



**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. 3

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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:

88th Tomb Trek 3-5 November 2023
Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel
900 South Orme Street Arlington, Virginia 2220

8. PT 13 (Copperas Cove) has changed their Scratch to the second Saturday at 10:30 every month.
9. **Commander's Corner:** "The Grand of Texas had a great turnout from our MOC and MOCA at the 104th Supreme Convention in Tempe, AZ, July 26-30, 2023. I want to thank everyone who attended, which included five Past Grand Commanders. Mark Larkin of the Grand of North Carolina was elected and installed as the MOC Supreme Commander for 2023-24 in a boisterous installation at the Supreme Banquet on July 29, 2023. The first Supreme Council of Administration for 2023-24 was held on Sunday, July 30, 2023. I was pleased to vote to approve the Supreme Budget and Supreme Policies for 2023-24. The Supreme Quartermaster discussed implementation of Life Member Rebates for Grands and Pup Tents—more to follow on this. Cootie membership stands at more than 9,700 in the Supreme and the Supreme Commander's goal for membership for the year is 10,500. It's a lofty goal but I'm confident the Grand of Texas will do our part to make this happen. Finally, the Third Degree password was released: 15-33-33-39-29-3-25 47-9-3 15-33-45-9-47-7-3-25 13-29-9-25-39. Consult your Supreme By-Laws and Ritual for code deciphering. Hint: its related to the VFW like the Third Degree Password in 2022-23. Ok, I'll spill it: the password is "Cooties are Comrades First." In the spirit of this password, please continue to work closely with your VFW Posts to facilitate increasing and multiplying. Pup Tent Inspections will begin in the next 30-60 days. One of your Grand Officers will be contacting Seam Squirrels to coordinate Pup Tent Inspections. Please contact me or any Grand Officer anytime if you need assistance. "
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