



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73rd TREK TO THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER 2007

The 72nd Trek to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery will be the weekend of **02-04 November 2007**. The actual visit to the Tomb will be Sunday, 04 November 2007 at 11:00 AM.

This annual ceremony allows Cooties and Sisters to gather at this cherished national shrine to commemorate and remember comrades-in-arms of our nation's armed forces who have made the supreme sacrifice. The members of the Military Order of the Cootie and its Auxiliary gather annually to pay homage to our fallen comrades. This commemorates the 73rd year that the Military Order of the Cootie of the United States will gather and present floral wreaths in tribute to our fallen comrades.

We encourage each Grand, Pup Tent and Auxiliary to purchase a wreath and make the effort to attend this

national tribute and present that commemorative wreath at the Tomb.

Headquarters Hotel will be the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army-Navy Drive Arlington, VA- a short distance from National Airport, a brief taxi or Metro (subway) ride to the Smithsonian Museums, the Vietnam, Korean and Women's Memorials and other points of interest in downtown Washington, DC.

This being our most formal event of the year, Supreme Commander Ralph Corno requests that all Cooties be in the following uniform: Cooties will wear the Cootie hat, white shirt, four-in-hand tie, bolo tie, or red string "Colonel Sanders" tie, white pants (with or without red stripe), red blazer, red socks and white shoes. MOC Auxiliary members will dress as requested by the Supreme President.

REMEMBER THAT ONLY COOTIES CONFORMING TO THE FORMAL DRESS REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PLACE A WREATH AT THE TOMB. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.

79TH MICHIGAN VFW NATIONAL HOME COOTIE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2007

Each year, the Grand of Michigan is host to the children of the VFW National Home. This year will be the 79th Annual Cootie Christmas Party and all are invited to participate. Mark your calendar for the dates, 07-09 December 2007.

Continuing success for this bountiful Christmas party for the children depends on how good your hearts are and how open your wallets are.

Please send your contributions early so we can buy the necessary gifts for the kids ensuring the biggest and best Annual VFW National Home Cootie Gift Giving Christmas party ever. Make your checks payable to the GRAND OF MICHIGAN MOC and mail to Michigan Grand Quartermaster, Ernest Paulin, 710 Aldrich, Linden, MI 48451, Telephone; 810/735-7920. Your donations

are necessary for this Program to work.

THE SCHEDULE

Saturday (08 December): Cootie Day on site at the National Home. Tour and lunch is planned. Banquet is at the Holiday Inn that begins with a Cocktail Hour. **Reserve early.** Make reservations for the Banquet by sending your money to Burleigh Wellman, 701 West Henry Street, Charlotte, MI 48813.

Sunday (09 December): This is the Children's special day, both young and old that boasts of a really big show. After the show, Santa gives presents to the children.

LODGING: Housing for our Cootie weekend will be at the Holiday Inn, Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI, 48917. Make Reservations with the hotel by 07 November 2006 and specify "**VFW/Cooties**" to get the special rate.

A deposit of one night's lodging is required, and refundable if canceled 24 hours before date of arrival. All major credit cards are welcome. Call 517/627-3211 or FAX 517/627-5420 to book your suite.

Remember, donations for the Christmas Party should be mailed to Michigan Grand QM Ernest Paulin, 710 Aldrich, Linden, MI 48451.

AIDE-DE-CAMP PROGRAM 2007-2008

GRAND COMMANDER'S AND BLACK DIVISION APPOINTMENT PROGRAM 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Cooties with appointments as Aide-de-Camp.

NOMINATIONS: Grand Commanders and Seam Squirrels from the Black Division may submit nominations beginning 31 August 2007, for your deserving Cooties for Aide-de-Camp Class appointments. Please nominate your outstanding Cooties early for these appointments so they can proudly wear their new tassels.

NOTE: Tassels are not provided for these appointments. Appointees receive certificates and credential cards only. Tassels must be purchased separately at a cost of \$5.00/pair through the Supreme Supply Department. You can send nominations in or hand-carry them in as early as 9:00 AM on Thursday 31 August 2007, at the new Council of Administration in Kansas City, MO.

APPOINTMENTS: The following are appointments

that are available for nomination:

- Congressional Medal of Honor Class.
- Deputy Chief-of-Staff Extension.
- VFW Department Commander Class.
- Newshound Class.
- MOC Recruiter Class (Booster).
- VFW Booster Class (Booster).
- Prisoner of War (POW) Class.

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS: Grand Commanders are also entitled to nominate three Cooties from their Grand for Supreme Appointments as Deputy Chief-of-Staff, Personal Aide and Aide-de-Camp.

Black Division Seam Squirrels may submit three Cooties from their Pup Tent for Supreme appointments as Assistant Chief-of-Staff, Personal Aide and Aide-de-Camp. Submit your choices for each of the three appointments and the Supreme Commander will select one from each category based on the best write-up, or you can conspire within your own state and only submit one from each category.

13TH EUROPE BIER BUSTERS PROGRAM 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: The Grand of Europe invites you to become a member of the Bier Busters sponsored in cooperation with the VFW Department of Europe.

MISSION: Proceeds from this program are donated to the VFW National Home. Last year your generous gifts made it possible to donate over \$1,000 to the National Home.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership is open to EVERYONE - MOC, VFW, Auxiliaries, friends and relatives.

2. For a donation of \$20.00 payable to: VFW Department of Europe, you will receive a wallet-size membership card, a handsome Bier Buster Certificate (suitable for framing) and a distinctive Bier Buster Pin.
3. Send your donation to George W. Eby, Chairman, Unit 28129, Box R-14, APO AE 09114. Telephone: 011/49-9641-2048; or to Bruce A. Withers, 417th BSB, CMR 449, Box 1294, APO AE 09031-1294. Telephone: 011/49-9323-1018; E-mail: withersb@t-online.ed.

VFW NATIONAL HOME SPECIAL PROJECTS 2007-2008

HISTORY: Established in 1925, the VFW National Home was created as a home for widows and orphans of deceased veterans. The idea to build such a home came from the Military Order of the Cootie. However, it was through the efforts of a 23-year-old girl from Detroit named Amy Ross that the idea became a reality.

OBJECT: Financing of a specific project for the VFW National Home is the objective of this program. We do not replace any other monies that might be used with your donations under this project. Your donations are merely a supplement to other individual donations to the VFW National Home. Pup Tents, Grands, Cooties, Sisters and Auxiliaries at all levels are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause. Selected projects are presented and must be approved by a majority vote at an Annual Supreme Scratch. In addition, supporting our VFW National Home is one of our stated objectives.

GOAL: The established goal for this program is an annual one-dollar donation per Cootie, assessed at the Grand Level.

PROCEDURES: Forward monies collected at the Pup Tent to your Grand Quartermaster who will forward them

to Supreme Headquarters. All donations must be received through the Grand Quartermaster or Black Division Pup Tent CCDB. Anyone may contribute to the fund. By encouraging MOC Auxiliary members to contribute, gives both their Pup Tent and Grand credit for the donations. A report on the financial status of the fund is required at the Supreme Scratch and Council of Administration meeting IAW Section 512C & E, By-Laws of the Supreme Pup Tent.

AWARDS: Plaques are awarded to those Grands whose donations lead their membership division with a minimum of 80% on 30 June 30 2008. Points are awarded in the All*Star Program for those who have attained 100% or greater. Pup Tents, Districts and Grands reaching 100% will receive a citation from Supreme Commander and Special Projects Chairman.

VFW National Home & Special Project Chairman, Darrell Olson
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E-mail: olsond@tekstar.com

CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR PROGRAM 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to outstanding Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the Military Order of the Cootie.

MISSION: Sky Pilots and Chaplains in the MOC are second to none. Their labor of love brings true credit to the MOC and its Programs. The Sky Pilot or Chaplain of the Year Program is an excellent opportunity to recognize your best Sky Pilot or Chaplain. Sky Pilots of the Pup Tent, Chaplains of the Grand District or Area, have been recognized at the Supreme Scratch each year as *Sky Pilot of the year* or *Chaplain of the Year* since Cootie Year 1975-1976.

SELECTION:

1. Selection of the *Sky Pilot of the Year* or *Chaplain of the Year* is done from letters or nominations sent by Pup Tent Seam Squirrels, Grand District and Area Commanders, Grand Commanders, and Supreme Council members to the Supreme Chaplain.
2. Letters of nomination are judged by a Select Committee of no less than three people who are NOT members of the MOC or VFW, but who understand fully the work

or labor of the Chaplain.

3. Any Sky Pilot and Chaplain previously selected as *Sky Pilot of the Year* or *Chaplain of the Year* on any level is not eligible for recognition a second time.
4. Nomination letters should be written on MOC letterhead.
5. Letters postmarked after 15 July 2008 will not be considered. Nomination letters may be mailed between 01 September 2007 and 15 July 2008.
6. Letter of nomination should contain facts, not just words. We have Sky Pilots and Chaplains who do great work in this organization, so please nominate them and get them recognized by sending your letter to the Supreme Chaplain.
7. Do not let your Sky Pilot or Chaplain down. Please make a nomination for this honor. If you don't nominate them, they cannot be recognized.

Supreme Chaplain, Barry Walker

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Telephone: 330/426-3203; Fax: 330/426-3299

E-mail: bw600@comcast.net

COOTIE COURIER 2007-2008

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWS COPY

The *Cootie Courier*, just like all other papers, is looking for current and interesting news that will be interesting to all our readers. Remember that space is always a consideration and most times limited, so please keep articles direct and to the point. The Editorial Staff may edit a submitted story to fit the paper.

BASIC RULES FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS:

1. Try to have each article contain the five W's – who, what, when, where, why, and oftentimes, how. With "who" use the correct title, and of important note – insure that all names are spelled correctly!
2. You can send your articles to the *Cootie Courier* Editor by email (**preferred method**) at cootiefern@LOTCS.org.
3. Please submit your articles in an MS Word format (.doc), WordPerfect (.wpd) format, or Excel format (.xls). Photos submitted via e-mail **MUST** be in a JPEG (.jpg) file.
4. Other ways of submission are land mail at Post Office Box 9034, Pittsburgh, PA 15224, or Fax. at 412/687-6679.

PHOTOS: Strive to use a solid light colored background. Remember that your submitted pictures will not

be printed on Kodak photo paper! The Supreme Commander has stated that all photos must depict Cooties doing MOC/MOCA activities and not VFW activities, unless the picture is about the VFW. Of course, booster work photos can always be submitted.

When submitting your annual election biosketch, you should **ALWAYS** include a black and white photo.

PLEASE KEEP THESE DEADLINES HANDY!!!!

DEADLINES: The *Cootie Courier* is printed quarterly, January, April, July and October. Deadlines are listed as follows:

January:	Copy Deadline 15 December 2007;
April:	Copy Deadline 15 March 2008;
July:	Copy Deadline 15 May 2008;
October:	Copy Deadline 15 September 2008

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ARE ABSOLUTE DEADLINES – NO EXCEPTIONS:

- PROGRAM BOOK COPY, RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAWS DEADLINE 15 MAY 2008.
- SUPREME CANDIDATE BIO DEADLINE 15 MAY 2008

Ray Fern, PSC, Supreme Editor.

Post Office Box 9034, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Telephone: 412/687-1335.

SUPREME COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

October 18-20, 2007 Holiday Inn at Somerset, NJ.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday 18 October:

Evening:

Visit VFW Post 2290, the largest VFW Post in the state of New Jersey. Fun will be provided; refreshments are on your own.

Friday 19 October

Morning:

Tours to the Statue of Liberty or the Battleship New Jersey or Shopping.

Evening:

Fun-filled Karaoke.

Saturday 20 October

Day:

Hospital visit and party at the Old Soldiers Home in Menlo Park.

Evening:

Testimonial for Supreme Commander Corno. The head table will be formal – jacket and tie suggested.

RALPH CORNO HOMECOMING HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ROOM: _____

SHARING WITH: _____

CREDIT CARD TYPE: _____

CREDIT CARD #: _____

EXPIRE DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Mail completed form with deposit or deposit information to:

Holiday Inn Somerset
195 Davidson Avenue
Somerset, NJ 08873

Telephone: 1-888-HOLIDAY (1-888/465-4329) Fax: 732/356-0939
Hotel Front Desk: 732/356-1700

RALPH CORNO HOMECOMING RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____

Tours Requested: (All tours are subject to minimum)

_____ **Statue of Liberty.** Van \$5.00.

Admission \$11.50 (pay at Ferry)

_____ **Battleship New Jersey.** Van \$10.00.

Admission \$17.00 (pay at ship)

_____ **Shopping at Jersey Gardens.** Van \$5.00.

_____ **NJ Viet Nam Veterans Memorial & Education Center.**

_____ **Homecoming** Registration \$65.00

(includes Saturday Dinner, Choice of Thurs. OR Fri. night activities – please identify night activity selected.)

_____ **Transportation to/from Newark Liberty Airport** \$25.00.
THURSDAY and SUNDAY ONLY.

Mail Reservation and Registration Fees to:
Walter Merklin, PSC, 2213
Mt. Carmel Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

RALPH CORNO HOMECOMING SOUVENIR JOURNAL

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Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

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AND MAIL TO:

Andy Henkel, 1080 Robin Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

Telephone: 908/359-7599; Fax: 908/359-2684.

E-mail: the chief1080@patmedia.net.

COOTIE OF YEAR AWARD 2007-2008

If you know of anyone who deserves to be honored as the Cootie of the Year, please send the biographical information to: **Ken Cole, Secretary, Past Supreme Commanders Organization (PSCO), 125 South St. Charles Street, Florissant MO, 63031.**

If you cannot get your nomination into the mail, then

bring it to the Supreme Convention and give it to any Past Supreme Commander, who is a member of the PSCO. We know there must be some deserving Cootie out there, so let us know and provide us with the opportunity to make a selection. That Cootie will then be announced at the Supreme Convention.

PAST SUPREME COMMANDERS

SCRATCH	YEAR	LOCATION	COMMANDER	SCRATCH	YEAR	LOCATION	COMMANDER
	1920	Washington, DC	Organizational	45th	1964	Cleveland	Fred L. Finch, Sr.*
1st	1920	New York	Fred C. Madden*	46th	1965	Chicago	Don Ferguson*
2nd	1921	Detroit	Ben Gambill*	47th	1966	New York	Patrick Mc Caulla
3rd	1922	Seattle	W.F. Eighmey*	48th	1967	New Orleans	Darwin Cochran*
4th	1923	Norfolk	F. Willard Kime*	49th	1968	Detroit	George E. Jalbert*
5th	1924	Atlantic City	F. Willard Kime*	50th	1969	Philadelphia	Jean R. Brelsford*
6th	1925	Tulsa	T.J. Nottingham*	51st	1970	Miami Beach	Dr. Frank O. Brasch*
7th	1926	(Unknown)	Robert Murphy*	52nd	1971	Dallas	Sam R. Fruttoso*
8th	1927	(Unknown)	Val Brandon*	53rd	1972	Minneapolis	Randy Lofgren*
9th	1928	Louisville	Malachi Healy*	54th	1973	New Orleans	Owen W. Ball*
10th	1929	St. Paul	Edward Giguere*	55th	1974	Chicago	Jerry Bloir*
11th	1930	Baltimore	Oscar Stearns*	56th	1975	Los Angeles	George Jeschke
12th	1931	Kansas City	Charles Wetter*	57th	1976	New York	Mark A Farrell*
13th	1932	Sacramento	Walter Winters*	58th	1977	Bloomington	John Sparks*
14th	1933	Milwaukee	T.C. Ryan*	59th	1978	Dallas	William Frey*
15th	1934	Louisville	George Doherty*	60th	1979	New Orleans	Frederick Kauffman
16th	1935	New Orleans	Victor Galloway*	61st	1980	Chicago	Eugene D. Thomas
17th	1936	Denver	William Crehan*	62nd	1981	Philadelphia	Lionel Fontaine*
18th	1937	Buffalo	Tom McBride*	63rd	1982	Los Angeles	William E. Bryce
19th	1938	Columbus	C.C. Gibson*	64th	1983	New Orleans	Arthur G. Selbo*
20th	1939	Boston	P.H. Houle*	65th	1984	Chicago	Robert Garber*
21st	1940	Los Angeles	William Harper*	66th	1985	Dallas	Bobbie Alton Birdett
22nd	1941	Philadelphia	Ashley Beck*	67th	1986	St. Paul	E.E. Calloway
23rd	1942	Cincinnati	Frank Topash	68th	1987	New Orleans	James H. Patterson*
24th	1943	New York	Dan Tarantola*	69th	1988	Chicago	Albert S. Thomas, Jr.
25th	1944	Chicago	Otto Steinberger*	70th	1989	Las Vegas	Robert M. Cortright*
26th	1945	Chicago	Austin Flanagan*	71st	1990	Baltimore	Thomas J. Atkins*
27th	1946	Boston	Vincent Schaaf*	72nd	1991	New Orleans	Myron H. Rowe
28th	1947	Cleveland	Ben Griffey*	73rd	1992	Indianapolis	Donald V. Nettler
29th	1948	St Louis	Richard Hodges*	74th	1993	Dallas	John E. Hamilton
30th	1949	Miami Beach	A. Thomas Wheaton*	75th	1994	Las Vegas	Glen Maroney
31st	1950	Chicago	Newell Warner*	76th	1995	Phoenix	J.F. "Jack" Holleran
32nd	1951	New York	Percy Graves*	77th	1996	Louisville	Gary Strauss
33rd	1952	Los Angeles	W.J. Gow*	78th	1997	Salt Lake City	Charles D. Short
34th	1953	Milwaukee	Ernie Moore*	79th	1998	San Antonio	Larry Alexander
35th	1954	Philadelphia	William Wark*	80th	1999	Kansas City	Stephen H. Wheeler
36th	1955	Boston	Ray Burke*	81st	2000	Milwaukee	C. Marty Ellingwood
37th	1956	Dallas	R.F. Nichols*	82nd	2001	Milwaukee	Ken Cole
38th	1957	Miami Beach	Ervin Rothenbuhler*	83rd	2002	Nashville	H. Steve Mason
39th	1958	New York	George E. Hunt*	84th	2003	San Antonio	Fernando "Fred" Gracia
40th	1959	Los Angeles	Joseph E. Jacques*	85th	2004	Cincinnati	Rollin' Joe Velasquez
41st	1960	Detroit	Charles Briner*	86th	2005	Salt Lake City	Tom Tweet
42nd	1961	Miami Beach	Angus McNaught*	87th	2006	Reno	Terrance "Shorty" Lyons
43rd	1962	Minneapolis	John W. Burnett*	88th	2007	Kansas City	Raymond "Ray" Fern
44th	1963	Seattle	Dr. Vernon G. Olson*				

* Deceased

VFW BLOOD PROGRAM 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander fully supports the VFW Blood Program and encourages all Cooties to participate. The Blood Program is a recognition program.

APPOINTMENTS: Each Grand and Pup Tent will appoint a Blood Chairman.

AWARDS: Any Cootie giving blood between 01 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 will receive a **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**. The certificate will be signed by the Blood Chairman and the Supreme Commander, and the donor will get their name and Grand listed in the *Cootie Courier*. If any Cootie reaches one, two, three, four, five, or ten gallons lifetime total, that Cootie will receive a pin and/or tab with the gallon amount on it.

REPORTING: Having satisfied the above criteria your Pup Tent Blood Chairman must report the work to

your VFW Post for Community Service credit. Report all blood donations to your Pup Tent Blood Chairman and the Chairman will report to the Supreme Blood Chairman to get recognition for your Cootie. There are NO middlemen in this Program.

DISCLAIMER: The Supreme Blood Program is **NOT** part of the Supreme Hospital Program. It is a VFW Post Community activity.

Supreme Blood Chairman, Mark Newman

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Dover, DE 19904

Telephone: 302/222-7558

E-mail: mmnewman@comcast.net

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE PRESS ASSOCIATION (MOCPA) PUBLICATION CONTEST

Each classification is divided between printed and mimeographed categories. Printed category refers to publications that are typeset, printed, and usually has half-tone photo reproductions.

All other media of reproduction (coy machine, ditto, hectograph, etc.) are placed in a mimeograph category. Individual entries must contain at least three (3) different issues published and distributed between 01 May and 30 June of the current year.

A cover letter must accompany each entry containing the follow information: 1) Name and Address of Editor; 2) Name of Sponsoring Unit; 3) Frequency of Publication; and 4) Name and Address of individual submitting entry for competition. Entries should be sent to: *William "Bill" Bryce, PSC, Post Office Box 1481, Bandera, TX 78003.* Telephone: 830/460-8072, and must be post-marked by August 15, 2008 to be considered for awards.

BASIC RULES

Judging of all entries, in each classification and category, will be on the basis of the following point system that was established by the MOCPA in 1963:

Classification I

VFW Publication – published by VFW Post, District, or Department.

Classification II

PT Publication – published by Pup Tent or Auxiliary.

Classification III

Grand Publication – published by Grand, Grand District, or Supreme District.

Division "A" – 35 points

How well does the publication promote the aims and objectives of the MOC-MOCA organization?

15 points – Hospital Program (reports, promotion stories, features, editorials.)

10 points – National Home (reports, promotion stories, features, news stories.)

10 points – VFW Booster Program (promotion stories,

features, editorials.)

Division "B" – 20 points

How well does the publication serve the membership it is published to inform?

10 points – Pup Tent, District, Grand, and Supreme participation (news stories, features.)

10 points – Chain-of-Command (General Orders, Membership Reports, Columns from chairmen and officers.)

Division "C" – 20 points Newspaper Quality

10 points – Format and appearance, layout, design, composition, variety of style.

10 points – Continuity, regular publication, uniform size, regular schedule of appearance with current and timely material.

Division "D" – 25 points

10 points – Quality of writing (understandability, clear detail without unnecessary long wordage. Writing should be done with the purpose of relating facts to the readers.)

10 points – Variety (regular features, news stories with catchy heads, use of pictures or illustrations, banner heads, imagination in display and layout.)

5 points – Objectivity (writing with positive position on issues, opinions in columns by individual and editorials.

Total possible points 100.

All entries will be given a general "once-over" by the judges prior to point assignment in each of the four (4) divisions. Some publications can be expected to score high in one or two Divisions while making low marks in others.

The ideal publication will score well in all Divisions, thus providing the reader with a well-rounded, readable, and interesting publication.

Volume of words will not necessarily be a mark of quality; sheer mass of words will never replace understandability.

Specific questions regarding the rules, judging, and point system should be directed to the Chairman. Those questions or problems that cannot be resolved will be the subject of discussion and final determination for future contests at the annual MOCPA meeting.

MOC LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2007-2008

The Life Membership Program has been approved and is in effect. First, All applicants must be VFW Life Members – no exceptions. Second, all applications for Life Membership must be paid-up continuous 3rd Degree members for the current year. The Life Membership dues are as follows:

If you are.....

Through age 30 - \$340.00
31 through 40 - \$325.00
41 through 50 - \$305.00
51 through 60 - \$275.00
61 through 70 - \$245.00
71 through 80 - \$190.00
81 and over - \$150.00

PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM 2007-2008

Public Relations is the art of projecting the image of our organization. This function includes both external and internal information. The purpose is to inform an audience and make them more aware of who, what, and the accomplishments that mark your group. The objective of public relations is to secure a favorable opinion of your group.

We do this within the MOC and externally in the VFW and our communities. You, as the PR operative of you Pup Tent and the other officers, should develop contacts within the Post and in your community with civic, business and other social and service groups. By becoming aware of the MOC, they will learn about our aims and objectives.

Public relations is really one of our most vital responsibilities. True success in our programs is dependent upon recognition and awareness by both the VFW and the public.

The public recognizes and supports our efforts, by our knowing more of who we are and what we do; then everything else we do, and including recruiting, is just a little easier. One of the ways to accomplish this task is through publicity. However, bear in mind that there is a great deal of rejection in this line of business. You must have a plan and stick to it. Build a reputation for honesty and accuracy.

First, you must become totally familiar with your organization, its programs and personalities. Remember; in order to inform others, you must be fully informed yourself. Understand our programs and how they impact your local community. The Seam Squirrel and other officers must keep you informed of their plans for hospital, nursing home visits and social events. You must have sufficient lead-time to develop your news release in sufficient time.

Second, get to know your specific outlets, including the Post PR. Get to know the person responsible for receiving and reviewing your releases at every outlet you can - newspapers, radio, television, cable, magazines, etc. Though not all these outlets are available in every location and are almost impossible to discover in a big city, it is important to know these people if you can.

Next, listen carefully to the preferred method and manner of submission. Some papers like direct computer submissions

(which you may not be able to do). By responding to the requirement means that your release has a much better chance of being used. Even if your release is not used, the outlet staff will form a favorable opinion of you and the MOC if you do your job well. Always keep in mind that you are competing for space or air time with countless other worthy organizations whose appeal may be as great, or even greater, than your own. By staying within the preset guidelines for all releases can only assure greater consideration of what will be used by the editor.

Here are the prerequisites - Absolute musts:

- Make the deadlines - You miss, you lose.
- For all releases, include your organization, your name, your address and your daytime telephone number.
- Spell out names correctly, give titles and avoid all but the most common abbreviations. In addition to names, correct spelling and grammar are essential. Do not lose your credibility.
- For news releases such as coming events, a good rule of thumb is to answer the five "W's" - Who, What, When, Where, Why and, if necessary, How. Usually, if one of these elements is missing, it will stand out and you have an incomplete release. Staffs are not going to spend the resources to chase most stories. For "**who**", specify name or organization; for "**what**," cite the actual event; for "**when**", list day of the week, date, and time of day; for "**where**", name the building, street address and the city (or town).
- For paper releases, double space your type and use only one side of the paper. Number the pages, if more than one and use one-inch margins, top and bottom, as well as left and right.
- Remember that every individual appreciates a compliment. When your releases are used, do not fail to express your thanks to those responsible.
- Keep in mind that every individual act or contact with the public is reflective of you and the organization and can be good public relations. It is your job to guide and direct your Pup Tent, Grand, District or Supreme in Public Relations.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2007-2008

Originally designed so VFW National Home high school graduates could secure a degree from a four-year college, the Scholarship Program was later expanded to include other postgraduate education, such as junior college and vocational training.

This program is not only for first year students, but also advanced students whose academic records warrant a postgraduate education. Eligibility requirements specified in the VFW National Home Program apply.

The Supreme Quartermaster (SQM) will compile and submit a financial report of the Scholarship Fund to include earnings, commitments and accumulated interest available

for expenditure to the annual Supreme Scratch and all Council of Administration meetings. The SQM shall also provide a copy of his financial report to the Scholarship Committee. The principal cannot be spent, or reduced, unless the Supreme Council of Administration approves it.

The 67th Supreme Scratch authorized these scholarships and empowered the Committee to make grants, as deemed appropriate, to eligible VFW National Home students. The 69th Supreme Scratch provided that one-half (1/2) of the earnings, as of 30 June of that year, will be spent on scholarships the following year. However, the 76th Supreme Scratch By-Laws amendment restricted the use of the funds until all Trust Funds are at their minimum self-sustaining levels (capped level \$360,144).

SUPREME ALL*STAR PROGRAM 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: The objective of the Supreme All*Star Program is to recognize those Grand Commanders, Grand Quartermasters and Grand Adjutants who win their respective Membership Division (if qualified) and the Black Division Seam Squirrel by appointing them to the All*Star Team. This will be the culmination of all Programs being successful and rewards the teamwork of a Grand or Black Division Pup Tent. Early 100% Programs count heavily towards final awards.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS: Supreme Headquarters will ensure Program Chairmen are supplied their Program Data in a timely manner monthly. Program Chairmen will compile a points report and submit it to the Supreme Commander to 10 July 2008. The Supreme Commander and the All*Star Committee will verify these points and tabulate them to determine each Division winner and select the Captain of the All*Star Team. This report will be held in confidence until the 89th Supreme Scratch.

ELIBIGILITY CRITERIA:

1. 100% or better in the MOC Membership Program. (Postmarked by 30 June 2008 and received by Supreme Headquarters by 08 July 2008.)
2. 100% or better in the Hospital Program. (Must be in the District Hospital Commissioner's hands by 30 June 2008.)
3. 100% or better in the VFW Booster Program. (Postmarked by 30 June 2008.)
4. 100% Inspected. (Postmarked by 30 June 2008 and in the Supreme Inspector's hands by 09 July 2008.)
5. Utilizing cumulative point credits after the contestant reaches 100% in each Program above; the following Pro-

gram points are used for the determination of the winners in each Membership Division. In case of a tie in total score, the first unit reading 100% in MOC Membership shall be deemed the winner.

POINTS COMPILED & ACCUMULATED MONTHLY:

- 100% Hospital 30 Points.
- 100% Membership 30 Points.
- 100% VFW Booster 25 Points.
- 100% National Home Commander's Special Projects 25 Points.
- 100% Inspected 20 Points.
- Highest percentage of New/Reinstated Members 20 Points.

BONUS POINTS:

- 200% Hospital 15 Points.
- 300%+ Hospital 15 Points.
- For each 100% increment over 300% 15 Points.
- 1,000% Hospital 20 Points.
- Booster 25 or more new VFW Members 1 Point for each VFW member signed.
- Booster 10 or more new MOC Members 10 Points.

AWARDS:

Commander/Seam Squirrels (Black Division) – Special All*Star hat and tassels, two complimentary Banquet Tickets (one for you and one for your significant other – must be present) at the 88th Supreme Scratch Banquet. Captain will also receive an All*Star Captain's Lapel Pin. Quartermaster's/CCDB's and Adjutant: Special All*Star hat and tassels, one complimentary Banquet Ticket at the 88th Supreme Scratch Banquet.

TEXAS HORNY TOAD PROGRAM 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE

The Grand of Texas invites you to become a member of the Horny Toad Program that benefits the VFW National Home for Children at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

MISSION

Proceeds from this program are to purchase vehicles for the VFW National Home for Children at Eaton Rapids, Michigan. During the past 31 years, we have purchased twenty-five vehicles for the Home ranging from pick-up trucks to vans and station wagons. All funds received are donated to the VFW National Home for Children for approved special projects.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Annual Horny Toad membership is \$1.00 per year. Annual members should remit \$1.00 dues on a calendar year basis.
2. Life Horny Toad Program membership are just \$10.00 payable only once.
3. Horny Toad Pins and other Horny Toad jewelry are available through the Annual Horny Toad Chairman Shorty Lyons.

Send your check or money order for what jewelry you want with check or money order made out to: Grand of Texas MOC and (ear mark it to the Horny Toad Program).

4. Send your check or money order for either \$1.00 annually or \$10.00 life membership, along with your complete address and your VFW Post number and Pup Tent number to:
5. Each member will be issued a distinctive numbered membership card listing his or her name and you can sign anyone up to be a Horny Toad Member (be it Life or Annual).

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SUPREME HOSPITAL PROGRAM 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: It is the objective of the MOC Hospital Program to encourage all MOC members to actively participate in hospital visitations and volunteer work.

SUPREME COMMISSIONER/HEADQUARTERS LEVEL PROGRAM.

1. The Supreme Commander shall appoint the SUPREME HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER.
2. The Supreme Commissioner shall ensure that the Supreme Hospital Program is operating within the highest traditions of the Military Order of the Cootie and the Veterans of Foreign Wars at all Veterans Administration medical facilities, community nursing homes and other similar facilities.
3. The Supreme Commissioner shall encourage all Supreme District Hospital Commissioners, Grand Hospital Chairmen and Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
4. The Supreme Commissioner shall accept all report data when the activity is performed during the current program year. Final reports for the 2007-2008 Program will include all activity through 30 June 2008 and postmarked by 20 July 2008. Any activity after the cut-off date will be reported with the following year's program.
5. The Supreme Commissioner shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to him from the District Commissioners. The Supreme Commissioner shall supply all required forms and reports to the District Commissioners except for the Hospital Chairman's Report that is supplied directly from Supreme Headquarters.
6. The Supreme Commissioner shall ensure each Pup Tent achieving 100% or greater in hospital work receives a citation at the Grand Scratch.
7. The Supreme Commissioner shall consolidate the results received from properly completed Hospital Forms and attachments from District Commissioners and record these results onto the monthly Supreme Hospital Activity Report Form.
8. The Supreme Commissioner shall advocate and encourage participation in the MOC VAVS Program and not allow the programs to overlap.
9. The Supreme Commissioner shall provide the Annual Hospital Program Goals to the *Cootie Courier* for publication in the issue following the Supreme Convention and he shall provide pertinent data to the *Cootie Courier* for publication in each edition.
10. All Hospital Chairman, Supreme, District, Grand and Pup Tent shall assist in obtaining an Honor Guard for deceased veterans. The Department of Defense is required to provide an Honor Guard consisting of Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard, or members from a Veterans

Service Organization to recognize deceased veterans for their valor and service.

SUPREME DISTRICT HOSPITAL LEVEL PROGRAM.

1. The Supreme Commander shall appoint the SUPREME DISTRICT HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER.
2. The District Commissioner shall encourage all Grand Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen within their District to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
3. The District Commissioner shall accept all report data when the activity is performed during the current program year. Final reports for the 2007-2008 Program will include all activity through 30 June 2007 and postmarked by 05 July 2008. Any activity after the cut-off date will be reported with the following year's program.
4. The District Commissioner shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to them from their Grand and Black Division Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen. The District Commissioner shall supply all required forms and reports to the Grand Hospital Chairmen except for the Hospital Chairman's Report that is supplied directly from Supreme Headquarters.
5. The District Commissioner shall ensure that all Grand's and Pup Tents are submitted for awards as indicated in the Awards Section.
6. Further, the District Commissioner shall consolidate the results received from properly completed Hospital forms and attachments from Grand Chairmen and record these results onto the Monthly Supreme District Hospital Activity Report form. In addition, the District Commissioner shall attach one copy of each Grand and each Pup Tent Hospital Chairman's Report to their Monthly Supreme District Hospital Activity Report Form and mail the report with attachments promptly to the Supreme Hospital Commissioner.

GRAND HOSPITAL LEVEL PROGRAM

1. Each Grand Commander shall appoint a GRAND HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN.
2. The Grand Chairman shall encourage all Pup Tent members, within their jurisdiction, to take an active part in hospital visitation and volunteer work.
3. The Grand Chairman shall accept all report data when the activity is performed during the current program year. Final reports for the 2007-2008 Program will include all activity through 30 June 2008 and postmarked by 05 July 2008. Any activity after the cut-off date will be reported with the following year's program.
4. The Grand Chairman shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations from information submitted to them from July 2008 their Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen. The Grand Chairman shall supply all required forms and reports to their Pup Tents.

SUPREME HOSPITAL PROGRAM 2007-2008 (Cont.)

5. The Grand Chairman shall ensure that all Pup Tents are submitted for awards as indicated in the Rewards Section. The Grand Chairman shall ensure each Pup Tent achieving 100%, or greater, in hospital work, receives a citation at the Grand Scratch. Thirty days before the Grand Scratch, the Grand Chairman shall send a written request to Supreme Headquarters reporting those Pup Tents which have 100%, or greater, of their Hospital Goal. This letter ensures the Grand Hospital Chairman receives Pup Tent Hospital Citations in time for presentation at their Grand Scratch.
6. Further, the Grand Chairman shall consolidate the results received from properly completed Hospital forms and attachments from Pup Tents and record these results onto the Monthly Grand Hospital Activity Report Form. In addition, the Grand Chairman shall attach one copy of each Pup Tent Hospital Chairman's Report to their Monthly Grand Hospital Activity Report Form and mail the report with attachments promptly to their District Hospital Chairman.
7. Supreme Headquarters shall send blank hospital report forms to all Grand Hospital Chairmen.
8. Supreme Headquarters shall send a copy of the Supreme Hospital Commissioner's Monthly Activity Report to past Supreme Commanders, not otherwise receiving the report, Supreme Council Members, District Hospital Commissioner's, Grand Commanders and Grand Hospital Chairmen.

PUP TENT LEVEL PROGRAM.

1. Each Pup Tent Seam Squirrel shall appoint a PUP TENT HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN.
2. The Pup Tent Chairman is to coordinate and encourage the Pup Tent to take an active part in hospital visitations and volunteer work.
3. The Pup Tent Chairman shall accept all report data when the activity is performed during the current program year. Final reports for the 2007-2008 Program will include all activity through 30 June 2008 and postmarked by 05 July 2008. Any activity after the cut-off date will be reported with the following year's program.
4. The Pup Tent Chairman shall keep accurate records of all activity and donations of the Pup Tent. The Chairman shall consolidate the results received from properly completed hospital forms and record these results onto the form provided for the Hospital Chairman's Report. Mail three copies of the form to the Grand Hospital Chairman and retain one copy for file. The Pup Tent Chairman shall supply all required forms to their members for reporting hospital work.
5. The Pup Tent Hospital Chairman shall ensure that all Pup Tent members are submitted for awards as indicated in the Rewards Section.
6. The Black Division Pup Tent Hospital Chairman shall coordinate his program with his Supreme District Hospital Commissioner and mail all reports as indicated above directly to him.

GOAL.

A goal of \$235.00 credit per Cootie has been established for the 2007-2008 program year.

CREDIT ALLOWANCE.

1. Transportation Credit: 26¢ per mile per Cootie to and from hospitals, domiciles, nursing homes, etc., where sick veterans are visited, excluding family members. Outside CONUS, where the cost of operating and maintaining privately owned vehicles (POVs) is higher, this credit is seventy cents (multiplier of 5.0). This multiplier helps offset increased costs and fluctuation in currency exchange rates. Actual cost, instead of mileage, is used if other than POVs are used.
2. Tolls: Report actual cost under "mileage" as required.
3. Hours: All volunteer visitation, preparation hours and travel time credited at \$13.75 per hour. Travel time limited to actual hours expended.
4. Veteran's Transportation: No credit allowed for transportation of other veterans. These activities are reported to the VFW Post Community Activities Chairman.
5. Veterans Funeral Credit: Credit each Cootie at \$13.75 per hour, for the number of hours it may require and \$.26 per mile round trip for attendance at any veteran's funeral. Remember that deceased veterans deserve an Honor Guard.
6. 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 homegrown items, the cost is estimated, but never more than retail. Used items are reported at no more than one-half their actual cost, 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.
7. Clothing Credit: Itemize all clothing on the Hospital Chairman's Report or attach to the report an itemized consolidated sheet.
8. Hospital Equipment: Hospital equipment loaned to individuals is reported to your VFW Post Hospital Program.
9. Blood Donations: Report all blood donations to your Pup Tent Blood Chairman. Refer all questions pertaining to blood donations to the Supreme Blood Program Chairman listed elsewhere in this program book.

SUPREME HOSPITAL PROGRAM 2007-2008 (Cont.)

HOSPITAL PROGRAM AWARDS.

1. Each Pup Tent, that achieves 100%, will receive a citation from Supreme. Pup Tents that achieve 100% may purchase a 100% Hospital Program Plaque for display in its Post Home.
2. Each Pup Tent Hospital Chairman who achieves 100% will receive a citation from Supreme. Pup Tent Hospital Chairman who achieves 100% may purchase a special 100% Hospital Program pin.
3. Each Grand Hospital Chairman who achieves 100% will receive a citation from Supreme. A Grand Hospital Chairman who achieves 100% may purchase a special 100% Hospital Program pin.

4. Each District/Area Hospital Commissioner who achieves 100% will receive a citation from Supreme and will be sent two Supreme Commander's pins.
5. Each Grand Pup Tent, that wins its respective color division based upon its total membership ranking, shall win a special plaque.

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SUPREME CHIEF-OF-STAFF PROGRAM 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: The objective of the Supreme Chief-of-Staff Program is to strengthen the ranks of the Military Order of the Cootie through Pup Tent growth, Pup Tent reinstatement, and working closely with our parent organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, in all areas especially in the area of VFW recruitment.

GUIDELINES: All Chief-of-Staff, Membership Chairmen, VFW Booster Chairmen, and all Cooties will take responsibility for the success of this Program. The following Guidelines are provided for all Cooties:

1. Promote our VFW Honor Degree by encouraging all VFW workers to read Article XII of the VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure Sections 1201, 1202, 1203, and 1204.
2. Promote our VFW Honor Degree by presenting to all VFW workers who seek the Seams of any Pup Tent, our MOC Invitation Brochure.
3. Report at all VFW Pos Meetings and VFW District Meetings what our VFW Honor Degree has done in the name of our VFW.
4. Recruit as many VFW workers as possible into the ranks of our Military Order.
5. Help Pup Tents in need to ensure they are conducting our VFW Honor Degree Business and Programs properly. IT is much easier to rebuild a Pup Tent Membership than to organize a new Pup Tent. Always **EXTEND** a helping hand and **NEVER** give up.
6. Grand Chief-of-Staff will become familiar with the MOC Pup Tent starter kit. The Starter Kit can be requested through Supreme Headquarters. The Starter Kit is a great management tool and all information contained within should be shared with all Pup Tents and Cooties.

REPORTING: Report the increase of all NEW/RE-INSTATED Pup Tents to the Supreme Chief-of-Staff. The Chief-of-Staff Program deadline is 30 June 1008. All reports are due by 05 July 2008.

Calculating New/Reinstates Pup Tents: The Grand must first deduct all declared defunct Pup Tents during the same Program Year to attain the net increase.

SUPREME CHIEF-OF-STAFF PROGRAM AWARDS:

1. Any Cootie organizing a NEW Pup Tent will be appointed **Supreme Deputy Chief-of-Staff** and will receive a Supreme Citation.
2. Any Cootie rebuilding a Pup Tent will be appointed **Supreme Deputy Chief of Staff** and will receive a Supreme Citation.
3. The Grand Chief-of-Staff reporting the most NEW or REINSTATED Pup Tents in each Division will receive a Supreme Citation. Categories will be for first, second, and third place in each Division.
4. The Grand reporting the most NEW and REINSTATED Pup Tents for the current Program Year will receive the Don Bird Traveling Gold Gavel Award for one year. Any Grand winning this trophy three consecutive years will keep the award permanently.

Let's recruit as many MOC members as possible.

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SUPREME INSPECTION PROGRAM 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: It is the objective of the Supreme Inspection Program to ensure that all Grand Pup Tents, Grand Districts/Areas and Pup Tents are conducting the Business and Programs of the Military Order of the Cootie in the highest traditions of the MOC. Conducting inspections provides for the necessary tools to locate any problem areas within any level of the MOC that can be corrected, allowing our MOC to operate properly.

SUPREME INSPECTOR: The Supreme Inspector will perform such duties as required by the Supreme Commander by taking charge and supervising the Supreme Inspection Program in accordance with Section 329, 431, 516 and 604 of the Supreme By-Laws.

GRAND COMMANDERS: Grand Commanders will appoint a qualified Grand Inspector and qualified Grand Deputy Inspectors who will be directly responsible to the Grand Commander for the conduct of Inspections pertaining to the Supreme Inspection Program.

GRAND INSPECTORS: The Grand Inspectors will perform such duties as required by the Supreme Inspector by taking charge and supervising the Grand Inspection Program in accordance with Section 415, of the Supreme By-Laws. All Grand Inspectors will pay close attention to Sections 329, 431 and 604 of the Supreme By-Laws.

INSPECTION GUIDELINES: The following Inspection Guidelines are provided:

1. All Inspectors will be familiar with all Supreme Inspection Report forms, Quarterly Audit forms and Bonding procedures;
2. All Inspectors will be familiar with the Supreme By-Laws when inspecting the conduct of any Pup Tent Business and MOC Programs; especially the duties of the Seam Squirrel, CCDB and Hungry Cootie;
3. All Inspectors must be familiar with the Supreme Ritual when inspecting the conduct of any work under the Supreme Ritual;
4. Any Pup Tent that has not been inspected will be excluded from all representation at the Grand Scratches/Convention and Supreme Convention;
5. The Supreme Inspector will accept Inspection Reports for 2007-2008 beginning 01 July 2007;

6. Inspection Report forms can be requested through Supreme Headquarters or through the Supreme Inspector;
7. Grand Pup Tents will be inspected by a Supreme Officer who does not belong to that Grand Pup Tent being inspected;
8. Black Division Pup Tents can be inspected by any qualified Pup Tent Inspector who does not belong to the Pup Tent being inspected. Any Black Division Pup Tent can request a Supreme Officer or Grand Officer who is a qualified Inspector to inspect that Pup Tent as long as that Officer is not a Member of that Pup Tent.

BONDING: Proper Bond can be purchased through Supreme Headquarters. The amount per thousand can be located in the Supreme Supply Catalog 2007-2008. If Supreme Headquarters is not the Bonding Company, a legible copy of the Bond must be provided with this year's completed Inspection Report form. This is a requirement to maintain Tax Exempt Status.

INSPECTION REPORTS: Any Grand Pup Tent that had not filed a minimum of 80% of Pup Tent Inspection Reports will be excluded from all representation at the Supreme Convention. All Inspection Reports must be received by the Supreme Inspector at least 30 days prior to the Supreme Convention.

AWARDS: All Grand Inspectors who reported their Grand Pup Tent 100% inspected by 30 November 2007 will receive Supreme Deputy Inspector's appointment and a Supreme Citation.

All Black Division Pup Tent Seam Squirrels who's Pup Tent is reported 100% inspected by 1 October 2007 will receive a Supreme Citation and a Supreme Commander's Program Pin. All Black Division Pup Tent Seam Squirrels who's Pup Tent is reported 100% inspected by 30 November 2007 will receive a Supreme Citation.

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SUPREME MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2007-2008

The objective of the Supreme MOC Membership Program is to encourage all Pup Tents to SURPASS their 30 June 2007 membership goal. The Supreme organization recognizes all Grand and Pup tents who reach their goal.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE: That we do our duty as any species pediculi to INCREASE and MULTIPLY; this is our goal for 2007-2008. We have a tremendous pool for membership. There are workers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars

who wish to become Cooties; all you have to do is ask them. Do your duty and these good comrades will join our ranks and you will become an active species. It is there – so use it.

QUARTERMASTERS AND CCDBs: Membership transmittals must be postmarked by 30 June 2008. Look at the Awards Program below and set your goals. We will have a Parade of Transmittals at the new Council of Administration meeting after the 88th Supreme Scratch in Kansas City

SUPREME MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2007-2008

and again at Tomb Trek.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS: Cooties recruiting six (6) or more new or reinstated members, verified by the Grand Membership Chairman, will receive a Supreme Commander's citation. Any Cootie recruiting ten (10) or more new or reinstated members, as verified by the Grand Membership Chairman, will be appointed Supreme Aide-de-Camp, Recruiting Class and will receive a Supreme Commander's citation. In addition, if verified by Supreme Headquarters, any member who recruits ten (10) new or reinstated members will have their name placed into a drawing for a seven (7) night stay at the 89th Supreme Scratch & 109th VFW National Convention plus one (1) banquet ticket to the Supreme banquet. Estimated value is up to \$1,400.00. This prize carries no cash value; the winner must attend the 89th Supreme Scratch in Orlando, FL.

PUP TENT AWARDS: Pup Tents with 100% paid membership PLUS five (5) new members by 31 December 2007 and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will receive a Supreme Commander's Lapel Pin, a Supreme Citation, and a check for \$25.00. Postmark transmittals by 31 December 2007. Pup Tents with 100% paid membership by 30 June 2008 will receive a Supreme Citation.

SEAM SQUIRRELS AND CCDB's: Seam Squirrels and CCDBs with 100% paid membership PLUS five (5) new members by 30 November 2007 and verified by Supreme Headquarters, will each receive a Supreme Commander's Lapel Pin, a 100% Lapel Pin and a Supreme Citation. Postmark transmittals by 30 November 2007. Seam Squirrels and CCDB's with 100% paid membership PLUS five (5) new members by the end of the 2007-2008 year will receive

a Supreme Citation.

GRAND AWARDS: Any Grand Pup Tent transmitting 20% or more of its 2007-2008 quota by the new Council of Administration meeting on 26 August 2007, will receive a Supreme Citation. Grand's with 100% paid membership and postmarked by the last business day in December 2007, will receive a Supreme Citation. Each Grand with the highest percentage over 100% in membership in their Division, will receive a plaque at the 89th Supreme Scratch. GO FOR IT!!!!!!

SUPREME COMMANDER'S SPECIAL AWARD:

The Grand in each Division with the highest percentage presented at the Parade of Transmittals will be presented with a plaque.

GRAND MEMBERSHIP STREAMER AWARDS:

First Place (GOLD), Second Place (BLUE), Third Place (RED), and all other Grands with 100% of quota (WHITE). These Streamers are awarded in each Membership Division.

COMPUTING YOUR 100% BASE: Computing the quota for each Pup Tent for the year will be as follows: Incentives will be based on individual Pup Tent's membership as of 30 June 2007, and as always, an effort to increase and multiply. Calculation will be as follows: Total membership as of 30 June 2007, plus gains and losses to the Pup Tent through transfer, minus the number of deceased 2007 members reported, plus five (5) new or reinstated members. The Supreme Quartermaster's records will be used to compute any membership awards.

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23rd PENNSYLVANIA KEYSTONE KOPS 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: The Grand of Pennsylvania invites you to become a member of the Keystone Kops Program established in 1984, which benefits the VFW National Home at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

MISSION: Proceeds from this program are donated to the VFW National Home to assist in the security of the Home and grounds.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership may be obtained in the Grand of Pennsylvania's Keystone Kops with the donation of the indicated amounts for each rank: Patrolman - \$20.00; Sergeant - \$35.00; Lieutenant - \$45.00; Captain - \$65.00; Chief - \$85.00; and Commissioner - \$120.00.

2. Anyone purchasing a rank can obtain a lapel pin or charm of the same rank for an additional \$5.00, except for the Commissioner pin or charm which is \$10.00.
3. Higher rank may be obtained at any time by paying a "Bribe" equal to the difference in cost between current and new rank and **returning the old badge**. Please add \$3.00 for postage and handling.
4. Make your check or money order (please no cash) payable to: Grand of Pennsylvania MOC and mail to **Jake Spangenburg, Keystone Kops Chairman, C/O Cathy Boyer, Box 90, Greely, PA 18425**. Telephone: 570/685-4331. Please be sure to include your mailing address with ZIP code, VFW Post Number and Pup Tent Number.

SUPREME MOC VAVS PROGRAM FOR 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: The Supreme Commander desires that special recognition be given to volunteers at Veterans Administration (VA) Facilities.

MISSION: To promote and encourage regular scheduled volunteers at VA facilities. Appoint six Supreme Deputies as authorized by the VA. Only hours in VA facilities or VA supervised events count toward VAVS activity.

CERTIFICATION AND APPOINTMENT:

1. The Supreme VAVS Program will consist of a Supreme Representative and up to six (6) Supreme Deputy VAVS Representatives (currently we have 4). The Deputy Representatives will be located centrally in the USA and will exclude Supreme Districts 5 and 6 where there are no VA facilities.
2. At the local VA level there will be one local VAVS Representative (Rep) and up to three (3) Deputies (Deps). If an associate Rep is needed, one associate Rep and one associate Dep maximum Reps/Deps/Association can only serve one organization at a time at the same VAMC. In special cases the same person can serve on two separate VAVS Committees at different facilities.
3. The only persons authorized to review VAVS Committee minutes are the local Rep/Deps/Associate and the National VAVS Rep and Deps (Supreme).
4. The Supreme VAVS Rep shall be the certifying officer for all VA facilities. Grand Commanders and Seam Squirrels, where there is no Grand, will submit the applicant's name, address and telephone number for certification to the Supreme Certifying Officer, for forwarding to the VA concerned. No Grand Commander or Seam Squirrel will send this directly to the VA (VA Manual 620.). All appointments will be for an indefinite period, unless there is cause to remove them. Attendance is a must. In no case, can a person to be certified be a paid VA employee.
5. The Supreme VAVS Rep coordinating with his Supreme Deps will monitor the attendance of all VAVS Reps/Deps/Associates. VAVS meetings are normally held quarterly. The MOC requires attendance at all meetings for all assigned. (This is not a "you to go one and I will go to the next" scenario.) The VA only excuses those attending state and national encampments (Conventions). **DONOT ASSIGN SOMEONE WHO WORKS AND CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETINGS.** The VA will drop the organization if the person assigned misses three (3) consecutive meetings. The MOC will drop the individual under the same conditions.
6. The duties of the local Reps/Deps/Associates are simple:
 - a. Attend the quarterly meetings and get the wish list from the VA and other pertinent information to take back to your units;
 - b. Accomplish an Annual Joint Review with the local Chief of Volunteer Services in February of each year;

and Contact the Chief of Volunteer Services to get the total accumulative hours for the MOC members (this is on the VA Annual Listing of Volunteers) who use the numbers 026 (MOC Code) and forward these hours to the Supreme Rep for Pin/Tab awards. Please put the Cootie's full name on the request form.

- c. At the present time, only "on station" VA hours count towards our MOC awards. We do not have the same level of hours as the VA. We do not have a 750 hours, 1,500 hours, or a 3,750 hours award. The MOC VAVS Pin is a SHIELD PIN WITH A GOLD COOTIE BUG ON IT. The Cootie pin will be issued only once, but as awards progress, the tabs will be given for 1,000 just the pin. The following levels will get a tab: 1,750, 2,500, 5,000, 7,500, 10,000 and 15,000 hours of service. Above 15,000 hours a certificated will be given. Hours up to 999 will only be given the Shield pin. The hours will be available around the 20th of October of each year from the Volunteer Services. Any Cootie having in excess of 5,000 hours in 2,500 increments will get a special award.
7. VA facilities require that our people have safety briefings, submit to TB testing, among other things referred to in the VA Manual 1620.1. This must be adhered to in order to remain a VA Volunteer. Remember Cooties, We volunteer for the VET and not the VA.

Supreme VAVS Chairman, Terrance "Shorty" Lyons, PSC
5274 Belton, Abilene, TX. 79605-4510

SUPREME VAVS DEPUTIES FOR 2007-2008

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GRAND OF OHIO EASTER TREAT PROGRAM 2007-2008

25th ANNUAL OHIO VFW NATIONAL HOME COOTIE EASTER TREAT

Each year, the Grand of Ohio is host to the Children of the VFW National Home. Upcoming will be the 25th Annual Cootie Easter Treat and all are invited to participate. Mark your calendar for the dates 14-16 March 2008.

Continuing success for this Easter Program for the children depends on how good your hearts are and how open your wallets are. Please send your contributions early so we can buy the necessary supplies to ensure the kids have the biggest and best Easter ever. The VFW National Home opens their doors each year for the Cooties of Ohio to host this gala event for the children of the National Home and we need your help and support to continue the great event. Donations can be made out to Grand of Ohio, and Sent to Grand Commander Joseph Eklich, 6455 Anita Drive, Parma Heights., OH 44130. Your donations will not go unrecognized.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday 14 March 2008 - Arrival of personnel and set up of baskets for delivery on Saturday. Dinner with Ohio cottage.

Saturday 15 March 2008 - Final Basket Preparations, Delivery of Baskets to each and every Child and Parent in each home. Ice cream Social, Easter Egg Hunt at the Gym, then off to Jackson for Roller Skating.

Sunday 16 March 2008 - Attend Church with the Children from the National Home and then on our way to our own homes. A long weekend of fun and frolic with the kids from the National Home. The Only program where you get to actually interact with the kids for the whole weekend. What a great experience. Thank you in advance for your help and support for the program.

89th SUPREME SCRATCH 2008

The 89th Supreme Scratch will be held in Orlando, FL in August 2008.

Each Pup Tent is required to pre-register at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch. An advance registration fee of \$10.00 is due 15 days before the Supreme Scratch. The advance registration form and additional information will be in upcoming editions of the Cootie Courier.

Properly filled out registration forms with proper fees must be received by the Supreme Registration Chairman not

later than 01 August 2008. All registrants, whose monies and forms are received after 01 August 2008, will owe \$12.00. (Save \$2.00 by getting yours in before the deadline.)

Start making plans to attend the 89th Supreme Scratch and VFW National Convention now.

89th Supreme Convention Chairman, Jack Roberts
604 Braddock Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

51st MARYLAND VFW NATIONAL HOME HONORARY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: The Grand of Maryland invites you to become a part of the world's most unusual Fire Department (est. 29 April 1956) that is the only Fire Department in which you can buy your promotion legitimately.

MISSION: The money received in support of the Grand of Maryland Honorary Fire Department Program is presented each year to the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, MI, to assist in the purchase of new fire equipment and to help in the maintenance of the VFW National Home Fire Department.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Membership may be obtained in the Grand of Maryland Honorary Fire Department with the Donation of the indicated amounts for each rank: Fireman - \$10.00;

Lieutenant - \$20.00; Captain - \$30.00; Deputy Chief - \$40.00; Chief - \$50.00; and Commissioner - \$100.00.

2. Make check or money order (no cash please) to: **William F. Holmes, Grand of Maryland Honorary Fire Department Chairman, 205 Brookside Drive, Cantonsville, MD 21228-4816.** Telephone: 410/747-2725. Be sure to include your name, street (or PO Box), city, state, and ZIP code, VFW Post Number and Pup Tent Number.
3. There are no further dues or assessments. All proceeds go the VFW Nation Home Fire Department, Eaton Rapids, MI.
4. Higher rank may be obtained at any time by paying the difference in cost and returning the former rank badge to the Chairman.

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ITEM # DESCRIPTION PRICE

COOTIE HATS: PLEASE GIVE TASSEL COLOR FOR HATS

102	Cootie replacement hat w/glued felt letters	\$35.00
105	Cootie hat w/sewn felt letters	\$38.00
108	Members Hat, Embroidered lettering	\$40.00
117	Officers Hat one sided, Embroidered	\$50.00
118	Officers Hat two sided, Embroidered	\$60.00
219	Extra Letters, each	\$0.75
220	2nd Office Patch or cover ON HAT	\$3.00
221	TEMP Blank Patch to cover 'Past'	\$3.00
222	Patch saying 'PAST'	\$3.00

SPORT JACKET:

1000	Sport Coat	\$125.00
1000L	LADIES SIZED SPORTSCOAT	\$125.00

VESTS:

1290	Cootie Vest up to 45" Chest	\$50.00
1291	Cootie Vest 46" to 49" Chest	\$56.00
1292	Cootie Vest 50" to 52" Chest	\$60.00
1293	Cootie Vest 53" Chest	\$65.00
1294	Cootie Vest special cut	\$70.00

SASHES:

2314	Cootie Sash to 45" waist	\$40.00
2315	Cootie Sash 46" to 53" waist	\$42.00
2316	Cootie Sash 54" waist and up	\$44.00

NOTE: Sashes should be measured over belt - it's bigger than your waist!

SPORT/DRESS SHIRTS:

1091	Official Cootie Dress Shirt Long Sleeve Specify Neck and Sleeve size	\$64.00
1091NB	Dress Shirt without bug Specify Neck and Sleeve size	\$55.00
1092	Short Sleeved Cootie Shirt Specify Neck Size!	\$60.00
1092NB	Sport Shirt without bug Specify Neck Size!	\$51.00

DRESS "BUG" SHIRTS

5281	DENIM "BUG" SHIRT S/S	\$39.00
63618	DENIM "BUG" SHIRT S/S	\$35.00
1369	Sanded Gabardine shirt L/S OR S/S	\$42.00
4286	LAPTOP BAG WITH MOC LOGO	\$55.00
4420	SOFT SIDED ATTACHE BAG W/LOGO	\$40.00

HAT COVERS:

1400	Red Hat Cover W/ Emblem	\$7.00
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TASSELS - BUTTONS:

Use Color chart in catalogue for Tassel/Button

506	Tassels [price per pair]	\$3.00
624	Buttons [price EACH button]	\$5.00

BRAID AND TIES:

1474	Braid for Pants [per yard]	\$1.50
2103	Cootie Tie - Long	\$25.00
2200	Cootie Tie - Bolo pewter	\$9.00
2211	Clip-on Cootie Cocktail Tie	\$10.00

ITEM # DESCRIPTION PRICE

<u>NEW OFFICIAL MOC PLAQUES</u>		<u>NEW</u>
2421	8" x 10" MOC Plaque (Additional Charges for Engraving Apply)	\$53.00 Call
2422	4" x 6" MOC Plaque (Additional Charges for Engraving Apply)	\$39.00 Call

ITEM # DESCRIPTION PRICE

WHITE COTTON COOTIE PATCH:

3114	3108 OVAL 9" diameter	\$15.00
4031	Cootie Seal	\$120.00

FLAG POLES & ACCESSORIES:

6179	8' Aluminum pole	\$66.00
6180	9' Aluminum pole	\$80.00
6283	5" Gold Cord & Tassels	\$20.00
6286	5" Brass Eagle	\$26.00
6287	7" Brass Eagle	\$28.00
6322	FLAG STANDS	\$34.00
6289	Rain Covers for Flags	\$30.00

PT FLAGS & BANNERS WITHOUT POLE:

6319	Pup Tent Flag — Green	\$495.00
6320	Area or Dist Flag - Green/White	\$495.00
6321	Grand Flag — White	\$495.00

NAME BADGES:

9910	Name Tag OLD STYLE Pocket clip style	\$12.00
9911	Name Badge With Holder	\$8.00
9912	Name Tag W/Magnet	\$7.00
9913	Name Badge W/Clutch	\$6.00
9914	Name Tag W/ Clip Back	\$5.00

LUGGAGE TAGS:

9920	Set of 3 Luggage Tags	\$6.00
9921	Set of 6 Luggage Tags	\$8.00

BASEBALL CAPS/ GATSBYS:

308	Personalizing Ball Caps (Back of hat ONLY)	\$10.00
350	GATSBY Cap- British Racing Style EMBROIDERED Specify Red or White	\$15.00
375	EMBROIDERED Ball Cap, white w/red brim	\$15.00
380	EMBROIDERED Ball Cap, Red	\$15.00

GOLF SHIRTS:

2005	Embroidered Golf Shirt, S-XL	\$30.00
1300	Pique Embroidered Golf Shirt	\$35.00
1310	Pique Embroid. Golf Shirt, 2XL	\$37.00
1315	Pique Embroid. Golf Shirt, 3XL	\$38.00
1239	Personalization on Golf Shirt	\$15.00

DRESS GOLF SHIRTS W/ BUG LOGO!!!

058X	"BUG" POLO, SHORT SLEEVE, BLK,BLU,GRN	\$35.00
DG345	PEBBLE JACQUARD POLO SHIRT	\$40.00

NEW! MOC LOGO WALL PLAQUE FOR YOUR CLUB ROOM \$149!!!

REMEMBER!! MANUFACTURED ITEMS (SHIRTS AND HATS) TAKE 4-6 WEEKS TO MAKE

NEW - OFFICIAL MOC BUSINESS CARDS (500) **\$50.00**

Include Name, Address, Title, Phone Number on all business card orders. Custom Ordered. Heavy ink, embossed look and feel.

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ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
<u>SERVICE STRIPES:</u>			<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES:</u>		
5000	Red Service Stripe	\$0.50	8445	PT BOND [2 year]	\$7.00
5001	Gold Service Stripe	\$0.50		PER \$1,000.00 of coverage thru 2009	
5002	Silver Service Stripe	\$0.50	9000	Supply Department Gift Certificates	\$5.00
5003	Gold Service Star	\$0.50		Can be used as Awards	\$10.00
5004	Green & White Service Stripe	\$0.50		Add \$2.00 to Value of Certificate	\$15.00
				for TOTAL cost to pay.	\$20.00
<u>JEWELRY / PINS:</u>			9909	Gold Card Life Member Card Replacement	\$5.00
7015	Past Grand Commander Gold, 10KT	\$96.00	9922	Badge Holder for name tag	\$3.00
7015D	Past Grand Commander, 10KT w/Diamond	\$108.00	9923	Magnetic Backing for name tag	\$2.00
7016	Past Grand Commander Plated	\$8.00	9924	Alligator Clip for name tag	\$1.00
7017	Past Grand Commander, plated w/Diamond	\$43.00	9910	RED STAR Donation for Life Member Card	\$95.00
7021	Past Dist Commander Plated	\$8.00	9925	Loops for luggage tag - set of 3	\$2.00
7022	Past Dist Commander Gold, 10K w/Diamond	\$108.00	<u>EMBLEMS:</u>		
7023	Past Dist Commander, Plated, w/Diamond	\$43.00	3100	Honor Degree Emblem	\$5.00
7026	Past Seam Squirrel, Plated	\$8.00	3104	Cootie Bug Emblem Red Felt	\$5.00
7027	Past Seam Squirrel	\$43.00	3108	Cootie Bug Emblem White	\$4.00
	Gold Plated, w/diamond		3123	Three Cooties, MOC Emblem	\$4.00
7029	Cootie Bug Safety Pin Back	\$3.00	3200	Cootie Emblem Patch	\$4.00
7030	Cootie Bug Clutch Back style (CLOSEOUT)	\$3.00	3294	Singing Cooties	\$4.00
7031	Red Bug White Background (CLOSEOUT)	\$3.00	3340	Life Member Patch 3"	\$4.00
7032	Honor Degree Pin (CLOSEOUT)	\$3.00	3350	Life Member Patch 1-1/2"	\$2.00
7033	Honor Degree White Backing (CLOSEOUT)	\$3.00	3360	VAVS Representative Patch	\$4.00
7034	Button Covers, EACH	\$3.00	3361	VAVS deputy Patch	\$4.00
7037	Vest Chain With Bugs	\$10.00	3375	Hospital Worker	\$6.00
7038	Belt Buckle	\$18.00	3395	Honor Degree worn under 3399	\$4.00
7039	Oval Buckle, Matches Bolo Tie	\$18.00	3399	VFW Patch	\$4.00
7040	Rectangle Buckle	\$18.00	3403	Newshound Emblem	\$4.00
7114	Cootie Tab	\$3.00	3422	Cootie on Crutch	\$4.00
7136	OFFICIAL Cootie Collar Bug (Gold)	\$3.00	<u>WINDSHIELD DECALS:</u>		
7137	OFFICIAL Cootie Collar Bug	\$2.00	4101	Life Member Decal	\$2.00
7139	Cootie Bug with Chain	\$5.00	4155	3" Honor Degree Decal	\$2.00
7188	Cootie Logo Lapel Button	\$9.00	4156	6" Honor Degree Decal	\$4.00
7215	Cootie Eyes [pair]	\$3.00	<u>OFFICE SUPPLIES:</u>		
7338	MOC Metal Pin	\$3.00	8001	Membership Applications [each]	20 free
7501	Life Member Lapel Pin	\$12.00	8025	Invitation Brochure [each]	20 free
7502	100% Hospital Worker Pin	\$1.65	8153QL	Quartermaster Ledger w/forms	\$8.00
7504	PAST PUP TENT CCDB PIN Plated	\$8.00	8153FL	Finance Ledger Sheets pkg 10	\$1.00
7504D	PAST CCDB PIN, Gold Plated w/Diamond	\$43.00	8153ML	Membership Ledger pkg of 10	\$1.00
7505	PAST DISTRICT QM PIN Gold Plated	\$8.00	8153LS	Dbl Entry Ledger pkg of 10	\$1.00
7505D	PAST DISTRICT QM PIN PLATED W/Diamond	\$43.00	8154AL	Adjutant Ledger w/ forms	\$8.00
7506	PAST GRAND QM PIN, Gold 10KT	\$96.00	8154RC	Roll Call Sheets pkg of 10	\$1.00
7506D	PAST GRAND QM PIN, Gold 10KT W/Diamond	\$108.00	8154MS	Official Minute Sheet pkg of 10	\$1.00
			8330R	Grand Citations [Red] 5 in pkg	\$2.00
			8330G	Grand Citations [Green] 5/pkg	\$2.00
			8331	Pup Tent Citations 5 in pkg	\$2.00
<u>CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP PINS:</u>			<u>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</u>		
7405	5 Yr Continuous Membership	\$5.00	9500	Suspenders [Red]	\$15.00
7410	10 Yr Continuous Membership	\$5.00	9125	Pocket Rituals	\$5.00
7415	15 Yr Continuous Membership	\$5.00	9136	By-Laws 8-1/2" x 11" Edition	\$10.00
7420	20 Yr Continuous Membership	\$5.00	9137	Binder for By-Laws	\$5.00
7425	25 Yr Continuous Membership	\$5.00	9662	Cootie Challenge Coin	\$5.00
7430	30 Yr Continuous Membership	\$5.00	9662L	LIFE MEMBER CHALLENGE COIN	\$5.00
7435	35 Yr Continuous Membership	\$5.00	9664	Nail Clippers	\$2.00
7440	40 Yr Continuous Membership	\$5.00	9971	Red Socks- Thin, Dress	\$6.00
7445	45 Yr Continuous Membership	\$5.00	9970	Red Socks- Athletic type	\$5.00
7450	50 Yr Continuous Membership	\$5.00	9997	Cootie of the Year Medallion	\$20.00
			9998	Seam Squirrel of the Year Medallion	\$20.00
<u>ALTAR CLOTHS:</u>			9999	Hat Clip	\$1.00
7300	Altar Cloth	\$23.00	9996	COOTIE SHOT GLASS	\$5.00
7301	Altar Cloth with Fringe	\$30.00	1040	NEW! Cootie Note Cards (Package of 10)	\$20.00

SUPREME POLICY 2007-2008

1. **The Supreme Commander** shall be responsible for the command and direction of the Supreme Scratch and all matters of policy not stated herein shall be subject to the discretion of the Supreme Commander. All authorized travelers; please use prudent judgment in minimizing travel expenses. Total amount of the budgeted allowance for each officer will remain available to the officer during the fiscal year. Each officer can request part of their allowance with proper receipts during the coming fiscal year.
2. **The Supreme Commander and the Supreme Quartermaster** will conduct all balloting in question through the office of the Supreme Adjutant. Responses will be tallied by an independent source. Results will be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Supreme Council Members.
3. **Council of Administration Members** are expected to attend all Council meetings. If you are going to be absent, you should notify the Supreme Adjutant who will notify the Supreme Commander. Council Members must file a detailed Annual Report not to exceed one 8.5" x 11" page. This report should be filed with Supreme Headquarters before the 89th Supreme Scratch (unless provided for in the Supreme By-Laws).
4. **All Supreme Appointed Officers** will submit quarterly Activity Reports to the Supreme Adjutant no later than 05 November 2007, 05 February 2008, 05 May 2008 and 05 August 2008. Reports will be sent to the Supreme Commander for review and action as required and then sent on to Supreme Headquarters for filing.
5. **The Supreme Council of Administration** shall approve the Supreme Operations and Maintenance budget at the first Council meeting following the Supreme Scratch.
6. **The Annual Budget** will contain the wages of the Supreme Headquarters employees and must be approved by the Supreme Council of Administration. The Supreme Quartermaster will manage Supreme Headquarters and the Headquarters staff subject to the direction of the Supreme Commander.
7. **The Supreme Council of Administration** shall approve the Supreme Quartermaster/Adjutant allowance for his term of office. The Supreme Quartermaster shall be given due consideration for travel funds for any official travel authorized by the Supreme Commander.
8. **Any Proposed Changes** to the approved Supreme Budget must be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee for recommendations to the Supreme Council of Administration prior to the Council's actions.
9. **The Supreme Commander** will receive payment of his approved allowance. He will prepare monthly travel vouchers and submit them to Supreme Headquarters not less than quarterly with supporting documentation. The Commander's check and balance remains at the office of the Supreme Quartermaster. The Supreme Commander will be reimbursed for telephone charges as soon as the proper bills are received in the Quartermaster's office.
10. **Travel Allowance Reimbursement** for the Supreme Senior Vice Commander, Supreme Junior Vice Commander, Supreme Chaplain, and Supreme Judge Advocate will be paid immediately upon submission of a properly completed and authorized travel voucher, not to exceed their budgeted allowance. Reimbursement for these Officer's expenses will be paid monthly and supported with receipts. Any specified assignment given to a Supreme Officer having a budget allowance will have their reimbursement taken for that Command-Directed trip from the Officer Travel account. All other Cooties/Officers assigned by the Supreme Commander to travel will report their expenses in detail upon completion of their assignment. They will submit a full report of activities, properly filled out travel voucher and supporting documentation within one week following their trip. Non-reimbursable expenses are those expenses paid by a third party or expenses deemed inappropriate by the Supreme Commander.
11. **Official Travel Reimbursement:** Lodging will be at the single room rate except when the traveler is sharing a room and then the reimbursement will be at the shared rate. All Supreme Officer's Travel is to be booked through Supreme Headquarters when practical and as far in advance as possible to allow for competitive airfares. The Supreme Quartermaster will co-ordinate with the traveling Officer for travel times and destinations to insure delivery of tickets. The Supreme Commander must approve all self-made reservations. Transportation will be reimbursed at the most economical airfare rate for advanced reservations or POV mileage at 32 cents per mile, 2,000 miles maximum, not to exceed coach airfare. Ground transportation will be reimbursed at both ends (i.e. home-airport-hotel-airport-home). Rental car, if more advantageous, will be reimbursed if pre approved by the Supreme Commander. In no case will any reimbursable assignment exceed a maximum of \$640.00 per assignment.
12. **The Tomb Trek Committee**, under the control of the Supreme Quartermaster, will retain an amount of up to \$1,000.00. The Chairman and Treasurer must provide a full accounting within 30 days after the closing of the Tomb Trek.
13. **The Supreme Commander** is responsible for assigning Supreme Representatives to the Grand Scratches. Transportation will be reimbursed to the Officer in accordance with established policy (see #11 above). Exceptions must be pre-approved by the Supreme Commander. Grand Pup Tents are asked to provide housing and official function tickets. If a specific Supreme Representative is

SUPREME POLICY 2007-2008 (Cont.)

requested for an event other than a Grand Scratch, the Grand involved is expected to arrange with the requested individual about expenses. The Supreme Commander has the ultimate authority in all assignments.

14. **A Replacement Fee** of \$6.00 offsets any cost for the replacement of all Life Membership cards that are lost, destroyed or stolen.
15. **A 15% Shipping and Handling fee** will be added to all Supply Orders and replacement Charters with a minimum of \$1.00 and no maximum.
16. **A Supreme Officer** or Representative will inspect all Grand's unless waived by the Supreme Commander. The inspection of the Grand is not calculated in that Grand's requirement to be 100% inspected.
17. **The bonding period** will run from 01 September 2007 and expire at midnight 31 August 2009 for those bonding through the Supreme organization. All others will forward a legible copy of their current bond to the Supreme Quartermaster. A reserve fund will be established. The cost of the bond is \$7.00 per \$1,000.00 of coverage with a minimum bond of \$1,000.00.
18. **All Goals** are formulated using the 30 June 2007 end-of-year membership report. All Supreme programs will end 30 June 2008.

19. **The Supreme Organization** is authorized to have a *label and decal program fundraiser*.

20. **Supreme Headquarters** will mail an 88th Supreme Scratch packet to any registered delegate or Pup Tent unable to pick one up on site at Kansas City, MO if the delegate of a Pup Tent requests it. That includes any Pup Tent complying with Section 531 of the By-Laws of the Supreme Pup Tent dated 1 September 2007. The Supreme Quartermaster/Adjutant's Office will see that all registrants not in attendance and if a request is made from same, receive their packet by mail no later than 30 September 2007. Supreme Headquarters and the current Budget Chairman will ensure that funds are available for registrants of a Supreme Scratch/Convention not in attendance, to receive a convention packet, if they so request, by mail no later than 30 days after the close of the Supreme Scratch or while supplies last.

21. **All Supreme Officers** on Command-Directed assignments are required to attend all functions for the event that they are attending, (i.e. Grand Scratch, Memorial Services, Council Meetings, Banquets, Installations, Past Grand Commander's Meeting, if eligible and qualified, etc.). Non-attendance at these functions will be subject to disciplinary action and reimbursements will be declared ineligible.

SUPREME VFW BOOSTER PROGRAM 2007-2008

OBJECTIVE: It is the objective of the Supreme VFW Booster Program to encourage all MOC members to actively participate in the recruitment of VFW members. It recognizes Cooties who recruit new and obtain reinstated VFW members by rewarding these Cooties for their recruiting achievements. The Program fosters greater cooperation and active support between the MOC and the VFW by encouraging teamwork within all areas of the VFW Posts by its Honor Degree.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS VFW BOOSTER PROGRAM:

1. The Supreme Commander will appoint a Supreme VFW Booster Program Director. It will be the Director's responsibility to coordinate and encourage all Grand Pup Tent VFW Booster Chairmen, Pup Tent VFW Booster Chairmen, and all Cooties to take an Active part with their Post Membership Recruiting Team by recruiting VFW members.
2. The Supreme VFW Booster Program Director will:
 - a. Ensure that the Supreme VFW Booster Program is operating with the highest traditions of the Military Order of the Cootie;
 - b. Keep accurate records of all VFW Booster Program Reports received;

- c. Submit a monthly consolidated Supreme VFW Booster Report to Supreme Headquarters; and
- d. Provide VFW Booster Program Up-Dates to the *Cootie Courier* for publication in each issue.

GRAND PUP TENT VFW BOOSTER PROGRAM:

1. All Grand Commanders will appoint a Grand VFW Booster Chairman. It will be the Chairman's responsibility to coordinate and encourage all Pup Tent VFW Booster Chairmen and all Cooties to take an active part with their Post Membership Recruiting Team by recruiting VFW members.
2. The Grand VFW Booster Chairman will:
 - a. Ensure that the MOC support to the National VFW Recruitment Program is operating with the highest traditions of the Military Order of the Cootie;
 - b. Encourage all Pup Tent VFW Booster Chairman to take an active part in the VFW Booster Program;
 - c. Submit an informal, legibly written or typed VFW Booster Program Plan to the Supreme Director, VFW Booster Program by 30 September 2007. The plan should describe goals and projected accomplishments. The goals should include the number of New or Reinstated VFW members expected to

SUPREME VFW BOOSTER PROGRAM 2007-2008 (Cont.)

be recruited or reinstated throughout the year. The Grand VFW Booster Program Plan must be signed by the Grand Commander and the Grand VFW Booster Chairman.

- d. Consolidate the results received from all Pup Tent VFW Booster Reports/Activities Reports/Award Reports into a monthly Grand VFW Booster Activities Report. The Grand VFW Booster Activities Report with a copy of each Pup Tent VFW Booster Report/Activities Report/Award Reports with a copy of each Pup Tent VFW Booster Report/Activities Report/Award Report will be sent to the Supreme Director, VFW Booster Program upon receipt (monthly/quarterly);
- e. Submit final reports by 01 June 2008 (VFW Booster Reports/Activities Reports/Awards Reports);
- f. Ensure that all Cooties are submitted for Awards in accordance with the Booster Program Awards Section.

PUP TENT BOOSTER PROGRAM:

1. All Seam Squirrels will appoint a Pup Tent VFW Booster Chairman. It will be this Chairman's responsibility to coordinate and encourage their Pup Tent to take an active part in their Post Membership Recruiting Team by recruiting VFW members.
2. The Pup Tent VFW Booster Chairman will:
 - a. Ensure that the MOC support to the National VFW Recruitment Program is operating with the highest traditions of Military Order of the Cootie;
 - b. Keep accurate records of all VFW Booster activity;
 - c. Submit VFW Booster Reports/Activities Reports/Award Reports; two copies to the Grand VFW Booster Chairman, and keeping one copy for the Pup Tent (monthly/quarterly);
 - d. Ensure that all final VFW Booster Reports/Activities Reports/Award Reports are submitted by 01 June 2008;
 - e. Ensure that all Cooties are submitted for Awards in accordance with the VFW Booster Program Awards Section.

BLACK DIVISION VFW BOOSTER PROGRAM:

1. All Pup Tent VFW Booster Programs within the Black Division will be under the direct supervision of the Supreme Director, VFW Booster Program. All Seam Squirrels will appoint a Pup Tent VFW Booster Chairman. It will be this Chairman's responsibility to coordinate and encourage their Pup Tent to take an active part on their Post Membership Recruiting Team by recruiting VFW Members.
2. The Pup Tent VFW Booster Chairman will:
 - a. Ensure that the MOC support to the National VFW

Recruitment Program is operating with the highest traditions of the MOC,

- b. Submit an informal, legibly written or typed VFW Booster Program Plan to the Supreme Director, VFW Booster Program by 30 September 2007. The plan should describe goals and projected accomplishments. The goals should include the number of new or reinstated VFW members expected to be recruited or reinstated throughout the year. The Pup Tent VFW Booster Program Plan must be signed by the Pup Tent Seam Squirrel and the Pup Tent VFW Booster Chairman,
- c. Keep accurate records of all VFW Booster activity,
- d. Submit VFW Booster Reports/Activities Reports/Award Reports; one copy to the Supreme Director VFW Booster Program, and keeping one copy for the Pup Tent (monthly/quarterly),
- e. Ensure that all final VFW Booster Reports/Activities Reports/Award Reports are submitted by 01 June 2008,
- f. Ensure that all Cooties are submitted for Awards in accordance with the VFW Booster Program Awards Section.

VFW BOOSTER PROGRAM AWARDS:

1. Each Cootie recruiting five (5) or more VFW members will receive the Supreme Commander's Program Pin.
2. Each Cootie recruiting twenty-five (25) or more VFW members will receive an Appointment to Supreme Aide de Camp, VFW recruiter Class, and a Supreme Citation.
3. Supreme Pins for the VFW Booster Program will be presented for Special Awards for outstanding achievement in the recruitment of VFW members and for outstanding participation in the support of the VFW Booster Program. All Award Forms must be verified.

ALL*STAR POINTS/BONUS POINTS:

1. 100% VFW Booster Program participation receives to points.
2. VFW recruitment for the best in each Division receives 10 Bonus points; second best will receive 9 Bonus points, and so on.
3. Submit a VFW Booster Plan by the cut-off date and receive 15 Bonus points.
4. Submit all Monthly Reports and receive 15 Bonus points.
5. Submit all Quarterly Reports and receive 10 Bonus points (only if Monthly Reports are not received).

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