

Grand of Oklahoma

Listen Cooties,

The end of this program year is near. I wish to say "Thank You" to all of those who participated in our Program Work this year. "Thank You" to those who could attend our Counsel of Administration (CofA) Scratches and Grand Hospital Parties. And to those who did not attend because of other plans, commitments, and illness or held back because of weather conditions "Thank You" for belonging to the Military Order of the Cootie and keeping your local Pup Tent fires burning and caring for veterans.

In regards to having CofA scratches in conjunction with Grand Hospital Parties or in conjunction with the VFW Mid-Winter Conference, I ask that you give it a fair assessment, low attendance does not mean that concurrent with another activity won't work, don't be quick to throw your hands up and say it's a failure. Find out from those who weren't there the next time you see them at your next CofA scratch. I know several of my own Pup Tent Cooties could not attend because of the flu-bug, other plans or commitments. My only intent was to accomplish more with fewer trips.

"Thank You" to KAY Pup-Tent #2, Seam Squirrel Donald Blimm and CCDB Joe Welch. Grand Quartermaster Don Fenter drove me up to Ponca City so we could discuss keeping the Pup-Tent alive. "It's Alive" Don deserves a lot of credit for making this happen.

"Thank You" Troy Hench for your hard work as Hospital Chairman...collecting the reports and maintaining a data base is not an easy task.

Most of all "Thank You" Grand Quartermaster Don Fenter for your time. "Thank You" for being the major player in motivating Pup-Tents to get administrative stuff turned in. Don is always there...always.

In conclusion I feel this year I got off on the wrong foot so to speak. You may not even get this before the Grand Convention. However if nothing else...I hope that Cootie...that is itching too get to a Grand Scratch...finds out... "What The Hell Is Going On"...LOL

Sincerely  
George "Zeke" Morris

2007-2008 General Order #4

16 May 2008

TO BE READ AT YOUR NEXT SCRATCH ACTED UPON, AND FILED.

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1. Grand Convention coming up at VFW Post 9265 in OKC, hosted by Lazy Bug PT #4, May 31 & June 1. The dates and place were announced in General Order #3.

Saturday, May 31, 2008: Nominations and Elections will be held on this day! We will also swear in our officers on this day, have a lunch and hospital visit, and hold our Incoming/Out Going Banquet that evening.

Sunday, June 1, 2008: Memorial Service, Incoming Commander Planning Meeting, Audit, Close.

Attention: See enclosure detailing of What Where & When, accommodations and Points of Contact for the Convention. Please, invite MOC/MOCA members, VFW/VFWA members, and any guest, you so chose, too attend our Banquet & Dance.

2. Give a hearty Oklahoma “Howdy” and a “Warm Fuzzy Feeling” to our special VIP guests...Supreme MOCA President Donna Polestra and our favorite MOC representative Past Supreme Commander Steve Wheeler.
3. Let our Grand Convention Chairman John Roman and Co-Chair Lazy Bug PT #4 Seam Squirrel Lynn Thompson know that you value the hard work they are doing hosting the convention. And, be sure to express your gratitude to the members of PT #4 and of course let us not forget the members of VFW Post 9265 for allowing this convention to be held in the Post Home. Thank you...you are an asset.
4. 14<sup>th</sup> Supreme District Convention “Heads Up”...This convention will be hosted by the Grand of Arkansas on July 18, 19, & 20 in Benton Arkansas and Sponsored by MOC/MOCA Pup-tent # 13. Accommodations at Days Inn 17701 I-30, Benton AK. \$55.00 a night plus tax and \$5.00 extra per night for pets. Reservations call 501.776.3200 or Fax 501.776.0906 mention Rosemary Fasons name or that you are with the Cooties, MOC, MOCA or VFW. Banquet at Western Sizzeling Steak House on July 19 at 6:00pm \$15.00. No other information posted on web site <http://royator.org//14<sup>th</sup>/meeting-p.html>.
5. Catch up on your Hospital Reports and send them to Grand Hospital Chairman Troy Hench [thensch@yahoo.com](mailto:thensch@yahoo.com) his address is 804 SE 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawton, OK. 73501. Give him a call and he will assist you 580.357.9839...final reports include all activity through 30 June 2008. He cannot report if you don't report. Remember this includes nursing homes and homebound not just VA or ODVA. This is what we are here for. “To keep them smiling in beds of white”...right?

6. Attention Pup-tent Blood Chairman. Report your blood donations to the Grand Blood Chairman Tom Blackburn. His address is 4716 S Drexel Ave, OKC, OK. 73119. Any cootie giving blood between 01 July and 30 June 2008 will receive a certificate. The Supreme Blood Program is not part of the Supreme Hospital Program. It is a VFW Post Community activity.
7. Last call for Booster reports. Send to Grand Booster Chairman John Roman 3308 SW 44<sup>th</sup> St, Apt 136, OKC, OK, 73119. He needs them in his hot hands no later than the 26<sup>th</sup> of May.
8. Submit deceased members for Grand Memorial Service. Contact Grand Chaplin John Roman at 405.682.0949 or 405.210.8037.
10. Many heart-filled thanks to all of the MOC/MOCA members who attended the Ardmore Hospital Party.
11. Bad weather and flu contributed to a low turn out at the last C of A that was held at the Biltmore.
12. Unfortunately it looks as though a long established MOCA at Pup-tent #4 is folding. They have a long and appreciated history of Hospital Work. Only a few can do so much...thank you ladies for your dedication at helping our Veterans.
13. We have reached the 100% mark for the Grand but still have Pup Tents who have not made it. It is not too late to give is one last push.
14. Don't forget to get your Raffle tickets. We are behind last year. We need this money to fund our hospital work and Veterans Center Bingo Parties.
15. All Pup Tents are reminded to pay your delegate fees prior to the nominations beginning. Those who are unpaid will not be able to vote for your favorite candidate.
16. This will be the last General Order from this Grand Commander. Be sure to read my outgoing Cover Letter.

Official:

Donald R. Fenter  
Grand QM/Adjutant

George "Zeke" Morris  
Grand Commander

**"Keep' em Smiling in Beds of White"**