



**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. 9

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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@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. 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:

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.

TX VFW State Convention
4-8 JUN 2025
Hilton Anatole Dallas
Hosted by VFW Post 6380, Jasper, TX

Supreme Convention
14-17 August 2025
Columbus, OH
Registration/Hotel/Banquet can be completed on LOTCS.org

VFW National Convention
9-13 August 2025
Columbus, OH

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:** Lousy, Lousy work was performed again with the Installation of Pup Tent 68, in Frisco, TX. We welcome our newest Cooties! Hospitality Room for Mid-Winter was a great success, a big shut out to District 6 For all their support and the Cooties that assisted. We added 11 more Cooties at Mid-Winter to our crummy ranks and we welcome them. District 10 and 24 are planning to add Pup Tents in the areas very soon. All Pup Tents need to work on their membership and ensue the CCDB is getting those quarterly audits completed. Seam Squirrels ensure this work is completed. Thank you all for all your lousy 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anson Booker", is written over a horizontal line.

Anson Booker
Grand Commander