



*Military Order of the Cootie  
Grand of Arizona*



## **Crummy wishes and a lousy day to you all!**

A few important things to start the year on the right (or left?) leg need to be covered in plain speak. This is the first installment of expectations for us all this year, I would believe proper dissemination of information would be for this to not only be emailed to your entire membership, AS WELL AS BE READ BY THE SEAM SQUIRREL AT YOUR NEXT SCRATCH. (The official communications part).

### **Grand Commander of AZ Brandt's General Orders #1:**

Our Grand “marching orders” (ANY and ALL official communications) need to be submitted to the MOCGrandAZ.Org emails listed for our current officers.

ALL official Grand communications will be sent from MOCGrandAZ.Org emails. ALL OTHER PAST EMAILS ARE OFFICIALLY OBSOLETE AND DECOMMISSIONED (other than old file storage).  
**DO NOT USE THEM!**

Anything submitted to Supreme needs to be submitted to the Grand Adj/CCDB for record keeping as well as situational transparency, proper use of chain of command, open communication, integrity and proper hand-off of information/lessons learned at command changes in the future.

The MOC has a chain of command structure, USE IT! If you feel you have done all you can to handle a situation/question at the lowest level, then writing a statement/ submitting a request to the



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MOCGrandAZ.Org email address that corresponds to the appropriate officer is the appropriate action. Solutions do not happen overnight, but all efforts will be made by the Grand of AZ TEAM to ensure that solutions are found and executed accordingly. There will be no “passing the buck”, it takes us all to make the MOC the HONOR DEGREE.

Bring your “Casual” Cootie getup (Cap, vest, polo, whatever combo thereof is your version of being a Cootie without having to go full uniform, although you can if you want) for the Other Organization’s events so we can bug out and collect some fines and new recruits while doing what we do for the other guy. Be watching for the Cootie Crew to show up near you..

ONLY use YOUR OWN NAME. Integrity matters! As a team we set the standards of where we are and where we want to be headed as a Grand.

It is up to each of us to continue to have a moral compass we can be proud of while upholding the oaths we have all taken to participate in the positions we have agreed to.

From Pup Tent member to the Supreme Commander- EVERY position has a voice and a part to play in the success of our mission.

Be PROUD of your position and fulfill YOURS to the best of your abilities. If we all do this then we WILL be successful! We are in this together, we are a team!

**And FINALLY.....**

Commander Call and response: Be prepared to give a boisterous and startling sound-off of “Busier than a bee!” while out and about.



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You never know when Grand CDR Brandt will give a “Closer than a brother” just to test who is sleeping... is it us or the other organization? It will be telling whether we have Comrades needing to change their drawers or there are 2 nits with a voice being looked at crazy.

Let's make an earnest effort at getting the other organization jealous of the ridiculously fun comradery we have while holding the hard earned and historied title of being the VFW's Honor Degree!

**COMMANDER'S FIRST QUARTER CHALLENGE 2024:**

For every cootie in AZ to recruit another cootie before our next CofA in Sept.... Try to get that newbie for a Pup Tent other than your own! Spread the support to your brother or sister Pup Tent, let's show that we are a united team. It's about ALL of us, not just ourselves.

**Commander's "mini mission"**, should you choose to accept it... MOC and MCI's. A request has been received for “Memory Care Items” when we do hospital/home visits. Many have enough socks and hygiene items from so many amazing groups already.

Something that often gets overlooked, not covered by grants or insurance and would be a major benefit to many in the different homes and hospitals is what is being described as “Memory Care Items”... What exciting new drive/attention/item idea can you bring to help offset this growing need for MCI's that is silently making many miserable. Let's be closer than brothers and get busier than bees and see what we can come up with to provide this comfort to those who need it!

Deuce Brandt Grand Commander of AZ 2024