

Wolverine Pack of Michigan
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Marine Corps League



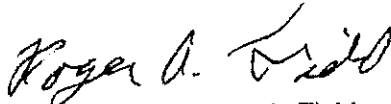
Constitution and Bylaws
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**THE FUN AND HONOR SOCIETY OF THE
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Certification

This edition of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Wolverine Pack of Michigan, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, originally adopted has been updated with all authorized changes through the Grand Growl of the Pack held in Houghton, Michigan on the Fourteenth Day of June, Two Thousand and Two.

This reprint of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Wolverine Pack of Michigan, Military Order of the Devil Dogs supercedes all previous editions.



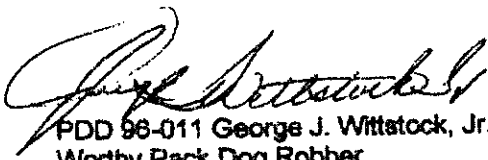
PDD 90-004 Roger A. Field
Worthy Pack Smart Dog
Wolverine Pack of Michigan
Military Order of the Devil Dogs

I, PDD 97-013 Phillip S. Smith, Worthy Pack Leader, Wolverine Pack of Michigan, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, do here by certify that the foregoing Constitution and Bylaws were approved by a two thirds majority of the membership present and voting at the Grand Growl of the Pack held in Houghton, Michigan on the Fourteenth Day of June, Two Thousand and Two.



PDD 97-013 Phillip S. Smith
Worthy Pack Leader
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Attest:



PDD 96-011 George J. Wittstock, Jr.
Worthy Pack Dog Robber
Wolverine Pack of Michigan
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Constitution

Article 1 – Preamble

We, Marines and honorably discharged Marines, bona fide, paid-up and active members of the Marine Corps League, Inc., do hereby unite to form a permanent organization to be known as the Wolverine Pack of Michigan, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc.

Article 2 – Purposes

It shall be the purpose of this organization to:

- (1) Observe, obey and support the Constitution, Bylaws and all Rules and Regulations of the Marine Corps League, Inc. and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc.
- (2) Preserve and strengthen the principles and ideals of the Marine Corps League, Inc.
- (3) To aid and assist in accomplishment of all programs and objectives of the Marine Corps League and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc.
- (4) As the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League, Inc., promoting sociability, comradeship and good-fellowship, to provide amusement and entertainment at gatherings of the Marine Corps League, Inc., when and where proper and advisable.
- (5) Maintain true allegiance to the United States of America and its Constitution and laws; to foster and extend American Institutions of Freedom; and to defend America against all enemies' whomsoever.

Article 3 – Organization

The recognized official bodies of this association shall consist of and be:

- (1) The local organizations to be known as Pounds within the State of Michigan, Wolverine Pack of Michigan, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. The meeting place shall be known as the Pound and meetings of which shall be known as the Growl of the Pound.
- (2) The State of Michigan organization shall be known as the Wolverine Pack of Michigan, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. The meeting place shall be known as the Den and the meetings of which shall be Growl and Grand Growl of the Pack.
- (3) The National Organization is to be known as the Kennel, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc. The meeting place of which shall be known as the Kennel and the meetings shall be known as the Supreme Growl.

Article 4 – Language

The only language permissible in the conduct of any official meeting of any Pound or the Pack shall be the English language.

Wolverine Pack of Michigan Military Order of the Devil Dogs

Bylaws

Article 1 – Membership

Section 1

The membership of the Wolverine Pack of Michigan shall consist of all members in good standing, of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., and are members of Pounds within the State of Michigan.

Section 2

Applications for membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall comply with the provisions of the Constitution, Article IV and the Bylaws of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., Article 1 – Membership, Section 101 – Eligibility.

Section 3

A candidate for election and initiation to the Degree of this Order must comply with all of the following conditions and requirements:

- (1) Be a regular member of the Marine Corps League in compliance with the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.
- (2) Fully complete and sign their Application for Membership on official forms for election and initiation to the Degree of Pup.
- (3) Exhibit their current year Marine Corps League Membership Card or Life Membership Card.
- (4) Be of good character and reputation.
- (5) Certify that they have been a member of the Marine Corps League at least one (1) full year.
- (6) Accompany their Application with the required Membership Dues in this Order.
- (7) Must be at the Pack Den at least one (1) hour before the start of the Growl or Grand Growl of the Pack.

Article 2 – Membership Dues, Reinstatement Fees and Election Fees

Section 1

Annual Dues for the Wolverine Pack of Michigan shall be \$3.00. All membership dues are payable in accordance with the Bylaws of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., Article V, Section 503, paragraph H. Currently, this starts on the first of September and ends on the following thirty-first of August.

Section 2

A Reinstatement Fee will be assessed to any member that has been dropped from the membership rolls of the Order for non-payment of dues. The Reinstatement Fee will be \$1.00 per year they have been dropped from the rolls. The maximum Reinstatement Fee will be \$3.00. This fee will be in addition to any reinstatement fee from the Pound or Kennel.

Section 3

Election fees for advancement to the Degree of Devil Dog will be \$5.00. This election fee must be accompanied with the Application as set forth in Article 3, Section 1, paragraph (2).

Section 4

If the membership at a Growl or Grand Growl of the Pack should change the amount of Membership Dues, Reinstatement Fee or Election Fee, that amount will not be assessed until the following fiscal year.

Article 3 – Degree Advancement

Section 1

A candidate requesting election and initiation to the Degree of Devil Dog at a Growl or Grand Growl of the Pack, must comply with all of the following conditions and requirements:

- (1) All requirements of Article 1, Section 2, of these Bylaws.
- (2) Fully complete and sign an Application on official forms for election, obligation and initiation to the Degree of Devil Dog. An Election Fee must be accompanied with this form. The amount of the Election Fee is in accordance with Article 2, Section 3.
- (3) Must have held the Degree of Pup for at least one (1) full year.
- (4) Certify that they have been a member of the Marine Corps League for at least two (2) full years.
- (5) Dues in this Order must be up to date and also dues in the Marine Corps League must be up to date.
- (6) Be at the Growl or Grand Growl in person.
- (7) Must be at the Pack Den at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the Growl or Grand Growl of the Pack.

Section 2

Candidates for advancement to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog can only be obligated and initiated at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.

Article 4 – Officers

Section 1 - Elected

The elected officers of the Wolverine Pack of Michigan shall be: Worthy Pack Leader, Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Pack Smart Dog, Worthy Pack Dog Trainer, Worthy Pack Police Dog and Worthy Pack Mad Dog.

Section 2 – Appointed

The Worthy Pack Leader shall appoint a Worthy Pack Dog Robber and a Worthy Pack Watch Dog. The Worthy Pack Leader may appoint a Worthy Pack Barking Dog and any other officers that may be required. The Worthy Pack Leader should appoint these officers in such time as will permit their installation into office with the elective officers. These and any other officers that are appointed shall serve for the convenience and pleasure of the Worthy Pack Leader.

Section 3 – Staff

The Staff of the Wolverine Pack of Michigan shall consist of all Worthy Pack Elected and Appointed Officers.

Section 4 – Duties

The duties of the Worthy Pack Officers shall be comparable to the duties of the corresponding Honorable Kennel Officers within the scope and jurisdiction of their office, including the tenure of their office therein specified.

Section 5 – Nomination and Election

Nominations and elections will be held at the Grand Growl of the Pack for the incoming year. After the election of officers, they shall be installed into office.

Nominations:

- (1) All nominations shall be from the floor one officer at a time.
- (2) The sequence of the nominations of officers shall be as stated in Section 1 of this article.
- (3) A member nominated must be on the floor of the Den.
- (4) There shall be no nominating committee.

Article 4 – Officers, Section 5 – Nomination and Election continued

- (5) The Worthy Pack Leader must be a Pedigreed Devil Dog. All other elected officers may hold the Degree of Devil Dog.

Elections:

- (1) The Worthy Pack Watch Dog will permit no person to enter or leave the Den while the Worthy Pack Officers are being nominated and elected.
- (2) All elective officers shall be chosen by secret ballot.
- (3) The ballot may be cast for a full slate of officers or may be cast for each office in sequence.
- (4) Should the membership of the Pack fail to nominate any elective office, after the election of officers, the Worthy Pack Leader elect shall appoint an eligible member to the office for which no nomination had been made.
- (5) It is preferred that the Worthy Pack Leader elect appoint the appointed Worthy Pack Officers prior to the installation of the Pack, so as to permit the installation of a full staff of officers.

Voting:

- (1) Each member who is present at the Growls of the Pack and is in good standing in the Order and the Marine Corps League shall have one vote.

Section 7 – Declination of Nomination

Any Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog may decline nomination for any office to which they are eligible at their own discretion, bearing well in mind the honor and confidence with which such nomination was put forward.

Article 5 – Growls

Section 1 – Pack Staff Growl

A Growl of the Pack Staff may be called by the Worthy Pack Leader or a majority of the Worthy Pack Staff. A quorum shall consist of six Worthy Pack Officers to conduct official business. Minutes of a Pack Staff Growl shall be read at the next Growl or Grand Growl of the Pack. These Scratchings may be printed and sent to members of the Pack prior to the next Growl or Grand Growl of the Pack by the Worthy Pack Dog Robber.

Section 2 – Growl of the Pack

A Growl of the Pack shall take place in conjunction with the Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League Mid Winter Rally or at any other time as called by the Worthy Pack Leader. A quorum shall consist of fifteen members in total in good standing with at least five being Worthy Pack Officers. Minutes of a Pack Growl shall be read at the next Growl or Grand Growl of the Pack. These Scratchings may be printed and sent to members of the Pack prior to the next Growl or Grand Growl of the Pack by the Worthy Pack Dog Robber.

Section 3 – Grand Growl of the Pack

The Grand Growl of the Pack shall take place in conjunction with the Convention of the Department of Michigan, Marine Corps League. A quorum shall consist of fifteen members in total in good standing with at least five being Worthy Pack Officers. Minutes of a Grand Growl shall be read at the next Growl of the Pack. These Scratchings may be printed and sent to members of the Pack prior to the next Growl or Grand Growl of the Pack by the Worthy Pack Dog Robber.

Section 4 – Order of Business

- (1) Pack Staff Growl order of business shall be:
 - Opening Ceremony
 - Roll Call of Officers
 - Business for which Growl was called
 - Closing Ceremony

Article 5 – Growls, Section 4 – Order of Business, Growl of the Pack order of business continued

(2) Growl of the Pack order of business shall be:

- Opening Ceremony
- Rules of the Growl
- Roll Call of Officers
- Recognition of Dignitaries
- Members in Sickness or in Distress
- Memorial Service
- Scratchings of the previous Growl
- Officer Reports
- Old Business
- Election of Candidates for Pup and obligation to the Degree of Devil Dog
- Rite of Obligation
- New Business
- Good of the Order
- Announcements
- Closing Ceremony

(3) Grand Growl of the Pack order of business shall be:

- Opening Ceremony
- Rules of the Growl
- Roll Call of Officers
- Recognition of Dignitaries
- Members in Sickness or in Distress
- Memorial Service
- Scratchings of the previous Growl
- Officer Reports
- Old Business
- Nomination and election of new officers
- Election of Candidates for Pup and obligation to the Degree of Devil Dog
- Rite of Obligation
- New Business
- Good of the Order
- Announcements
- Closing Ceremony

Article 6 – General

Section 1 – Discipline

All offenses, charges and procedures for discipline shall be in accordance with the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., Bylaws, Article X – Discipline.

Section 2 – Commitments

No officer or member of the Wolverine Pack of Michigan shall commit or obligate this order in any manner, financially or otherwise, to any outside agency, unless and until authorized to do so by a majority vote of the Pack Staff, and in writing signed by the Worthy Pack Leader.

Section 3 – League Politics

No officer or member of the Wolverine Pack of Michigan shall be permitted to mention or discuss the politics or anything pertaining to the politics of the Marine Corps League in any Growl of this Order.

Article 6 – General continued

Section 4 – League Business

No matter of business is to be discussed pertaining to the Marine Corps League unless the Wolverine Pack of Michigan is officially requested to do so, in writing, by proper authority.

Section 5 – Sacred Articles

The Holy Bible, the Charter and the Bone shall be considered sacred. They shall not be taken from their customary place for ransom or for any other reason without the express permission or at the direction of the Worthy Pack Leader. They shall not be attached to anything or anyone by any means whatsoever.

Section 6 – Titles

When addressing the chair or any Officers of this Pack, the prefix of "Worthy Pack" must be used. As an example: Worthy Pack Leader, Worthy Pack Dog Robber, Worthy Pack Smart Dog, etc.

Section 7 – Recognition

When a member addresses the Worthy Pack Leader for permission to speak, that member must state his Degree, Dog License Number, Name and Pound number, in that order.

Section 8 – Worthy Pack Leader Travel Expense

Expenses for travel for the Worthy Pack Leader shall be at a rate of fourteen cents (14¢) per mile to the Growls of the Pack. This mileage expense shall not exceed five Growls in a one-year period.

Section 9 – Financial Audit

The financial records of the Pack shall be audited within thirty days of the Grand Growl of the Pack. The Worthy Pack Leader shall appoint the auditor or auditors.

Section 10 – Rules of the Growl

The Worthy Pack Leader has the authority to establish the Rules of the Growl to include the amount assessed for fines. These Rules of the Growl will be read to all members in attendance at the Growl by the Worthy Pack Dog Robber after the opening of the Growl as outlined in Article 5, Section 4.

Section 11 – Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution or final liquidation of this Wolverine Pack of Michigan, the remaining net assets shall be distributed to the remaining Pounds that were under its jurisdiction. If no Pounds are in existence at the time of its dissolution, the assets shall be distributed to the Kennel, Military Order of the Devil Dogs. No part of such net assets may inure to the benefit of any individual member or person.

Article 7 – Amending of Constitution and Bylaws

Section 1 – Method of Amending

Members in good standing, of the Wolverine Pack of Michigan seeking to revise, repeal or amend the Constitution and Bylaws shall submit their proposals in typewritten form to the Worthy Pack Smart Dog no later than 1 April prior to the opening date of the Grand Growl of the Pack, at which time their proposals are to be considered. All proposals must contain the identity of the maker or submitter. Each proposal shall reference the Articles, Sections and paragraphs to be revised, repealed or amended. Each proposal must contain the old version, the new wording, the rationale and the final wording. Otherwise, they will not be considered. The Worthy Pack Smart Dog will propagate the proposals without comment by having the Worthy Pack Dog Robber publish all proposals to each member by mail or by mailing each Pound Keeper and Pound Dog Robber the proposals, no later than 15 May prior to the opening date of the Grand Growl of the Pack at which time, such proposed revision, repeal or amendment is to be considered.

Section 2 – Amending

Any revisions, repeals or amendments will be brought to a vote by the membership under Good of the Order at the Grand Growl of the Pack. A two-thirds majority of those members present is required by voice vote to pass revisions, repeals or amendments of the Constitution and Bylaws.