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GRAND COMMANDER SWIERZEWSKI



Listen Cooties,

In straight talk, I want to congratulate the Cooties of Kuripots, PT 11 from Olongapo for a great Grand Social and Grand Scratch. For all of the Cooties who attended the events, I thank you. Now is the time for the Seam Squirrels and other members of our great Pup Tents to start working on those award packages. Let's all make that effort to recognize those Cooties out there who bust their butt every year and deserve our recognition.

It is also the time that we start thinking about running for an elected position as a Grand Officer for the next year. If you are interested in running for a position and want more information, please feel free to contact any of this year's officers.

For those Pup Tents who have not submitted any audit reports or booster reports this year, I urge you to get them completed and submitted. It doesn't take that much effort or time, and is necessary for the good order of the Grand. If you are having problems, please contact me.

The 3rd Degree password was sent out to all Seam Squirrels at both your Grand email address as well as the email address you listed on your General Orders or Installation Warrant. If you haven't received it, contact the Adjutant.

The next big event on the horizon will be the Annual Convention and Grand Scratch to be held in Angeles, Philippines this year and will be hosted by Post 2485 and Mighty Pinatubo PT 15. I look forward to seeing all of you in June. Keep checking the Department Website for the Registration form that should be on-line soon. Until then, "Keep em Smiling in Beds of White". Continue to provide those Hospital Reports to our recovering Hospital Chairman Don and keep recruiting those VFW members for our host Posts. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization, so let's all make the effort to get those deserving members of our Posts into our Pup Tents.

Let's work together this year – let's communicate, - and let's remember that Veterans are Our Priority

Yours in L.O.T.C.S - Kenneth P. Swierzewski - **Big Bug**

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SUPREME DISTRICT 15 COUNCILMAN MALOTT



Listen Cooties,

What can I say about the C of A? Great hotel accommodations, superb banquet and Grand Social all arranged by the VFW Comrades and MOC Cooties of Barrio Barretto. Simply fantastic job!

The year is half behind us now and soon we will be looking for interested members to serve at the Pup Tent and Grand levels. I encourage everyone to consider serving the MOC as an officer or chairman. One cannot measure the rewards in dollars and sense, but the feeling one achieves in helping others through the MOC is an even greater reward.

Sooner than realized we will be filling the seams of our Grand, scratching and carrying on in a manner only a Cootie can understand. Just the way it should be.

Please continue to support your VFW Posts and the MOC VFW Booster and Hospital Programs.

Thank you each for all you do for the VFW and MOC.

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

Jim Malott
Council Bug

GRAND SR. VICE MITCHELL

Greetings Fellow Cooties,



It was great to see you at the recent C of A? I look forward to seeing even more of you at the Grand Scratch in June.

Keep the VFW Booster reports coming in. It is one of our big programs and is a means to show how much the Cooties do for our VFW Posts.

Happy New Year to All!

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

Al Mitchell
Middle Bug

JR. VICE COMMANDER HUMFLEET



Listen up Cooties. In "Cootie Talk" I just want to let all you coots know that I had a really lousy time at the December scratches. I didn't drink enough "Jack" or "SMB" and really had a hard time sleeping at night. The slimy, slippery, and unrealistic ramblings within the cootie gatherings, as always, was miserable and somewhat buggy. The only thing that didn't need improving was the outside noise and traffic.

Now that I've had my say, in "Cootie Talk", in "Strait Talk" I would like to thank the Coots from Pup Tent 11 for their hospitality and the hard work they did in hosting the C of A in Olongapo. I am sure that all who attended the events appreciated their hard work.

A few years ago, a comrade wrote about using "GoodSearch", a search engine Powered by "Yahoo" to gain revenue for the VFW. According to GoodSearch, each Web search would generate approximately \$0.01 for the designated charity or school. I don't know if, at that time, this source of revenue also included the MOC but, now it does. Go to the Supreme MOC Web Site at www.lotcs.org and click on "Help the MOC every time you search the Web!"

Cooties, whether you use "GoodSearch" for the VFW or the MOC, this is a way to help generate additional income for National or Supreme.

Now let me say a few words about the Awards Program. I've received one input regarding the requirements for the CCDB recommendation. The requirement that the Pup Tent be 100% for him/her to be recommended has been removed. The CDs I gave out at the Cootie meeting was just a preliminary 1st draft, which I had hoped would generate some feedback. I am still working on the Pup Tent and Seam Squirrel recommendations and the New Cootie length of time requirement for recommendation. Should it be 6 months, 12 months, or 16 months after achieving 3rd degree? If you have any recommendations, please send them to me at: Oldsalt@ms78.hinet.net and I'll let you know what the final requirements will be. Remember that March 1 is the deadline for feedbacks on the Awards Program. In the meantime keep up the good work by supporting the VFW and continue to **"Keep them Smiling in beds of White."**

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

Orville
Little Bug



SKY PILOT ODEN

Listen Up Cooties,

Sky Pilot's Prayer!

Let us all pause for a few moments of silence to pay our respects for our following comrades who have made their final roll call:

George J. Pipas, a Life Member of Post 9951 and Maeng Das Pup Tent #6 passed away on 24 July 2008. He was a WWII Veteran and owner of the Lone Star Bar in Washington Square. Many of afternoon and quiet evenings were passed at the Lone Star and George will be greatly missed.

Sky Pilots, if you are aware of any Cooties who are members of your Pup Tent that have passed away since 1 June, please fill out the Death Notice form that is found on the Grand Website and send a copy of it to me so I can publish the information in the Rim of Fire.

Post Chaplains, please use the TAPS Form located at the Department Web Site – if you have the capability of scanning it in, please do so and send it to me, again so I can publish the information in the Rim of Fire.

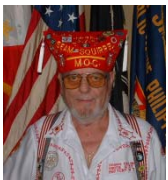
If you have any questions, please contact me.

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

Comradeship,

James Oden
Sky Pilot Bug

GRAND QUARTERMASTER HILLIARD



Greetings fellow Cooties,

I hope you are all recovering from our holiday season refreshed. We are on the final leg of this year for all of our programs.

That means that we don't have much time left to complete our work. Most Pup Tents have not submitted their NHSP donations. That is one area that the Pup Tent can get help from any cootie they have on the rolls... simply get them to join the Paddy Daddy for \$25, and the Pup Tent will get \$15 credit for NHSP. Each Pup Tent had a quota of \$1 per cootie that was on their rolls as of June 30, 2008. Let's get this area caught up quickly. Remember that you have to submit your Paddy Daddy

applications to Pup Tent 2, and they will in turn submit them to me to include in your quota.

We have just finished another quarter for auditing purposes. I have already gotten several audits submitted to me via email. That is great! However, we still have some Pup Tents that haven't submitted their first audit this year. That is not good! All Squirrels and CCDB's please give this area your attention and get them submitted.

Pup Tents should begin thinking about submitting their award packages as the Grand will again desire to present awards to all deserving cooties. This is our biggest budget expense of the year, and rightly so. Having sat in on the selection boards in the past, I know from experience that we are needlessly neglecting some of our greatest assets. Those are the cooties who are deserving but not recommended. Please submit your packages. We owe it to those who are doing all of the work.

There is still plenty of time left to attend to our membership quotas. On the plus side is that with few exceptions, most Pup Tents have been submitting their transmittals. Unfortunately, this must be done by snail mail. Hence, we need to start wrapping up our membership sooner. I need to have all our last transmittals by Mid May at the latest. This is so that we can get them forwarded to Supreme and processed by them. Supreme doesn't have much staff and sometimes, especially at the end of the year they are so stretched that many transmittals fall through the crack, and leave us with inaccurate end of year numbers to compute all our next year with. Please submit your transmittals now.

In closing I would like to say that it was a pleasure to see so many cooties from the Grand at the Council of Administration in Subic last month. I met a few new ones, which left me smiling as I realize they will be our future.

I remain available always to assist any Pup Tent in need. I will do all that I can, but as some know, we sometimes are overwhelmed by the system. As long as we continue to work together we will succeed.

Yours in L.O.T.C.S., and Cheers,

Frank B. Hilliard IV
Duffle Bug



GRAND HISTORIAN JOHNSON



Cooties:

The Grand History is up to date through 2007-08 and has been posted on the Grand Webpage. I encourage all to take a look at it. There are still some blank spots in the early days, so if you can fill them please notify me. If anyone has anything from the past that they think is significant to the Grand History I encourage you to pass it along. Unfortunately the Pup Tent histories are not in as good shape. Four Pup Tents have done absolutely nothing, five are missing the last several years, and only one is completely up to date. I cannot do it for you so get busy.

Old Newz Bug

GRAND SURGEON MITCHELL



Listen up you Ole Coots,

Happy New Year to each of you!! As the Casualty Assistance Representative and Survivor Benefits Counselor here at Yokota Air Base, Japan, I deal with life issues every day. I am encouraging everyone to walk or do some type of exercise each day. Please read the following article and I hope you do the right thing to stay, keep, or even attempt to get in shape with a little exercise. Please contact me for any questions. kevin.mitchell@yokota.af.mil

L.O.T.C.S.

**Kevin E. Mitchell
Medic Bug**

Heart disease: Walking for a healthy heart

Walking is a form of aerobic exercise and is one of the easiest ways to increase your physical activity and improve your health. Physical activity increases your heart rate, strengthens your heart, and increases blood circulation through your body, bringing more oxygen and nutrients to your organs. Exercise also increases your lungs' ability to take in oxygen, lowers blood pressure, helps to reduce body fat, and improves blood sugar and cholesterol levels.

Key points:

- Have a checkup before beginning an exercise program. If you have heart problems, your doctor may want to do tests to find out how much activity your heart can safely handle.

- Start out slowly at first, with a warm-up in the beginning, a faster pace in the middle, and a cool down at the end.
- To stay motivated, walk with friends, coworkers, or pets. Set goals you can reach.
- Use a pedometer to count your steps. Wear it all day and try to take at least 2,000 more steps a day than you normally do, and gradually increase your steps over time.
- Try to walk briskly for at least 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week or more. Work up to 60 minutes, if possible.
- A recent study shows that if you have heart problems, a home walking program may be as beneficial as participating in a hospital- or clinic-based cardiac rehabilitation program.¹ This can be important for people who don't have access to organized cardiac rehab.

GRAND NEWSHOUND MALOTT



Cooties,

Please mark your calendars to ensure you have time to prepare your inputs to the ROF. I would like to thank Cooties Humfleet, Webster, Mitchell, Johnson, Hilliard and Oden for submitting their articles on time. Those Cooties remiss need to expend some duffle and buy a calendar.

Please check your calendar for the next publication scheduled for March 15, 2009. Inputs are requested by 10th.

It was a real treat to see so many of you at the midterm C of A in Barrio Barretto, my old stomping grounds.

LETTERS OF INTENT

Letters of intent to run for an elected position can be printed in the March and May Rim of Fire editions.

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

**Jim Malott
Newz Bug**



GRAND HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN WEBSTER

**Hospital Report
December 2008**

PT STANDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

Standing	PT#	% of Quota	Dollars Needed For Quota
1 st	#7	171%	-\$10,805.85
2 nd	#6	123%	-\$2,014.50
3 rd	#11	86%	\$1,295.63
4 th	#12	85%	\$1,257.10
5 th	#15	73%	\$2,838.35
6 th	#8	73%	\$3,925.72
7 th	#303	55%	\$4,453.95
8 th	#1	49%	\$25,596.25
9 th	#2	37%	\$4,148.20
10 th	#10	25%	\$8,808.65
Grand Total		64%	\$58,958.70

Congratulations to Pup Tents #7 and #6 which have both already exceeded 100%. The figures in red above indicate the amount of dollar credits each Pup Tent still needs to reach 100% by the June Scratch. Pup Tents #11, #12, #15 and #8 are on the right track and should have no problem in exceeding 100% by the June scratch. Pup Tents #303, #1, #3 and #10 all have some "catching up" to do. The figures that will apply at the June Scratch will be those reported through May 2009. That means that there are still five more months to go to reach and exceed quota. As of 31 December Grand is at 64%. That is about 2% below the same time last term.

HOSPITAL AWARDS

The following Hospital awards are being offered this term:

SUPREME:

1. Supreme Certificate to each PT achieving 100% or more.
2. Supreme Certificate to each PT Chairperson whose PT achieves 100% or more.
3. Supreme Certificate to Grand Chairman if Grand achieves 100% or more.
4. The Grand that takes first place in its division will receive a Supreme plaque.

GRAND AWARDS:

1. Grand Plaque to PT achieving highest percentage over 100%
2. Grand Plaque to any PT achieving 300% or more by the end of May 2009.
3. Worker awards – Cooties participating in 25 or more hospital visits through May 2009 will receive a Grand Hospital Worker’s patch
4. Worker Awards – Cooties participating in 12 or more hospital visits through May 2009 will receive a Grand Hospital Worker’s pin.

The Worker Awards listed in 3 and 4 above will be determined from the Cootie Workers reported in the monthly reports to Grand.

**Keep Them Smiling
In Beds of White**

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

Don Webster
Hospital Bug

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(Active PGCs/Located within our fertile hunting grounds in Red)

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Deceased

GUY H. GALE 1969-1970
Deceased

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JOHN F. TRAVERS 1972-1973
Deceased

WALTER M. JOHNSON 1983-1984
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Nakaku-Yokuho, Japan

RAPHAEL G. DELRIO 1973-1974
Address Unknown

HARRY A. BOWSER 1984-1985
Deceased

RAPHAEL VILLAR 1974-1975
(Address Unknown)

CHARLES B. JOHNSON 1985-1986
Grand of Maryland Fertile Hunting Grounds

EVERETT R. SPRAGUE 1975-1976
Deceased

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Deceased

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