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“Veterans are Our Priority”

Grand Commander Hubbard receiving his PGC pin from PGC Webster



Commander B.K. Hubbard
Grand of Pacific Areas
2001-03

Bobby Kent B.K. Hubbard “Hub” was “The Man.” Hub, was amongst my closest of friends and a totally unforgettable wonderful human being.

A salty sailor, thru and thru, he loved to use his nautical jargon as part of his persona. He delighted friends and acquaintances with his enjoyable “sea” stories of his varied romances and the successes and more than often non-successes. A North Carolina boy who emulated the image of a “down to earth” guy; he hated meat-loaf but loved white wine, Bloody Mary’s and

his favorite nurses (whether they worked in the traditional medical field or, as happened most of the time, in Hub’s non-traditional medical service.) He believed there should always be a work place for youthful nurses.

You could not find a better friend or a person who looked out for those around him. A Senior Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, Hub epitomized the term “True Leader.” When Hub spoke, people listened. However, even more than that, when people spoke to him, he listened.

After a distinguished naval career, Hub dedicated himself to his other love, serving veterans. He was a supportive member of the American Legion China Post #1. However, he was a major force in the Veteran’s of Foreign Wars (VFW). Hub, as he did in the Navy, worked his way up from the smallest of jobs to some of the highest positions of leadership.

Hub, commanded VFW Posts and Districts throughout Asia. He was a powerhouse of leadership in the Philippines, where he also was elected as the MOC (VFW Honor Organization) Grand Commander for the Department of Pacific Areas. His remaining years continued with his passionate work as Commander of VFW District V, Department of the Pacific. The District now ranks as one of the best if not “The Best” of VFW Districts in the Pacific Area. Even with failing health, Hub strived on and traveled to all the Posts from the far North of Thailand to the Capital of Cambodia. We all truly profited from his work, dedication and caring.

Just a couple of weeks prior to his passing, Hub was devastated by the loss of his daughter to cancer. Hub loved his family and cherished their lives.

Bobby Kent “Hub” Hubbard died painlessly of a massive heart attack on the 28th of March, 2009; but remains in our memories as “The Man” with the Biggest, Healthiest, and Kindest Heart of all.

Your friends, family, nurses and everyone associated with you, miss you “big guy” and wish you smooth sailing forever.



Bless you Hub,

Bear

Grand Commander Hubbard

May 2003 Rim of Fire

Listen Up Cooties,

Well, we have almost finished another Cootie year. In a little over 5 weeks we will be in Pattaya for the Grand Scratch. I hope a good number of you can be there.

Membership. We always talk about membership. Sometimes we get wrapped up in membership and tend to forget all the great things Cooties in the Grand of the Pacific do. But, alas, as in our parent organization the VFW, it all starts with membership. Currently (9 May) we are one short of being 100%. As of the end of March the Grand of Georgia was already at 101% and the Grand of Missouri at 100% in our division so the best we can hope for in membership is 2nd place or, more likely 3rd place. A 3rd place for the Grand of the Pacific kind of sticks in my craw.

Hospital. In my opinion this is one we can really be proud of. Our Grand is now at 120.07% and that puts us ahead of the record we set last year by 0.8%. We still have two more PT reports due for April and then all of May and June so we should have an outstanding year in hospital credits. All Pup Tents and especially the Pup Tent Hospital Chairman are to be commended. Bravo Zulu to all concerned (I love that nautical talk)

Awards. In this one, we don't fair so well. For some reason this Grand is reluctant to recognize our Cooties. Earlier this year I requested nominations for Supreme appointments; this is a way to reward quality people. I got SIX, repeat SIX nominations from the entire Grand. I would like to see this situation rectified and our deserving Cooties recognized. Besides Supreme Appointments another way to recognize quality work is the Grand Awards. Get out and write those awards. When SVC McGurk convenes the Grand Awards Committee, I would like to see him overwhelmed with nominations.

Due to the SARS scare, Supreme in its own wisdom and without consulting our Grand or Department Surgeons decided not to send a representative to the Grand Scratch. Past Supreme Commander Gary Straus is paying his own way over here to be the Supreme Representative.

The Grand Social is 15 June at the Harley Bar in Pattaya. I have requested that all Pup tents purchase at least five tickets for the Social and donate items for door prizes and the auction. Remember, raising money with this fundraiser is better than head tax.

The Grand Scratch will be at the Pattaya Twin Hotel in Pattaya Beach, Thailand on 17 June. I hope I see you there.

This is my last article as Grand Commander. I want to say it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Grand Commander the last two years. I hope you give Frank Sass all your support.

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

B.K. Hubbard

Grand Commander

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GRAND COMMANDER SWIERZEWSKI



Listen Cooties,

As I write my final article as your Grand Commander, I am pleased to announce that all Installation Warrants except for Pup Tent 12 have been submitted. All of the Pup Tent Inspections have been completed except for Pup Tent 10 & 12. Pup Tent 10's Inspection report will be finished this week.

If you haven't had a chance to check out the new Supreme web site, I encourage you to do so. The Supply catalog is back up on line.

Our Grand Membership stands at 89.46% for the year with PT 8 currently the only Pup Tent over 100%. PT's 1,6,7,11 and 303 are all within shouting distance of 100%. I encourage you all to make those final transmittals to get your PT up to 100%.

Our Hospital Reporting is a different story – we are currently at 56.14% - now you can look at it 2 ways. 1. No one is getting sick and requiring visits, or 2. We are simply not providing that information to our Hospital Chairman's to report. I strongly encourage every Cootie out there to make sure that you are reporting the fine work that I know you are doing.

As I look back on this year, I am proud of the accomplishments of the Grand. We all have worked hard and continue to support our host VFW Post's in our usual outstanding manner. We all need to work together to make the MOC and the Grand a stronger organization. Let's cultivate that new young talent out there in our VFW Post's and encourage them to become members of the MOC.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Grand Scratch in June. We are once again being blessed with the presence of PSC Steve Mason as the Supreme Commander's representative. I think he has attended more of our Grand Scratches than most of our Grand Cooties have. Let's all put our petty jealousies aside and come together to make this a Grand Scratch that will be remembered for years to come. I want to thank each and every one of you who have given me the support to lead you this year. I would also like to thank those few who have enjoyed making it more of a challenge this year.

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

Kenneth P. Swierzewski

**SUPREME DISTRICT 15
COUNCILMAN MALOTT**



Listen Cooties,

Cooties we lost some fine Cooties and not many finer than PGC B.K. Hubbard. The Cooties lost a real gem and us Navy veterans and the Navy lost a real shipmate. I shall miss him more

than words can express.

It wasn't that long ago when Hub asked me, Jim, what do you think about me running for Grand JVC? I could not have been more pleased with his genuine interest and dedication to our organization. I slapped him on the back and let him know it was full steam ahead. To Hub and our other cooties who have crossed over the horizon, wishing you smooth seas and following winds.

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

Jim Malott - **Council Bug**

**GRAND SR. VICE
COMMANDER MITCHELL**



**GRAND JR. VICE
COMMANDER HUMFLEET**

Listen up Cooties.

The 2008-2009 year will soon be History, bringing to a close another year of scratching at the seams and roaming the fertile hunting grounds in search of worthy nits to become full-fledged Coots and carry on the honored tradition that has made the Military Order of the Cooties of the Grand of Pacific the best there is. For some Pup Tents, it hasn't been an easy year.

Loss of eligible VFW members has made recruiting difficult. But, for Pup Tents in areas where prospects were available; it was just a matter of using the right verbiage and those coots with verbal diarrhea were able to bring in the much needed new blood.

Cooties, if you are recommending other Cooties for awards at the 2009 Grand Scratch, I need to have your recommendations by Friday June 5th, so I'll have time to make copies for the awards committee. I've already received some applications and would like to thank those coots for getting them to me early.

Remember, send your recommendations to my personal email address at: oldsalt@ms78.hinet.net or if you can't send them by email, send them by Fax to: 886-7-345-4640. As I get each application, I will contact you and let you know I've received it. If you have any questions, you can reach me at the aforementioned address.

Lastly, I the crummiest of little bugs almost forgot one last scratchy scribble, that is, I recently had a gallbladder operation preformed by the **Great Blue Louse** with some archaic and lousy Cootie stones presented to me.

“So, I ask you Coots, what can I get for fourteen ‘well used’ Gallstones at the Cootie Auction?”

Coots, I'm hoping to see some of your ugly, buggy and muggy mugs at the gathering grounds of the Grand Scratch soon and with you each a safe trip and a Crummy Scratch.

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

Orville - **Little Bug**



**GRAND COUNCILMAN
DISTRICT VII JERRY PRINZ**

Well Coots, it is just about time to wrap up another Cootie Year and join all our fellow Coots in the sunny (if it's not raining) Philippines in June for a great Convention and Lousy Grand Scratch. This will be chance to get together with

old (and some of them are old) Comrades for a week of hard work, interspersed with moments of fun and camaraderie. A chance to hoist a few of the national brew – the Nectar of the Gods. And to enjoy the friendly welcome of the local flora and fauna.

This has been a great year for Cooties in the Philippines. In July all the Pup Tents headed down to Subic Bay to attend the 1st Philippine Pup Tent Swarming of the year in connection with the District Meeting, ably hosted by Post 11447 and Kuripot's Pup Tent 11. All 4 Pup Tents were represented and a great time was had by the ocean. Fresh sea breezes and salt air – you can't beat it. The only bad thing was the Seam Squirrel forgot to schedule an Afternoon Delight. He was appropriately fined for this gross neglect of duty. Therefore, the Coots had no choice after the Swarm but to head downtown and make their own afternoons delightful. Mission accomplished as evidence by some of them the next morning at the District Meeting. A motley looking crew to say the least. Altogether a good run ashore in Subic.

In November we had our Swarm in the City of Angels, in conjunction with the District VII Meeting and Veteran's Day, again ably hosted by Post 2485 and Mighty Pinatubo Pup Tent 15. After the District Meeting and Swarm we adjourned to the Brass Knob Chrome Pole Emporium where all the Comrades and Cooties were entertained by cultural shows (which were not only entertaining but instructional) and some tasty snacks cooked up by our hosts and lots of grog. A great afternoon was had by all. In the morning, the survivors mustered at Clark Cemetery for the Veterans Day Ceremony conducted by Post 2485. Afterwards, the Post put on a great picnic and BBQ at the Post Home. A live band and plenty of door prizes. Another great VFW and Cootie weekend.

At the end of November we headed up the long dusty trail to La Union for Post 9892/Kuto Pup Tent 7's Chili Cook-Off and Miss Chili Pepper Contest. We had no Miss Chili Pepper contestants, however GQM Frank Hilliard tried to join but he was roundly booed on his way. Thank God. Kuripot Pup Tent 11 won the Cootie

Cook-off and took home the Great Blue Louse. It now stands proudly in the bar in their new Post Home in Subic. They almost lost it during the C of A in December however. Plotters from Kuto Pup Tent 7 had it out the door and almost in the trunk of the GQM's car when they were caught red-handed. Don't worry guys, just cook better chili next year and you'll get him back. I also had the privilege to inspect the scamps from Kuto Pup Tent 7 while in La Union and they were extremely lousy.

December saw us back in Subic for the C of A and Grand Scratch at the new Wild Orchid Beach Resort. Very nice hospitality and facilities. For those of you attending you had the opportunity to take the recently completed Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway. Sure beats the old way. Excellent road through beautiful hills and very fast. About 1 hour door to door from the Angeles Post.

In April we hit the long dusty trail to La Union again for the District Convention and third Swarm of the year. Here, the SS was not remiss and did provide the proper afternoon's entertainment. Another great Cootie weekend finished with the Anzac Day Celebrations at the Coconut Grove Hotel with our Aussie and Kiwi Comrades-in-Arms.

All Pup Tents have done well with their various programs and community projects this year. All the new Shavetails have been duly elected and installed for the coming year. Seam Squirrels for next year are Bob Looker, Kuto Pup Tent 7, Shorty Phillips Kuripot Pup Tent 11 and Joe Carsley Mighty Pinatubo Pup Tent 15. All these old Coots have been recycled in this position either because of their valuable experience or because maybe they'll finally get it right this year. Anyway, congratulations to all our new Shavetails. May you have another great year next year by keeping up the professionalism and fun that we are known for. Work hard and play hard. That is our motto. See you all next month.

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

Jerry Prinz



GRAND QUARTERMASTER FRANK HILLIARD IV

QM Counts!

Greetings fellow Cooties,

Our Grand Scratch is now less than a month away. It is really amazing how fast this past year has gone by. We still have some Pup Tents that have a lot of catching up to do prior to the Scratch.

First let's review our Grand By-Laws:

Article V—Registration

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Grand Scratch all authorized officers and Pup Tents must register with the Grand Quartermaster. A registration fee must be paid for each authorized vote at the Grand Scratch. Pup Tents are responsible for paying the delegate fees of its Seam Squirrel and Delegates and any Grand Officers from that Pup Tent entitled to vote. If any officer elects to vote separately from his Pup Tent, that officer is responsible for paying his delegate fee...

Supreme By-Laws, Section 326. Delegates – Grand Scratch states... A. ...each Pup Tent shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate or fraction thereof for each ten (10) members in good standing.

The below membership data, as of May 15, 2009, was obtained directly from the Supreme Headquarters Website lotcs.org.

PT#	May 2009 Mbrs	PT Delegates	Grand Officers	Total Del's	Total Del Fees
1	215	22	5	27	\$135
2	23	3	4	7	\$35
6	39	4	2	6	\$30
7	65	7	5	12	\$60
8	66	7	0	7	\$35
10	36	4	1	5	\$25
11	41	5	2	7	\$35
12	14	2	0	2	\$10
15	35	4	3	7	\$35
303	41	5	3	8	\$40
Total	583	63	25	88	\$455

Summary of Grand Officers

- PT 1: -- Surg., Hist., JPGC Keeley, Councilman I, Councilman II**
- PT 2: -- ADJ, Councilman III, Insp., PGC Malott**
- PT 6: -- Chap., Councilman V**
- PT 7: -- QM, JA, Hosp. Chmn., PGC Harmon, Councilman VII**
- PT 8: -- None**
- PT 10: -- PGC Jugan**
- PT 11: -- JVC, Councilman IV**
- PT 12: -- None**
- PT 15: -- SVC, Councilman VII, PGC Welsch**
- PT 303: -- CDR, CoS, Shirt Reader**

Every Pup Tent must ascertain their Delegate strength and provide the Grand Quartermaster with a Delegate letter of appointees, and alternates, prior to the commencement of the business of the Grand Scratch.

Article IX – Arrearage.

Any Pup Tent under the jurisdiction of the Grand Pup Tent of Pacific Areas in arrears for membership transmittals, audit reports, approved inspection reports or other financial obligations may be excluded from all representation in the Grand Scratch until such deficiencies have been corrected or by special exemption by the Grand Scratch.

MEMBERSHIP DATA

The following chart shows current membership standings within the Grand as of May 15, 2009. The data was obtained from the Supreme Headquarters website, and we will have to live with it. I never received, nor did many of our pup tents, a copy of the Supreme rosters this past year. I am very hopeful that we can start the new year out with better data on hand, as there are many improvements in the Supreme website, and more data is becoming available there for all to see.

Pup Tent	2008 Total Mbrs	Current Total Mbrs	% of Supreme Quota
00	87	87	100%
1	214	215	100.4%
2	28	23	82%
6	38	39	100.3%
7	69	65	94%
8	62	66	106.4%
10	49	36	73%
11	41	41	100%
12	37	14	38%
15	43	35	81%
303	42	41	97.6%
Grand	710	662	93.23%

As can be gleaned from the above chart, we still have a long way to go before our end of the month figures are compiled as our starting point for next year. I have been advised that there are transmittals coming for me to process this week. I will forward my last Transmittal to Supreme the last week of May via FEDEX, to ensure we get counted properly. Help us reach our goals. Submit your continuous now! I can handle transmittals via email, with a copy of your check included as an attachment. The Grand will forward to Supreme based on your inputs.

CCDB BONDS

All Pup Tents in the Grand will have to apply for a new CCDB Bond during our Grand Scratch. The application form has been forwarded via this Rim of Fire article. Bring the completed form and checks for submission to me at the Grand Scratch. I will forward all applications in the same package, hopefully to prevent losses, or mix-ups. I believe this will enable us in the Grand to all receive our new bonds at the same time as we get our new CCDB packets for year 2009-2010.

AUDITS/BUDGETS

As a reminder the Grand audits of both Grand and JRMTF accounts will take place on Sunday June 14th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Our current General Order shows no auditors, except for the Chairman of the Audit Committee, Bill Wichmann. The Grand Commander will appoint the District Councilmen present to assist in the audit, to fulfill the requirements of Grand By-Laws. Although the Convention schedule shows this audit as taking place in the VFW Post 2485 Meeting Room, I as the one with the files, etc., am requesting that we perform these audits at the swimming pool area of the Oasis Hotel, as I will have all records available in my room at the hotel. I will also be bringing my printer to enable us to print any changes we make in documents, right on the spot.

The Budget Committee will meet from 11:30-12:00 noon also on Sunday, June 14th to prepare the outgoing budget for approval by the Outgoing Council of Administration, which will meet from 15:00-16:00 on the 15th. The Budget Committee will again meet between 15:00-15:30 on the 16th and prepare the incoming budget for approval by the Incoming Council of Administration, to be held immediately following.

Individual Pup Tent Audit Reports must also be current before the Grand Scratch. We have done much better this year in this area. I am only missing a couple of audit reports, and those Pup Tents have communicated to me that they are forwarding the

missing ones soonest. Thank you for your assistance.

ID CARD REQUESTS

I continue to receive requests for new ID cards, without an application form, nor the required fees. Supreme now charges \$6.00 for a replacement ID Card. Please use our department webpage and find the appropriate form there before asking me to get you one. I need the data that is on the form to properly submit it to Supreme.

JRMTF COMMITTEE

The John Randall Memorial Trust Fund Committee will meet on the 17th from 1500-1600. This meeting will be chaired by myself, until we elect a new Secretary for the Committee. We will conduct this meeting at the swimming pool area of the Oasis Hotel. During their deliberations any and all applications will be perused for approval by the Trustees. All Pup Tents in the Grand should prepare any applications and submit to the Grand Quartermaster upon arrival in Angeles.

THANK YOU

In summation, we still have some work to accomplish before we can really lay back and have some fun at the Grand Scratch. I encourage all Seam Squirrels, and CCDB's, to put in the final effort and ensure we are accomplishing our goals in all areas in a timely fashion. Please feel free to call me at [63] 910 217-2179, email me: frank.hilliard4@gmail.com or meet me on Saturday in Angeles to bring your Pup Tent records up to date. I will have all your Pup Tent records with me. I will work with you. I must, once again thank our Executive Assistant Quartermaster Don Webster for his support and guidance this year. Thank you for your support this past year, and I am looking forward to your continued support and your vote in our elections next month.

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

Frank B. Hilliard IV



2009-2011 Bond Application



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THIS BOND WILL EXPIRE AT MIDNIGHT AUGUST 31, 2011

1. BOND IS FOR: MOC

2. Pup Tent Name: _____ PT No. _____

3. Grand of: Pacific Areas Amount of Bond: \$ _____

4. S.S Name: _____

5. Address: _____

6. C,S,Z: _____

7. CCDB Name: _____

8. Address: _____

9. C,S,Z: _____

Amount of Premium: \$ _____ Check No. _____

Hospital Report May 2009

Don Webster - Grand Hospital Chairman

PT STANDINGS AS OF APRIL 26, 2009

STANDING	PT #	QUOTA	CREDITS	% OF QUOTA	\$ SHORT OF QUOTA
1	7	\$17,490.00	\$51,677.97	295.5%	\$34,187.97
2	6	\$10,070.00	\$20,445.43	203.0%	\$10,375.43
3	303	\$11,130.00	\$18,349.45	164.9%	\$7,219.45
4	12	\$9,805.00	\$14,297.20	145.8%	\$4,492.20
5	15	\$11,395.00	\$13,472.30	118.2%	\$2,077.30
6	11	\$10,865.00	\$11,187.42	103.0%	322.42
7	1	\$56,710.00	\$52,510.25	92.6%	-\$4,199.75
8	10	\$13,250.00	\$11,068.20	83.5%	-\$2,181.80
9	8	\$16,430.00	\$13,715.85	83.5%	-\$2,714.15
10	2	\$13,250.00	\$5,573.70	75.1%	-\$1,846.30
11	MAL	\$23,055.00	\$0.00	0%	-\$23,055.00
TOTALS		\$187,620.00	\$212,297.77	113.2%	\$24,677.77

GRAND OVER 100%

With the April reports, it put Grand over 100% of quota by \$24,677.77 or 113.2%. Six Pup Tents are over 100%. Four are still under 100% but close enough to make it with their May reports. All Pup Tents reported for April with the exception of PT #303. Hopefully they will include any April visits in their May report. At the end of April PT #7 was well in the lead with an impressive 295.5%. They will most certainly qualify for the 300% plus plaque. Unless some outstanding reporting for May comes from another PT, it looks like PT #7 is destined to take the #1 Pup Tent plaque.

2008-09 REPORTING PERIOD

The Supreme Hospital reporting period runs from 1 July 2008 through 30 June 2009. However, for Grand recognition at the June Grand Scratch only the reports of visits made through 31 May will apply. We expect all Pup tents to submit their final report for the month of June but the June credits will only count toward any Supreme recognition that may be given. It is imperative that every PT submit a report for May. The normal cut off is 25 May but to allow a few extra days for additional credits, I'm asking that your May reports be for the period 26 April through 31 May. That report should be emailed to me no later than June 1. I can then submit

my consolidated report to Supreme and prepare my Hospital report for the June Grand Scratch.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

In December I mailed hospital Worker pins and patches to the Pup Tents for presentation to all of their Cooties who had qualified at that time. In June I will mail to the respective Pup Tents any additional pins and patches for any Cooties who qualified since the last presentation. A Hospital Worker Pin goes to any Cootie who attends at least 12 hospital visits during the term. A pin and patch is awarded to any Cootie who makes 25 or more visits during the term.

THANKS COOTIES!

Once again I want to thank all of the participating Cooties and the Pup Tent Hospital Chairmen who have helped us to have another successful year. In the July Rim or Fire I will give my final report for the 2008-09 term. I am asking those four Pup Tents that are still under 100% to make a last ditch effort to reach 100% plus by the end of this month. Grand can then boast not only 100% for Grand but 100% for all Pup Tents. Yours in L.O.T.C.S.,

Don Webster - **Hospital Bug**

GRAND CHAPLAIN JIM ODEN



Listen Up Cooties,

Sky Pilot's Prayer!

The following Cooties have completed their journeys through life and have moved on to join the Veterans who have preceded them. Please take a moment of silence to reflect on their passing, and pray for their surviving family members, friends and fellow Cooties. Let us all pause in our daily activity to pay respects to our comrades who have made their final roll call.

Bobby Kent Hubbard, B.K. (Hub) Hubbard, age 72, died March 28, 2009 in Pattaya, Thailand of natural causes. Hub was a member of local VFW Post 9876 and the Military Order of the Cooties, Pup Tent #6 where he was Seam Squirrel. Hub was born April 28, 1937 in North Carolina. Hub was a retired Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer and was fond of using nautical jargon as he made his way through life. After his distinguished Navy career, Hub dedicated himself to his other passion, serving veterans where he was active in the Philippines prior to Thailand. Hub always moved forward and served in many positions in the VFW and MOC, notably Post Commander of Post 2485, District Commander of Districts 5 and 7. Within the MOC he was a moving force and was Grand Commander of the Pacific 2001-2003. Even when his health was failing, Hub pushed on encouraging all VFW members and Cooties to do their best in serving their fellow veterans and the local communities where they lived. All truly benefited from his work, dedication and caring.

Richard Stamps, age 60, died February 27, 2009 in Iraq of natural causes while serving with Raytheon Company on a 90-day deployment. Rich was a member of VFW Post 10216 and the Military Order of the Cooties, Pup Tent 8. Richard was born July 20, 1948 in North Platte, Nebraska. Richard graduated with a Masters Degree in Electronic Engineering from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and the ROTC program. He entered the

U.S. Air Force and rose through the ranks. Richard retired from a career in the Air Force in 1996 after 22 years of service. He began working for Raytheon Company in 2000, Richard was located to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea where he worked for 8 years. He also completed five deployments to Iraq over the last 3 years. Rich was an active member of the Osan community. He was proud to be a member of the VFW and was an officer of the local VFW Post 10216 of Songtan.

Sky Pilots, if you are aware of any Cooties who are members of your Pup Tent that have passed away and unreported, 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.

James Oden – **Sky Pilot Bug**

GRAND HISTORIAN JOHNSON



Cooties:

This will be my last article as Grand Historian for 2008-09. While several of the Pup Tents have made a conscious effort to update their histories there are others who have done nothing. I am not going to name names, you know who you are. I cannot do it for you. YOU are going to have to do it for yourself.

The Grand History is pretty much up to date. I am currently going over it and correcting typos, spelling, and making the addition of newly discovered material. There is still a lot to be added. Department Historian Combs hit the nail on the head

when he said that we need to tap our older veterans for their experiences. How true. I have been in contact with Cootie Paul E. Newman, who was Grand of Japan Commander in the 1960's. He was here in Japan during the occupation in the 40's and is a wealth of information about the happenings during that time frame. He has already given me a lot of information and is sending me some memorabilia and convention books from the 60's and 70's.

As I said in the foreword to the Grand History, "The study of history is an ongoing process. History never stops being made and it should never stop being explored and researched. The History of the Grand of the Pacific is no exception." It has been a privilege to serve as your Grand Historian for the past two years. Whereas many would consider this a not so important position, I consider it very important. Within an organization such as ours it is important to know your heritage and where you come from, in order to know where you need to go. There is still much to be done history-wise within the Grand and with your kind acceptance I would like to be the one to do it.

L.O.T.C.S.,

JJ Johnson - Old Newz Bug



GRAND SURGEON MITCHELL



Listen up Coots,

Away from the fertile hunting grounds of the Pacific, in body only. For in spirit I am with each of you cooties every

day. I look forward to my return, so do not be surprised when you look up and say "Where have I heard that song before."

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT!

L.O.T.C.S.,

Kevin E. Mitchell - Medic Bug

GRAND NEWSHOUND MALOTT

Cooties,

Grand Commander Swierzewski, Past Grand Commanders and Cooties of the Grand of the Pacific Areas, I thank you all for allowing me to serve you as your Grand Newshound for longer than I thought it would ever be. Time flies when you are having fun or doing something very worthwhile and this was very worthwhile.

After many years of serving you in this role I am interested in knowing if any other Cootie would be interested in serving as Newshound next year.

As any good shipmate will tell you, it is hard to give up the helm of such a rewarding duty. It would only be better if I painted the ROF haze grey and assigned a hull number to it. But then, our Grand is painted with Army Green, Navy Blue, Marine Green and Air Force Blue, so it would be a real challenge and an impossible task to top that. Oh, yes there is probable some Coast Guard color from the Bosun Locker on some of our seams as well. Thank you all!

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

Jim Malott
Newz Bug

LETTERS of INTENT

Listen Cooties,

I hereby submit this letter to announce my intent to run for the position of Surgeon for our Grand for the upcoming year 2009-2010. I sincerely ask for your consideration and support of my candidacy.

At the District Level I served as Surgeon.

At the Post Level I served as Surgeon. I have participated and/or assisted with the execution of the Buddy Poppy Drives, POW-MIA Recognition Day, Military Appreciation Day Parade, Hill 180 Memorial service and multiple fund-raising events within the local and military communities. I am a Register Nurse, formerly an Independent Duty Medical Technician, EMT and CPR instructor. I have been the Pup Tent Pill Pusher for two years. I am a VFW Life Member and a 3rd Degree Life Member.

Although I am relatively an unknown entity, except in Korea, I strongly believe that my resume and activities reflect my support for our organization that we all love and it is my belief that it makes me fully qualified to help lead our Grand over the next year.

If elected I promise to uphold the finest traditions of the Grand of Pacific and those who have preceded me in this position. I will represent our Grand at all functions with the professionalism that is expected of me while at the same time insuring that all fellow Cooties enjoy their membership in our great organization.

I solicit and thank you, in advance, for your support and confidence.

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

Patrick J. Higgins

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

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GUY H. GALE 1969-1970
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