



**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE
OF THE UNITED STATES
GRAND PUP TENT OF WASHINGTON**

January 2026

GENERAL ORDER # 3 Linda Fairbank COMMANDER 2025-2026
TO BE READ AT THE NEXT PUP TENT SCRATCH

It is with deep sadness to announce that Supreme Commander Eric Bell passed away in his sleep on January 19, 2026. He is survived by his wife and teenage son. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: 37975 Grantland St. Livonia, MI 48150. A link to donate to help with funeral arrangements has been set up <https://givebutter.com/1nfPXZ>

- #1. **Hospital work:** Listen Cooties you have been lousy at hospital work and caring for America's Veterans. Currently Washington is at \$363,699.71 total monies which is 551.06% of our goal. Every Pup Tent is responsible to report the hospital work that is done. If your pup tent is behind on reporting contact the Hospital Chairman Richard Klug at 253-383-4036 / r.klug@comcast.net for help.
- #2. **Big Boot:** Feb 21st 11am-3pm Oak Harbor Post 7392, 3037 Goldie Rd Oak Harbor to support suicide prevention. Show your support and plan to attend. Donations can be sent to the Grand Quartermaster.
- #3. **Audits:** Quarterly audits are due to the Grand Quartermaster
Hardy Nettles
2747 Mt. Baker Hwy.
Bellingham, WA 98226
Email: lorinhardy@yahoo.com Phone:360-961-6411

No Later than 30 days after the end of the quarter
(30 April, 31 July, 31 Oct, and 31, Jan)

Pup Tents that do not have audits to the Grand Quartermaster will not be allowed to vote.

- #4. **Membership:** Dues payments with appropriate transmittal forms, need to be sent directly to the Grand Quartermaster:

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| + Pup Tent | PT # | Goal | % | Current Active | Gold Star Goal + 2 |
|-----------------|------|------|-------|----------------|--------------------|
| Yur-a-bum | 3 | 64 | 43.75 | 61 | 66 |
| Tacoma Warriors | 4 | 22 | 90.91 | 19 | 24 |
| Sasquatch | 5 | 23 | 65.22 | 17 | 25 |
| Van Orc | 6 | 33 | 90.91 | 33 | 35 |
| Engine #7 | 7 | 16 | 93.75 | 18 | 18 |
| Crazy Eights | 8 | 29 | 65.52 | 21 | 31 |
| Heap Good | 9 | 37 | 97.30 | 35 | 39 |
| Lucky Eleven | 11 | 33 | 93.94 | 29 | 35 |
| Chuckanut | 18 | 31 | 96.77 | 30 | 33 |

Cooties now is the time to focus on our membership. Who have we not heard from or seen? Contact those members who have not renewed their membership. Two thirds of our Pup Tents are getting close to your membership goals. Who in our Posts and Districts would be great Cooties. Have they been invited? The Grand Quartermaster is sending out the current membership from Supreme.

Please review the report for errors. I noticed that none of the PT's have any new members reported which I know is an error by reviewing my PT. I also noticed the % and the active members do not match. Send errors found to the Grand Quartermaster. He will work Supreme to get them corrected.

- #5. **Supreme and Grand assessments:** Assessments are coming due. The Grand Quartermaster will be sending out notices for each PT.
- #6. **990:** Ensure your Pup Tent's 990 is current with the IRS
- #7. **Grand Special Hospital Project:** Is the Memory Care/Dementia Unit at the Washington State Veterans Home (Retsil) in Port Orchard.
- #8. **Schedule of events:** Is provided for planning purposes and will be fully detailed prior to the event.
All times and places subject to change

| DATE | EVENT | PLACE | TIME |
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| 2026 | | | |
| Jan 31 | Commander/President Fund Raiser for the Special Project | | |
| Feb 1 | Official Visit PT | McCleary Post 5564 | 1:00pm |
| Feb 21 | Big Boot | Oak Harbor Post 7392 | 11am-3pm |
| Feb 28-Mar 5 | Washington Conference | Washington DC | |
| Mar 6-7 | Spring C of A | | |
| Mar 6 | Registration/Food | McCleary Post 5564 | 5pm-7pm |
| Mar 7 | Registration | McCleary Post 5564 | 8am-9:30am |
| Mar 7 | Scratch/Meeting | McCleary Post 5564 | 10am |
| | Lunch | McCleary Post 5564 | 1 PM following meetings |
| | May 1-2 | Grand Convention | |
| May 1 | Registration/Food | Bellingham Post 1585 | 5pm-7pm |
| Mar 2 | Registration | Bellingham Post 1585 | 8am-9:30am |
| Mar 2 | Scratch/Meeting | Bellingham Post 1585 | 10am |

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| Apr | Lunch | Bellingham Post 1585 |
| June 18-21 | Grand of Oregon Convention | |
| July 25-29 | VFW Convention Wenatchee | |
| July 30-Aug 2 | VFW National Convention | Reno, NV |
| | 107 th Supreme Scratch | Reno, NV |

BY COMMAND OF:

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Washington Grand Commander**