

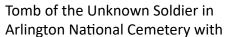
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61st Chief Devil Dog: CDD J.D. Jones



oof Woof Dogs of the Order! Happy 2025! I trust that all Dogs had a Merry Christmas with friends and family. I know that many of you were busy with Toys for Tots or other activities. I myself have been busy representing The Order since our Supreme Growl. In October I, along with the Honorable Senior Vice Chief PDD Joe Deangelo, Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen, and the Honorable Aide-de-Kamp PDD Barb Deangelo, went to the Florida Pack Growl, where they celebrated their 50th Anniversary. I also attended the 41st Anniversary of the Beirut Bombing in Jacksonville, North Carolina at the Memorial Gardens and later that day the Wreath Laying at the 8th Marines Memorial aboard Camp Geiger, Camp Lejeune. In the month of November, I was invited by our National Commandant PDD T. J. Morgan to attend the Marine Corps 249th Birthday Ball in Washington DC. During that same weekend, I had the unbelievable honor of placing a wreath at the



the National Commandant. The month of December was not so much about representing The Order but giving back to OUR Marines on active duty. Between the 3rd and 20th of December, I was very busy as I attended 18 Christmas parties of our units. These parties were held at Marine Corps Air Station New River, Camp Johnson, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, and Marine Corps Base Quantico.



Now let us get back to recruiting and strengthening our Order. We had a 50/50 raffle that was awarded in December, and the winner received over 1,500 Big Bones. The Kennels portion of the raffle was donated to the Department of Florida and the Department of North

Carolina Marine Corps League Disaster Relief funds. Both of these Departments were hit hard by hurricanes this year, and the Kennel Executive Staff thought it was important to donate these funds to help our Brother and Sister Marine Corps Leaguers and Dogs affected by the natural disasters.

A bit of Dog housekeeping: this message is primarily directed towards the Pack Leaders, Pound Keepers, and Dog Robbers. If you submit any paperwork to the Honorable Dog Robber, PDD Helen Breen, and receive a message back from her or any of her Deputies stating something is wrong and they have quoted the Kennel Bylaws, please do NOT disregard this. They are not



picking on you, and they are not making things up. Please make these corrections as soon as possible and resubmit them to be processed. If you decide not to make the corrections, there will be consequences.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on February 28 at the Mini Growl of the Kennel during the Mid-Winter Conference.

It is an Honor to be your 61st Chief Devil Dog!!!

Semper Fi, CDD J.D. Jones 09-019 61st Chief Devil Dog 61stcdd@gmail.com







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Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Joe "Woody" DeAngelo



oof Woof Dogs of the Order! I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Festivus, or whatever else you crazy Dogs may celebrate. I also hope everyone has a very happy and safe New Year.

A lot has been going on around the Kennel since my last article. I personally attended the Charter presentation for Pound 415 out of the Florida Pack. I want to thank the Worthy Pack Leader, PDD Mike Ambrosino, and his entire Pack Staff for the warm welcome and hospitality we received during our visit. I made it to some other Pack and Pound Growls and participated in several Marine Corps Birthday Events.

I want to thank the entire Kennel Dog Robber Staff and the Bits and Bites Dog staff for their hard work on the Kennel Management System to include all renewals, ROIs, rosters, and Pound audits. I also want to thank

all the Vice Chief Devil Dogs and Worthy Pack Leaders that have gotten back to me with the information I had requested. Without your hard work and dedication, we would not be able to be where we are now.

I know we are all busy, and life does get away from us sometimes, but please know that we cannot help you if you do not get us the information that we need. We all have to work at this. Do not get overwhelmed by the task at hand but take it one step at a time, and we will get through it.

If you missed the Zoom call held by the Honorable Dog Robber last month, you missed a great class. I was so happy to see 78 Dogs attending this Zoom, and just about everyone stayed on for the entire hour and a half. Great information was shared, and so many questions were answered about the new system. Again, thank you to everyone that showed up. I am sure we will have another one soon.

Before you know it, we will all be in

Washington DC at the Mid-Winter Conference and back in Growl assembled. Remember that the Growl is open to all degrees at Mid-Winter. I cannot wait to see everyone there.

> As always, if you need any assistance with anything, do not hesitate to Bark at me.

> > Honorable Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog Military Order of the Devil Dogs Sgtjd2@gmail.com



Semper Woofing, PDD Joe "Woody" DeAngelo 14-380 ATTENDING THE

FL PACK GROWL



Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Mike Francis

OOF WOOF !!! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all you Mangy Mutts! Hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. As I write this, we are 10 days away from the birthday of baby Jesus. My Flea and I are just getting over an extended illness and are very thankful that it was not worse. This is a joyous time of year for most of us. However, some have a very difficult time during the holiday season, so make sure you reach out to check on your Dogs. Keep them and all of our fellow Marines and Corpsmen, scattered around the globe, in your prayers.

My last article for the WOG was written on 15 September. The past 3 months have been BUSY! September 17th, we had a FUN Growl with Pound 330 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The Pound Election went smoothly and the Honorable 58th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Spicer Installed the new Officers. A "spirited" game of "Dogs Have Sticky Balls" was conducted under Good of the Order. Team Spicer was victorious. On the 21st, the Missouri Pack held



a Growl in Jefferson City. The Worthy Jr. Vice Pack Leader PDD White "piddled" on the deck during the Growl. He was fined heavily. One of the contests held was "Tic Tac Bones" and MANY Big Bones were collected for the Kennel Children's Hospital Donation. FUN Growl. The 22nd, PDDs Seyller and PDD Bryan rode with me up to Greenville, Illinois, for a Growl with Pound 351. It was an Honor to conduct the Election and Installation of Officers. Great to see the Honorable Watch Dog PDD Weber and meet some new Marines. We finished the month with a Growl in Sioux City, Iowa. Pound 407 just received their Charter in July. While their Nerf gun shooting skills need work, the "Headbanger" competition was a riot. These Dogs like to have fun and they are on the right track.

October began with an Indiana Pack Growl in Plainfield. DD Dougherty volunteered to be my Duty Driver. Not sure if he has recovered yet... Worthy Pack Leader PDD Gillihan tried hard to keep the Dogs on a short leash. PDD Regis Hess convinced him to relent and headed up a MODD Parade through the lobby of the hotel. We all sang the Marines Hymn to the occupants of the Hotel Bar. The parade was fantastic and a lot of fun. WOOF WOOF!!! On the 9th, we started the road trip to Charleston, South Carolina, for the 4th Gathering of the Dogs. The weekend was a blast! Worthy Pack Leader PDD Cortright ran a FUN Growl, and PDDs Jim and Helen Breen did a great job organizing the Gathering and chow. Some of the "Amish Mafia" from Pennsylvania



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were barking about a 5th Gathering in Scranton next year. Keeping my paws crossed. The Honorable Deputy Ops Dog PDD Hoeffken and I were in St. Joseph, Missouri on the 18th. We stopped to visit the grave of 1stLt J.G. Schneider USMC. He fought at Belleau Wood during WW I and was awarded the Navy Cross. Lt. Schneider was KIA on 1 November 1918, during the Battle of Meuse-Argonne, near Exermont, France. He was one of the Original "Devil Dogs." On the 19th, we were in Fremont, Nebraska, for a Growl with Pound 101. It was my Honor to conduct the Election and Install the Officers. Lots of laughs during the "Pass The Chew Toy" contest. BIG Barks to Sir Pound Keeper DD Marino and his new Staff. The Nebraska Dogs know how to have fun. Finished the month with a Growl at Pound 086 in Wentzville, Missouri. The Pound Election was conducted and the Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Hazlett Installed the new Officers. Our own "Dog of 1000 Faces," PDD Chuck Covert, was on his game and the laughs never stopped. FUN Growl. The month of November was packed. Attended two Marine Corps Birthday Balls and two Veterans Day Ceremonies. Our Toys for Tots program fired up. We have four counties and about 3,000 children. Pound 330 held a Growl in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on the 19th. Mongrel Larry Harris was Initiated and Obligated to Pup. Welcome Aboard, Marine! He was definitely laughing during the Axe Throwing Contest and almost won the "Dog Balls for Drinks" competition. Pound 086 held another Growl in Wentzville on the 23rd. The Honorable Barking Dog PDD Abbott (AKA Baby T-Rex) received a Twerking Dino for Christmas. The "Tic Tac Square Bones" competition was brutal. Sir Pound Keeper PDD White led the losing team to an inglorious defeat. 16 of us shared Noon Chow at the Tattooed Dog Restaurant afterwards. Great way to spend a Saturday morning!



Started December with a Christmas Parade and several Toy Drives. The weather has been a little chilly, but no real snow yet. Made a trip up to St. Louis on the 3rd for a Growl with Pound 66. They held the Growl at a local restaurant and the room was a little tight. Sir Pound Keeper PDD Dodson was informed that one Dog was groped three times, another was propositioned twice, and a third Dog "may" have been impregnated. The Pound has decided to choose a venue with a larger room for the next Growl. HaHaHa...

On the 8th, DD Reggie Pickering passed away. He was a proud member of Pound 373 in Marietta, Ohio, Sir Dog Trainer for many years and my Friend. Fair Winds and Following Seas, Brother. I will never forget you.

By now, all of you should have sent in your Registration for the National Mid-Winter Conference and Kennel Mini Growl. This year we will be back at the Sheraton Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia. 28 February – 1 March 2025. Remember that this is the only Kennel Growl that Pups, DDs, and PDD are all welcome to attend. So, make your hotel reservations, register, and join us for a FUN weekend. The Honorable Lucky Dog PDD Reggie Sawyer is looking for donated items to use for fundraising at the Conference. Please email photos of the items, a brief description, and the estimated value to him at: REGTHEMARINE@yahoo.com. The Kennel will be rolling out a Children's Hospital Donation fundraising challenge at the Growl. Bring those Big Bones! BIG BARKS to PDD Dave Porter for his help with the Sig Sauer Company. Through his contacts, we have received a donation of a USMC Issue P320-M18, 9mm pistol. The Kennel will be conducting an online raffle of this weapon on the Kennel Website: MilitaryOrderoftheDevilDogs.org. Raffle starts on 19 January 2025. The winner will be drawn on 1 March 2025 at the National Mid-Winter Conference. Tickets will be \$15 each or 3 tickets for \$40.

Many of our Dogs have been working hard on Operation Chow Hound. BIG BARKS to PDD Sal Cenicacelaya



for designing the new OCH 2025 patch and all of the previous patches/logos since the program started. The Kennel Quartermaster will stock these patches in the Kennel Store.

Fundraising ideas can be very simple. Most of you are familiar with the VFW Buddy Poppy Program. The MODD Yellow Roses are very similar. The roses come in a gross (about 144 individual flowers). The cost is \$30 per gross. You can order them by sending and email to: spawnpointgaming91@gmail.com. Order a few grosses. Get permission from a local business to set up to collect donations. Set a date and assemble some of your Dogs. Remember that you are collecting donations and passing out the roses. You are not "selling roses" or giving out a rose in exchange for money. This is also a great opportunity to sell tickets if your Pound or Pack is holding a local raffle.

The last three Kennel Raffles have been a great success and I would like to personally thank all of you for the support. There are several members of the Kennel Staff who work very hard behind the scenes to make these raffles happen. The Honorable Bits & Bytes Dog PDD Soldano, Honorable Aide-de-Kamp PDD DeAngelo, Honorable Executive Director PDD Wells, and the Honorable Barking Dog PDD Abbott all pitched in to "MAKE IT HAPPEN." BIG BARKS to all. WOOF WOOF !!!

The Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog is responsible for the budget, fundraising, and FUN. The Mission has changed slightly, but you can still reach out for help anytime. Always ready to assist another Dog. Please Bark with your Pounds and Packs about the following four things:

- 1. We are the FUN and Honor Society of the MCL. If your Growl is just another Business Meeting, then you are missing the entire point of the MODD.
- 2. We need your help with the Children's Hospital Donation. Those Big Bones come from:
 - Passport Stamps (One Big Bone you pay to have your MODD Passport Stamped at every Growl)
 - Passport Fines (Big Bones your Dog Robber fines you when your Passport is not filled out correctly)
 - Direct Contributions (Donations from individual Dogs, Pounds, and Packs)

Chief Devil Dog Passport Stamps (Donations you make to have the CDD or PCDD stamp your

Passport)

3. Operation Chow Hound is a voluntary program. You may collect food, supplies, and/ or Big Bones to donate to your local no kill shelter. This may be done on every level, Pound, Pack, and Kennel. Go to the Kennel Website for the OCH Reporting Form, Receipt of Donation Form, and Logo. The Honorable Quartermaster will have "Pound K-9" kits for your pets and OCH Patches for your vest available in the online Kennel Store. The Big Bones made from Pound K-9 Kits will be included in the annual donation for OCH.



4. Kennel Raffles. We need the support of you, your friends, your families, and the public. The Big Bones from online raffles on the Kennel Website are a significant portion of the Kennel Budget. We have a "Donate Button" on the Kennel Website: MilitaryOrderoftheDevilDogs.org. You can make a contribution to the Kennel, Children's Hospital Fund, and Operation Chow Hound.



PLEASE share emails and Facebook posts/videos advertising Kennel Raffles. On Facebook, go to:
Military Order of the Devil Dogs-Kennel

Please "Share" the fundraiser posts to your personal Facebook pages, Facebook Groups, and Pound/Pack/Division Pages. In order to keep the Privacy Setting "Public," you should share posts directly from the Kennel Facebook Page.

We have conducted several different Kennel Raffles since returning from the National Convention. An email is generated every time a ticket is purchased with the name of the buyer. When buying Raffle Tickets online, MAKE SURE you click on the "Help Keep Zeffy Free" block, delete the 17% donation and enter "0." If you have any questions, reach out to me. Will never be able to thank all of you Dogs who have supported these fundraisers enough. We are moving in the right direction.

We are the FUN and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League. "Keep it FUN and they will COME!" WOOF WOOF....It is and HONOR to be a Devil Dog!!!

Semper Woofing,
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Smart Dog: PDD Charles Minton

oof Woof Devil Dogs and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my Dog House to yours. I hope Santa Paws and the New Years Pooch were good to you all this year. By the time you get this in your Paws, Christmas and New Year's Eve will have come and gone, and I hope you all had a great time with family and friends. Do not forget that the Mid-Winter Conference and the Kennel Mini Growl will be held February 27th thru March 1st, 2025, at the Sheraton Pentagon Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. I hope you can round up the Dogs from your Pounds and Packs and come on out to the Mid-Winter Conference and join us for the Kennel Mini Growl. Remember the Mini Growl is open to every Dog in the Order regardless of your degree. This is a great way to enjoy yourselves, see what happens at a Kennel level Growl, and mingle with your fellow Dogs.

If you have any issues or questions, please reach out to me and I will do my best to help you with them. Also, if you plan to submit a change to the Bylaws, remember I must have them in my Paws no later than the 15th of March. So that they can be posted on the Kennel website for everyone to review.

I look forward to seeing all the Dogs who are planning to attend the Mid-Winter Conference and Kennel Mini Growl. I am sure we are going to have a Howling good time.

PDD Charles Minton Honorable Smart Dog 252-452-0728

Semper Woofing,

smartdog@militaryorderofthedevildogs.org







Mid-Winter Convention Sheraton Pentagon City 909 South Orme Street Arlington, Virigina 22204 February 27 - March 1, 2025

Dog Trainer: PDD Lisa Ciesielski



t is with a grateful heart that I write this article. On September 27th, Western North Carolina, where I live was hit with a devastating hurricane and flood. Luckily, we did not have any damage to our home. We were without electricity for 3 1/2 weeks, internet for an additional 4 weeks, and phone service for an additional 2 weeks. I cannot say thank you enough to all of the volunteers who are trying to put our area back together and who are searching for the missing. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

PDD Lisa Ciesielski Honorable Dog Trainer

Mad Dog: PDD Scott Bryan

OOF WOOF Dogs of the Order! The holiday season is upon us, and as I sit here in my temporary Dog House typing out this article, I am currently on the road working in Oklahoma. I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving with ohana and friends. I also want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

I had the pleasure of attending the 4th Gathering of Dogs in Charleston, South Carolina, with my wife, Arlene – yes, she does exist – and our two pooches, Lillie and Ridgely. What a great and howling time it was to spend time and have camaraderie with fellow Dogs of the Order. Mad Dog Deputies PDDs Chuck Covert and PDD Tony Rust, Smart Dog PDD Charles Minton (past Mad Dog), and I held a Q&A session. We went over initiations for Mongrels, Pups, and Devil Dogs, submitting the paperwork for the advancing PDDs, what they should bring with them to the Dog House when they advance, and briefly what to expect. A BIG shout out and MAHALO to the South Carolina Pack for hosting an AWESOME Gathering!!



The Mid-Winter Conference is right around the corner, 27 February – 01 March 2025. The Mini Growl is open to all Dogs regardless of Degree. So, all you PUPs, DDs, and PDDs, make your reservations and plan now, to join us at the Mini Growl for a fun time. If it works out, I plan on holding a Q&A session like we held at the Gathering.

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Junior Past Chief Devil Dog: PCDD Alan Sanning



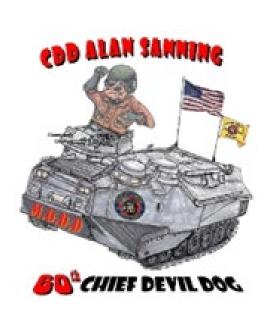
OOF-WOOF! I hope all of you Dogs are enjoying the season spending time with family and friends over the holidays! My prayers go out to any of you who are still dealing with the aftermath of the hurricanes this fall.

Since the last WOG, I have had the opportunity to attend the Missouri Quarterly Pack Growl, as well as Growls of Pounds #077, #086, and #371 Ozark Mountain Dawgs, where I was honored to Install the Officers of the Pound. In October I joined many other Dogs for a great time at the Gathering of the Dogs hosted by South Carolina Pack in Charleston, South Carolina. On Veterans Day, I had the opportunity to watch as Chief Devil Dog J.D. Jones and Marine Corps League National Commandant T.J. Morgan presented a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in honor of our fallen brothers and sisters. They represented us very well!

Every fall during September and October, Central MO Pound #077 participates with Samuel F. Gearhart Detachment setting up four or five Recruiting/Raffle Booths at Fall Festivals and other events around the Central Missouri area, and I was thankfully able to participate in several of those again this year. It is always a pleasure greeting and visiting with the public at these events, especially the veterans and their families.

You all have my wishes for a happy and prosperous 2025. With that, I will now look forward to seeing many of you at the National Mid-Winter Conference from February 27 to March 1, with the Kennel Mini Growl on February 28th and open to ALL DOGS. Hope to see you there!

Semper Latratus!
PCDD Alan Sanning
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Executive Director: David "Ben" Wells

OOF WOOF! I hope that all the Dogs had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family!

The Real and I had the pleasure of attending "The Chosen Few" Reunion in Arlington, Virginia. We were able to talk PDD Ivania Munguia into attending the reunion for the opportunity to meet and spend time with historical Marine Corps figures. I am not sure who had more fun, the guys or Ivania; they definitely enjoyed her company.



Looking back on where we started when I became the Kennel Executive Director, it is hard for me to believe that we have come so far. It proves that if you sit down and listen to the Dogs of the Kennel, it would surprise you at the resources you have already.

Take for example, PDD Soldano, our current webmaster and IT department. We met on the back porch at the Supreme Growl in Montana.

We were talking, and he mentioned that he is an IT and computer guy. From that conversation, the rest has a snowball effect. PDD Soldano started working with PDD Jim Breen on engraving and other issues to find out



he is a database guy along with his other talents. Now with our new Kennel Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen, the three have worked tirelessly on bringing the database to life and maintaining it so all the Dog Robbers can pull their own rosters. Thanks for the amazing job that you all have been doing for the Kennel. Your hard work is appreciated.

PDD David "Ben" Wells 12-021 Kennel Executive Director

Dog Robber: PDD Helen Breen



OOF-WOOF and Happy New Year! How is it already 2025?!? I hope that all Dogs across the Kennel had a wonderful holiday season and are coming back together to celebrate the new year in Growl assembled!

Since my last article, the Dog Robber team has been hard at work on several projects! We have added a Transmittal Status spreadsheet to the Kennel Management Application, so Pound Dog Robbers know that transmittals have been received by the Kennel Dog Robber and where they are in the queue, since Transmittals are processed in the order they are received. That has allowed our Team to focus on processing paperwork versus answering questions about status.

Another HUGE step we have implemented in the Kennel Management Application is the ability for Pounds to print their own membership cards!

No need to wait for the Dog Robber team to print and mail cards any longer! Never fear, the Dog Robber team will still print membership cards; however, they need to be requested by the Dog Robbers from this point forward.

The Kennel Dog Robber Team and the Bits & Bytes Team are working together to continue improving the Kennel Management Application and making things easier for the Dog Robbers. I want to share a lot of those ideas, but I do not want to share them too early. I want to wait until we are ready to launch them.

In November, we held a call with the Dog Robbers, sharing the updates we have been making and some of the ideas we are working on. We know that change can be hard, but we hope that most of the changes we are making will be embraced and continue to help make our Kennel better and stronger for the future!

As I close out my article, I wanted to share a few pieces of information on the work the Dog Robber Team has done over the last few months:

Transmittals processed from 10/13/24 - 11/30/24: 256 Information Updates from 8/22/24 - 12/3/24: 624

I have to continue to give HUGE shout-outs to my team; I could not get half this work done without them!!

Dog Robber Scratchings PDD Helen Breen Honorable Dog Robber



Operations Dog: PDD Lynn Sabel

oof-Woof to all Dogs of the Order,! The Mid-Winter Conference is coming upon us quickly, and for all Pups and Devil Dogs, if you want to know what happens at a Supreme Growl, the Mid-Winter Mini Growl is where you can see what happens. It is open to all Dogs (not just Pedigrees like at the Supreme Growl). Make sure to get your Registration Form in and make Reservations at the Sheraton Pentagon City. Please try to have the correct change when registering at the Dog House. Please have at least one \$5 and five \$1s. If not, the children will thank you because you will be fined one Big Bone.

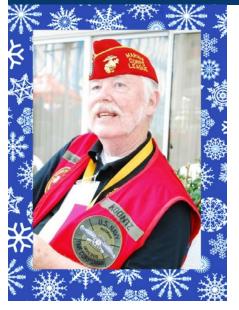
For any Devil Dog who wants to advance to Pedigree in Grapevine, Texas, in August, now is the time to talk to your Dog Robber and get your Advancement Forms in. You do not want to wait till the last minute. This could possibly result in you not being able to advance due to your paperwork not being turned in on time.



Hope to see you all there.

Woof-Woof, PDD Lynn F. Sabel Kennel Operations Dog

Veterinarian: PDD Howard Koontz



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

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

In the past five years, we have had some Dogs and their family members taken to the local hospital. Take time to put the following information on a paper where it can be easily found (wallet, passport). This information will help if you are unable to talk for yourself.

- 1.) Emergency contact: name and phone number, including area code;
- 2.) Doctor or Primary Care Provider: name and phone number. If a VAMC, name of the facility and phone number;

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

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

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

Bits & Bytes Dog: PDD Christopher "Tool" Soldano

oof Woof Dogs of the Order! Happy New Year!

I truly hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and a glorious New Year. It has been a whirlwind of a season here for us, and there are many things that are being worked on in the background. I have had some questions posed to me recently regarding all that the Bits & Bytes Dog entails, so I figured I would take time and write about it for this Woof-O-Gram.

The Bits & Bytes Dog for the Kennel is essentially the Chief Technology Officer for the corporation. As such, it is part of my job to stay on top of technologies and help point the Order to using technology to make all our lives and jobs a little bit easier, and hopefully more efficient. Because of that, I tend to be a small part of many different aspects of the Order. It is



part of my job to get the big picture on some of these technologies and then report to the staff on how we can best utilize certain technologies and in which directions we can focus on to make our lives easier, with as minimal expense as possible.

This can range from web work, audio, visual, networking, fundraising, communications, data management, etc.. As we grow, and have grown over the years, it is necessary that we take steps and improve the Order and ensure we continue to grow and prosper in the most efficient and least strenuous ways possible. The position of Bits & Bytes Dog has not been around for a long time and was created out of necessity. Prior to this change, this position was more commonly know as the Web Dog or Web Sgt. However, as technology changes and allows us to do more and expand on our ability to use technology like web sites, on-line shops and stores, communication technologies, and other platforms to raise money, we must adapt and overcome. So as an organization we must change, when needed, to be able to continue and achieve our goals. Because of that,

this position has expanded over time and become something more functionally necessary for a corporation and organization our size.

As with any other position, I serve as a tool for the staff, to guide and advise the Order within my areas of expertise and understanding. To help develop and implement new ideas and technologies that can help us expand growth, function, manage data, and its usage. It is also part of my job to ensure that we are using adequate technologies to help secure our data privacy, and still make sure we are compliant with the regulations we need to be, with the technologies we are using.

Well that was all a mouth-full, and I hope that it helps bring some clarity to some of what the Bits & Bytes Dogs do. I also understand that these are a lot of changes. Many people do not like change and it is understandable. For some, change can be difficult and technology can make others nervous about its usage. However, I have to say that with the changes the Order has gone through over time, I am so very pleased to see how so many have adapted, overcome, and thrived with many of the new technologies that have been implemented. If there are questions or something that you are unsure of, please feel free to get in touch with us. We are always more than happy to help guide anyone.

Now, no one person could do or be all things. And I am so very happy that we have so many capable members that can do so many wonderful things. If you are a Dog Robber, a Pound Keeper, or Pack Leader, the Kennel Management Application, KMA, has been an amazing part of our technology usage. A super shout out to our Deputy Bits & Bytes Dog, PDD Jim Breen, and his wife, the Kennel Dog Robber, PDD Helen Breen, for all the amazing work that went into the new application. The innovation, desire, and ability of these PDDs is nothing short of amazing. If you are a Dog Robber, Pound Keeper, or Pack Leader and not up on using this system yet, you need to get involved with it. It is helping us in leaps and bounds to do things more timely and efficiently. Please go to the Kennel Protected Library page to gain access and get more information and instruction into its usage: https://militaryorderofthedevildogs.org/publications/protected-member-library/. If you already have access to the system you can always go directly to the access page here: https://moddkennel.net/.

Please keep and eye out for new raffles and fundraising opportunities on the horizon. We have been using a new platform this year. It is very capable and as we grow with it, will open up more possibilities for us. You can use it locally for your own Pack or Pound. Since we started using Zeffy to fundraise online, we have saved over \$1,229. Zeffy is the only 100% free fundraising software for nonprofits. They even cover transactions fees. It is incredibly easy to use, offers a full suite of fundraising tools, and they provide unlimited customer support—all for free. Use our referral link to sign up here: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/referral?referredByOrganizationId=efb223d9-30f4-41b3-a9a8-421e4603ae39.

We are looking to start a monthly training session program to help our Dogs. If you are good at your position and feel you could help us with these training sessions, or maybe even run one, please contact us. For all others be on the look out for the training schedule in the future.

Woof Woof,
PDD Chris "Tool" Soldano
18-108
Bits & Bytes Dog
bitsandbytesdog@militaryorderofthedevildogs.org



Legal Beagle: PDD Corey Dressler



oof Woof Devil Dogs! I hope this letter finds you all in Woofing great spirits. Our report for the Kennel's ability to conduct raffles in Texas for the 2025 Supreme Growl has been completed and submitted to the Chief Devil Dog and the MODD Board of Trustees for their review. I would like to thank my Honorable Deputies PDD Hugh Nesbit, PDD Ivania Munguia, and PDD Dennis Dressler, for their research and legal analysis.

Furthermore, I want to assure you that the Kennel Legal Beagle and his dedicated Deputies are diligently working on the report regarding our ability to conduct raffles in Indianapolis for the 2026 Supreme Growl. We aim to have this report ready by the time the Supreme Growl occurs in Dallas.

I hope everyone has enjoyed a pleasant fall season. As we move into the festive period, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

filled with joy and blessings. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Kennel Mini Growl in February, where we can continue our important work and camaraderie.

Our standard disclaimer applies: I am not a lawyer; I am not admitted to the bar in any jurisdiction. Any information is just an opinion, not legal advice. Information provided will be based on thorough research and reviewed by two lawyers and a paralegal, but still is not legal advice. If you need legal advice, please consult an attorney admitted to the bar in the applicable jurisdiction.

Semper Woof!

Warm regards, PDD C.J. Dressler Kennel Legal Beagle

Barking Dog: PDD Stephanie Abbott

oof Woof Dogs of the Order! We have safely gotten past the holidays and are quickly approaching spring. Before you know it the Mid-Winter Conference will be here and some Dogs of the Order may even have a Division Conference before the next Woof-O-Gram is published. Time seems to be going by very quickly here in Iowa with the 4th Gathering of the Dogs, Marine Corps Birthday, and Veteran's Day the last few months.

The Mid-Winter Conference Mini Growl is open to all Dogs, not just PDDs. It is always exciting to meet new Pups, DDs, and PDDs during the Mid-Winter Conference and to see if there is anything that catches the eye on the Lucky Dog Table.

The Kennel is moving in some positive directions as we work on advancing our social media presence. Make sure to check out our YouTube page



in addition to the Facebook and Instagram accounts. The monthly videos for showcasing updates from around the Kennel cannot be done without your input. If you have a new Pound that was chartered, a major fundraiser, or exciting event that a Pound or Pack participated in, please send photos, with a brief description, to moddbarkingdog@gmail.com.

Another opportunity to showcase a motivated Devil Dog's artwork is coming! Looking for an artist Dog within the Order who would like to design the artwork for the next cover of the Spring Woof-O-Gram. Please make sure to submit your original artwork no later than 5 March, in PNG format to moddbarkingdog@gmail.com.

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

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Social Media:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/kennel.modd

• Instagram: omilitaryorderofthedevildogs

Upcoming Event:

National Mid-Winter Conference: 27February – 1 March 2025

National Convention: 10 August - 15 August 2025

Raffle:

19 January - 1 March 2025 USMC Issue P320-M18, 9mm Pistol

Compliance Dog: PDD Steve Seyller



OOF WOOF! Just a reminder: ALL Pounds that are on a fiscal year filing with the IRS should have filed their 990 Forms by the 15th of November. If you have not, they are past due. Make sure you send me an "accepted" confirmation when completed.

You can obtain this by:

- 1. Logging into your IRS account as though you are going to file;
- 2. On the right side select "Manage Form 990N Submissions;"
- 3. Select the current year "Submission ID;"
- 4. Print and email the accepted copy to compdog@yahoo.com.

I will soon be checking your Secretary of State Business Filings. Please make sure you are up to date and current on any annual filing requirements

your state requires. Send me a copy of your registration when this is accomplished.

PDD Steve Seyller Kennel Compliance Dog compdog@yahoo.com



Mideast Division: PDD Omar Jabr

OOF WOOF DEVIL DOGS! I wanted to express my profound gratitude for my appointment as the Mideast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog. This appointment is incredibly rewarding and will significantly contribute to my MODD growth. Before I start, I want to thank PDD Ric Ledford, who stepped down as the Mideast Division VCDD due to other obligations. He has done wonderful and great things for the Mideast Division, and his time and contributions are highly and greatly appreciated. I personally wanted to thank him and wish him the best. He cannot escape. He will serve as the Assistant Mideast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog.

I am looking forward to serving you and doing what it takes to ensure that every Pound and Pack is successful. I will start my travels throughout the Mideast Area to attend as many Pound and Pack Growls as I can. Please send me your Pound's and Pack's Growls dates so I can add them to my calendar.



I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year. Hope all your holidays are filled with warmth and joy.

Please, please, please do not forget that we are the "Fun and Honor Society," and we need to be living up to that reputation!

WOOF WOOF!
PDD Omar Jabr, 16-231
Mideast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

Midwest Division: PDD Chuck Covert



ife has been a whirlwind lately, kind of like my dog chasing its tail! I have wrapped up my business in Missouri and am now packing my tails—uh, I mean bags—for a move to Minnesota! Sarah and I are hoping to get settled in by early January, assuming our dog does not "help" by unpacking everything! Who knew moving could be such a Barking challenge?

The past three months have been a real tail-wagging adventure! I attended 6 Pound Growls in Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, and Kansas—talk about a Howling good time! I also barked it up at the Missouri Growl of the Pack and joined the 4th Gathering of the Dogs in South Carolina. To top it all off, I had the honor of advancing three Korean War Devil Dogs to Pedigree Devil Dogs in Kansas. And yes, I got to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday Ball with some truly paw-some Dogs. If my calendar could Bark, it would say, "Fetch me more adventures!"

As always, if you have got a Pack or Pound Growl coming up and want me to join in on the fun, just give me or Sarah a Bark—uh, I mean, a call! If we can fit it into our busy schedule of chasing squirrels and napping, we would love to attend! Just promise there will be treats and plenty of tail-wagging shenanigans—after all, it is not a party without some good ol' puppy playtime!

To keep the Midwest Division as the Top Dog in compliance within the Kennel, I need all Pack Leaders, Pound Keepers, and Dog Robbers to ensure their 990s and Secretary of State filings are as current as a Pup's latest trick! We also need to make sure every Dog has their dues paid—no Pup left behind! Let us keep our Division in tip-top shape and ready for any tail-wagging adventures ahead!

If you are a Dog, lend me your ears (and tails)! Please keep an eye on the Marines and Devil Docs in your Detachments to spot who is not just active but has the right personality to join the MODD. We can never have enough members that fit the fun and furry culture of the Dogs! Let us sniff out the best candidates and create a pack that is Howlin' with spirit!

Lastly, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a truly Happy New Year!

Semper Fi, PDD Chuck Covert MWDVCDD Deputy Mad Dog

New England Division: PDD Patrick McMahon

oof Woof to all of you PDDs, DDs, Pups, and Mongrels from your New England Division Vice Chief Devil Dog. I am hopeful that this Woof-O-Gram finds you and yours well. This is an exciting time of the year. Pounds have all had their elections, hopefully, as required by Kennel Bylaws. I was honored to present a new Pound Charter: Congrats to Rhode Dogs Pound 416 in Rhode Island! We have an exceptionally, enthusiastic new Kennel Dog Robber; PDD Helen Breen (along with her staff). Her contact information is kenneldogrobber@gmail.com. I have encouraged every Pack Leader, Pound Keeper, and Dog Robbers within the New England Division to reach out to her with any questions. She and her staff have done what many of us have been asking for, for a VERY long time: streamline paperwork and make as much as possible electronic. This is also a GREAT time of year to work side by side with our Marine Corps League brothers and sisters as they, and we, go about working with our Toys for Tots coordinators.



We have our Mid-Winter Growl in February and Supreme Growl in Dallas next August. It is never too early for you Devil Dogs to focus on advancing to Pedigree. Check with your Pack Dog Robbers to ensure what you need gets done in a timely fashion. For my brother and sister Marines, I hope that we all had an enjoyable 249th Birthday. For us vets, Veterans Day has come and gone, and a small event has restored my faith in our youth. My local high school hockey club had a hockey game honoring veterans, who were allowed into the game for free. I had the privilege and honor of dropping the ceremonial puck. These kids were phenomenal around



those veterans in attendance.

I hope to see many of you as I plan my 2025 travels to Pack and Pound Growls this upcoming New Year. We should at ALL times remember that the MODD is the FUN and HONOR Society. I underscore honor to emphasize that we are ALL Marines or FMF Navy personnel, so discontent within our Growls should be non-existent. From all of us within the New England Division family to yours, we wish for all of you to have a happy and safe holiday season, and a bright and prosperous New Year.

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

Northeast Division: PDD Jason Hauck



erry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Dogs of the Order!

Let me start off with the newly installed Officers of all the Pounds, Woof Woof!

Let us address getting new members into the Order. A question we should be posing is: What are we doing to achieve this? Are we talking to Detachment Commandants? Do we know who the "go getters" of the Detachments are and would these individuals be good Dogs within the Order? We should get out there and find these potential Dogs!

To close I cannot wait to see everyone at the Mid-Winter Convention.

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



Northwest Division: PDD Bonnie Holden

he Northwest Division is currently doing work on the Toys for Tots Program. We are also keeping up with the Growls that are necessary to keep our Pounds and Packs current. I will be attending the Mid-Winter Conference in late February 2025 for any new changes and to keep updated on our requirements. I will report in March 2025 any significant updates at that time.

PDD Bonnie Holden NW Division Vice Chief Devil Dog



Southeast Division: PDD Jim Stone



reetings all you magnificent Dogs of the Southeast Division.

Brr!!! It is cold at my Dog House. I hope you are warm and cozy in your Dog House by the fire.

A big thank you and loud shout-out to all Pack Leaders, Pound Keepers, and especially all you Dog Robbers for a job well done! The Southeast Division is 100% in compliance with the Kennel. It has been a long and often times a hard process, but we have finally made it.

In a few months we will be at the Mid-Winter Conference, and I hope a lot of you will make it there to Arlington, Virginia. We always have a good time at the Mini Growl, especially since all Dogs are allowed to attend regardless of the color of their collar. Come on up and help us to raise a lot of bones for the Children's Hospital Fund at the Convention in Grapevine, Texas.

Dog Robbers, a reminder to send your passport fees to the Kennel within seven (7) days of your Growl. This is not a requiest, but a requirement of the Kennel. Remember, you are required by the Bylaws to have at least four (4) Growls each year and one (1) Pack Growl at your Convention.

Also, we need your help to keep our numbers up. Please recruit new Dogs!! We have a captive audience at each Detachment meeting to recruit. You know who these individuals. So, you know who will work well and be a benefit to your Pound. Invite them in, teach them what we do and why, and make it fun so they will come back at each Growl.

This will be my last year as your Vice Chief Devil Dog. I have really enjoyed these last two, visiting and learning from you. I know the next Vice Chief will do a great job and work with all of you. I owe a debt of gratitude to

all of you, especially the Pack Leaders, Pound Keepers, and my assistants, PDD Ricky Pitts, PDD Sammy Marcel, and PDD John Gionet. It has been a great ride and I look forward to seeing you in future years.

I will be running for the National Assistant Vice Commandant for the Southeast Division. I hope to be elected and am asking for your support as I attempt to be elected to this new and exciting endeavor at the SE Division Convention this year in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Until then, lots of love, joy, and fun. If you see a Dog not having fun, Growl at them, and help them out.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!

Semper Woofing,
PDD Jim Stone
Southeast Divsion Vice Chief Devil Dog

Southern Division: PDD Audrea Killalea

heartfelt WOOF WOOF to all! The Southern Division Dogs are doing well and Growling together. Many are taking themselves to the Veterinarians to keep up on health maintenance. Other Dogs are running strong to keep those Growls going!

The Texas Pack is preparing for the 2025 Supreme Growl in Grapevine, Texas during August 2025! The Pack Staff are excited to make the week a fun filled time for all Dogs and Marine Corps League members in attendance! Be on the lookout for more details to be shared at the Mid-Winter Marine Corps League Conference. We are hoping Dogs across the Order are doing their best to continue to raise Big Bones for the Children's Hospital Fund and for Operation Chow Hound!

Since August 2024, I have traveled to McAllen, Granbury, Houston, the Woodlands, Cypress, and College Station, Texas to attend Growls at the

Pack and Pound levels. I

also had the honor to conduct the Installation of new Officers. Visiting other Pounds always teaches me new ways to enjoy the camaraderie with other Dogs. So, Texas Pack, keep up the great work making sure your Dogs are laughing and having fun!

The Worthy Oklahoma Pack Leader, PDD David Hull, reports the Oklahoma Pack is holding strong. Madam Pound Keeper, PDD Cyndy West, also reported the Arkansas Pound is bringing in the new year with a Growl in January 2025.

As the new year begins, we want to challenge all Dogs of Southern Division to recruit a Mongrel or two to join our ranks!





Let us share the fun and continue to raise Big Bones for great causes!

WOOF WOOF,
PDD Audrea Killalea
Southern Division Vice Chief Devil Dog



Southwest Division: PDD Juan Pascacio



reetings, Dogs and Doggetts! As we approach the end of the year, let us take a moment to reflect on the fun and interesting times we have shared. The year has been filled with excitement, especially during the Gathering of the Dogs. We have also witnessed some notable changes within our organization. Patience is key as the new Kennel Officers settle into their roles and align themselves with our goals. It is clear to see their enthusiasm, as they actively seek information from the Packs to help move the MODD forward.

Here in the Southwest Division, I am excited about the upcoming Growl in sunny Las Vegas, where we will have the opportunity to gather with the Pack Leaders. During this event, I will also be gathering valuable information from the Packs, as we aim to continue improving the Southwest Division of the MODD. There are some great ideas circulating among the Packs, and I look forward to hearing more of them so we can implement them in the years to come.

That said, it is important to remember that we are an organization built on rules and standards. I have encountered some situations that required immediate attention and action. While I will not go into specifics, I can say that if the rules and standards had been followed, these situations likely would not have occurred. We understand that things do happen, and we are always willing to work with you. For those of you who are new to your positions, remember that help is always available—do not hesitate to ask.

Let us continue to work together, supporting one another as we move into the new year!

WOOF WOOF, PDD Juan Pascacio SW Division Vice Chief Devil Dog California Pack Leader

Pound 263 Update: Pup Andy Hefty

ACKSONVILLE, Florida – Pound Keeper PDD Bill Nantz and the Dogs of the First Coast Pound 263 of the Florida Pack worked several "Share Nights" in various Culver's Restaurant locations around the

Jacksonville area, collecting so far for 2024 a whopping 8,000 BIG BONES to be donated to Wolfson Children's Hospital! Culver's owners and leadership were on hand to share in the festive giving, promising more "Share Nights" for the Dogs of the Pound to provide food, frozen custard, fun, and awareness of the need for our local children. Wolfson Children's Hospital staff were extremely grateful for the generous donation by these hard-charging Devil Dogs!



North Carolina Relief Efforts: PDD Stephanie J. Abbott

hen Hurricane Helene battered the Western regions of North Carolina, Marines from the coastal region near Jacksonville, North Carolina, stepped up to help those in need, collecting much needed supplies to take out to the hardest hit areas. Flooding, washouts, and widespread utility outages hit and disrupted the lives in the mountain regions. Finding a new mission to help other communities in the state that were affected, Marines never lost sight of their original motto of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.





The Marines collected everything from water, non-perishable food, blankets, diapers, medical supplies, clothing, tools, and even a few generators. They made their mission clear: get the supplies to those in need. Hauling multiple truck and trailer loads, the mission was accomplished.

Pound 143 and Pound 370 gathered over 6850 pounds of pet supplies. Big Barks to PDD Ray Randall, PDD Steve

Tracey, PDD Alex Nevglowski, PDD Mike Rooney, DD Al Farrell, and DD Joe Beam for their efforts!

Those affected by Hurricane Helene are still attempting to rebuild their lives even after others around the country have forgotten about the event. As the holiday season drew near, the Marines did not forget about those that were still being impacted. Making sure to organize a Toys for Tots drive specifically to help those counties impacted by Hurricane Helene, yet another convoy would be taken out to the impacted area so that Christmas would not be





forgotten. They would deliver over a thousand toys to Western North Carolina so they could be distributed. Gaining a reputation for getting the job done, agencies outside the state contacted them, including the New York Army National Guard. The local Detachment had gained a reputation for getting the job done, with the costs of distribution falling on them. Yet again, the Marines have fulfilled another mission.

Kennel Roll Call

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