



**SUMMER
2024**



Growlings from the 60th Chief Devil Dog: CDD Alan Sanning

WOOF-WOOF Dogs of the Order!

With the 84th Supreme Growl only weeks away, the anticipation for DD's looking to advance to Pedigreed Devil Dog in Rancho Mirage, CA should be building by now. On my part, I look forward to barking with as many of you as possible! Do yourself a favor now and go to the Kennel website and look at the helpful information under the "2024 Supreme Growl" tab and related links. One of the most important items is the list of "Applications Processed By the Kennel Dog Robber" near the bottom of the page. If your name is not on that list by July 5th or 6th it likely means that no application was received for you by the deadline and while you should check with your Pound Dog Robber to see what happened to your Advancement Form, don't expect to be allowed to advance. An exception would be very rare, as we have been passing the word for years to get your forms in early and check to see that your application has been received and processed. Now look back at the top and select the "Library" tab and then "Publications", scroll down and you will find the recently updated "Obedience School". While all the sections have good information, the first three along the top may prove to be most beneficial to you for advancement. Some may already be familiar with the info, and that may be a help to you.



This year at the convention there will be no MODD and Flea Luncheon and Awards on Thursday in anticipation of many Dogs and Fleas taking the trip to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. We have therefore combined the awards with a Wednesday evening dinner and awards open to all with tickets and followed by the MODD's traditional auction. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance, online at the convention website, <https://www.mcldeptca.org/event-exursion> for \$15.38. You must have tickets to join us during dinner and the award presentations. However, following the awards all are invited to join us for the rest of the evening where you may congratulate the new Pedigreed Devil Dogs, and of course the 61st Chief Devil Dog and the rest of the Kennel Staff. I expect that we will once again have many excellent auction items for everyone to bid on too.

Writing this last article as Chief Devil Dog, I pause to reflect on all of the great programs and projects I have encountered that the Dogs around the country are involved in. From helping our own members in need of assistance, fundraising for local community efforts, the Kennel Children's Hospital Fund, Operation Chow Hound, running fun and productive Growls, and on and on. Truly inspirational things that impact so many lives

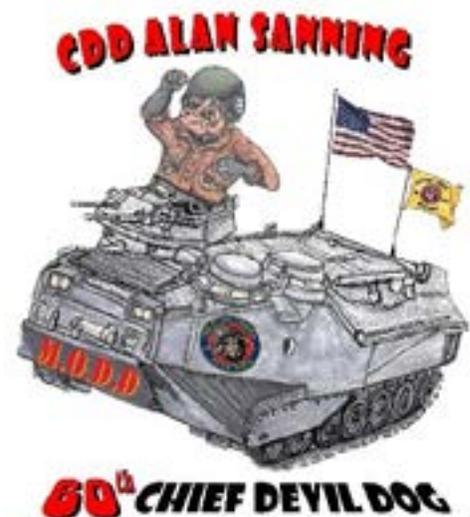
around the country, many of which will continue to positively impact lives well beyond the current year. Kennel Executive Director PDD Ben Wells recently advised that it looks as if we are on track for a new record donation which will be presented to Loma Linda University Children's Hospital at the Supreme Growl. Dogs around the country, you are making these things happen with your motivation, sweat equity and generosity, keep up all of your great work! I am going to throw fun into that list of adjectives as well, because you can definitely have fun while working on many of these things. Right now, it looks like MO Pack and Pounds have hit it out of the park again this year with the total from passport fees, fund raisers and everything else combined it comes out to over \$24,000 Big Bones for this year Children's Hospital Fund. They also donated \$10,000 to the MO Pack charity this year, Burns Recovered for their Midwest Children's Burn Camp. I know that many of the Dogs involved in the fundraising will say that it was not like work at all and they had fun doing it. Fantastic job MO Dogs!

On the business side of the Kennel, you have an outstanding Kennel Staff, both elected and appointed along with their deputies who give willingly of their time and talents to advance the MODD with promise of more great strides and innovation to come. Traveling around the country to Pack Growls during division conferences, department conventions and Pound Growls I have seen dogs who have jumped into their elected or appointed positions and taken charge. Sometimes squaring away long neglected problems like compliance issues with 990's, state registrations and more. We appear to be on course with Dogs like this willing to lead.

This is not to say that we do not still have problems. For instance, it is puzzling why the Kennel Dog Robber is suddenly receiving a rash of Reports of Installation (ROI's), which have to be returned because two or three of the newly elected officers are not eligible to hold office because they have not paid dues in several years, it just does not make sense. These should never make it out of the doghouse. There are plenty of resources to help anyone in a new position to become acquainted with their duties. The MODD Constitution and Bylaws, Dog Robbers manual and all of the other manuals have been updated in the past year. They are all available on the Kennel website - take advantage of the wealth of information in them and make your life easier. Using them online you can rapidly search for key words and phrases like, "eligibility to hold office".

Finally, thank you to all of the Kennel Staff, you are talented beyond measure, simply the best! I appreciate the advice and support I have received from many corners particularly the 59th CDD PCDD Hazlett and the rest of the PCDD's. The camaraderie and esprit de Corps I have experienced at Pound and Pack Growls and their corresponding departments and divisions around the country has been outstanding and always made me feel welcome, I appreciate that as well as all of your efforts locally and within the Kennel. Thank you all!

Semper Latratus!
CDD Alan Sanning
60thchiefdevildog@gmail.com





Pup Tim Munday helping the Children's Hospital Fund with his 300 Big Bone bid to win the auction for the 58th, 59th and 60th COD's coins. WOOF-WOOF!



You know that 58th COD PCDD Spicer is a chef Do you suppose he had anything to do with dressing that new dog, Pup Baker from his Pound?

Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Jeffery Jones



Woof Woof Dogs of the Order,

I enjoy traveling to promote the interest of the Order. Talking about the Children's Hospital Fund and Operation Chow Hound to name the 2 big ones. Since recovering from my Total Knee Revision, I have been on the road. I started off by attending a Maryland Pack Growl in Rockville, MD, NC Pack Growl in Burlington, NC in March. In April I went to Central Division Conference in Kalamazoo, MI, followed by Northeast Division Conference in Plainsboro, NJ. In May I attended the Department of GA Convention in Savannah, GA, Department of MD Convention in Ocean City, MD, & the Department of Delaware Convention in Bridgeville, DE. I took a much-needed Vacation to Oahu, HI for 10 days where I Paid my respect to the Memorials at Pearl Harbor. June started off by competing in the 14th annual Marine Mud Run in Pinnacle, NC, Department of North Carolina Convention in Greensboro, NC, Department of South Carolina Convention in Columbia, SC and finally the Department of Texas Convention in

Houston, TX.

During my travels I had the Extreme Honor in presenting the Charter of the Atomic Dogs # 414 of the Georgia Pack to Madam Pound Keeper Bonita Johnson. I participated in Pack Officer and Department Officer Installations in a number of these various states.

The Order is in good shape, we have continued to raise Bones through our Online Raffles conducted by the Junior Vice Chief PDD Joe DeAngelo and the Bits and Bites Dog PDD Chris Soldano. Our rosters have been getting cleaned up by the Dog Robber PDD Janice Hartley, Deputy Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen and the "REAL" Erin Wells. We are getting the inflated numbers deleted so we have an accurate strength.

There are certain things that we must do to keep the business in good standing. Please ensure that you are turning in R.O.I.'s, Membership and Advancement Transmittals, and Death Notices. Dog Robbers, Passport fee's are to be sent to the Kennel Dog Robber after EVERY Growl. Do NOT hold these Bones!

Remember that "Our" Growls are not MCL meetings, we are the "Fun and Honor Society"! Make it fun, it does not have to be an elaborate game, just something short & sweet. Get every Dog involved, and your Growls will continue to Grow.

August will be here before you know it and we will in Rancho Mirage, California for our 84th Supreme Growl. I look forward to seeing many of you there and ask for your support as our 61st Chief Devil Dog.

It is a Honor to be a Devil Dog

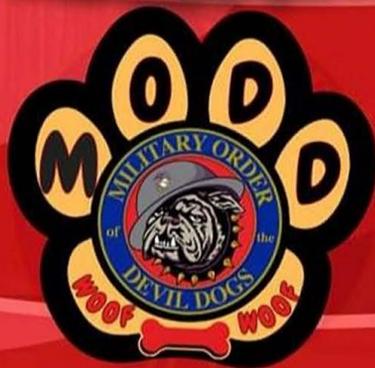
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PDD J.D. Jones 09-019
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JD Jones

For

The Honorable
61st Chief Devil Dog
Palm Springs



Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Joe “Woody” DeAngelo

June 20, 2024



Woof woof Dogs of the Order,

I can not believe that my term as the Honorable Jr Vice Chief Devil Dog is almost at a close. Before you know it, we will be attending the Supreme Growl in Palm Springs California.

I feel we have got a lot accomplished during my term with fundraising and getting Bones for the Order. The online raffles have taken off and I hope my predecessor can continue to march forward with this great endeavor. I want to thank everyone who has participated, and I again want to congratulate all the winners.



Please continue to have fun at your Growl on the Pound and Pack Levels. If it is just another meeting how long you think your Dogs are going to hang around? As Chief Hazlett stated, “If you make it fun, they will come.” I could not agree more. It only has to be a quick game that gets everyone involved. Keep being creative and it will always work out.

The Budget was approved by the Committee at Mid-winter and is in this WOG. I will be presenting it at the Supreme Growl so bring a copy with you if you would like. Last year we again, were in the black and are moving right along this year. Without the help of the Executive Director and the Real this would not be possible. Thank you, Ben, and Erin.

I have started putting out videos again and hope everyone watches them. Membership is next on the horizon, and I hope you all feel I am up to the challenge.

I announced at Mid-winter that I am running for the Honorable Sr Vice Chief Devil Dog and am looking for your support.

I look forward to seeing you all around the Doghouse.

Semper Woofing,
PDD Joe “Woody” DeAngelo 14-380
Honorable Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
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“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?”

Kennel MODD Budget Report

Actual FY 2023-2024

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

as of March 5, 2024



FY 2024-2025
Approved

FY 2023-2024
Actual

FY 2022-2023
Actual

2021-2022
Actual

Kennel Headquarters Budget:

Income:

		FY 2024-2025	FY 2023-2024	FY 2022-2023	2021-2022
		Approved	Actual	Actual	Actual
101	Morgan Stanley Interest Income		\$16,611.43	\$2,228.06	-\$12,574.75
102	Charter Applications	\$80.00	\$120.00	\$180.00	\$100.00
103	Chief Devil Dog Raffle - Kennel	\$6,000.00	\$2,440.00		\$0.00
104	Donation Income	\$2,000.00	\$2,125.36	\$200.00	\$1,117.95
105	Dues	\$35,000.00	\$24,495.00	\$22,480.02	\$33,477.70
106	Fines	\$1,000.00	\$4,470.11	\$1,670.16	\$2,387.45
107	Mad Dog Initiation Income	\$1,000.00	\$822.00	\$655.00	\$993.60
108	Jr. Vice CDD Fundraisers	\$6,000.00	\$2,955.00	\$5,295.00	\$12,146.00
109	Lucky Dog Income	\$5,000.00	\$11,695.00	\$8,900.00	\$5,980.00
110	50 / 50 Income		\$13,745.00		
111	PLM Income	\$3,000.00	\$4,633.00	\$3,535.00	\$7,680.00
112	Registration Fees	\$2,000.00	\$2,363.00	\$2,125.00	\$3,845.00
113	Reinstatement Fees	\$200.00	\$234.00	\$128.00	\$464.30
114	Other Income (Refund from Past Taxes)		\$35.90	\$3,752.17	\$0.00
115	Online Raffle		\$15,645.00		
Total Income:		\$61,280.00	\$86,744.80	\$51,148.41	\$55,617.25

Notes: 105 - We anticipate 3500 renewals.

Expenses:

201	Accounting	\$600.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
201	Awards Top Pack and Pound (Dog House)	\$325.00	\$203.58	\$272.64	\$0.00
202	Bank Charges (Vital, EFT)	\$1,000.00	\$474.05	\$771.09	\$330.78
203	Computer Software/Hardware/Miscellaneous	\$3,500.00	\$2,337.43	\$1,479.81	\$1,257.81
204	Dog Trainer	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
205	Donations, MCL Foundation	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
206	Honorarium KDR	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
207	Honorarium KED	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
208	Mad Dog Sunday Raffle Prize Expense	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
209	JVCDD Fundraisers, Prizes (Mid-Winter)	\$1,500.00	\$0.00		\$291.25
210	CDD Fundraisers, Prizes	\$1,000.00	\$850.00	\$350.13	\$2,694.60
211	50/50 Raffle Expense	\$100.00	\$5,555.00	\$145.20	\$914.00
212	Hospitality Room Midwinter Expense	\$500.00	\$335.33		\$316.86
213	Kennel Officer and Staff Travel	\$41,500.00			
229	Travel / Compliance Dog	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
230	PLM Brass Cards - Engraving	\$400.00	\$455.96	\$0.00	\$853.60
231	PLM Rebate Expense	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
232	Postage & Mailing Services	\$2,000.00	\$276.90	\$671.49	\$1,976.50
233	Printing	\$1,000.00	\$669.22	\$461.33	\$656.76
234	Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,576.66	\$1,587.56	\$6,410.27
235	Hospitality Supreme Growl Expense	\$1,500.00	\$2,990.50	\$3,227.13	\$715.07
236	Initiation Team T-Shirt Expense	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$630.00	\$0.00
237	Web Site Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,501.01	\$1,420.34	\$635.00
238	Moving Expenses from Lent's to Garland ***	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,490.51
Total Expenses:		\$68,575.00	\$37,902.97	\$25,605.50	\$49,793.45
Profit or -Loss		-\$7,295.00	\$48,841.83	\$25,542.91	\$5,823.80

Kennel Quartermasters Budget:

Income:

301	Sales	\$50,000.00	\$70,291.90	\$41,331.38	\$57,334.77
302	Shipping COGS	\$4,000.00	-\$2,357.59	\$474.06	\$1,181.52
	Costs of good sold		\$455.98		
	Purchases - Resale Items		\$29,316.02	\$870.18	-\$2,811.74
	Gross Income:	\$54,000.00	\$97,706.31	\$42,675.62	\$55,704.55

401 Cost of Goods Sold

\$712.66	\$455.98	\$559.29	\$958.22
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Expenses:

501	Assistant Travel	\$2,000.00	\$519.67	\$2,090.97	\$1,039.60
502	Bank Charges		\$1,443.85	\$717.45	\$917.96
503	Computer Hardware and Software	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,773.12
504	Shipping Expense	\$3,820.00	\$3,241.69	\$1,042.10	\$4,736.81
505	Inventory Supplies	\$900.00	\$373.64	\$1,348.53	\$615.27
506	Honorarium Quartermaster	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
507	Supplies	\$1,850.00	\$1,513.69	\$2,007.43	\$2,797.70
508	Rent	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$345.00	\$400.00
509	Sales Tax - Michigan		\$393.88	\$503.12	\$0.00
510	Sales Tax - Supreme Growl location		\$1,437.00	\$1,764.36	\$0.00
511	SSL License	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$94.00	\$94.00
512	JVCDD Fundraisers, Coin Patches	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
513	JVCDD Fundraisers, Coin	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,400.00
514	Trailer Maintenance (New Trailer)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,042.46	\$0.00
515	Travel	\$2,000.00	\$862.01	\$262.81	\$1,621.24
516	Gas & Tolls	\$2,000.00	\$1,442.26	\$796.45	\$275.30
517	Insurance	\$800.00	\$0.00	-\$67.00	\$752.00
518	Advertising (Wrap for Trailer)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,572.50	

Total Expenses: **\$22,395.00** **\$12,927.69** **\$28,120.18** **\$22,423.00**

Profit or -Loss **\$30,892.34** **\$84,322.64** **\$13,996.15** **\$32,323.33**

Other Income/Expense:

601	Passport Stampings		\$46,908.36	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
	Operation Chow Hound		\$420.00		
602	Past Chief Society Income	Opening Balance	\$3,682.38	\$3,976.83	\$ 4,159.81
		Income	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$ 425.00
		Expense (8)		\$294.45	\$ 607.98
		Balance	\$ 4,442.38	\$ 3,682.38	\$ 3,976.83
603	Hospital Donation	Expense	\$74,000.00	\$83,000.00	\$70,000.00
	Pet Rescue		\$2,080.00	\$1,468.52	
604	Morgan Stanley Investment Valuation	Increase/-Decrease	\$9,724.93	\$ 13,480.00	\$1,119.00

Summary:

Income:

701	Kennel Headquarters Total	\$61,280.00	\$86,744.80	\$51,148.41	\$55,617.25
702	Kennel Quartermaster Total	\$54,000.00	\$97,706.31	\$42,675.62	\$55,704.55
	Total Income:	\$115,280.00	\$184,451.11	\$93,824.03	\$111,321.80

Expenses:

801	Kennel Headquarters Total	\$68,575.00	\$37,902.97	\$25,605.50	\$49,793.45
802	Kennel Quartermaster Total	\$22,395.00	\$12,927.69	\$28,120.18	\$22,423.00
803	Cost of Goods Sold	\$712.66	\$455.98	\$559.29	\$16,928.26
	Total Expenses:	\$91,682.66	\$51,286.64	\$54,284.97	\$89,144.71
	Profit or -Loss	\$23,597.34	\$133,164.47	\$39,539.06	\$22,177.09

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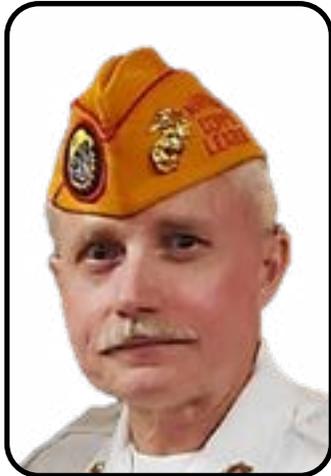
JOE DEANGELO

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**For Honorable Sr Vice
Chief Devil Dog in
Palm Springs 2024**



Smart Dog: PDD Mike Francis



WOOF WOOF,

Are you ready for a “Howling Good Time?” The 84th Supreme Growl and Marine Corps League National Convention are almost upon us. We will all be in Rancho Mirage, just outside of Palm Springs, California. This is about an hour away from 29 Palms. Many of you spent time there while you were in the Corps, so you know what it’s going to be like in August. Pack some shades, sun block and your boonie cover. Plan to drink some water with those ice cold adult beverages and as Doc would say, “change your socks.” Karen and I plan to drive and stop at the Grand Canyon, on the way. Looking forward to barking with old friends and meeting some new Marines!

My last article was written on 15 March. Going over my notes and looking at Facebook, reminds me of how busy the past 3 months have been. 19 March was a FUN Growl with Pound 330 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Tom Hazlett led his team to victory in a spirited contest of “Dogs have sticky balls.” On the 23rd we were in Jefferson City for the Missouri Pack Growl. PDD Daphine Kappos travelled from Illinois to hitch a ride with us and the trip was non-stop laughing. PDD Kevin Ellis came all of the way from Alabama to join in the fun. WOOF WOOF !!!

We were on the road a lot during the month of April. The Missouri Pack hosted the Growl at the Midwest Division Conference in Jefferson City on the 6th. My Marine Corps Tanker buddy, PDD Brian Gillespie came all of the way out from New Jersey. He gave a great class on suicide prevention. H.A.M.S.A.L. The Growl was well attended and 3 Pups were Initiated, Obligated and Advanced to DD. BIG BARKS to DDs Trevino, Baker and Williams. The Honorable 60th Chief Devil Dog CDD Alan Sanning consumed approximately 3 cans of “silly string” to raise Big Bones for the Children’s Hospital Donation. PCDDs Spicer & Hazlett stopped after the first can. Experience brings wisdom. HaHaHa. The 18th – 20th we were in Pearl, for the Mississippi Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Pack. The National Commandant PDD Warren Griffin was on deck. PDD Jerry Blaylock kept the Growl fun with the wide assortment of covers he wore. It was an Honor to conduct the Nomination, Election and Installation of Pack Officers. Travelled up to Austin, Minnesota on the 27th for a Growl with Pound 711. Sir Pound Keeper PDD Bill Wittenburg had his Dogs on a short leash, so the Dog Catcher was very tolerant. The Minnesota Dogs need some “Quality Time” on the Nerf Gun Firing Range. Fun bunch of Dogs.

May was a busy month with 3 major events for Memorial Day. On the 7th PDD Scotty Bryan was in town and we all rode in his new truck up to St. Louis, for a Growl with Pound 66. The Growl was held in a back room of Helen Fitzgerald’s Restaurant and the chow was fantastic! Attended a Growl with Pound 330 on the 14th. This was a very special one for me as it made 200 Growls I have attended since joining the MODD. Sir Pound Keeper PDD Bob Fisher presented me with the gold oakleaf for my PIA Medal. Yes, I am now a “Major Pain in the Azz.” Kicked off the month of June with an Operation Chow Hound event. We invited the Detachment, Auxiliary and Fleas to join us at the SEMO Pets animal shelter for our donation. Great day! That evening we attended the Detachment Awards Dinner and presented the Pound 330, Pound Dog of the Year award to DD Gary Ziegler.



Well earned, Marine! On the 7th – 8th the Missouri Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Pack were in St. Louis. There were visiting Dogs from Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, Alabama and Illinois. DD Ed Witthar has custody of the Pack Mascot, “Buster.” They managed to collect 1,400 Big Bones this year. Over 6,500 Big Bones were brought in over the weekend. The Pack donated 10,000 Big Bones to the Midwest Children’s Burn Camp. In addition, the Missouri Pounds and Pack have contributed over 21,000 Big Bones to the Kennel Children’s Hospital Donation for this year. We only have about 180 Dogs here in Missouri, but we managed to give the children over 30,000 Big Bones for the second year in a row. Proud to be a member of the “Missouri Mafia.” We had 7 Pups Initiated, Obligated and Advanced to DD. The Growl was a blast and the laughter never stopped. Worthy Pack Leader PDD Chuck Covert always runs a Fun Growl. BIG BARKS to PDD Jason Reimann, the 2024 Pack Dog of the Year!

The new MODD Cover Patch for the Female Style Cover are now available. The updated 2023 MODD Handbook and 2023 MODD Ritual are also now in stock. Place your orders with the Kennel Quartermaster. The update to the Obedience School is coming right along. Classes 1-9 are posted on the Kennel Website. **MilitaryOrderoftheDevilDogs.org**. Click on the “**Library**” tab. Click on the “**Publications**” tab. Scroll down the screen to find the Obedience School. Download each PDF and use the information to train your Mongrels or refresh the memories of your entire Pound. Class numbers 10 & 11 will be posted soon.

March 15th was the deadline for all Proposed Bylaws Changes to the Kennel Bylaws. This year we received a total of 5 proposed changes. These are posted in their entirety, on the Kennel Website and in this issue of the Woof-O-Gram. Please take the time to read these and share them with your Pounds and Packs. Only the Dogs in attendance at the Supreme Growl will be able to vote on these proposed changes.

If you have Bylaws questions or I can help you in any way, please contact me.

2024 Proposed Bylaws Changes for the 84th Supreme Growl

- #1. FMF Navy Personnel. This change simplifies the language for MOD D Membership requirements to cover all current and future changes to the requirements for MCL Regular Membership.
 - #2. Pound Keeper / Dog Robber. This change clarifies that the Pound Keeper and Pound Dog Robber cannot be the same Dog.
 - #3. MODD Life Membership Checks. This change calls for two checks to be written from the Pound and simplifies the language to cover any future changes to the cost of MODD Life Membership or distribution of Big Bones.
 - #4. Executive Director Appointment. This change clarifies the process to appoint the Kennel Executive Director.
 - #5. Advancement Exemptions. This change would add to the list of exemptions for Degree Advancement.
- If you plan to Advance to PDD at the Supreme Growl, you need to get your Application for Advancement, filled out, signed by the PACK dog Robber and sent to the Kennel Dog Robber ASAP! The Kennel Dog Robber must receive these by July 1st. Only 47 Applications are currently listed on the Kennel Website. Looking forward to the Marine Corps League National Convention and 84th Supreme Growl in Rancho Mirage (Palm Springs), California. 11-16 AUG 2024. I have announced my intention to run for the office of Honorable Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog and would appreciate your support.

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

“Keep it FUN and they will COME”

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

Semper Woofing,

PDD Mike Francis

Honorable Smart Dog

PBLC #1
FMF Navy Personnel

29 Feb 2024

From: PDD Rick Bedford, Worthy Smart Dog, Florida Pack
To: MODD Kennel Bylaws Committee

Subj: **PROPOSED KENNEL BYLAWS CHANGE FOR 2024, MODD CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV:
MEMBERSHIP**

Current Verbiage:

A. All Officers and enlisted personnel on honorable active duty with the U. S. Marine Corps (USMC) and all Officers and enlisted personnel honorably separated from the USMC who are bona fide, paid-up, active members of the MCL, and all qualified Navy personnel shall be eligible for consideration for and election to membership in the MODD.

B. The MODD supports the MCL decision of 2001 to authorize qualified Fleet Marine Force (FMF) corpsmen to be regular members of the MCL. Thus, qualified FMF corpsmen members shall enjoy the same rights and benefits as other regular members of the MCL.

C. The MODD supports the MCL's decision of 2013 to authorize qualified FMF chaplains to be regular members of the MCL. Thus, qualified FMF chaplain members shall enjoy the same rights and benefits as other regular members of the MCL.

Proposed Verbiage:

A. Only Regular Members of the MCL in good standing are eligible for membership in the MODD. Associate and Honorary MCL members are not eligible.

B. Potential candidates must have at least 12 months of membership in the MCL and be in good standing to be eligible for consideration for and election to membership in the MODD. Additional membership requirements are listed in Article I of the Kennel bylaws.

Rationale:

Combining subsections A, B, and C simplifies Article IV of the MODD Constitution, and brings the MODD in line with current (and future) MCL regular membership requirements.

Semper Woof,



PDD RICK BEDFORD

Worthy Smart Dog, Florida Pack

PBLC #2
Pound Keeper/Dog Robber

26 Dec 2023

From: PDD Rick Bedford, Worthy Smart Dog, Florida Pack
To: MODD Kennel Bylaws Committee

Subj: **PROPOSED KENNEL BYLAWS CHANGE FOR 2024 - SECTION 209: POUND OFFICERS – ELECTED/APPOINTED**

Current Verbiage:

A. ELECTED - The elected Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Keeper, Senior Vice Pound Keeper, Junior Vice Pound Keeper, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, and Pound Mad Dog.

B. APPOINTED - The appointed Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Dog Robber, Pound Watch Dog, Pound Barking Dog, and such other subordinate Officers as the Pound Keeper, in his/her discretion, may choose to appoint. It is preferable that the Pound Keeper make all appointments following the election so as to permit the Installation of the appointed Officers with the elected Officers. The appointed Officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Pound Keeper.

Proposed Verbiage:

A. 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.

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Rationale:

This change will align Section 209 with Section 309: Pack Officers – Elected / Appointed Staff, which reads similarly. It will also codify in the Bylaws that the Pound Keeper cannot also be the Pound Dog Robber, eliminating a possible conflict of interest, and creating a separation of duties in these critical positions.

Semper Woof,

PDD RICK BEDFORD
Worthy Smart Dog, Florida Pack

29 Feb 2024

From: PDD Rick Bedford, Worthy Smart Dog, Florida Pack
To: MODD Kennel Bylaws Committee

Subj: **PROPOSED KENNEL BYLAWS CHANGE FOR 2024 - SECTION 1209: LIFE MEMBERSHIPS,
PARAGRAPH E.2.B.**

Current Verbiage:

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. The Pound Dog Robber shall remit a check in the amount listed in (2)(a), made payable to the MODD (state) Pack, and forward the payment along with the life membership transmittal to the Pack Dog Robber.

The Pack Dog Robber shall remit a check made payable to the MODD Kennel, deducting \$30.00 (*e.g., Members of the MODD up to and including 60 years of age, the Pack Dog Robber shall remit a check in the amount of \$90.00. For Members of the MODD 61 years and older the check amount shall be \$65.00*)

The Pack Dog Robber shall then forward the check, along with Life Membership transmittal to the Honorable Dog Robber.

Proposed Verbiage:

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. 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.

Rationale:

This will streamline the process for the Pack Dog Robber, and simplifies the accounting. Instead of depositing the single check from the Pound for the full amount, then having to write another check to send to the MODD Kennel for its portion, the Pack Dog Robber can simply deposit the first check for the Pack's portion, and forward the second check to the MODD Kennel, along with the transmittal.

Semper Woof,



PDD RICK BEDFORD

Worthy Smart Dog, Florida Pack

PBLC #4
Executive Director Appointment

March 12, 2024

From: PDD Raymond Sturm, Deputy Kennel Executive Director

To: MODD Kennel Bylaws Committee

Subj: Proposed Changes to Kennel Bylaws, Article IV, Section 409

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 change to Section 409: Kennel Officers-Elected/Appointed Staff

CURRENT:

Section 409 B. APPOINTED – After the election, the Kennel Board of Trustees will appoint, with the approval of the Chief, an Honorable Executive Director.

PROPOSED:

Section 409 B. APPOINTED – After the election, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog will appoint, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, an Honorable Executive Director.

RATIONALE:

As written, the process is backwards from standard practice. For instance, the President nominates a person for a position and the US Senate confirms the person. Additionally, the PDD who wrote the current bylaw has stated that it is worded incorrectly from his intent. The proposed change fixes it.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond Sturm
Deputy Kennel Executive Director

Advancement Exemptions

From: DD Jacob Bertin

To: Kennel By-Laws Committee

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel By-Laws

Ref: Kennel By-Laws Article I Section 101

I would like to recommend the following proposed Kennel By-Law change for consideration and adoption.

Article I Section 101, Paragraph B, Sub Paragraph 4. Exceptions

Currently Reads:

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.

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.

Change to Read:

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.

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.

c. Any such other candidate who does not fall under exemptions (a), (b), and has otherwise complied with paragraphs D and E of this Section and who has provided sufficient evidence that their travel to the Grand Growl of the Pack or the Supreme Growl of the Kennel is hindered by significant circumstances including but not limited to being the caregiver to immediate family member/s who may need ongoing 24 hour 7 days a week care 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. 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 hindered by significant circumstances shall be accompanied by a statement from a competent medical authority specifically addressing the condition of the immediate family member/s whose care is deemed ongoing 24 hour 7 days a week. The Pound Keeper's written request shall be countersigned by the Worthy Pack Leader in states where there is a functional 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 covered by exemptions listed in (a), (b), or (c) 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 or Pedigree Devil Dog for whom the significant circumstances 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 either (a), (b), or (c) 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 the 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. The conditions that qualify for a significant circumstance exemption are as follows:

aa. Chronic Health Conditions including Diabetes, Heart Disease, Respiratory problems, or anything deemed a Chronic Health Condition by a competent medical authority.

bb. Cognitive Impairments including Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, Brain Tumors, Stroke, or anything deemed a Cognitive Impairment by a competent medical authority.

cc. Complex Medical Needs including Ventilators, Individuals with Severe Disabilities, Individuals considered Special Needs, Patients recovering from major surgeries, or anything deemed a Complex Medical Need by a competent medical authority.

dd. End of Life care including patients in Hospice or Palliative care, or anything deemed End of Life care by a competent medical authority.

ee. Other Significant Medical or Physical conditions including Moderate cerebral palsy, Paraplegia, Spina bifida, Hydrocephalus, Partially controlled seizures, Hearing or vision impairment, which affects the ability to communicate or function, or anything deemed a significant medical or physical condition by a competent medical authority.

Rational:

The first two exemptions cover the dogs with their service in WWI, WWII, Korea, or their own medical issues. They do not cover the other significant circumstances that some dogs deal with daily. Caring for their immediate family members including spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, sisters, brothers, or others who may have a medical condition whether mental or physical that fully encompasses their lives. They may get lucky and be able to attend a Pound Growl, but attending a Grand Growl or Supreme Growl is out of the question. Every dog across all Pounds, Packs as well as Kennel staff either knows someone in this predicament or they themselves are in it. This change would hopefully cover those dogs to get them their respective collars, which may be years in the waiting. The MODD is the Fun & Honor society, I do not think there is any better way to Honor those dogs who would fall under this exemption than to adopt this amendment and get them Advanced.

Respectfully Submitted

DD Jacob Bertin

Worthy Dog Robber

PA Pack

PDD MIKE FRANCIS

For

Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog

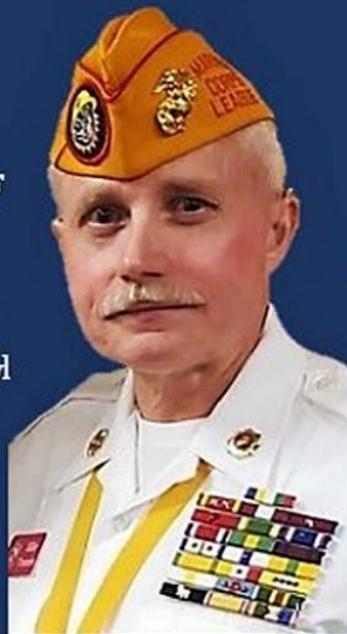
WOOF WOOF

Big Barks to all of you
hardworking Dogs!

Join me

at the

84th Supreme Growl



Welcome

to the

Marine Corps League
National Convention

KEVIN SMART DOG



PDD MIKE FRANCIS



Kennel DogTrainer: PDD Lisa Ciesieski

FROM: Honorable Dog Trainer, PDD Lisa Ciesielski, 13-139

RE: WOG Article

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order,

A big thank you to those who are going through their rosters to find information on Dogs who have not been to growls in a while. The list of departed Dogs is unfortunately growing. At this time there are 18 Dogs who have been reported to the Supreme Commander since the Mid-Winter Conference, with 82 since the Supreme Growl. I continue to ask that the pounds and the packs please fill out the NOD in a timely manner, their families deserve it.

Looking forward to seeing all dogs in California!

Woof Woof and Semper Fi!
PDD Lisa Ciesielski 13-139
Honorable Dog Trainer



Mad Dog: PDD Charles Minton



Woof Woof Dogs of the order,

06-14-24

As I'm sitting here in my Doghouse, I've been thinking of all the fun and adventures that I have had over the 7 years being your Honorable Mad Dog, we have had some great Growls and initiations and it's truly been an Honor to serve you as your Mad Dog. As many of you know this will be my last year as your Mad dog I have decided to run for the position of the Honorable Smart Dog, I would appreciate your vote and support at this years Supreme Growl.

By the time you read this the deadline to have your advancement paperwork turned in has come and gone. July first was the deadline and I hope all those who were planning to advance at the Supreme Growl in Rancho Mirage, got your paperwork turned into your Pound and/or Pack Dog robber. Don't forget to get the copy of the advancement form that the Kennel Dog Robber sent back to your Pound and or

Pack Dog Robber and bring it with you. Check the Kennel web site to be sure your name is on the list of those who are advancing.

We have some fun and interesting things planned for the initiates so come prepared to do a little snooping around, and there might be some singing and dancing as well.

Operation Chow Hound will be in full effect again this year at the Supreme Growl in Ranch Mirage CA. What's Operation Chow Hound you ask? This is a program that was started by PDD J.D. Jones of the Jesse O Price Pound 210 North Carolina Pack, at each growl we bring in items that are needed for a Dog shelter in the local area such as dog food, cat food, water bowls, towels, leashes ect... the Dogs from the host Detachment contacts the local shelter and gets an idea of what's needed and that's what we try to bring to the Growls. We try to use no kill shelters as much as we can, and we also try to donate to shelters that don't receive monetary support from the City or State. This project has taken off in the North Carolina Pack and from what we see on social media it's being utilized in many other Pounds and Packs throughout the Kennel.

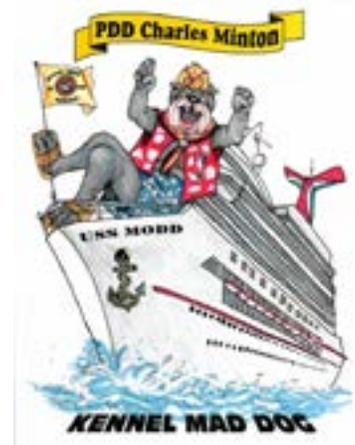
All Dog Food and other items collected at the Growl will be donated to a local shelter in Rancho Mirage CA along with any monetary donations that we receive.

If you want to donate there is a link on the Kennel web site and goes directly into a fund that the Executive has set up for this cause. So, if you, your Pound, or Pack won't be able to make it to Rancho Mirage CA, you can still donate Bones if you would like to.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Kennel Mad Dog and It is my intention to run for the position of the Honorable Smart Dog at the Supreme Growl in Ranch Mirage CA, and I would appreciate your vote and support.

Semper Woofing
PDD Charles Minton

Honorable Mad Dog
252-452-0728
ssgtcdminton@yahoo.com



DD Advancement Info

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order.

For those of you who are planning to advance this year in Rancho Mirage CA please look at the requirements and this helpful information.

1- All Advancement forms should have been sent to the Kennel Dog Robber and received by July 1st.

2- All advancing Dogs need to first register with the MCL then proceed to the Kennel Doghouse to Register. **All Dogs Must be at the Doghouse no later than 1700 on August 12th, 2024. It is recommended to arrive on Sunday if possible or as early as you can on Monday.**

3- Each Dog Needs to Bring \$50.00 - \$75.00 big bones with them to the Doghouse for registration. There is a \$30.00 big bone fee for your dog collar which \$25.00 of that is refundable at the end of your initiation if you don't want to keep your collar. You'll have your passport fee and registration fee, there will be a Growl specific coin and patch that you can purchase, your Dog Bones and possible fines that may be given.

4- You need to have a list of your Medicines and any specific medical issues that you might have so they can be given to the Kennel Vet and your Platoon Handler. Please put this on a 3X5 index card if possible. If you need to use more than one card that's fine.

5- **DD's need to make sure they do not book any trips from August 12th - 14th.** If you miss too much of the training, we won't be able to Advance you.

VOTE!

PDD
CHARLES
MINTON
FOR
SMART
DOG



2024

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order,

I am PDD Charles Minton, and I am running for the position of Kennel Smart Dog. I would appreciate your support and vote at the Supreme Growl on August 14th, 2024.

My goal is to interpret and follow our bylaws to the best of my ability, so that our Order can and will continue to operate as smooth as it can.

I will also continue to listen to the members and use your input and suggestions to ensure that our manuals and procedures are kept up to date so the Order can continue operating as efficient as possible.

I plan to take on this position with the same tenacity and enthusiasm as I did while I was your Honorable Mad Dog, and I promise I will continue to work my Hats off for you as I have done in the past.



WOOF WOOF DOGS,

As some of you Dogs might have heard or have not heard. I announced my intention to run for the position of Kennel Mad Dog at Mid-Winter. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as a Deputy Mad Dog under the Honorable Mad Dog PDD Charles Minton, and as a Deputy Police Dog under the Honorable Police Dog PDD Matt Veprek. I have learned a lot about the Kennel and serving the Kennel under both of these Dogs. A BIG WOOF WOOF and MAHALO to both of these Dogs for their mentorship and leadership.

It will be my honor and pleasure to serve as Kennel Mad Dog. I look forward to seeing all you Dogs at the Supreme Growl in Palm Springs, CA., and I appreciate your vote and support.







Jr. Past Chief Devil Dog: PCDD Tom Hazlett 59th Chief Devil Dog

Woof, Woof to all of you Dogs of the Order, I wish you all well and I hope you are enjoying the start of a great summer. I hope to see many of you in the Palm Springs area of California for this year's National Convention and Supreme Growl. Having visited the Rancho Mirage Golf Resort, I can assure you that "Impressive" does not do justice in describing how beautiful the resort is. Of course, it will be a bit on the Warm side so please take all precautions to prevent heat injuries.

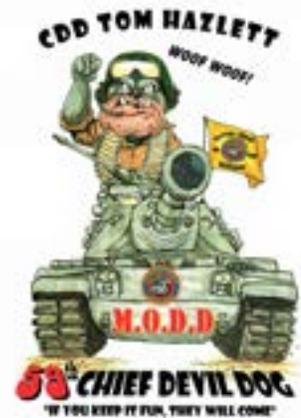


As many of you know, we recently had to bid farewell to PDD Barbara Vanner, who recently reported to our Supreme Commandant. Saying goodbye to her was extremely difficult for me because I have never witnessed a member of our Order who was as truly dedicated to our support of our Children's Hospital fundraising program. She not only dedicated countless hours raising funds through various projects but, she also donated thousands of Big Bones of her own to support the children. PDD Vanner was also an avid supporter of our Marine Corps League, she spent many hours supporting the Department of Pennsylvania. I can honestly say, no one Marine, no one Dog has ever impressed me more in how dedicated she was and how hard of a working Marine she was in all her endeavors.

Many of our PDD's witnessed firsthand how important the MODD was to her, whether having her as your Dog Handler as you were preparing for PDD or just seeing her raise funds as our Charity Dog. She was a true stalwart of an individual, often working herself until she reached exhaustion. When I last spoke with her on the morning of her passing, she asked me to apologize on behalf of her to the Order for not doing as much as she had wanted to do this year to help the children. I often said, I wish we had 100 PDD Vanners, having that, we would raise hundreds of thousands of Big Bones, not just for our Children's Hospital support but also for our support of Operation Chowhound and for the betterment of our beloved Marine Corps League. She truly lived up to my belief that if you keep it fun, they will come.

Thank you PDD Barbara Vanner, you are truly missed.

Semper Woof
59th PCDD
Tom



Executive Director: PDD Ben Wells

Woof Woof!

I hope this finds all dogs of The Order in good spirits and ready to enjoy the summer.

The current fiscal year ends June 30th several items must be submitted to the kennel by this date.

- 1). All passport and donations must be turned into the Kennel by June 30th.
- 2). If you are entitled to reimbursement for travel expense reports are due by June 30th.

As this fiscal year comes to an end, I wanted to let everyone who reads this to know the financial state of the kennel is better than it has ever been. Thanks to JVCDD Joe DeAngelo, Quartermaster Wendy Zamora, and Lucky Dog Reggie Sawyer and all the dogs that work behind the scenes to help grow the revenue we currently have achieved.



I saw this on Morgan Stanley the other evening, please note the dips are market losses or when we withdraw the passport monies for Supreme Growl. I am greatly appreciative of the dogs that have worked to make the Kennel stronger than ever.

ROSTERS

If you need a roster check with DVCDD first.

If no luck there contact myself via email at:

David.wells8@comcast.net you can call.

Need assistance with your roster contact emw617@comcast.net the bookkeeper would be glad to assist you.

Woof Woof!

David "Ben" Wells

442-223-8232



Bytes & Bytes Dog: PDD Chris “Tool” Soldano



Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

Things have been going pretty well. Most things have been running smoothly and we have been able to keep on top of all the updates and new things we have been working on. More on that in a minute.

Life membership cards should all be mailed by the time you read this and should reach everyone shortly. If for some reason you do not get your card, please reach out to me so I can confirm that I had received your information and have indeed made your card. With that, after this years Supreme Growl, I will be picking up a new Deputy.

With this new Deputy, and many of his talents, we have been working on a new front end database that will replace our current cloud based database that the Division Vices and Pack Dog Robbers have been pulling rosters from. Our access to that system will end on July 18th. There will not be anything else in its place until we release it at the Supreme Growl. This new system will also grant a whole host of new functionality for those that use it. With that being said, once we open it up, it will be available to Division Vices, Pack Leaders, and Pack Dog Robbers once again. We will work on adding more as we go. Please if you are not currently in one of those positions, do not send a request. We will be having a class on this system On Monday of the Convention week. It will be from 1600 to 1700 in the main room. If you are a Vice Chief, A Pack Leader, Pack Dog Robber, or someone who is interested in seeing how we are implementing this, please come join the class. We will also be giving a class at the Gathering of the Dogs that will be held October 10th thru October 13th hosted by the South Carolina Pack. Please look for that information in the events page on our website.

As some others may have also noticed we implemented a new fundraising platform, one that we are now using for our Raffles and a new way of gathering donations and having a competition. This new platform allows us to receive monies for raffles and donations and is much more cost effective that our previous platforms.

The Donation To Make A Difference Campaign and Competition. OK so who doesn't like raising bones for a good cause? And who doesn't like to have fun while doing it? With the new platform we pushed out this campaign and competition to see what we could do with it. We only had it up and running for about a month and a half, and I have to say, it was worth it.

Here is the idea behind it. Now keep in mind we are tweaking this a bit before we start it this year. Our goal is to reach 100k Big Bones before the next Supreme Growl. The platform will be set to be a competition. Anyone can set up a team. You can have a Pack team, a Pound team, A Division team, or an individual team, the choices are endless. The teams compete to see who can raise the most amount of bones before the time runs out. The prizes and awards are still all being worked out, but it can be fun. And just think, I pack can use it at their level and have a Pound Competition, the Division could have a Pack competition. All using the same platform and campaign, all going into the same fund. I would love for our Dogs to blow the lid off of this and bust beyond that limit. We will have more information on that as we sort it out more and finalize everything.

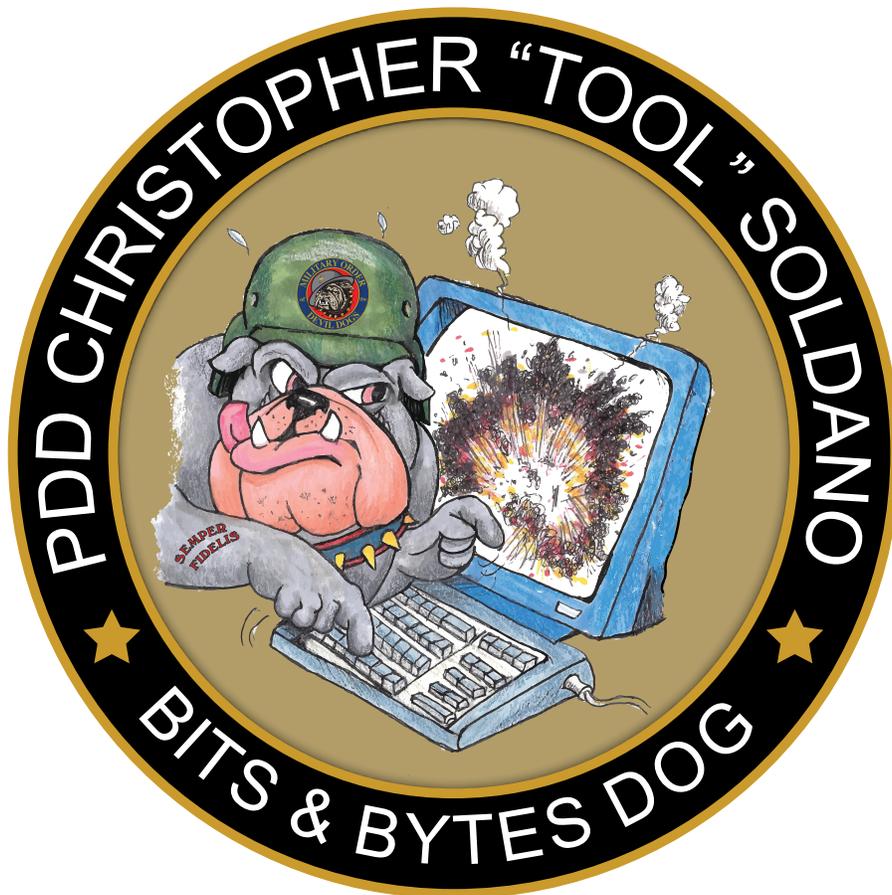
Our events pages are looking a little sparse lately. If your Pack or Pound is having some sort of special event, and it is not a regular growl, why not submit it to us and let us get it posted on the Kennel events web page? The more information you have out there about your event the more participation you may get. And for that matter, how about submitting advertisements and information and even flyer's through the Woof-O-Gram? The more tools

that you use to communicate, the more people know what your up to and can come out and participate.

We have a lot of things in the works, all to endeavor to make things better and easier within the Order. If you have an idea for something or see something that you think we can improve upon, then let us know. This Order belongs to all of us and those that come after us. It is up to us to make things better for those that are next.

As always, if you need anything please feel free to contact me.

Woof Woof,
Semper Fidelis,
PDD Chris "Tool" Soldano
mclmoddtool@gmail.com



Dog Robber: PDD Janice Hartley



The Supreme Growl is fast approaching. It's time to start sending advancements for PDD in – remember they need to be in my paws NLT 1 July. **Hint- Hint**, they can be emailed to me after your Pack Dog Robber signs them. Per the updated by-laws the candidates for PDD must be in attendance by 1700 on Monday the 12th of August. If possible, arrive on Sunday for the full benefit of advancing. You will have to pick up your credentials from the MCL Registration desk prior to reporting to the Doghouse.

At the Supreme Growl, awards will be given out. To date I have received only one submission. Really, are there no other Dogs deserving recognition for a job well done? **I can't believe that!** Time is running out for nominations for the Kennel Pack Dog Robber of the Year and Kennel

Pound Dog Robber of the year. The nominations must be in either the Executive Director's Paw or mine prior to early June. Kennel Dog of the Year, per the bylaws, can still be hand carried and given to me NLT the Monday prior to the Supreme Growl.



Passport stamping fees and donations to our Childrens Hospital Fund continue to arrive. Remember the bylaws require each pound to have a minimum of four growls each fiscal year and those bones collected for the stamping and donations to the Childrens Hospital are to be sent into me within a few days after the growl – so don't wait until the end of the fiscal year. All checks received by 30 June 2024 and prior will go to this year's donation to the Children's Hospital Fund.

We have all new forms out on the website to be used! There is also an updated Dog Robber Manual. Start using them or expect the old forms to be returned to you unprocessed! **DO NOT USE THE OLD 5- PART CARBON FORMS!**

I continue receiving ROIs done on **OUTDATED** forms and with everyone living in the same **PO Box or all with the same email address!!!** We need the physical address that your officers live at plus phone number and email address. Also many pounds are still holding their elections prior to the Supreme Growl. Bylaws require the Pound election and installation to be done within **90 days after** the Supreme Growl. Only the Pack can hold elections prior to the Supreme Growl since their Grand Growls generally are held right around the end of the Fiscal Year (30 June). We are also finding many officers are not current, therefore making the ROI not valid. Remember, the election is held for the new fiscal year (2025), therefore the officers elect/appointed should have their 2025 dues paid or be life members. We are also finding brand new PUPs being elected/appointed into office – PUPs must have one year in the MODD – the only exception is if this is a brand newly chartered pound.

The Kennel Compliance Dog is still finding many pounds and packs that are not incorporated and/or using incorrect EINs. We need to get this corrected ASAP – if you need help, just ask. We have many dogs that can assist you.

The Mini Growl held on 22 February in Arlington, VA is on the website under private library. Also, last year's Supreme Growl Scratchings are located there. Read them prior to coming to California – they will be voted on for approval or corrections so check them out.

When you send in your transmittals, applications for membership, advancements and NOD, you need to only send **one** copy of each. I **don't need three copies of everything!** If you are not getting your endorsed copies back, the reason is either your email isn't correct, you've blocked my email, or you do not have one. In which case, you need to provide me with a valid email address.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and I hope to see many of you in Palm Springs in August.

Woof, Woof

Janice Hartley
Kennel Dog Robber



23 March 2024.

Pup Dougherty was Honored with the "Coveted" Horse's Ass Award! WOOF WOOF !!!
The Marine Corps League Department Quarterly Meeting took place in Jefferson City, Missouri.
The Military Order of the Devil Dogs held a Growl of the Missouri Pack afterwards.

Kennel Aide-de-Kamp to the 60th Chief/ Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Chuck Covert

Woof Woof,

It's been a busy last few months here in the Midwest Division. As of this writing, I've been to most of your Department Conventions and Grand Growls of the Pack. I think the last Convention in the Division that I'll be attending will be the Iowa Convention and Grand Growl of the Pack. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you Dogs from Iowa there! It's also been a real pleasure seeing so many Dogs from the other Packs within our Division.

In my opinion, the Division continues to be a standout within the Kennel, but we still have work to do. All Pack Leaders, Pound Keepers, and Dog Robbers need to stay on their game so that the Midwest Division continues to stay compliant with the Kennel concerning 990 and Sec of State filings. Pack Leaders, you should also be checking with all of your Pound within your Pack to ensure that each Pound is following the Kennel Bylaws and conducting a minimum of 4 Growls per year. According to the records of our Honorable Compliance Dog and my Assistant MWDVCDD PDD Steve Seyller, not all Pounds within the Division are currently doing this. If they are, they are not sending in their Passport Fees on a timely basis. Dog Robbers, please do not sit on your Passport Fees. They should be mailed to the Honorable Dog Robber PDD Janice Hartley right after your Growl, but certainly no longer than 2 weeks after a Growl has concluded.

Lets all keep up the good work that we've been doing and strive to be the Number One Division within the Kennel!

Semper Fi,

PDD Chuck Covert
Honorable Aide de Kamp to the 60th Chief Devil Dog
Honorable Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog



Kennel Operations Dog: PDD Lynn Sabel

Woof-Woof to all Dogs of the Order,

To all Devil Dogs who want to advance to Pedigree in Palm Springs, CA 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 July 1st.

If possible, please have the right change. You will need 5 big bones for registration and bring enough big bones to cover any other fines (singles). If I'm making change for you there will be a **1 big bone fine** for the Children. If you're advancing you will need more bones for the Mad Dog.

To all Dogs who have registered make sure you are checked in with the League before you come down to the Doghouse. All Dogs advancing you also need to be checked in by 1700 Monday afternoon. If you come in later and do not have a valid excuse, 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
Kennel Operations Dog



Kennel Quartermaster: PDD Wendy Zamora

Woof Woof Dogs,

By the time you read this article, the summer heat is upon us, we will be only four to six weeks from real heat in Palm Springs, CA and the National Convention and Supreme Growl.

Due to frequent price changes, we will no longer be printing or publishing the prices for the items on a separate sheet. You can go to the Kennel Quartermaster page for all pricing of items in the store within the website so throw away those price sheets that you have because they are no longer GOOD. If you haven't ordered from the website, then please visit us and order your GROWL GEAR today.

For those that have visited the site you will notice some new items (pictured below) and something for you crayon eaters (Never understood that), and a Major pin to add to the PIA Medals so visit the site today, PLEASE keep in mind that orders are put together once a week, on Sunday's, and are mailed out on Monday's; unless you have contacted me for an emergency order.

Lastly, Postage has increased with the minimum now being \$5.00 and it goes up from there. This form can be found on the website under Quartermaster for those that still use the paper form.

See all of you in Palm Springs.

Please make all checks payable to Military Order of Devil Dogs.



Barking Dog: PDD Tom “Shoe Shine Boy” Bates



Woof woof, Dogs of the Order!

Exciting events to come! National Convention in Palm Springs, PDD Initiation, Gathering of the Dogs!

Are you having fun at the pound and pack growls? You must make it fun, or it is just another business meeting!

Pound growls is where you hone your skills on reporting, for one. Too many times we find dogs at PDD Initiation that do not know how to report. Although we do generate a lot of bones fining these dogs at pound/pack growls, it shows a failure on our part as PDD's, not teaching proper

reporting.

In my travels to growls other than my home pund and pack, I see some great times and some boring times. We are The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Coprs League. Woof woof! Do your part to foster the fun!!!

Manny and Jay have been gathering pictures and stories, and they want yours!!

One of the duties of the Barking Dog is to prepare and publish the Woof-O-Gram 4 times a year. Like the Facebook page, we are sniffing around for pictures and stories. Send them in!

mcl.bates@gmail.com

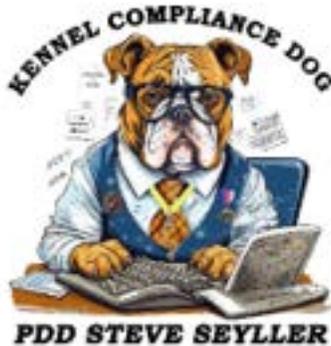
Woof woof!



Deputy Barking Dogs
PDD Jay Ramirez and PDD Manny Ibarra



Kennel Compliance Dog: PDD Steve Seyller



We are getting very close to this year's Supreme Growl at the Westin in Rancho Mirage, California. The Kennel as a whole is doing much better as far as 990's, State Registrations, and getting their ROI's turned in. However we still have way too many that are not in compliance with the Kennel Bylaws on submissions. As of the beginning of June there are 31 packs/pounds delinquent on 990 submissions, 18 currently in revocation, and 13 that I don't have or can't find and information on. I will be sending a division report to the Division Vice Chiefs before the convention. Please respond to their requests so we can get the Kennel squared away. I will also be at the convention so if you have any questions see me.

Reminders as we get into the new fiscal year:

1. Pack ROI's are due immediately after their Grand Growl in which nominations and elections should take place.
2. Pound ROI's are due within 90 days AFTER the Supreme Growl. NOT BEFORE
3. 990's for fiscal year filers (all should be filing fiscal according to the Kennel Bylaws) are due starting 1 July and need to be done by the 15th of November.
4. Since every state is different on Article of Incorporation filings, make sure you are in compliance with your states requirements.

DO NOT hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. My email is listed below. If I do not have an answer there are many dogs in the order who will.

WOOF WOOF
PDD Steve Seyller
Kennel Compliance Dog

Compdog@yahoo.com

37th Chief Devil Dog: PCDD Paul Sutton

Woof-woof brother and sister Devil Dogs:

On 8 June 2024, I observed my 50th “official” anniversary of membership in the Military Order of Devil Dogs. I say “official” because I was really initiated as a Pup in June 1973. On 11 June, I celebrated 54 years as a member of the Marine Corps League. More on my Pup adventure further on in this narrative.

But first, I need to make a statement and take a stand as both a Pedigreed Devil Dog (once a PDD, always a PDD) and as a Past Chief. Recognizing that there was a “dust-up” at the February 2024 “Mini” Supreme Growl over a long-overdue and needed change to the MODD Ritual, I applaud the Kennel Board of Trustees for “**sticking to its guns**” and allowing the changes to the MODD Ritual approved at the Kennel Board of Trustees in Oklahoma City in August 2023 to remain in place without change.

A “few” take exception to “not reciting the Pledge of Allegiance as we always have.” Unfortunately, we have been doing it wrong since 1976, when the US Flag Code was revised by Congress. It seems to me that most of our membership is “OK” with the change. The “few” misrepresent a select, exceedingly small group of Dogs. Others say, “we’re not the American Legion”. That is true, we’re the Military Order of Devil Dogs, 5,500+ strong. Those other VSOs have their own way of doing things. As a life member of the American Legion, I can tell you that this same revision engendered great debate within the rank-and-file of the American Legion. As far back as recruit training in 1962, I remember being instructed that the only thing that can be spoken or uttered while rendering the hand salute is a command (like, “eyes right” or “ready to”). So, in other words, keep your “pie hole” shut while rendering a hand salute. I also hear that this revision may become an issue under either Old or New Business during the Supreme Growl in California. That’s unfortunate and I hope that that discussion will be ruled out of order by the incumbent Honorable 60th Chief Devil Dog or by a “Point of Order” during the 2024 Supreme Growl when the subject is raised. This hullabaloo is – to me – like chasing a ghost in a hall of mirrors. Paraphrasing Socrates: “...**the secret of change is to focus all of our energy, not on fighting for the old; but, on building the new...**”

OK, back to some ancient history.

Since New Jersey had only one functioning Pound (which no longer exists) from the mid-’60s to 1976, that Pound assumed responsibilities for Devil Dog functions in the state, with the blessing of the Department – apparently Kennel wasn’t paying attention – and conducted Growls and Initiations at the Department convention only in those years. So, despite becoming a Pup in June 1973, the paperwork for all the 1973 Pup initiates was not processed until late June 1974, which is how I entered up with a 1974 Dog Tag number. The New Jersey Pack was re-charted in 1978 after having lost its charter in the early 1960s for “non-compliance”. Incidentally, my Dog Tag number is 74-115; anyone else living out there in Dogdom with a more senior Dog Tag number? If so, I’d like to hear from you. You can reach me at ssgtusmc6169@gmail.com.

My other distinct memory of the 1973 NJ Dept. convention was participating in the “**Initiation**” of new Pups and the elevation of Pups to Devil Dog. This was overseen by probably 6 or 7 Pedigree Devil Dogs and Devil Dogs who immediately reminded me of those “**salty PFCs**” we all remember from our first days in the Corps. The initiates were insulted, egged, smeared with lipstick, and generally turned into the worse mess you’ll ever see, short of a tar and feathering.

Oh, there was also a “**coup de grace**” I never forgot. One of the PDDs was a perfumer by occupation. He had concocted some God-awful-smelling mess out of what I can only surmise was work mistakes and which were liberally applied to the initiates. And, all this was carried out in the hotel parking lot – in full view of the New Jersey Turnpike – and to the amusement of anyone staying in the hotel, whether associated with the Department Convention or not.

At that evening’s convention banquet, you knew immediately who had been initiated that afternoon! There was talk around the hotel that two wives (or maybe a wife and a girlfriend) evicted their respective newly initiated Pup/Devil Dog from the hotel room and roomed with each other, forcing the two god-awful smelly initiates to share the room vacated by one of the offended women. I heard some days later that nearly all those initiates did not relieve themselves of that odor for 5 – 7 days. Can you imagine what their family members who stayed behind at home or co-workers must have thought? One of those new Pups developed an eye infection from the perfume which did not abate for several weeks.

That’s how it was in the “**Good Ole Days.**”

Looking briefly into the future, I see only outstanding leadership on the horizon over at least the next six to eight years. Two of those future Chief Devil Dogs are well known to me and to many others across the Order for their already demonstrable talents in proven leadership, recognized camaraderie, and absolute commitment to listening to and learning from all of our members.

Now, more history from a “**Really Ole Dog.**” Prior to 1975, Past Chiefs were just that – Past Chiefs. Other than being introduced and recognized at Supreme Growls, they didn’t do much and weren’t called on (well, maybe occasionally in a few instances) to really do anything. For most members of the Order who may have not ever encountered one of us really **Ole Dogs**; here’s some information:

Beginning with the 36th Supreme Growl in 1975 in Philadelphia, PA; the incumbent Chief Devil Dog, PDD Virginia McDougall, presented each living past Chief in attendance with their Gold Life Member Plate and the Past Chief’s Collar as approved by the Kennel Staff at that same Supreme Growl. However, the Past Chief’s Collar was not officially authorized until the 42nd Supreme Growl in 1981 in Tucson.

The miniature Dog Tag, worn with the Past Chief’s Collar was officially authorized for wear at the 51st Supreme Growl in Sacramento, CA in 1990. I had been “commissioned” by Her Imperial Majesty, PDD Mae Kraus – the 42nd Chief Devil Dog in late May of 1990 to procure Past Chief Devil Dog miniature Dog Tags for the PCDD Collars, based on the design of the “**Chiefs Badge of Office**”. In early July that year, I picked up thirty of the Past Chief Devil Dog miniature sterling silver Dog Tags from the same vendor that had re-plated the “**Chiefs Badge of Office**” in Haddonfield, NJ, which were distributed to all living Past Chiefs at or following the 51st Supreme Growl in Sacramento, California. The Past Chief’s Cover (Gold cover, black crown, and red piping) was officially authorized at the 68th Supreme Growl in 2007 and approved by the Marine Corps League in 2008. As of this writing (mid- 2024), there are twelve living Past Chief Devil Dogs and two Honorary Chief Devil Dogs.

During the 49th Supreme Growl in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1988, the Order approved formation of the **Past Chief Devil Dogs Society**, which was ultimately incorporated in the MODD By-Laws, Section 421, as a recognized component of the Order. According to our current rules, the only role of the Past Chief Devil Dogs Society is to select and present the Past Chiefs awards. During the 49th Supreme Growl in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1988, the Order approved formation of the Past Chief Devil Dogs Society, which was ultimately incorporated in the MODD By-Laws, Section 421, as a recognized component of the Order. According to our current rules, the only role of the Past Chief Devil Dogs Society is to select and present the Past Chiefs awards.

In the first twelve years of its existence (1989 – 2000), the **Past Chief Devil Dogs Society** presented 65 awards to deserving Pedigreed Devil Dogs, ultimately “capping” the number of annual awards at five deserving Pedigreed Devil Dogs, beginning in 2001.

The Future of the Military Order of Devil Dogs

For the future, upward positive movement is the only way the Order can survive and continue to grow and prosper. It is the unspoken mission and obligation of every Pedigreed Devil Dog to take under their wing the Pups and Devil Dogs in their Pound or Pack. All too often, over the past 50 years, I’ve observed Pedigreed Devil Dogs (including some ol’ Past Chiefs) sit back and watch the Pups and Devil Dogs in their Pound or Pack and even the Kennel sort of “**flounder around**”, finding their way through this “maze” we call the Order.

I challenge every Pedigreed Devil Dog (including some ol’ Past Chiefs) to take Pups and Devil Dogs “**under their wing**” and teach them our ways. Teaching and leading by example is the best way to impress on these Pups and Devil Dogs the “right way” to move up and succeed in our Order. The Order, now in its 85th year, is unique and innovative and its “**politics**” are as fervent and passionate as anywhere else in the veterans’ community.

The “**mood**” of the Order in 1939 was totally different than that which we face today. Yes, we are still the “**Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League.**” Oftentimes, I often wondered where the “**honor**” was, having dealt with some of the “**Old Salts**” who were our founders. Surely, we have always had “fun”; but, the “**honor**” was sometimes left in the dust; although, I have to admit that the “**honor**” has retaken its rightful place in our internal and external dealings, as evidenced by both the good deeds the Order has accomplished over the past 30 or so years and its support of the less fortunate of our world. By the middle of the 1990s, the “**hostage-taking**” (**outright thievery**) of what are now recognized as “**Sacred Articles**” (Holy Bible, Charter, Bone, covers and Passports) in our Order had become so widespread that the **Kennel By-Laws (Section 1107)** had to be revised to prohibit their being taken and held for ransom. And the initiation process that had been in place for decades underwent a positive change at all levels of the Order around the same time.

In the old days, we thought we were “hot stuff” if we could donate \$2,000 or \$2,500 to outside organizations at a Supreme Growl; now, we’re getting close to \$100,000 in annual contributions for the betterment of the community, especially the children’s hospitals we donate to annually. The institution of, growth and close management of the Kennel Passport Fund is one of the primary reasons the Order finds itself in the position to make sizable annual contributions. One of the best Pedigreed Devil Dogs I’ve ever been privileged to call friend and brother Marine – PDD Charles D. Fields – when assessing fines at Pound and Pack Growls - would say, if a Dog objecting to a fine they had been assessed, was “**what’s a matter, don’t you love the children?**”

What I’ve shared here isn’t my story alone. It belongs to every Devil Dog, living and dead. And every Devil Dog living and dead owns it. And to add to the story of the Order; we are blood and bones, legends, guns, and dreams, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, (perhaps even a Muslim or two) horses, Marines and poets and lovers.

Conveniently for me, I liken our Order to good whiskey (even though I’ve been sober for 43½ years) in a glass - a cone of amber, a self-contained passage of time, a place apart, reaching out to the world with sometimes an acrid taste, a definite excess of personality, telling its story to all who will listen, hauling them forward by the lapels of their coats until they hear, whether they want to or not. But always, - the story is the teller, and the teller is the story. In the “**Pilgrim’s Progress,**” we mark these words: “**...my marks and scars I carry with me...**” The one joy that has kept me going through life has been the fact that stories unite us. As I once told my grandchildren, a story has only one master.

No matter what you are, a Past Chief, a Pedigree Devil Dog, a Devil Dog or “**just**” a Pup; always remember: 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 Devil Dogs? Are you working towards advancement until you become a Pedigreed Devil Dog or seeking to gain Pound, Pack or Kennel office? As an **Ole Past Chief**, I see my role as that of a mentor to those coming up through the ranks, nothing more.

If you are a new Pup, Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog going forward into the 21st century - do you have the “**fire in your belly**” and the “**healthy ego**” necessary to one day become a Chief Devil Dog?

PDD Paul Sutton, 37th PCDD - Past Everything, Master of Nothing

54th Chief Devil Dog: PCDD Mike English

For the Good of the League/Order

There has been discussion on the proper procedures for displaying proper respect to the Flag during saying the Pledge of Alliance. Some of you may be aware of these changes that are taking place, and some may not be aware of the changes. Either way I would like to set the record straight on the proper procedures for Marines to display towards our flag. Once a Marine, Always a Marine! We should be conducting ourselves as Marines as we show proper respect to our Flag

First let me repeat the United State Code for Patriotic Customs Title 36, Sec 172:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”, **should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart.** When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. **Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform.**

I want to thank our leadership for researching this issue, finding that we are doing the Pledge incorrectly, and working at correcting the issue. However, I believe along with many others, (I have discussed this with many members of the MCL/MODD, PCDD’s, Senior active-duty Marines, Senior Retired Marines, and Legal lawyer), about the proper respect that Marines share when respecting the flag is the military salute. Most all want to maintain the military salute, we have earned a right of passage as veterans that civilians do not understand or even know the proper method of saluting. We fall under the last highlighted section as persons in uniform and also as veterans to have the privilege to render the salute during the Pledge of Allegiance as we do with the Nation Anthem. However, we should remain silent during the Pledge as we do with the Anthem. As we know though some members want to incorrectly chime in patriotically and sing the Nation Anthem as some will most likely want to recite the Pledge of Allegiance also. The MCL has not really worried about members chiming in during the Anthem and if the MODD has issues with Dogs reciting the Pledge while saluting; well, those Dogs may be fined!

After discussing with years of active service Marines the following is the best procedure for our MCL/MODD members to follow:

The person Singing the Anthem or reciting the Pledge will go to the microphone

The Sgt of Arms/Police Dog will call the body to attention

The Sgt of Arms/Police Dog will give the Command Hand Salute

All members will face the flag, in uniform salute the colors, (not in uniform place their hand over their heart), remain silent

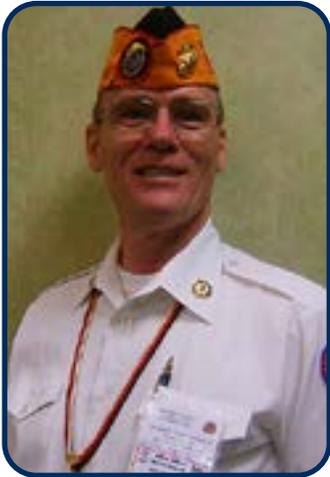
The member reciting the Pledge/singing the National Anthem will then drop their salute and recite the Pledge/sing the Anthem standing at attention

Michael English, 54 th CDD, MGySgt Ret



19 MAR 2024.
SEMO Devil Dogs, Pound 330. Missouri Pack.
Pound Growl in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Historian & 51st Chief Devil Dog: PCDD Don Garland



Dogbone Dateline: Norfolk, Virginia 6/17/2024 09:30 AM

Woof Bark to all of our very resourceful members of the Oder from the 51st Chief Devil Dog and Kennel Historian. This spring has been a challenge for me as I traveled to the NJ State Convention, got sick from eating a meal at the restraint/bar at the hotel and after staying in my room to rest drove home only to end up in the Hospital for a week after returning home due to sepsis.

No worries, as I am on the mend and looking forward to our Supreme Growl. I would like to thank all the dogs who checked in on me to give me wishes for a speedy recovery.

I hope we get more candidates for advancement. If you want to advance and your Pound and Pack recommends you for advancement. Please get your paperwork in as you are running out of time.

Well, the heat is on as this summer is coming in with some very strange weather across the country. Please keep safe, hydrated and watch out for each other as you plan your trips to our Marine Corps League Convention and MODD Supreme Growl.

We have yet another year ahead of us to bring in new members and improve our pounds, packs, and Divisions. A wise old dog once said to me, if you think there needs to be changes to any aspect of what your local Pound or Pack is doing, you need to become a partner for Change by stepping up. Don't just complain because you do not like something, offer a solution, step up to see to it that a solution is implemented, and leave a Dog Legacy In your area knowing you were part of the improvements and growth of your Pounds and Packs, that makes you the change master!

Let's bark about all the good things your local Pound and Pack are doing and recognize ALL of the dogs working to keep the Pound viable, and in turn making it successful.

Hope to see you in California!.....Woof Bark, the 51st CDD



Kennel Veterinarian: PDD's Howard Koontz, Paul Gunther, Douglas Essinger

We the Kennel Veterinarians (medical staff) for the good of the MODD and ALL Marine Corps League members (and their families) do propose and recommend the following suggestions be implemented by the League and MODD. Before listing these, we would like to offer some pertinent information about the three current active Veterinarians. We have a former Corpsman who is also a certified EMT, another former Corpsman who is also a Registered Nurse, the third member is a Registered Nurse. Between us, we have two Bachelors' degrees, a Masters' degree and a PhD. Combined, we have over 100 years of experience including ER & ICU, Cardiac Surgery stepdown, Respiratory and to add some variety, throw in Pediatrics, Labor & Delivery. We wear the white lab coats to be easily recognized, not to look good (although we do!)

We are NOT Medical Doctors and cannot diagnose a condition nor prescribe or give out medicine, even Tylenol or Aspirin. However, with our combined experience, we can recognize when a condition is or can become serious, even critical, and the person needs more urgent care than we can provide. We can stabilize the person, get vital signs, etc., and all pertinent information to pass onto EMS. We can do this, but only if EVERY member of the League helps us, even if you do not take prescription medicines or have any known problems. If you have a living will, end of life directive or are an organ donor, that information should also be on your person. You never know when something may happen. This can be easily done by typing or clearly printing your name on a piece of paper with the following information:

- 1.) Emergency contact, name, and phone number including area code;
- 2.) Doctor or Primary Care Provider, name, 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 PRESCRIBED medications, name of drug, dosage;
- 6.) Living will, end of life directive or are an organ donor.

EXAMPLE OF INFORMATION - Last name first, first name last

Sawyer, Dennis

Dr. Myers, VAMC Mountain Home, TN 423 926-1171

Pacemaker

Left knee replacement

Drug alpha 25mg

Drug bravo 50mg

Drug Charlie 100 mg

Etc., etc. with all prescription drugs.

I have a living will, end of life directive or am an organ donor.

Keep a copy of this information in your wallet, staple it to the inside back page of your passport, and for those advancing to PDD, a copy to the Veterinarians. Even if you not a member of MODD but have a pacemaker, take prescription medications or other notable health problem, this information should be passed on the veterinarians as it applies to you.

Having this information makes our job easier and may SAVE YOUR LIFE!!

Howard Koontz, RN, BSN

Paul Gunther, CEMT

Douglas Essinger, PhD, RN, MPH

Mideast Division: PDD Ric Ledford

WOOF WOOF MIDEAST DIVISION DEVIL DOGS!

As we are fast approaching the Supreme Growl in Rancho Mirage California, I hope you Pack Leaders and Pound Keepers have you DD's who are eligible to advance to PDD prepared for what lies ahead. Do they know how to properly report when they get barked at? Do they have good knowledge of what the M.O.D.D. is about and what the mission is?

For you Devil Dogs who will be advancing, go in with a good attitude and have fun with the experience! You won't get any more out of it than what you put into it. This is a team effort and all the other Dogs in your Platoon will be counting on you to help carry the load. Have fun with it and enjoy getting to know those other Dogs, as it will build long lasting relationships.

Pack Leaders, Pound Keepers, and Dog Robbers give me your ears. There continues to be an issue with passport fees and donations being properly routed to the Kennel Dog Robber immediately following your Growl's. This needs to be corrected ASAP. If we need obedience training on making this happen, let me know and I will be sure you get the proper instruction. The Chief Devil Dog is watching you!

PLEASE be sure to send myself and the Assistant VCDD, PDD Omar Jabr, the information on your upcoming Growls. As time and opportunity allow, we will make our best efforts to come an visit with your Packs and Pounds.

For those of you heading to the National Convention and the Supreme Growl, I look forward to seeing you all there for a WOOFING good time!

WOOF WOOF!

PDD Ric Ledford, 19-275
Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog
Mid East Division
Military Order of Devil Dogs



Northeast Division: PDD Jay Hauck



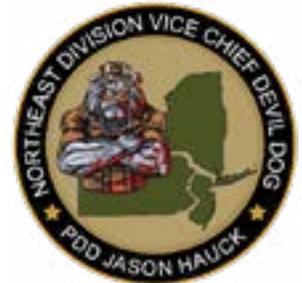
Woof Woof for the Northeast Division

First off I would like to congratulate all of the newly elected and installed Pack officers of the Order.

Let's all get ready for Palm Springs. Are you advancing to PDD make sure your information is correct with your pound keep. Looking forward to seeing everyone

WOOF WOOF

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



PDD Scotty Bryan: Deputy Mad Dog/Deputy Police Dog



WOOF WOOF DOGS,

As some of you Dogs might have heard or have not heard. I announced my intention to run for the position of Kennel Mad Dog at Mid-Winter. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as a Deputy Mad Dog under the Honorable Mad Dog PDD Charles Minton, and as a Deputy Police Dog under the Honorable Police Dog PDD Matt Veprek. I have learned a lot about the Kennel and serving the Kennel under both of these Dogs. A BIG WOOF WOOF and MAHALO to both of these Dogs.

It will be my honor and pleasure to serve as Kennel Mad Dog. I look forward to seeing all you Dogs at the Supreme Grawl in Palm Springs, CA., and I appreciate your vote and support.

WOOF WOOF,

PDD Scotty Bryan

16-156

SEMO Devil Dogs #330, MO Pack

Tunnel Rats #393 Hawaii, CA Pack

Honorable Deputy Mad Dog, Honorable Deputy Police Dog



Northwest Division: PDD Bonnie Holden



Northwest Division

Just returned from the last Grand Growl for the Division. I was able to attend them all and we had Great Growls with fun and camaraderie. We also discussed the upcoming year and the requirements to keep our Pounds and Packs current. The new ritual for the Pledge of Allegiance. If you intend to advance to PDD this year make sure you have registered prior to July 1, 2024 in order to be included.

I will be at the National Convention and will be a Dog Handler again this year hope to see as many as can attend in Rancho Mirage Ca.

Semper Woof
Bonnie Holden
NWDVCDD

Southeast Division: PDD Jim Stone



Woof Woof all you Magnificent Dogs from the Southeast!!

Just returned from a fantastic Southeast Division Conference in Chattanooga, TN. Those Dogs put on a great conference and enjoyed a great Growl! There was a lot of Dogs there and we learned a lot in the MCL meetings, thanks to COO Bob Borka and Pat national Commandant Johnny Baker.

We raffled off coins for the Kennel for the Children's Hospital food and raised 560 Big Bones.

I really need all Pack Leaders and Dog Robbers to do your job and get your 990's, ROI's and Secretary of State filings done. Once that has been done, send a copy of your receipts and ROIs to Kennel Dog Robbers and forward a copy to me. Your ROI MUST be sent within 14 days of your installation.

If you are forming a new Pound, you must send it to the Pack Leader for his/her signature. Then they forward it to me for signature and I will forward it to the Kennel.

If you fail to forward it to the Pack Leader or to me and send it to the Kennel, it will be returned to you for the proper chain.

Also, if you have someone you wish to advance to PPD, but there is a medical exemption necessary, follow the Kennel directions and forward to me for approval and forward to the Kennel.

We can all make our jobs easier if we follow the Bylaws and instructions. I am looking forward to visiting most of you at your pack growls. We should always have fun and should have our dogs bring dog food, cat food, bowls, etc. for our operation chow hound. Keep a count of the number of pounds you collect and have a local dog carry it to the local shelter. It is a great program to support our furry friends.

We should all be recruiting new dogs to join us. At your next growl, look around you and see how many pups you have and how we all have grown older. Remember, it's our legacy and we are responsible for building it.

Last, but not least, I would like to welcome the board, John Gionet as my newest assistant. John is a hard worker and says he is looking forward to the job.

Semper Woofing,
PDD Jim Stone

Rocky Mountain Division: PDD Terry Wright

Rocky Mountain Division

Summer upon us and CO Dept Convention was attending and newly elected Pack Officers installed at Grand Growl. NM Department Convention was attended and newly elected Pack Officers sworn in.

One CO DD and one NM DD will be heading to National for their PDD advancement. WOOF WOOF to the soon-to-be PDDs!

Annual Poker Run has been completed and bones collected to be presented to Children's Hospital's Therapy Support Dog Program.

WOOF WOOF

Semper Fi

Honorable PDD Terry Wright 09-377
RMDVCDD



6 APR 2024.

The Growl.

Military Order of the Devil Dogs!

The Marine Corps League Midwest Division Conference in Jefferson City, Missouri.



The Dogs of the SC Pack conducted their Grand Growl June 14th, promoting 3 Pups to the Degree of Devil Dog, collecting 281.5 pounds of Dog Food and electing their new Staff for 2024-2025. A WOOFING good time was had by all in attendance!!

WOOF WOOF

PDD Helen Breen - 18-305

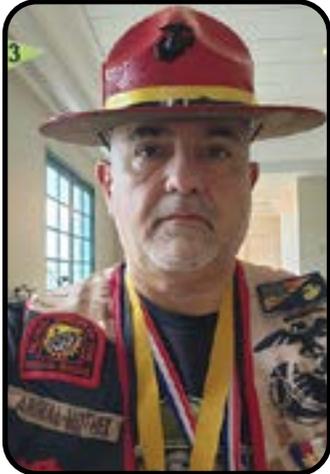
Jr. Past Pack Leader / Dog Robber

South Carolina Pack

Military Order of the Devil Dogs



Southern Division: PDD Sal “Animal Mother” Cenicacelaya

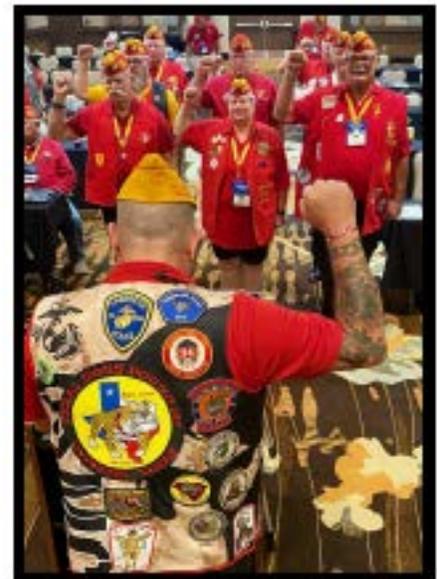


Southern Division
PDD Sal Cenicacelaya 19-081
Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog

Woof Woof and Howl there, fellow Dogs of the Order!

As we wag our tails into the dog days of summer, let's not forget the Supreme Growl is almost upon us! I hope all you good DOGS have fetched your paperwork in time.

I recently had the pleasure of swearing in the new pack leader and the elected officers of the Oklahoma Pack—congratulations to them! Remember, I'm just a bone's throw away by phone if you need me. With such a dedicated pack, Oklahoma is sure to be the top dog.



I've just returned from the MODD TX Pack Grand Growl—it was a paw-some event with plenty of ambitious hounds setting the standard. Watch out, other Packs and Pounds! moddtxpack.org

A special shout-out to our howling friends up in Arkansas—keep fetching those new dogs! Great WOOFING JOB!!

To all my fellow dogs in the Southern Division, thank you for your support and trust. It's been a privilege to represent you at the Kennel level. Looking forward to seeing you all in Palm Springs—let's bark our hearts out!

Semper Woofing,

PDD Sal Cenicacelaya 19-081
Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog
Southern Division Military Order of the Devil Dogs

I was honored to be presiding officer over advancement to the Degree of Pedigree Devil Dog of Jeffrey Brooks tag# 23-112 Jr. Vice Pack Leader, AlabamaPack(stage 4 pancreatic cancer)

We had three Alabama Pack officers and pound officers from both pounds that he is a member of.

Coosa Mud Dogs Pound #233

Shoals Salty Dogs Pound #410

Both Alabama Pack.

In short this was the absolute highest honor to be able to preside over his advancement.

PDD Ricky Pitts

19-244

Coosa Mud Dogs Pound #233 & Shoals Salty Dogs Pound #410

Worthy Pack Leader Alabama Pack

Asst. VCDD S.E. Division WOOF WOOF





20 APR 2024
Grand Growl of the Pack.
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Grand Growl of the Pack
19 - 20 APR 2024
Pearl, Mississippi.



27 APR 2024
Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Pound Growl.
Poor Pointer, Pound 711. Austin, Minnesota.



7 MAY 2024

Great bunch of Marines raising funds for our annual Children's Hospital Donation.
Military Order of the Devil Dogs, "Show Me", Pound 66
Missouri Pack, St. Louis, MO.



14 MAY 2024.

WOOF WOOF !!!

This was a very special evening for me (PDD Mike Francis). It was Growl number 200, since I joined the Order in 2012.

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs. SEMO Devil Dogs, Pound 330.
Missouri Pack.

Pound Growl in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.



1 JUN 2024

WOOF WOOF !!!

Operation "Chow Hound" was a successful Mission!

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the "Fun and Honor Society" of the Marine Corps League.

One of our Missions is support for local Animal Shelters.

Dogs from Pound 330, Members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and our families reported to Southeast Missouri Pets, our local Humane Society, today.

We donated 267.5 lbs. of dog food, 91 lbs. of cat food, kitty litter and toys for our "Furry Friends".

BIG BARKS to Sir Pound Keeper PDD Bob Fisher, the Pound Chow Hound Dog DD Matt Anders, MCLA President Janet Anders and everyone who came out to support the shelter.

SEMO Devil Dogs

Pound 330

Missouri Pack.

Cape Girardeau, Missouri.



8 JUN 2024

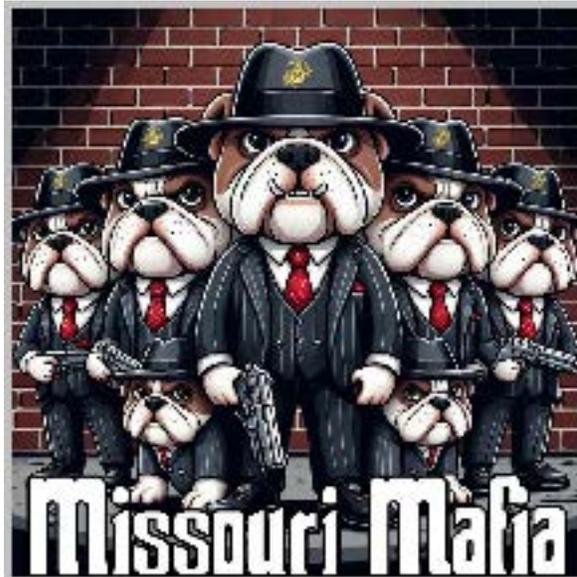
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WOOF WOOF !!!

The Growl !!!

The Marine Corps League Department of Missouri Annual Convention & Military Order of the Devil Dogs Grand Growl of the Pack.

7-8 JUN 2024. Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel,
St. Louis, Missouri.



There are approximately 180 Dogs in the Missouri Pack.

Visiting Dogs are always welcome!!!

Jr Vice Chief: PDD Joseph "Woody" DeAngelo

Pictures:







**4TH GATHERING OF THE DOGS
HOSTED BY THE SC PACK
OCTOBER 10 - 13, 2024
Registration Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pound: _____ Pack: _____

BANQUET # ATTENDING _____ @ \$55 ea = \$ _____

4th Gathering Of The Dogs Patch:

of Patches _____ @ \$10.00 each \$ _____

(Patches may not be available at Growl. It's recommended that you order now.)

Raffle Tickets (\$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00):

1st prize is Suite for 3 nights plus 2 banquet tickets. (Thursday-Saturday)

2nd prize is Regular Room for 3 nights plus 2 banquet tickets.

Number of raffle tickets _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

(See additional raffle information on next page.)

Total amount enclosed by Check or Money Order: \$ _____

(Make all checks or Money Orders payable to SC Pack)

Send completed registration and payment to:

Gathering of the Dogs
404 Mountain Laurel Circle
Goose Creek, SC 29445



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Information Sheet

Once your raffle ticket funds are received, we will fill out the raffle ticket/tickets and send you a photo of the filled-out ticket/tickets to either your email or smart phone.

The Raffle will be drawn on Sept 1st at 1:00 pm. A video of the drawing will be posted to the **MODD Connections** Facebook page.

Prizes are for the Suite and Room only. If there are any other charges on the room, they will be at the winner's expense. Ex: Pay per View Movies, Room service, damages, etc.....

Prize winners will not need a reservation as we already have the suite and room. You must contact PDD Helen Breen at 843-532-8387 to get your Key when you arrive.

Hotel Reservations can be made by using the link below, by going to the link on the Kennel Website Events page or the Gathering Event Page on the SC Pack Website - [South Carolina Pack - Military Order of the Devil Dogs \(mcleaguesc.org\)](#). The room rate is valid 3 days before and 3 days after the Gathering, pending availability. You must call the hotel to book rooms at the group rate outside the Gathering dates. When making reservations, reference GATHERING OF THE DOGS.

Hotel address:

Hilton Garden Inn Airport
5265 International Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418

Hotel phone number is 843-308-9330

The hotel booking link is: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/chsahgi-90x-48b7e3a6-d7cc-4212-bb40-2b03862f9c60/>

Charleston International Airport is 2 miles from the hotel and a complementary shuttle is available 24 hours a day.