



**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. 9**

**FEB 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@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:

**Grand Commander/Grand President Homecoming**  
**9-11 February 2024**  
**Leander, TX**

**MOC/MOCA Grand Convention**  
**31 MAY 2024 – 2 JUN 2024**  
**Copperas Cove, TX 76522**  
**Comfort Inn and Suites**

**VFW 104th State Convention**  
**Dallas, TX**  
**June 6-8, 2024**  
**Hilton Anatole Dallas**  
**Address: 2201 N Stemmons Fwy**  
**Dallas, TX 75207**  
**Phone: (214) 748-1200**

**105<sup>th</sup> Supreme Scratch Hotel**  
**Marriott East Hotel in Louisville**  
**The hotel is located at 1903 Embassy Square Boulevard, Louisville, KY**  
**40299. The phone number is: 502-491-1184.**  
**The room rate is \$154.00 plus tax, the cutoff date for making reservations**  
**is July 5, 2024.**

8. **Grand Adjutant:** Please work on your election Warrants. Get this done and have your Hungry Cootie get the election Warrant to Brian Smock or Richard Kennedy preferably by May. **Also before electing or installing someone ensure their membership is current... Forms can be downloaded at LOTCS.ORG under Pup Tent Forms..**
9. **Commander's Corner:** Grand President Karen Kaylor and I are looking forward to our Grand Homecoming in Leander February 9-11 in Leander. Looking forward to having some good Cootie fun. The Grand of Texas will be getting our 10th Pup Tent (PT) on Saturday, February 17 at 1pm at VFW Post 1806 in Beaumont. They've chosen to be PT 10 and are excited about forming it. All are welcome to attend the institution of PT 10. Please continue to pursue, recruit and retain Cooties in our fertile hunting grounds and finish the Cootie year strong. We initiated 12 new Cooties at the Texas VFW Mid-Winter Conference.
10. Please go the Grand website <https://gotcooties.org> Once there click on the button learn more in the Bullhorn square. Keep the communication lines open to share ideas and events. If you want any changes, additions, or have complaints please contact [webmaster@gotcooties.org](mailto: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