



GRAND OF WASHINGTON DESK OF THE SEAM SQUIRREL

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

1. Having been duly elected by the delegates of the Grand Scratch and installed by the Supreme Seam Squirrel, I hereby assume command of the Grand of Washington, Military Order of the Cootie, for the 2026-2027 term.
2. **CALL TO THE SCRATCH:** Attention all crummy, lousy Cooties of the Grand of Washington! It is time to crawl out of the woodwork, dust off those red hats, oil your kazoos, and prepare for another term. All subordinate Pup Tents are hereby commanded to immediately submit current audits, and forward their updated, nit-picked rosters straight to Grand Headquarters. Do not make us send the executioner!
3. **NERF GUN SAFETY RESTRICTIONS:** For the physical safety and mental sanity of all comrades in attendance, modified or "amped-up" Nerf guns are strictly prohibited from all Grand Scratches. All plastic projectile launchers brought into the swamp must be purely stock equipment, purchased directly off the retail shelf. Any Cootie caught wielding a souped-up, hyper-velocity blaster will have their weapon summarily confiscated by the Grand Provost Marshal (or Jimmy Legs) and will face a severe fine in crumminess.
4. **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED:** The Grand of Washington extends a hearty, itching congratulations to the newly elected Grand Line Officers who have stepped up to lead our glorious swamp for the 2026-2027 term. May these fine, infested Cooties survive their time in office

Grand Seam Squirrel (Commander): DREW JAMES

Grand Blanket Bum (Senior Vice Commander): FRANK PERSA

Grand Hide Gimlet (Junior Vice Commander): ZZACHARY MCDONNEL

Grand Quartermaster (Treasurer): HARDY NETTLES

Grand Sky Pilot (Chaplain): DALE IANNELLO

Grand Shyster (Judge Advocate): HOLLY PIERCE

Grand Pill Pusher (Surgeon): LINDA RAIRBANK



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Grand Historian (Records): RICH ANGELI

Grand Chief of Staff: HARDY NETTLES

Grand Hungry Cootie (Adjutant): JEFF BYRD

Grand Inspector/Gnome: ALEC HAGGERTY

Grand Hospital Chairman: RICH KLUG

Grand Membership Chairman: JESSE ATKINS

Grand Blood Chairman (Vampire): JOSH WHEELDON

5. **MANDATORY KAZOO REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION:** To preserve the absolute chaos of our grand traditions, all Cooties attending the upcoming Grand Scratch must have their official kazooos inspected and tuned by the Grand Inspector prior to entering the swamp. Any kazoo found to be cracked, out of tune, or lacking proper spit-valve clearance will be confiscated. Offending Cooties will be forced to perform the official Cootie "backward crawl" down the main aisle while humming the Battle Hymn of the Republic into a broken toilet paper roll.
6. **THE GRAND QUARTERMASTER'S BAIT AND SWITCH:** To ensure absolute security of Grand assets, the Grand Quartermaster is hereby authorized to store all financial ledgers, checkbooks, and secret cash reserves inside a rusted, unlabeled tin coffee can buried at an undisclosed location somewhere near Puget Sound. Any Cootie attempting to audit the books without bringing a peace offering of stale donuts or a shiny, un-circulated wooden nickel will be forced to swallow a live nightcrawler or balance a wet mop on their nose for the duration of the treasury report.
7. **RED HAT GRAVITATIONAL TESTING:** All official red Cootie covers must be worn at a rakish angle that defies both military regulations and basic laws of physics. The Grand Chief of Staff will be roaming the floor with a protractor. Any hat found sitting perfectly level on a member's noggin will be deemed "dangerously sensible" and subject to an immediate payload of confetti from the nearest available blaster.
8. **HOSPITAL WORK:** Our motto remains *Industry, Comradeship, and Perseverance*. As the "Honor Degree of the VFW," our primary mission is to visit our hospitalized veterans and keep 'em smiling. Pup Tents must maintain their hospital quotas and



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turn in their crummy reports on time (10th of the month). Let us continue to ensure no hospitalized veteran feels forgotten.

9. **MEMBER RECRUITMENT:** The Honor Degree is exclusive but always looking for the right kind of troublemaker. Identify the hard workers in your local VFW Post and bring them into the swamp!
10. **GRAND APPLE PROGRAM:** All Pup Tents are encouraged to support the Grand Apple Program, which benefits the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Donations can be submitted to the CCDB.
11. **CRUMMY RAGS & NEWS:** Ensure your Pup Tent's activities are submitted to the Cootie Courier for a dose of "crummy news unfit to print".
12. Fall C of A
 1. October 16th-17th 2026, Bellingham at Puptent 18
13. Winter C of A
 1. March 12th-13th 2027, McCleary at Puptent 5
14. Spring C of A
 1. May 1st-2nd 2027, Skyway at Puptent 11

Yours in Lousiness,

Drew James
Grand Seam Squirrel
Grand of Washington
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Jeffrey Byrd
Grand Hungry Cootie
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