



**Grand of Texas
Military Order of the Cootie
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of the United States**

2023-2024 Series General Orders No. 11

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1. 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.
2. 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 .
3. Requests for a Grand Shavetail to attend special functions must be submitted to the Grand Adjutant in sufficient time for early scheduling. All Pup Tents are required to register at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch per section 531 of the Supreme By-Laws.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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:

MOC/MOCA Grand Convention
31 MAY 2024 – 2 JUN 2024
Copperas Cove, TX 76522
Comfort Inn and Suites

VFW 104th State Convention
Dallas, TX
June 6-8, 2024
Hilton Anatole Dallas
Address: 2201 N Stemmons Fwy
Dallas, TX 75207
Phone: (214) 748-1200

105th Supreme Scratch Hotel
Marriott East Hotel in Louisville
The hotel is located at 1903 Embassy Square Boulevard, Louisville, KY
40299. The phone number is: 502-491-1184.
The room rate is \$154.00 plus tax, the cutoff date for making reservations
is July 5, 2024.

8. **Grand Adjutant:** We have received some of the warrants and we appreciate your efforts please continue to send to me or Richard Kennedy. **Also if you plan on attending the Grand Convention and eating at the banquet let me know. I just need numbers.** You can pay early if you choose, or at registration. Thanks
9. **Commander's Corner:** "The Cootie year is coming to a close and the Grand of Texas is doing "lousy." As of March 29, we are at 91.71% for Membership, and only need 29 new or renewed Cooties to reach 100%. As of April 2, the Grand of Texas is at 213.89% in Hospital Work. This is terrible! Seriously, in real talk: Great job by all of you in Membership and Hospital Work. Let's finish the year strong and continue to Increase and Multiply and Keep Em Smilin' in Beds of White. I should have confirmation from Post 1922 in Denton this week that they are prepared to host a newly instituted Pup Tent there. We are tentatively discussing Saturday, April 20 as the date of Institution of new PT 35. Texas VFW District 1 Commander Robert Rouse is taking the lead on this lousy endeavor. He and I have been discussing this for some time—he and several Comrades from District 1 were initiated into the MOC at previous Department of Texas VFW events the past 1-2 years and placed in PT 37. I will have the Grand Adjutant send out the official confirmation of location, date, and time of the institution of new PT 37 when its official. Grand Sr. Vice Commander and incoming Grand Commander Anson Booker has some terrible ideas for fundraising for the Grand of Texas. Real talk: Anson is setting up some awesome partnerships that will make the 2024-25 Cootie year exciting and fruitful for the future of the Grand of Texas. Finally, I'm pleased to announce that incoming Supreme Commander Robbie Normand is appointing me the Supreme National Home Chairman for 2024-25. This will be official at the Supreme Convention/Scratch in August. I'm truly honored by the appointment which will be for the 100th Anniversary year of the National Home. I will definitely be

attending 2024 Cootie Christmas and likely other events next year at the National Home. Yours in L.O.T.C.S., Mitch Fuller, Grand Commander of Texas.”

10. 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

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Grand Commander