

**MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE
GRAND OF NEW MEXICO**



**“Honor – Loyalty – Perseverance – and Industry.”
“The Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars”**

General Order Number 1 (2009-2010 Series)

4 June 2009

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Grand Commander of New Mexico, at the 2009 Grand Scratch held in Albuquerque, NM on June 4th, 2009 I George W Brown do hereby assume command. All officers of the Grand, both elected and appointed for the year 2008-2009 are hereby relieved of their duties. All newly elected and appointed officers for the year 2009-2010 shall be in full force as of this date. See attached list for appointments.

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2. The theme for the 2009-2010 year is **PARTNERS IN PROGRESS** (VFW-VFWA/MOC-MOCA). It is requested that all Pup Tents and Cooties of the Grand of New Mexico incorporate this theme into all MOC sponsored activities throughout the year. All Pup Tents should expect at least one visit during the coming year from a Grand Officer. Pup Tents will be notified in advance of the visit and should be prepared to be inspected and audited during the visit. Copies of all reports that have been submitted to Grand Chairpersons should be made available during the visit. If you don't have any - they'll be prepared on the spot, so have your Chairperson present.

3. All Grand and Pup Tent Chairpersons are expected to review the Supreme Commanders Program book for the year 2009-2010 which will be published in July 2009 issue of the Cootie Courier. Chairpersons should be familiar with the Supreme Commander's expectations and reporting requirements for their respective programs. Seam Squirrels and CCDB'S should have ready access to this program book throughout the year CCDB'S should have on hand the list of items available from the cootie supply and emblem portion for purchase by members.

4. The Grand Commander's Special Project for this year will be the purchase of Models of PLANES, BOATS, ETC for the REHAB Patients at the Albuquerque VA Hospital. To fund this program it is requested that each Pup Tent donate \$2.00 per member so we can keep them Smiling as they recover.

5. All Pup Tents are reminded that this is bonding year for all CCDB'S. All requests should be sent to Supreme Headquarters as soon as possible. A bond

request is attached to this General Order. The current bond expires on August 31 2009.

6. Additionally, to the expected 100% in membership this year, each Pup Tent is issued a goal to sign up two new or reinstated members during the year. In order to survive we must continue to Increase and Multiply.

7. All cooties are reminded of our primary programs that the Grand of New Mexico is responsible for:

- a) Support to hospitalized veterans and their families,
- b) Obtain members for the VFW,
- c) Support the VFW National Home for Children.

These three programs should be a priority within each Pup Tent. Remember when doing these programs - submit the proper paperwork to receive credit for your work. Submit your paperwork to the appropriate Grand Chairperson.

8. The first Grand Council meeting will be held at Pup Tent 7, VFW Post 401 Albuquerque on July 18th, 2009 upon completion of the VFW Flying Squadron or 1600 hours whichever is later. All Grand Chairpersons are requested to be prepared to discuss their goals, objectives and reporting requirements for the coming year at this time.

9. Let's not forget that wonderful tradition of the Military Order of the Cootie and the Grand of New Mexico and the theme for this year of "Partners in Progress VFW-VFWA/MOC-MOCA".

GEORGE BROWN
GRAND COMMANDER
GRAND OF NEW MEXICO

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