



**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. 8**

**JAN 2025**

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](mailto:bsmock@hotmail.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 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.
6. 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:

**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](mailto: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**

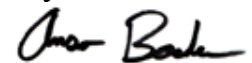
**Arrival date: Friday May 16, 2025 and departure date: 18 May 2025.  
Cutoff date for reservations will be Friday 2 May 2025.**

7. 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
8. **Grand Adjutant:** As a friendly reminder as the New Year begins most Pup Tents should begin there nominations for the upcoming year. Nominations and elections in February with Installation in March. Once Installation is complete send your completed Election Warrant to me or Richard Kennedy, ASAP. Thanks
9. **Commander's Corner:** Everyone is doing a great job on hospital work, please also work on membership if your pup tent is lacking. We need those Cooties so we can complete our hospital work.
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*  
Brian Smock  
Grand Adjutant

By Order of:



Anson Booker  
Grand Commander