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MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

**THE FUN AND HONOR SOCIETY OF
THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**Accepted Bylaw
Purposals**

Welcome New PDDs

**Gather, Give, Grow:
Seasonal Inspiration
for Our Membership**

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61st Chief Devil Dog: CDD J.D. Jones



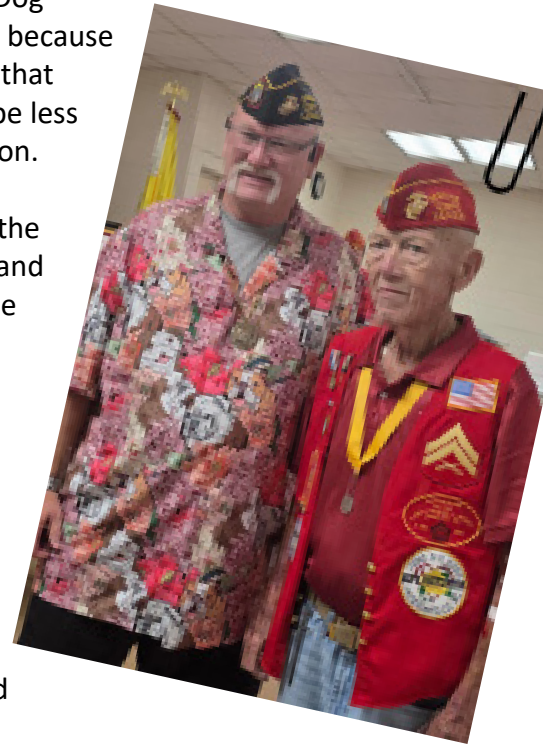
Woof-Woof Dogs of the Order!
First of all, I would like to thank the membership for believing in me and Re-Electing me as your 61st Chief Devil Dog.

I hope that you have started having your Fall Growls and electing your Pound Officers. If so, you will notice that I have made a command decision to make the use of the Kennel Management Application (KMA) mandatory. The KMA is a great program that has made the Dog Robber position much easier. In the past, the Dog Robber was the hardest position to fill because of the workload that came along with that job. Now, future Dog Robbers should be less hesitant to step up and take the position.

We had a great week at Terminal C of the DFW Airport. The Texas Pack had scheduled events on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights to entertain Dogs and Leaguers that did not want to leave the Hotel. This is a great idea for future Conventions.

We have 92 new Pedigree Devil Dogs in The Order. 91 Dogs were elevated in Grapevine and I elevated the 92nd new PDD at a Pound Growl, where I also had the pleasure of swearing in the new Officers.

I want to thank every Dog in the Kennel who helped make possible our 100,000 Big Bone Donation to Cook Children's Medical Foundation and our 10,000 Big Bone Donation to Operation Kindness. The Dogs of the Order are truly making a difference, and I cannot thank you enough for your loyalty and generosity.



91 New PDDs
& Dog Handlers



MODD Elected
Leadership



Combined
Leadership

Looking forward to seeing you in Growl assembled.

Semper Fi,
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Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Joe “Woody” DeAngelo

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

If you were not at the 85th Supreme Growl, you missed a tail-wagging good time! A huge thank you to the Department of Texas and the Texas Pack for hosting such a fine event. I had the chance to bark with old friends and make some new ones. A special nod to the 61st Chief Devil Dog for attending—it sure made my tasks a whole lot easier that week. Thank you for electing me for my second term as your Sr Vice Chief Devil Dog.

I want to congratulate the 2025 PDD Initiate Class! I hope you got out of it exactly what you were looking for. It reminded me of my own elevation to Pedigree Devil Dog in Buffalo, New York—my platoon still swaps growls about that experience whenever we gather.

Membership Awards

During the Supreme Growl, awards were presented for membership achievements. Congratulations to all who earned them!

Division Level:

- First Place - Southern Division: the only Division with an increase, finishing with a **2% membership gain**.

Pack Level:

- First Place - Mississippi Pack: **16.7% increase**
- Second Place - Alabama Pack: **5% increase**
- Third Place - Oklahoma Pack: **4.7% increase**

Pound Level:

- First Place - Texas Pack Pound 936: **500% increase**
- Second Place - Pennsylvania Pack Pound 022: **54.6% increase**
- Third Place - Iowa Pack Pound 409: **40% increase**

(Remember, to qualify for these awards you must have a positive membership increase at your level.)



Chief's Hospital Fund Awards

It was also my privilege to recognize those who raised the most bones for the Chief's Hospital Fund:

- South Carolina Pack – **6510 Big Bones**
- Tennessee Pack Pound 271 – **2668 Big Bones**

Outstanding work and an amazing achievement!



1. Attending Connecticut Pack Growl with the Honorable Aide de Kamp to the 61st CDD.
2. Attending the Supreme Growl.
3. The League and the Dogs working together this year. Woof Woof!
4. Installing PDD McMohan as DVCDD New England Division.
5. Presenting the Chief Devil Dog's Meritorious Commendation to PCDD Fisk
6. Representing the Order at a Veterans Event.

Membership Update

We ended the year at **12% delinquent**, which is a big step forward. Thank you to everyone who worked to achieve this. The **KMA** is in full swing, making life easier for Dog Robbers and providing better tracking for Pounds and Packs.

If you are struggling with the KMA—or just want a refresher on the new features—do not miss the monthly Zoom classes run by our Honorable Data Dog, PDD Jim Breen, and Honorable Dog Robber, PDD Helen Breen. Get logged in and see what is new!

Back to Business

Now that we are home, it is time to get back to the business of the Order. Pack Leaders: check in on the health of your Pounds. With installations underway, it is important to know how things are really going. Whenever possible, Pack Officers should perform installations themselves—it is the best way to get a true feel for their Pounds.

And remember: just because a Pound looks good on paper does not mean it truly is. As Kennel and Pack Leadership, we share the responsibility to stay informed and step in with support when needed.

Thank you for your dedication and all that you do. If there is anything I can do to assist, just bark—I look forward to seeing you around the Kennel.



Semper Woofing,

PDD Joe “Woody” DeAngelo 14-380
Honorable Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog
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Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Mike Francis



WOOF WOOF !!!
This summer has been a hot one. Is everyone ready for some cool weather? It is almost time to break out those Dog blankets and jackets. This is also a reminder that you need to hold the Annual Growl of the Pound, to choose new Officers. The Kennel Bylaws were changed at the last Supreme Growl. All Pounds will hold their Annual Growl between 1 September and 30 November. The MODD is different than the MCL. We conduct our Nominations, Election and Installation all at the same time.

**JR VICE
CHIEF DEVIL DOG**



PDD MIKE FRANCIS

The Honorable 61st Chief Devil Dog has announced that all Officer Installation Reports MUST be done online, through the KMA (Kennel Management Application). Pounds and Packs are now required to submit all their paperwork online, so the Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen has been conducting Zoom classes on how to use the KMA. These Zoom classes have been recorded and posted online. If you need help, make sure to reach out to her ASAP! The 5th Gathering of the Dogs is almost upon us. It is scheduled for 9 – 11 October in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Go to the Events tab on the Kennel website for all of the details. My Flea and I have attended every Gathering and we are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting some new ones. Come join in the FUN!

My last article for the WOG was written on 15 June. Karen and I were in Birmingham, Alabama on the 20th & 21st for the Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Pack. Worthy Pack Leader PDD Brian Lucas ran a fun Growl and it was an Honor to Install the new Pack Officers. On the 27th & 28th we were in Pflugerville for the Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Texas Pack. PDD Sal Cenicacelaya put 10 DD Initiates through their paces. Lots of laughter and shenanigans. Really enjoyed assisting the Honorable 54th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Mike English with the Election and Installation of Officers. Looooonnggg drive home.

The month of July was a hot one. Rolled out the Online Trifecta Raffles on the 4th. The Honorable Bits & Bytes Dog has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Kennel Online Raffles are successful. BIG BARKS to PDD Soldano.



Grand Growl of Texas Pack
Motivated DD Initiates



Grand Growl of Alabama Pack
PDD Mike Ivy

Adventures of the Jr Vice



Honorable 52nd PCDD Laurel Hull



Honorable 58th PCDD Leonard Spicer
& Honorable 59th PCDD Tom Hazlett

The 12th we were in Waverly, Iowa for a Growl with the River Bottom Feeders Pound 409. Sir Dog Robber DD J.P. Sager was NOT on his best behavior and kept us all howling. What a FUN Growl! BIG BARKS to Madame Pound Keeper PDD Mary Nagle and all of her Iowa Dogs. The Kennel Staff met via Zoom on the 13th to work out details for the Supreme Growl. Back in Missouri on the 16th for a Growl with Pound 330. So nice to see Past Pound Keeper PDD Matt McGill who was visiting from Florida. Thank you for all of the Big Bones! On the 19th we were in Pearl, Mississippi for the Department Quarterly Meeting and Pack Growl. Worthy Pack Leader PDD Jerry Blaylock kept a close eye on my stack of Big Bones and made sure that it shrank considerably by the end of the Growl. WOOF WOOF! The Honorable Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Covert married the Honorable Deputy Executive Director PDD Sarah Beldon on the 26th up in New Ulm, Minnesota. There were so many Dogs there that it looked like a Kennel Mini-Growl. We even managed to raise some Big Bones for the Kennel Children's Hospital Donation. A bunch of us made the drive up from Missouri to share the special day with the newlyweds. Congratulations! Finished the month with several MODD Zoom meetings to work out the final details for the Supreme Growl. Technology can be your friend, if you embrace it.

We were on the road for most of August. Left Missouri on the 2nd and headed to Texas. Stopped to visit a Marine buddy that I served with back in 1994 at 1st EOD Platoon. Nothing better than catching up and reminiscing about the "Old Corps." Spent several days relaxing



PDD Robert Hare made a 400 Big Bone Donation to the Children's Hospital Fund



Past Chief Devil Dogs 85th Supreme Growl



PDD Anick Wallace Mississippi Pack Growl



River Bottom Feeders
Pound 409
Waverly, Iowa



Shoals Salty Dogs
Pound 410
Sheffield, Alabama



St. Charles County Dogs
Pound 086
Wentzville, Missouri



in the San Antonio area with PDD Mark Hoernschmeyer and his wonderful wife, Pam. Then it was up to Dallas for the National Convention and 85th Supreme Growl. It will definitely never be forgotten. 91 Devil Dogs were Initiated and Advanced to the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog. 416 Passports were stamped and the Supreme Growl was a blast! BIG BARKS to all the new PDDs. The Kennel Children's Hospital Donation was for 100,000 Big Bones. The Cook Children's Medical Center, in Ft. Worth, was extremely appreciative. The donation for Operation Chow Hound was 10,000 Big Bones this year. It went to an animal shelter in Carrollton called Operation Kindness. The Dogs who were unable to attend the Supreme Growl missed a great time. The Honorable Deputy Ops Dog PDD Hoeffken "violated the bounds of decency" and was thrown into the MODD Brig. After his escape, a lynching was narrowly avoided during his capture. An MODD Trial followed his request for a "Lawyer" and proved to be VERY EXPENSIVE. Lots of laughs... After working our way through 24 Proposed Bylaws Changes, the Election of Officers was held. All of the Kennel Officers were re-elected to a second term. National Jr. Vice Commandant PDD Dave Porter and his lovely bride, Liz, presented me with a full "Dunkin Donuts Suit." PDD B.A. Shaw made me a Dunkin Cape. A Children's Hospital Fundraising Challenge immediately went into overdrive. The end result was 4,130 Big Bones for the Children's Hospital and the Dunkin Suit replacing my MCL Mess Dress uniform for

the Grande Banquet. Be sure to check out Facebook for the photos! BIG BARKS to PDD Ben Wells from the Maryland Pack. He was chosen as the Kennel Dog of the Year. The Secretary of War did most of the driving on the way home. Very thankful for her. On the 23rd Pound 086 invited me to their Annual Growl of the Pound, in Wentzville, Missouri. Enjoyed conducting the Election and Installation. Sir Pound Keeper PDD Doug Lane has a great Staff for the coming year. The month ended with an MODD Video Drawing for the Online Trifecta Raffles. Thank everyone for your support!

September began with a Growl in Sheffield, Alabama. The Shoals Salty Dogs Pound 410 definitely laid out the red carpet. Nothing like that famous Southern Hospitality. It was an Honor to conduct the Election and Installation of Officers. PDD Mike Ivy was a Bad Dog and managed to tick off Sir Pound Keeper. The prospect of a rolled-up newspaper was very near when he asked for a Lawyer. At the end of a "Brief & Expensive" MODD Trial, he was found guilty and HEAVILY fined. FUN Growl! On the 7th the Honorable Dog Robber held an MODD Zoom Class on the KMA. There were approximately 100 Dogs in attendance. These classes on the KMA are an opportunity not only to learn, but to suggest modifications to make things better. All Dogs are encouraged to attend or at least watch the videos.

FUN:

Our Order was created to take a break from the seriousness and solemnity of the Marine Corps League. The Jr. Vice Pound Keeper and Jr. Vice Pack Leader should be working hard to keep your Growls FUN. MODD Trivia contests, amusing games, and MODD Trials are just some of the ways you can accomplish the Mission. Visiting Growls in other Packs and Pounds can give you some good ideas. Never hesitate to reach out to some of the "Senior Dogs" for input.

FUNDRAISING:

The Kennel Online Raffles have been a great success, and I would like to personally thank all of you for your support. The Winners for the Trifecta Raffles were drawn on 24 August 2025. The USMC 250th Anniversary Coin Set was won by PDD Antonio Chappa from the California Pack. The Chief's Raffle was won by PDD Greg Ciesielski from the North Carolina Pack and the Super 50-50 Raffle was won by Marine Mark Ballinger from Arizona. Congratulations! Check out the Kennel Facebook page for the video announcing the Winners.

Our current Online Raffle rolled out on 4 September 2025. The prize is a .54 Sharp's Rifle. Tickets are 15 Big Bones each or 3 tickets for 40 Big Bones. ONLY 500 TICKETS. The winner will be drawn after the last ticket is sold. To purchase tickets, you must use the QR Code on the raffle flyer or go to the Kennel Website or check your email from the Kennel. Once again, this is an "Online Only" raffle, with no physical tickets.

KENNEL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DONATION:

We are off to a fantastic start already! As of 4 September 2025, we have 20,513 Big Bones in our account. The fiscal year ends on 30 June.

BUDGET:

The Kennel Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 was published in the last issue of the Woof-O-Gram. It was approved by the membership on 13 August 2025, at the Supreme Growl.

OPERATION CHOW HOUND:

As of 4 September 2025, we have 1,647 Big Bones in our account. The fiscal year ends on 30 June.

The OCH Program has been a tremendous success and continues to grow. OCH is a voluntary program. You may collect food, supplies, and/or Big Bones to donate to your local no kill shelter. This may be done on every level: Pound, Pack, and Kennel. Go to the Kennel Website for the OCH Reporting Form, Receipt of Donation Form, and Logo. There is no requirement to report your donations to the Kennel. All Pounds and Packs who would like to track their donations and send in the report are encouraged to do so. These reports should be emailed to the Honorable Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog no later than 1 June, prior to the Supreme Growl. Please compile all donations into one total 12-month report, for the period 1 June – 31 May. The Honorable Quartermaster has “Pound K-9” kits for your pets. The cost is 20 Big Bones. The 2025 OCH Patch is currently available in the Kennel Store for 6 Big Bones. Big Bones made from Pound K-9 Kits and OCH Patches will be included in the annual donation for OCH at the 86th Supreme Growl.

The job of the Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog can be simplified as FUN & FUNDRAISING. It has been my mission to teach and encourage Dogs to have FUN as I travel around the Kennel. The Online Kennel Raffles are a key component of our overall fundraising. Your support is essential to our success.

We are the FUN and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League.

“Keep it FUN and they will COME”

WOOF WOOF... It's an HONOR to be a Devil Dog !!!

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ONLINE RAFFLE .54 Sharp's Carbine

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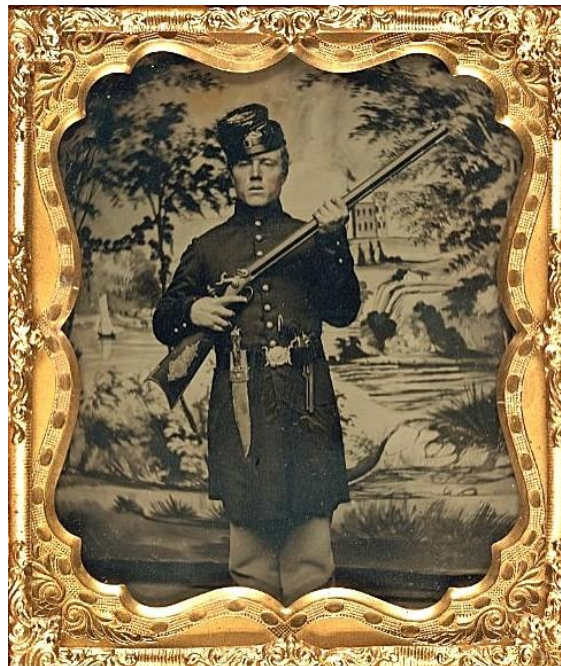
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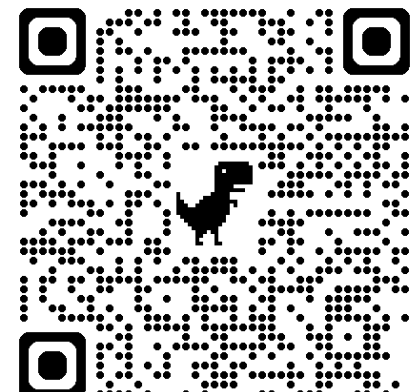
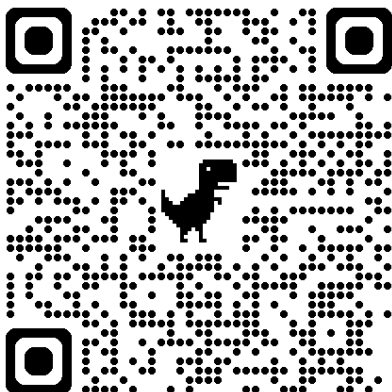
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DevilDogs.org**



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**Winner May
Choose \$500 In
Lieu Of The Prize**



THIS RAFFLE IS VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW. ANY ADDITIONAL FEES ARE THE WINNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Smart Dog: PDD Charles Minton

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

The 85th Supreme Growl is in the books and boy was it a good one. I want to thank all the Dogs for attending and for reelecting me as your Kennel Smart Dog. We covered a lot of business and went through 24 Bylaw changes. They are posted on the Kennel website, and I have attached the ones that passed in this issue of the Woof-O-Gram. I want to thank the Texas Pack for all their hard work ensuring that the Dogs had fun and some great entertainment. The Department of Texas also did a great job in setting up events and putting on a great Marine Corps League 102nd Convention.

We will all be assembled in Growl shortly at the Mid-Winter Mini Growl at the Sheraton Pentagon City from 26-28 February 2026 and I am looking forward to seeing all my old Dog Friends and meeting new Dogs. Remember this the Mini Growl is open to dogs of all Degrees so, gather all your Pups, DDs and PDDs together and join us for a howling good time.

The Bylaws committee is making preparations and reviewing the Bylaws and preparing to do a complete rewrite of them and will have them ready to present at next year's Supreme Growl.

If you have any issues or questions concerning the Bylaws or anything else, please feel free to reach out to me, and I will do my best to help you with them.

It has been a true privilege to serve, as your Smart Dog and I look forward to another year of working side-by-side with Dogs from every corner of the Order.



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Dog Trainer: PDD Lisa Ciesielski



Woof Woof Dogs of the Order,
The list of departed Dogs is unfortunately growing. At this time, I have received the NOD for 53 Dogs who have been reported to the Supreme Commander since the last WOG. I continue to ask for all Pounds and Packs to please fill out the NOD electronically in a timely manner. Just putting a post on Facebook or sending an email does not work. I need the Notice of Death sent to either me or the Dog Robber. You do not have to wait for funeral announcements. Please double check the next of kin address. I am getting a lot of cards returned. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Woof Woof,
PDD Lisa Ciesielski 13-139
Honorable Dog Trainer

Mad Dog: PDD Scott Bryan

Woof Woof Dogs!
CONGRATULATIONS to our newest PDDs. We had 91 DDs advance to PDD. It was a howling great time!!!!

I want to give a **BIG MAHALO** to my Deputy Mad Dogs, Dog Handlers, Assistant Dog Handlers, and Station Monitors. I cannot forget the right hand of one of my Deputy Mad Dogs PDD Sarah Covert aka Belden, and my mentor PDD Charles Minton. We had a difficult time schedule we had to work with, and I appreciate the hard work and time we all put in together to have a great initiation and advancement for the new PDDs.

For every Dog present at the Supreme Grow, I want to Thank You for electing me again as your Honorable Mad Dog. I am looking forward to next year's Supreme Growl in Indianapolis, Indiana. I have a feeling it is going to be a howling great time.

Do not forget to register for the Mid-Winter Conference, 26 to 28 February 2026, and come on out and have a howling good time with your fellow Dogs at the Mini Growl. Remember, any Devil Dog in good standing can attend the Mini Growl, regardless of degree, so round up them Dogs in your Pound and Packs and plan to join for a howling good time.

Remember... it is never too early to get your advancement paperwork filled out and sent in. All Dog Robbers need to start identifying your Dogs who are eligible for advancement and get their paperwork submitted.



Please do not wait till the last minute to send in your advancement sheets, submit them as you receive them.



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HONORABLE MAD DOG



Dog Robber: PDD Helen Breen



From the Desk of Your Kennel Dog Robber

FChange can be a ruff thing, Dogs. We all know that habits bring comfort—pen on paper, stamps on envelopes, and forms in triplicate. For many of us, the tried-and-true paper trails have been part of our routine for many years. But just as our Pups grow into seasoned Dogs, our Kennel is also growing, and with growth comes the need to embrace tools that keep us from chasing our own tails.

That is why the Kennel has invested time and effort into improving our systems with technology designed to make the Dog Robber's role more efficient, accurate, and manageable. The Kennel Management Application (KMA) is now our central hub for roster updates, dues payments, and reporting. While the shift to digital may feel like a big leap at first, it is designed to lighten your load, cut down on errors, and save valuable time—so we can spend less of it buried under paperwork, and more of it serving our Dogs and our Communities.

Being a Dog Robber is no small task. We juggle rosters, dues, reports, and more. When everything is handled by hand or through the mail, the job gets heavier and far more prone to mistakes. Moving forward with technology does not replace tradition—it strengthens it. By streamlining the process, we improve accuracy, efficiency, and give ourselves more time to focus on what really matters: our Dogs, our Pounds, and our mission.

With that in mind, mark your calendars with a big paw print: November 30, 2025, is the absolute final day that non-digital submissions will be accepted—after this date, all reports and updates must be submitted through the KMA. This is not only about convenience—it is about consistency, efficiency, and building a foundation that will keep our Order strong for years to come.

I understand that change can feel like learning new tricks, and not every Dog is eager to jump through that hoop right away. But you will not be alone. The Kennel is committed to offering training, guidance, and support to help every Dog Robber succeed. Remember: we are the caretakers of our Pounds', Packs', and Kennel's records, and by embracing these tools, we ensure that we can continue our duties with excellence and without delay.



So, Dogs, let us face this change together with the same loyalty, determination, and good humor that define us. Thank you for your patience, your adaptability, and your commitment to keeping the Kennel strong. With technology on our side, the Dog Robber's work will be a little less "ruff," and a lot more rewarding.

WOOF-WOOF,
PDD Helen "Mini" Breen
Your Honorable Dog Robber

Executive Director: PDD Ben Wells



Woof Woof!

It was great seeing everyone at Supreme Growl in Grapevine, TX. The Texas Pack and the hotel did an amazing job ensuring that our trip went well.

I have been coming to Supreme Growl since 2014 in West Virginia every year the hotel and surrounding restaurants have never been able to keep up with the amount of business brought in. This year was the first time that the hotel stepped up in a big way by providing buffet for lunch both in the Aviator room and restaurant.

The donation to Cook Children's Hospital of \$100,000.00 is going toward a 2023 StarCraft Allstar 22' Shuttle bus for patient's transportation. The hospital greatly appreciated the donation and they presented CDD Jones with a painting by the kids, which he gave to Rose Cartwright.

Operation Kindness shelter also received \$10,000 and this was a blessing to them. With the current floods in Texas many dogs were displaced from their homes, Operation Kindness brought in so many of these pets and really had no idea I they were going to continue their mission. When the phone rang and I told them of the donation they could now breath a shy of relief that they could continue with the mission.

I what the thank the current board of Kennel Dog of the year for the honor which I have been given. I was in such shock at the time I had no words. Upon reflection I now have a few thoughts, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Bookkeeper aka my wife for her unwavering support of the Kennel Executive director without her I would not be able to do the things I do.

I would also like to Thank the very first person other than my wife that has helped me bring the kennel to where it is today Bytes and Bites Dog Chris Soldano. When I first started, we needed a website and we had met him at Supreme Growl in Montana. Since then, he has become tech support, friend and brother thank you for all you do to make the kennel great.

The next staffer we inherited the Quartermaster Wendy Zamora, and her better half Phil Zamora for the amazing job they do every day to transport and keep the store up and running thank you!

A big thank you goes to past and present Dog robbers Stephen Joppa, Janice Hartley and current Dog Robber Helen Breen, for their continued support of the kennel and improvements that are made.

Thank you to the Lucky Dog Reggie Sawyer and his team for all the work they do at Mid-Winter and Supreme Growl with getting donations and raising a lot of BIG BONES for the kennel.

Thank you to Ray Sturm for his support in being my deputy, and sound advice from time to time.

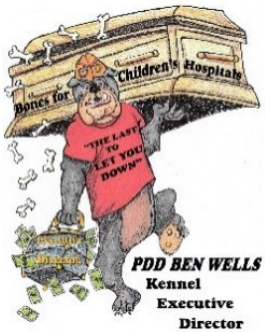
And last be not least Jim Breen the new data dog, for his ability to work magic and create a database that is easy to use with correct information for all the dogs of the kennel Thank you!

Without the support of all these wonder dogs the kennel would not be where it is today that is for sure. It

would make my job extremely difficult to do with out you. I feel that we are a great team and appreciate all your hard work.

Welcome aboard Bonita Johnson the newest deputy to the Kennel Executive Director!

David "Ben" Wells



Operations Dog: PDD Lynn Sabel

If you did not go to the National Convention and Supreme Growl, you missed a great time in Grapevine, Texas. There were 91 Initiates and 325 non-Initiates, for a total of 416 Military Order of the Devil Dogs in attendance at the Convention.

The next Convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, next August. If you are planning to advance in Indianapolis, now is the time to let your Pound Dog Robber know that you want to advance, so they can begin getting the paperwork in order and sent to the Pack Dog Robber. The Pound Dog Robber can begin submitting the paperwork anytime between now and the beginning of June. All paperwork must be in the Kennel Dog Robber's paws prior to July 1, so get it in as soon as possible.

If you are a Pup or a Devil Dog and would like to know what happens at a Supreme Growl, the Mid-Winter Convention is a great opportunity to find out. All Dogs are welcome to the Mid-Winter Mini Growl, while only Pedigrees can attend the Supreme Growl. Hope to see you in February at Pentagon City.

Woof Woof,
PDD Lynn F. Sabel
Honorable Operations Dog



Quartermaster: PDD Wendy Zamora



Woof Woof Dogs!

It was great seeing so many of you at the Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas! Congratulations to all the new PDDs who stopped by the Quartermaster Store and picked up some gear.

Since August, we have been busy replenishing our shelves and are close to having everything back in stock—plus a few exciting new items.

Hot Item Alert: The 250th Birthday Coins are selling fast! If you would like to add one to your collection, be sure to order from the website **ASAP** before they are gone.

Inventory Updates:

- Items we can no longer carry: Yellow Footprint Pin, Medium Dog Pins, All Large Medals (once inventory is gone, they will not be replenished)
- New before the Supreme Growl: 250th Coin, MODD Olive Drab

T-Shirt, Royal Crown Pin for the PIA Medal

- New after the Supreme Growl: Fighting Bulldog Patch, U.S. Marines Patch

We are always open to ideas—many of our newest additions came directly from requests made by you Dogs. If you have suggestions for items you would like to see in the store, let us know!

KENNEL QUARTERMASTER
PDD WENDY ZAMORA



Thank you for everything you do to make the Military Order of the Devil Dogs such a great organization to belong to.

PDD Wendy Zamora
Honorable Kennel Quartermaster
kennelquartermaster@gmail.com



Veterinarian: PDD Howard Koontz

Woof Woof Dogs!

Yes, it is that time of year too let you know that you should be starting on the road to PDD. It is never too early. This edition will give information on what to do if you have to be seen at a hospital, and the free insurance policy offered to all Marine Corps League Members in good standing.

First, what to do if you are seen in an ED or admitted to hospital:

1. If you are a Veteran and you were seen in any hospital emergency room either as a walk-in or taken by ambulance, you need to call the VA Hotline within 72 hours. You need not to be in the VA System to call.
2. When you call, you will be asked a few simple questions, name, what hospital were you seen or admitted to, SS number, and address.
3. The 72 Hour Hotline is 844-724-7842.

This call can be made by the Veteran, the family, or close friend. The VA will contact the medical facility, to make sure all information is correct. If the VA is satisfied, you will be contacted for possible bill adjustment.



Second, I want to pass information on an insurance program offered thru the Ailife Insurance Co.

Q. What are the payout for the different levels, death/dismemberment?

All members are protected with a \$3,000.00 Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit. No one has to sign up for it. We will pay a claim if they die in an accident as long as they are a member in good standing. We prefer that members fill out the beneficiary card that comes with the letter, but we will still pay a claim if they do not.

Q: Is this offered in all states?

All current and future members of the Marine Corps League of Maryland are eligible for the no cost benefits. We would be able to provide the benefits nationally if the Marine Corps League partnered with us at the national level.

Q Does the company have an agent in all states?

American Income agents are located throughout North America. They contact members who return a beneficiary card so that they can get them set up with their no cost benefits as well as inform them of policies that are available for purchase.

Q: Is there a central number to call?

Members can call AIL Policy Owner Services at 254-761-6400 for questions about life insurance policies they purchase (not the no cost benefits).

Q: Does the State Commandant get involved?

The no cost benefits are provided through a partnership with the Marine Corps League of your state. The State Commandant must sign off with the insurance. Contact your State Commandant asking him/her to sign off on this free AD&D program.

The no cost benefits available to all members include:

- AD&D benefit
- AIL Plus Medical Discount Plan
- Will Kit
- Child Safe Kit
- MediFacts Kit
- Members can go to <https://mybenefits.ailife.com/> and enter access code SGP2C to connect with an agent for help.

Maryland has had this program for over eight years. When I was Commandant, the benefit was paid to two families.

Howard Koontz
Kennel Veterinarian

Legal Beagle: PDD Corey Dressler



To the Dogs of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs,

It was a true pleasure to see so many of our fine Dogs gathered at the 85th Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas. The energy, camaraderie, and dedication to our great Order were on full display. Whether on working towards advancement to PDD, or simply enjoying the company of fellow Dogs, the event once again reminded us why the Military Order of the Devil Dogs stands apart: we are bound not only by our shared service, but also by our commitment to each other and to the work we do in support of the League, Marines, veterans, and our communities.

As the Honorable Legal Beagle, I extend my thanks to each of you who made the journey to Grapevine and contributed to the success of the Growl. The hospitality was first-rate, the spirit was strong, and it was heartening to see the Kennel assembled in such fine fashion.

Even as we enjoy the memory of that gathering, the work of the Kennel continues. My deputies and I are currently reviewing the legal requirements for charitable raffles in the state of Indiana. This is a matter of importance to our Order as we prepare for future events and fundraising efforts. We are committed to ensuring that all activities of the Kennel are conducted in full compliance with the law, and that our charitable work remains above reproach. A complete report on these requirements will be prepared and submitted to the Chief Devil Dog and the Kennel Board of Trustees in advance of the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference.

I am looking forward, with great enthusiasm to the opportunities we will have to work—and play—together in the year ahead. The Mid-Winter Conference will provide another chance to strengthen our fellowship and advance the mission of the Order. Beyond that, all paths lead to Indianapolis and the 86th Supreme Growl, where I trust the Dogs will once again come out in force to celebrate our traditions, support our causes, and demonstrate the unbreakable bond of Devil Dogs everywhere.

I encourage every Dog to remain engaged in the life of the Kennel. Support your Pounds and Packs, keep the spirit of fun alive, and remember that our work makes a real difference in the lives of Marines and their families.

Until we gather again, I thank you for your dedication and extend my best wishes. May the coming year bring you success, joy, and the satisfaction that comes from being part of the greatest Order in the land.

Semper Woofing,
PDD C.J. Dressler
Honorable Legal Beagle



Barking Dog: PDD Stephanie Abbott

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

A big paw-shake and tail-wag to all the new PDDs who went up in Grapevine, Texas! You Dogs did some fine digging, scratching, and barking to make it happen. Proud to have you howling louder than ever in the Kennel.

Unfortunately, there was no sniffing around the Supreme Growl this year as it turns out travel restrictions had me kenneled up at my Dog House—something about being at the tail end of my pregnancy. Good news though: at the end of August, Chauncey and I welcomed our first child! He wasted no time discovering his lungs and has been practicing his best “SOUND OFF” calls day and night.

Looking ahead, I am itching to get my paws back on the trail. There are some great events coming up including the Gathering of the Dogs, 9–11 October in Minnesota. After that, set your sights on the Kennel Mini Growl at the Mid-Winter Conference in February, which is open to all degrees within the Order! Plenty of hydrants to inspect, Big Bones to be raised for the children, and of course, plenty of howling to be done as all the Pounds around the Kennel hold their elections and installation of officers.

Keep your tails high, your ears perked, and remember to send in your photos from Growls to moddbarkingdog@gmail.com be featured on the Kennel Facebook page. Also, make sure to tune into the Marine Corps League Podcast Jarhead Jabber every month for the MODD Barkings from the Kennel segment!



Semper Fi & Woof Woof,
PDD Stephanie J. Abbott
Honorable Barking Dog

Stay Connected!

Social Media:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kennel.modd>
- Youtube: youtube.com/@MODD-4U
- Instagram: [@militaryorderofthedevidogs](https://www.instagram.com/militaryorderofthedevidogs)

Upcoming Event:

- Gathering of the Dogs: 9 October - 11 October 2025
- Mid-Winter Convention: 26 February - 28 February 2026

Raffle:

- Pedersoli 1859 Sharps Rifle Raffle: Will be drawn after all 500 tickets are sold! <https://www.zeffy.com/54-sharps-raffle>

Compliance Dog: PDD Steve Seyller



Greetings Dogs of the Order!

This is a very busy time of the year with elections/installations and ROI submissions, tax filings of 990n's for all fiscal year filers, and any states that require filings of their annual business renewals.

A reminder when you send me your 990n confirmations. I must have the "ACCEPTED" receipt issues by the IRS or I cannot mark you in compliance. It may take months for the IRS to update your filing status in order for me to mark you current.

I am currently working on getting all the Packs and Pounds in compliance with the Kennel Bylaws. There were 44 Packs or Pounds that either were not under the Marine Corps League 0955 grouping, did not have a deductibility code of 1 (authorized to receive donations), not registered as a 501(c)4, or were under a tax reporting period of

something other than fiscal year (1 July to 30 June). With the help from the COO of the Marine Corps League, letters were sent to the IRS requesting the corrections be made to the records in order to bring them in compliance. 31 out of the 44 letters were accepted and the changes were made. I sent a list to your Division Vice Chiefs and they should have notified you if your reporting period changed.

We still have 59 Packs/Pounds that are not in a fiscal reporting period (1 July – 30 June). In approximately a month, letters will be sent to the IRS requesting them to change those to be in compliance with the Bylaws. Once this is done and I check for the change to be made, I will send a list to your Division Vice Chiefs to disseminate the information down the chain of command. Just be aware that if you are not filing your 990n's on a fiscal year period, this will be changing in the future.

One last comment, as of the writing of this letter, there are still a lot of 990n's that are either due or past due. If you are still on a calendar year filing, your taxes were due by the 15th of May. If fiscal year you have until the 15th of November. Please get these filed and make sure I get an accepted copy.

As always you can contact me with any questions.



PDD Steve Seyller
Kennel Compliance Dog
compdog@yahoo.com



Data Dog: PDD Jim Breen

Woof Woof Devil Dogs!
Honorable Data Dog here with updates celebrating one year of innovation and growth!

This quarter marks the one-year anniversary of the Kennel Management Application (KMA). What began as a vision to streamline Kennel operations and modernize record keeping has developed into a tool now utilized throughout the Order.

I extend my deepest thanks to every member who has embraced the KMA during the past year. Your feedback, patience, and willingness to adapt have been instrumental in shaping the system into what it is today. Every suggestion, report of an error, and idea has assisted me in improving the application and correcting issues in a timely manner, ensuring that the KMA continues to serve the needs of our Kennel, Packs, Pounds, and the Order.



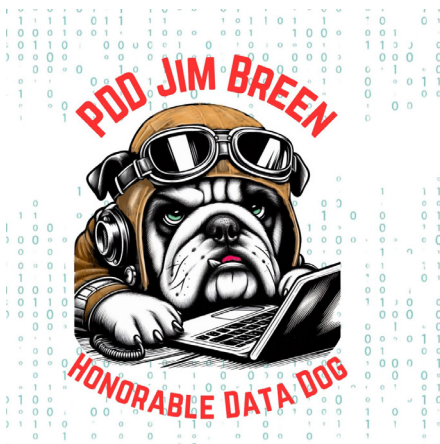
Looking Ahead: Mobile Application Development

I am pleased to share that development and testing are underway for a new mobile application designed specifically for the general membership of the Order. This mobile application will provide Devil Dogs with immediate access to resources, making it easier to remain connected, engaged, and informed.

Supreme Growl Updates

During the recent Supreme Growl, important discussions were held regarding the future of the KMA. As a result of these conversations, a new feature roadmap has been created. This roadmap outlines the next wave of improvements and enhancements to be developed and released during the coming year.

These features are designed with you, the members, in mind, reflecting the priorities and needs expressed at the Supreme Growl. As always, your continued feedback will guide me as we build the future of the KMA together.



Thank You

This first year has been a success because of the commitment of our Devil Dogs community. Thank you for your support, dedication, and contributions that have allowed the KMA to grow stronger with each passing month.

Here is to another year of innovation, growth, and service to the Order.

– Honorable Data Dog, PDD Jim “MEGA” Breen

Kennel Historian: PDD Greg Ciesielski

Well, the 85th Supreme Growl is in our rear-view mirror. Congratulations to all the new Pedigree Devil Dogs who went through the initiation!

For the first time in my memory, the Kennel Historian took part in the training of these candidates. Speaking with the Mad Dog, PDD Scotty Bryant, it was decided to include MODD history into the initiation process. Not Marine Corps, not Marine Corps League, but actual MODD history. Based on what I experienced, and heard, it was a welcomed addition to the process, and I hope it continues in future Supreme Growls.

Now that we have 91 new PDDs in the Order, let us hope they rise up and get active in their respective Pounds and Packs. These new PDDs might bring forth new ideas and methods and us older Dogs need to be attentive to them. Future MODD officers might come from this class and we need to nurture and mentor their growth.

Congratulations also to the staff of the Kennel! We were nominated and installed for another year, and we ask all the Dogs to continue to work with us. We are here to help.

Notable events recently have brought forth thoughts and prayers. We pray that our Chief gets through his medical treatments, and also PDD Craig Reeling, as they go through their personal journey to get back to good health. Congratulations also to our Barking Dog, Stephanie Abbot (Baby-T) and her husband on the birth of their child. We missed you at the Supreme Growl!

Continued efforts with documenting MODD history are bringing forth new information to get us towards a complete history of the Order. The majority of the Chief Devil Dog columns have been added to our archives going back to the early 1940s and Chief Gallagher, PCDD #2. Other pieces of our history are being added to the archives and together, these pieces form a larger picture.

Again, if any Pound or Pack history Dogs need help with their histories, please contact me and I will help as best as I can.

Woof Woof!

PDD Greg Ciesielski
Kennel Historian



2025 Supreme Growl Operation Chow Hound



**Thank You
Card**



JEFF & the pack!
Thank you for the generous donation
to operation kindness. It was a
wonderful surprise and very much
needed.
Please know I (we) are grateful!
Have a great week.
Gina

Central Division: PDD Phil Zamora

Woof Woof Dogs of the Central Division!

I would like to thank all the Dogs in the Central Division who have started to use the new Kennel Management App or KMA to run their Pounds. If you have not started using this and are confused on how to utilize this app in your Pounds or Packs then contact me or our Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, and we will set up some time to help you use this app.

At the Supreme Growl, the Chief announced that all forms that are sent in, WILL be sent electronically to the Kennel and that Pounds should send both the Kennel and Pack dues in one check to the Packs, or whatever way the Packs accept dues (check or electronically), and Pack Dog Robbers will send in dues electronically to Kennel.

All Pounds have until 30 November 2025, to have their elections done and submitted to the Kennel. Your 990s and corporate filings should be up to date too.

Hopefully I will see you at a Growl near you.

WOOF WOOF,
PDD Phil Zamora
Honorable Vice-Chief Devil Dog
Central Division



Mideast Division: PDD Omar Jabr



Greetings from your VCDD Mideast Division PDD OMAR JABR...

It is always a **GREAT DAY** when we reunite with our amazing brothers and sisters. I hope all Dogs that attended the Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas had a GREAT WOOFING time.

This year we had an outstanding Pedigree Devil Dog class. Congratulations to our new PDDs who advanced, and I hope you shared some of that excitement, responsibilities and knowledge with your Pounds and Packs. I encourage all of you to be active in your Pounds and Packs and to bring innovative ideas. Be a good steward and recruit, recruit, recruit!

Pounds/Packs do not forget to let me and Assistant VCDD, PDD Ric Ledford, know about your upcoming Growls. We will do our best to attend if we have enough advance notice. Ensure that your installations are conducted in compliance with the new Bylaw change between 1

September and 30 November 2025.

Pounds/Packs Dog Robbers get familiar and intimate with the KMA tool. It is easy, convenient and a time saver. A brand-new online dues payment process has been added. If you are not aware, Kennel Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen started MODD Pack and Pound Dog Robbers Facebook group. *Please join it.* She puts out lots of information. Additionally, ensure all Pounds/Packs have their corporate filings and 990s up to date because you do not want to jeopardize losing your charters. Always send the paperwork to the Kennel's Compliance Officer and ensure to copy the Kennel Dog Robber, your Mideast Division VCDD and Pack Dog Robber.

This year we donated 100,000 Big Bones to Cook Children's Medical Foundation and 10,000 Big Bones to Operation Kindness. Let's make it larger next year at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Let us not forget...The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the "The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League" Woof Woof and Semper Fidelis.

Please do not forget our four-legged friends...Support Operation Chow Hound!

Woof Woof!

PDD Omar Jabr, 16-231

Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog

Mideast Division

Military Order of the Devil Dogs

(910) 554-8984

Midwest Division: PDD Chuck Covert

Woof Woof Dogs!
Gather round the fire hydrant, perk up those ears, and wag those tails because this old Dog has news that will make you howl.

First, the serious bone. We are still moving every Pound and Pack onto a fiscal year ending June 30. Some have already staked their claim. Others are still sniffing around the post. Once you are on this schedule, your Internal Revenue Service Form 990 is due by November 15 each year. Do not bury this bone and forget where you left it.

Next comes your Annual Growl of the Pound. Election season is upon us, and the Bylaws have given us some new chew toys to play with:

- The Annual Growl of the Pound must happen between September 1 and November 30.
- You cannot install yourself. Another trusted Dog must lead that ceremony.
- You cannot hold more than one elected position. One Dog, one bone, one chair.

Now, let us wag about some good news. At this year's Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas, I proudly stood with the Pack. The turnout was strong, the spirit was loud, and the Midwest shined bright. We had eleven Devil Dogs advance to Pedigreed Devil Dog (PDD). Raise your paws and give a big bark to:



- PDD JD Sager – Iowa Pack
- PDD Jeff Strause – Iowa Pack
- PDD James Decker – Minnesota Pack
- PDD Andrew McCormack – Minnesota Pack
- PDD Brian Burlingame – Minnesota Pack
- PDD Matt Anders – Missouri Pack
- PDD Walter Dale – Missouri Pack
- PDD Ken Martin – Missouri Pack
- PDD Lance Rider – Missouri Pack
- PDD Michael Woods – Missouri Pack
- PDD Antonio Marino – Pound 101 Nebraska



Well done, Dogs. You earned your pedigree, your shiny new bones, and the right to wag with pride.

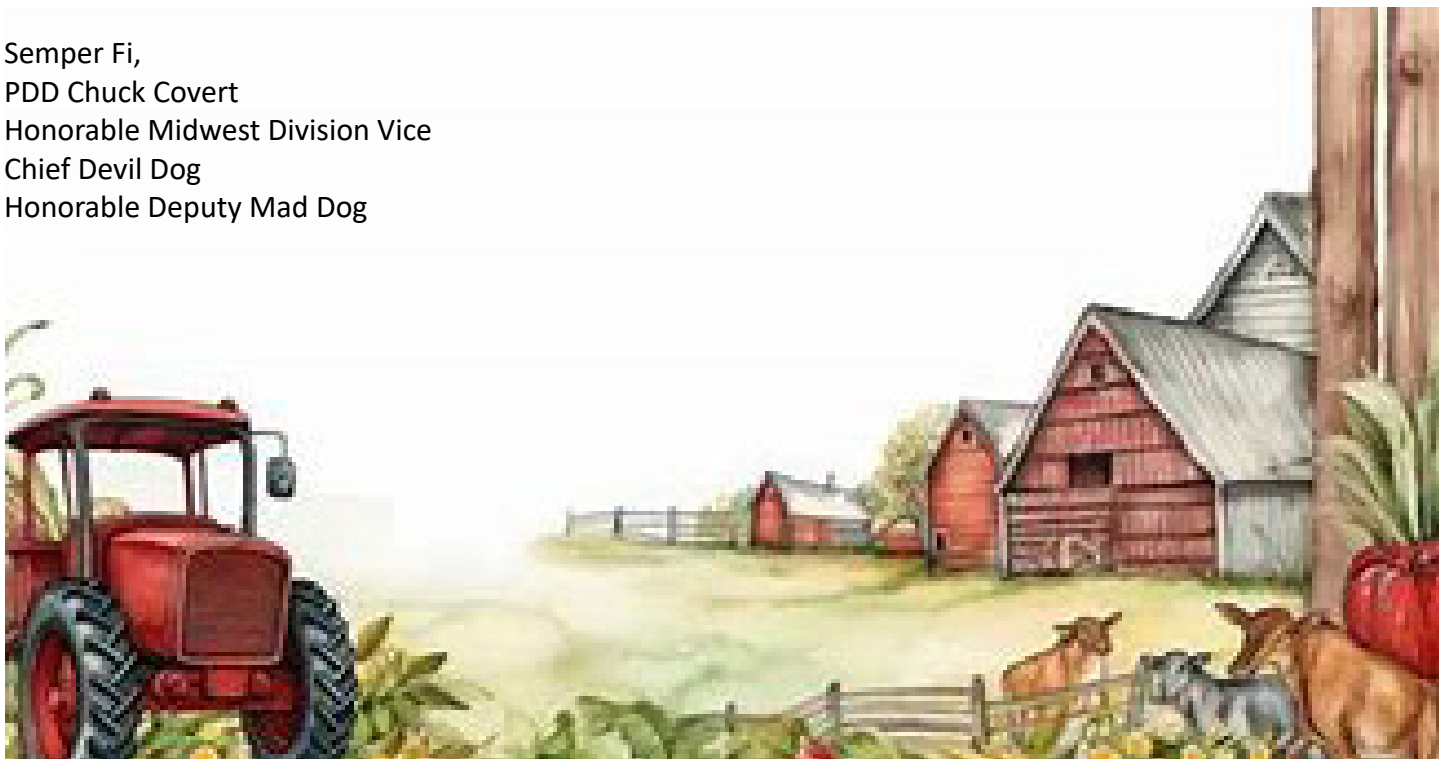
Coming up next is the Fifth Gathering of the Dogs. We will all meet in Albert Lea, Minnesota, at the Ramada by Wyndham. Rooms will be under one hundred Bones a night, so you will still have plenty of scratch for chew treats, patches, snacks, and beverage bowls. Details on registration, schedules, and ceremonial tail chasing will be posted on the Kennel and Midwest Division Facebook pages. You can also sniff out all the details at www.mnpackmodd.org.

Do not forget the Mini Growl. Mark your calendars for Arlington, Virginia, 26-28 February 2026.

One last wag. Please add me to your Pound and Pack email lists for Growls. If PDD Sarah Covert and I are available, we would love to attend and bark alongside you.

So, keep your tails high, your reports filed, and your elections squeaky clean. The Midwest is barking the loudest, wagging the proudest, and leading the pack with honor and fun.

Semper Fi,
PDD Chuck Covert
Honorable Midwest Division Vice
Chief Devil Dog
Honorable Deputy Mad Dog



Northeast Division: PDD Jason Hauck



Hello Dogs of the Order!

Let me start off by saying what a great convention it was this year. It is always wonderful to see old Dogs and to meet new ones. I would like to extend my congratulations to the Kennel Officers for the 2025–2026 year. I am confident that each of you will excel in your duties.

I would also like to congratulate the newly advanced PDDs of the Order. I hope you had a great experience, and that you will share the knowledge you have gained. Best of luck as well to the newly installed Pound Officers as you begin your terms.

WOOF WOOF,
PDD Jason Hauck 18-279
Northeast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

Northwest Division: PDD Bonnie Holden

Dogs of Northwest Division!

I was able to attend three of the four Grand Growls this year, as well as the Supreme Growl.

Membership is not growing significantly, but we are continuing our recruiting efforts in all Pounds. Keep up the good work in submitting your reports and fees on time. With the new KMA, this process should be much easier. If anyone is experiencing problems with the KMA system, please contact your chain of command to arrange training. The Kennel Dog Robber is holding monthly meetings to provide updates and training in problem areas.

I also want to emphasize that if you are sick during the advancement for PDD or during a Convention, PLEASE let someone know so that you can either be quarantined, if necessary, or taken to a medical facility. It is not worth risking your own life or someone else's. Given the advanced ages of many of our members, we are more susceptible to medical conditions.

I hope to see all of you who attend the Mid-Winter in a few months.

Semper Woof,
PDD Bonnie Holden
NWDVCDD



Rocky Mountain Division: PDD Joe Meilinger



Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

At this time the Rocky Mountain Division does not have much to report on. All us Dogs are just kicking back enjoying the sun and playing in our pools, and waiting for the cooler weather.

Semper Fi and Woof Woof,
PDD Joe Meilinger 14-288
Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog
Rocky Mountain Division

Southeast Division: PDD Ricky Pitts

WOOF WOOF to the Dogs of the Southeast Division.

I have the honor of being your new Vice Chief Devil Dog this year, and I have some big shoes to fill since PDD Jim Stone has stepped into the Assistant Vice Commandant position.

Pack Leaders, Pack Dog Robbers, Pound Keepers, and Pound Dog Robbers please feel free to reach out to me with any inquiries that you may have with any issue. If I do not have the answers immediately, I will find them as quickly as I can.

I would like to get a list from you Dogs of all the Pack and Pound Growls in the Division with dates, time, and locations along with Convention dates so that my assistants and I can plan to attend the events.

I will be attending as many Growls throughout the Division as I can this upcoming year, as will my very capable assistants that I have working with me.

The Division Assistants are PDD John Gionet in Florida, PDD Sammy Marcel in Louisiana, PDD Cliff Addison in Mississippi, PDD Jim Breen in South Carolina, and PDD Bryce West in Tennessee.

Please reach out to any of my assistants or myself for any reason. Let us work together to keep the Magnificent Seven, MAGNIFICENT!

I have noticed some Pounds involved in Operation Chow Hound are not reporting it to the Kennel. There is an Operation Chow Hound form on the website that can be downloaded, filled out, and sent in.



I just attended the Department of Alabama Quarterly Meeting and Pack Growl this weekend, have plans to be in Slidell, Louisiana for the Fall Meeting and Pack Growl on October 4th, and have plans to be in Mississippi for their Birthday Ball.

I am looking forward to a WOOFING fun year and hope to see as many of you at Mid-Winter that can make it.

WOOF WOOF

PDD Ricky Pitts, 19-244

Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog

Southeast Division

rickpittsmcl@gmail.com

Southern Division: PDD Audrea Killalea



W OOF WOOF!

The Texas Pack, Oklahoma Pack, and Pound 346 want to wish all Dogs of the Order a very smooth transition into the Fall season! Enjoy the baseball, the football, and the fun with your family at home and with your Pounds and Packs!

We hope everyone has already welcomed back the PDDs that came to Grapevine, Texas to advance! Additionally, we hope that the new PDDs share with everyone the fun they had during their advancement!

We enjoyed sharing the time with those who attended the 2025 Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas. You Dogs sure know how to keep the laughter rolling! The Texas Pack did a wonderful job hosting some exciting evening events for all! We want to thank everyone for bringing the positive vibe to Texas!

Our Packs and Pounds are learning the new tricks being taught by the Honorable Dog Robber and crew! If you have not accessed the Kennel Management App yet, you are missing out! Knowledge is power; all you must do



is give your time to review the recorded training sessions, and you will learn so much! What are you waiting for?

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Woof Woof,
PDD Audrea Killalea
Honorable Southern Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

Barks from Super Chief: 51st PCDD Donald Garland

Woof Bark, I thank you all for all you do to support your communities, the MODD and the Marine Corps League. As promised in the Summer WOG, I have more time to travel so I am out in my RV getting used to it. I enjoyed my trip back from Dallas (not) as I was presented COVID and just had to share my fortunes with my wife. After recuperating, I was out on the road to visit my twin sister in New Hampshire. Past New Hampshire Pack Leader, PDD Cherie Monnell, was kind enough to give me information on MCL/MODD happenings during my stay. I was privileged to meet and help celebrate an Iwo Jima Marine's 100th Birthday. We are in the process of getting him into the Dogs so we can present him his PDD. The Seacoast Detachment did a really good job showing up and presenting him a life membership in the Detachment and there were several other presentations from the Virginia, Folds of Honor, and more. He was so happy he shed tears of joy.



As you read this, I am packing again for Minnesota to attend the Gathering. I cannot put in words how much your comradery and friendship mean to me. I love the MODD, the League, and all of you who take time out of your personal lives to make life better for others.

If you missed the Supreme Growl, rest assured we missed you! Many Dogs took the trip and we enjoyed a lot of fun and comradery. Just like Mid-Winter, we had another Ceremony to celebrate the Semi-Quincentennial (250th) Birthday of the Corps at the Convention Banquet in Dallas.

I hope all of the Dogs in Dogdom are well. The weather is crazy so far this year, so think about getting out and off the leash to your Pound Growls, attend a Pack Growl, and make plans so long as your circumstances permit to meet in Growl assembled at the Mini Growl in Arlington in February. It is a good reason to try and get some cold weather training! We need you to help forge the future of our Order!

Make sure if you are out and about, on or off the leash, that you stay safe on the roads. Get out and sniff the bushes for

some old members, look them up and check in on them, then chase down some of those worthy Marine Corps League members, and invite the ones that are movers and shakers into the Order. We need more members that can be active participants in the Order.

I hope many of you are registered and ready for a howling good time at Mid-Winter and next year's Convention in Indianapolis. I am sure you will find it entertaining and fun, with a little knowledge thrown in for good measure.Woof Bark, the 51st CDD

Gather, Give, and Grow - Seasonal Inspiration for Our Membership from the BOT: PDD Stephanie Abbott

As the seasons shift and we move into fall, it is a perfect time to reflect on what keeps our Order strong: gathering together, giving of ourselves, and growing as leaders and members of the Pound, Pack, and/or Kennel. The Kennel Board of Trustees was asked for input with the following two questions for this article: (1) share one lesson learned or significant observation from 2025; (2) keeping with the article title, what advice would you give to each Dog or Pound out there to Gather, Give, and Grow within their Pounds?

Over the past year, many of us have been reminded that true growth begins when someone encourages us to step outside of our comfort zone. How often have you heard the words, "I think you would be great at this"—and suddenly found yourself taking on a responsibility you never imagined? Some of the greatest leaders within the Order have been discovered in exactly this way.

Leadership is not about clinging to the leash. It is about passing it along, mentoring the next generation, and guiding them as they find their own way forward. Growth cannot happen without change, and no organization can thrive by doing the same thing forever. Change may be uncomfortable, but when embraced, it creates opportunities for new leaders, fresh perspectives, and renewed energy.

Gather

Our strength as Dogs is found in fellowship. Gather your motivated Dogs whenever possible—over coffee, over chow, or at each other's Dog House. Check in on those who have drifted away or stopped attending Growls. Sometimes all it takes is a simple phone call or a kind word to let someone know they are valued and missed. Small gestures matter, and they can have a life-changing impact.

Give

Give freely of your time, wisdom, and encouragement. Withholding your experience or discouraging open communication hurts the Order at every level. A true mentor does not push or demand—they guide. They shine light on the path forward and help others find their footing. Constructive feedback, given with respect, builds confidence and prevents mistakes. When a leader chooses to criticize or shut down every Dog who disagrees with them, they weaken motivation and erode trust. Our Order flourishes when ideas flow freely and respectfully.

Grow

Encourage future leaders to run for elected offices or accept appointed ones. Marines learn best by doing, and there is no better way to grow than to roll up your sleeves and get your paws dirty. Leadership is not about perfection; it is about progress, accountability, and the willingness to listen and adapt. The most successful Pounds are those that recognize when it is time to pass the leash and trust their new leaders to run with it. Growth comes not from control, but from support.

This fall, let us rededicate ourselves to being mentors, motivators, and friends to one another. Let us gather often, give generously, and grow boldly. Together, we ensure the continued strength of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs—not just for today, but for every Dog who will follow.

Texas Pack Leader: PDD Corey Dressler

From the Worthy Pack Leader, Texas Pack, Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Marines, Associates, Devil Dogs, Auxiliary, and Fleas,

This August, the eyes of our organizations were on Grapevine, Texas, as the Department of Texas and the Texas Pack proudly hosted the National Convention and the Supreme Growl. By every measure, it was a resounding success. None of it would have been possible without the hard work, dedication, and tireless commitment of Marines, Devil Dogs, and volunteers across our great state. You demonstrated the true spirit of the League and the Order - working together, welcoming our guests, and making this gathering one to remember.

On behalf of the Texas Pack, I extend my deepest thanks to every Marine who attended, supported, and shared in the fellowship. We were honored to host our brothers and sisters from across the country and to showcase the hospitality of Texas. Your efforts ensured that the Supreme Growl was not only successful, but a celebration of all we stand for.

Semper Woofing,
PDD C.J. Dressler
Worthy Pack Leader, Texas Pack



From: PDD Charles Minton 08-451

To: Honorable Kennel Smart Dog

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article II Section 208

I would like to recommend the following proposed bylaw change for consideration.

Article II Section 208- Eligibility to Hold Office section A sub paragraph 3.

Currently reads:

- A. All members of the Pound shall be eligible for election, or appointment, to any office in the Pound, Subject, however, to the following limitations and restrictions:
 - 1. The Pound Keeper must have the Degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog, with the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog being preferred.
 - 2. It is preferable that the Pound Dog Robber has the Degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog.
 - 3. To be eligible for an elective or appointive office, a Pup must have been a faithful Pup for at least one calendar year. This restriction may be waived ONLY when the fifth person making application for a Pound Charter is a Pup, who may be a proper Charter Applicant, and the Pup Charter Applicant may hold any Appointive Office other than that of the Pound Dog Robber. A Pup will be eligible to hold any office in the Pound that is elective other than the Pound Keeper and Pound Dog Robber.
 - 4. All officers must be currently paid up in membership dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the Order.
 - 5. Any officer permitting their membership dues and good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the ORDER, to lapse, shall forthwith surrender their office, and the office be declared vacant.
 - 6. Any nominee for any elective office must be present at the time their name is placed in nomination and shall accept the office, except for valid reasons. The DOG ROBBER provided they have stated by written word their acceptance of the office if elected, may be nominated and elected in absentia.

Change to read

Section 208- Eligibility to Hold Office section A sub paragraph 3.

- A. All members of the Pound shall be eligible for election, or appointment, to any office in the Pound, Subject, however, to the following limitations and restrictions:
 - 1. The Pound Keeper must have the degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog, with the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog being preferred.
 - 2. It is preferable that the Pound Dog Robber has the degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog.

By Law #1

Adopted

3. To be eligible for an elected or appointed office, a Pup **should be** a faithful Pup for at least one (1) calendar year. This restriction may be waived ONLY when the fifth person making application for a Pound Charter is a Pup, who may be a proper Charter applicant, and the Pup Charter applicant may hold any appointed office other than that of the Pound Dog Robber. A Pup will be eligible to hold any office in the Pound that is elected other than the Pound Keeper. **or if there are no other eligible Dogs to accept the nomination to an Elected or Appointed position during regular elections within the Pound,** then a PUP who has attended a minimum of two Growls may be nominated and elected or appointed to a position within the Pound except for the position of Pound Keeper or Pound Dog Robber.
4. All Officers must be currently paid up in membership dues in the MCL, and in the MODD.
5. Any Officer permitting their membership dues and good standing in the MCL and in the MODD, to lapse shall forthwith surrender their office, and the office be declared vacant.
6. Any nominee for any elected office must be present at the time their name is placed in nomination and shall accept the office, except for valid reasons. The Dog Robber, provided they have stated by written word their acceptance of the office if elected, may be nominated and elected in absentia.

Rational:

By changing this too SHOULD be a faithful Pup for 1 calendar year, would allow those Pups who are wanting to step up and accept a position within the Pound, have a chance to do so. If they feel like they are involved and have a purpose in the Pound, they will continue to attend Growls and be a productive Dog in the Order.

Respectfully submitted
Charles D Minton
PDD Charles Minton

By Law #1 (Cont)

Adopted

From: PDD Charles Minton 08-451

To: Honorable Kennel Smart Dog

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article IX Installing Officers

I would like to recommend the following proposed bylaw change for consideration.

Article IX Section 901 Pounds

Currently reads:

- A. The Officer installing the new Officers of a Pound should be a Pedigreed Devil Dog if possible, or shall be a Past Pound Keeper, or **an incumbent elected Pound Officer**, or past elected Pound Officer, or current/past Pack elected Officer, or current/past Kennel elected Officer. Immediately following the Installation, the Installing Officer shall make a full report to the Pack Dog Robber, the Honorable Dog Robber and the Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division. The report shall include the date and place, names, addresses and titles of all Officers installed.

Change to read

Article IX Section 901 Pounds

- A. The Officer installing the new Officers of a Pound should be a Pedigreed Devil Dog if possible, or shall be a Past Pound Keeper, or past elected Pound Officer, or current/past Pack elected Officer, or current/past Kennel elected Officer. Immediately following the Installation, the Installing Officer shall make a full report to the Pack Dog Robber, the Honorable Dog Robber and the Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division. The report shall include the date and place, names, addresses and titles of all Officers installed.

Rationale

There isn't a proper way for an incumbent elected Pound Officer to properly swear themselves in. By removing "or an incumbent elected Pound Officer" ensures that the Pound Officers are properly installed.

Respectfully submitted

Charles D Minton

PDD Charles Minton

By Law #2

Adopted

From: PDD Charles Minton 08-451

To: Honorable Kennel Smart Dog

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article IX Installing Officers

I would like to recommend the following proposed bylaw change for consideration.

Article IX Section 902 Packs

Currently reads:

- A. The Officer installing the new Pack Officers should be a Pedigreed Devil Dog if possible, or shall be a Past Pack Leader, **or an incumbent elected Pack Officer**, or a past elected Pack Officer, or current/past Kennel elected Officer. Immediately following the Installation, the Installing Officer shall make a full report to the Honorable Dog Robber, via the Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division, including the date and place, names and addresses and titles of all Officers installed and the current condition of the Pack.

Change to read

Article IX Section 902 Packs

- B. The Officer installing the new Pack Officers shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog if possible, or shall be a Past Pack Leader, , or a past elected Pack Officer, or current/past Kennel elected Officer. Immediately following the Installation, the Installing Officer shall make a full report to the Honorable Dog Robber, via the Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division, including the date and place, names and addresses and titles of all Officers installed and the current condition of the Pack.**

Rationale

There isn't a proper way for an incumbent elected Pack Officer to properly swear themselves in. By removing "or an incumbent elected Pack Officer" ensures that the Pack Officers are properly installed.

Respectfully submitted

Charles D Minton

PDD Charles Minton

By Law #3

Adopted

From: PDD Charles Minton 08-451

To: Honorable Kennel Smart Dog

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article V Fiscal and Finance

I would like to recommend the following proposed bylaw change for consideration.

Article V Section 505 Passports / Visa Stamps

Currently reads:

- A. All Devil Dogs shall procure a the MODD Passport at a cost regulated by the Kennel, which will distribute them to the Packs and the Pounds. The fine for attending any Kennel, Pack, or Pound Growl will be one dollar (\$1.00) without a Passport in any attending Devil Dogs possession.
- B. The Kennel, Packs, and Pounds will procure a Visa Stamp to stamp all Passports with the date of all Growls attended by said Devil Dog presenting their Passport. Cost of visa stamping shall be one dollar (\$1.00).
- C. All monies collected for Passport or visa stamping shall be forwarded after each Growl to the Honorable Dog Robber, who will hold these monies in a special Passport account.
- D. All monies collected will be used each year at the MCL National Convention, where a check for a sizable portion of that account will be presented first, to a children's hospital in the convention city, or to another suitable local charity as the Executive Board of the MODD, may select. The check shall be accompanied by a letter stipulating that the MODD's contribution is to be used for special equipment purchases only and for no other purpose.
- E. Any Devil Dog Passport that is lost, or misplaced, not stolen, if turned into either the Kennel, Pack, or Pound Dog Robber, shall be stamped four times and returned at a cost of two dollars (\$2.00), as a finder's fee.

Change dollars to Big Bones and add sub paragraph F.

- A. All Devil Dogs shall procure a the MODD Passport at a cost regulated by the Kennel, which will distribute them to the Packs and the Pounds. The fine for attending any Kennel, Pack, or Pound Growl will be one big bone (\$1.00) without a Passport in any attending Devil Dogs possession.

Bylaw #4

Adopted

- B. The Kennel, Packs, and Pounds will procure a Visa Stamp to stamp all Passports with the date of all Growls attended by said Devil Dog presenting their Passport. Cost of visa stamping shall be one big bone (\$1.00).
- C. All monies collected for Passport or visa stamping shall be forwarded after each Growl to the Honorable Dog Robber, who will hold these monies in a special Passport account.
- D. All monies collected will be used each year at the MCL National Convention, where a check for a sizable portion of that account will be presented first, to a children's hospital in the convention city, or to another suitable local charity as the Executive Board of the MODD, may select. The check shall be accompanied by a letter stipulating that the MODD's contribution is to be used for special equipment purchases only and for no other purpose.
- E. Any Devil Dog Passport that is lost, or misplaced, not stolen, if turned into either the Kennel, Pack, or Pound Dog Robber, shall be stamped four times and returned at a cost of two big bones (\$2.00), as a finder's fee.
- F. The minimum required items that are to be presented with a Dogs Passport are, their MODD membership cards, either the hard copy or an electronic copy. Pounds and Packs may add additional items at their discretion.

Rationale:

We do not use dollars in the MODD, we use Bones. There is not a current list of items that are required to be in the Passport. Dog Robbers always ask to see these items, but they were never officially listed anywhere in our By Laws, Ritual or Handbook that a Dog must have these items in their Passports. This change will list the bare minimum items that are required to be in every Dogs Passport and still give the Pounds and Packs a chance to add their own required items to the passports.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles D Minton
PDD Charles Minton

Bylaw #4 (cont.)

Adopted



Proposed Bylaw Change

February 5, 2025

From: PDD Mark Hoernschemeyer, Worthy Sr Vice Pack Leader, Missouri Pack

To: MODD Kennel Bylaws Committee

Subj: **Proposed Kennel Bylaw addition for 2025, MODD Constitution: Article IV Kennel: Section 409, C-2**

Current Language:

2. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog after assuming office may appoint such other Kennel Officers and Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dogs of Divisions and Aides as he/she may see fit may also be appointed as may be fit and proper and such appointed Officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog.

Proposed Language:

2. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog after assuming office may appoint such other Kennel Officers and Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dogs of Divisions and Aides as he/she may see fit may also be appointed as may be fit and proper and such appointed Officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog.

3. The Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division may be appointed provided that such appointees are not currently holding office as Worthy Pack Leaders.

Rationale: It is important to have a clear chain of command and separation of powers so if an issue arises there is no conflict of interest, leaving the only option from Pack issue to Kennel being official complaints.

Semper Woof,
PDD Mark Hoernschemeyer
Worthy Sr Vice Pack Leader
Missouri Pack

Bylaw #5

Adopted

February 28, 2025

From: PDD Raymond Sturm, Deputy Kennel Executive Director

To: MODD Kennel Bylaws Committee

Subj: MODIFIED Proposed Changes to Kennel Bylaws, Article IV, Section 410

In accordance with MODD Constitution and Bylaws (Revised 2023), Article IV, Section 403 and Article XIII, Section 1301 the following is submitted for consideration.

Proposed bylaw changes to Section 410: Nomination / Election / Installation / Tenure

Section 410: D Tenure. 4.

CURRENT:

The Honorable Executive Director shall be a permanent, compensated position, subject to the annual approval of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Honorable Executive Director shall be appointed from the ranks of qualified Pedigreed Devil Dogs who are extremely knowledgeable in the administrative affairs and duties of the MODD. The Honorable Executive Director shall be paid an annual honorarium as defined in the Kennel's annual budget. Should the Honorable Executive Director decline the position for another term, he/she must, within thirty (30) days after the Supreme Growl of the Kennel turn over all monies and records to the newly appointed Honorable Executive Director.

PROPOSED:

Section 410: Nomination / Election / Installation / Tenure.

D Tenure. 4.

- a. The office of Kennel Executive Director shall be a permanent compensated position.
- b. The Honorable Executive Director shall be nominated from the ranks of qualified Pedigreed Devil Dogs who are extremely knowledgeable in the administrative affairs and duties of the MODD by the Chief Devil Dog and approved by a simple majority vote of the Kennel Board of Trustees.
- c. The Honorable Executive Director shall be paid an annual honorarium as defined in the Kennel's annual budget.
- d. The Honorable Executive Director may succeed him/herself for as many terms of office as they are reappointed. The Honorable Executive Director may be reappointed by successive Honorable Chiefs Devil Dog.
- e. The Honorable Executive Director may be removed from office, with or without prejudice, by the Honorable Chief Devil Dog.
- f. Should the Kennel Executive Director (KED) decline the position for another term or be removed from office by the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, he/she must, within thirty (30) days after the Supreme Growl or date of removal, turn over all monies, records, and all physical and digital properties and authorities belonging to the MODD Kennel to the newly appointed or interim Honorable Kennel Executive Director.

Bylaw #8

Adopted

RATIONALE:

There is a conflict between being in a permanent compensated position yet requiring annual appointment. Separating the office from the person (Dog) removes any ambiguity.

It is understood that the Honorable Chief Devil Dog should have the prerogative to select his/her Kennel Executive Director. However, the constant churning of KEDs could undermine the Kennel's operations. Requiring the consent of the Board of Trustees provides incentive to conduct due diligence on the nominee's qualifications.

The duties and responsibilities of an executive director are to manage the day-to-day operations of an organization. The KED works closely with the Board of Trustees, the Kennel Dog Robber, Webmaster, and Quartermaster. The KED also works closely with the Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog and Webmaster to create and maintain Kennel membership rosters. Additionally, the KED maintains the Kennel's checking and savings accounts. The KED is the single collection point for funds raised by the Operations Dog, Lucky Dog, and others. The KED makes all bank deposits following a Supreme Growl.

Such duties require a high level of training, experience, and education in areas such as book and record keeping, insurance, and overall business acumen. Continuity and "corporate (Kennel) knowledge" are essential to the smooth running of the organization. A constant turnover in KEDs would be detrimental to the stability of the Kennel.

This bylaw change would allow the KED the ability to plan ahead with the Kennel Board of Trustees, Past Chiefs Society, and others, and see those plans to completion without the uncertainty of yearly turnover.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Sturm", with a stylized, flowing script.

Raymond Sturm
Deputy Kennel Executive Director

Bylaw #8 (cont.)

Adopted

From: PCDD Thomas W. Hazlett 08-229

To: Honorable Kennel Smart Dog

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article 1 Membership

I would like to recommend the following proposed bylaw change for consideration.

Article I Section 101 B: The Degrees of Membership in the MODD

Currently reads:

1. The degree of Pup to be granted to all qualified candidates at any Growl of the Pound; by limitation hereinafter set forth, may also be granted the degree at the Pack and Kennel level.
2. The degree of Devil Dog to be granted to all qualified candidates at any Growl of the Pack; by limitation hereinafter set forth, may also be granted at the Kennel level.
3. The degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog to be granted to all qualified candidates ONLY at the Supreme Growl of the MODD
4. The Title of Chief Devil Dog (CDD), be granted to all those who are properly elected and installed by vote of the Order Only during the Annual Supreme Growl. They may use PDD when reporting as their degree if they chose to.
5. The title of Past Chief Devil Dog (PCDD), be granted to any CDD that has completed their duties as Chief Devil Dog of the Order immediately at the election and installation of the new CDD. They may use PDD when reporting as their degree if they chose to.

Rationale:

The Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable Past Chief Devil Dogs will never again wear the Gold Collar which is symbolic of the Pedigree Devil Dog; nor will they ever again hold the title of PDD. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog will be referred to, addressed as and identified as "The Honorable Chief Devil Dog" and will wear the appropriate Medallion representing the Honorable Chief Devil Dog.

The Honorable Past Chief Devil Dogs will be referred to, addressed as and identified as "Honorable Past Chief Devil Dog" and will wear the appropriate Medallion representing an Honorable Past Chief Devil Dog.

Respectfully Submitted
PCDD Thomas W. Hazlett
59th Chief Devil Dog

Bylaw #10
Adopted



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE II – POUNDS

Existing Wording:

SECTION 201: Definition

B. The Pound shall bear a number as determined by the Honorable Dog Robber, being issued in sequence and in addition shall bear such name as the members of the Pound may choose, except that no Pound shall bear the name of a living person or of a Pound already in use. It is preferable, but not mandatory, that the Pound bear the name of the Detachment of the MCL from which it obtains the majority of its members.

Proposed Wording:

B. The Pound shall bear a number as determined by the Honorable Dog Robber, being issued in sequence and in addition shall bear such name as the members of the Pound may choose, except that no Pound shall bear the name of a living person or of a Pound already in use.

Rationale:

Pounds should not take on the names of Detachments to prevent confusion with State and IRS entities.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #11

Adopted



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Existing Wording:

SECTION 107: Delinquency

- A. Any member of the MODD who does not have their membership dues in the MODD paid for the current membership year, as stipulated in ARTICLE V – FISCAL AND FINANCE, Section 503, shall be determined to be delinquent.
- B. Should the delinquency extend beyond the last day of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel, they shall be dropped from the rolls for non-payment of membership dues.

Proposed Wording:

- A. Any member of the MODD who has not paid their membership dues in the MODD for the next membership year by September 1, as stipulated in ARTICLE V – FISCAL AND FINANCE, Section 503, shall be determined to be delinquent.
- B. The delinquent member may remain in delinquent status for a maximum of one year, during which time the member can return to good standing by paying delinquent dues with no reinstatement penalty.
- C. Should the member remain delinquent at the end of one year, he/she shall be removed from the active membership roster. If the member wishes to reactivate his/her membership after being removed from the active roster, he/she must pay a reinstatement fee as stipulated in Section 108: Reinstatement.

Rationale:

The Supreme Growl of the Kennel does not end the Membership Year and we have not dropped members at that point for a number of years. This amendment clarifies the delinquency of past-due members and when members are removed from the active roster.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

By Law #12

Adopted

Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305



Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE II – POUNDS

Existing Wording:

SECTION 207: Charter – _Surrender / Suspension / Revocation

C 5. Any Pound, the Charter of which has been revoked, shall surrender to the Pack having jurisdictional authority over said Pound, or to the Kennel Executive Director on behalf of the Kennel Board of Trustees as jurisdictional authority, should no Pack having jurisdictional authority exist, all properties and assets to said jurisdictional authority, all properties and assets to said jurisdictional authority, to be held for a period of one (1) year or until a new Pound is formed. Should a new Pound be formed during that period, the new Pound retains the old Pound name and number. ALL properties and assets will be returned. After the one (1) year, the properties and assets shall revert to the jurisdictional authority, Pack or Kennel. The Charter will be returned to the Kennel Executive Director and placed in the archives. All assets will then become the property of the jurisdictional authority, Pack or Kennel.

Proposed Wording:

Strike it from Paragraph C

ADD

D. Any Pound, the Charter of which has been **surrendered or** revoked, shall surrender to the Pack having jurisdictional authority over said Pound, or to the Kennel Executive Director on behalf of the Kennel Board of Trustees as jurisdictional authority, should no Pack having jurisdictional authority exist, all properties and assets to said jurisdictional authority, all properties and assets to said jurisdictional authority, to be held for a period of one (1) year or until a new Pound is formed. Should a new Pound be formed during that period, the new Pound retains the old Pound name and number. ALL properties and assets will be returned. After the one (1) year, the properties and assets shall revert to the jurisdictional authority, Pack or Kennel. The Charter will be returned to the Kennel Executive Director and placed in the archives. All assets will then become the property of the jurisdictional authority, Pack or Kennel.

Rationale:

If a Pound decides to surrender their charter and the funds are turned over to the Pack / Kennel to be held in escrow for a year, should the Pound decide to restart, they will have their funds available versus trying to reestablish their funding again.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #13

Adopted



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Existing Wording:

SECTION 101: Eligibility

B. Any such other candidate who is in failing health, and to whom the trip to the Grand Growl of the Pack or the Supreme Growl of the Kennel would cause undue hardship and/or physical endangerment, shall, by written request of the Pound with the approval endorsement of the Pack, and with the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, be permitted elevation to the next higher degree at a Growl of the Pound, or at a Special Growl of the Pack permit. Pounds that are not part of a functioning Pack may petition the Honorable Chief Devil Dog directly. The written request from the Pound on behalf of a Pup or Devil Dog in failing health shall be accompanied by a statement from competent medical authority specifically addressing the condition of the individual for whom the exemption is being sought. The Pound Keeper's written request shall be countersigned by the Worthy Pack Leader in states where there is a functioning Pack; or, sent directly to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog where there is not a functioning Pack in the state, with a copy of the request sent directly to the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the respective Division. All requests for medical, World War II, and Korean War service exemptions shall be sent directly to the Honorable Dog Robber for factual verification. Once the Honorable Dog Robber validates, both, the faithful service of the Devil Dog for whom the medical exemption is sought and has determined that the medical evidence provided is compelling and complete; the Honorable Dog Robber shall obtain from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog such approval (either in hard copy or digitally) of the request of either the Pound or the Pack as determined to be sufficient for record-keeping purposes and, by direction, notify the Pound or the Pack as soon as possible that the request for World War II, Korean War Veteran wartime service and/or medical exemption has been granted. Once the written approval has been received from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Pound Keeper, or Pack Leader, as appropriate, shall appoint an Installation Officer and Installation Team appropriate for the degree to be conferred, with the express understanding that said Growl will be held within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog and, in the case of a Growl of the Pound, the Worthy Pack Leader should ensure that there is a representative from their respective Staff, whenever possible.

Proposed Wording:

B. Any other member who is in **long-term** failing health, and to whom the trip to the Grand Growl of the Pack or the Supreme Growl of the Kennel would cause undue hardship and/or physical endangerment, may request a special advancement at a Growl of the Pound or Special Growl of the Pack. Requests for special advancement must be submitted via the member's Pound, endorsed by the Pack, and approved by the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. Pounds that are not part of a Pack may petition the Honorable Chief Devil Dog directly.

Bylaw #14

Adopted

Bylaw #14

ADD

C. A request for advancement of an eligible member who is a World War I, World War II, or Korean War Veteran as referenced in Section 108 (4) (a) should be submitted to the Honorable Dog Robber with an endorsement letter from the Pound Keeper and a copy of the member's DD-214.

D. A request for special advancement due to medical exemption must be submitted to the Honorable Dog Robber and must include the following:

i. Request letter from the Pound Keeper, endorsed by the Pack Leader, stating the involvement of the member in the Pound.

ii. Letter from the member's doctor stating that due to the member's long-term medical condition, travel in any manner is not possible (note: the specific medical condition does NOT have to be shared, only that the member will not be able to travel for the foreseeable future)

E. Once the Honorable Dog Robber receives and validates the information Exemption; he/she shall obtain from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog approval for the Advancement. Once the written approval has been received from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Pound Keeper, or Pack Leader, as appropriate, shall appoint an Installation Officer and Installation Team appropriate for the degree to be conferred, with the express understanding that said Growl will be held within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The respective Division Vice Chief Devil Dog and, in the case of a Growl of the Pound, the Worthy Pack Leader should ensure that there is a representative from their respective Staff, whenever possible.

Rationale:

The current wording the Bylaws is a long run-on sentence that is unclear and hard to read. By breaking up Paragraph B into more management bits and explaining the requirements, we give the Pounds better guidance on how to proceed to advancing those Dogs who may never be able to join us at a Supreme Growl due to age, infirmities, or medical issues.

Respectfully Submitted,



PDD Helen Breen 18-305
Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #14

Adopted



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Existing Wording:

SECTION 102: Application

Every application for consideration must be in writing and in triplicate on approved membership application forms, which forms must be fully completed in writing or typewritten, over the signature of the applicant and must be accompanied by supplemental papers pertinent to the degree of membership for which application is filed and as set forth in the applicable subsections of section 101 of these bylaws.

Proposed Wording:

Each application for membership must be submitted using the most recent version of the approved membership application forms. These forms must be fully completed legible and signed by the applicant. Additionally, the application must include any supporting documents relevant to the requested membership level, as outlined in Section 101 of the bylaws.

Rationale:

We no longer use triplicate forms and the Kennel Dog Robber will not accept them. The paragraph has also been rewritten to make more sense.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #15

Adopted



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE II - POUNDS

Existing Wording:

SECTION 210: Election

- A. The Annual Growl of the Pound shall be held during the three (3) months following the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.

Proposed Wording:

- A. The Annual Growl of the Pound shall be held between 1 September and 30 November.

Rationale:

Each year Dogs hear “elections are to be held within 90 days after the Supreme Growl”, and “elections should be held by the Marine Corps Birthday”, but the true time frame has been fuzzy to many and left the actual time frame up to interpretation – for example, does the time frame start the day after the Supreme Growl or on September 1? By setting specific concrete dates, we give all Pounds a solid guideline as to when their Annual Growl and their Pound Elections must be held, leaving no grey area.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

By Law #16

Adopted



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE II – POUNDS

Existing Wording:

SECTION 209: Pound Officers Elected / Appointed:

ELECTED - The elected Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Keeper (who shall not concurrently hold the office of Pound Dog Robber), Senior Vice Pound Keeper, Junior Vice Pound Keeper, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, and Pound Mad Dog.

Proposed Wording:

ELECTED - The elected Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Keeper (who shall not concurrently hold the office of Pound Dog Robber), Senior Vice Pound Keeper, Junior Vice Pound Keeper, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, and Pound Mad Dog. No member may hold more than one elected office but may serve in an elected and appointed office concurrently, except as otherwise stated.

Rationale:

Each member of the Board of Trustees has one vote. Each Pound should want as many voices on the Board making the decisions as possible. While some Pounds have challenges filling positions, there are Pounds with large memberships that simply don't have members filling elected positions, which is not acceptable. There is no elected or appointed position at the Pound level that is a high-demand role, other than Pound Keeper and Dog Robber. Educating Pound members on the responsibilities of the positions may help increase interest in filling those roles.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Helen Breen", is written below the "Respectfully Submitted," line.

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #17

Adopted



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE II - POUNDS

Existing Wording:

SECTION 218: Pound

- A. A Pound shall be in default if:
1. It is indebted to either Kennel or its Pack.
 2. It does not have a valid Installation Report on file with Kennel by 1 March.
 - 3....

Proposed Wording:

SECTION 218 Pound **Default (add the word)**

- A. A Pound shall be in default if:
1. It is indebted to either Kennel or its Pack.
 2. It does not have a valid Installation Report on file with Kennel by ~~1 March~~ **31 December**.
- (no other proposed changes to this Section)

Rationale:

All Pound elections must be held no later than the end of November (within the 3 months following the Supreme Growl). Why does a Pound need six months following the last eligible day of elections to complete and submit the Report of Installation to the Kennel Dog Robber? Section 319 of the Kennel Bylaws gives the Packs until 30 June to submit ROIs before falling into default, which for some Packs may be less than 30 days, depending on when they hold.

This proposed change will still give Pounds more than adequate time to complete and submit the ROI and more of a grace period than we give Packs in submitting the Report of Installation, especially with the implementation of the Kennel Management Application, which gives the Pounds and Packs the ability to submit the ROI immediately upon the completion of installation.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE III - PACKS

Existing Wording:

SECTION 319: Pack Default

- A. A Pack shall be in default if:
 - 1. It is indebted to the Kennel
 - 2. It does not have a valid installation Report on file with Kennel by 30 June.

Proposed Wording:

- A. A Pack shall be in default if:
 - 1. It is indebted to the Kennel.
 - 2. It does not have a valid Installation Report on file with Kennel by **31 July**.

Rationale:

The Grand Growl of the Packs are traditionally held as part of the annual Department Conventions. Per MCL National Bylaw Section 830, Departments must hold their conventions no later than June 30th. Should a Department hold their Convention closer to the 30 June deadline, this will still give Packs a 30-day deadline to submit their Report of Installation and make it consistent with the proposed Pound deadline in Section 218.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen M. Breen".

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #19

Adopted



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE V – FISCAL AND FINANCE

Existing Wording:

SECTION 502: Revenue

Administrative Expenses - The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall be reimbursed for normal administrative expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties. The expenses to be covered will be for telephone, postage, copying, and supplies. Payment will be made upon submission of an expense voucher to the Honorable Dog Robber, subject to the approval of the Kennel Board of Trustees or the Kennel Board of Auditors.

Proposed Wording:

Administrative Expenses - The Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall be reimbursed for normal administrative expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties. The expenses to be covered will be for telephone, postage, copying, and supplies. Payment will be made upon submission of an expense voucher to the **Executive Director / Kennel Dog Robber**, subject to the approval of the Kennel Board of Trustees or the Kennel Board of Auditors.

Rationale:

Currently, the Kennel Dog Robber does not maintain the checkbook for the Kennel and does not write checks.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen M. Breen", is positioned below the "Respectfully Submitted," line.

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #20

Adopted



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE III – PACKS

Existing Wording:

SECTION 307: Surrender / Revocation:

Paragraph B

7. Any Pack, the Charter of which has been revoked, shall surrender to the Kennel Executive Director on behalf of the Kennel Board of Trustees having jurisdictional authority over said Pack, all properties and assets. The affected properties will devolve to the control of the Kennel Board of Trustees until a new Pack is formed at which time the affected properties and assets revert to the newly formed Pack.

Proposed Wording:

Any Pack, the Charter of which has been revoked, shall surrender to the Kennel **Dog Robber** on behalf of the Kennel Board of Trustees having jurisdictional authority over said Pack, all properties and assets. The affected properties will devolve to the control of the Kennel Board of Trustees until a new Pack is formed, at which time the affected properties and assets revert to the newly formed Pack.

Rationale:

After the surrendered Charter has been sent to the Executive Director, it is sent to the Kennel Dog Robber, who tracks the information on the Charter and then forwards the Charter to the Kennel Historian after the appropriate time frame for destruction. Sending Charter to the Executive Director upon surrender at the start only adds an unnecessary step to the process.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #21

Adopted



Date: 10 March 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

From: PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XII – GENERAL

Existing Wording:

SECTION 1209: Life Memberships:

E. PLMs shall be made available at a cost of \$150.00 each for those members of the MOOD who are up to and including age 60 years, and for \$125.00 for those members who are age 61 years and above. All applicants shall meet the following criteria. NOTE: Because the PLM is classified as dues (Section 104), the current flat rate of \$100.00 will remain in effect until the close of the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel in 2005 and the increase shall become effective at that time.

1. The member shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog, shall be a PLM of the MCL, and shall have no outstanding obligations to either the MOOD or the MCL.

2. Life Memberships in the MOOD are to be ultimately transmitted to the Honorable Dog Robber. Life membership dues are based on age. Members up to and including 60 years of age, the dues are \$150; Members age 61 and older, the dues are \$125.00. Payment for life membership dues shall be as follows:

a. The Pound Dog Robber shall remit a check deducting \$30.00 (*e.g., members of the MOOD up to and including 60 years of age, the Pound Dog Robber shall remit a check in the amount of \$120.00. For members of the MOOD 61 years and older, the check amount shall be \$95.00*)

i. If the member belongs to a Pound in a state with NO established Pack, the life membership transmittal, along with the appropriate payment will be forwarded to the Honorable Dog Robber

ii. Checks referred to in section 1209-E-2.a shall be made payable to the MOOD Kennel. No further actions will need to be taken if there is NO established Pack in the state where the Pound exists.

iii. Pounds in a state WITH an established Pack shall continue to instructions listed below.

b. If the member belongs to a Pound in a state WITH an established Pack, the life membership transmittal, along with the appropriate payment will be forwarded to the Pack Dog Robber.

i. The Pound Dog Robber shall remit two checks; one check of the required amount made payable to the MOOD (state) Pack, and one check of the required amount (*based on the applicant's age*), made payable to the MOOD Kennel. The Pack Dog Robber shall retain the Pack's portion, then forward the other check, along with the Life

Membership transmittal to the Honorable Dog Robber. Refer to the MOOD Dog Robber's Manual for the current Life Membership amounts for the Pack and the Kennel.

c. In the event of Kennel Strays purchasing life memberships, the Stray shall remit payment directly to the Honorable Dog Robber.

i. If the Stray is up to and including 60 years of age, the amount shall be \$150.00. If the Stray is 61 years and older, the amount shall be \$125.00. Checks shall be made payable to the MOOD Kennel.

ii. The Honorable Dog Robber will process the PLM transmittal for the Stray.

3. The transmittal of PLMs shall be the responsibility of the Pound, via the Pack, to the Honorable Dog Robber. Pounds in states having no established Pack shall transmit directly to the Kennel.

4. Permanent metal PLM plates and cardboard type membership cards will be issued to the Pedigreed Devil Dog only at the time of their original transmittal.

5. Pedigreed Devil Dogs holding PLM status in the MOOD are exempt from future Kennel, Pack, and Pound membership dues in that Pound.

Proposed Wording:

E. PLMs shall be made available based on age. Members up to including 60 years of age, the dues are \$150; Members aged 61 and older, the dues are \$125.00. All applicants shall meet the following criteria. NOTE: Because the PLM is classified as dues (Section 104), the current flat rate of \$100.00 will remain in effect until the close of the Supreme Groul of the Kennel in 2005 and the increase shall become effective at that time.

1. The member shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog, shall be a PLM of the MCL, and shall have no outstanding obligations to either the MOOD or the MCL.

2. Life Memberships in the MOOD are to be ultimately transmitted to the Honorable Dog Robber. ~~Life membership dues are based on age. Members up to including 60 years of age, the dues are \$150; Members age 61 and older, the dues are \$125.00. Payment for life membership dues shall be as follows:~~ *redundant sentence to paragraph E. Strike parts a, b, & c about submission of Life Membership Transmittal.*

3. The transmittal of PLMs shall be the responsibility of the Pound, via the Pack, to the Honorable Dog Robber. Pounds in states having no established Pack shall transmit directly to the Kennel.

4. **A MOOD Life Member Number,** Permanent metal PLM plates and cardboard type membership cards will be issued to the Pedigreed Devil Dog only at the time of their original transmittal. **A single Life Member number shall be issued, regardless of the number of Pounds a member may be a Life Member of.**

5. **Life Membership applies only to the Pound to which it is paid. Should a member wish to be a Life Member in more than one Pound, PLM fees must be paid for each Pound.** Pedigreed Devil Dogs holding PLM status in the MOOD are exempt from future Kennel, Pack, and Pound membership dues in that Pound.

Rationale:

This edit shortens the section in the Bylaws regarding the payment of the PLM fees, clarifies the payment of the PLM fees to each Pound, makes the main paragraph less verbose, and removes a wording redundancy. The breakdown of how the PLM fees should be submitted is better placed in the Dog Robber Manual / Admin Procedure as the "how" it should be done.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen M. Breen".

PDO Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton
From: CDD J.D. Jones 09-019
Date: 15 March 2025
Subj: Proposed Bylaw Submission

Proposed Bylaw
ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Currently Reads:

Section 101: Eligibility

B. The degrees of membership in the MODD and the time and place the degrees will be conferred are herewith and hereby established as follows:

4. EXCEPTIONS:

a. Any qualified candidate who has otherwise complied with paragraphs D and E of this Section and who is also a World War I Veteran, World War II Veteran, Korean War Veteran (service between 27 June 1950 to 27 July 1954 - dates eligible for the Korean Service Medal: ref DOD), and any service prior to 27 June 1950 would also qualify for advancement to the rank of Pedigreed Devil Dog. The aforementioned candidates would not be required to attend the Supreme Growl of the Kennel to be elevated.

Add the following sub paragraph:

- 1) For any Dog with (1) year time in Degree of Devil Dog that does not meet the above Conflict criteria and is Eighty-Two (82) human years old would also qualify for advancement to the rank of Pedigreed Devil Dog. The aforementioned candidates would not be required to attend the Supreme Growl of the Kennel to be elevated.

Rational: In the near future we are going to have 20-year span of Cold War Veterans that will be advancing in age and will not be eligible to advance to Pedigree under the conflict exceptions.

Respectfully Submitted,
CDD J.D. Jones 09-019
61st Chief Devil Dog
(252) 205-6506

Bylaw #25

Adopted

Kennel Roll Call

DD Theodore Antone Pound 298, FL
PDD Robert Applebaum Pound 326, NJ
PDD Paul Banick Sr, Stray
DD Derrek Beaumont Pound 268, TX
PDD John Britcher Pound 353, WA
PDD Donald Broussard Pound 370, NC
Pup Mickey Brown Pound 261, LA
Pup James Clouse Pound 031, PA
PDD Silas Coleman Pound 128, CO
PDD Arthur Enos Pound 062, MA
DD Frederick Evers Pound 077, MO
Pup David Fehrenbacher Pound 294, IN
DD Martin Harrington Pound 134, NY
PDD James Hartes Pound 069, NY
PDD John Hensley Pound 359, KY
PDD John Hills Pound 170, WI
PDD Phyllis Johnson, Stray
PDD Thomas Kick Pound 294, IN
DD Leonard Kolpak Pound 012, IL
PDD Albert Lape Pound 134, NY
PDD Dale Lebeau Pound 006, MI
Pup Joe Lutton Pound 297, FL
PDD Edward Malicki Pound 069, NY
PDD Michael Malmstrom Pound 117, IL
PDD Maurice Marquis, Stray
DD Matthew McLaughlin Pound 332, AZ

PDD Phillip Mette Pound 351, IL
PDD Warren Miller Pound 128, CO
DD Darby Morgan Pound 322, GA
PDD Gilbert Newfield Pound 311, TX
PDD Paul O'Reilly Pound 002, MA
Pup William Parks Pound 405, TN
PDD Darryl Payne Pound 138, MI
PDD Francis Poitras Pound 131, CT
PDD G Radford Pound 335, FL
PDD John Richards Pound 329, MT
PDD Joseph Rizzo Pound 311, TX
PDD Nicholas Russo, Stray
PDD John Ryan Pound 002, MA
PDD Mario Salvatore Pound 335, FL
DD James Schubert Pound 153, WV
PDD Alfred Sculthorpe Jr. Pound 064, MA
Pup Norman Shurtz II Pound 044, WI
PDD Clifford Stafford Pound 711, MN
PDD Stephen Stockwell, Stray
PDD John Stout Pound 079, FL
PDD Bruce Temple Pound 176, NV
DD Loren Tracy, Stray
Pup Maynard Valentine Pound 126, VA
PDD Paul Van Marter Jr Pound 170, WI
PDD John Vanbrocklin Pound 263, FL
DD George Wanberg, Stray

