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GRAND OF VIRGINIA
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To All Grand Council members, Grand Presidents, Past Grand
Commanders, Seam Squirrels and CCDB's

These Orders are to be read at your next Scratch.

Listen up Cootie; first of all, I would like to commend Past Grand Commander Gene Broughman and his staff on a very enjoyable year. With that being said I would like to introduce this years Grand Staff.

Grand Commander Sterling Moninghoff II
Grand Senior vice CDR Harold (Butch) Schupska
Grand Junior vice CDR Graham Leaver
Grand Quartermaster Gary Dressel
Grand Judge Advocate Conrad Yetter
Grand Surgeon Geri Chapman
Grand Chaplin Edward Powers
Grand Historian Kim Deshano
Grand Council Member #1 Jerry Cotter (PT 16)
Grand Council Member #2 James Spiker (PT 14)
Grand Council Member #3 A Lee McWhoter (PT 7)
Grand Council Member #4 Shirley Brumfield (PT 15)
Grand Council Member #5 Jill Lynch (PT 5)
Grand Adjutant B.J. Richardson
Grand Chief of Staff Brian Bishop
Grand Hospital Chairman Robert Loy
Grand Membership Chairman Harold (Butch) Schupska

The goals for the Grand of Virginia and it's Pup Tents are simple and straight forward for the upcoming year -

- ❖ With the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan we see more of our younger veterans at VA facilities in our area. Most of them are in these facilities without family members there to help and support them in their times of need. We need to continue our support of the VA Medical Centers and the vets that are in the VA facilities. And let's not forget the vets that may be in homes or home bound that would like to see a friendly face from time to time.

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- ❖ Continue to grow as an order. This includes increased membership and possible establishing new Pup Tents within the Grand of Virginia.
- ❖ Supporting our VFW Booster programs for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of America for those courageous men and women who serve and have served our country as we have in the past.
- ❖ Reports, Reports, Reports. As the Grand we need to ensure that all Grand and Pup Tent reports are sent in. This includes Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen, Pup Tent Audit, Pup Tent Inspection, VFW Booster. If the Pup Tent does not have the forms, please contact the Grand Adjutant.
- ❖ Finally and always, to have fun, enjoying what we have experienced, sharing our beliefs, our ideas and our aspirations for the future.

If you have ideas or concerns that you believe may affect the Pup Tent or Grand, please do not keep them to your self. Bring your ideas or concerns to your Pup Tent and or Area Council Member. If you do not receive an adequate response I will always be available, by phone or e-mail moninghoffl@comcast.net and in person to share your ideas and your concerns.

There are some important dates in the upcoming year that I would like you to move to the front burner at each and every scratch.

The first is and most important to us as Cooties and to our organization and the Nation. Tomb Trek will be held on November 2-4 2007 at the Doubletree in Crystal City, (703) 416-4100. I would ask that we get maximum participation from all Cooties in Virginia. The Grand of Virginia has always in the past shown to be the best hospitality room and I would like to continue this example of camaraderie.

The Annual Cootie Safari date is August 25th, 2007. The safari will start at Post # 3160. The departure time is set at 10:00 am. The safari will traverse the Norfolk area Pup Tents.

The cost for the trip is \$ 20.00 for the bus

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If you have any question please contact Gerri Chapman at E-Mail danielgerri@msn.com or 757-480-5996.

The Next Grand Meeting will be held in Williamsburg, 16-18 January 2008.

Grand Fun day; The Virginia Grand Fun Day will be held at Post 4809 in Norfolk, Va. on Feb.23,2007. For further information please contact Pup Tent 2 Seam Squirrel Gary Messersmith at m.messersmith@cox.net or 757-479-2551.

The State Convention will again be in Richmond 12-15 June 2008.

The Grand had an exceptional hospitality room again. I would like to that all that made it a great success. Thanks to Past Grand Commander Ralph Steinway Ralph and Grand Senior vice Commander Butch Schupska with the bar tending, and lets not forget the person that without him and his significant other we would not be so successful, Grand Quartermaster Gary Dressel and Delpha Martin.

I would like to address membership. As stated in our Rituals "What is the first great duty of all true Nits? To increase and multiply." We must recruit to remain a viable entity. Members of the VFW who exhibit the traits of loyalty, diligence, hard work and selfless behavior to the VFW should be given the opportunity to become members of the Honor Degree. I ask each of you to actively recruit this year to begin this building for the present and future of our organization.

Also in reference to e-mail, we still do not have e-mail addresses for all Seam Squirrels and CCDB's and all Grand Officers. Please send e-mail to moninghoffl@comcast.net so that we (the Grand) may have direct e-mail communication with you.

I close in the wish that we can make this a building year for the future. With your help and perseverance we can continue to "Keep Em Smiling in Beds of White".

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Yours in L.O.T.C.S.

Official:

By Order Of:

B. J. Richardson
Grand Adjutant

Sterling J. Moninghoff II
Grand Commander

Attachments: N/A

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