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Helping Vets ‘face-to-face’



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Eddie Steele, heading, and Dan Kramer, heeling, at the 1977 Stapleton Rodeo at the Logan County Fairgrounds. Dan said he chose this photo to print on pens and coins because the picture shows communication between ropers and their horses for one common goal. The items will be given out during his tenure this year as national commander. Kramer said he will be striving to achieve communication and cooperation in the MOC - to help Veterans.

Dan Kramer of Stapleton was sworn in as the 2017-18 Supreme Commander of the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) at the organization's Supreme Convention held July 30 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Kramer's motto during his tenure as Commander of the national organization will be "Working Face to Face for Veterans." His project will be refurbishing the water purification system for the entire campus of the VFW National Home for Children, a sprawling campus of homes located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. It will come at a cost of approximately \$9,000.

Supreme Commander Kramer said he used a picture of himself and Eddie Steele when they were team roping back in the 1970's on pens and coins he will hand out during the year.

"This picture shows cooperation and teamwork and what it takes to make it happen. I will be traveling across the country and meeting fellow Veterans face to face this year with the objective of raising a little money, helping Veterans and having fun," Kramer said.

Kramer has been Stapleton VFW Post 8258 Commmander for 11 years, All-State Commander, three years, Captain of the All-State team, one year, and was All-American Commander, one year. He has served in every office and position in the Stapleton VFW 8258 Post.

Kramer is currently Department of NE VFW Judge Advocate. In 2020-21 he will be the NE State VFW Commander.

He has been Pup Tent Seam Squirrel (Post Commander) and has gone through the chairs to become Grand Commander of the Cooties, along with being Grand Quartermaster for the last three years. Kramer has been all-star Grand Quartermaster of Nebraska for

three years in a row.

The Military Order of the Cootie of the United States is a non-profit Veterans Service Organization. Known as "The Honor Degree of the VFW," members are comprised of the officers and leadership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Membership in the MOC is in recognition of outstanding service to the VFW and its programs.

Founded in New York City on September 17, 1920, the MOC is based on the principals of good humor and fun. Over the past 90 years, the Cooties have provided social and entertainment programs to members of the Veteran of Foreign Wars of the U.S. as an Ancillary unit within the organization.

The MOC firmly believes in caring for widows and children of our Armed Services and millions of dollars have been raised and donated to help "our kids" over the history of the organization, including a library, swimming pool, fire department, and a host of other projects designed to make life fun and educational for children during their stay at the National Home.

With the outbreak of World War II, the Cooties recognized a need to entertain hospitalized troops and veterans during their confinement and rehabilitation at Veterans Administration facilities throughout the country. The Cooties volunteer thousands of hours of time worth over ten million dollars to DVA Hospitals and domiciliaries throughout the United States.

The name "Cootie" originated in World War I when the different armies were massed together on the battlefields of France. Each country represented in WWI contributed to what is now known as the Cooties, by amalgamation of lice. The Cooties were known to



MARCIA HORA PHOTO

Dan Kramer is the newly installed Supreme Commander of the Military Order of the Cootie (MOC).

bite the soldiers at just the right time to save the soldier's lives. Many soldiers, lying in their shell holes, were saved from death when the highly intelligent Cooties, knowing that a shell was coming in their direction, would bite the soldiers, causing such agony that they were forced to retreat to the trenches or other places of safety.

Supreme Commander Kramer said he looks forward to helping and serving Veterans this year and work for the betterment of others.

Every November the MOC makes a trek to the tomb of the unknown soldier at Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath. Supreme Commander Kramer will be taking the wreath this year along with the Supreme Auxiliary President.

Rare flag displayed



KENDRA CUTLER PHOTO

David Olson stands by the 48-star American flag he had on display during the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse on the Range event in Stapleton. The flag will remain at the Veteran's Memorial Building for a short time after August 21.

A rare 48-star American flag was on display at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Stapleton during the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse on the Range event. David Olson purchased the mint condition historic flag at a yard sale. The Chapter 3 Commander of Disabled American Veterans in North Platte, noticed the flag displayed from an awning of a house and stopped to tell the woman in charge of the yard sale that she hung the flag correctly. Olson said some people unintentionally hang the flag backwards or upside down. After examining the flag, Olson noted this was a 48-star flag and the stars were stitched on. The rare flag had been found in an apartment and there was no history with it, other than it had been in a box for at least 56 years.

Olson offered the garage sale lady \$1.80, all he had left from visiting prior garage sales, and she accepted the offer.

Olson had the flag framed with UV glass for protection by Cinda's of North Platte.

The U.S. flag had 48 stars from 1912 until 1959, when two more states were added, Alaska and Hawaii. Olson said the flag is in excellent condition with only a slight yellowing in the white stripes.

Olson was diagnosed with a non-aggressive form of prostate cancer, and as a board member of the "Gift of Hope" Cancer Foundation in North Platte, he offered to display the flag as a fundraiser. The foundation donates funds to individuals for extra expenses associated with cancer (Continued on page 8)

Stars & stripes forever



MARCIA HORA PHOTO

Tammie Gaites and Kaylee Burnside paint stars and stripes on the propane tank east of the Vet's Club in Stapleton for a community service project. The girls completed the painting in time to welcome eclipse-viewers to the village.

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- Donnell (Darrell) Weber

Weather



DATE	HI	LOW	MT
8	77	55	0
9	77	56	0
10	82	57	0
11	71	47	T
12	79	46	0
13	82	56	0
14	84	56	.26

Observations: Wind, 23 MPH on Aug. 8; 23 MPH on Aug. 12. Fog was observed on August, 8, 9, 11, 13 & 14. Thunder was recorded on August 12, 13 & 14. Pea size hail was also recorded on August 13.