



SUMMER 2025

MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

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

**2025 Supreme Growl
Just Weeks Away**

**Quartermaster:
New Items are In**

**Forever Bonds
Fordged**

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



Woof-Woof Dogs of the Order!

This year has flown by! Before we know it, we will be in the great state of Texas for our 85th Supreme Growl. I have been busy traveling the country, supporting and promoting the mission of our Order. I have attended many outstanding Growls and made some awesome new friends. I have also been blessed to attend some of these Growls alongside past leaders of the Order.

I was truly honored to be invited, along with our MCLA Madam President, Dotty Sanning, to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery by our MCL National Commandant, T.J. Morgan. We heard speeches from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Dan Caine; Secretary of Defense, The Honorable Pete Hegseth; Vice President of the United States, Marine J.D. Vance; and the 47th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump. After the speeches, we were escorted to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where we were Honored to lay a wreath at The Tomb.

As the 61st Chief, I am the keeper of the Chief's Staff. The first staff was retired by the 51st CDD, Don Garland. The current Staff is much more detailed and significant. The wood for it was brought back from Belleau Wood by PDD Terry Hightower of North Carolina. The 54th Chief, Mike English, arranged for the wood to be carved by Marine Bill Howrilla of Pennsylvania. Once completed, Chief English dedicated the Staff and anointed it with water from the Devil Dog Fountain in Belleau Wood, France. I am the first Chief to carry this staff. It has traditionally

been secured in the Dog House at the Mid-Winter Conference and National Convention. It is my Honor to bring it with me to the Growls I attend, so Dogs across the Order can experience this piece of our history.

Pound Keepers, Pack Leaders, and Pedigree Devil Dogs across the Kennel—remember, you are the Leaders of Our Order. Please make it a priority to educate our Pups and Devil Dogs. Ensure the Knowledge and Practices you pass along to our newer members are accurate. Sometimes, we all need a little refresher. The worst thing you can do is pass along Bum Scoop.

It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

CDD J.D. Jones 09-019
61st Chief Devil Dog





DEVIL DOG

***Vote to Re-elect PDD J. D. Jones
As The 61st Chief Devil Dog***

***Proven Leadership
Taking The Order To
The Next Level***

***See you at the
Supreme Growl!***



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



WOOF WOOF Dogs of the Order!

The Supreme Growl is sniffing close, and I cannot wait to wag tails and raise paws with each of you in Growl Assembled!

Here at the Kennel, we have been digging in like good Dogs, making sure your Renewals are fetched and your Pounds are in compliance—not just with the IRS (ruff!) but also with your individual States (double ruff!). If your Pound is stuck in the mud, do not bark alone—reach out to the Honorable Dog Robber, your Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog, or the ever-watchful Honorable Compliance Dog. We have got your six!

Let us talk numbers: we are currently only 13.2% delinquent with a strong Kennel of 4,887 active Dogs! That is a HOWL-worthy achievement, and I give a big thank-you to all of you who helped chase that number down. Sure, we have still got squirrels to chase—but what

a paw-sitive leap forward!

I was lucky enough to mark my territory at a few Grand Growls recently and want to thank everyone for the belly rubs—I mean, hospitality.

I also hosted a Zoom bone-digging session for all you Sr. Vice Dogs (Pound and Pack). We sniffed out duties, responsibilities, and where to find the right forms to chase your mission to success. Another session is in the works after the Marine Corps Birthday, to help get our freshly-elected Dogs up to speed.

I also held a Zoom Growl with our trusty VCDDs, covering the new Kennel Management Application (KMA) tools and reports. These are paws-itively useful for managing your responsibilities. I am even thinking of holding quarterly DVCDD Zooms, to chew over any bones before they become problems.

At the Mid-Winter Mini Growl, I proudly raised my paw to announce that I will be running for a second term as your Honorable Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog at the 85th Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas. I would be honored to earn your bark of support!

If you ever need help—whether it is a growl, whimper, or full-on howl—you can always reach me at sgtjd2@gmail.com or through the MODD website.

Let's keep the tails wagging, the bones buried, and the Order strong. I will see you soon, in Growl Assembled!

“You should not be defined by what you are; but, rather by who you are.
Are you doing your best to enhance and expand the Military Order of the Devil Dogs?”

Semper Woofing,
PDD Joe “Woody” DeAngelo 14-380
Honorable Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog
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SR VICE VIBES



1. Hanging with the 61st CDD and his Aide-de-Kamp
2. New Tazmanian Devil Dog Pup Lord
3. Ready for the Luau
4. Me and the 37th Past Chief Devil Dog Paul Sutton
5. Me and the 61st Chief Devil Dog
6. Installation of Officers, New Jersey Pack
7. IYKYK Maryland Pack Growl Weekend
8. New York Pack Growl with DVCDD Jay Hauck





National Convention
2025

August 11 - August 15

Hyatt Regency DFW Airport
2334 N International Pkwy
DFW Airport, TX 75261



Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Mike Francis



W OOF WOOF !!!

The Denizens of Dogdom are fixin' to Howl!!! Are you ready for the 85th Supreme Growl? Pack your trash and get those paws moving! We are all headed to the Great State of Texas! Our National Convention will be in Grapevine this year, near the Dallas-Fort Worth airport. The Secretary of War and I plan to drive down early. She has no patience with slow drivers in the passing lane, so take this as your only warning... The Kennel currently has 89 Applications for Advancement, and more are sure to come in. Looks like the Honorable Mad Dog will have his paws full of MOTIVATED PDD Initiates. The weather has been crazy out here in the Midwest with all the tornadoes. Thankfully, there have been no reports of any of our Dogs being killed or injured.

My last article for the WOG was written on 15 March. Looking at Facebook and reviewing my notes, brings back some great memories of the past three months. 18 March was a FUN Growl with Pound 330 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Our Mad Dog put a new Mongrel through his paces. Marine Peter Glaves was Initiated and Obligated to Pup. Welcome Aboard! The very next morning my Dad passed away. He has been in poor health for some time. On the 22nd we were in Jefferson City for the Missouri Pack Growl. Pup Munday came down from St. Joseph. Damn fine Marine! The next day, Karen and I headed back to West Virginia for Dad's funeral. Mom, Dad, and my youngest brother have all passed away in the last three years. Cannot express my thanks enough, for all the calls, texts, messages, cards, and flowers. Finished the month with a Pound 086 Growl on the 29th. Mongrel Julie Harris could not stop wagging her tail as she was Obligated to Pup. PDD Burwitz came down from the Wisconsin Pack and promptly lost his Passport. A "Friend" made a large contribution to the Children's Hospital Donation, to save him. The Dogs in Charles County are full of FUN and a great asset to the Missouri Pack.

The month of April was challenging. The 11th – 13th we were in Sioux Falls, South Dakota for the Midwest Division Conference and a Growl hosted by the Minnesota Pack. This was one AWESOME Growl! So much laughter and constant smiles. The Honorable Midwest DVCDD, PDD Chuck Covert, really did a fantastic job running the Growl. Check out the Kennel Facebook page for all the photos. On the 19th we were in Omaha, Nebraska for a Pound 101 Growl. Sir Pound Keeper, DD Antonio Marino, has worked tirelessly to motivate the Nebraska Dogs. BIG BARKS, Brother! PDD Jimmie Winder passed away and we held his funeral on the 24th in Bloomfield, Missouri. Marine Winder was a Past Pound Keeper and a true Southern Gentleman. Fair Winds and Following Seas, Marine. Semper Fidelis...

Spent a lot of time on the road during May. The 3rd we were in Jackson, Tennessee for a Pound 383 Growl. It was motivating to see Pup Karen Bageant drive over from the Arkansas border, to bark with us in Growl Assembled. The Tennessee Dogs took us to Redbones for Noon Chow. OUTSTANDING! On the 13th Pound 330 held a Growl to bring in another Mongrel. Marine Kevin DeArman was Initiated and Obligated to Pup. A spirited game of "Bowling for Big Bones" was held during Good of the Order. Pound 330 holds a Growl every other month. Traveled to Gadsden, Alabama for a Pound 233 Growl on the 17th. Sir Pound Keeper PDD Kevin Ellis ran a FUN Growl. It was truly an Honor to team up with the Honorable Southeast DVCDD to Obligate and Advance DD Melodie Smith to PDD. BIG BARKS to Marine Smith! Attended two events to represent the Order for Memorial Day. Lest We Forget... At the end of the month, Karen and I made the long drive to Galloway, New Jersey for the Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Pack. It was a very relaxing weekend and

an unforgettable Growl. PDD Barb DeAngelo engaged my services as a Lawyer. She will be more than happy to bark about my abilities to any potential client. The Honorable 61st Chief Devil Dog was On Deck, armed with his Staff and stamping Passports. The Honorable Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Joe DeAngelo really made us feel welcome. The Honorable Executive Director refused my offer of a free "Sex Change Operation." Nice to see the Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen, come up from South Carolina. Congratulations to PDD Soldano on his election to Department Commandant and receiving the Pack Dog of the Year award. BIG BARKS to the Honorable Northeast DVCDD, PDD Jay Hauck, on his election to Worthy Pack Leader. WOOF WOOF !!! The Honorable 37th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Paul Sutton and Honorable 51st Chief Devil Dog PCDD Don Garland were able to keep us all out of the Brig. Left at 0500 on Sunday. 15 hours and 1100 miles later, we made it home.

The Missouri Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Pack were held in Cape Girardeau yesterday, on June 14th. We had 61 Dogs "On Deck". There were four Past Chief Devil Dogs in attendance. The Missouri Dogs are definitely focused on having FUN. There were nine Pups Initiated and Obligated to DD. It was very motivating to present PDD Matt White with the 2025 Pack Dog of the Year award. BIG BARKS to the new Worthy Pack Leader, PDD Mark Hoernschemeyer, and his Staff. Wandering Dogs are always welcome, so if you want to attend a FUN Pack Growl, come on out to visit the Missouri Mafia! WOOF WOOF !!!



TRAVELS OF THE HONORABLE JR VICE

1. 18 March 2025 - Pound 330, SEMO Devil Dogs's Mad Dog is a VISCIOUS ANIMAL
2. 29 March 2025 - Did you lose your passport?? St. Charles County Dogs Pound 086
3. 12 April 2025 - Midwest Division Conference, Minnesota Pack Growl
4. 19 April 2025 - Greater Omaha Pound 101 Growl
5. 22 March 2025 - Pup Langness and her puppy... Missouri Pack Growl
6. 3 May 2025 - FUN bunch of Dogs Master Sergeant Troy Mitchell Pound 383
7. 30 May 2025 - Grand Growl of the New Jersey Pack
8. 13 May 2025 - The Winning Team of Bowling for Bones, SEMO Devil Dogs Pound 330

Over the past three months the Kennel Staff has met via Zoom several times. Both the HSCDD and HDR have held Zoom Classes on the KMA. These Zoom Classes have been a great opportunity to share ideas and learn new ways to do the Dog Robber's job. The Honorable Barking Dog and I have made several videos for the Kennel in conjunction with our online fundraisers. PDD Abbot is MUCH better on camera than this old Dog.



FUN:

If your Growl is "Just Another Business Meeting" you are missing the entire point of the MODD. Check out the Zoom Video on the Kennel YouTube channel, for Jr. Vice Pound Keepers & Jr. Vice Pack Leaders, for some fun ideas. During the upcoming Supreme Growl, we will be giving away an engraved USMC K-Bar. Tickets will be free. YOU MUST BE PRESENT DURING THE SUPREME GROWL TO WIN.

FUNDRAISING:

The Online Kennel Raffles have been a great success, and I would like to personally thank all of you for your support. The Dinner for Two Raffle Winner was drawn on 28 April 2025. Congratulations to Richard Bolduc. We made 2,723 Big Bones. All proceeds went to the Kennel Children's Hospital Donation. The Fast 50-50 Winner was drawn on 8 June 2025. Congratulations to Richard Heyob. The pot was 2,455 Big Bones. Check out the Kennel Facebook page for videos announcing the Winners. Thinking about changing my name to "Richard." HaHaHa...

The Honorable Lucky Dog, PDD Reggie 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 11 June 2025, we have 72,190 Big Bones in our account. The fiscal year ends on 30 June, so we should have some more Big Bones added to this number.

BUDGET:

The Kennel Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 is in good shape. The Kennel Finance Committee met on 28 February 2025, at the National Mid-Winter Conference. The Kennel Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 has been worked out and approved. Per the Kennel Bylaws, it has been published in this issue of the Woof-O-Gram.

OPERATION CHOW HOUND:

BIG BARKS to the Louisiana Dogs of Pound 261. They donated 1,414 pounds of food to animal shelters in their

local area!

I would also like to mention the Texas Dogs of Pound 268. They donated 776 pounds of food to animal shelters in their local area!

The OCH Program has been a tremendous success and continues to grow. OCH is a voluntary program. You may collect food, supplies, and/or Big Bones to donate to your local no kill shelter. This may be done on every level, Pound, Pack, and Kennel. Go to the Kennel Website for the OCH Reporting Form, Receipt of Donation Form and Logo. There is no requirement to report your donations to the Kennel. All Pounds and Packs who would like to track their donations and send in the report are encouraged to do so. These reports should be emailed to the Honorable Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog no later than 1 June, prior to the Supreme Growl. Please compile all donations into one total 12-month report, for the period 1 June – 31 May. The Honorable Quartermaster has “Pound K-9” kits for your pets. The cost is 20 Big Bones. PDD Sal Cenicacelaya has once again designed a beautiful OCH Patch for 2025. DD Scott Egan has done a fantastic job of 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 11 June 2025, we have collected 6,362 Big Bones for the Annual OCH Donation. The fiscal year ends on 30 June, so we should have some more Big Bones added to this number.

The job of the Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog can be simplified as FUN & FUNDRAISING. It has been my mission to teach and encourage Dogs to have FUN as I travel around the Kennel. Your Kennel Staff and I have worked very hard this past fiscal year, and we are doing well financially. Appreciate your support as I seek re-election at the 85th Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas.

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,
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Kennel MODD Budget Report

Proposal FY 2024-2025

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Actuals as of March 31, 2025



FY 2025-2026 Approved	FY 2024-2025 Actual	FY 2023-2024 Actual	FY 2022-2023 Actual	2021-2022 Actual
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Kennel Headquarters Budget:

Income:

101	Morgan Stanley Interest Income		\$11,731.33	\$26,248.94	\$2,228.06	-\$12,574.75
102	Charter Applications	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$120.00	\$180.00	\$100.00
103	Chief Devil Dog Raffle - Kennel	\$5,000.00	\$5,001.00	\$2,440.00		\$0.00
104	Donation Income	\$2,000.00	\$597.00	\$2,408.56	\$200.00	\$1,117.95
105	Dues	\$30,000.00	\$24,465.00	\$30,260.00	\$22,480.02	\$33,477.70
106	Fines	\$1,500.00	\$2,157.06	\$4,110.37	\$1,670.16	\$2,387.45
107	Mad Dog Initiation Income	\$1,000.00	\$1,174.00	\$822.00	\$655.00	\$993.60
108	Jr. Vice CDD Fundraisers	\$10,000.00	\$16,401.00	\$4,090.00	\$5,295.00	\$12,146.00
109	Lucky Dog Income	\$10,000.00	\$13,363.17	\$18,910.00	\$8,900.00	\$5,980.00
110	PLM Income	\$5,000.00	\$6,365.00	\$7,483.00	\$3,535.00	\$7,680.00
111	Registration Fees	\$2,000.00	\$1,285.00	\$2,363.00	\$2,125.00	\$3,845.00
112	Reinstatement Fees	\$200.00	\$442.00	\$538.00	\$128.00	\$464.30
113	Other Income		\$1,717.00	\$43.49	\$3,752.17	\$0.00
114	Online Raffle		\$16,401.00	\$19,225.10		
Total Income:		\$66,800.00	\$84,738.56	\$99,837.36	\$51,148.41	\$55,617.25

Notes: 105 - We anticipate 3000 renewals.

Expenses:

200	Accounting	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
201	Business Registration Virginia		\$0.00	\$25.00		
202	Telecommunications		\$48.00	\$421.06		
203	Awards Top Pack and Pound Membership	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$203.58	\$272.64	\$0.00
204	Awards DOY and PCDD	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$575.42		
205	Awards Dog Robber	\$500.00	\$468.06	\$72.58		
206	Awards for CDD certificates	\$250.00	\$215.50	\$190.00		
207	Bank Charges (Vital, EFT)	\$1,000.00	\$387.34	\$1,044.83	\$771.09	\$330.78
208	Computer Software/Hardware/Miscellaneous	\$3,500.00	\$847.20	\$2,582.65	\$1,479.81	\$1,257.81
209	Dog Trainer	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
210	Donations, MCL Foundation	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
211	Honorarium KDR	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
212	Honorarium KED	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
213	Mad Dog Sunday Raffle Prize Expense	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
214	JVCDD Fundraisers, Prizes (Mid-Winter)	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$292.96		\$291.25
215	CDD Fundraisers, Prizes	\$1,000.00	\$950.00	\$850.00	\$350.13	\$2,694.60
216	50/50 Raffle Payout	\$100.00	\$3,658.20	\$6,902.50	\$145.20	\$914.00
217	Hospitality Room Midwinter Expense	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$335.43		\$316.86
218	Officers, Travel	\$42,000.00	\$14,921.88	\$27,017.19	\$26,781.00	\$25,052.00
219	PLM Brass Cards - Engraving	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$476.96	\$0.00	\$853.60
220	PLM Rebate Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
221	Postage & Mailing Services	\$1,000.00	\$273.27	\$431.76	\$671.49	\$1,976.50
222	Printing	\$1,000.00	\$339.38	\$495.20	\$461.33	\$656.76
223	Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$2,673.29	\$3,099.63	\$1,587.56	\$6,410.27
224	Hospitality Supreme Growl Expense	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,990.50	\$3,227.13	\$715.07
225	Initiation Team T-Shirt Expense	\$1,000.00	\$485.00	\$750.00	\$630.00	\$0.00

226	Web Site Expense	\$1,500.00	\$674.50	\$1,163.36	\$1,420.34	\$635.00
227	Fundraising Expense	\$0.00	\$902.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,490.51
228	Internet for Kennel	\$900.00	\$434.52	\$354.50		

Total Expenses: **\$69,225.00** **\$32,005.39** **\$80,272.08** **\$51,386.50** **\$72,845.45**

Profit or -Loss **-\$2,425.00** **\$52,733.17** **\$19,565.28** **-\$238.09** **-\$17,288.20**

Kennel Quartermasters Budget:

Income:

301	Sales	\$50,000.00	\$35,527.09	\$82,793.15	\$41,331.38	\$57,334.77
302	Shipping COGS	\$4,000.00	-\$1,776.75	-\$3,043.39	\$474.06	\$1,181.52
	Costs of good sold		\$390.11			
	Purchases - Resale Items		\$18,296.51	\$37,053.92	\$870.18	-\$2,811.74
	Gross Income:	\$54,000.00	\$52,436.96	\$116,803.68	\$42,675.62	\$55,704.55

401	Cost of Goods Sold	\$712.66	\$390.11	\$699.51	\$559.29	\$958.22
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Expenses:

501	Assistant Travel	\$2,000.00	\$1,722.54	\$519.67	\$2,090.97	\$1,039.60
502	Bank Charges		\$1.61	\$1,349.69	\$717.45	\$917.96
503	Computer Hardware and Software	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$189.74	\$0.00	\$4,773.12
504	Shipping Expense	\$3,820.00	\$920.63	\$3,689.98	\$1,042.10	\$4,736.81
505	Inventory Supplies	\$900.00	\$73.82	\$281.24	\$1,348.53	\$615.27
506	Honorarium Quartermaster	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
507	Supplies	\$1,850.00	\$998.87	\$2,125.40	\$2,007.43	\$2,797.70
508	Rent	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$345.00	\$400.00
509	Sales Tax - Michigan			\$393.88	\$503.12	\$0.00
510	Sales Tax - Supreme Growl location		\$1,407.00	\$1,437.00	\$1,764.36	\$0.00
511	SSL License	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$94.00	\$94.00
512	Internet for Store	\$900.00	\$432.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
513	JVCDD Fundraisers, Coin	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		\$100.00	\$1,400.00
514	Trailer Maintenance (New Trailer)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,042.46	\$0.00
515	Travel	\$2,000.00	\$1,507.50	\$862.01	\$262.81	\$1,621.24
516	Gas & Tolls	\$2,000.00	\$1,764.49	\$1,477.46	\$796.45	\$275.30
517	Insurance	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$67.00	\$752.00
518	Advertising (Wrap for Trailer)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,572.50	

Total Expenses: **\$23,295.00** **\$10,528.52** **\$15,726.07** **\$28,120.18** **\$22,423.00**

Profit or -Loss **\$29,992.34** **\$41,518.33** **\$100,378.10** **\$13,996.15** **\$32,323.33**

Other Income/Expense:

601	Passport Stampings		\$36,825.39	\$109,348.27	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
	Operation Chow Hound		\$3,369.00	\$1,033.00		
602	Past Chief Society	Opening Balance	\$ 4,442.38	\$4,192.38	\$3,976.83	\$ 4,159.81
		Income	\$ 1,380.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$ 425.00
		Expense (8)	\$ 5,000.00		\$294.45	\$ 607.98
	Checking	Balance	\$ 822.38	\$ 4,442.38	\$ 3,682.38	\$ 3,976.83
		Opening Balance	\$ 5,000.00			
		Income	\$ 76.51			
	PCDD Investment Account	Balance	\$ 5,076.51			

603	Hospital Donation	Charitable Deduction		\$109,000.00	\$83,000.00	\$70,000.00
	Animal Rescue	Charitable Deduction		\$4,000.00	\$1,468.52	
	MCL Department of North Carolina	Charitable Deduction		\$797.75		
	Department of Florida MCL	Charitable Deduction		\$797.75		
604	Morgan Stanley Investment Valuation	Increase/-Decrease	\$ 11,731.13	\$26,248.94	\$ 13,480.00	\$1,119.00

Summary:

Income:

701	Kennel Headquarters Total	\$66,800.00	\$84,738.56	\$99,837.36	\$51,148.41	\$55,617.25
702	Kennel Quartermaster Total	\$54,000.00	\$52,436.96	\$116,803.68	\$42,675.62	\$55,704.55
Total Income:		\$120,800.00	\$137,175.52	\$216,641.04	\$93,824.03	\$111,321.80

Expenses:

801	Kennel Headquarters Total	\$69,225.00	\$32,005.39	\$80,272.08	\$51,386.50	\$72,845.45
802	Kennel Quartermaster Total	\$23,295.00	\$10,528.52	\$15,726.07	\$28,120.18	\$22,423.00
803	Cost of Goods Sold	\$712.66	\$390.11	\$699.51	\$559.29	\$16,928.26
Total Expenses:		\$93,232.66	\$42,924.02	\$96,697.66	\$80,065.97	\$112,196.71

Profit or -Loss	\$27,567.34	\$94,251.50	\$119,943.38	\$13,758.06	-\$874.91
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RE-ELECT PDD MIKE FRANCIS

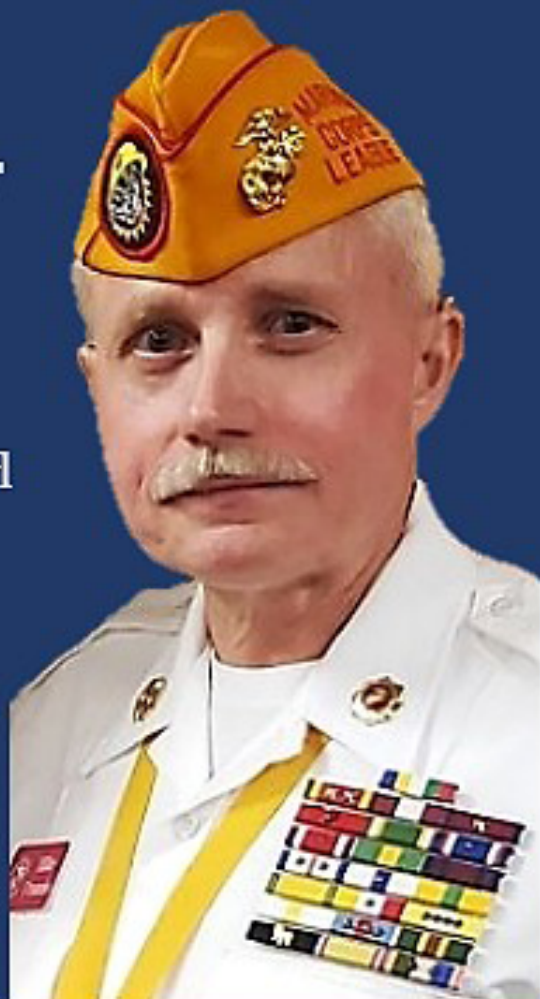
To
Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog

WOOF WOOF

Big Barks to all of you
hardworking Dogs!

Join me
at the

85th Supreme Growl



Experience

Honesty

Integrity

**JR VICE
CHIEF DEVIL DOG**



PDD MIKE FRANCIS



Smart Dog: PDD Charles Minton



Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

As I sit at my Dog House reflecting on the past year, I find myself thinking about all the positive things happening across the Order. One question I have often asked myself is, "Have I done my best to support the Dogs who have reached out with questions about our Bylaws?" I truly believe I have done my best, and I am grateful for every opportunity I have had to assist. Whether I provided an answer or helped point someone in the right direction, I have appreciated the kind words, support, and trust shown by those who reached out. It has been an honor to serve as your Honorable Smart Dog, and it is my sincere wish to continue helping the Dogs of the Order with any questions or concerns. As I seek reelection this year, I would be honored to have your support.

Time is flying by, and soon we will be at the Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas. I cannot wait to see all the Dogs who will be at the convention this year, and I will miss the ones who will not be able to make it. I hope you all have had a great spring, and an even better summer.

We have been hard at work reviewing the Bylaw proposals and are prepared to go over them at the upcoming Supreme Growl. As you may know, there are twenty-four proposals to consider this year. You will find an overview included in this issue of the Woof-O-Gram, and the full proposals are posted on the Kennel website under the 2025 Supreme Growl tab. I encourage all Dogs to take some time to review them in advance, so you are familiar with the content before we gather. With everyone prepared, we can move through the proposals smoothly, efficiently, and with purpose.

If you have not had the chance to get your tickets for the Kennel raffles that the Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog has been putting out, then be sure to check the Kennel website, and our social media pages, and get your tickets.

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

Until we meet again in Grapevine, keep those tails wagging, Bones paid up, and questions coming. It has been a true privilege to serve, and I look forward to another year of working side-by-side with Dogs from every corner of the Order.



Semper Woofing

PDD Charles Minton

Honorable Smart Dog
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
252-452-0728

smartdog@militaryorderofthedevildogs.org

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 NODs for 35 Dogs who have reported to the Supreme Commander since the last *Woof-O-Gram*. I continue to ask all Pounds and Packs to please complete the NOD electronically and in a timely manner. Simply posting on Facebook or sending an email is not sufficient. I need the official Notice of Death. You do not have to wait for funeral announcements.

Please check your rosters for any Dog you may not have heard from in a while. 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
Kdt2023lc@gmail.com
Honorable Dog Trainer



Mad Dog: PDD Scott Bryan

WOOF WOOF Dogs of the Order!

As I sit here typing out this article, it has been three months since I have

W As I sit here typing out this article, I realize that it has been three months since I have been home and sat here in my Dog House typing out my last article for the *Woof-O-Gram*.

This weekend was the Department of Missouri Annual Convention and the MODD Grand Growl of the Pack. It was a HOWLING time had by all Dogs. We had nine Pups advance to Devil Dog and will have nine Devil Dogs advancing to PDD at the 85th Supreme Growl in Grapevine.

The 85th Supreme Growl is fast approaching. For all dogs advancing to PDD in Grapevine, the Barking Dog and I will be scheduling two Zoom Meetings in July. All Dogs that have submitted their paperwork to advance will receive an email with the date and time of the scheduled Zoom meetings. The dates and time will also be posted on the MODD Connections Facebook page. We will go over what to expect during your

initiation.

Remember, all Dogs who are advancing must be registered with the Marine Corps League first and then register at the Dog House 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.

I will also be scheduling a Zoom meeting in July with all the Dog Handlers who have contacted me about assisting in Grapevine. The dates and time will also be posted on the MODD Connections Facebook page. If you



are interested in being a Dog Handler, please let me know ASAP.

Also, at the Mini Growl, I announced my intention to seek re-election as your Kennel Mad Dog. I would appreciate your consideration and support.

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

WOOF WOOF,
PDD Scotty Bryan
16-156
Honorable Mad Dog
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HONORABLE MAD DOG



Executive Director: David “Ben” Wells

Woof Woof!

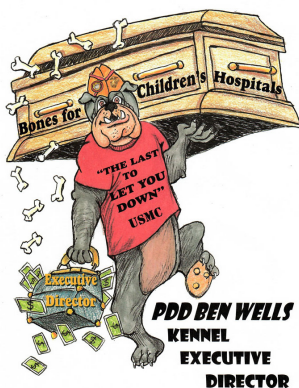
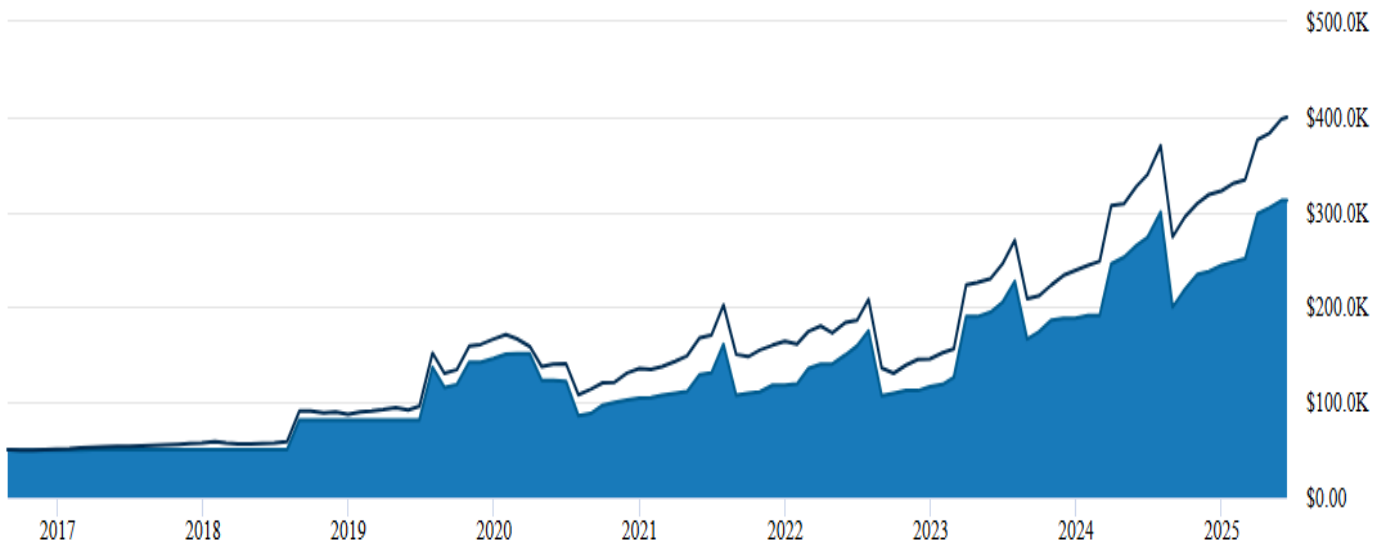
First, let me congratulate you for getting this far in the *Woof-O-Gram*! It is rare that Dogs get this far to read my article. I appreciate you for hanging in there!

I want to thank all the Dogs of the Kennel and our biggest fan Mario Meaux in their support of the Kennel for items to raise funds for the Kennel. We could not be the success we are without your help. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Supreme Growl in Texas.

If you have things you would like to donate at the Supreme Growl, please include a [Fundraising Form](#) (see next page). There will be copies in Texas available for your use.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer spend with friends and family. We will see everyone in Texas.

The Kennel is in the best shape it has ever been financially. The dips in the graphic below are the transferring of passport and donations for the Children’s Hospital Fund.



Woof Woof,
PDD David “Ben” Wells
Kennel Executive Director



Military Order of the Devil Dogs Fundraiser Form

Name of Fundraiser: _____

What is being sold: _____

Cost to MODD: _____

Sale Price: _____

Bones raised are for: _____

Who is in charge: _____

Total Sales: _____

Approvals: _____

Chief Devil Dog

Kennel Executive Director

Dog Robber: PDD Helen Breen



Whew! What a Year!
Your first-year Kennel Dog Robber reporting in—can you believe how fast it has gone? It feels like I blinked and now the Supreme Growl is less than two months away!

Before anything else, I have to give some BIG, LOUD, GRATEFUL BARKS of appreciation to my incredible Dog Robber team: PDD Tracy Diminick and PDD Jacob Bertin. These two Dogs have been absolute powerhouses - handling tons of information updates and ROIs so I can stay focused on processing Passport and Dues Transmittals. I could not do this job - we could not do this job - without their dedication and effort. Thank you, Tracy and Jacob!

Since the launch of the Kennel Management Application, PDD Diminick has completed more than 1,300 information updates, and PDD Bertin is right behind with nearly as many updates to Profile IDs and related records. These efforts are what keep our Pound and Pack rosters accurate and up to date.

Now for some exciting news:

At this year's Supreme Growl, we are aiming to officially launch the online Dues Transmittal system for all Pack Dog Robbers! Many of you are already using the online Passport system, and it is gaining great momentum. If you have not made the switch yet—now is the time!

Why go digital? Simple:

- No lost or delayed mail
- Instant confirmation of receipt and tracking
- Expedited processing



Guess this Dog

Answer on page 32



These systems reduce errors, speed up processing, and ensure a smooth transition when it is time for a new Kennel Dog Robber to take over (I promise – I am not doing this job forever!).

And one final, very important reminder:

It is time to pay FY 2026 dues!

Dues must be submitted between now and August 31 to keep your Dogs current.

Please, please, PLEASE do not wait until the last minute. Submitting Dues Transmittals in mid-to-late August causes avoidable delays and unnecessary stress.

September 1 = DELINQUENT!

Do not be a Bad Dog—pay your dues now and stay in good standing!

Thanks for all you do to support the Order and our mission. I look forward to seeing many of you in Texas at the Supreme Growl!

Stay Barkin' Strong,
PDD Helen Breen
Your Honorable Dog Robber



Aide-de-Kamp: PDD Barb DeAngelo

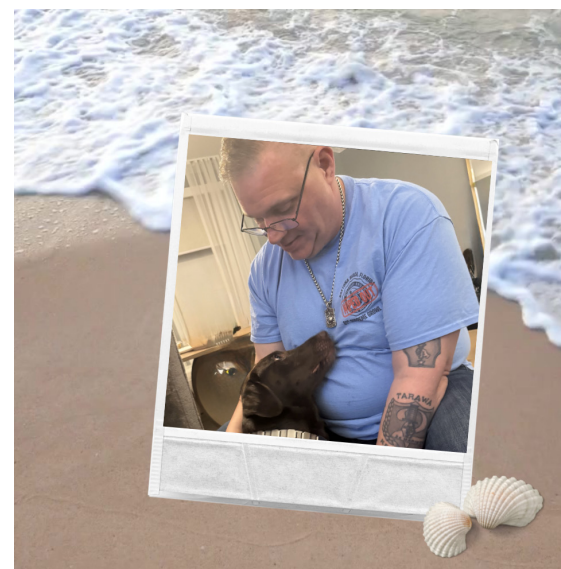


Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

Can you believe the 85th Supreme Growl is just around the corner? It has been a tail-waggingly busy year! Our Honorable 61st Chief Devil Dog JD Jones, has been on the move this year, covering thousands of miles attending events from Maine to Florida, North Carolina to California. I bet his paws are barking louder than a pack of excited pups after a game of fetch!

New Jersey Pack was lucky enough to host Honorable 61st CDD JD Jones at the end of May in Galloway, New Jersey, and what a howling good time it was! Joining him were Honorable Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog, PDD Joe DeAngelo; Honorable Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog, PDD Mike Francis; Honorable Dog Robber, PDD Helen Breen; and Honorable

Executive Director, PDD Ben Wells. New Jersey's original Big Dog, the Honorable 37th PCDD Paul Sutton, and the Honorable 51st CDD Garland join us for the festivities. The New Jersey Pack really knows how to throw a paw-some party! A special shoutout to our Worthy New Jersey Pack Leader, PDD "TOOL" Soldano, who put the "FUN" in Fun and Honor Society—he had us all howling with laughter!





The Kennel Staff is working tirelessly to ensure the Supreme Growl will be a howling success. We have been having monthly Zoom Growls with the Executive Dogs, and by the time you read this, we will have had another fun-filled Kennel Staff zoom growl, mixing business with a dash of tail-wagging excitement for Grapevine!

A quick reminder: please include me on any emails requesting the Chief to attend events (BADeangelo2@gmail.com). I am the one wrangling his calendar, so let us make sure he does not miss out on any paw-sitively great events!



I cannot wait to see all of you in DFW! If you need anything, do not hesitate to bark at me. Let us make the 85th Supreme Growl one for the history books!

PDD Barb DeAngelo
Honorable Aide de Kamp
to 61st CDD



Operations Dog: PDD Lynn Sabel

Woof-Woof to all Dogs of the Order!

To all Devil Dogs who want to advance to Pedigree in Grapevine, Texas in August and you have not submitted your advancement paperwork: you will not be advancing! All paperwork needed to be into the Kennel Dog Robber by June 30th.

You will need 5 Big Bones for registration and bring enough Big Bones to cover any other fines. Please have the correct change! If I am making change for you, there will be a 1 BIG BONE FINE for the Children. If you are advancing, you will need more Big Bones for the Mad Dog.

To all Dogs who have registered, make sure you have your credentials for the League before you come down to the Dog House. If advancing, you also need to be checked in by 1700 Monday afternoon. If you come in later, you will not be advancing. Just a fair reminder to everyone. This is going to be a great Growl.

Woof Woof,
PDD Lynn F. Sabel
Honorable Operations Dog



Quartermaster: PDD Wendy Zamora



Woof Woof!

Come and visit the Kennel Quartermaster store in

Grapevine, Texas where everything will be out for you to purchase. Please take time to look over the website for prices as some have changed due to a price increase from the supplier. We have a new 250th Challenge Coin available for purchase on our website. I will also be adding a Crown



“Royal” one.

Effective immediately, the 517-541-1501 phone number for the Quartermaster is no longer a good phone number. If you have questions, you can email me at: kennelquartermaster@gmail.com.

If there is any Devil Dog item you would like to see in the Quartermaster Store, please let us know. Embroidery can be done on a number of items such as bags, coats, shirts, etc. To all of you Devil Dogs going up for your PDD, make sure to come and visit the store to purchase your new collars prior to your initiation. Hope to see everyone in Grapevine.

KENNEL QUARTERMASTER
PDD WENDY ZAMORA



Woof Woof,
Wendy Zamora
Kennel Quartermaster



Veterinarian: PDD Howard Koontz

Woof Woof! Well, the Convention will be here next month. 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

Barking Dog: PDD Stephanie Abbott



Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

Been a busy last quarter traveling out to Nebraska for a Pound Growl, down to Missouri for a Pound Growl and Grand Growl of the Pack, and here in Iowa for multiple Growls. My traveling days are about ready to be cut short until after Chauncey and I welcome our first child.

For all the Dogs who have been sending in pictures to be published in the Woof-O-Gram or on the Kennel Facebook page, submissions are still welcomed!

Big Barks to PDD Jason House for submitting the artwork for this *Woof-O-Gram* cover! Another opportunity to showcase a motivated Devil Dog's artwork is coming up for the Fall edition. All artist are asked to please submit your original artwork no later than 5 September, in PNG format to moddbarkingdog@gmail.com. Do not add any words to the artwork and make sure to leave blank space for title, logo, edition, and

headlines.

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

Stay Connected!

Social Media:

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

Upcoming Event:

- National Convention: 10 August - 15 August 2025
- Gathering of the Dogs: 9 October - 11 October 2025
- Mid-Winter Convention: 26 February - 28 February 2026



Compliance Dog: PDD Steve Seyller

Our Kennel Compliance is looking better, but we still have some Pounds falling behind. There are still 40 that are past due with their IRS filings for last year. 10 have no information available on the IRS website. 6 are in revocation, meaning they have not filed at some point for 3 consecutive years.

A reminder on revocations...once you are in revocation there is a procedure you must follow and get a determination letter from the IRS to get off the list. If you start filing without this process, ***YOU ARE STILL IN REVOCATION***. 990n postcard filing takes about 15 minutes, so there is no reason to be past due or revoked.

For fiscal year filers the new filing period for 2024 will start on 1 July. When you file, you will receive a pending notice. Wait 7-10 minutes and your status should change to accepted. THIS IS A COPY OF WHAT I NEED TO MARK YOU CURRENT. Send a copy to me at compdog@yahoo.com.

I also will be checking Secretary of State filings. Your Division Vice Chiefs will receive their spreadsheets and should contact those with discrepancies.

We need to work on this so your non profit status and fundraising abilities do not come into jeopardy with the State and Federal government.

PDD Steve Seyller



Kennel Historian: PDD Greg Ciesielski



As I have previously stated, history is very important and needs to be completed before it is lost.

I attempt to stay current with all the MODD history, but I need all Dogs to assist. If your Pound or Packs are doing something unique or substantial, please let me know. This way your activities can be recorded and shared.

At the recent North Carolina Department Convention, the National Executive Director Bob Borka was our guest speaker. Before the Convention, I reached out to Bob and asked him to bring me some more MCL/MODD history from headquarters so I could do some more research.

With the materials Bob brought down, I can now update one of our Past Chiefs to reflect a current picture of him in the PCDD Gallery that is on our website. I can also add to the Chiefs Columns records that I maintain. Although we do not have the Scratchings from the early

Growls, we can read the Chiefs Columns in the MCL magazine to get some insight into the workings of the

MODD in the early years.

Dogs of the Order, if you are looking for information to build your Pound or Pack history, please contact me. I will research your request and try to help as much as I can. If you do not reach out to me, I cannot help you. I am accessible and want to help.

Semper Fidelis & Woof Woof!

PDD Greg Ciesielski,

Kennel Historian

gciesielski2023@gmail.com

Central Division: PDD Phil Zamora

Woof Woof Dogs of the Central Division!

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

We are moving into the months in which we need to make sure that our 990s are submitted, our Corporate filings are done (some states), and within 90 days after the Supreme Growl all ROI's (Report of Officer Installations) must be in for the Pounds which is November 11th this year. So, by that date let us all make sure we are 100% compliant.

I have a report in my paws that lists all the Pounds and Packs within the Central Division that are currently in compliance. In the coming weeks, I will be reaching out to the Pack Leaders regarding which Pounds still need to submit their filings, as well as a few that have had their EINs revoked. These revocations occurred because, within a three-year period, a Dog in their Pound failed to file the 990 or the required corporate filing.

Let us all take a moment to ensure that your Pound is in good standing and fully compliant.

Lastly, I hope to see all Dogs in Grapevine, Texas, at the Supreme Growl on August 13, 2025

WOOF WOOF,

PDD Phil Zamora

Honorable Vice-Chief Devil Dog

Central Division



Mideast Division: PDD Omar Jabr



Greetings from your VCDD Mideast Division PDD JABR... Summer is almost here, and school is out. Some of you will be taking time off to enjoy the summer break with your loved ones. Please, Please, Please have fun and enjoy your time but be safe, careful, and vigilant. There are a lot of crazies out there...

I am proud to say that Mideast Division compliance is on its way to 100% and I intend to keep it at that level. Keeping a great communication and positive relationship with the Packs Leaders, Pound Keepers, and Dog Robbers are the key to success.

I attended several Packs and Pounds Growls:

29 March: Pound 333 Growl, Maryland Pack

04 April: NC Pack Growl

05 April: Pound 344 Growl, Maryland Pack

09 May: MD Pack Growl. 61st CDD JD Jones, installed Pack Officers.

17 May: VA Pack Growl. VCDD MED Jabr, installed Pack Officers.

Pack Dog Robbers, 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. Check Kennel Management Application (KMA) militaryorderofthedeildogs.org, to ensure their names are listed. If not, make all efforts to ensure they are listed (Contact Kennel Dog Robber, if needed). KEEP IN MIND...NO Applications will be accepted past this date. These Dogs are looking forward to advancing, and most made their travel arrangements. So, do not take it away from them due to a technical issue/oversight.

I am looking forward to a fun and crazy Growl at the Mideast Division Conference on 27 June. I guarantee you it will be full of activities and memories. I hope to see most of you at the Growl.

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

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

Woof Woof!

PDD Omar Jabr, 16-231

Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog

Mideast Division

Military Order of the Devil Dogs

(910) 554-8984



Midwest Division: PDD Chuck Covert

WOOF WOOF DOGS!

Please lend your ears and a paw for an important update from your Midwest Dog House.

The 5th Gathering of the Dogs is still rolling forward, though we encountered a slight hiccup as our original hotel wagged its tail the wrong way and marked somewhere else. But have no fear, true Devil Dogs always sniff out a better fire hydrant!

We have marked fresh territory at the Ramada by Wyndham in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Room rates are expected to stay under one hundred Big Bones per night, which leaves every Dog with plenty of spare Bones for patches, chew treats, belly-filling snacks, beverage bowls, and whatever mischief your paws can get into.

Additional sniffs and snorts about registration, the Bone-burying schedule, ceremonial tail chasing, and growl-worthy shenanigans will be unleashed soon. Keep your snouts pointed toward the Kennel and Midwest Division Facebook pages, where updates will drop faster than a hot dog at a cookout.

In the meantime, this old Dog has wagged across state lines and proudly attended Grand Growls in Minnesota, Missouri, and Kansas. The spirit of the Order is strong, the Growls are loud, and the Bone Bags are jingling like sleigh bells on a holiday howl.

Most importantly, the Midwest Division remains one hundred percent compliant. All required reports have been filed, all tails have been tallied, and not a single Dog has been left behind unless they were chasing squirrels.

As the summer heat rises, so does the excitement. I cannot wait to see every last wagging tail in Grapevine, Texas, this August for the National Convention and the Supreme Growl. Let us bark louder, wag prouder, and represent the Midwest with honor, laughter, and a whole lot of tail-wagging spirit!



Semper Fi,

PDD Chuck Covert

Honorable Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

Guess this Dog Answer
PDD Scotty Bryan
Honorable Mad
Dog

New England Division: PDD Patrick McMahon



Woof Woof to all of you PDDs, DDs, Pups, and Mongrels from your New England Division Vice Chief Devil Dog. I am hopeful that this WOG finds you and yours well. This is an exciting time of the year. The approaching summer is an exciting time for us Dogs. We should all be finishing up our Grand Growls and looking forward to our Supreme Growl in DFW. Within the New England Division, the growls have been barked for all those DDs who wish to advance to the degree of Pedigree in August. Such advancement applications must be in to Kennel by 1 July!

We here in New England had the pleasure of having CDD Jones spend time with the local Dogs at the annual Quad State Convention this past April, hosted by the Department of Maine / Maine Pack. I was unable to be in attendance due to a family wedding in Atlanta. I have been told that CDD Jones enjoyed his time here in New England.

Over the last several months, I have been attending Pack and Pound Growls, and can say, all in all, the New England Division Dogs are in fairly good shape. Recently, I had the honor and privilege of assisting the 49th PCDD Doug Fisk in installing the newly elected officers of the MA Pack. Most recently, I had the honor of installing the newly elected officers of the Maine Pack.

In closing, I hope to see many of you as I continue traveling to Pack and Pound Growls. We should at ALL times remember, though, that the MODD is the FUN and HONOR society. I underscore honor to emphasize that we are ALL Marines or FMF Navy personnel, so discontent within our Growls should be non-existent.

PDD Patrick McMahon
New England Division Vice Chief Devil Dog
vcddmcmahon@gmail.com

Northeast Division: PDD Jason Hauck

Let us start off by congratulating all the new Pack officers who have been sworn in or will be soon. Next, we are all getting ready for the Texas Convention and hope to see many dogs in attendance.

In addition, I want to speak to all the Devil Dogs who are attending the Convention with hopes of advancing to Pedigree Devil Dogs. Make the most of this experience—go with an open mind, have fun, and take the opportunity to make new friends.

Finally, when the Convention is over, return to your Pounds and share the knowledge and experience you have gained.

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



Northwest Division: PDD Bonnie Holden



I was able to attend three out of four Grand Growls held between May and June 2025. The Conventions and Growls were enjoyable, and fun was had by all.

Although I was unable to attend the event in Montana, the NVC was present at the Convention. Now, we look ahead to the National Convention in Texas, which is about six weeks away. I will once again serve as a Dog Handler this year.

Any Devil Dog who has completed a year as a DD and plans to advance in Texas must submit their Advancement paperwork to Kennel as soon as possible. The final deadline for submission is 1 July 2025. Paperwork received after that date will not be accepted, and the member will be ineligible to advance—effectively wasting the trip to the National as a MODD member. Please note that only Pedigreed Devil Dogs (PDDs) may attend the Supreme Growl.

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It was a pleasure to see all the members in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Semper Woof,
PDD Bonnie Holden
NWDVCDD

Southeast Division: PDD Jim Stone

Wow!! Time flies when you get this old. It seems like just yesterday that I was appointed to this position, but it was two years ago. Now, as I leave the position, it is a little sad as I move along and look back, it has been an enjoyable ride.

We have chartered eleven new Pounds, elevated eight DDs to PDDs because of medical reasons. I have been fortunate to have visited all seven Packs, some more than once, a number of Pounds, and a Gathering of the Dogs. It has been my honor to hold a number of elections and install many great Officers into our Packs and Pounds.

Now, as I turn the reins over to the next Vice Chief, I hope all you Dogs will work as well with him as you have me.

Remember, you must keep current with your 990s, ROIs, and state filings. Make all your Growls fun so your Dogs will enjoy coming and make recruiting somewhat easier. Familiarize yourself with the Kennel



Bylaws, as well as those of your Pack and Pound. Support your leaders and help to make your Pounds thrive. Always remember that the best followers are the best leaders. When you are fined, do not grumble and complain or be "cheap." Always remember where the Bones go. It is for the children!

And now as I leave this position, remember that I am still around and more than willing to help if needed. Just call or email me and I will assist in any way I can.

I wish to thank a number of dogs who have helped me along the way. My three Assistant Dogs: PDD Ricky Pitts, PDD Sammy Marcel, and PDD John Gionet. They have always responded when I called on them and needed information. The list is quite long and I do not have enough space to thank them all. They know who they are.

Thank all of you Dogs for your friendship and camaraderie. I hope to see many of you in Texas for the National Convention in August.

Until then, be safe, be active, have fun, and Semper Woofing.

PDD Jim Stone
Vice Chief Devil Dog, Southeast Division

Barks from Super Chief: 51st PCDD Donald Garland



Woof Bark, and I thank you all for all you do to support your communities, the MODD and the Marine Corps League. I have made the decision to travel more this year now that I am retired for good. I have been busy attending the Modern Day Marine Expo, went to New Hampshire to visit family, attended the Maryland Dept Conference/Grand Growl, and the New Jersey Conference and Grand Growl. As you read this, I am packing again for Missouri. I cannot put in words how much your camaraderie and friendship mean to me. I love the MODD, the League and all of you who take time out of your personal lives to make life better for others.

That said, I remind you all that this is YOUR MODD. As Super Chief, AKA 51st PCDD Garland, I am 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 Mid-Winter. I ask you all to go to the website and look at the proposed Bylaw changes for the Order and the Bylaw changes for the League. If you see something that

you agree with or disagree with, bark loud, as silence is consent. You cannot complain about an issue if you do not make your barks heard before and during a vote.

No one is guaranteed a position of leadership, YOUR MODD Leadership is voted on by you, all of our members. We have seen a lot of fluctuations in membership in the Kennel. While we focus on new younger members, let us not leave those older and wiser members behind. We may not always agree with each other, but we can agree to disagree and move on a forward path for our Order.

Update your rosters and get those that have not been heard from back into the fold, 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.

If you missed the Mid-Winter Mini Growl, rest assured, we missed you! Many Dogs took the trip and we enjoyed a lot of fun and camaraderie. Just like Mid-Winter, we will have another Ceremony to celebrate the Semi-Quincentennial (250th) birthday of the Corps at the Convention Banquet in Dallas. I urge you all who are attending to go on the website and look for activities that are going on during the Convention in Dallas and enjoy your time there. Participate in the FUN.

I hope all of the Dogs in Dogdom are well. The weather is crazy so far this year, so think about getting out, going off 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 Dallas 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 Dallas. I am sure you will find it entertaining and fun, with a little knowledge thrown in for good measure.Woof Bark, the 51st CDD.

A Brotherhood Forged at Parris Island - 71 Years of Semper Fidelis: PDD Stephanie Abbott

In 1954, during a time when boot camp was governed by fewer rules and even fiercer discipline, two young men from Connecticut found themselves assigned to the same eight-man tent at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina. John Harding, a spirited 6'2" recruit classified as overweight, and Domenic "Dom" Falcon, a 5'10" underweight young man, were paired together by the Drill Instructors. The pairing was strategic—John was instructed to pass portions of his chow to Dom, ensuring both recruits met the weight requirements of the Corps.

Over the grueling 14-week training cycle, John and Dom forged a friendship that would stand the test of time. They endured the hardship, sweat, and discipline of Parris Island together, growing not only as Marines but as brothers.

Following graduation, both Marines attended MOS school to become radio forward observers. Upon completion, their paths diverged geographically but remained aligned in purpose. John was assigned to 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO), based in Hawaii, and deployed to Korea and Lebanon to assist Allied Forces with forward observation. Dom, meanwhile, served honorably for three years at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Despite being stationed apart, John and Dom remained in close contact throughout their active-duty service and beyond. Their bond only deepened with time. John stood as an usher in Dom's wedding, and they continued to check in with one another regularly over the decades—a reflection of the enduring Marine ethos: no Marine left behind, in war or in peace.

Today, Dom is a member of Pound 141, Connecticut Pack, and John proudly serves in Pound 306, North Carolina Pack. This summer, John will celebrate his 91st birthday—a testament to his strength, resilience, and unwavering Marine fighting spirit. A former member of the National Marine Corps League Staff, John stepped aside in recent years to make way for a new generation of Marines, though he remains active and proclaims

that he “never sees himself slowing down.”

In the lead-up to the National Convention in West Virginia, John—already a Pedigreed Devil Dog (PDD)—learned that Dom had submitted his Advancement Form to go up for PDD. Without hesitation, John took the initiative to become a Dog Handler and arranged to be in Dom’s platoon, standing by his side once again after more than seven decades of camaraderie.

This story is more than just a friendship—it is a living example of the Marine Corps’ unbreakable spirit of brotherhood, loyalty, and Semper Fidelis. Seventy-one years since they first met at Parris Island, John and Dom remain as close, proving that while Marines may not all be related by blood, we are eternally bound by something far stronger: the title of United States Marine.

Semper Fidelis Marines.



PDD John Harding (left) and PDD Domenic Falcon (right)
National Convention West Virginia after Dom picked up his PDD

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

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

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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

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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.

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- B. The Kennel, Packs, and Pounds will procure a Visa Stamp to stamp all Passports with the date of all Growls attended by said Devil Dog presenting their Passport. Cost of visa stamping shall be one big bone (\$1.00).

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

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

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,

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 M. 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,

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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,

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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,

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,

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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,

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,

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,

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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 & 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:

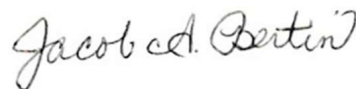
The current wording the Bylaws is a long run-on sentence that is unclear and hard to read.

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

PDD Robert Allen Pound 291, ID

DD Elmer Austermann Pound 086, MO

PDD Eugene Bosworth Pound 182, LA

DD James Brown Pound 206, GA

PDD Stravos Chantiles Pound 143, NC

PDD Jimmie Delaney Pound 227, NJ

PDD Delbert Dieziger Pound 290, MT

PDD John Dilday Pound 210, NC

PDD James Donechie Jr. Pound 227, NJ

PDD Vernon Essig Pound 007, NV

DD John Farmer Sr Pound 037, NY

PDD Anthony Haas Pound 172, LA

PDD Dalton Hammock Pound 317, GA

DD William Hartley Pound 139, VA

PDD Charles Kiessling Sr Pound 164, OH

DD Leonard Kolpak Pound 012, IL

DD Derston Koontz Pound 246, SC

PDD Mark Kresel Pound 333, MD

PDD Lee Edward Pound 064, MA

PDD Robert O'Connell Pound 227, NJ

DD Niel Ornstein Pound 065, AZ

PDD Joseph Pariagreco Pound 007, NV

PDD Howard Penrod Pound 260, IN

Pup John Perry Pound 319, NC

PDD Kenneth Santor Pound 007, NV

PDD John Schultz Pound 190, OH

DD Terrance Shackelton Pound 210, NC

PDD Charles Smith Pound 335, FL

DD David Sprott Pound 187, AL

PDD Charles Sullivan Pound 312, SC

DD Larry Thornton Pound 319, NC

PDD Duane Tunnyhill Pound 101, NE

PDD Perry Vaughn Pound 184, AL

PDD Jimmy Winder Pound 330, MO

PDD Thomas Zmecsek Pound 164, OH

