



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

**2023-2024 Series General Orders No. 4**

**SEP 2023**

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](mailto:bsmock@hot.rr.com) no later than the 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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, VA**

**Grand Commander/Grand President Homecoming**  
**9-10 February 2024**  
**Leander, TX**

8. **PT 36 (Abilene) Scratch** will be held Sept 11<sup>th</sup> instead of Sept 4<sup>th</sup> this month. PT 13 (Copperas Cove) has changed their Scratch to the second Saturday at 10:30 every month.
9. **Commander's Corner:** I hope all is Lousy in your fertile hunting grounds. I anticipate the institution of new Pup Tent soon at VFW Post 8273 in Frisco. I will keep you posted on when we have a firm date for this. Supreme Commander Mark Larkin is encouraging all Pup Tent inspections to be completed NLT December 31. Supreme HQ will have a Hospital Report Update in September and there is a training page forthcoming on the Supreme website. Please ensure you have a copy of the Supreme Commander's Program Book for 2023-24, which can be found on the Supreme website. The Supreme Commander's motto is "Scouting for Comrades." One of the Grand Line officers will contact you next month to schedule your PT inspections. If your Pup Tent has less than \$5,000 you are not required to have a bond, but you are required to have a bond if you have more than \$5,000. Ensure your Pup Tent votes on whether or not to have a bond if you have less than \$5,000. Please continue to work with your VFW Posts and find atoms to become nits so we can increase and multiply. Have a Lousy September and contact me 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