



**Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary
Grand Convention
Crystal River 02-03- June 2023**



President Loise Koser called the Grand Convention meeting to order. All the tables were “manned” and up and running, the coffee was hot and all was well.

Roll call found all line officers present except the Guard, pro tem Margaret Bloomer, 4 PGP's on council present. Two of our PSP's on council, 2 of the 7 VAVS's are here, Sandra McKinley at Bay Pines and J-A Henry at Orlando. Chairman all present and we had 10 PGP's. Auxiliaries are as follows: #2-P+3; #8-4 #23-P+3; #25 P+3; #32 P+6; #66-P; #76-4;=29

Dignitaries of note: Pat Potter, PSP was our special guest from Supreme, Peggy Bell & Debbie Thie, PSP's. Sandra McKinley, Supreme Treasurer, Kathy Browne, Supreme Secretary & Jerry-Ann Henry, Supreme Scholarship Chairman. We also have Past Department Presidents of the VFWA, Joyce Rose, Louise Koser & Patricia McQuaig. Wheew!!

FUN FINES: A buck & a penny-total (\$1.01). and \$5 if your cell phone rings! Everyone paid or overpaid.

Minutes of the previous meeting were all emailed out, previous Grand Convention minutes in the room for all to read. Motion by Kathy Browne, 2nd by Debbie Thie to accept the minutes as presented. MC.

Treasurers Report, Sandra gave a detailed reading of the Treasurers books. There was no discussion and it will be filed for audit.



Clowns left the room to invade the MOC!! They did come back— later with \$o many bucks! You gotta wonder? What do they really do over there??

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Report: was read by Peggy Bell, moved by the committee to accept Audit report MC The HAPPY DANCE ENSUED!!



Chaplain: Award to Chaplain of the Year, Carol Bennet #25.

Chief of Staff: Kathy wants us to continue to contact bachelor PT's.

Membership, Sandra McKinley-Sandra gave out awards all Auxiliaries have made 100%.

Tomb Trek: Debbie Thie told us were we 100% in wreaths and all auxiliaries received a certificate. She also reminded us that next year will be the VFW National Home's 100th year.

VAVS Reports: everyone who sent in their \$\$ to the Hospitals received an award.

Kootie Kitchen: Jerry-Ann set this up again this year with Jane Kibler manning the table.

Clowns: All of the clowns were presented a clown from Mama Clown Dee Bazaar.

Chairman's Awards were presented. Applause & more applause!! Great job everyone.

President Louise gave out Certificates and Medallions to Patricia McQuaid, President of the Year #23. 2nd place Margaret “Maggie” Bloomer #2, Outstanding Goals #76, Special to Denise Sutterfield and Sandy Clatchey.

Member of the Year Peggy Libatore #2

Outstanding service Award to Jerry-Ann Henry, Joyce Rose, Dottie Sullivan, Bernice Long, Dee Bazar, Jelene Mingo, Debbie Thie, Sandra McKinley, Peggy Bell, Kathy Browne, Judy Surface and Diane Mullaney

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We searched, looked & turned on our phone flashlights and we couldn't find a thing.

At this time Al Lugo, director of The Veterans Village came to visit. He was received quite joyfully! He told us at this time he would be retiring after VFW Department Convention after 15 years. He presented a few gifts and we let him go! Terrible loss to the Home!

NEW BUSINESS: Memorial service was done by our Chaplain Peggy Bell. Nice job done by the whole team. The President announced the next order of business is election of Officers: She read the rules from the ritual and appointed Susan D., Judge, Diane M. s & Judy S. as Tellers. Pres Louise asked for nominations for President: Jerry-Ann Henry nominated Louise Koser, she decided it'd be best to decline, so she declined loudly, Joyce Rose, PGP nominated **Patricia McQuaig** she was elected by acclamation and accepted the position. Opened up Sr Vice, **Debbie Thie** was nominated by Susan Haines for Sr Vice she was elected by acclamation and accepted the position. Opened up Jr Vice, **Vicki Torres** was nominated by Peggy Bell, PSP she was elected by acclamation and accepted the position. Opened up: Treasurer, Peggy Bell, PSP nominated **Sandra McKinley**, she was elected by acclamation and accepted the position. Opened up Chaplain Kathy Browne, PGP nominated **Peggy Bell**, she was elected by acclamation and accepted the position. Conductress opened up: Debbie Thie, PSP nominated Linda Seiler, she declined, Vicki Torres, Conductress nominated Susan Depferd, she was elected by acclamation and accepted the position. Guard opened up: Peggy Bell nominated **Margaret Bloomer** she was elected by acclamation and accepted the position. Trustees opened up: PGP Jerry-Ann Henry nominated **Peggy Bell, Susan Haines & Kathy Browne** for Trustees they were elected by acclamation and accepted the position. At this time President elect Patricia McQuaid asked Linda Seiler to be the assistant Treasurer & Jerry-Ann Henry to be the Secretary, they accepted. All were soundly elected, we never needed those tellers or even da judge, so you all may be excused, yes, it's over you can go back to your chairs. No, No., No we aren't thru!!

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: No Bills, way to go!

SGO: Pat Potter spoke to us and told us how great Florida always is and that she now lives in Tavares and will try to visit with us more often. Accolades and more accolades, Hooray for Florida! **Water all around us, Gators in the Middle, F-L-A!**

And now for all the ticket drawings and drawings and drawings—Looks like no one is a big winner, it's going around the room to everyone!

Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Peggy Bell to reopen pretty soon at the New Council Meeting after installation. Then, we will pack up those tables. (Yup it's beer time!)

Loyally,



Jerry-Ann Henry Grand Secretary

Installation followed the close of this meeting, Joyce Rose Installed us in proper fashion according to the ritual of the Supreme Auxiliary of the MOCA. Horay, we are ready for next year already!!

