



**Grand of Texas
Military Order of the Cootie
Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States**

2023-2024 Series General Orders No. 1

June 2023

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Grand Commander, Grand Pup Tent of Texas, Military Order of the Cootie, at the 88th Grand Scratch in Copperas Cove, Texas on 3 JUN 2023, I Mitch Fuller, do hereby assume command under the provisions of Article IV, Sections 407, 408 and 409 of the bylaws of the Supreme Pup Tent for the 2022-2023 Cootie year.
2. The term of office of all previously elected or appointed officers of the Grand Pup Tent of Texas for the 2022-2023 year has now expired and hereby declared null and void. All officers shall wear the proper tassels in accordance with Article VII, Section 701, paragraph "B" of the bylaws of the Supreme Pup Tent.
3. All Officers elected or appointed to the Grand Pup Tent of Texas are entitled to and shall prefix the word "**Grand**" to their title in accordance with Article VII, Section 701, paragraph "B" unless elected or appointed to a higher office.
4. Shavetails and Cooties with Official information to be published with the General Orders must submit same to Grand Adjutant, Brian Smock, 803 N. 3d Street, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522 or bsmock@hot.rr.com no later than the 21st of the preceding month.
5. Please notify Grand Adjutant Brian Smock of all changes and/or corrections for the Grand Directory/roster and any discrepancies that may have been Published in the General Orders. Any questions about or corrections to the Grand Status Sheet should be addressed to the Grand Quartermaster Richard Kennedy richardcootie29@yahoo.com .
6. The Grand Commander will notify Pup Tents of planned Official visits. The Grand Commander's travel agenda won't be routinely published in the General Orders. A tentative schedule will be included with the General Orders.
7. All inspections reports shall be promptly submitted to the Grand Inspector, Anson Booker, 122 E. Iowa Dr., Harker Heights, TX 76548 (254) 371-2579 or email: anson.booker@outlook.com It is our goal to have all units inspected no later than mid-December. All inspections will be conducted by the Grand Inspector Anson Booker or Grand Commander Mitch Fuller. A blank inspection report can be downloaded at LOTCS.org Please have one available for the inspector and fill out as much information as you can prior to the inspectors visit.

8. All monies for Grand should be sent to the Grand Quartermaster. This includes PCT's, Grand 50/50 monies and Horny Toad Programs. The Grand Stat Sheet will be generated by the Grand QM, but he needs input from all Grand Program Chairmen. No input, no relevant stats.
9. Details of events scheduled by the VFW and Supreme organizations are published in their respective periodicals, and therefore won't be duplicated here. Some key dates will be published as a reminder:

**Department of Texas VFW
2023 STATE CONVENTION
June 7-11, 2023 | Dallas, TX**

**108TH Supreme Scratch
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel
Tempe, AZ 27-30 JULY 2023**

10. PT 13 (Copperas Cove) will be meeting on Sunday 18 JUN 2023 at 10:30 because of a conflict with the Department of Texas Convention.
11. Listen Up Cooties: I am honored and humbled to be your Grand Commander for 2023-24. Together we will have a lousy year doing hospital work, serving our communities and most importantly, increasing and multiplying. Please focus on recruiting and ensuring you have a good working relationship with your Posts and the other Posts in your VFW District. I will be inspecting Pup Tents along with the Grand Sr. Vice Commander or one of my designees. Our goal is to have all of our Pup Tent inspections completed before December 31. If you need anything please don't hesitate to contact me or another Grand Officer
12. All General Orders of the Grand Pup Tent are to be read and acted upon at all Pup Tent scratches. Following the reading, they are to be filed for future reference

Official:
Brian Smock

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Grand Adjutant

By Order of:
Mitch Fuller

Mitch Fuller
Grand Commander