

2019 MOC Grand Convention

June 6 – 9, 2019

Budget and Finance meeting held on June 7th. Quarterly report reviewed and balanced with bank account.

June 8th, 2019 MOC & MOCA Grand Joint Meeting:

Grand Commander Gary called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM

Commander recognized special guest; Maitland Mayer Dale McDonald.

Mayer McDonald read a proclamation making June 8th 2019 at MOC & MOCA day in Maitland Florida.

MOCA Grand President Kathy introduced her Supreme Guests

- MOCA Supreme Sr. Vice President Markita Hill
- MOCA Past Supreme President Peggy Bell
- MOCA Past Supreme President Kay Rose Marie
- MOCA Supreme Chaplain Debbie Thie

MOC Commander recognized Supreme Representative, Supreme Commander Emil Soltesz.

Commander Gary announced the Homecoming Dinner is at his VFW Post tonight. Buses start leaving for Post at 5:30 PM. The Brown Bag Auction will be held at the VFW Post after the dinner.

Commander Gary thanked everyone for making this a Great Year.

MOC Grand QM Steve Surface announced the MOC Supreme Convention in Orlando July 25 – 28, 2019. The Volunteer shirts for workers at convention are available. Cost \$10 each, see Steve after meeting.

Steve Surface reminded everyone of the dance at the MOC Supreme Convention Banquet. MOC & MOCA Grand of Florida members to dress in 1950's costumes.

MOC Grand will be selling Red Tee Shirts at convention for \$10 or XXL or larger \$15.

MOC Supreme Commander Emil announced He is granting permission to MOC Grand of Florida to sell these shirts at the Supreme Convention.

MOC Grand QM Steve is requesting volunteers to sign up for helping at the MOC/MOCA Convention. Grand also needs donations such as gift cards to use for prizes for the games. He needs extra volunteers to work at Preregistration at the VFW Convention.

Steve also announced there is no shuttle from MOC Hotel to the VFW Convention, too expensive. Hotel parking is not free.

July 24th, 2019 Morning, there will be a MOC/MOCA trip the Orlando VA Hospital.

MOC Grand Commander Gary announced he is in charge of the of VFW Patriotic Rally, he needs volunteers to assist him.

Commander reminded everyone that Uber and other similar transportation is available in Orlando. Recommend this over taxi.

Sunday Morning the Memorial Service will start at 9:01 AM

Installation of MOC & MOCA Officer for 2019-2020 will be today

Joint meeting closed.

MOC Grand Convention, June 8th 2019

Meeting Called to order by Grand Commander Gary.
Prayer held by Grand Chaplain Dani.

Recognized the Supreme Representative, Supreme Commander Emil Soltesz.

Roll call taken: All Officers Present. Pup-tents 2, 8, 18, 23, 25, 32, 41, 44, 59, 66, & 98 were present in attendance. Pup-tents 1, 11, 17, 36, 55, 56, 57, 69, 75, 76, & 77 not in attendance.

Minutes of last Scratch, (Mid-Winter Convention). Motion made by Steve Surface; second by Tom Brown to accept the minutes as emailed out. Motion passed.

QM report read, accepted subject to audit.

Grand QM Steve announced the sale of tee shirts at the Supreme Convention. Supreme Commander Emil stated he is giving Grand of Florida permission to sell these shirts at the Supreme Convention.

Correspondence:

- Read Supreme General Order #3
- Read proposed Supreme proposed Bylaw and Ritual changes

Supreme Commander announced proposed changes to both VFW and MOC if passed at convention. (MOC Grand Commander on VFW State Council & VFW State Commander on MOC Council.)

Grand Sr. Vice Commander Al Pristera recommended bylaw change in Section 8-4; Pup-tent must attend Grand meetings/Conventions to be eligible for Committee Awards. Motion made by Al Pristera; second by Bill McQuaig. Motion amended by Steve Surface; second by Ken Thie, that the Pup-Tent Line Officers must attend 2 of 3 Grand meetings per Grand Year to be considered for any Awards: motion with amendment passed.

Grand Jr. Vice Tom, announced the Grand Ad Book participation was very good this year.

Membership awards presented by Grand QM Steve; Pup-tents 18, 11, 8,23,41 received their awards for 100%

Hospital Reports presented by Jason Smith; Pup-tents 66, 32, 11, 98, 77, 25, 23 and 2 received their awards.

Most Points Awards per Division; Pup-tents 76, 59, 8, and 2

Grand QM reminded the volunteers for Supreme Convention to see him for their worker shirt.

Grand Inspector Bob McKinley gave his report, Grand is 100% Inspected.

Budget and Finance report presented; 2018-2019 budget was approved. The 2019-2020 budget to be presented at the Sunday Council Meeting.

Bylaws Committee report by Bill McQuaig. Policy Change to Quarterly Reports presented by QM Steve Surface. * Discussed under New Business.

BREAK: MOCA Clowns come for Hospital Fund Donations.

VAVS Report by John Barber, under the VA choice program, VA is not paying for outside care provided. Be careful in what you elect to have done.

VA now sending vets to outside care for PTSD. Not enough counselors and doctors available. Nonservice-Connected Disability not being paid by VA for out based treatment. Out based Doctor must be willing to accept VA Choice Program.

Kurt Schuh announced he is running for VFW State Surgeon. Noted he is also the VFW Legislative Chairman. He explained the VA Choice act and the new Mission act.

Kurt requested the MOC support for his campaign of VFW State Surgeon. Motion made by John Barber, second by John Henry to endorse Kurt. Motion passed.

Grand Chaplain Dani made her report on sick Cooties. Reminded everyone to report Deaths of Cooties!

Grand Commander Special Project: To help VFW Veterans Village with purchase of transportation van for the veterans living there.

Special recognition to Pup-tent 98; 11; 8; and 23

Al Lugo, Director of the VFW Veterans Village thanked the Cooties for the assistance. He presented a special award to the Grand Commander for this project.

New Business:

*By law change continued: QM Steve made a motion, second by Ken Thie. Motion read "Pup Tent Quarterly Report must be submitted timely (within 30 days of end of quarter) or the Pup tent will be fined \$25 for late or no submission. If no submission or Pup Tent does not pay fine, they will have no vote at MOC Grand Meetings." Motion passed

Motion made by Ken Thie to Set aside regular business to have election of 2019-2020 Grand Officers. Motion passed.

2019-2020 Election of Grand Officers:

Grand Commander – Al Pristera

Grand Sr. Vice Commander – Tom Sutterfield

Grand Jr Vice Commander – Timothy O'Brien

Grand QM – Steve Surface
Grand Chaplain – Dani Hernandez
Grand Judge Advocate – Jerry Bazar
Grand Surgeon – Dave Hoffman

Unfinished Business:

NONE

Good of the Scratch:

Bob McKinley presented the Grand MOC Cootie of the Year award to Dani Hernandez.

Grand QM Steve is sending a list to Supreme for Supreme Convention Registration. Cost \$15 each.

Grand Adj Ken covered the information on Tomb Trek; will be held October 31 to November 3, 2019 at Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel. All information is available on the on-web site. www.Lotcs.org for Supreme Web Site.

Cootie Christmas information not available yet. Will be on web site when provided.

John Henry announced the Past Grand Commanders Meeting to follow close of this regular meeting. The Past Seam Squirrels meeting to follow immediately after the Past Grand Commanders meeting.

Supreme Commander Emil provided information about the Supreme Audit at Supreme HQ.

- Still looking for some old inventory records. MOCA member was on MOC account, Not allowed, MOCA Member will be removed from MOC account. Still need Commander second MOC member on the account.
- No money missing, but books in bad shape.
- Sailors/Solders relief fund lost
- Investment account has approximately \$800,000
- Supreme QM Gary is not completely Transparent, will not allow access to the MOC account.

Commander are aware of these problems. Answer was yes.

Grand Commander requested people to put money in the food jar at hospitality room if you eat there.

First Bus to leave for VFW Post tonight at 5:45PM. 6 – 7 PM social hour, dinner at 7PM. Post is charging for the meal.

Congratulate Tom Brown, he is the Hide Gimlet (Jr. Vice Commander at 5th Supreme)

Adjournment:

Installation to follow when MOCA are Completed with their meeting.

Sunday Counsel Meeting: June 9, 2019

Meeting called to order by Grand Commander Al Pristera

Budget for 2019-2020 was presented. Motion by Bob McKinley, second by Bill McQuaig to accept the proposed budget. Motion Passed.

Motion made to replace Gary Smith with Walt Smith on the Budget and Finance Committee. Motion passed.

Commander Al Pristera welcomed Supreme Commander and invited him back any time he chooses.

Grand Commander Al made his nominations for Grand: The following are appointed.

- Chief of Staff – Ken Thie
- Historian – Bill McQuaig
- Adjutant – Ken Thie
- Inspector – Bob McKinley
- Hospital Chairman – Jason Smith
- Membership Chairman – Steve Surface
- Blood Chairman – John Barber

Reminder by Grand QM, all Pup tent obligations must be paid to Grand QM. He will forward the Supreme obligations when received. Reminded everyone, the Supreme and Grand forms are on the Grand Web site. Use these forms!

Grand QM will be sending a list of Pup Tent obligations. They must be paid no later that Grand School of Instruction (Grand Scratch)