

GRAND OF FLORIDA
MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE AUXILIARY

"Veterans are our Shining Stars"

General Orders #2

August 2020

TO BE READ AT ALL MEETINGS, ACTED UPON AND FILED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Welcome to the 2020-2021 year. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me to be your Grand President this year. I will represent the Grand of Florida to the best of my ability. Our number one goal this year will be to grow our membership and strengthen our Auxiliaries.

1. **COMMUNICATION: The key to our success!** Be sure to pass ALL information you receive to members who do not have access to email or the Florida website <http://mocgrandofflorida.com>. General orders will be posted on the website.
2. **INSPECTIONS:** Unfortunately, some meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled due to the Covid-19 Virus. Should your Auxiliary have a change of meeting date or a change of location, please text or call me at 850-240-4079 as I want to visit all Auxiliaries this year and conduct inspections when possible. Thank you to Chief of Staff Kathy Browne – the Inspection of Auxiliary # 76 was conducted on August 2nd.
3. **HISTORIAN:** Kathy Browne – 745 NE 200 Ave, Old Town, FL 32680 – phone: 352-356-3161 email: bellyacres239@gmail.com – Please make a photo or two when President Joyce visits and send to Kathy to be added to the Historian's book.
4. **COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION – MID TERM CONFERENCE:** January 14-17, 2021 at Plantation Inn – 9301 W Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429 Phone: 800-632-6262
5. **AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN –** Tela Harbold – 12130 Lake Allen Drive, Largo, FL 33773 - Phone: 727-366-8143 email: winkingstar@aol.com Please send all reports to Tela by the 26th of each month.
6. **HOSPITAL CHAIRMEN:** Mary Frederick - 206 Branscomb Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32243, email fred43@bellsouth.net. Always put your Auxiliary number, your name, phone number and email on each report. Please refer to the Supreme Chaplain's Program for 2020-2021.
7. **CLOWNS:** Mama Clown, Dee Bazar - P O Box 937, Old Town, FL 32690 – Home Phone; 352-542-8697 and cell phone: 352-210-0119 email: cootieclown25@yahoo.com
NOTE: When attending any Grand Meetings, please bring/wear your clown costumes and a bag of candy to hand out to the MOC when invading their scratch.
8. **CHIEF OF STAFF:** Kathy Browne, 745 NE 200th Ave. Old Town, FL 32680 – email: bellyacres239@gmail.com Phone: 352-356-3161. Auxiliary Presidents *PLEASE* call Kathy if there are any issues within your Auxiliary. All issues should be handled promptly with kindness so we can retain our members in this Great Organization.
9. **MEMBERSHIP: Our number one goal - WE NEED MEMBERS.** New, reinstated and current members. Contact all current members and remind them to pay 2021 dues. Invite prospective members to join our organization; who have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for at least 6 months. Ask to speak at the VFW Auxiliary District meetings, keep it brief, but inform the members who we are and what we do, and invite them to join us.
10. **SUPREME CONVENTION:** Unfortunately, the Supreme Convention that was scheduled in Reno, NV was cancelled due to Covid-19. Jennifer Winn was installed as Supreme President on Zoom on July 25th. Be sure to visit the Supreme Website at lotcs.org. The Cootie Courier is full of good information and Supreme General Orders are posted on the web site monthly. Grand Treasurer Sandra McKinley has ordered the Supreme President's pins and will have those for sale at Grand Meetings.
11. **84th TOMB TREK:** Tomb Trek has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. If your Auxiliary has paid for a wreath those funds will be kept for Tomb Trek in 2021.

12. **ELECTION OF SUPREME GUARD:** A Zoom meeting will be held on November 7, 2020 for the purpose of electing a Supreme Guard. There are 3 Candidates. Ballots and instructions will be sent out to the Auxiliaries that sent in delegates and that are allowed to vote.

13. **PODIUM BOOK:** The new podium book will be available at MOCA Mart and there will be the usual book type version or an online version that may be downloaded to your phone, iPad or computer.

14. **GPSP: (Grand Presidents Special Project)** the GPSP will be the patients at the "Domiciliary" and "CLC" at the VA Hospitals. Our Auxiliaries do great work, and offer outstanding support to these Veterans- please report! While we are not permitted to visit in person at this time, please check with your VAVS representative to find out what your Auxiliary can do to continue to support the VA Hospitals, CLC, and Domiciliary - this has to be a very difficult time for many Veterans.

15. Don't hesitate to call me at 850-240-4079 (text capable) or email me at joyrosevfw29@gmail.com for any questions or concern. **"Veterans are our Shining Stars"**

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Joyce Rose
Grand President

Attest:

Jerry-Ann Henry
Grand Secretary

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