



**Military Order of the Cootie Grand of California**  
Pup Tent 40 - "Vainglorious Vista Vermin" Vista, California

**Scratch Minutes – July 8, 2023**

**Respect to the Colors, Opening Prayer and Reading of the Charter**

Call to Order	11:03
Opening prayer	11:05
<b>Attendance: Members - 9 - Guests - 0</b>	

**Draping of the Charter:**

**NONE**

**Roll Call of Officers - (A) present, (P) absent, (E) excused (V) Vacant**

P	Seam Squirrel	Mo Motier
P	Blanket Bum	Terry Moxley
E	Hide Gimlet	Dan Canright
P	CCDB-Quartermaster	Bruce Mackamul
P	Tightwad 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Jose Flores
P	Tightwad 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Stan Peiler
P	Tightwad 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Ray Johnson
P	Sky Pilot	Jose Flores
E	Provost Marshal	Lora Wood
P	Jimmy Legs	Matt Foster
P	Keeper of the Lousy Records	Bruce Mackamul
P	Shyster	Jonathan North
P	Pill Pusher	Ray Johnson
P	Hungry Cootie	Ray Johnson
P	Hospital Chairman	Bruce Mackamul

**Visitors of Note:**

None

**Membership Applications:**

None

**Reading of the Minutes:**

No reading of the minutes. Last month was a Round Table discussion as attendance was minimal.

**Cootie or a Family Member of a Cootie in Distress**

Frank Flores, Sr. , younger brother of Cootie Chaplain Joe Flores passed away recently. Frank was the American Legion Sgt-at-Arms for the state of Michigan for several years.  
He was also a Michigan State football fan. *Go Spartans!*

**Report from the C.C.D.B. (Quartermaster)**

Current Cash on Hand: \$13,622.38

Pup Tent #40 Inspection completed. Will send report today.

### Reading of Official and other communications:

General Order #1 Bruce will get copy of report and it will be posted on our website soon.

### Committee Reports

Hospital Report. Bruce will get info and have available at the August meeting.

### Remember our National Home

### Report of the Hungry Cootie - NONE

### Reading of bills – Action to be taken

NONE

### Unfinished Business

Ray will update new officer photos on website.

IRS – 2021 taxes were not filed. Mo and Bruce will get this taken care of.

Fundraising money comes from the following events: Wing Night - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday; Taco Tuesday – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday; 1 Sunday Breakfast.

### New Business

The names of organizations that we will donate to this year will be voted on at the August meeting. If you have a particular organization in mind, we will discuss it at that time.

SPECIAL EVENTS for this year:

Marine Corps Birthday November 10<sup>th</sup> (Cake Cutting)

Veteran’s Day November 11<sup>th</sup> (Lo-Country Boil - specifics to be determined)

Terry Moxley is working on a Car Show. More info at August meeting

**Motion:** by Bruce Mackamul - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Moxley.

Donate \$1,000.00 to American Legion Baseball. **Motion Passed**

**Motion:** by Bruce Mackamul by Jose Flores

Donate \$1,000.00 to North County Veterans Standdown. **Motion Passed**

### Good of the Scratch

Matt Foster showed up late.

Additional item added at Hungry Cootie discretion: Shortly after the conclusion of the meeting, Matt Foster and American Legion Auxiliary Past President Judy Leonardi had a discussion about the Cootie organization. Matt gave Judy a brief history about the origins of the Cooties, dating back to WW I. He went on to explain the origin of the term “Seam Squirrel” that is used as a reference to the Commander of the Cooties. Judy was a bit confused so Matt explained to her about the nits and lice that were prevalent in the trench warfare at the time. Ray Johnson was a party to the conversation, and upon seeing the confused look on Judy’s face he gave a graphic “hand scratch” motion in the area where the lice liked to sequester themselves. Judy’s look of horror was followed by, “I DIDN’T NEED TO SEE THAT!”

*I thank Matt for spreading the word about our organization*

### Closing Prayer

Jose Flores

### Next Regular Scratch

**August 12, 2023 @ 11:00 AM**

Regular Business Meeting closed at -

Respectfully Submitted,



**Hungry Cootie**