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

Woof-Woof Dogs of The Order!

I have been actively supporting the mission of The Military Order of the Devil Dogs as the 61st Chief.

As your Chief, I have been involved in and attended Pound, Pack, and Division Growls. Everywhere I go the Dogs are highly motivated and are doing the Mission of the Order. We are doing well collecting Bones for the Children's Hospital Fund. I am very happy with the continued growth and support of Operation Chow Hound. Both the Children's Hospital Fund and Operation Chow Hound are now able to accept direct donations via the Kennel Website. The new OCH Patches for Grapevine, Texas are available in the Quartermaster Store with all of those proceeds going to the Shelter in Carrollton, Texas. The K-9 Pound Packets will now include the original OCH patch and can be purchased from the Quartermaster Store.



The Kennel Management Application is going well with updates coming out very often. If you have not used this application yet, what are you waiting for? This is making every Dog Robber, Pound Keeper, and Pack Leaders' job much easier. If you have any questions about the KMA, PDD Jim Breen is very open to helping you, so you can do your job in a more efficient way.



Sr. Vice Chief PDD Joe DeAngelo, Chief JD Jones, Jr. Vice Chief PDD Mike Francis, Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton

The Kennel's application for starting a 501(C)(3) Foundation has been approved. We will be working on getting this up and working as soon as possible and might be active by the publication of this article. It will open many doors for us with advantages to receive tax-deductible donations, apply for grants and discounts with Technical Advances and or free computing programs. It will also enhance The Orders Credibility and Trust within the eyes of the public and potential donors.



It is an Honor to serve as your
Chief Devil Dog.



Semper Fi,
CDD J.D. Jones 09-019
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Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Joe "Woody" DeAngelo



Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

I hope you are all ready for the beautiful Spring weather. Before you know it, we will be in Texas at the Supreme Growl.

We had a great time at the National Mid-Winter Conference, and if you were in attendance, then I hope you had as much fun as I did. I love that Mid-Winter allows all Degrees to attend the Mini-Growl. This lets you all see what kind of fun we have on the Kennel level.

Currently, our membership is in great shape with 4803 dogs on the roster. Out of that there are 1903 life members. That grew 200 from my last report. Delinquents are currently at about 20% of the annual paid membership. I am asking Officers on all levels to help get this taken care of. With the new KMA, you can download your rosters and it will show you all your Outstanding Dogs. Remember, if they are Outstanding for

more than two (2) years, they will drop off the rolls and go Archived. If you need any help with this, please reach



out, and we can walk through it.

I had a Zoom Growl with all the Vice Chief Devil Dogs and showed them the new reporting that we had built by the Honorable Deputy Bits and Bytes Dog, PDD Jim Breen. This report will help Leadership on all levels of the Order see the health of their Pounds, Packs, and Division. From there you can drill down to see where the problems are and correct them. Thank you PDD Breen for all your hard work.

We are planning on having more training in Texas on the KMA with all the new additions we have with it. We will try to work with the Honorable Mad Dog to get a slot and have all the Initiates get involved if they want. I know I cannot wait to see it. Even us Old Dogs can use more training. Woof Woof!!!

I hope everyone has fun at their Division Growls and Grand Growls of the Pack. I hope to be able to attend some of them.

Until we meet again in Growl Assembled!!!

Semper Woofing,
PDD Joe "Woody" DeAngelo 14-380
Honorable Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
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The Fun and Honor



Society



Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Mike Francis

WOOF WOOF! BIG BARKS from the great State of Missouri!

We are about 5 days out from the official First Day of Spring. It is a beautiful 75 degrees; the sun is shining and the trees are all beginning to bud out. Just starting to get busy again, and it looks like a fun filled year ahead. The Secretary of War has been pushing me out of the Doghouse every chance she gets. Our local Toys For Tots program wrapped up for the year. We had over 2,700 children in 4 different counties. Karen and I enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with her family. Our Honorable Mad Dog, PDD Scotty Bryan, hosted a great New Year's Eve Party at his hootch. The Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog, PCDD Hazlett, Honorable Compliance Dog PDD Steve Seyller, and the Ladies filled the house with laughter, camaraderie and some AWESOME Chow! My last article for the WOG was written on 15 December.



2025 started off with a FUN Growl of Pound 086 in Wentzville, Missouri. Mongrel Kirgan Taylor was Initiated and Obligated to the Degree of Pup. PDD Steller was chosen as the Pound Dog of the Year. A "Spirited" Shooting contest and Mini-Basketball Game raised a pile of Big Bones. On the 14th we had 19 Dogs "On Deck" for the Pound 330 Growl in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Many drove over 2 hours one way and Pup Bageant came up from Arkansas. Lots of laughs during the "Ball Juggling" contest. Finished the month with a Missouri Pack Growl in Jefferson City. Pup Curtis Seymore was Initiated and Obligated to the Degree of Devil Dog. The "TP Your Wiener" contest was a riot. FUN Growl.



National Mid-Winter Conference

The month of February was full of Zoom Meetings, fundraisers and preparations for the MCL National Mid-Winter Conference and Kennel Mini-Growl. On the 2nd we held a Zoom Class for Jr. Vice Pound Keepers and Jr. Vice Pack Leaders. The video has been posted to the Kennel Facebook page and YouTube. Please take the time to check it out and share the info with your Pounds and Packs. The Conference began on Thursday the 27th with a nice Hospitality Room and Friday the 28th was the Kennel Staff Growl, Kennel Committee meetings, and finally the Growl. If you were unable to make it to Arlington for the

Kennel Mini-Growl you sure missed a good time. This is the only Kennel Growl open to Pups, DDs and PDDs. We had 168 Dogs "On Deck" this year. After a highly competitive "Barking Contest" the coveted "Horses Azz Award" was presented to DD Taylor from the Pennsylvania Pack. The Southern Team was led by the Honorable Southern Division Vice Chief Devil Dog, PDD Killalea, who was the victor in the "Bombardier" contest. She received a nice plaque. The Honorable Past Chief Devil Dogs volunteered to be the judges, and all of the fines collected during the contests were committed to the Kennel Children's Hospital Fund. PDD Keller, from the

Ohio Pack, was the winner of the wooden Sword Plaque.

March the 1st was the last day of the Conference, and the Grand Banquet was OUTSTANDING. The 20th Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps was our Guest Speaker. Sgt. Major Carlos Ruiz had us all shouting cadence at the end of his speech. Highly MOTIVATING evening! Attended a Pound 66 Growl, on the 4th in St. Louis. PDD John Cooper was chosen as the Pound Dog of the Year. Well EARNED Marine! PDD Kevin Enlow volunteered as my "A Driver" for a trip to Lake Charles, Louisiana on the 8th. This was my first Louisiana Pack Growl and Department Quarterly Meeting. We totally enjoyed the Southern Hospitality. I cannot thank the Worthy Pack Leader, PDD Sammy Marcel, enough for a fun Growl and some GREAT Chow! WOOF WOOF !!!



Louisiana Pack Growl

My Mid-Winter Report was presented in Arlington and is posted on the Kennel Website. Please take the time to read it.

FUN:

If your Growl is "Just Another Business Meeting" you are missing the entire point of the MODD. Check out the Zoom Video for Jr. Vice Pound Keepers and Jr. Vice Pack Leaders for some fun ideas.



50 Dogs on Deck for the MODD Zoom Class

FUNDRAISING:

The Online Kennel Raffles have been a great success, and I would like to personally thank all of you for the support. There are several members of the Kennel Staff who work very hard, behind the scenes to make these raffles happen. The Honorable Bits & Bytes Dog, PDD Soldano, Honorable Executive Director, PDD Wells, and the Honorable Barking Dog, PDD Abbott. WOOF WOOF !!!

The Christmas Tablet Raffle was a success, and the winner was drawn on 20 DEC 2024. Congratulations to DD Steve Bradley from the Wisconsin Pack. The video was posted on the Kennel Facebook page.

The M18 Raffle was a great success, and the winner was drawn on 1 MAR 2025. Congratulations to PDD Ben Mattson from the Wisconsin Pack. The video was posted on the Kennel Facebook page.

The Dinner for Two Raffle is live now. Use the QR Code below or go to the Kennel Website for tickets. The winner will be drawn on 28 APR 2025. All proceeds will go to the Kennel Children's Hospital Donation. **GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

We all owe the Honorable Lucky Dog, PDD Reggie Sawyer, and his Deputies a round of "A Paws." He and his Team sure did a great job with fundraising at the Mid-Winter Conference. PDD Sawyer is currently planning for the National Convention in August and is looking for donated items to use for fundraising. Please email photos of the items, a brief description, and the estimated value to him at: REGTHEMARINE@yahoo.com.

KENNEL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DONATION:

As of 13 MAR 2025, we have 45,603 Big Bones in our account. Currently planning an online donation challenge for the end of June.

BUDGET:

The Kennel Budget is in good shape. The Kennel Finance Committee met on 28 FEB 2025 at the National Mid-Winter Conference. The Kennel Budget for the coming fiscal year has been worked out. It will be published in the Woof-O-Gram, before the Supreme Growl.

OPERATION CHOW HOUND:

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. Many Detachments are currently supporting local Pounds with Chow collections. 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 at this time. 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. PDD Sal Cenicacelaya has once again designed a beautiful OCH Patch for 2025. DD Scott Egan has done a fantastic job having them made. This 2025 OCH Patch is currently available in the Kennel Store for 6 Big Bones. The Big Bones made from Pound K-9 Kits and OCH Patches will be included in the annual donation for OCH, at the 85th Supreme Growl. As of 13 MAR 2025, we have collected 3,832 Big Bones for the Annual OCH Donation.

The Kennel is doing well financially. The Dog Robber, Bits & Bytes Dog, Compliance Dog, Executive Director, and all of their Deputies are all working very hard to modernize how we do business. This is the future and your MODD Leadership is determined to bring our Order up to speed with technology. The future looks bright!



Honorable Sr Vice PDD Joe DeAngelo, CDD JD Jones, Honorable Jr Vice PDD Mike Francis, Honorable Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton



Show Me Pound 066, St. Louis, Missouri

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 !!!

Semper Woofing,
PDD Mike Francis
Honorable Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog
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“Dinner for Two” Online Raffle



Drawing on 28 APR 2025 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Tickets \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25.

Winner may choose \$400 cash in lieu of prize.

10 different restaurants. Gift card for \$50 at each. Total of \$500 in cards.

All proceeds to the Kennel Children's Hospital Donation.

Go to the Kennel Website: MilitaryOrderoftheDevilDogs.org

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| 1. Wendy's | 6. Cracker Barrel |
| 2. Burger King | 7. Olive Garden |
| 3. Chik-Fil-A | 8. Red Lobster |
| 4. Qdoba Mexican Restaurant | 9. Outback Steakhouse |
| 5. Pizza Hut | 10. Texas Roadhouse |



Spring



Hear no evil, see no evil, bark no evil...



Marine Kirgan Taylor joins the Order



Mid-Winter Conference



Missouri Pack Growl January 18, 2025



Missouri Pack Growl



Smart Dog: PDD Charles Minton

Woof Woof Devil Dogs, it was great to see some old friends again and meet some new ones at the Mid-Winter Conference. We had a great Mini Growl, and fun was had by all the Dogs who were there. Thanks to the Jr Vice Chief Devil Dog we had a Bombing good time.

Now we need to start focusing on the Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas. Get your Convention registration turned in and do not forget, you must be registered with the MCL before you can register with the MODD. If you are planning to advance to PDD at the Supreme Growl, make sure you get your paperwork turned in as soon as you can and do not forget to check the website to make sure your name is on the list.

If you have not had the chance to get your tickets for the Kennel raffles that the Jr Vice Chief Devil Dog has going on be sure to check the Kennel website and our social media pages and get your tickets.

The Bylaw proposals are posted in the back of the WOG. They will also be posted on the Kennel website, so make sure you look for them and read over them so we can be ready to vote on them at the Supreme Growl.

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

At the Mid-Winter Mini Growl, I announced my intentions to seek another year as your Kennel Smart Dog, and I would appreciate your support again this year.

I look forward to seeing all the Dogs who are planning to attend the National Convention and the Kennel Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas



Semper Woofing,
PDD Charles Minton
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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 45 Dogs who have been reported to the Supreme Commander since the last WOG. I continue to ask all Pounds and Packs to please fill out the NOD electronically in a timely manner, their families deserve it. Please check your rosters for any Dog you may not have heard from in awhile. Give them a call, there may be a reason they are not coming to the Growls.

Semper Woofing and Semper Fi,
PDD Lisa Ciesielski 13-139
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Mad Dog: PDD Scott Bryan

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order! The Mid-Winter Conference and Mini Growl is in the rear view mirror as we head towards the MCL Convention and 85th Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas. The Mini Growl was a fun and howling time. It was great to see a lot of Dogs in attendance.

The 85th Supreme Growl will be here before you know it. The fun and games are already being planned, and I am looking forward to having a great initiation and Growl. **Remember that all Applications for Advancement need to be in the Kennel Dog Robber Paws by July 1st**, not postmarked by the 1st, but in her Paws by then. Pound and Pack Dog Robbers please submit the Application for Advancement forms as soon as you get one. You do not need to wait until every Dog has turned in their Application for Advancement forms, so please send them in as you receive them.

All DD's who are advancing must be registered with the Marine Corps League first and then register at the Doghouse for your initiation. Please do not plan any activities from Monday, 11 August – Wednesday, 13 August. You are required to be with your platoon training and preparing for your initiation.

If you have any questions, feel free to bark at me, and I will be glad to help in any way that I can.

At the Mini Growl, I announced my intention to seek reelection as your Kennel Mad Dog. I would appreciate your consideration and support.



WOOF WOOF,
PDD Scotty Brayn 16-156
Honorable Mad Dog
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Executive Director: David “Ben” Wells



Woof Woof!

It was wonderful to see so many Dogs at Mid-Winter!

The Kennel had a very successful Mid-Winter thanks to the Lucky Dog and his deputies!

The financial state of the Kennel is better than it has ever been, and this could not be done without the Kennel Staff all working together to ensure we are working hard on behalf of the Kennel.

Thanks to the PDD David Masunas for stepping up to assist with the Quartermaster store while PDDs Wendy and Phil Zamora are on the mend. Thanks for all you do!

Before Supreme Growl there will be several Department and Division meetings, please be sure to spread the word about the KMA database. I know a class was taught at the Indiana conference and the Kennel Dog robber received new requests for use.

A big Thank you goes to the Deputy Legal Beagle, PDD Ivania Munguia, for working hard at Mid-Winter to get the paperwork done for the State of Virginia to register MODD Foundation paperwork. WOOF WOOF!

The Kennel is very blessed to have in place all the wonderful Dogs that are really moving the Kennel forward. The MODD would not be where it is today without the hardworking Dogs that are always trying to grow and make life easier.

Woof Woof!
PDD David “Ben” Wells
Honorable Executive Director



Who is that Dog?

We all served. Some more recently than others. As the years continue to pass by since we received our DD214, can you guess who the Marine pictured here is? Find the answer out on page 25.

Hardworking Dogs



Top left Bytes and Bites Dog

Top Right Kennel Dog Robber and Deputy Bytes and Bites dog.

Bottom left Mario and The Chief and Kennel Executive Director

Middle right Lucky Dog and Kevin Ashton

Bottom right Bookkeeper and Lucky Dog and Deputy Legal Beagle

Dog Robber: PDD Helen Breen

WOOF WOOF Dogs of the Order! It was great to see all the Dogs who attended the Mid-Winter Conference. I had some great conversations with many of you about the Kennel Management Application. It is awesome to hear how you are starting to use the system!

Speaking of the KMA – here are a few highlights since my last article:

- We have opened the use of the KMA to all Pound and Pack officers because we know that not all Dog Robbers are as tech-savvy. We need ALL Pounds and Packs to use this system for it to be as successful as possible!
- Pack elections across the Kennel are starting soon, it is **CRITICAL** that the Dog Robber team receive your ROIs as soon as the installations are complete!! You can enter the ROIs using the KMA – they can be signed electronically and submitted at the same time, no muss, no fuss! Be sure to confirm the officers you are electing are up to date on dues BEFORE you nominate and elect them!
- The Dog Robber Team has been working very hard to continue updating the Kennel Roster, working with the Bits & Bytes Team on the Kennel Management Application and are working on a project that we are VERY excited about and we think you're going to be excited about, too!
- The Kennel Management Application has been updated so now ALL Dogs can print their own membership cards or save to their phones. If you save your membership card to your phone, the Kennel Board of Trustees has authorized the saved card on your phone as a valid membership card for entry to Growls. Pounds and Packs can print membership cards for their members as well, and as always, the Kennel can print the cards for Pounds, if requested.
- Remember that Passport fees are due after each Growl held! Do NOT hold Passport Fees, mail them in right away! Complete the Passport Transmittal Fees form on the KMA to keep the tally of your Growls for Compliance.
- We currently have 20.76% of our membership outstanding / past due as of March 15. We are still receiving Transmittals, so that number is adjusting every few days, but is still higher than we'd like it to be. We are also bringing members back from the archived list, which is a good thing! You can create your Transmittals using the KMA, print and send them with your check to your Pack Dog Robber.



If you have any questions on the status of a Dog in your Pound, please reach out to the Dog Robber team. We are here to answer those questions and help make sure every Dog's records are accurate.

Until next time,
PDD Helen Breen
Honorable Dog Robber

Operations Dog: PDD Lynn Sabel



Woof-Woof to all Dogs of the Order! If you did not go to the Mid-Winter Conference in Arlington, Virginia you missed a great Growl. There were 166 Dogs that registered. All Dogs regardless of degree can attend the Mini-Growl at Mid-Winter.

For all Devil Dogs who plan on advancing to Pedigree in Grapevine, Texas, NOW is the time to get your paperwork into your Pound Dog Robber. Make sure you keep a copy of the paperwork to bring with you (the Pack Dog Robber should send back to you). If he/she does not, contact them for a copy. All paperwork needs to be into the Kennel Dog Robber prior to July 1st. The process is - have your Pound Dog Robber and you complete the advancement form and mail it to your Pack Dog Robber. The Pack Dog Robber will forward it to the Kennel Dog Robber. All of that takes time. You cannot wait till the last minute to fill it out. If it comes in late, you will not be able to advance.

Before you come to the Doghouse you will need to receive your credentials on the League side. Also, it is recommended you check into the Doghouse on Sunday, August 10th. The latest you can register in the Doghouse is 5 PM on Monday, August 11th. Please bring the correct fees with you. Registration is 5 Big Bones and the Passport Stamp is 1 Big Bone. Make sure to have extra Big Bones with you in case you get fined before you reach us. If you do not bring in the correct amounts, there will be a donation to the Children's Fund.

Woof Woof,
PDD Lynn F. Sabel
Honorable Operations Dog

Veterinarian: PDD Howard Koontz

Woof Woof! Well, we Dogs survived the Mid-Winter Conference, and we are looking forward to an exciting year full of fun and games. I know the Convention seems far away, but August comes before you know it. Here is just a reminder of what you need to have done before you leave for Grapevine, Texas.

There will be Dogs and their families from all over the nation. Since we will be strangers, I would like you to get the following documents together and bring them with you. If you have a living will, end-of-life directive, or you are an organ donor, make a copy of the documentation and please bring it with you. That information should be on your person or in your room.

In the past five years, we have had some Dogs and their family members taken to the local hospital. Take time to put the following information on



a paper where it can be easily found (wallet, passport). This information will help if you are unable to talk for yourself.

- 1.) Emergency contact: name and phone number, including area code;
- 2.) Doctor or Primary Care Provider: name and phone number. If a VAMC, name of the facility and phone number;
- 3.) Pacemaker or history of heart problems, diabetic;
- 4.) Hip or knee replacement, etc. (in short, a brief medical history);
- 5.) List of all medications: name of drug, dosage. Bring enough meds and a prescription in case you lose your medicine;
- 6.) Living will, end-of-life directive, or are an organ donor;
- 7.) The name of the person that is with you and room number;

If you think you need an exception and cannot travel to Texas, you need to go through your Chain of Command to request one. Sorry, I cannot help you.

Woof-Woof,
PDD Howard Koontz, RN, BSN
Chief Veterinarian

Bits & Bytes Dog: PDD Christopher “Tool” Soldano



Woof Woof Dogs of the Order! Things have been moving quite smooth since Mid-Winter, and Mid-Winter itself was a great time. It is always good to see and hang out with everyone.

Technology wise everything has been moving in great directions. I am sure that you have read more from the Deputy Bits & Bytes Dog, PDD Jim Breen, about Database advancements and I am sure you have heard more from the Kennel Dog Robber, PDD Helen Breen, about some other things as well. I am confident all of you can tell how well things are going with the Kennel Barking Dog with her videos, news, social media, and Woof-O-Grams. So, I am not going to state that all again here. Just know that everyone is working hard and working well with each other and goals are getting accomplished. Many of you can see changes and advancements firsthand, many of you are hearing about them at your Pound and Pack Growls. I for one could not be more pleased with everyone and how everything is progressing.

I would like to put this out there once again though, if you have some skills and are looking to help out in any of our technological areas; for example, with the database, the website, or social media, video editing, or if you have an idea or other skill you think we could use, please reach out to us. We are always looking for assistance

and to get other Dogs involved.

I would like to also give a shout out to the new Kennel Historian, PDD Greg Ciesielski. Because of his diligence and abilities, we can now say we have a completed Past Chief Devil Dog Page and have an image in place for every Past Chief. Thank you again Greg! I also want to let everyone know that Greg and I will be working on building out more history on the web site and have somewhat of an online Devil Dog Museum. We are still in the planning phase of all of that and we will make some announcements when we release it for all of you to see. However, if you come to the Supreme Growl, you can check out all the history that Greg has already put together and gathered. It is quite impressive.

There is just one more thing I would like to talk about again, that is the platform Zeffy. We have been using it for our online raffles, and it has so much more capability. AND it is free to use. To say that all of our Packs, Pounds, Departments, and Detachments should be using it, is an understatement. It is a very simple and effective platform and works very well. It is what I recommend for everyone to use. If you create an account and use it, the Kennel will get a referral bonus of \$150.00. Then you can refer it out to others yourself and also get that referral bonus. Please give it a look if you are working on fundraising on any level. Here is a link to it via our Kennel referral code:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/referral?referredByOrganizationId=efb223d9-30f4-41b3-a9a8-421e4603ae39>

Zeffy is the only 100% free fundraising software for nonprofits - they even cover transactions fees. It is incredibly easy to use, offers a full suite of fundraising tools, and they provide unlimited customer support—all for free. Use our referral link to sign up!

To draw our raffles, I use another free tool online called Wheel of Names: <https://wheelofnames.com/>, it is a great Tool for picking winners.

If anyone has any questions for me or needs more information, please feel free to get in touch with me.



Woof Woof,
PDD Christopher "Tool" Soldano 18-108
Honorable Bits & Bytes Dog
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Barking Dog: PDD Stephanie Abbott

Nots sure what is in the water lately (or maybe it is just extra peanut butter treats), but WOW — the number of photo submissions that have receiving has skyrocketed! And let us just say... they are doggone fantastic.

Whether it is a mangy mongrel recovering from an initiation, or a distinguished senior enjoying a few laughs from a wheelchair, or a Pup pulling their best “I have to report in?” face — please keep them coming in! Dogs throughout the Kennel LOVE them.

On a related note, would like to remind you that cover artwork submissions for the Woof-o-Gram are always welcome! If you have a knack for capturing canine charm through digital art, please consider sending your work our way by June 10, September 10, December 10, or

March 10 for seasonal consideration.

It is kindly asked that cover art submissions be artwork only — no words, phrases, or text — so that there is room for MODD highlights, title, logo, and all the other bells and whistles that make the Woof-o-Gram shine. Unleash your creativity and let your inner artist howl!

Big Barks to PDD Bonnie Shaw for one of the submissions for cover artwork that were received. I have included her submission to the left.

On a serious note — thank you. Your submissions show just how much FUN and Honor is in our MODD Pounds and Packs throughout the Nation. Please keep them coming! We are grateful beyond barks for the growing enthusiasm. If you have not yet made a submission, please do not be shy! Dogs in your Pound or Pack just might just star on the Kennel Facebook Page!

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



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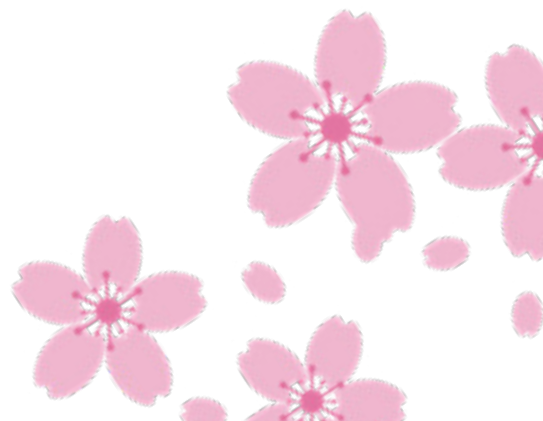
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kennel.modd>
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- YouTube: [youtube.com/@MODD-4U](https://www.youtube.com/@MODD-4U)

Upcoming Events:

- National Convention: 10 August - 15 August 2025; Grapevine, Texas
- Gathering of the Dogs: 9 October - 11 October 2025; Austin, Minnesota

Raffle:

- Dinner for Two: 28 April 2025 Drawing





Compliance Dog: PDD Steve Seyller



W OOF WOOF Dogs of the Order!

Just a few compliance topics to mention:

We still have some Pounds that are on a fiscal year filing with the IRS that have not filed their 990n's. These were due the 15th of November and are now past due. Any calendar year filers, your 990n's are due the 15th of May. Your Division Vice Chiefs have been emailed a copy of their Pack/Pound rosters. So, if you are not sure, you can reach out to me at the below email.

Just a note, the Bylaws Section 501 states:

"The fiscal year of the MODD shall be for the same time and identical to the fiscal year of the MCL."

The MCL uses the fiscal year (1 July – 30 June). In the near future we need to attempt to get all Packs and Pounds in compliance with the Bylaws.

When you file your 990n make sure the receipt you send me is the "Accepted" receipt. If you send the notice you filed or a pending receipt I cannot mark you as compliant until the IRS updates their listing under your Pack/Pound. This sometimes may take months before they update their database. You can get the "Accepted" receipt about 10 minutes after you file.

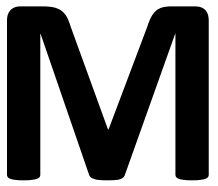
1. To get back to your filing login as if you were going to file originally and login under Login.gov or ID.me
2. Select the right box "Manage 990-N submissions"
3. Select the appropriate year
4. Right click and either Save As or Print the accepted page. This is the receipt I need to mark you as current. IRS says it takes about 7 minutes from when you file before the accepted copy shows up. You may have to refresh the page to get it to change.



WOOF WOOF!
PDD Steve Seyller
Honorable Compliance Dog
compdog@yahoo.com



Kennel Historian: PDD Greg Ciesielski



MODD History Events

One of the interesting facets of history is to go back and look at the key moments and facts of our organization. Here are a few tidbits to gnaw on.

1939 – Our birth year and Gerald Bakelaar (NJ) is elected the first Chief Devil Dog.

1940 – Our Kennel Charter is issued.

1945 - Marine Joseph Probst (Chicago IL) reported that he had started the largest Pound in the west, Chicago Pound No. 12, and also coined the phrase “It’s An Honor To Be A Devil Dog”. This Pound also designed and manufactured the first “dog tag” and the Kennel officially approved them for Order use.

1948 – The Kennels use of the dog tag was approved and started at the 1948 Supreme Growl.

1950 - Passed by resolution at the convention, MODD members were authorized to wear the MCL cover as their official headgear with MODD patch. Past Chief Devil Dogs were authorized to wear the gold cover.

1953 - The MODD Bylaws were adopted at the Supreme Growl. All Devil Dogs in the MODD, at this time, automatically became Pedigree Devil Dogs (PDD).

1967 - A motion was made by PDD Hugh Maus (PA) that colored ribbons be worn to designate the different degrees. Seconded by PDD Charles Moser (CT). Motion carried. The ribbons to be worn will be Gold for PDD’s; Red for DD’s; Black for Pups.

1969 - PCDD Jay Kacsan proposes a new ribbon be created for all Past Chief’s. This new ribbon is a braided tri-colored ribbon, black, red and gold, that replaces the gold ribbon currently worn by all Past Chief’s and PDD’s.

1978 - PDD Ruetz (WI) told the body that the Jim Beam Corp is willing to issue a Devil Dog bottle for the 1979 Convention, at no expense to the Military Order of Devil Dogs. Motion by PDD Ruetz/2nd by PCDD Kacsan, Motion carried.

PCDD John P. “Jay” Kacsan (PA) is selected as the first Kennel Dog of the Year, MODD.

1982 - The Chief’s “Badge of Office” was presented to the Kennel by PDD Edwin F. Gallagher, PCDD on 27 August 1982 at this Supreme Growl. This silver medallion and chain is to be passed down to each succeeding Chief Devil Dog. It was proposed by motion, seconded and passed unanimously.

CDD Paul Sutton had the “Chief’s Badge of Office” gold plated (Nov 1982) and the chain replaced with a gold braided chain. The silver badge was retired and stored for safekeeping.

1987 - At this Supreme Growl, initiated by PDD Bill King, it was passed on the floor to create a “Passport” to be designed and issued at cost to all members of the MODD regardless of their rank or degree held. All Bones



(money) over actual costs of procuring the passports and rubber stamps shall be given to the National Kennel's Children Ward Hospital Fund. Fines will be levied to those Dogs that do not have their Passport with them at every Pound, Pack, or Supreme Growl. These fines can be designated, along with other fines, to be for the Children's Fund.

PCDD Gilbert Gray spoke to the body regarding the creation of a Hospital Fund at the Kennel level. The money donated to this fund would be given to a children's hospital annually in the city where the National Convention and Supreme Growl were held. A Motion was made by PCDD Gray to establish the fund. Motion was approved.

1988 - Motion by PCDD Paul L. Sutton to establish a Past Chiefs Society which would establish awards for various purposes. Motion Approved.

1989 – 50th Anniversary of the MODD. A special 50th Anniversary Dog Tag is created and issued to all Dogs that attended this Supreme Growl.

PDD George E. Williams pens the "Devil Dog's Creed".

The Children's Hospital Foundation of Dallas TX received a check from the MODD for \$2,000.00.

1990 - CDD Mary Krauss presented miniature Chief Devil Dog Badge of Office to all living Past Chief's at this Supreme Growl. This "tag" replaced the gold dog tag that elected/appointed Kennel Officers wear. It hangs on the tri-colored braided ribbon that was first presented in 1975.

1994 - PDD John J. Jarabek is selected as the first Honorary Chief Devil Dog (HCDD).

1995 - CDD William C. Taylor receives a staff ("Mace of Office"), a gift from the late PDD Howard Goslin.

2007 - The Past Chief's cover (Gold cover, black crown and red piping) was officially recognized in 2007 and approved by the MCL in 2008.

2013 - The Chief's Staff. A new chief's staff has been presented to the 54th Chief and will be passed on to all future Chiefs. CDD Mike English has worked diligently on this project to ensure it happened. The wood was acquired by the Kennel Koncierge PDD Terry R. Hightower from the Belleau Wood (France) forest in 2012 and carved by Marine Bill Howrilla of Pennsylvania. The design was drawn by the Kennel Staff Artist PDD Jack Severn. The staff was anointed with water from the Devil Dog fountain just outside the woods in France obtained by PDD Ben Cero. The staff rests in a stand that has encased dirt that was also picked up from the Belleau Wood grounds by PDD Ben Cero.

2014 – 75th Anniversary of the MODD. A special 75th Anniversary Dog Tag is created and issued to all Dogs that have attended this Supreme Growl.

2024 – The new Chief's cover is black with gold piping so the Chief has a distinctive cover for better recognition. PDD Charles Minton makes a motion to adopt, PCDD English seconds. PCDD Hazlett amends the motion "to wear upon approval", PDD Minton seconds the amendment. The Amendment passes and the Amended motion passes. CDD Sanning changes gold cover to the new Chiefs cover after the passing of this motion. (Tuesday, 13 August 2024)

These are just some of the highlights of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs and I hope it brings a better awareness to the history of the Order.

Do not forget, I am missing Supreme Growl patches from 1983, 1987, 1990, and 1991. If you have one of these patches, please send a scan/picture of it to gciesielski2023@gmail.com. If you want to donate it to the Kennel archives, email me for my address.

Woof Woof,
PDD Greg Ciesielski
Kennel Historian

Central Division: PDD Phil Zamora



WOOF WOOF CENTRAL DIVISION DOGS!

First, I would like to apologize for not having an article during the last Woof-a-Gram. I have had lung issues for the past three months and hopefully after seeing my vet I am on the right side of this issue. Had a great time in Arlington, Virginia at the National Mid-Winter Conference and then at the Mini Growl. I am learning that the new Kennel Management Application (KMA) has some new items being added to its functions. At the Central Division Conference in Joliet, Illinois, I will be giving a class on the KMA and signing up Pack Leaders, Pack Dog Robbers, Pound Keepers, and Pound Dog Robbers to have access to this great tool and learn to use this application because in the future this may be the only way that you will be able to send anything in to the Kennel Dog Robber, but not just yet.

Also, if you are sending forms into the Kennel Dog Robber, then make sure you are sending the latest and greatest forms which are on the KMA or can be downloaded off the Kennel website at: www.militaryorderofthedevidogs.org/publications/ where you will find all the forms on this page. So use them or the KMA or they will be sent back to you.

Lastly, make sure you are keeping up with your filings to be in compliance. All stamping fees are to be sent to the Kennel Dog Robber. If your Dogs are going up for advancement to PDD in Grapevine, Texas, then make sure they are in the Kennel Dog Robber's paws by 1 July. Once it is sent in it will be on the Kennel Website. If you do not see it near the deadline then contact your Pack Dog Robber to see if he/she signed it on the KMA (it does need their signature).

WOOF WOOF!
PDD Phil Zamora
Central Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

Who is that Dog Answer: PDD Greg Ciesielski

Mideast Division: PDD Omar Jabr

Greetings from your VCDD Mideast Division PDD JABR, A.K.A. Lwol Lwol Lwol Lwol...

I hope that all of you that attended the National Mid-Winter Conference Mini Growl in Arlington, Virginia had a WOOFING wonderful time. About 23 Devil Dogs and Pups were present. They were WOOFED with but had a great and fun time.

Part of my responsibilities are to ensure the Mideast Division gets to 100% compliance and maintain it and ensure efficient and positive communication with my Packs and Pounds. I am calling on all Mideast Division Packs and Pounds Dog Robbers to get their 990's, ROIs, and Secretary of State filings done and to utilize the tools on the Kennel Website <militaryorderofthedevildogs.org> to submit their compliance documents, ROIs, transmittals, etc.



If you have DDs advancing to PDDs this year at the Supreme Growl in Texas, please submit their application No Later Than 01 July 2025. NO Applications will be accepted past this date. Please do not procrastinate.

Within the next few months, I will be attending several Mideast Division Packs and Pounds Growls:

Pound 333 Growl, Maryland Pack on 29 March

The North Carolina Pack Growl on 04 April

Pound 344 Growl, Maryland Pack on 05 April

The Department of Maryland Conference and Growl on 9-10 May

The Virginia Pack Growl on 17 May

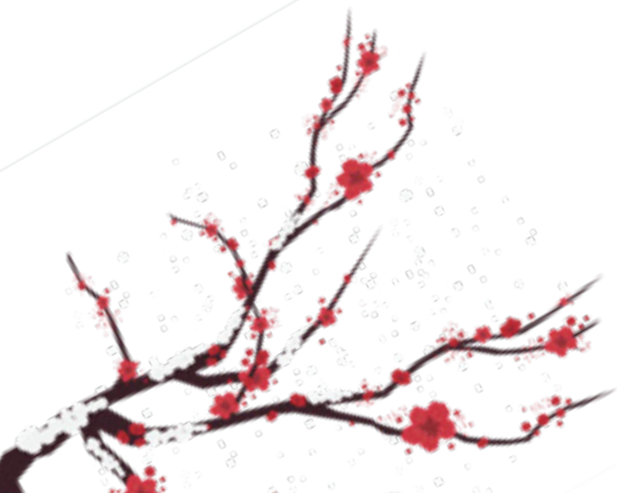
The Mideast Division Growl on 27 June, Holiday Inn, Fredericksburg, Virginia

Let us not forget...
Corps League"

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the "The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine
Woof Woof and Semper Fidelis

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

Woof Woof!
PDD Omar Jabr, 16-231
Mideast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog
(910) 554-8984



Midwest Division: PDD Chuck Covert



Woof Woof! By the time you read this, the Mid-Winter Conference and Mini Growl will have come and gone. Hopefully, you had your fill of snacks, laughs, and probably a few questionable decisions. It was paws-ively great seeing so many familiar faces, and of course, meeting new ones (hopefully, they were dog-friendly). If you have never been to the Mid-Winter Conference, I highly recommend you attend. And not just because there are snacks – but mostly because of the *Mini Growl*!

Did you know the Mini Growl is open to dogs of all degrees? Yep, that is right – Pups, DD's, PDD's, and PCDD's can all join in the fun. It is one of the *paw-some* highlights of the year! Why, you ask? Because it is run by our Chief Devil Dog, and let us just say – not much business gets done. Instead, we are too busy with shenanigans, games, and possibly making more messes than necessary. If you have got a tail, we have got a Growl for you!

The Midwest Division is still rocking at or near 100% compliance – talk about top dogs! Dog Robbers, Pound Keepers, and Pack Leaders – it's time to channel your inner watchdogs and make sure all Pounds and Packs stay in line with those pesky 990's, Secretary of State filings, and ROIs. Remember, the KMA (Kennel Management Area) is your best friend for this!

You can find everything you need over at the Kennel website (militaryorderofthedevidogs.org), under the Library tab. Just click on "Library," then head to the "Protected Members Library" tab, and voilà – compliance made easy!

And hey, if you are scratching your head or chasing your tail with any questions, do not hesitate to bark up my tree! I am here to help.

Mark your calendars, Dogs! The Division Conference is coming up April 10-12, 2025! And this year, we have got a *paw-some* class on the KMA that you will not want to miss! PDD Sarah Belden and PDD Steve Seyller will be leading the class, with a little help from PDD Mike Francis to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Dog Robbers, this one is a must-attend! But Pound Keepers and Pack Leaders – do not just sit on the sidelines! You are highly encouraged to join in too! The KMA is going to make your lives so much easier – and the best part? You do not need to be a computer wizard to master it! So, do not miss out – this class will have you barking with joy!

Department Conventions are about to kick off in the Midwest Division, and I will be making my best attempt to attend them all—kind of like a dog chasing its tail, but with a slightly better sense of direction. I truly look forward to seeing all of you in Growl assembled!

If you are having a Pound Growl and want Sarah and I to join, just shoot us a text or email. We will check our busy schedules (which mostly involve keeping Sarah from rolling her eyes at my jokes) and see if we can make it. If we can, we will be there—probably with tails wagging and ready to stir up some mischief!

The next Gathering of the Dogs is heading back to the Midwest Division, and this time, the Minnesota Pack is

in charge—so you know it is gonna be legendary (or at least mildly chaotic).

Mark your calendars: October 9-11, 2025 in Austin, Minnesota at the DoubleTree Hotel—because nothing says “classy” like a warm cookie at check-in.

Hotel Rate: \$130 per night (yes, this includes breakfast—so go ahead and load up like a starving dog before a long hunt).

Raffles? Oh, you betcha!

- 1st Place: A 3-night stay in a suite (so fancy even your fleas will feel like VIPs).
- 2nd Place: A 3-night stay in a regular room (still good, but your fleas might complain).
- And if that is not enough, we are also raffling off a Tisas .45 pistol during the Growl! Must be present to buy tickets, and must be present to win—no fetching this prize later!

Keep your snouts on the Midwest Division, Kennel, and MODD Connections pages for updates. You will also be able to register and pay online for the Banquet, patches, and raffle tickets—because let us face it, we are all getting too lazy to mail stuff.

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

New England Division: PDD Patrick McMahon

Woof Woof to all of you PDD's, DD's, Pup's and Mongrels from your New England Division Vice Chief Devil Dog. I am hopeful that this WOG finds you and yours well. This is, again, an exciting time of the year. Recently returned home to my personal Doghouse from an enlightening Mid-Winter Growl in our Nation's Capital. CDD Jones and the Kennel staff had lots to offer and guidance to provide. For those New England Dogs who are unaware of this, Pups and Devil Dogs are permitted to attend the Mid-Winter Growl. For those of you who can travel, this is a GREAT opportunity to interact with Kennel Staff and to see how things are handled on a Kennel level.

Pounds have all had their elections (hopefully) as required by Kennel By-Laws. We have an exceptionally enthusiastic Kennel Dog Robber, PDD Helen Breen (along with her staff). Her contact information is: E: kenneldogrobber@gmail.com. I have encouraged every Pack Leader, Pound Keeper, and Dog Robber within the New England Division to reach out to her with any questions. She and her staff have done what many of us have been asking for, for a VERY long time; streamline paperwork, and make as much as possible electronic.



We have our Supreme Growl in Texas next August quickly approaching. It is never too early for you Devil Dogs to focus on advancing to Pedigree Devil Dog. Check with your Pack Dog Robber to ensure what you need, gets done in a timely fashion. For my brother and sister Marines, I hope that we all had an enjoyable 249th birthday.

I was able to interact with the Maine Pack Leader and will be attending their Pack Growl in April, just prior to the New England Quad State convention. I also recently attended a Connecticut Pack Growl and hope to attend our stand-alone Pound Growls from Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island in the coming months.



Two recent events I attended stand out and wish to share. First, I was honored to present two MCL Eagle Scout Awards (with a side of dog), to Eagle Scout, Dawson McCord, and Eagle Scout, Noah Vega, both from Troop 19 in Connecticut. On a sadder note I attended the memorial service of a Connecticut PDD, Marine Frank Poitras. He passed after a courageous battle with brain cancer. What made this doggedly significant, is that before he passed he asked his wife to have his vest and collar displayed by his casket as he was a PROUD dog.



In closing, Pound and Pack officers, keep your dogs on their paws, have FUN during your growls, and please ensure that passport fees are forwarded to our Kennel Dog Robber in a timely fashion.

PDD Patrick T. McMahon 14-365
New England Division Vice Chief Devil Dog
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Northeast Division: PDD Jason Hauck



Woof Woof Devil Dogs! I just want to start out by saying what a great Mid-Winter Conference. Now let us get into it. The subject of compliance is what I want to talk about i.e. 990s and ROIs. We need to get these done so we can have an updated and current roster. We are switching everything to a digital format, so it should be easier.

Have a great Spring and Summer. Let us all have some great Pack Growls and get some Pups elevated up. Good luck to all the Dogs running for a Pack office.

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

Northwest Division: PDD Bonnie Holden

will be attending Grand Growls for Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Keep up the work on the 990N, ROI, and having Growls. Encourage your MCL members that have been in your Detachments for a year to join, if they are a go getter. The more membership we have, the more Bones we collect for the Children's Hospital Fund.

Looking forward to attending the upcoming Conventions and Growls.

Semper Woof,
PDD Bonnie Holden
Northwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog



Southeast Division: PDD Jim Stone



Now with Mid-Winter behind us, we can now turn our attention to our Department Conventions and our loud and proud Grand Growls of each Pack.

It is time to plan for the Grand Growls to make them fun and informative. Elections are a part of the Grand Growl. We need to get our best and brightest to serve as our leaders and give them all the assistance they need to help us grow, to learn and to serve, as well as, to have fun. We are going to need someone who is computer literate along with the other necessary leadership skills.

We are in the age where most things are done using the computer. We now have the ability to print our rosters and membership cards, send transmittals, Notice of Deaths, ROI's, proof of 990s, and receive the Woof-O-Gram among other things via a computer.

We are blessed to have Dogs like PDD Jim Breen in the Division who can answer our computer questions and show us how to operate our computers for quick, easy, and seamless operation.

Now, if we have a Dog Robber who may not be as computer literate as necessary to do the job efficiently, we can appoint an Assistant Dog Robber who can help the Dog Robber with the computer work. That Dog cannot handle Bones, but can assist with sending and keeping necessary documentation.

It is time for our Division Convention. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Lafayette, Louisiana on March 20-22. It will be a great time for all. Our host has promised a lot of fun, free food, Cajun cooking on Friday night and all the rest they prepare.



SOUTHEAST
Division
Photos: PDD Jerry Blaylock



I hope all you Dogs stay safe and have safe travels.

See you in Louisiana!

Happy Woofing,
PDD Jim Stone
Southeast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

Southern Division: PDD Audrea Killalea

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order! Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas are ready for the months ahead.

On March 8, 2025, Pound 346, Arkansas, hosted its Growl at VFW, Van Buren, Arkansas. Madam Pound Keeper Cyndy West had some great games and prizes planned to those Dogs!

On March 15, 2025, the Oklahoma Pack hosted a Grand Growl in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during the MCL Southern Division conference. We were so excited to have the Honorable 61st Chief Devil Dog, CDD Jeff Jones, join us at the conference as the Guest of Honor and at the Grand Growl! All of us in Southern Division are wishing the Honorable 61st Chief Devil Dog a full and speedy recovery!

During August 2025, the Texas Pack is looking forward to hosting the 2025 Supreme Growl! Rumor has it that the No Talent, Talent Show may return with a spin for fun! Keep your ears perked for more details of the fun events being planned this year for all!



2025 MCL Southern Division Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

If you are a Devil Dog looking to advance to PDD in 2025, it is now time to submit those advancement applications through your Worthy Dog Robber! It is also a great idea to start rehearsing reporting to yourself, your significant other, your neighbor, your Dogs or anyone within earshot! Brush up on that MODD knowledge with your fellow Dogs of the Order. It could be a fun way to learn!

Sending a big bark out to those Pounds that are sending in those Children's Hospital and Operation Chow Hound donations! Your efforts will go a very long way in Texas! Keep up the great work, we appreciate you!

REMINDER TO ALL: Please remember to bring fun to your Growl. The fun had by your Dogs will bring more



Southern Division



Dogs to join your Pound! Treat every Growl like it is the last one you are attending and have a blast! Show the newer Dogs of the Order what it means to be the FUN and HONOR society!

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



Alamo Pound 087; February 18, 2025; San Antonio, Texas

Kennel Management Application: PDD Jim Breen



It has been an exciting eight months for me and the Kennel. If you have been reading the WOGs, you have started to see almost constant references to the KMA or Kennel Management Application by the senior staff of the Kennel, including our Honorable Chief Devil Dog. I am glad to see everyone so excited about the application and have truly enjoyed building it for you. With all that said, what is the Kennel Management Application (KMA)?

The KMA is our new database system designed to be used by the officers of the Pounds, Packs, and Kennel to make running our organization more efficient and less burdensome so that even the Dog Robbers will have more time for Fun in our Fun and Honor Society.

This application is still under active development with new features being added and other features being refined. Feedback from the users and members of the Dog Robber Facebook Group has contributed greatly to the current application. We (the Dog Robber Team and Bits

& Bytes Team) also have a couple of exciting features about to start the testing phase, and we cannot wait to share them with you at the Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas. Currently, the application allows for the creation and submission of Notices of Death, Address (Information) Changes, Passport Transmittal Forms, Dues Transmittal Forms, Reports of Installation, Advancement Applications, Transfer Requests, and Membership Cards. By using the KMA, Pounds and Packs should be able to save a lot of Bones in postage costs. And, since fewer things will need to be mailed, fewer items will get lost in the mail!

The design philosophy has been to build from the bottom up, meaning, to build for the Pound and then move up the levels. Since I am the only person currently developing the system and do not want things to fall through if something should happen to me, I am looking for some help in developing the application. Development is done with the TALL Stack (Tailwind, Alpine, Laravel, Livewire). If you have a desire to help with the application, send me an email to jbreen.modd@gmail.com.

Semper Woof,
PDD Jim Breen
Deputy Bits & Bytes Dog
AKA: KMA Guru

Barks from Super Chief: 51st PCDD Donald Garland



Woof Bark, I hope you all made it home safely from the Mid-Winter and other Growls since we left Arlington. Super Chief, AKA 51st PCDD Garland, is happy to report that as the Liaison to the MCL National Board of Trustees, the MODD is in good shape with our Marine Corps League and the League is doing very well. There have been a few changes since we last assembled in Growl at the Supreme Growl. I ask you all to go to the website and look around for the new Management System that allows Pounds and Packs to fill out and submit ROIs, Transmittals, and the like. Update your rosters and get those that have not been heard from back into the fold, as we need them. Get more active in the local Pounds, seek out those brothers and sisters we have not heard from, and bring them back to the Growls.

As I sit on my hind haunches to write this, if you missed the Mid-Winter Mini Growl, rest assured we missed you! Many Dogs took the trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Opening Ceremony, tours around the Capital to sites like Iwo Jima Memorial and the closing banquet. There was a whole lot of fun and comradery. We held the first Ceremony to celebrate the Semiquincentennial (250th) Birthday of the Corps at the Banquet and SgtMaj of the Marine Corps Carlos Ruiz as the Guest of Honor motivated those in attendance. A lot was accomplished as we updated all on the upcoming convention in Grapevine. If you can, I encourage you to make it to Texas, as there has been a whole lot of planning for this memorable convention week.

I hope all of the Dogs in Dogdom are well. The weather is improving, so think about getting out off the leash and to your Pound Growls, attend a Pack Grand Growl, and make plans so long as your circumstances permit to meet in Growl assembled in Grapevine in August! 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 as well as new ones, 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 in Texas. I am sure you will find it entertaining and fun, with a little knowledge thrown in for good measure.

Woof Bark,
51st PCDD Donald Garland

“Dinner for Two” Online Raffle



Drawing on 28 APR 2025 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Tickets \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25.

Winner may choose \$400 cash in lieu of prize.

10 different restaurants. Gift card for \$50 at each. Total of \$500 in cards.

All proceeds to the Kennel Children's Hospital Donation.

Go to the Kennel Website: MilitaryOrderoftheDevilDogs.org

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| 1. Wendy's | 6. Cracker Barrel |
| 2. Burger King | 7. Olive Garden |
| 3. Chik-Fil-A | 8. Red Lobster |
| 4. Qdoba Mexican Restaurant | 9. Outback Steakhouse |
| 5. Pizza Hut | 10. Texas Roadhouse |



01/28/2025

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

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 - 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 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

Bylaw #1 (Cont)

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 is not 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

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 is not 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

Bylaw #3

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.
- 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).

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- 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 current MCL and 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.)



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

Bylaw #6 Pulled by Author Prior to Woof-O-Gram Publication

TO: Honorable Smart Dog, PDD Charles Minton

From: Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Southeast Division, PDD Jim Stone

Subject: Election of Division Vice Chiefs

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Section 409-Kennel Officers, Elected and Appointed Staff

Section C Appointed

2. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog, after assuming office may appoint such other Honorable Kennel Officers, and Vice Chief Devil Dogs of the Divisions.

Suggested rewrite as Paragraph 3

Vice Chief Devil Dogs of the Division shall be elected during the Division Conference to serve a term of two (2) years and may stand for re-election of one (1) subsequent term.

Rationale:

The Division Vice Commandant is elected in this manner as is the Assistant Vice Commandant. This puts the Kennel in line with National.

This suggested change gives the Dogs of the Division someone they elect to represent them to the Kennel that they know and are familiar with, rather than someone they may not know. It also gives the elected Vice Chief more “clout” to get things done per Kennel (Chief) Officers direction. Further, it gives the elected Vice Chief an easier path to counsel Pack Leaders and Pound Keepers and/or members when needed. The recognition will ensure there is a direct path to Kennel for questions, reports, and items that need to be completed to be in compliance with Kennel.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Stone

Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog, Southeast Division

Bylaw #7

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, passwords, and

Bylaw #8

- g. [other items necessary for the day-to-day operation of the Kennel](#), to the newly appointed or interim Honorable Kennel Executive Director.

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,

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Raymond Sturm
Deputy Kennel Executive Director



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Proposed Kennel By-Law Amendment submission

Currently, section 703 Identification Disc/Dog Collar lists the authorized devices to be worn upon a dog collar.

I propose adding The Chapel of Four Chaplin's Star of David pin as one of these authorized devices.

Rational:

Those dogs who are recognized by the Chapel of Four Chaplin's, wear these Star of David pins with pride, and believe many who have them would appreciate the opportunity to wear them on their dog collars.

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

Change to add sub paragraph 4 & 5

4. The degree 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.
5. The degree 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.

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



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. ~~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.~~

Rationale:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #11



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



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen Breen".

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #13



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.

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 (cont.)



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, typewritten, 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



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

Bylaw #16



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,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #17



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,

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

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 ~~30 June~~ **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 Breen".

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #19



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 Bookkeeper**, 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,

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PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #20



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 ~~Executive Director~~ **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,

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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 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 MODD 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 Growl 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 MODD or the MCL.

2. Life Memberships in the MODD 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 MODD 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 MODD 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 MODD 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 MODD (state) Pack, and one check of the required amount (*based on the applicant's age*), made payable to the MODD 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 MODD 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 MODD 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 MODD 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 Growl 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 MODD or the MCL.

2. Life Memberships in the MODD 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 MODD 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 MODD 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 dark ink, appearing to read "Helen M. Breen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and a distinct 'M'.

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 & PDD Jacob Bertin 22-093

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 not part of a Pack may petition the Honorable Chief Devil Dog directly **via the process described below**.

ADD

C. **WARTIME SERVICE EXEMPTION:** 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. **MEDICAL EXEMPTION:** 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 (if the Pound is part of a Pack), 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. **CAREGIVER EXEMPTION:** A request for special advancement due to full-time caregiver duties for an immediate family member 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 if the Pound is part of a Pack), stating the involvement of the member in the Pound.
- ii. Letter from the member's doctor stating that travel in any manner is not possible for an immediate family member requiring continuous care due to chronic illness, cognitive impairment, or end-of-life conditions where no other long-term caregiver is available. (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 due to the family member's health condition)

F. 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:

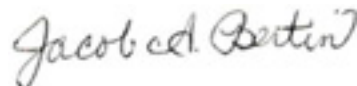
The current wording the Bylaws is a long run-on sentence that is unclear and hard to read.

This amendment consolidates all advancement exemptions into a single, clear, and standardized policy. It ensures fairness while preventing system abuse, maintaining the integrity of the advancement process, and preserving the final authority of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog.

Respectfully Submitted,



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



PDD Jacob Bertin 22-093
Worthy Dog Robber, Pennsylvania Pack



Date: 15 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

Addition to Bylaws:

SECTION 112: Resignation

- A. If a member voluntarily resigns his/her membership in the MODD, he/she must resign in writing via Pound Dog Robber. The Pound Dog Robber shall submit the written resignation notification to the Kennel Dog Robber.
 - 1. Should a resigned member wish to return, the most recent edition of the Dog Robber Manual will outline the procedure.
- B. Involuntary resignation of membership shall fall under ARTICLE X – DISCIPLINE.

Rationale:

We currently do not have specific guidance on what to do for a member who wishes to voluntarily resign. This addition gives a directive on those who may wish to voluntarily resign their membership in the MODD.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Past Pack Leader, South Carolina Pack

Bylaw #24

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 Devil Dog with (1) year time in Degree 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

Kennel Roll Call

Pup Alexander Tiamson Pound 124 FL
PDD Anthony Leo Garro Pound 62 MA
PDD Armand Blais Pound 119 ME
Pup Bill Lazarz Pound 391 WI
DD Bill Stafford Pound 301 AL
Pup Bob Mace Pound 164 OH
PDD Charles Hardy Pound 312 SC
PDD Charles Smith Pound 109 PA
Pup Daniel Fitzpatrick Jr. Pound 179 PA
DD Dave Viste Pound 290 MT
DD David Rice Pound 373 WV
DD David D. Rice Pound 358 WV
DD David Sprott Pound 187 AL
PDD Donald E. Porter Pound 131 CT
PDD Donald Frankenfield Pound 164 OH
DD Donald E. MacLeod Pound 141 CT
PDD E. E. Henry Pound 288 MI
DD Ed Swartzenberg Pound 37 NY
PDD Gary Burk Pound 249, IN
PDD Gerald Hausmann Pound 174 MI
Pup Gerald McLane Pound 280 MN
Pup Halsey W. Smith Pound 404 MD

PDD Jack Huber Pound 280 MN
PDD James "David" Bell Pound 331 WV
PDD James Carty Pound 150 CO
PDD Jesus Quintana Jr. Pound 111 IN
DD John Marx Jr Pound 164 OH
DD Lew Allert Pound 291 ID
PDD Lloyd Dellacort Pound 310 AZ
DD Oscar Landez Pound 87 TX
DD Pete Fratangelo Pound 227 NJ
DD Raymond Quale Pound 170 WI
PDD Reginald Pickering Pound 373 OH
PDD Ricard J. Roderick Pound 142 CT
DD Richard Browne Pound 183 FL
PDD Richard Maxwell Pound 373 OH
PDD Robert Day Pound 183 FL
PDD Robert J. Quarti Pound 131 CT
DD Robert Long Kennel Stray
DD Ronnie E. Mccadams Pound 383 TN
Pup Saverio Papa Pound 149 NY
PDD Timothy J. Mcgee Pound 6 MI
DD Troy Gillum Pound 121 IN
PDD William R. Miller Pound 188 PA



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