



**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. 5

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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:

FWW State Commander Homecoming 6-8 OCT 2023

Marriot Riverwalk

889 e. Market St., San Antonio, TX

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) **will not Scratch** in December. PT 13 (Copperas Cove) has changed their Scratch **back** to the **second Sunday** at 10:30 every month.
9. **Commander's Corner:** "Tomb Trek will be held in Wash, DC Nov 3-5. I am excited about participating in this core mission of the Military Order of the Cootie for the first time and laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. There is also a MOC Supreme Council of Administration meeting during Tomb Trek weekend. If you would like to attend Tomb Trek there is still time to get registered. Please ensure you have the latest MOC Supreme By-Laws that are effective July 29, 2023, and were approved at the 104th Supreme Scratch in Tempe, AZ and subsequently by the National VFW Headquarters. Also ensure that you have Supreme Commander Mark Larkin's Program Book for 2023-24. The Supreme By-Laws and Supreme Commander's Program Book can be found on the MOC Supreme Website, www.lotcs.org. The Supreme Commander and Supreme President have a joint program this Cootie year called "Operation Big Boot," which emphasizes Veteran suicide prevention and awareness. All Grands and Pup Tents are encouraged to participate and it's a requirement for All-Star Grand status. I am planning a "Big Boot" event for the Grand of Texas on either Nov. 14 or Dec. 18 at the Austin VA clinic along with the MOCA and VFW Auxiliary—more to follow on details for this. Ensure all Grand General Orders are read at your scratches and archived in your records. We also need to ensure we are completing our Hospital Work and reporting it via the Supreme website online report. Please contact Grand Hospital Chairman and PGC Larry Dayhoff with questions about the Hospital report. Pup Tent inspections are underway—please look for a Grand Line Officer to contact you about your PT inspection."
10. Please go to our Grand website <https://gotcooties.org> Once there click on the button learn more in the Bullhorn square. That will take you to a page that has several links. The first link will take you to a page where you can download all of the general orders for this cootie year. The second link takes you to a page that you can sign up for an email type discussion list. This list is intended for fellow Cooties to send emails to all of the ones on the list. Keep the communication

lines open to share ideas and events. The Third link is where you click to send the email to your fellow list members. Note: I added that to my contact list. I am not currently moderating the email since I trust you folks not to abuse it. The forth link is sign up for an announcement list used by the hospital chairman. I would like all pup tent seam squirrels and hospital chair main to join the list. Some already have. The fifth link is to unsubscribe from the hospital announcement list. If you want any changes, additions, or have complaints please contact webmaster@gotcooties.org so they can be addressed. Past Grand Commander and GOT Webmaster Larry Dayhoff.

11. 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