**Military Order of the Cootie**

**Grand of Florida**

 Date: 1/15/2025

FROM: Grand Commander Trent A. Rundell

TO: Florida MOC membership

SUBJECT: General Order #3

1. **Pup Tent Yearly Inspections** – There are two Pup tents (29, 44) that need to get their annual inspections completed. Please get with your inspectors and finish these inspections. Please contact Danny Giffin or me for a resolution. Danny’s ph.#: (614) 584-8814, e-mail: dan.giffin@outlook.com
2. **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
3. **Hospital Reporting** – As a Grand, we have exceeded our goal of $110,750.00 for the year and we still have 5 more months of reporting to do. To all that have consistently reported, I thank you all! However, we still have Pup Tents (17, 29, 44, 55, 56, 59) who have not used Supremes Hospital Reporting Program. Please…Please…Please report the fine work you all are doing for our veterans. This is one of our staples as Cooties and we should let Supreme know that the largest Grand in the nation is doing its reporting and showing how we care for our veterans. Get with me or Kennie Thie if you have any questions.
4. **Membership** – There are currently 4 Pup Tents that have reached 100% or more in their membership. The Grand is sitting at 79.28% as of January 2025. You have 5 more months to “increase and multiply”. Shavetails, if you are having a hard time recruiting members, please get with me. Every Pup tent should be able to recruit at least one nit for the year.
5. **Pup Tent Sky pilots** - please report all death notices to the Grand Chaplain Mike Roy at mdroy2@cox.net (850)398-2161.
6. **Checking Accounts** - From our Grand QM, all Pup Tents need to have an independent checking account from their VFW Posts. If you are using their account, you need to set up an account for your Pup Tent. Usually, you will use the same bank as your Posts. You will also need to file for an EIN number with the IRS.
7. **Grand By-Laws and Policy –** a revised Grand Policy has been updated and will be available on the Grands website along with the Grands By-Laws. They are available at: <https://mocgrandofflorida.com>
8. **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.
9. **Annual Memberships –** Annual memberships will now start at the beginning of June for the 2025-2026 membership year.
10. **Cootie of the Year –** Seam Squirrels need to submit their Cootie of the Year (COY) nominations to the Grand Commander by the end of February. A COY package will be picked and sent to Supreme for nomination.
11. **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 and hospital reports heavily in deciding who gets picked.
12. **Grand Blue Louse** – Congratulations to Past Grand Commander Tom Browne as being chosen to represent the Grands as its Blue Louse. Tom is very qualified in this role.
13. **Cootie Christmas** – for 50 years the Grand of Florida has been going up to Michigan in December for Cootie Christmas and provided meals to the staff and families there. This is a huge event for us and slowly some of our members are no longer able to attend. If you can get away and help us out, please let us know.
14. **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.

***Thank you all for what you do for each other and for your fellow veterans!***

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