



**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. 7

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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:

95th Grand of Michigan

**MOC/MOCA VFW National Home
Cootie Christmas Party - December 2, 2023**

**Department of TX VFW
2024 Mid-Winter Conference
Corpus Christi, Texas
Jan 18-20 | Omni Hotel**

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

8. PT 36 (Abilene) **will not Scratch** in December. PT 36 will also hold there January Scratch on 8 January 24, instead of the 1st.
9. **Commander's Corner:** ""Listen Up Grand of Texas: I attended the 88th Annual Tomb Trek at Arlington National Cemetery, Nov 2-5. It was my first and it was an amazing experience. Please consider attending a future Tomb Trek. As we experience the love and joy of the Holiday season, please remember to check in our Comrades and Cooties who are in need and ensure we are reaching out to each other. The Holiday Season can become a dark time for our fellow Cooties. Please look out for each other. Pup Tent Inspections are going well, and we will continue getting these done in December with the goal of completing all PT Inspections prior to December 31 as Supreme is strongly encouraging us to do. I will have the Grand Adjutant send out the Leander hotel information for the Grand Commander/Grand President Homecoming, Feb. 9-10, once I get the official notification about securing 20-30 rooms and the room rate."''
10. Please go the 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 one 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