



**Grand of Texas
Military Order of the Cootie
Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States**

2024-2025 Series General Orders No. 7

DEC 2024

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@hotmail.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. Pup Tent 36 will not be holding a Scratch because of the VFW Christmas Party. PT 13 has changed their Scratch from 8 DEC 2024 to 15 DEC 2024 because of scheduling conflicts.
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:

**96th Grand of Michigan
MOC/MOCA VFW National Home
Cootie Christmas Party - December 7, 2024**

Department of Texas VFW

2025 Mid-Winter Conference
Jan 16 - 18, 2025
Corpus Christi, TX

Grand of Texas Homecoming, 21-23 March 2025, Leander, TX
Holiday Inn Express
247 W. Metro Dr., Leander, TX
Front Desk: 512-690-5678
Email gm.hieleander@gmail.com

Grand of Texas Convention
16-18 May Abilene, TX

La Quinta Inn & Suites
3018 Catclaw Drive, Abilene, Texas 79606
Reservations: 325-238-4185, Group Name: Cootie
Double Queen beds \$75.00 per night plus tax

Candlewood Suites Abilene
3050 Catclaw Drive, Abilene, Texas 79606
Reservations: 325-437-4741, Group Name: Cootie
Single King bed \$75.00 per night plus tax

Arrival date: Friday May 16, 2025 and departure date: 18 May 2025.
Cutoff date for reservations will be Friday 2 May 2025.

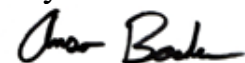
8. All Pup Tents are required to register at least one delegate to the Supreme Scratch per section 531 of the Supreme By-Laws. The Delegate is not required to attend; you still must register one Delegate. Registration forms can be found on LOTCS.ORG
9. **Commander's Corner:** I would like to thank all of you for your outstanding work so far and continue to recruit for the VFW and the Cooties. It is such a blessing to see so many of you and your Pup Tents making hospital visits. Please continue to support the Horney Toad program and get your Cootie Coffee. I pray all of you have a wonderful Christmas spending time with family and friends. Be Blessed and continue to have a lousy year.
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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By Order of:



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Grand Adjutant

Grand Commander