**Military Order of the Cootie**

**Grand of Florida**

 Date: 4/28/2025

FROM: Grand Commander Trent A. Rundell

TO: Florida MOC membership

SUBJECT: General Order #4

1. **Grand Convention –** 30-31May 2025 will be the dates for the Grand Convention. Putnam Lodge in Cross City, FL. will be our host for the convention. Putnam Lodge,15487 NW Hwy 19, Cross City, FL. 32628, Ph#: (352)440-0414 *“Mention you are from the MOC/MOCA*”. Room rates: $135 - $165 (suites with 2 bedrooms are available). They also have an RV park on-site. <https://www.putnamlodge.com>
* UPDATE: the Putnam Lodge is sold out as well as Suwanee Gables. We’ve been referring to Days Inn by Wyndham in Chiefland for rooms.
1. **Hospital Reporting** –Great job to the ten Pup Tents that exceed their total for the year. You have once again shown Supreme that we take care of our own. As for the other seven, you still have another month to get your reports in.
2. **Membership** – We are currently at 97% in membership with five Pup Tents making over 100%. The Grand is currently sitting at 97.97% and should be able to surpass that with Pup Tent 51 being instituted. Congratulations to all the Pup Tents that have “Increased and Multiplied” throughout this year.
3. **Pup Tent Sky pilots** - please report all death notices to the Grand Chaplain Mike Roy at mdroy2@cox.net (850)398-2161.
4. **E-Mails –** We are currently working on setting up each Pup Tent its own email account, like the Department has for our VFW Posts. Once we get this established, please send all correspondence using your accounts. This will help in your transitions when you have new Shavetails taking over and it also helps for those who do not have a personal email account. UPDATE: We will set up pup Tents accounts at the Grand Convention for those Pup Tents that show up.
5. **Annual Memberships –** Annual memberships will now start at the beginning of June for the 2025-2026 membership year. UPDATE: Supremes dues have also been raised to $12.00. Grand dues are $9.00.
6. **Cootie of the Year Award –** thank you all that sent in packages for your people. We had four nominations this year and will submit the winner to Supreme for hopefully another medal.
7. **Seam Squirrel of the Year –** The Grand Commander will be picking a Seam Squirrel from our 17 pup Tents for this award. Once chosen they will also be nominated for the Supreme Seam Squirrel of the Year award.The GrandCommander will be looking at your membership, hospital, obligations and other reports in deciding who gets picked.
8. **New Pup Tent** – VFW Post 3270 Greater Beaches in Jacksonville is very close to getting their Pup Tent Charter reestablished. If you know of someone that would like to transfer or be a new Nit for them, please let us know. They were pup Tent 51, Valley Suckers and will be getting their number and name back. UPDATE: Pup Tent 51 has been officially sworn in by the Grand Commander (4/24) and their paperwork has been submitted to Supreme for processing. Congratulations go out to all that reestablished their Pup Tent. Please stop by their Post when able and enjoy a glass of Cootie milk with them.
9. In case I do not see you at the Grand Convention next month, I’d like to thank you all for supporting me and my fellow Shavetails through out this year. Blanket Bum Doug Wood is up next in the chair and will shine like he’s always done. A special shoutout to our Grand Quartermaster Steve Surface who has held down the fort for 12 years. He has seen Cooties come and go and can tell some great stories about all of us. A scratch on the chin sir for all that you have done for your Post, Pup Tent, Grand of Florida and Supreme. And lastly, Susan Haines who helped me along on this journey… Thank you Madam President and your MOCA for everything you all do!

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,

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Grand Hungry Cootie 2024-2025 Grand Seam Squirrel 2024-2025

Pup tent #98 Pup Tent #1