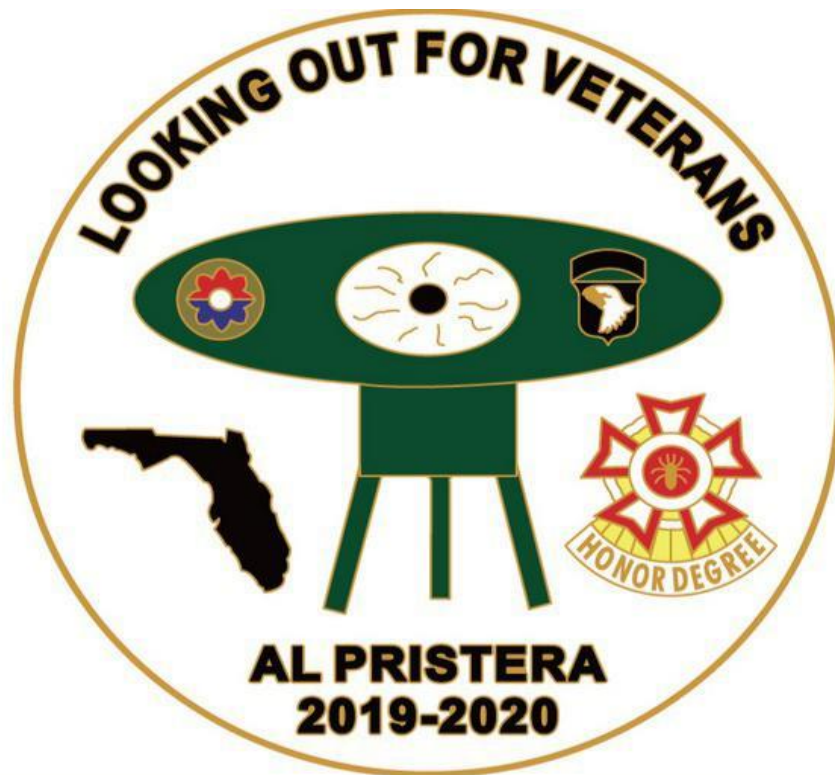


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**Albert "Al" Pristera  
Grand Seam Squirrel  
2019-2020**

**"Looking Out For Veterans"**

Cooties, LISTEN UP!

First, I am humbled by the honor you have given me by entrusting the Grand of Florida into my care for the coming year. I and my fellow officers are always available to the membership to assist in any way we can.

Let us always be mindful of the fact that we are first members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We became Cooties so that we could help and support our parent organization and help fellow veterans, especially those in need.

My focus this year will be on hospital work. This is reflected in the design of my logo and motto. The green area is a caricature of an AN/PPS 5 ground surveillance radar set. Its purpose was to seek out the enemy at night, hence the blood shot eye. The two unit patches are in honor of the two units I served with, the 9th ID and the 101st Airborne. The white background represents the “Fields of White” from the Cootie motto. The outline of the Great State of Florida and the Cootie emblem require no explanation.

It is my intention that the Grand MOC will work closely with the Grand MOCA in doing all we can to help and support veterans.

In LOTCS

“Looking Out For Veterans”

Albert “Al” Pristera  
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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**2019/2020**

**Bug Swarm  
Fort McCoy Veterans Village**

**August 23-24 2019**

**Tomb Trek  
Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel  
900 South Orme Street  
Arlington Virginia 22204  
(703) 521-1900**

**November 1 -3 2019**

**Rates \$109.00**

**Cootie Christmas at the VFW National  
Home**

**December 3-8 2019**

**Mid Winter  
Plantation on Crystal River  
9301 West Fort Island Trail**

**January 16-19, 2020**

**Standard Rooms are \$125.00  
Patio Garden View Room \$145.00  
Patio Water View \$165.00**

**Grand Convention  
Plantation on Crystal River  
9301 West Fort Island Trail  
Crystal River, FL 34429**

**June 4-7, 2020**

**Reservations: (800) 632-6262, Mention MOC/MOCA  
Standard Rooms are \$125.00  
Patio Garden View Room \$145.00  
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**BROWN BAG & CHINESE AUCTIONS TO BE HELD AT EACH  
FLORIDA EVENT TO DEFRAY THE COST OF THE HOSPITALITY  
ROOM**

**MORE DONATED ITEMS FOR THE BROWN BAG AUCTION  
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John E. Hamilton	1993	127 Old South Dr., Crestview, FL 32536

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William Claypool	1940-1941	Deceased
Charles Bell	1941-1942	Deceased
Charles Morris	1942-1943	Deceased
Ernest Kates	1943-1944	Deceased
Leroy Gillies	1944-1945	Deceased
Hugh Leopard	1945-1947	Deceased
Lee Millican	1947-1948	Deceased
A. T. Jabe	1948-1949	Deceased
Rus Prater	1949-1950	Deceased
Horace Hedgepath	1950-1951	Deceased
Sherman Bennett	1951-1952	Deceased
A. A. Scott	1952-1953	Deceased
Carl Malmquest	1952-1954	Deceased
L. B. Dupree	1954-1955	Deceased
Werner Y. Chapman	1955-1955	Deceased
Jack McClung	1955-1956	Deceased
Peter Madereius	1956-1957	Deceased
Leroy Debay	1957-1958	Deceased
Fred Stanton	1958-1960	Deceased
Louis Mundel	1960-1961	Deceased
Al Andretta	1961-1962	Deceased
Peter Camacho	1962-1963	Deceased
Paul Saniford	1963-1964	Deceased
Don Pulver	1964-1965	Deceased
James Murphy	1965-1966	Deceased
Robert Echols	1966-1967	Deceased
Robert Brockman	1967-1968	Deceased
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Allen Cameron	1975-1976	Deceased
RJ Schlafke, Sr.	1976-1977	Deceased
Ken Westermant	1977-1978	Deceased
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## Grand Policy

1. All matter of policy not herein contained shall be subject to decision by the Grand Commander.
2. Any new project involving financial commitment of the Grand Pup Tent, including direct expenditures of financial contributions, must be brought before the Budget and Finance Committee and then the Grand Council for approval or disapproval.
3. The Grand of Florida MOC and the Grand of Florida MOCA will each receive, free of charge, a full page ad in program books prepared in conjunction with the Grand Council and the Grand Scratch/Meeting.
4. Room and banquet tickets for MOC Supreme Representative to the Grand Scratch/Convention will be provided by the Grand MOC Quartermaster. Room for two (2) nights will be provided.
5. Room and banquet tickets for the Grand Commander at the Grand Scratch/Convention will be provided by the Grand MOC Quartermaster. Room for two (2) nights will be provided.
6. Rooms and banquet tickets for the Grand Commander for the School of Instruction (Bug Swarm), Fall Council of Administration and Mid-winter Council of Administration meetings, if not provided by the hotel, will be paid by the Grand of Florida MOC Quartermaster. Note: Room and banquet tickets for MOCA Supreme guest and any other visiting MOCA VIP's are the responsibility of the Grand MOCA.
7. Two banquet tickets for the VFW State Commander and his/her designated representative at the Grand Scratch/Convention will be provided by the Grand MOC QM.
8. For the purpose of awards, Pup Tents will be placed in Grand Membership Divisions (Gold, Silver, Red and White) based on the prior years ending membership. Membership Division are listed below:

**GOLD DIVISION: 40 members and above**

**SILVER DIVISION: 30-39 member**

**RED DIVISION: 20-29 members**

**WHITE DIVISION: 10-19 members**

9. In determining the best Pup Tent in each Grand Membership Division, the following point system will be used by the Grand Awards Committee.

**BEST PUP TENT BY DIVISION**

**POINTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**15 – for reaching 100% by Dec 31**  
**OR: 10 – for reaching 100% by April 30**  
**10 – for exceeding 100% in membership**

**GENERAL**

**1 – for each new or reinstated member**  
**35 - If all pledges are paid by “Bug Swarm” (Fall C of A.)**  
**15 - If pledges are paid AFTER “Bug Swarm” (Fall C of A.)**  
**2 - for every Quarterly Audit submitted on time & correct**  
**1 - for late Quarterly Audit**

**PROGRAMS**

**HOSPITAL REPORTS**

**18 - for 10+ reports (July thru Apr)**  
**Less than 10 reports – 1 point each**  
**10 - for exceeding Pup Tent annual money goal**

**PARTICIPATION**

**Pup Tent Seam Squirrel or Line Officer must attend**  
**2 of the 3 Grand Scratches (Bug Swarm, Mid-Winter, Grand Convention)**

**PUP TENT**

**OBLIGATIONS**

10. The following obligations will be determined, and distributed to all Pup tents by the Grand Quartermaster during the month of July or early August. **Pup tents are required to pay their obligations at the “Bug Swarm” in September and will receive 35 points for doing so. Paying them after September will result in only receiving 15 points.**

**A. TOMB TREK WREATH: \$25.00 (NLT SEPTEMBER EACH YEAR)**

**B. NATIONAL HOME SPECIAL PROJECTS: \$1.00 per member**

**C. SUPREME SCHOLARSHIP FUND: \$1.00 per member**

**D. GRAND HOSPITALITY ROOM FUND: \$1.50 per member**

**E. DELEGATE FEES**

**Grand Convention: \$3.00 per delegate + \$3.00 for the Seam Squirrel.**



(One delegate = 10 members or fraction thereof) These fees will be added to the PT Obligation form provided to each Pup Tent by the Grand Quartermaster during the month of July or early August.

**Supreme Convention:** Advance registration fees as determined by Supreme Headquarters. Currently all Pup Tents must pre-register 1 delegate to Supreme. This Registration fee will also be added to the Pup Tent Obligation form provided by the Grand Quartermaster who will forward these fees to Supreme and the Delegate submitted will be the Pup Tent Seam Squirrel unless the Pup Tent submits another name to the Grand QM at the time the fee is paid.

### **BUDGETS**

11. The Supreme and Grand operate on a Budget each year which is generated by estimating the amount of money the Supreme and Grand hope to receive through membership dues, Pup Tent obligations and other fund raisers planned throughout the year. When these expected funds are not received, then the Supreme and Grand must find ways to make up the shortages. These fund shortages are the biggest problems faced each year and are why it is so important for all Pup Tents to make a maximum effort in collecting dues from their annual members and to pay their obligations as quickly as possible. For the Grand to meet their obligation in sending Supreme these funds, it must have received them from the Pup Tents on a timely basis.

Any proposed changes in the approved budget must be referred to the Grand Budget & Finance Committee for recommendation to the Grand Council of Administration prior to the Grand Council action.

### **JUDGING FOR AWARDS**

The time frame of judging for Grand Awards will be from June to the end of April. The Grand Awards judging will be completed within 30 days following the end of the award year (April 30) and the awards presented at the Grand Convention in June. **The Grand Jr. Vice Cdr. will be responsible for conducting the judging and getting the awards made.**

Awards will be given out in the following categories:

- a. The outstanding Pup Tent in each Grand Membership Division
- b. The Pup Tent which has reported the most Hospital work will qualify for the outstanding Grand Hospital award, based on quota.

13. Pup Tents **WILL NOT** receive credit for any pledges not sent through the Grand Quartermaster.

14. At all Grand Council of Administration Meetings/Scratches and at the Grand Scratch/Convention, **ALL FINES** received will be counted by the Grand Quartermaster and members of the Grand Budget & Finance Committee at the close of the meetings and the amount recorded.

15. The Grand Commander shall convene a meeting of the Grand Officers, both elected and appointed, Seam Squirrels, CCDB's and all interested Cooties within three (3) months following installation for the purpose of holding a School of Instruction (**BUG SWARM**) The Bug Swarm will normally be conducted during the Fall C of A. This will save the membership the cost of attending two scratches versus only attending one.

16. A Fall Council of Administration meeting shall be held each year between September 1 and October 31. (Every effort will be made to hold this meeting in the month of September). A Mid-term (Winter) Council of Administration meeting shall be held each year between January 1 and February 28 (February 29 during a leap year). The exact dates and meeting place as directed by the Grand Commander subject to the approval of the Grand Council of Administration or the Delegates at the Grand Scratch/Convention. The Grand Scratch/Convention shall be held annually during the month of June and shall be awarded on a **BID BASIS** and approved by the Grand Council of Administration or the Delegates at the Grand Scratch/Convention.

#### **DUTIES OF A MOC SEAM SQUIRREL**

1. Preside over all meetings of the Pup Tent.
2. Enforce the laws and usages of the organization and all orders from proper authority.
3. Appoint all officers and committees not otherwise provided for.
4. Approve all orders drawn upon the Custodian of the Crummy Duffel Bag (CCDB) for appropriations of money approved by the membership and countersign all checks.
5. Furnish the Commander of the Post a list of all members of the Pup Tent that are members of the Post as outlined in paragraph B of section 310, Supreme By-Laws dated August 28, 2010.
6. Attend all District and Grand meetings, or if unable, send a designated representative in his/her place.
7. Fill out the **Pup Tent Report Form** found in the back portion of the Grand Program Book and send to Grand Adjutant at least every three (3) months as a minimum.
8. Assure that the office of the CCDB is bonded.
9. Work with the Pup Tent CCDB on getting all the annual member dues of the Pup Tent paid on time. **(NLT 31 December each year)**
10. Develop a system to notify members of a Pup Tent Scratch. Phone calls appear to get the best results. Use the buddy system.

11. Always be on the lookout for potential new members at your VFW Post meetings and functions.
12. Set up the Pup Tent visits to the VA Hospital, Domiciliary or Veterans clinics.
13. Show your Cootie colors at all VFW Post functions.
14. Keep your MOC District Commander well informed on your Pup Tent status and functions.

### **DUTIES OF THE CUSTODIAN OF THE CRUMMY DUFFEL BAG (CCDB)**

The duties of the CCDB are outlined in the Supreme By-Laws, Section 314.

#### **Membership dues:**

**Supreme Fee: \$9.00 plus \$1.00 for a new member**

**Grand Fee: \$6.00 plus \$1.00 for a new member**

The CCDB is responsible for collecting the dues from the Pup Tent **ANNUAL** membership. The CCDB should start collecting these fees as early as possible **BEFORE** the start of the new year and **MUST** forward the proper amount to the Grand Quartermaster to cover the Grand and Supreme portion of dues collected as quickly as possible.

#### **Pup Tent obligations:**

The CCDB is responsible for sending in all Pup Tent Obligations listed in Section 9 of the Grand Policy to the Grand Quartermaster as early as possible and not later than the Grand Fall C of A Scratch .

# PUP TENTS

## **PT 1           YELLOW RIVER BELLIES**

**MEETING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY                      **TIME:** 2:01 P.M.                      **LOCATION:** VFW POST 4833

<b>Seam squirrel:</b> Derrick Sherwood	<b>CCDB:</b> Audie Beadle
<b>Address:</b> 2240 W James Lee Blvd Crestview, FL 32567	<b>Address:</b> 1601 Eunice Lane Baker, FL 32536
<b>Phone:</b> 315-406-5417	<b>Phone:</b> 850-537-8002
<b>E-Mail:</b> derrick.sherwood@gmail.com	<b>E-Mail:</b> audiebeadle@hotmail.com

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## **PT 2           MISSILE BUGS**

**MEETING:** 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY                      **TIME:** 6:11 P.M.                      **LOCATION:** TRAVEL GAVEL

<b>Seam squirrel:</b> Ronny Chapman	<b>CCDB:</b> Ray C Jarvis Jr.
<b>Address:</b> 820 Hanover Ct Rockledge, FL 32955	<b>Address:</b> 4161 Careywood Dr Melbourne, FL 32934
<b>Phone:</b> 321-626-6396	<b>Phone:</b> 321-254-7326/321-543-0336
<b>E-Mail:</b> rchapman66@cfl.rr.com	<b>E-Mail:</b> rcjarvisvfw@aol.com

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## **PT 8 BO-WEEVIL**

**Meeting:** 3rd Sunday                      **Time:** 2:01 p.m.                      **Location:** VFW Post 2093

<b>Seam Squirrel:</b> John Henry	<b>CCDB:</b> Gary Godard
<b>Address:</b> 405 Lillian Drive. Fern Park, FL 32730	<b>Address:</b> 128 Queens Court Sanford, FL 32771
<b>Phone:</b> 407-271-9265	<b>Phone:</b> 407-271-9265
<b>Email:</b> flcharm@yahoo.com	<b>Email:</b> godard52@gmail.com

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## **PT 11          CLUMSY COOTIE**

**MEETING:** 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY                      **TIME:** 7:01 P.M.                      **LOCATION:** VFW POST 10210

<b>Seam squirrel:</b> Don Cole	<b>CCDB:</b> Lawrence Mills
<b>Address:</b> 7810 91 <sup>st</sup> Street Vero Beach, FL 32967	<b>Address:</b> 14005 103 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Fellsmere, FL 32948
<b>Phone:</b> 772-473-1286	<b>Phone:</b> 954-684-2262
<b>E-Mail:</b> gatorcole@gmail.com	<b>E-</b>
<b>Mail:</b>	

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## **PT 17          MANATEE**

**MEETING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY                      **TIME:** 6:01 P.M.                      **LOCATION:** VFW POST 10141

<b>Seam squirrel:</b> John E Vawter Jr	<b>CCDB:</b> Robert E Greene
<b>Address:</b> 1300 Persimmon Ct Apt 22 Sebring, FL 33870	<b>Address:</b> 6601 23 Ave West # 64 Bradenton, FL 34209
<b>Phone:</b> 863-202-0777	<b>Phone:</b> 941-761-8170/941-209-0596
<b>E-Mail:</b> javfw@yahoo.com	<b>E-Mail:</b> rg27masten@aol.com

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**PT 18 GATOR**

**MEETING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY

**TIME:** 1:01 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 4256

**Seam squirrel:** Timothy B OBrien

**Address:** 3122 Whispering Pines Dr N  
Largo, FL 33771

**Phone:** 727-458-1559

**E-Mail:** t.brien5 @gmail.com

**CCDB:** Bob McKinley

**Address:** 23440 126<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Largo, FL 33774-2430

**Phone:** 727-596-2789

**E-Mail:** usaretbob@aol.com

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**PT 19 Merged with Pup Tent 44**

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**PT 23 CATFISH 23**

**MEETING:** 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY

**Time:** 7:01 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 7909

**Seam squirrel:** Danette Hernandez

**Address:** 3294 Lake Effie Court N  
Jacksonville, FL 32277

**Phone:** 904-762-9364

**E-Mail:** profwmn@att.net

**CCDB:** Glenn Wright

**Address:** 5867 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32244

**Phone:** 904-779-2550

**E-Mail:** glenn\_wright@bellsouth.net

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**PT 25 COOTIEVILLE**

**MEETING:** 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY

**TIME:** 7:31 P.M

**LOCATION:** NFW POST 5625

**Seam squirrel:** Lawrence Throwbridge

**Address:** 3360 44<sup>th</sup> Place  
Ocala, FL 34478

**Phone:** 912-247-1413

**E-Mail:**

**CCDB:** John C Crowley Jr

**Address:** 2690 NW County Rd 345  
Chiefland, FL 32626

**Phone:** 352-493-1894/352-231-5597

**E-Mail:** jccjr\_98@yahoo.com

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**PT 32 SONS OF THE BEACHES**

**MEETING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY

**TIME:** 7:01 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 10094

**Seam squirrel:** Jason Smith

**Address:** 12300 Seminole Blvd APT 1  
Largo, FL 33778

**Phone:** 727-488-3252

**E-Mail:** JKSmith-91@msn.com

**CCDB:** Ken Thie

**Address:** 13622 Serena Dr  
Largo, FL 33774

**Phone:** 727-580-7458

**E-Mail:** kthie33774@gmail.com

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**PT 36 SCRATCHING 36**

**MEETING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY

**TIME:** 2.01 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 8087

**Seam squirrel:** Robert Brocius

**Address:** 1321 Cove Place  
Tavares, FL 32778

**Phone:** 352-459-6760

**E-Mail:** bonefish2@earthlink.net

**CCDB:** Douglas Begeot

**Address:** 7 Crest Ave  
Mt Dora, FL 32757

**Phone:** 352-602-5397

**E-Mail:** scratching36@gmail.com

**PT 41          WHITE SANDS**

**MEETING:** 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY

**TIME:** 6:31 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 7674

**Seam squirrel:**Kevin Thurman  
**Address:** 209 Holmes Blvd  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548  
**Phone:** 850-803-7473  
**E-Mail:** thurmankc@gmail.com

**CCDB:** Merrie Wright  
**Address:** 2332 Willow Bend Blvd  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547  
**Phone:** 850-240-1760  
**E-Mail:** [merriewright@aol.com](mailto:merriewright@aol.com)

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**PT 44          HO-BE HOBOES**

**MEETING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY

**TIME:** 5:31 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 10132

**Seam squirrel:**Jim Glover  
**Address:** 5519 SE Horseshoe Point Rd  
Stuart, FL 34997  
**Phone:** 772-287-4021/771-285-5569  
**E-Mail:** jgloverusmc@yahoo.com

**CCDB:** Gary Kolinski  
**Address:** P.O. Box 479  
Port Salerno FL 34992  
**Phone:** 772-370-3111  
**E-Mail:** kolinskiandson@icloud.com

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**PT 55          RICHEY'S**

**MEETING:** 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY

**TIME:** 2:01 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 7987

**Seam squirrel:**Dennis Schweitzer  
**Address:** 5003 Overlook Dr  
New Port Richey, FL 34652  
**Phone:** 727-457-4812  
**E-Mail:** dennisallen5003@gmail.com

**CCDB:** Richard A Kelly  
**Address:** 1828 Wood Bend Street  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689  
**Phone:**  
**E-Mail:**

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**PT 56          TRANSPLANTS**

**MEETING:** 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY

**TIME:** 6:31 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 8058

**Seam squirrel:**Bill Fitch  
**Address:** 2317 Harley Ave  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
**Phone:** 941-380-1257  
**E-Mail:**

**CCDB:** George Speidell  
**Address:** 1068 Webster Ave  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
**Phone:** 941-764-8633/941-661-2911  
**E-Mail:** 797cushing@comcast.net

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**PT 57          ENGLEBUG**

**MEETING:** 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY

**TIME:** 7:01 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 10178

**Seam squirrel:**Richard August  
**Address:** 12264c Maits Ave  
Port Charlotte, FL 33981  
**Phone:** 941-223-3479  
**E-Mail:**

**CCDB:** Edward Gurley  
**Address:** 1800 Englewood Rd #141  
Englewood, FL 34223  
**Phone:** 941-276-0122  
**E-Mail:**

**PT 59            SCRATCH ANKLE**

**MEETING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY                      **TIME:** 2:01                      **LOCATION:** VFW POST 4833

<b>Seam squirrel:</b> Dave Edwards	<b>CCDB:</b>	Gerald "Jerry" Paterson
<b>Address:</b> 2240 Pleasant Grove	<b>Address:</b>	4763 Dupont Circle
Milton, FL 32570		Pace, FL 32583
<b>Phone:</b> 850-675-6901	<b>Phone:</b>	931-436-8182
<b>E-Mail:</b>	<b>E-Mail:</b>	gvpatterson49@yahoo.com

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**PT 66            SEA OATS**

**MEETING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY                      **TIME:** 3:01P.M. (CT)                      **LOCATION:** VFW POST 706

<b>Seam squirrel:</b> Victor N Looney Jr	<b>CCDB:</b>	Andreanna Tardy
<b>Address:</b> 5686 Leesway Blvd	<b>Address:</b>	1080 Joaquin Trail
Pensacola, FL 32504-7726		Pensacola, FL 32506
<b>Phone:</b> 850-475-8993	<b>Phone:</b>	937-414-1775
<b>E-Mail:</b> vnlooney@bellsouth.net	<b>E-Mail:</b>	Andreanna.tardy@gmail.com

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**PT 69            FUD DUCKERS**

**MEETING:** 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY                      **TIME:** 10:31 A.M.                      **LOCATION:** VFW POST 9697

<b>Seam squirrel:</b> Gary Pirtle	<b>CCDB:</b>	Harry Dembicki
<b>Address:</b> 1017 Sterling Pine Place	<b>Address:</b>	5830 NW 64th Ave Apt 202
Loxahatchee, FL 33470		Sunrise, FL 33319
<b>Phone:</b> 954-712-1294/954-658-7128	<b>Phone:</b>	954-720-4534
<b>E-Mail:</b> gpirtle.seabee@gmail.com	<b>E-Mail:</b>	

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**PT 75            MEALY BUGS**

**MEETINGS:** 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY                      **TIME:** 2:01 P.M.                      **LOCATION:** VFW POST 3282

<b>Seam squirrel:</b> John L Hodgins	<b>CCDB:</b>	Elmer J Hawkins
<b>Address:</b> 1911 Baytree Ct	<b>Address:</b>	450 Basain Street
Port Orange, FL 32128		Daytona Beach, FL 32114
<b>Phone:</b> 386-767-7429	<b>Phone:</b>	386-679-3814
<b>E-Mail:</b>	<b>E-Mail:</b>	ehawkins23@aol.com

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**PT 76            WITHLACOOCHEE**

**MEETING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY                      **TIME:** 1:01 P.M.                      **LOCATION:** VFW POST

<b>Seam squirrel:</b> Dan Danecker	<b>CCDB:</b>	4252 William Fowler
<b>Address:</b> 5383 N Carl G Rose Why	<b>Address:</b>	970 N Hollwood Cir
Hernando, FL 34442		Crystal River, FL 34429
<b>Phone:</b> 352-601-0265	<b>Phone:</b>	352-563-1063
<b>E-Mail:</b>	<b>E-Mail:</b>	bfowler970@yahoo.com

**PT 77 LIGHTNING BUGS**

**MEETING:** 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY

**TIME:** 7:31 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 10068

**Seam squirrel:** James DePass  
**Address:** 17020 SW 274 Street  
Homestead, FL 33031  
**Phone:** 305-812-1007  
**E-Mail:** [depassjim@gmail.com](mailto:depassjim@gmail.com)

**CCDB:** Vernon Hanson  
**Address:** 6376 Stonehurst Circle  
Lake Worth, FL 33467  
**Phone:** 305-775-9347  
**E-Mail:** [Vernon\\_hanson@msn.com](mailto:Vernon_hanson@msn.com)

**PT 86 MIDDLEBUGS**

**Meeting:** 4<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday

**Time:** 7:31p.m.

**Location:** VFW Post 8255

**Seam Squirrel:** Howard "Ray" Forrest  
**Address:** 2015 Blueberry Bay Court  
Middleburg, FL 32068  
**Phone:** 904-282-0259  
**Email:** [forr7193@comcast.net](mailto:forr7193@comcast.net)

**CCDB:** Paul Frederick  
**Address:** 206 Branscomb Rd  
Green Cove Springs  
**Phone:** 904-613-1440  
**Email:** [fred43@bellsouth.net](mailto:fred43@bellsouth.net)

**PT 98 MIDWAY MITES**

**MEETING:** 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY

**TIME:** 6:01 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VFW POST 4407

**Seam squirrel:** Tom Sutterfield  
**Address:** 5878 Dahoon Dr  
Pensacola, FL 32526  
**Phone:** 850-944-8607  
**E-Mail:** [suttterfielt@bellsouth.net](mailto:suttterfielt@bellsouth.net)

**CCDB:** Roger Hallada  
**Address:** 3264 Laurel Lane  
Gulf Breeze, FL 32563  
**Phone:** 850-776-2066  
**E-Mail:** [dochallada@aol.com](mailto:dochallada@aol.com)

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## Abbreviated Ritual for Reference

**OPENING OF THE SCRATCH INCUBATION S.S.: Nits will seek their seams and give their attention to the business of the evening. Nits will display the sign of incubation. (Sign of Incubation One pant leg rolled up.)**

**S.S.: Blanket Bum, what are the first symptoms of an Atom?**

**B.B.: (rising) An Itching to become a Nit.**

**S.S.: Hide Gimlet, what is a Nit?**

**H.G.: (rising) A Comrade who is closer than a Brother.**

**S.S.: Provost Marshal, what steps must be taken by an Atom before one becomes a Nit?**

**P.M.: (rising) Backward steps.**

**S.S.: Jimmy Legs, what is the first great duty of all true Nits?**

**J.L.: (rising) To increase and Multiply.**

**S.S.: Nits, let us all attend to that important duty and cause some Atom to take these backward steps at our next Scratch. Nits will prepare to prove they are entitled to be present at this Scratch. (Nits will form in double rank, or fours if necessary, in the center of the room, facing away from the S.S., forming on B.B. and H.G., who will station themselves six feet in front of and facing away from S.S. When all are in line...)**

**S.S.: Show me! (B.B. and H.G. face about and give the Nit sign after which they cause the rest of the column to face about by twos, give the Nit sign and password and showing a current dues card, after which they take their seats. When a have been seated....) (B.B. and H.G. advance to the front of the S. S station and Salute.)**

**B.B.: We find all Cooties present lousy and therefore entitled to remain.**

**S.S.: That is lousy. Resume your stations.**

**S.S. : Being satisfied that all present are crummy, and that we are all therefore on an equal footing, I, the most crummy of all for the time being, do declare this Scratch open for business, and each and every Nit who has anything to offer for the good of the order or the members thereof shall be duly bound to present it for consideration. We will now proceed with the regular order of business. (Two raps of the gavel All rise.)**

**OPENING PRAYER S.P.: O Thou Great and Eternal God, We are reminded there are times of sorrow and of joy, times when we should be quiet and times we should be heard. We would pray Thy blessing on our beloved military order. In these days of great concern, help us to assert ourselves when we should and to accomplish our purposes without offense to our fellowmen. Give us the insight we pray Thee to have all concern for sick comrades not only by material giving but also showing concern by praying for them and their dependents. As we look to the days ahead, may we by our faithfulness to the VFW advance its cause and programs and by so doing also advance our cause. May we serve our beloved order and our fellowman in such a way that we will receive eternal life as our reward, so help me God. Amen.**

**S.S.: Cooties, Attention! Salute the Colors----Present Arms (pause) Order, Arms!**

**S.S.: Cooties, you will join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Present Arms!**

**I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

**S.S.: Order Arms! (One rap of the gavel All but S.S. may be seated.)**

**S.S.: Hungry Cootie, you will call the roll of Shavetails. (H.C. rises, P.M. rises, both give the Cootie Salute; H.C. calls the roll; P.M. answers present for those absent and absent for those present; when through the H.C. sits down.)**

**P.M.: Seam Squirrel, the roll has been called, absentees have been noted. (P.M. remains standing.)**

**S.S.: That is lousy. You will now direct to my station visitors of note. (Visitors are conducted to and seated to right of S.S. Station.)**

**S.S.: Hungry Cootie, are there any applications for membership to this Crummy Fraternity? (Reading of Applications for Membership.) (If no Atoms) H.C.: Seam Squirrel, there are no Atoms wailing at the outer seams; we can proceed with our regular Scratch.**

**PROCEED WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**Reading of Minutes of the Previous Scratch.**

**Is there a Cootie or a family of a Cootie in distress?**

**Report of the C.C.D.B. in detail.**

**Reading of Official and Other Communications.**

**Reports of Committees Standing and Special.**

**Remember our National Home. S.S.: (Raps gavel twice) All present will rise. Uncover. Parade rest. Sky Pilot, you will ask Divine blessings upon our National Home.**

**S.P.: Almighty God, we ask Thy Divine blessing on the widows and children in our National Home. May Thy Divine spirit be within them forever, giving them health and guiding their lives. Trust us always, to honor our departed comrades. Amen.**

**S.S.: Attention. Cover. (Raps Gavel once)**

**VFW National Home - Alternate Prayer**

**S.P.: At this hour of the evening, the children of our departed comrades at the VFW National Home for Children are kneeling at their bedsides in reverent prayer to Almighty God. Let us turn out thoughts towards Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and with bowed heads join them in their prayers.**

**Repeat after me: Suffer the little children to come unto me And forbid them not For of such is the Kingdom of God May God bless our National Home. Amen**

**Report of the Hungry Cootie in detail. Reading of Bills.**

**Actions to be taken.**

**Unfinished Business.**

**New Business. Good of the Scratch.**

**CLOSING THE SCRATCH S.S.: The newly initiated members of the Pup Tent will proceed to the desk of the Hungry Cootie immediately after this Scratch is closed and receive their membership cards. The cards will be given out alphabetically and you will facilitate matters by not asking and questions when receiving your card. If there are any questions, go to the office of the Pup Tent and there receive the information desired.**

**S.S.: Is there anything further to be brought before this Scratch? (If no response Raps gavel Twice).**

**S.S.: Cooties, attention! Prepare to Salute the colors. Present Arms Order Arms.**

**Sky Pilot Closing Prayer. Uncover, Parade rest.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**S.P.: O Heavenly Father, the Lord of life eternal, look upon us as we bring to a close this Scratch. Help us as we face the days ahead to do it with joy in our hearts and determination to live according to the precepts of our beloved order, which will enable us to enjoy all eternity. Amen.**

**S.S.: Attention, Cover. Is there any matter of importance that has been overlooked? Is there any member of the Pup Tent present who has not experienced the good feeling for which this order was created? If not, I now declare this Scratch of the Pup Tent adjourned without formalities to meet again in regular session (special) at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).**

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Opening of Scratch in accordance with M.O.C. Ritual
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call of Shavetails
4. Reading of applications for membership
5. Report of Investigating Committee
6. Balloting
7. Initiation (any degree)
8. Secret work of the Military Order of the Cootie
9. Ceremonial
10. Reading of Minutes of Previous Scratch
11. Reading of Official and Other Communications
12. Report of Custodian of the Crummy Duffel Bag (C.C.D.B.) in detail
13. Reading of Bills - Actions to be taken
14. Is there a Cootie or a family of a Cootie in distress?
15. Reports of Committees – Standing and Special
16. Remember our National Home
17. Report of the Hungry Cootie in detail
18. Unfinished Business
19. New Business
20. Good of the Scratch
21. Closing the Scratch

**WEAR YOUR TASSELS ACCORDING TO THE HIGHEST  
RANK AUTHORIZED**

**RANKS ARE AS FOLLOWS**

**PUP TENT**

**Seam Squirrel – BLACK**

**Officers (*shavetails*) (*Elected & Appointed*) – BLACK**

**Cooties (Nits) – GREEN MIXED**

**Past Pup Tent Officers – GREEN With BLACK KNOB**

**GRAND**

**Commander – WHITE**

**Officers (*Elected & Appointed*) – WHITE**

**Past Grand Commanders – PURPLE**

**Past Grand Elected Officers – WHITE With BLACK KNOB**

**Past Grand Appointed Officers – *Revert to Highest Former Tassels***

**SUPREME**

**Commander – RED, WHITE, GOLD MIXED**

**Council of Administration Members – GOLD (*Supreme District Elected*)**

**Appointed Officers – (*Other than Past Supreme C of A Officers*) – GOLD with  
BLACK KNOB**

**Past Supreme Commanders – RED, WHITE, GOLD MIXED With RED**

**KNOB Past Supreme Council Members – RED with GOLD KNOB**

**Past Supreme Officers (*other than above*) – RED with BLACK KNOB**

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