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MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

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

Mid-Winter Summary

**102 Year Old MODD
Member: Sallie
Amato**

**Proposed Bylaw
Changes**

**ROI Notification
List**

**Photos from the
Kennel Mini-Growl**



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62nd Chief Devil Dog: CDD Joe “Woody” DeAngelo

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

Mid-Winter was a huge success, and the Mini-Growl was an absolute blast. It was great seeing so many Dogs gathered together doing what we do best having a little fun while still taking care of the business of the Order. If you were there, I hope you had as good of a time as I did.

Division Conferences and Pack Grand Growls are now in full swing across the Kennel. That means more chances for the Dogs to get together, share a few stories, solve a few problems, and probably chase a few squirrels along the way. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the conferences I can attend.



Now for a little business from the Dog House. We continue to move forward with Compliance and Membership across the Kennel. If your Pound or Pack has not filed its 990 with the IRS yet, it is time to get that bone buried. A Pound in revocation cannot fundraise, and donations cannot be written off. That is not good for any Dog trying to do good work. Get those filings in and keep your Pound in good standing.

The Pistol Raffle was a huge success thanks to all the Dogs that jumped in and supported it. Now we are rolling into the next Super 50/50 Raffle with three levels of prizes. So, sharpen those claws, grab your tickets from the Kennel website, and help keep the bowl full for the Kennel.

Before you know it, we will all be gathering in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 85th Supreme Growl. By the time you read this, all Bylaw changes should have been sent to the Honorable Smart Dog. Make sure you look at them and talk them

over with your Dogs during your Pack and Pound Growls. The Dogs of the Order will be voting on them at the Supreme Growl, so make sure your Pack has had a chance to sniff them out.

For those Dogs advancing to Pedigree Devil Dog in Indianapolis, I look forward to seeing you there. I highly recommend checking in on Sunday so you can get the full experience. Remember, you get out of it what you put into it as a Platoon. Work together, have some fun, and make some memories. I have heard the Honorable Mad Dog has a few tricks up his sleeve, so it should be a



Announcement
at the Mini-Growl



Parris Island, South Carolina

great time.

We also continue to hold our monthly Kennel Board of Trustees Zoom calls so the Dogs of the Order can bring forward questions, ideas, or anything else that needs a little attention from the Dog House.

I look forward to seeing many of you Dogs around the Kennel as we continue moving the Order forward.

It truly is an honor to be a Devil Dog.

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HONORABLE
62ND CHIEF DEVIL DOG JOE DeANGELO



Having Fun

Southeast Division Conference

Parris Island, SC

Chief & Aide-de-Kampe



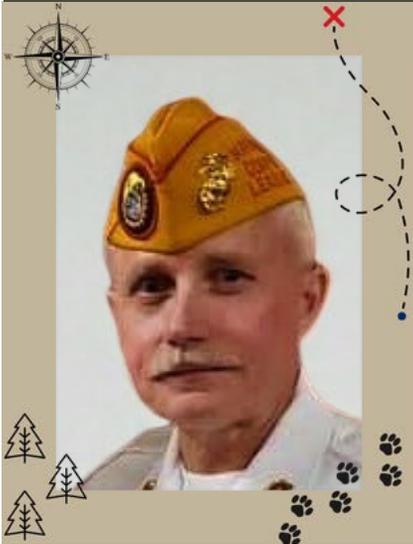
Mid-Winter Opening Ceremony



Adventures of the 62nd Chief, Devil Dog



Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Mike Francis



W OOF WOOF !!!
Only five more days until Spring! I think we have all had enough winter this year. The weather here in Southeast Missouri is beautiful. Sunny and 70 degrees. My left paw is in a sling right now, so I have convinced my Flea to type this up for me. She has already asked twice about a raise... December did not go as planned. We did not get to help out with Toys for Tots this year due to an extended illness and hospital stay for my Mother-in-Law.

**SR VICE
CHIEF DEVIL DOG**



PDD MIKE FRANCIS

The 18th of December I travelled up to St. Louis for a Growl with the Dogs in Pound 066. Pup Alan Toland put us in the Holiday Spirit by reading a short story called "Hookers and Blow save Christmas." Lots of laughs.

The Honorable Mad Dog, PDD Scotty Bryan, was home for the holidays. We enjoyed spending Christmas and New Years with him and his lovely bride, Arlene. On the 2nd of January, Scotty and I drove up to Swansea, Illinois, to visit the Honorable Deputy Operations Dog PDD Gary Hoeffken. Over the past six months Gary has battled his way through several surgeries, hospital stays, and a lot of rehab. He is one tough Marine who never fails to motivate his fellow Dogs. On the 10th we were in Jefferson City for a Missouri Pack Growl. Worthy Pack Leader, PDD Mark Hoernschemeyer, definitely had his paws full with three Past Chief Devil Dogs in attendance. Pound 330 held a Growl here in Cape Girardeau on the 13th. We raised a nice pile of Big Bones with a spirited contest of "Solo Kup K-9's." Fun Growl. On the 17th we drove two hours through the snow to Wentzville for a Growl with Pound 086. The Growl got a little "Squirrely" thanks to PDD Matt White. Sir Pound Keeper, PDD Andy Riggle, has a great bunch of Dogs. Well worth the drive.



The month of February began well. On the 11th I gave an MODD Zoom Class on the Duties of the Sr. Vice Pound Keeper, Sr. Vice Pack Leader, and Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog. Big Barks to the Honorable Barking Dog, PDD Stephanie Abbott, for hosting and all of her technical assistance. Hopefully all the attendees learned something. Drove up to St. Louis again on the 18th to bark with the Dogs in Pound 066. PDD Eddie Dodson was recognized as the Pound Dog of the Year. WOOF WOOF! On the 24th of February, Fate reached out and grabbed me by the Stacking Swivel. He then proceeded to shake me vigorously. Karen and I were on our way to the Kennel Mini-Growl and National Mid-Winter Conference. We stopped in Leitchfield, Kentucky, for gas and a hydrant call. I managed to take a very bad fall on the concrete. Dislocated my shoulder and broke my shoulder socket into three pieces. Fractured two ribs, elbow, wrist, big toe, and knee cap.

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Visit with Honorable Deputy Operations Dog PDD Gary Hoeffken who is recovering from multiple surgeries.

Also managed to sprain my ankle and generally screwed myself up royally. We decided to turn around and drive 4 hours back home before going to the ER. Definitely a challenging ride. Not as tough as I used to be. The ER Doctor attempted to relocate my shoulder twice. He was unsuccessful. The Orthopedic Surgeon moved me to the OR, put me to sleep, and accomplished the Mission on the third try. Consequently, I missed everyone at the Kennel Mini-Growl.

The Mission of the Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog is the “Growth and Expansion of the Kennel, Packs, and Pounds.” In short, Recruiting. Also overseeing Compliance and serving as the Chair of the Awards Committee.



- Recruiting. We are looking for Mongrels. Talk to the Regular Members of your Detachments. Look for the most active Members. Make sure they have a good sense of humor and can laugh at themselves.
 - Refer to the Kennel Bylaws, Section 101 – Eligibility.
 - Only Regular Members of the Marine Corps League. No Associate Members.
 - At least 1 full year in the MCL.
 - Must be invited to join the MODD and sponsored by at least 2 Dogs who are DDs or PDDs.
 - MCL Dues must be current.
- Compliance. Pound Keepers, Pack Leaders, all Dog Robbers, and Division Vice Chief Devil Dogs. We will continue to address the issues listed on the Honorable Compliance Dog, PDD Steve Seyller’s, Spreadsheet and the KMA.
 - Dues. Check your Dogs and contact them. As of the 15th of March, we have 4,786 total Dogs and 354 have not paid their MODD dues. That is 12.16%.
 - ROI. (Officer Installation Report). All 38 Packs submitted ROIs for the last election cycle. Unfortunately, 5 Packs were unable to comply with the Kennel Bylaws. Hopefully they will do better this year. There are 198 Pounds and 170 submitted an ROI. Unfortunately, 34 Pounds were unable to do the ROI correctly. 27 Pounds did not submit an ROI at all. The Pound election cycle ended 30 NOV 2025.
 - IRS 990. 38 Packs are current. There are 163 Pounds that are current. As of the 15th of March, there are 29 Pounds with various issues and 6 Pounds in Auto-Revocation.
 - Corporate Filings with the Secretary of State. All 38 Packs are current. There are 178 Pounds current and 20 Pounds with various issues.
- Awards. All of the Kennel Awards will be presented in August at the National Convention and Supreme Growl.
 - Kennel Dog of the Year. See Kennel Bylaws Section 417. Nomination Letters to Honorable Dog Robber. Received by mail 2 weeks prior to the Supreme Growl or hand delivered by noon the day before the Supreme Growl.
 - Membership Award. Pound, Pack, and Division.
 - Dog Robber of the Year. Pound and Pack. Nomination Letters received by Honorable Executive Director by the 1st of June.
 - Passport Challenge. (Contributions to the Kennel Children’s Hospital Donation). Pound and Pack.
 - PCDD Awards.

Worked with the Honorable Barking Dog, PDD Stephanie Abbott, to create a “Recruiting/Information Trifold”

that can be printed and/or accessed online. Copies of the Trifold were distributed to every Division at the National Mid-Winter Conference on the 28th of February. Please help push these out to MCL Detachments with Marines who are curious about the MODD.

We should all be getting ready for the Officer Election at the Grand Growl of the Pack. Familiarize yourself with the Kennel Bylaws, Sections 308-310. I believe that compliance will improve as more Dog Robbers get familiar and comfortable with the KMA. One of the largest contributors to the number of Pounds and Packs with ROI issues is lack of knowledge. Unfortunately, we have a significant number of Installing Officers who do not know the Kennel Bylaws. Pound and Pack Elections are not held in accordance with the Bylaws. Pounds procrastinate on scheduling their Annual Growl. I covered this information in the Kennel Zoom Class on the 11th of February.

The following are the things we need to be teaching constantly:

- We are not the MCL. Nominations, Election, and Installation of Officers are all done at the same Growl.
- A Dog must be physically present to accept a Nomination.
- No Proxies. One Dog. One Vote. Must be present to cast a vote. No "Voting Rights" like the MCL.
- The dues of all Officers must be current both in the MCL and the MODD before being elected or appointed to an Office.
- You cannot Install yourself. It is impossible to swear yourself in.
- Installing Officers must list their MODD Office when signing an ROI. Not their MCL Office.
- There are 7 Elected Officers in the MODD.
 1. Pound Keeper or Pack Leader or Chief Devil Dog.
 2. Sr. Vice...
 3. Jr. Vice...
 4. Smart Dog.
 5. Mad Dog.
 6. Police Dog.
 7. Dog Trainer.
- There are a minimum of 3 Appointed Officers in the MODD. More may be created and appointments made.
 1. Dog Robber.
 2. Watch Dog.
 3. Barking Dog.
- One Dog cannot hold more than one Elected Office in the same Pound, same Pack or the Kennel. The voting members on the Board of Trustees are composed of the Elected Officers. In the Pound, Pack, or Kennel. One Dog cannot cast 2 votes. That is why one Dog cannot hold 2 Elected Offices at the same time.
- Pound Keepers must be a PDD or a DD. Pups cannot serve as Pound Keeper.
- A Pup who has attended at least 2 Growls may serve as a Pound Officer.
- The Pound Keeper and Dog Robber cannot be the same Dog.
- Pack Leaders must be a PDD. There is an exception to allow a DD with 2 years time in grade to serve,

however this is only if every PDD refuses the nomination.

- Elected Pack Officers must be a PDD or a DD with at least 1 year time in grade.
- Appointed Pack Officers must be a PDD or a DD with at least 6 months time in grade.
- The Pack Leader and Dog Robber cannot be the same Dog.
- Pups cannot serve on the Pack Staff.
- All Kennel Officers must be at least a PDD.

Scheduled for shoulder surgery on Tuesday the 17th of March. Needless to say, the last three weeks have been very challenging pain wise. Looking forward to getting my shoulder fixed. Barring complications, should be healed up and back in the fight by mid-May. Definitely missing my usual travels to Growls around the Kennel.

It was humbling to be elected as the new Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog, by the Board of Trustees. The job of the Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog can be simplified as Membership. It has been my mission to teach and encourage Dogs to have FUN as I travel around the Kennel. This is the key component to Membership.

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

Semper Woofing,
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SRV ICE Expedition

17 JANUARY 2026, POUND 086
ST CHARLES COUNTY DOGS



13 JANUARY 2026

18 FEBRUARY 2026



POUND 066 DOG OF THE YEAR
PDD EDDIE DODSON



POUND 330, 1ST GROWL OF YEAR

10 JANUARY 2026



MISSOURI PACK GROWL

10 JANUARY 2026
MISSOURI PACK GROWL



LET'S

GO

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Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Charles Minton

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

I want to thank all the Dogs who attended the Mid-Winter Conference and the Mini-Growl. We had a howling good time and made some good memories. This year was a little different for many of us without the 61st Chief Devil Dog Jeff Jones with us, but we made the best of a sad situation. I know he was there in spirit and in our hearts.

At the time of submitting my report, we have \$58,370.19 Big Bones in the Children's Hospital Fund. We have \$13,766.37 Big Bones in the Operation Chow Hound Fund. We are doing a great job raising Bones for our charitable organizations. Thank you all for your support and please keep up the great work by continuing to send in your Big Bones to help us raise the bar this year.

As you read this, we will have completed the pistol raffle for the Sig Sauer P320 M18-9-RX. The winner was Raymond Wright. We sold 303 tickets and raised \$4,070.00 Big Bones from it. I want to thank everyone who supported this raffle by buying tickets and sharing it with family and friends. I cannot do this job alone, and I appreciate all the support you have shown me so far.

If you have ideas about what you would like to see raffled off during future online raffles, please feel free to reach out to me and let me know.

If you have any items that you would like to donate to the Honorable Lucky Dog, PDD Reggie Sawyer, please reach out to him and let him know what you would like to donate to the raffles and auctions.

I would like to thank the Kennel Budget Committee for helping me get the budget put together. I will publish the proposed budget in the Summer Woof-O-Gram for everyone to review. I would also like to personally thank our Kennel Bookkeeper, Erin Wells, for keeping up with all the funds for the Kennel and for helping me put the budget together.

I want to announce that I intend to run for the position of Honorable Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog at the Supreme Growl in Indianapolis, Indiana, and I would appreciate your support during the elections.

If there is anything I can help you with, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Semper Woofing,

PDD Charles Minton
Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog
Military Order of the Devil Dogs





SPRING FLING 50/50 RAFFLE

Get ready for our all-new Spring Fling 50/50, and this time we're turning up the excitement!

Starts March 15th and runs through May 15th, we're building a pot that helps an incredible cause AND gives you three chances to win!

- ♥ 50% of the total pot goes directly to the Children's Hospital Fund.
- 💰 The other 50% goes to THREE lucky winners:
 - 1 1st Place – 75% of the winner's half
 - 2 2nd Place – 15% of the winner's half
 - 3 3rd Place – 10% of the winner's half

The bigger the pot, the bigger the prizes
AND the bigger the help for the kids.

🎟️ More winners. Bigger impact. More fun.

👉 Grab your tickets, spread the word, and let's make this pot grow!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/spring-fling-modd-5050-raffle--2026>



Smart Dog: PDD Chuck Covert



Woof Woof Dogs!

Your Honorable Smart Dog is back with another report from the trail. Since my last report, I have continued working to help keep our Constitution and Bylaws clear, organized, and ready for the important discussions ahead.

I want to sincerely thank all of the Dogs who took the time to submit proposed Bylaw changes. Your effort, your attention to detail, and your dedication to the good of the Order help keep our governing documents strong. Please make note that the proposed Bylaw changes will be printed at the end of this edition of the WOG so that all Dogs may review them prior to the Supreme Growl.

Serving as Honorable Smart Dog means helping Dogs make sense of the rules, answer questions, and sort through the occasional confusion when needed. It

is an honor to serve in this role and to help keep the Kennel moving in the right direction.

Since my last report, I have had the pleasure of attending the following Growls:

January 10th – Missouri Pack Growl

January 31st – Poor Pointer Pound #711 Growl

February 21st – Minnesota Pack Growl

February 27th – Midwinter Mini Growl

I have also declared my intention to run for Kennel Smart Dog at the Supreme Growl in Indianapolis, Indiana. I am excited to see everyone there, and I look forward to the fellowship, the fun, and the opportunity to gather once again with Dogs from across the Kennel.

If you have questions about the Constitution, the Bylaws, or the proposed changes, please feel free to reach out to me.

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If you have not updated my email address in your contacts, please do so as it has changed.



Woof Woof,
PDD Chuck Covert
Honorable Smart Dog



Dog Trainer: PDD Lisa Ciesielski

Dogs,
With everything going on in the world, pray for and remember all your fellow Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Soldiers—both active duty and retired. The Air Force and Army have already lost members.

Hope to see you all in Indianapolis.

PDD Lisa Ciesielski 13-139
Honorable Dog Trainer



Mad Dog: PDD Scott Bryan



WOOF WOOF Dogs of the Order!

The Mid-Winter Conference and Mini-Growl are in the rear-view mirror as we head towards the Marine Corps League National Convention and 85th Supreme Growl in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Mini-Growl was a fun and howling time, and it was great to see a lot of Dogs in attendance.

The 85th Supreme Growl will be here before you know it. The fun and games are already being planned, and I am looking forward to having a great initiation and Growl. Remember that all applications for advancement need to be submitted to the Kennel Dog Robber by July 1st.

Pound and Pack Dog Robbers please submit the advancement forms as soon as you get one. You do not need to wait until every Dog has turned in their advancement forms, please submit them as you receive them.

All DDs who are advancing must be registered with the Marine Corps League first and then register at the Dog House for your initiation. The Marine Corps League and Military Order of the Devil Dogs registration opens on Sunday, 9 August from 1300 – 1700. Please do not plan any activities from Monday, 10 August – Wednesday, 12 August. You are required to be with your platoon training and preparing for your initiation.

For all Dogs advancing to PDD in Indianapolis, the Honorable Barking Dog and I will be scheduling two Zoom Meetings in July. All Dogs that have submitted their paperwork to advance will receive an email with the date and time of the scheduled Zoom Meetings. The dates and time will also be posted on the MODD Kennel Facebook page. We will go over what to expect during your initiation.

I will also be scheduling a Zoom Meeting in July with all the Dog Handlers that have contacted me on being a Dog Handler in Indianapolis. The dates and time will also be posted on the MODD Kennel Facebook page. If

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

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

WOOF WOOF,
PDD Scotty Bryan
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Honorable Mad Dog
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Executive Director: PDD David "Ben" Wells



Woof Woof!

Great seeing everyone at Mid-Winter!

We were missing a few notable Dogs at Mid-Winter like the Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog (get well soon). PCDD Sanning did see an opportunity to raise funds for the Children's Hospital Fund with two pictures he had made and framed to auction at the Mini-Growl. These pictures raised 380 Big Bones!

We did see a few Dogs that we have not seen in a while at Mid-Winter, welcome back PDD Taine Powell! Guess he finally finished building his house which I am sure his wife is happy about!

To all the Dogs reading this, if you have not been to a national function in a while you are missed and your home is here when life allows you to return!

As many of you are aware PDD Leonard Stielper 15-178 loves to donate to the Kennel. Whether it is a 50/50 raffle or an auction item he really likes. He won two of the 50/50 raffles at Mid-Winter. You may have received a drink ticket from PDD Bruce Rakfeldt where he told you that Leonard had purchased \$1,000.00 worth of tickets. Thank you on behalf of the members, we truly appreciate you sharing your winnings with us. If you did benefit, and you did not know who he was here is a picture so you can thank him when you see him.

The Kennel raised a lot of Big Bones thanks to the Honorable Lucky Dog, and all the Dogs that donated to him, we greatly appreciate it!

As everyone leaves Mid-Winter to go to Department and Division Conferences, remember to engage with new Dogs and encourage them to stay with the Kennel and move up. Some of the Dogs have time to breathe and sleep in their own beds. Dogs in the Southeast Division left Mid-Winter to go to their Division Conference.



The finances for the Kennel are outstanding. We currently have a well-oiled machine with the Quartermaster store, the Honorable Dog Robber, and the Honorable Lucky Dog. Everyone is working for the same goal. Thank you for all you do for the Kennel.

Woof Woof!

David “Ben” Wells
Kennel executive Director

Dog Robber: PDD Helen Breen



The Kennel Dog Robber’s Bark Sheet

Attention all Devil Dogs – a few bones of wisdom from your Kennel Dog Robber.

BARK #1 – PDD ADVANCEMENTS

If your Pound has a Devil Dog ready to become a Pedigreed Devil Dog, make sure all completed advancement paperwork is submitted by July 1.

Late paperwork = no advancement. NO exceptions!

Even the best Dogs need the right paperwork to earn their Gold Collar!

Do not wait until the last minute to send it in – get those applications submitted on the KMA and get ‘em signed!

BARK #2 – PACK REPORT OF INSTALLATION

Elected new officers? Installed them with a proper ceremony?

Good.

Now make sure the Report of Installation (ROI) is submitted through the KMA and accepted by the Kennel Dog Robber.

Until that ROI is on file, the Kennel cannot verify who is running the Pack. ALL Pack ROIs must be submitted no later than July 31 per Kennel Bylaws.

Pounds should look at their calendar NOW to schedule their elections between September 1 and November 30. Pound ROIs are due no later than December 31.

**Is your Pound and Pack in compliance with your ROI? Check out the delinquent list in this Edition of the WOG!*

BARK #3 – PASSPORTS & BIG BONES

Devil Dogs love their Passport stamps—but remember:

Stamped Passports mean Big Bones for the Children’s Hospital Fund!

Whenever Passports are stamped at Growls, the Passport fees must be immediately submitted through the

KMA by the Pound or Pack Dog Robber.

Stamp the Passport.

Send the Bones.

FINAL BARK FROM THE DOG ROBBER

Stay on top of these three things and the Kennel will stay happy:

- **PDD Advancements – Due July 1**
- **Pack Reports of Installation submitted through KMA no later than July 31**
- **Passport Big Bones sent to the Kennel immediately following Growls**



Keep the paperwork moving so the Dog Robber does not have to start swinging a rolled-up newspaper for lazy paperwork puppies.

Until then, Devil Dogs,

Keep barking, and keep the Big Bones coming.

PDD Helen “mini” Breen
Your Kennel Dog Robber

Operations Dog: PDD Lynn Sabel

Woof-Woof to all Dogs of the Order!
If you did not attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Arlington, Virginia, you missed a great Growl. There were 169 Dogs that registered. All Dogs, regardless of degree, can attend the Mini-Growl at Mid-Winter.

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



Before you come to the Dog House you will need to receive your credentials on the League side. Also, it is recommended you check into the Dog House on Sunday, August 9th. The latest you can register in the Dog House is 5 PM on Monday, August 10th. Please bring the correct fees with you, Registration is 5 Big Bones and

the Passport Stamp is 1 Big Bone. Make sure to have extra Big Bones with you in case you get fined before you reach us. If you do not bring in the correct amounts, there will be a donation to the Children's Fund.

Woof Woof,
PDD Lynn F. Sabel
Honorable Operations Dog

Quartermaster: PDD Wendy Zamora



Woof Woof Dogs!

It was great seeing so many of you at the Mini-Growl in Arlington, Virginia. A woofing good time was had by all who attended.

Inventory Updates:

- **Items we can no longer carry:** Yellow Footprint Pin, Medium Dog Pins, and all Large Medals. Once current inventory is gone, these items will not be replenished.
- **New Item Available:** Dry-Wick Polo with the Color Logo is now available in Red and Black.
 - This shirt is also available in women's sizes.
- **New Lapel Pin:** A new *Women Marines Lapel Pin* is now available.
- **Coming Soon:** We will have another new item available in time for the

Supreme Growl in Indiana.

Unfortunately, someone at the Mid-Winter Conference passed a **fake \$100 bill**. The only Dogs this hurts is you. Because of this, we will now be checking larger bills with an HVM Counterfeit Pen to verify the authenticity of all \$50 and \$100 bills.

We are always open to ideas—many of our newest additions came directly from requests made by you Dogs. If you have suggestions for items you would like to see in the store, please let us know.

Thank you for everything you do to make the Military Order of the Devil Dogs such a great organization to belong to.

PDD Wendy Zamora
Honorable Kennel Quartermaster
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Photo Credit: DD David Porter Sr

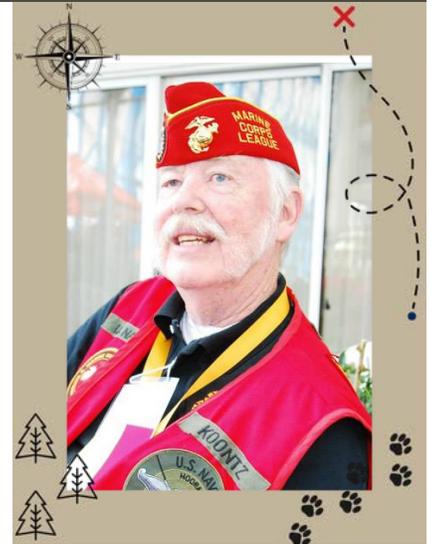
Veterinarian: PDD Howard Koontz

Woof, Woof to all Dogs!

Summer is coming, and all Dogs who are preparing to become PDD qualified at the Summer festivities at Indianapolis, Indiana, should be well on their way with Growls and paperwork. Dogs are notorious for shredding paper, especially homework. Do not let this happen to you. These little reinforcers should let you remember what to bring with you.

In order to know you better, please bring the following:

1. Enough medications to last you for a few days after leaving the Convention, (always be prepared for flight cancellations).
2. A list of medications you are taking.
3. A copy of your personal doctor(s) to include name and telephone number.
4. If traveling alone, the name of your point of contact with his/her cell phone number.
5. If your spouse is with you, his/her name, room number, and cell phone number.
6. A list of your physical and/or mental disabilities.
7. **MOST IMPORTANT...**If you will just be recuperating from any surgical or medical procedure and your Surgeon and/or Doctor advises against you traveling, think twice about attending. Last year we had a Surgical emergency which required emergency surgery to correct an internal post op hemorrhage.



The Veterinary Corps is made up of professional personnel. There are a few RNs (BSNs), a retired Navy Nurse, one is a PhD. Retired and Veteran FMF Corpsmen, EMT, and LPN. Our uniform is a white lab coat. You will see us walking around watching and always available.

This week is to be instructional and enjoyed. Every drill, every lecture has a meaning. If you experience stress or not feeling up to par, let your Platoon Leader know. The week is to meet new friends and understand what is expected of a Pedigreed Devil Dog. It is not a race, it is not to see what you can do, we already know, so take it easy, hydrate, eat, and get your needed rest. Above all, Have Fun.

I and the team will see you at the Dog House.

Woof, Woof,
PDD Howard Koontz, RN, BSN
Navy Nurse Corps, RET (ex HMCS (FMF))
Staff Veterinarian

Barking Dog: PDD Stephanie Abbott



Woof Woof Dogs of the Order!

It was outstanding to see so many Devil Dogs at the Mid-Winter Mini-Growl, tails wagging, paws shaking, and a whole lot of good old-fashioned barking going on. If you left without a sore throat or a bigger grin, you probably did not stay long enough!

Speaking of barking, the new recruiting trifold is officially out and on the move. Each Division Vice Chief has been issued a stack, complete with a QR code to our brand-new recruiting video. These are headed your way soon, so keep your noses in the wind and your eyes on the lookout. When they arrive, do not just sit and stay—get out there and use them to sniff out some new Pups in your area!

The Barking Dog Team continues to expand, bringing new energy, and enthusiasm to our outreach efforts. However, there is always room for more dedicated Dogs to join the team. If you have the drive, the spirit, and a bark that will not quit, now is the time to jump in and contact me about possibly joining the Barking Dog Team.

Keep your tails high, your ears up, and your bark loud. The Kennel is strong, but it gets even stronger with every new Dog that joins. Now get out there and raise a little ruckus—in true Devil Dog fashion! Always remember to send those memorable moments you have captured with your camera to the team so we can give you a big bark on the Kennel Facebook Page!

Semper Fi & Woof Woof,
PDD Stephanie J. Abbott
Honorable Barking Dog
moddbarkingdog@gmail.com

Stay Connected!

Social Media:

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

Upcoming Events:

- National Convention: 10 August - 14 August 2026 in Indianapolis, Indiana
- 6th Gathering of the Dogs: 22 October - 25 October 2026 in Morgantown, Pennsylvania

Raffle:

- Spring Fling 50/50 Raffle: 15 March - 15 May 2026 tickets available at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/spring-fling-modd-5050-raffle--2026>





Pup
Pup J.H. Truelove
One of the things I miss the most about the Corps is the comradery. The MODD is where it's at!

Pound 383, Jackson, TN



MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

THE FUN AND HONOR SOCIETY OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



DD
DD Bill Dunn
I volunteer at our local shelter. Operation Chow Hound is very important to me.

Pound 210, Clayton, NC

Do you like fun and shenanigans?

Are you a regular member of the Marine Corps League?

Have you been an active member for at least 12 months?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

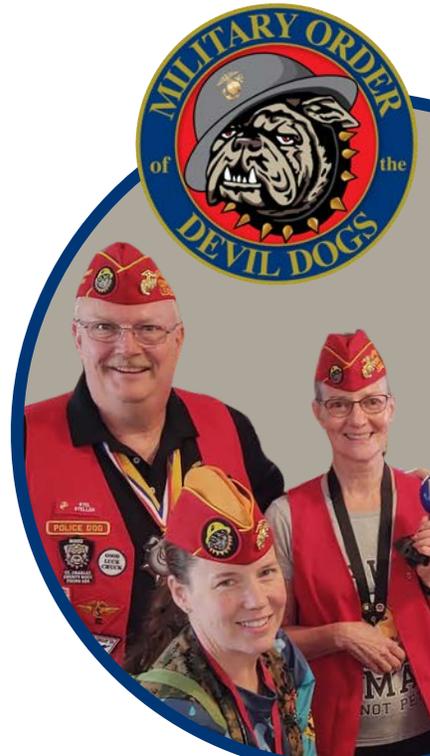
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<https://www.facebook.com/kennel.modd>



PDD
PDD Stephanie Abbott
I myself have a son, the Children's Hospital Donation is where my heart is.

Pound 122, Des Moines, IA



Check out our video!



Check out our website!

About Us

With a membership of approximately 5000 Honorably Discharged Marines and FMF Corpsman, the Military Order of the Devil Dogs is a volunteer based, not-for-profit that continues to focus on the Marine Corps core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. We are the "Fun and Honor Society" of the Marine Corps League.

The German soldiers gave Marines the nickname Devil Dogs during the Battle of Belleau Wood in 1918, saying that Marines fought like, "Dogs from Hell." We have a different mission now. Our focus is on camaraderie and fun. Our priority is helping those who cannot help themselves, the children and the animals.



Children's Hospital Donation

Dogs work hard all year long, across the country, for our annual contribution to a Children's Hospital.

2025 \$100,000 to Cook's Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

2024 \$105,000 to Loma Linda Children's Hospital in Loma Linda, California.

2023 \$74,000 to Oklahoma Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



PDD Antonio Marino



I love my dogs and the idea of donating to Animal Shelters is the perfect fit for me!
Operation Chow Hound Rocks!
Pound 101, Omaha, NE

2025 \$10,000 Donation to Operation Kindness in Carrollton, Texas.

2024 1,414 lbs of Dog Food donated in Louisiana.





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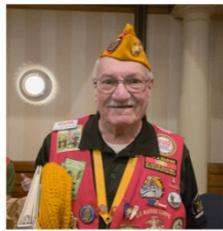




PHOTOS BY
PDD MIKE MADDOX



🐾 2026 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE 🐾



PHOTOS BY PDD STEPHANIE J. ABBOTT

Data Dog: PDD Jim Breen

The Kennel Management Application (KMA) has been wagging its digital tail with excitement lately! A clever canine has been hard at work fetching new features, burying bugs, and digging up ways to make your online experience smoother than a freshly brushed coat.

Since the last report, we've rolled out several updates that will make managing your Division, Pack or Pound easier than ever. Here's what's new in the Doghouse:

New Tricks & Treats in the KMA

- More Treats for the Division Vice Chiefs

These top dogs now have extra tools and toys to help keep their Packs in line and their paperwork in order.

- Less Ruff for the Kennel Dog Robber (KDR)

We've made some common tasks easier—no more chasing her tail trying to complete routine duties.

- Alerts for Every Good Dog

No need to howl about missing deadlines! New alerts help Dogs at all levels stay on top of paperwork and approvals that need attention.

- Advancing Your Way Up the Bone Chain

Individual Dogs can now start their own Advancement Applications—because every good Dog deserves a chance to earn that next shiny bone!

- Sniffing Out Signatures, Simplified

Tired of chasing down signatures like squirrels? You can now request them electronically from applicants and installing officers—quick, clean, and no muddy pawprints.

- Helping Pups Who Aren't Tech-Savvy

Pack Dog Robbers can now lend a paw to their Pound Dog Robber friends who could use a little help with the tricky stuff.

The Growl Goes Digital!

Our brand-new Growl System has been unleashed! Tested at both the Mid-Winter Mini-Growl and the Southeast Division Conference, the new system features QR Code sign-in for quick check-ins. Expect to see it in full force at the Supreme Growl in Indianapolis!

Clearer Paths, Better Fetching

We've re-labeled several pages within the system to better reflect what each section does. That means less



digging around and more getting things done!

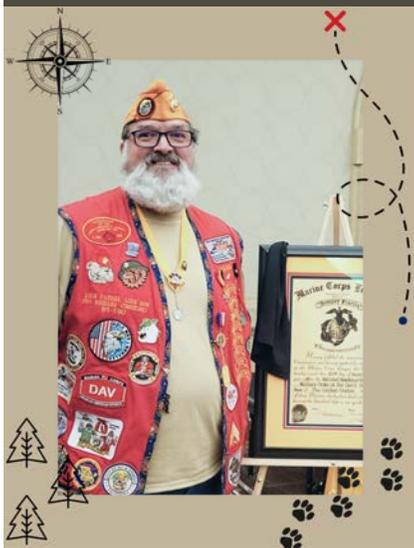
In Closing

The Kennel Management Application continues to fetch improvements, sit up straighter, and roll over unnecessary complexity. Our mission: to make every tail wag a little higher as we make life easier for every Dog—from the greenest Pup to the most seasoned leader.

Stay tuned for more pawsome updates after the Supreme Growl. Until then—keep your paperwork tidy, your tails wagging, and your noses to the ground for what’s next!

– Honorable Data Dog

Kennel Historian: PDD Greg Ciesielski



History. One simple word, one complex activity. So, what does the Historian do? Well, to put it simply, the Historian gathers and stores items related to the MODD that might be historical in the future.

This includes scratchings of Growls, copies of Bylaws, copies of the WOG, various dog tags, patches, passports or anything else created for the MODD. Of course, this is subjective to the current Historian, and what might not seem historic to the next Historian. Either way, the Historian tries to create a broad history of the MODD so that future Dogs might look through it and realize what the MODD was all about in previous years or decades.

The most special items are from the Supreme Growls and the current Chief. This is where most of the work happens, awards are given, changes are made and crazy fun takes place. This is not to diminish the importance of the local Pound or Pack but rarely does the Historian get some of this material. Another event, although fairly new, is the various Gathering of the Dogs. Not specifically sanctioned by the Kennel, these gatherings bridge the gap in getting Dogs together between Supreme Growls and the Mini-Growl held at the Mid-Winter Conference. The 6th Gathering of the Dogs is coming up in October and will be held in Pennsylvania.

One recent artifact acquired is a WWI style helmet. It is painted yellow with red and black text applied. What really adds to this piece is that it is autographed by eight Past Chiefs and a Honorary Chief. Doing some sleuthing, it was created in 2017 at the Supreme Growl in Overland Park, Kansas. This piece was owned by a PDD that lived in Tennessee, moved to Florida, and then moved on to the Supreme Dog House. It was purchased at an estate sale by a former Coastie who had no idea what it was, but it looked “cool.” He then posted an inquiry and photo to the MODD website. Of course, I took immediate action, called him up and explained what the MODD is and does. Then we negotiated a price, and I got it back for the Kennel archives.

Adding this helmet to the Kennel archives is a great piece of historical memorabilia and will be added to the rest of the archives.





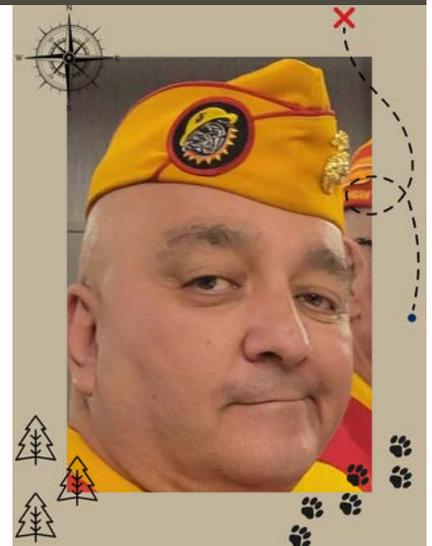
These archives are available to all Dogs of the Order. If you need some historical information for your Pound or Pack, contact me with your question and I will research it for you. My email is: gciesielski2023@gmail.com. Remember, this is what the Kennel Historian does, but it should be the same for all Pounds and Packs. If you have a Historian, that is great! If not, find that special Dog that loves history and get them busy!

Semper Woofing!
PDD Greg Ciesielski
The Honorable Kennel Historian

Central Division: PDD Phil Zamora

Woof Woof Dogs!
It was great seeing so many of our Central Division Dogs at the Mini-Growl in Arlington, Virginia, just a few weeks ago. It was a great time and one of the best Growls this Dog has been to in quite a while.

This past weekend when I wrote this article I visited one of our Packs and had a great time at their Growl. One thing I noticed is that the room was packed with Marine Corps League members but once the Growl started only about a quarter of the room was Dogs of the Order. If you have fellow League members that like to have fun and like helping others then invite them to join the MODD, it is a great time and we do have FUN. Just remember Central Division, have fun at your Growls and make sure your Pounds are in compliance.



For those that did not know, our Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog, PDD Mike Francis, was seriously injured on his way to the National Mid-Winter and has a long road to recovery. Well, I designed his new traveling clothing so next time he has a fall he will bounce back up to his feet.

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

Mideast Division: PDD Omar Jabr



Greetings from your VCDD Mideast Division PDD OMAR JABR...
A BIG speedy recovery BARK to Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Mike Francis.

Reuniting with great brothers and sisters at the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference at Arlington, Virginia, was amazing and rewarding. Seeing a few Dogs from Platoon 6 (2025) at the Conference is a testament to their brotherhood and sisterhood with the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

My MODD season is off to a good start. I attended several zoom meetings and training sessions, installed a new Pound in Virginia, within 30 minutes of their first Growl, they initiated 4 Pups, attended several Pound Growls within the Maryland Pack. Next stop is the amazing Mideast Division Growl...the best show on earth. Other Pack/Pounds Growls to follow.

I asked Kennel Dog Robber, PDD Helen Breen, to host a KMA class at the Mideast Division Conference. The KMA is a friendly tool and a time saver for every Dog Robber. Make every effort to attend.

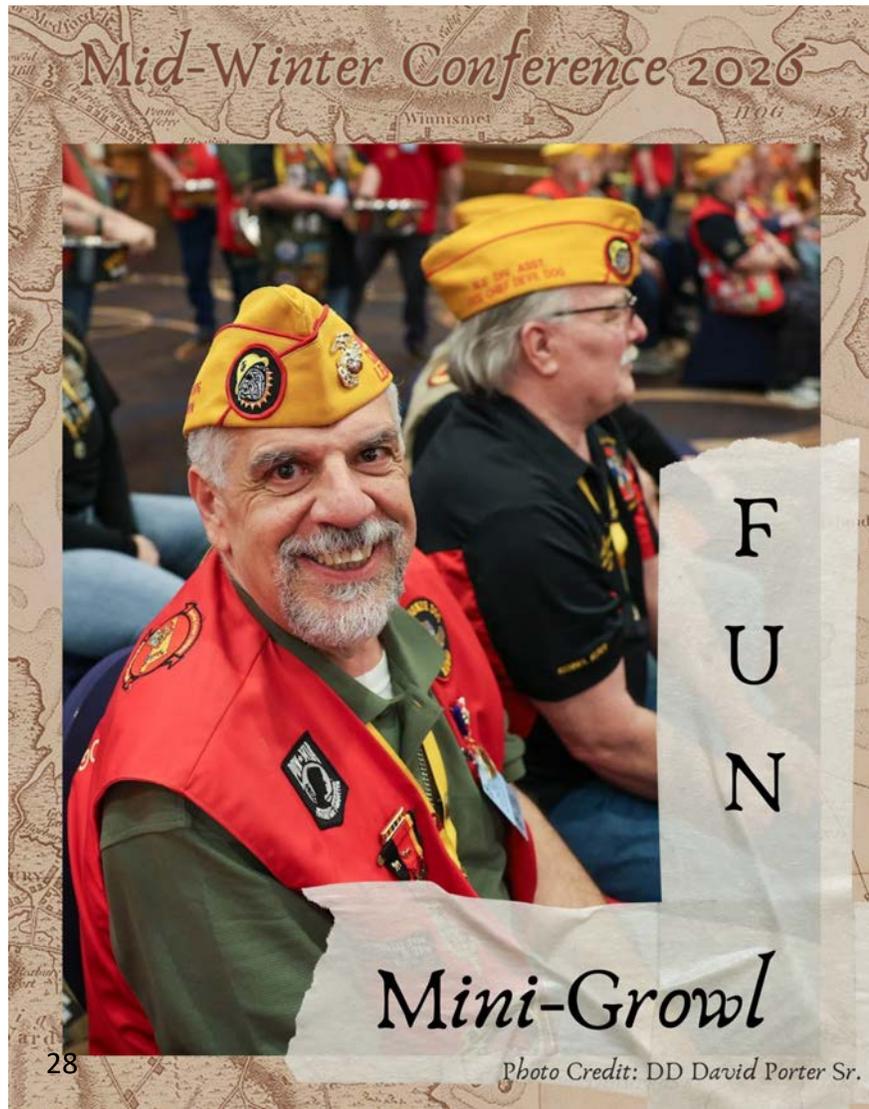
Mideast Division ROIs and 990s are in compliance (a few need minor tweaking). Calendar Year 990 filing is due 15 May and Fiscal Year 990 filing is due 15 Nov. A big shoutout to the Dog Robbers for making my life easy...A beer is in order.

It is not too late to start the Advancement process for the Devil Dogs within your Pounds. Ensure their paperwork is in order. Do not let a minor mistake stop them from advancing.

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

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

Woof Woof!
PDD Omar Jabr, 16-231
Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog
Mideast Division
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
(910) 554-8984



Midwest Division: PDD Kevin Enlow

Woof Woof Dog of the Order!
Spring is upon us! I have just returned from the Mid-Winter Conference in Pentagon City, Virginia. It was an outstanding Growl that our Honorable Chief Devil Dog led. Fun was had by all. I returned home, and the weather started to turn warm. This was a stark contrast to the weekend prior as I visited Minnesota for their Pack Growl. Wholly a different kind of cold for a Dog like myself. I am grateful for the warmer weather.

Our Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog took a spill and was not in attendance for our Conference, please keep him your thoughts Personally, I was a little let down when Chief DeAngelo turned down calling the Honorable Senior Vice Chief so we could all wish him well in the middle of the Growl, but a great time with many Big Bones raised.

Pack Leaders, Pack Dog Robbers, Pound Keepers, and Pound Dog Robbers please feel free to reach out to me with any questions that you may have with any issues or invites for your respective events. I want to continue to encourage Dog Robbers, Pound Keepers and Pack Leaders to acquaint themselves with the KMA if you are not already doing so. Kennel has gone paperless. As the KMA continues to evolve, plans for training are in the works. Let us all do our part to make it a success.

I would like to thank the Midwest Division for staying near 100% compliance. Many tail wags to those who are keeping our Order out of the Dog House.

As I have been traveling though the Division and Kennel, I am proud of the motivated Dogs who are doing great work. I would encourage the continued effort to seek out and recruit motivated members of the League to join our Order.

If I have a schedule conflict or you are just looking for a more attractive Dog to attend your Growls, I would advise reaching out to my Assistant Vice Chiefs: PDD Steve Seyller, PDD Ed Witthar, or PDD Doug Anderson.

Woof Woof!

PDD Kevin Enlow, 13-156

Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog

Midwest Division



Photo Credit: DD David Porter Sr.

New England Division: PDD Patrick McMahon



Woof Woof from ALL of us New England PDDs, Devil Dogs, Pups, and Mongrels (not yet MODD members). We continue to be clustered indoors due to the sometimes brutal New England weather. Our three Packs (Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine) as well as our three stand-alone Pounds (New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont), are for the most part doing well.

There are some in need of continued direct intervention though. I have been working closely with the Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog, PDD Francis, along with the Honorable Compliance Dog, PDD Seyller, in bringing our delinquent Packs and Pounds up to snuff (SHOUT OUT TO THEM BOTH). Even providing as much assistance as possible, some of these wayward Pounds are not salvageable.

The Connecticut Pack has two, engaged active Pounds, #131 and #141 having closed the third Pound #142 recently. Our newest Rhode Island Pound #416 is in much better shape, as is the New Hampshire Pound #159 and the Vermont Pound #249. The Massachusetts Pack recently had a Pound Charter #062 revoked (at their request) with their Dogs transferring to Pound #002 (OG) Massachusetts Pack. Maine Pack has a few administrative issues with their two Pounds, but we are working diligently to get them up to snuff as well.

I continue to travel, but having my dog sled team sidelined, traveling in these New England winters can be challenging. I continue to attend the monthly Honorable Dog Robber Zoom training as well as the monthly Division Vice Chief Devil Dog Zoom training sessions hosted by the Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog.

At every event that I attend, I bark about the good working relationship I have with the NEW National Vice Commandant, Marine Maguire (also a PDD). I encourage all dogs to search out their detachments for worthy mongrels ready to become an elite pup to start their journey within the Fun and Honor society of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs!

And finally, I had the distinct honor and privilege of attending the annual Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame ceremony (held each year in January), in which two of the inductees are Marine Corps League members as well as Military Order of the Devil Dog members; DD Mike Monaco, Pound #131, Connecticut Pack and DD Adele Hodges, Pound #141, Connecticut Pack. Candidates are nominated, not for their military service, but the service to their respective communities once their military service ended.

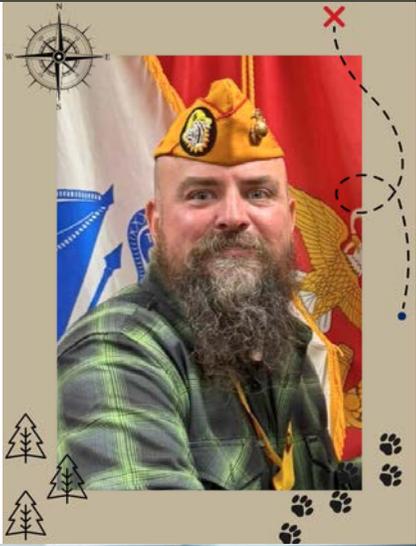
PDD Patrick McMahon
New England Division
Vice Chief Devil Dog
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
vcdmcmahon@gmail.com
860-222-5024

Northeast Division: PDD Jason Hauck

WOOF WOOF!

I want to thank all my Pack Leaders, Pound Keepers, and Pack and Pound Dog Robbers for helping us get the Northeast Division into compliance. We have gotten a lot done and that is great. Great job! Now let us try to grow the Order and make this amazing organization strong and better. As the Honorable Chief has talked about, let us get out there and find some great candidates.

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



Northwest Division: PDD Bonnie Holden



Just returned from Mid-Winter and will be at all the Grand Growls for the Northwest Division.

Kennel is gearing up for the upcoming Supreme Growl and the PDD advancements. If you plan to advance to PDD get your paperwork in ASAP. If it is not received by June 30, 2026, you will not be able to advance in Indianapolis, Indiana, in August 2026.

Pack and Pound Dog Robbers get your ROI up to date. This means a Dog for every position. An elected Dog can hold an appointed position as well as an elected position.

We have a lack of Passport Fees being sent to Kennel which means either no Growls are being held or the Passport Fees are not being forwarded in a timely manner.

Hope to see all that are available at your Conventions and Grand Growls in April, May, and June 2026.

PDD Bonnie Holden
NWDVCDD

Rocky Mountain Division: PDD Joe Meilinger

Woof, Woof my fellow Dogs. As I sit here writing this the winds are howling around 40 to 60 mph. I live in the country so the winds are a little stronger out here.

The Rocky Mountain Division is doing okay. Other than a few ROIs and 990s we are getting along.

The Division Conference is being held in Las Cruces, New Mexico, this year. April 10th through the 12th. All information is on the Rocky Mountain Division website.

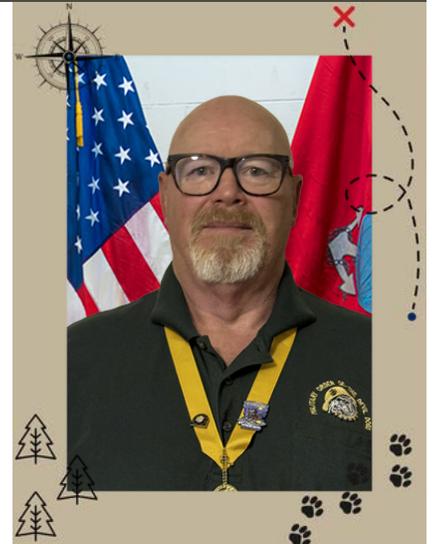
Also in May, is the Department of Colorado Convention to be held in Ft. Collins, Colorado. That information is on the Colorado Department website. Come on out and visit the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

I really do not have a lot to be reporting on at this time. Winter is still here in the Rockies and not a whole lot is going on. We are still waiting on Spring to arrive.

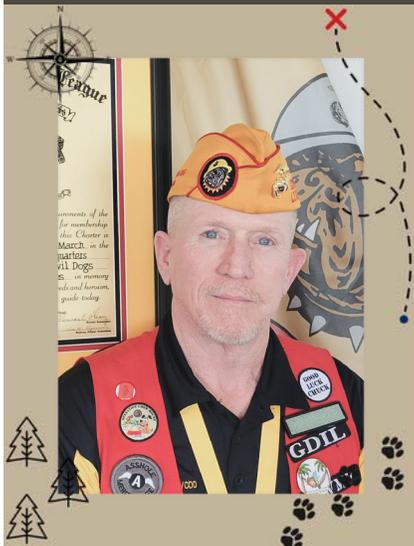
I hope all you Dogs have a great St. Patrick's Day and those that celebrate a very Happy Easter. Hope to see you all at the National Supreme Growl in Indiana!

Woof, Woof & Semper Woofing
PDD Joe Meilinger 14-288
HVCDD RMD

P.S. I did this all without my cue card guy!



Southeast Division: PDD Ricky Pitts



Greetings Everyone!

Since my last article, I was able to attend the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference in Arlington, Virginia, and the Southeast Division Conference in Pooler, Georgia.

Mid-Winter was an incredible event, and I learned a few things from not only Kennel Staff, but also the backbone of the Order...Pack and Pound members and their experiences and events they have attended.

Southeast Division Conference was an awesome time and the Division was honored to have the Honorable 62nd Chief Devil Dog, CDD Joe DeAngelo, and the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, PDD Helen Breen, in attendance with us.

I was able to address the assembly on Saturday afternoon about the MODD and the great things that we do, and I handed our trifold fliers about the Order to all the Department representatives in the Division to pass out to the Non DOG League members in their Departments and

Detachments. I believe that the Order may gain a few new Mongrels over this next year with our combined recruiting efforts and the information in the fliers.

If any of the Pack Leaders have any question from the Pack or Pounds, please feel free to ask anytime. Our Division Staff will be happy to help.

My Assistant Vice Chief Devil Dogs are:

PDD Kevin Ellis in Alabama

PDD John Gionet in Florida

PDD Sammy Marcel in Louisiana

PDD Jim Breen in South Carolina

PDD Bryce West in Tennessee

PDD Cliff Addison in Mississippi

BIG BARKS to my Assistants, Pack Leaders, and Pack Dog Robbers for their diligence in getting our Packs and Pounds in compliance.

WOOF WOOF,

PDD Ricky Pitts

S.E. DVCDD

Southern Division: PDD Audrea Killalea

WOOF WOOF Dogs of the Order!

We have just concluded our Southern Division 2026 Conference, and would like to thank the Texas Pack for hosting the Division Growl. We had a full house, with ten out of thirteen Pounds represented. A large number of Big Bones were collected and redistributed to either the Children's Hospital or the Operation Chow Hound Fund.

Locally, a sizable donation of Big Bones, dog toys, beds, and leashes was given to Baby Gunn Animal Rescue in Hugo, Oklahoma.

The new MODD recruiting trifold booklet was distributed to MCL Detachment and MODD Pound leadership to encourage recruitment. Many members expressed appreciation for the professional appearance of the booklets.

The Southern Division continues to encourage all Dogs to access the Kennel Management Application (KMA) in their role as an Officer of their Pound. You can learn a great deal from every moment spent using KMA. The days of delayed information processing are significantly reduced when we use KMA, so please stay engaged and up to date with its applications.

We hope all Dogs remember to have fun in your Growls and to offer every Dog the opportunity to learn MORE MODD knowledge! We often forget that each of us can use a refresher of all things MODD!

Future Growl dates for your consideration:

Arkansas River Valley Dogs Pound 324, May 29, 2026, Little Rock, Arkansas



Oklahoma Pack Grand Growl, June 12, 2026, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Texas Pack Grand Growl, June 12, 2026, San Marcos, Texas

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



Southwest Division: PDD Juan Pascacio



Woof Woof!

I hope this edition of the *Woof-O-Gram* finds you and your families doing well and enjoying the camaraderie that makes our organization so special. I want to thank each of you for the dedication, hard work, and spirit you bring to your Pounds.

I would like to take a moment to mention again that the Kennel is continuing the hard work of working through the updates to the KMA and ensuring we are fully in compliance with current requirements. As these updates are being completed, I ask for your patience and understanding. These efforts are important to maintaining the integrity of our records and ensuring everything is accurate and up to date for the good of the Order.

If you have questions or need assistance during this process, please do not hesitate to reach out. Start with your Pack Leader as they are your first line of communication. If you are unable to reach them or need additional help, feel free to contact me. Some of you may have already heard from me as we work through these updates. I am always willing to help where I can.

Thank you for everything you do to support your fellow Devil Dogs and the traditions of our Order. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Supreme Growl.

WOOF WOOF,
PDD Pascacio Juan
S/W Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

Barks from Super Chief: 51st PCDD Donald Garland

Woof Bark and Happy month of March to all of you anxious canines waiting for the Leprechaun to Leave a Pot of Gold at the end of your rainbow. I thank you all for all you do to support your communities, the MODD, and the Marine Corps League. My mobile Dog House is being serviced today in preparation for what I hope will be a multitude of trips between now and the Supreme Growl in Indiana. I had to have my medical procedure postponed pending a new cardiac stress test, so I am trying to get out of the driveway here and roam the great USA to visit many of you.

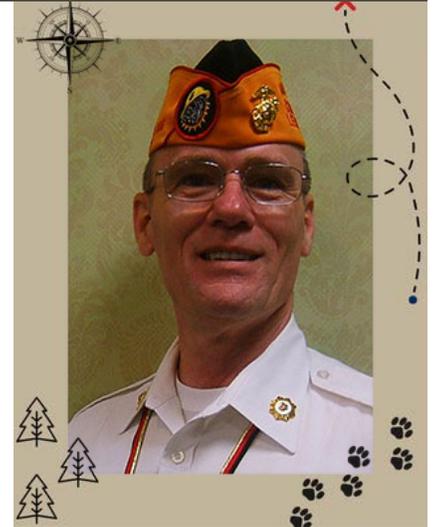
As you read this, I am wondering where spring is. We went from 28 to 80s and 90s within a few days. I look forward to sharing your comradery and friendship as I begin my summer traveling. I will first be helping out with Modern Day Marine 2026, then I get to truly enjoy all the fun we share while visiting all of you at Growls who take time out of your personal lives to make life better for others. If you missed the Mid-Winter, do not fear, it will be in Virginia Beach next year so we can share some of the Hampton Roads Vibe, whatever that is, but that is what they (the local leadership) are calling it.

I hope all of the Dogs in Dogdom are well. With the weather improving with each day, I hope you all, so long as your circumstances permit, think about getting out, off the leash and to Pound Growls, attend a Pack Growl, and make plans to meet in Growl assembled at the Supreme Growl, and the next Gathering of the Dogs.

Make sure if you are out and about, on or off the leash, that you stay safe on the roads. Get out and sniff the bushes for some old members, look them up and check in on them then chase down some of those worthy Marine Corps League members, and invite the ones that are movers and shakers into the Order. We need more members that can be active participants in the Order.

I hope many of you are registered and ready for a howling good time in Indianapolis. I am sure you will find it entertaining and fun, with a little knowledge thrown in for good measure.Woof Bark, the 51st CDD, Don Garland

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102 Year Old WWII Devil Dog Sallie Amato: PDD John Gionet



Orlando, Florida - At 102 years old, Sallie Amato can still recall what it was like to be among the first group of women who enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve during World War II. She is currently a Marine Corps League member of the Cpl Larry E. Smedley Detachment #064 and a Member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs in the Sgt G B Reasner Jr. Pound #124. She is proud and loves the honor of being a member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

"Women have always fought for this country and whenever there is a need we show up," Amato said. "I wanted to be a part of that. All of us. Every American even the youngsters were a part of the survival of this country."

The Marine Corps veteran said she enlisted when she was 20 years old after the government saw there was a need for women.

"When I saw that, 'be a Marine, free a Marine to fight,' I thought: 'Oh! I would love to be in the military band. So, I'm going to enlist,'" Amato said. "I loved the marching bands and the marches especially in the military marches." After she enlisted, Amato enrolled in the field music school where she learned how to play the bugle.

"It was different during that time because of our national emergency. So I always say I helped to win the war with a bugle," she said.

The Virginia native said she spent 16 months at Camp LeJeune in North Carolina where she memorized several bugle calls.

"I'm so proud that I had that duty because every day I was able to sound the bugle calls," she said. "I think there might have been 90 bugle calls and there was a book and of course I was told which ones would be for active duty."

She played reveille and retreat--which indicates those who are outdoors should stop their activities and turn toward the flag.





As she looked back on her three years in the Marines, Amato said, “it’s also important for women to recognize what they are capable of.”

“Women have always fought along to make our country free to develop America. And when there is a challenge, we need to be sure that there is a place for us in that challenge,” she said.

And a good challenge is what she enjoys, she said. Her most recent one was Covid-19. In June of 2020, she contracted the virus that kept her hospitalized for six weeks.

“Oh, I’m a survivor... I love challenges and when you asked would I like to do this, I said: ‘Sure! Yes!’ I’m very proud and I’m so proud to be a Marine.”

DD Amato’s Advancement at the Florida Pack Growl



Photo Credits: DD David Porter Sr

ROI Status Update as of March 28, 2026



Not Submitted

- CA/240
- CO/180
- FL/192
- FL/362
- FL/415
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- IL/226
- IL/384
- KY/341
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- NM/203

Submitted, but have issues/errors



PACKS

CO, ME, MT, NM, NV, NY



POUNDS

AL/417	GA/364	NY/283
AZ/112	GA/414	PA/019
CA/323	IL/399	PA/038
CA/325	IN/121	PA/188
CA/389	IN/381	SC/228
CA/413	KS/196	TN/155
CO/392	ME/255	TN/405
FL/230	NC/319	TX/199
FL/298	NC/327	VA/418
FL/377	NY/134	WA/225
GA/364	NY/283	WA/400

Per Kennel Bylaws Sections 218(C) and Section 319(C), Notification of Pounds and Packs without an Installation Report must appear in the Spring Edition of the WOOF-O-GRAM.

TENTATIVE GATHERING SCHEDULE

Thursday, 22 October:

- 1600 - 2300 Travel/Hospitality Social
- 1600 - 1800 Check-In and Passport Stamping
- 1800-TBD Carpool to Shady Maple Smorgasbord (Largest Buffet in the US)
- 1800 - 2330 Hospitality Suite Open

Friday, 23 October:

- 0900 - 1100 Welcome/Workshops**
- 0900 - 0915 Welcome from PA Pack Leader PDD Ed Erb. Introduction of PA Pack Staff and barks from CDD Joe DeAngelo
- 0915 - 1000 IRS 990 - PDD Jacob Bertin
- 1000 - 1100 Introduction to ZEFFY.com - Instructor TBD
- 1000 - 1300 Lunch on your own
- 1300 - 1600 Workshops/Activities**
- 1300 - 1330 Initiations and Mad Dog Responsibilities - Instructor TBD
- 1340 - 1410 How to Run a Growl - PDD Bonnie Shaw
- 1430 - 1600 Tour of the Classic Auto Mall
- 1600 - 1800 Free Roaming and PA Chow Fest
- 1800 - 2330 Hospitality Suite Open

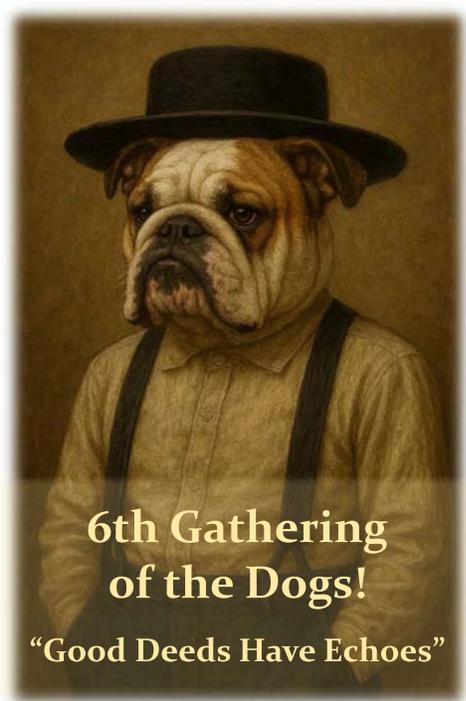
Saturday, 24 October:

- 0900 - 1100 Workshops**
- 0900 - 0930 History of the MODD & Traditions - Instructor TBD
- 0930 - 1030 Website & Social Media - Instructor TBD
- 1030 - 1130 KMA - Instructor TBD
- 1130 - 1300 Lunch on your own
- 1300 - 1700 Personal Time/Optional Carpool to Weaver's Orchard**
- 1730 - 1800 Presentation of Colors and Barking from Chief Devil Dog PDD Joe DeAngelo
- 1800 - TBD Growl Assembled
- 1800 - 2100 Banquet/Live Auction/Presentations

Sunday, 25 October:

- 0900 - 1100 Check-Out/Goodbyes

-Classes & Instructors Subject to Change -
 Guests Are Welcome to Attend All Events, Except the Growl-



**6th Gathering
of the Dogs!**
 "Good Deeds Have Echoes"

22-25 October 2026

Holiday Inn - Morgantown PA

Extended Rate Reservations available
20 through 27 October



The 6th Gathering of the Dogs will take place in Morgantown, PA at the Holiday Inn. Your host will be the Pack of Pennsylvania lead by the Worthy Pack Leader Ed Erb. We look forward to seeing many Dogs of the Order from across the country. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the MODD and/or enjoy a more relaxed get-together.

Our Hotel reservations are currently set for 42 rooms, but more can be added as needed **before** the deadline. The Room rate is \$129, with Suites being \$159. Taxes and Fees extra. The rate includes a hot/cold food buffet with made-to-order omelets. Once reservations are open, the discounted room rate **deadline is Oct 8th**. After that date, rates will increase. The discount rate will extend from 20 October to 27 October, for early birds and late leavers.

Features include Fitness Center, Indoor Pool, Bar and onsite Gasoline Ally Bar & Grill. For the walkers in the group, the distance around the hotel and the Auto Mall together is about 3/4 of a mile, so 4 laps would be approximately 3 miles.

Parking is FREE with plenty of parking for RV's and Buses. This is a Pet-Friendly Hotel with a fee. Laundry facilities onsite as well.

The hotel is attached to the Classic Auto Mall with many restaurants and businesses within five miles and some within walking distance of the hotel. There is a Wine and Spirits Shop and Beer distributor less than two miles away.



We will be allowed plug-ins, outside food, and "drink" in the hospitality room.

Bring your Halloween costumes for the Growl-O-Ween Costume Growl on Oct 24th.

The first 50 rooms to register with the hotel will receive a "goody bag" upon arrival. Shirts, Coins, Patches, etc. will be available for purchase before the Gathering.

Reservations can now be made in 3 different ways...QR Code with your Smart Phone, by Phone, or the direct Hotel Website link below.

Phone: Code **GD1**. When calling the hotel dial 610-286-3000 and press "0".

[Holiday Inn Reservations Link!](#)



Your Pennsylvania Pack looks forward to hosting you during this event! See you there!

Dec 8, 2025

From: PDD Jon Morgan

To: Honorable Kennel Smart Dog

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws – *Enclosure 1 – Kennel Awards*

Ref: MODD Kennel Bylaws Article XIII, Section 1301; Enclosure 1 – Kennel Awards

PROPOSED:

This proposal adds six (6) new MODD staff recognition awards—three for elected service and three for appointed service at the Pound, Pack, and Kennel levels. These awards shall be inserted immediately following the Past Pound Keeper Medal, and all subsequent awards shall be renumbered accordingly.

CURRENT WORDING:

There is no current wording.

CHANGE TO READ:

Insert the following new awards into Enclosure 1 – Kennel Awards under the corresponding Past Officer Medals, as listed below.

PLACED AFTER:

Past Chief Devil Dog Medal (See Note 2)

- Medal: bronze cross on white ribbon with gold, red, black stripes in the center.
- Ribbon: white with gold, red, black stripes in the center (ordered to wearer’s right).
- Awarded to Chief Devil Dogs upon completion of a term of office.

ADD:

MODD Kennel Staff Elected Ribbon (See Note 2)



- Ribbon: yellow, red, black, wide yellow center stripe, black, red, yellow.
- Eligibility: awarded to Kennel officers upon being duly elected to each term of office.
- Performance Period: upon being duly elected into office.

- Wear: worn upon completion of a term of office.

MODD Kennel Staff Appointed Ribbon (See Note 2)



- Ribbon: red, black, wide yellow center stripe, black, red.
- Eligibility: awarded to MODD Kennel staff appointed to their respective positions.
- Performance Period: upon completion of a term of office.
- Additional Guidance:
 - Subsequent awards may be presented for subsequent years of elected service.
 - If appointed to more than one Kennel office within a year, only one ribbon is authorized.

PLACED AFTER:

Past Pack Leader Medal (See Note 2)

- Medal: bronze cross on ribbon with wide gold center stripe.
- Ribbon: red with wide gold center stripe.
- Awarded to Pack Leaders upon completion of a term of office.

ADD:

MODD Pack Staff Elected Ribbon (See Note 2)



- Ribbon: black, red, yellow, wide red center stripe, yellow, red, black.
- Eligibility: awarded to Pack officers upon being duly elected to each term of office.
- Performance Period: upon being duly elected into office.
- Wear: worn upon completion of a term of office.

MODD Pack Staff Appointed Ribbon (See Note 2)



- Ribbon: Yellow, black, wide red center stripe, black, yellow.
- Eligibility: awarded to MODD Pack staff appointed to their respective positions.

- Performance Period: upon completion of a term of office.
- Additional Guidance:
 - Subsequent awards may be presented for subsequent years of elected service.
 - If appointed to more than one Pack office within a year, only one ribbon is authorized.

PLACED AFTER:

Past Pound Keeper Medal (See Note 2)

- Medal: bronze cross on ribbon with equal red, gold, and black stripes.
- Ribbon: red, gold, and black stripes (worn with red to wearer’s right).
- Awarded to Pound Keepers upon completion of a term of office.

ADD:

MODD Pound Staff Elected Ribbon (See Note 2)



- Ribbon: black, red, yellow, wide black center stripe, yellow, red, black.
- Eligibility: awarded to Pound officers upon being duly elected to each term of office.
- Performance Period: upon being duly elected into office.
- Wear: worn upon completion of a term of office.

MODD Pound Staff Appointed Ribbon (See Note 2)



- Ribbon: yellow, red, wide black center stripe, red, yellow.
- Eligibility: awarded to MODD Pound staff appointed to their respective positions.
- Performance Period: upon completion of a term of office.
- Additional Guidance:
 - Subsequent awards may be presented for subsequent years of elected service.
 - If appointed to more than one Pound office within a year, only one ribbon is authorized.

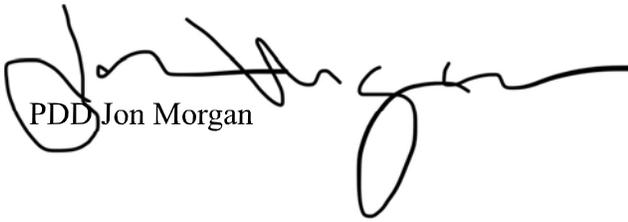
RATIONALE:

The MODD Pound, Pack, and Kennel Staff Elected and Appointed ribbons are established to recognize those MODD members who serve in various leadership roles within their respective Pound, Pack, and Kennel. Their creation and criteria follow the same protocols as the Marine Corps League (MCL) Detachment Staff Elected and Appointed, MCL Department Staff Elected and Appointed, and MCL National Staff Elected and Appointed medals.

CONTINGENCY:

This bylaw amendment shall take effect only upon approval by the Marine Corps League of the corresponding ribbon additions within the Marine Corps League Administrative Procedures. If the Marine Corps League does not approve the related ribbon devices or award categories, this section shall remain inactive and unenforceable until such approval is granted.

Respectfully Submitted,


PDD Jon Morgan



PDD Chuck Covert
Kennel Smart Dog
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
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January 8th, 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article IV, Section 417 (Kennel Awards)

Current Wording:

Section 417.5 – Nominations – Kennel

- a. A proposed candidate shall be a Dog of integrity, principles and who has contributed to the MODD.
- b. Each candidate must be a member in good standing of the MCL and the MODD.

Section 417.6 – Submissions

- a. A Letter of Nomination for the Kennel Dog of the Year award must be submitted in the following manner.
 1. Letters of nomination will only be accepted from a Pound.
 2. Exceptions – In the event that a Pound fails to submit a nomination; any three (3) Pedigreed Devil Dogs may submit a nominee.
 3. All Letters of Nomination shall contain a statement of certification from the Pound Keeper and Pound Dog Robber.
 4. Once the Letter of Nomination is submitted, it becomes the exclusive property of the Kennel Dog of the Year Committee.
 5. Letters of Nomination shall be typewritten, signed, sealed, and submitted as prescribed herein.
 6. Delivery instructions and deadlines as specified herein.
- b. The Society will not accept any nomination which was not submitted and/or received as is stipulated herein.

Section 417.7 – Selection Process

- a. The Chairperson of the Committee shall ensure that a current copy of the Kennel Bylaws is present during deliberations.
- b. No member of the Committee may reveal information regarding nominees or deliberations.
- c. The method of judging nominations shall be a majority vote of the Committee.

Section 417.8 – Awards

- a. The presentation to the selectee (Pound, Pack, and Kennel) shall consist of the awards currently available through the Kennel Quartermaster. Pounds and Packs shall purchase their awards from that Officer.

The Kennel Dog of the Year Award shall be purchased from the Kennel Quartermaster's account and retained by that Officer until the award is to be made.

Section 417.9 – Time and Place of Awards

- a. Pounds and Packs shall establish their own timetable for presentations.

The Kennel Dog of the Year Award shall be presented by the Kennel Dog of the Year Society at the Grand Banquet of the MCL National Convention.

Proposed Wording:

1. Removal of Entire Subsections

Sections 417.5, 417.6, and 417.7 are removed in their entirety from the Kennel Bylaws.

2. Amendment of Remaining Subsections

Section 417.8 – Awards

Section 417.8 is amended to read as follows:

- a. The presentation to the selectee (Pound and Pack) shall consist of the awards currently available through the Kennel Quartermaster. Pounds and Packs shall purchase their awards from that Officer.

Section 417.9 – Time and Place of Awards

Section 417.9 is amended to read as follows:

- a. Pounds and Packs shall establish their own timetable for presentations.

3. Addition of New Subsection – Standard Operating Procedure

Add a new subsection to Section 417 as follows:

417.10 – Standard Operating Procedure

The nomination and selection process for the Kennel Dog of the Year shall be governed by a Standard Operating Procedure adopted by the Kennel Dog of the Year Committee. The Standard Operating Procedure may be amended by the Committee, subject to approval by the Kennel Board.

4. Standard Operating Procedure Attachment

The Kennel Dog of the Year Standard Operating Procedure governing nominations and selection is attached to this proposal for reference and shall be maintained on the Kennel website under the Publications tab. Adoption of this amendment recognizes the existence of the Standard Operating Procedure and authorizes its use and future amendment as provided in Section 417.10.

Rationale:

This amendment removes Kennel-level nomination, submission, selection, and presentation procedures from the Kennel Bylaws while retaining Pound and Pack authority for awards.

The change clarifies that the Kennel Bylaws establish governance and authority, while administrative detail is maintained through a separate Standard Operating Procedure. This structure improves clarity, reduces duplication, and allows procedural updates without further bylaw amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Covert

PDD Chuck Covert 14-378

Kennel Smart Dog



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December 7th, 2025

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article IV, Section 417 (Kennel Awards)

CURRENT WORDING:

(Excerpt from Section 417, as currently written)

Section 417: Kennel Awards

B. Guidelines – Dog of the Year Awards:

1. Qualifications and/or Eligibility – *(no change)*
2. Pounds – *(no change)*
3. Packs – *(no change)*
4. Kennel: Kennel Dog of the Year Committee – *(currently numbered #4)*
5. Nominations – Kennel
6. Submissions
7. Selection Process
8. Awards
9. Time and Place of Awards

*(There is presently **no Division-level Dog of the Year.**)*

PROPOSED WORDING:

Insert the following as new Section 417.B.4 and renumber the existing Sections 417.B.4 through 417.B.9 down by one (4 → 5, 5 → 6, 6 → 7, 7 → 8, 8 → 9, 9 → 10):

4. Division – Each Division may select a Division Dog of the Year according to its established criteria from candidates submitted by the Pounds within its jurisdiction. The Division selection process shall be guided by subparagraph 1. Only Pedigreed Devil Dogs may be selected as a Division Dog of the Year. The Division Dog of the Year. In all cases, ONLY the Pound may make nominations for Division Dog of the Year. Only one (1) nomination per Pound per year is permitted.

Contingency Clause:

If this Bylaw amendment is approved by the Military Order of the Devil Dogs but the Marine Corps League does not approve a corresponding ribbon device, then no official ribbon shall be authorized for the Division Dog of the Year Award. If, at a later time, the Marine Corps League approves the related Administrative Procedure change authorizing the ribbon device, this clause shall be automatically removed from the Bylaws without further amendment.

RATIONALE:

The addition of the Division Dog of the Year creates consistency within the awards structure (Pound → Pack → Division → Kennel). It appropriately recognizes Dogs whose service and contributions occur at the Division level and prepares candidates who may advance for Kennel-level consideration. Requiring nomination exclusively through the Pound maintains uniformity with all other Dog of the Year submissions. Renumbering is required for proper organization and clarity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Covert

PDD Chuck Covert 14-378

Kennel Smart Dog



Marine Corps League Military Order of the Devil Dogs

August 25, 2025

From: PDD Ray Sturm
Hound Dog Pound 204
Maryland Pack

To: Honorable Kennel Smart Dog
Bylaw Committee Members

Subj: Amendment to Kennel Bylaw Article IV, Section 408, Paragraph A.5. - Eligibility to Hold Office

Ref: (1) Kennel Bylaws Section 408, Paragraph A 5
(2) Kennel Bylaws Section 1301, Method of Amending

Attachments

A. Possible examples

In accordance with Reference (2), the following is submitted.

Section 408: Eligibility to Hold Office, Paragraph A 5.

Currently reads:

They must be present at the session of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at which their name is presented in nomination.

Change to:

They must be present at the session of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at which their name is presented in nomination, **unless an exigent circumstance exists that prevents their attendance.**

Add: **5(a) The term "be present" is defined as either physical or virtual presence.**

Add: **5(b) Prior to the opening of the Supreme Growl the Chief Devil Dog, or senior presiding officer, shall unilaterally determine whether an exigent circumstance exists that prohibits the physical presence of a nominee.**

Rationale:

Times change. From the signing of our Charter in 1937 to 2020, present meant being physically in the room. The COVID crisis changed that. The MCL, Kennel, and nearly every business and school system acknowledged the need for, and accepted, virtual presence as the norm. Criminal courts even allow a

defendant's Initial Appearance to be held virtually before a judge or magistrate. The point is, virtual presence is well established and is here to stay.

Technology exists to attend remotely. MCL meetings and Pack and Pound Growls are routinely streamed so their members can be present. A simple laptop, tablet, or smartphone and an internet connection are all that is required for even a non-tech savvy individual to be present and participate in meetings and Growls. Just click the link.

However, this is in no way meant to create a "dodge" for a Dog who simply does not want to attend a convention or Supreme Growl. It is fully expected that the Kennel leadership be present at the convention and Supreme Growl, especially if receiving a stipend to be there.

This amendment allows the Kennel leadership to show empathy and exercise flexibility with regards to a situation beyond a nominee's control.

Respectfully submitted,



Ray Sturm

PDD 11-328

Honorable Deputy Kennel Executive Director

Honorable Deputy Mad Dog

MODD Liaison to the MCL Board of Trustees

Attachment A.

Possible examples:

What if the Dog is present at the national convention, and falls down a flight of stairs on the way to the Supreme Growl? The Dog is now at the hospital.

What if the Dog gets food poisoning from the convention breakfast and can't leave its room?

What if the Dog is at the convention and gets called to a family or work emergency?

What if the Dog fully intended to attend but was prevented so by a family, work, or medical issue?

What if the Dog needs to attend a funeral or preplanned wedding?

In each of these scenarios the Dog in question could possibly be granted the privilege of attending virtually through a remote connection. We constantly say, "family first." This is an opportunity to walk the walk.

March 8, 2026

From: PDD Raymond Sturm, Deputy Kennel Executive Director

To: MODD Kennel Bylaws Committee

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws, Article IV, Section 410 Paragraph D(5)

In accordance with MODD Constitution and Bylaws (Revised 2023), Article IV, Section 403 and Article XIII, Section 1301 the following is submitted for consideration.

Proposed bylaw changes to Section 410: Nomination / Election / Installation / Tenure

Section 410: D Tenure 5

CURRENT:

The Honorable Chief Devil Dog may succeed himself/herself for one (1) consecutive term of office.

PROPOSED:

Section 410: Nomination / Election / Installation / Tenure.

D Tenure. 5.

The Honorable Chief Devil Dog may be elected to no more than two (2) terms.

RATIONALE:

This wording would allow the Honorable Chief Devil Dog to complete the term of his/her predecessor and still be elected to two terms.

The wording specifically allows for split terms of office in the event the Honorable Chief Devil Dog is unable to serve consecutive terms due to health or other reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Sturm', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Raymond Sturm
Deputy Kennel Executive Director



Date: 15 March 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

From: Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen on behalf of the Kennel Finance Committee

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

BYLAWS ARTICLE XII: GENERAL

Existing Wording:

Section 1209: Life Memberships

A. Kennel

1. At the conclusion of their full term of office, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable Dog Robber shall be given a Kennel life membership, including the waiver of Kennel, Pack and Pound membership dues and registration fees at any Growl of any unit of the MODD.

B. Pack

1. The Pack is authorized, by appropriate action, to grant to any Worthy Pack Leader and any Worthy Dog Robber, at the conclusion of their full term of office, an honorary life membership in the Pack, providing the pack shall pay the Kennel membership dues of the Officer so being honored. Appropriate action of the Pack shall determine the waiver of the Pack and Pound membership dues.

C. Pound

1. The Pound is authorized, by appropriate action, to grant to any Pound Keeper and any Pound Dog Robber, at the conclusion of their full term of office, an honorary life membership in the Pound, with appropriate action by the Pound as to the payment of Kennel, Pack and Pound membership dues of the Officer being honored.

D. Limitation

1. Any life membership in the Kennel and honorary life memberships in the Pack and Pound shall remain in force and effect so long as the recipient remains in good standing in the MODD and the MCL.

E. PLMs shall be made available at a cost of \$150.00 each for those members of the MODD who are up to and including age 60 years, and for \$125.00 for those members who are age 61 years and above. All applicants shall meet the following criteria. NOTE: Because the PLM is classified as dues (Section 104), the current flat rate of \$100.00 will remain in effect until the close of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel in 2005 and the increase shall become effective at that time.

1. The member shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog, shall be a PLM of the MCL, and shall have no outstanding obligations to either the MODD or the MCL.

2. Life Memberships in the MODD are to be transmitted to the Honorable Dog Robber.

3. The transmittal of PLMs shall be the responsibility of the Pound, via the Pack, to the Honorable Dog Robber. Pounds in states having no established Pack shall transmit directly to the Kennel.

4. A MODD Life Member Number, Permanent metal PLM plates and cardboard type membership cards will be issued to the Pedigreed Devil Dog only at the time of their original transmittal. A single

Life Member number shall be issued, regardless of the number of Pounds a member may be a Life Member of.

5. Life Membership applies only to the Pound to which it is paid. Should a member wish to be a Life Member in more than one Pound, PLM fees must be paid for each Pound. Pedigreed Devil Dogs holding PLM status in the MODD are exempt from future Kennel, Pack, and Pound membership dues in that Pound.

Updated Wording:

Section 1209: Life Memberships

A. **MOVED FROM PARAGRAPH E TO A:** To be eligible for a Life Membership in the MODD, the member shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog, shall be a Paid Life Member of the Marine Corps League, and shall have no outstanding obligations to either the MODD or MCL.

1. **MOVED FROM PARAGRAPH E (4):** A MODD Life Member Number ~~Permanent metal PLM plates~~ and cardboard type membership cards will be issued to the Pedigreed Devil Dog only at the time of their original transmittal. A single Life Member number shall be issued, regardless of the number of Pounds a member may be a Life Member of.

2. **STRIKE – REDUNDANT** ~~Life Memberships in the MODD are to be transmitted to the Honorable Dog Robber.~~

NEW 2. MOVED FROM PARAGRAPH E (3): The transmittal of PLMs shall be the responsibility of the Pound, via the Pack, to the Honorable Dog Robber. Pounds in states having no established Pack shall transmit directly to the Kennel.

NEW 3. MOVED FROM PARAGRAPH E (5) / REWORDED: Life Membership applies only to the Pound where it is purchased. A member who wishes to hold Life Membership in more than one Pound must pay the PLM fee for each Pound. Pedigreed Devil Dogs who hold Life Membership in a Pound are exempt from future Kennel, Pack, and Pound membership dues for that Pound.

B. **MOVED FROM PARAGRAPH E TO B:** Paid Life Memberships shall be made available at a cost of **\$225.00** for members of the MODD up to and including up to and including 60 years of age, and **\$200.00** for members age 61 years and older. All applicants shall meet the eligibility criteria established in this Section. Because the PLM is classified as dues under Section 104 of these Bylaws, the new rates shall become effective upon approval at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel and shall remain in force until amended by proper authority.

~~A.~~ **C. (PREVIOUSLY A) - Kennel**

1. At the conclusion of their full term of office, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable Dog Robber shall be given a Kennel life membership, including the waiver of Kennel, Pack and Pound membership dues and registration fees at any Growl of any unit of the MODD.

~~B.~~ **D. (PREVIOUSLY B) - Pack**

1. The Pack is authorized, by appropriate action, to grant to any Worthy Pack Leader and any Worthy Dog Robber, at the conclusion of their full term of office, an honorary life membership in the Pack, providing

the pack shall pay the Kennel membership dues of the Officer so being honored. Appropriate action of the Pack shall determine the waiver of the Pack and Pound membership dues.

~~E.~~ **E. (PREVIOUSLY C)** - Pound

1. The Pound is authorized, by appropriate action, to grant to any Pound Keeper and any Pound Dog Robber, at the conclusion of their full term of office, an honorary life membership in the Pound, with appropriate action by the Pound as to the payment of Kennel, Pack and Pound membership dues of the Officer being honored.

~~F.~~ **F. (PREVIOUSLY D)** Limitation

1. Any life membership in the Kennel and honorary life memberships in the Pack and Pound shall remain in force and effect so long as the recipient remains in good standing in the MODD and the MCL.

Rationale:

1. Reorganization of the section puts the “important” information for the membership at the top – the requirements and the amounts of Life Membership Dues.
2. Life Membership Dues have been at the same cost since at least 2004-2005. As of the date of this amendment submission, Life Members make up 39.1% of the Kennel. Fiscal analysis of veteran organizations indicates that when Life Membership exceeds 40%, recurring annual dues revenue declines to unsustainable levels.

Increasing the Life Membership dues restores balance between one-time Life Member payments and ongoing annual dues contributions. This adjustment helps maintain operational funding, offsets inflation since the last increase, and supports the long-term fiscal health and viability of the Kennel.

Respectfully Submitted,



PDD Helen Breen 18-305
Honorable Dog Robber



Date: 15 March 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

From: Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

BYLAW ENCLOSURE 1 – KENNEL AWARDS

Existing Wording:

Note 3:

As voting members of the Kennel Awards Committee, the Kennel Dog Robber and Kennel Executive Director will be asked to provide supporting data attesting to the quality of reports submitted by nominees for the above award letters of nomination in sealed envelopes marked for either "Pack Dog Robber of the Year" or "Pound Dog Robber of the Year" must be received by registered USMail or email to the Kennel Executive Director by close of business 1 June prior to the Supreme Growl. Winners will be announced at the Supreme Growl.

Updated Wording:

Note 3:

All nominations for Pound or Pack Dog Robber of the Year shall be submitted to the Kennel Executive Director via email with the subject line "Pack Dog Robber of the Year Nomination" or "Pound Dog Robber of the Year Nomination" no later than midnight EST June 1 preceding the Supreme Growl. The Kennel Dog Robber and Kennel Executive Director shall provide supporting verification of the nominees' performance data. Winners will be announced at the Supreme Growl.

Rationale:

This amendment modernizes the submission process for Dog Robber of the Year and related Kennel Award nominations by removing outdated mailing and email requirements. This change eliminates reliance on postal mail and individual email submissions, both of which are prone to delay, loss, or limited tracking capability. Modernizing the process ensures accurate receipt, confirmation, and recordkeeping of nominations; enhances fairness; and aligns award administration with current Kennel digital procedures and security standards.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Honorable Dog Robber



Date: 15 March 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

From: Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

BYLAWS ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Existing Wording:

Section 101: Eligibility

C. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Pup in the MODD must comply with all the following conditions and requirements:

1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A of this section.
2. Fully complete and sign their application for membership form, in triplicate, on official forms for election and initiation to the degree of Pup.
3. Certify that they have been a member of the MCL, for at least one (1) full year.
4. Exhibit their current year MCL membership card.
5. Be sponsored by two members of the MODD having the degree of Devil Dog and/or Pedigreed Devil Dog.
6. In the appropriate section of the application, the Commandant of the Detachment must list the specific accomplishments the candidate has performed in the interest of the MCL and the Detachment that supports the recommendation,
7. Accompany their application with the required years membership dues in the MODD, and also any required election fee.
8. After filing a valid application with the Pound Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Growl of the Pound, next, following the Growl at which the application was read. The Pound Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the application the disposition thereof over their signature and retain the Pound copy of the application and supporting papers in the Pound files and forward the other copies to the Pack Dog Robber and to the Honorable Dog Robber.

D. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Devil Dog in the MODD must comply with all the following conditions and requirements: 1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A of this section.

2. Fully complete and sign an application in triplicate on official forms, for election, obligation and initiation to the degree of Devil Dog.
3. Certify that they have been a member of the MCL for at least two (2) full years.
4. Exhibit their current year MCL membership card.
5. Attach to their application a letter from the Pound Dog Robber and/or Pound Keeper of their Pound certifying that the candidate has served as a faithful Pup for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months.
6. Accompany their application with any required election fee.
7. After filing a valid application with the Pack Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Growl of the Pack or the Grand Growl of the Pack. The Pack Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the

application the disposition thereof over their signature and retain the Pack copy and forward a copy of the application to the member's Pound Dog Robber and to the Honorable Dog Robber.

E. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog in the MODD must comply with all the following requirements and conditions: 1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A of this section.

2. Fully complete and sign their application in triplicate on official forms, for election, obligation, and initiation to the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog.

3. Certify that they have been a member of the MCL for at least three (3) full years.

4. Exhibit their current year's MCL and the MODD membership cards.

5. Attach to their application a letter from the Pound Dog Robber and/or Pound Keeper of their Pound certifying that the candidate has served as a faithful Devil Dog for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months.

6. Accompany their application with any required election fee.

7. After filing a valid application with the Honorable Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. The Honorable Dog Robber shall note, on all copies of the application, the disposition thereof over their signature; retain the original application and forward copies

Updated Wording:

Section 101: Eligibility

C. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Pup in the MODD must comply with all the following conditions and requirements:

1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A of this section.

2. Fully complete and sign their application for membership form, ~~in triplicate~~, on ~~the Kennel Management Application official forms~~ for election and initiation to the degree of Pup.

3. Certify that they ~~are currently a member in good standing with the MCL, and have been a maintained continuous~~ membership for at least one (1) full year.

~~4. Exhibit their current year MCL membership card.~~

5. ~~4.~~ Be sponsored by two members of the MODD having the degree of Devil Dog and/or Pedigreed Devil Dog.

~~6. In the appropriate section of the application, the Commandant of the Detachment must list the specific accomplishments the candidate has performed in the interest of the MCL and the Detachment that supports the recommendation;~~

7. ~~5.~~ Accompany their application with the required years membership dues in the MODD, and also any required election fee.

8. ~~6.~~ After filing a valid application with the Pound Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Growl of the Pound, next, following the Growl at which the application was read. The Pound Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the application the disposition thereof over their signature and retain the Pound copy of the application and supporting papers in the Pound files and forward the other copies to the Pack Dog Robber and to the Honorable Dog Robber. After a valid application is filed with the Pound Dog Robber, it shall be voted on at the next Growl of the Pound following the Growl in which it was first read. Upon completion of the initiation of new members, the Pound Dog Robber will complete all applications and submit them to the Kennel Management Application and maintain the Pound's copy with all supporting documents in the Pound's records.

D. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Devil Dog in the MODD must comply with all the following conditions and requirements:

1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A of this section.
2. Fully complete and sign an application ~~in triplicate~~ on the **Kennel Management Application official forms**, for election, obligation and initiation to the degree of Devil Dog.
3. Certify that they **are currently a member in good standing with the MCL, and have been a maintained continuous** membership for at least two (2) full years.
- ~~4. Exhibit their current year MCL membership card.~~
- ~~5. Attach to their application a letter from the Pound Dog Robber and/or Pound Keeper of their Pound certifying that the candidate has served as a faithful Pup for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months.~~
6. **4.** Accompany their application with any required election fee.
7. ~~5. After filing a valid application with the Pack Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Growl of the Pack or the Grand Growl of the Pack. The Pack Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the application the disposition thereof over their signature and retain the Pack copy and forward a copy of the application to the member's Pound Dog Robber and to the Honorable Dog Robber.~~
After the initiation ceremony, the Pack Dog Robber will complete the application on the Kennel Management Application and maintain the Pack's copy with all supporting documents in the Pack's records.

E. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog in the MODD must comply with all the following requirements and conditions:

1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A of this section.
2. Fully complete and sign their application ~~in triplicate~~ on the **Kennel Management Application**, for election, obligation, and initiation to the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog.
3. Certify that they **are currently a member in good standing with the MCL, and have been a maintained continuous** membership for at least three (3) full years.
- ~~4. Exhibit their current year's MCL and the MODD membership cards.~~
- ~~5. Attach to their application a letter from the Pound Dog Robber and/or Pound Keeper of their Pound certifying that the candidate has served as a faithful Devil Dog for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months.~~
6. Accompany their application with any required election fee.
~~After filing a valid application with the Honorable Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.~~ **After the initiation ceremony, the Kennel Dog Robber will complete the application on the Kennel Management Application and maintain the Pack's copy with all supporting documents in the Kennel's records.**

Rationale:

This amendment updates the processes for submission of advancement applications.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen M Breen

PDD Helen Breen 18-305
Honorable Dog Robber



Date: 15 March 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

From: Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

BYLAWS ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Existing Wording:

Section 105: Forwarding Membership Dues

Updated Wording:

Section 101: Eligibility

C. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Pup in the MODD must comply with all the following conditions and requirements:

1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A of this section.
2. Fully complete and sign their application for membership form, ~~in triplicate~~, on the ~~Kennel Management Application official forms~~ for election and initiation to the degree of Pup.
3. Certify that they ~~are currently a member in good standing with the MCL, and have been a maintained continuous~~ membership for at least one (1) full year.
- ~~4. Exhibit their current year MCL membership card.~~
5. ~~4.~~ Be sponsored by two members of the MODD having the degree of Devil Dog and/or Pedigreed Devil Dog.
- ~~6. In the appropriate section of the application, the Commandant of the Detachment must list the specific accomplishments the candidate has performed in the interest of the MCL and the Detachment that supports the recommendation.~~
7. ~~5.~~ Accompany their application with the required years membership dues in the MODD, and also any required election fee.
8. ~~6.~~ After filing a valid application with the Pound Dog Robber, the application shall be ~~balloted upon at the Growl of the Pound, next, following the Growl at which the application was read. The Pound Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the application the disposition thereof over their signature and retain the Pound copy of the application and supporting papers in the Pound files and forward the other copies to the Pack Dog Robber and to the Honorable Dog Robber.~~ After a valid application is filed with the Pound Dog Robber, it shall be voted on at the next Growl of the Pound following the Growl in which it was first read. Upon completion of the initiation of new members, the Pound Dog Robber will complete all applications and them on the Kennel Management Application, and maintain the Pound's copy with all supporting documents in the Pound's records.

D. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Devil Dog in the MODD must comply with all the following conditions and requirements:

1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A of this section.
2. Fully complete and sign an application ~~in triplicate~~ on the ~~Kennel Management Application official forms~~, for election, obligation and initiation to the degree of Devil Dog.

3. Certify that they are currently a member in good standing with the MCL, and have been a maintained continuous membership for at least two (2) full years.
- ~~4. Exhibit their current year MCL membership card.~~
- ~~5. Attach to their application a letter from the Pound Dog Robber and/or Pound Keeper of their Pound certifying that the candidate has served as a faithful Pup for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months.~~
6. 4. Accompany their application with any required election fee.
7. 5. After filing a valid application with the Pack Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Growl of the Pack or the Grand Growl of the Pack. The Pack Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the application the disposition thereof over their signature and retain the Pack copy and forward a copy of the application to the member's Pound Dog Robber and to the Honorable Dog Robber.
After the initiation ceremony, the Pack Dog Robber will complete the application on the Kennel Management Application and maintain the Pack's copy with all supporting documents in the Pack's records.

E. A candidate for election and initiation to the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog in the MODD must comply with all the following requirements and conditions:

1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A of this section.
2. Fully complete and sign their application in triplicate on the Kennel Management Application, for election, obligation, and initiation to the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog.
3. Certify that they are currently a member in good standing with the MCL, and have been a maintained continuous membership for at least three (3) full years.
- ~~4. Exhibit their current year's MCL and the MODD membership cards.~~
- ~~5. Attach to their application a letter from the Pound Dog Robber and/or Pound Keeper of their Pound certifying that the candidate has served as a faithful Devil Dog for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months.~~
6. Accompany their application with any required election fee.
After filing a valid application with the Honorable Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. After the initiation ceremony, the Kennel Dog Robber will complete the application on the Kennel Management Application and maintain the Pack's copy with all supporting documents in the Kennel's records.

Rationale:

This amendment updates the processes for submission of advancement applications.

Respectfully Submitted,



PDD Helen Breen 18-305
Honorable Dog Robber



Date: 15 March 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

From: Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

BYLAWS ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Existing Wording:

Section 108: Re-instatement

C. When a member who has been dropped from the rolls does not reside in the geographical area of the Pound of which they were a member, they may be reinstated by another Pound that is geographically close to their residence. In this case, the dues transmittal for the reinstatement will be accompanied by a request for transfer form, with the identification of the former (losing) Pound completed. The Honorable Dog Robber will provide a copy of the transfer form to the losing Pound with their next regular mailing.

Updated Wording:

Section 108: Reinstatement

C. When a member who has been dropped from the rolls does not reside in the geographical area of the Pound of which they were a member, they may be reinstated by another Pound that is geographically close to their residence. In this case, the dues transmittal for the reinstatement will be accompanied by a request for transfer form, with the identification of the former (losing) Pound completed. ~~The Honorable Dog Robber will provide a copy of the transfer form to the losing Pound with their next regular mailing.~~

Rationale:

With the implementation of the Kennel Management Application, "regular mailings" are no longer necessary, as Dog Robbers can access information online.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Honorable Dog Robber



Date: 15 March 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

From: Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

BYLAWS ARTICLE II: POUNDS

Existing Wording:

Section 209: Pound Officers – Elected / Appointed:

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. No member may hold more than one elected office but may serve in an elected and appointed office concurrently, except as otherwise stated.

B. APPOINTED - The appointed Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Dog Robber (*who shall not concurrently hold the office of Pound Keeper*), 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.

C. STAFF - The Pound Staff shall consist of all elected Officers, together with the Pound Dog Robber, Pound Watch Dog, and the Pound Barking Dog, together with all Past Pound Keepers.

D. POUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES - When the Pound is incorporated, the Pound board of trustees shall consist of the elected Pound Officers and the Junior Past Pound Keeper. The Pound Dog Robber, if that office is not elected, will be an ex-officio member of the Pound Board of Trustees, without a vote.

E. MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP - With Pounds having minimal membership, the following Officers must be chosen: Pound Keeper, Pound Dog Robber, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, Pound Mad Dog, and Pound Watch Dog, with no objection to a member holding one (1) additional office, exclusive of the Pound Keeper, who shall be limited to that office alone.

F. SUCCESSION - All Pound Officers may succeed themselves in office for so many additional terms of office as they may be elected or appointed.

Updated Wording:

Section 209: Pound Officers – Elected / Appointed

A. Elected

The following Officers of the Pound shall be **elected at the Annual Growl of the Pound, unless exempted under the minimal membership provision of these Bylaws, listed below:** the Pound Keeper, Senior Vice Pound Keeper, Junior Vice Pound Keeper, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, and Pound Mad Dog.

1. All elected Pound Officers shall be elected during this Growl in accordance with the election procedures outlined in Section 210 (Election).

2. No member may hold more than one elected office **within the same Pound**, but may serve in both an elected and appointed office concurrently, except as otherwise stated.
 3. **The Pound Keeper shall hold no other office within the Pound.**
- B. Appointed** – The appointed Officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Dog Robber (~~who shall not concurrently hold the office of Pound Keeper~~), 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.
- C. Staff – NO CHANGES**
- D. Pound Board of Trustees**
~~When the Pound is incorporated~~, The Pound Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected Pound Officers and the Junior Past Pound Keeper. The Pound Dog Robber, ~~if that office is not elected~~, shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Pound Board of Trustees.
- E. Minimum Membership**
~~If a Pound has fifteen (15) members or fewer~~, the following officers shall be elected **at the Annual Growl of the Pound**: Pound Keeper, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, Pound Mad Dog. The following officers shall be appointed: Pound Dog Robber, and Pound Watch Dog. The same provisions regarding holding multiple elected or appointed offices apply as stated in Paragraph A above.
- F. Succession**
The duties, authority, and tenure of all Pound Officers shall be prescribed in Section 211 of these Bylaws.
~~All Pound Officers, except the Pound Keeper, may succeed themselves in office for so many additional terms of office as they may be elected or appointed.~~

Rationale:

1. This amendment clearly states the offices that must be elected and that no officer may hold more than one elected position. It also establishes that due to the importance of the office of the Pound Keeper, he/she should only hold that office.
2. This change establishes a clear minimum operational standard for Pounds with fifteen or fewer members, ensuring that essential officer positions are filled to maintain functionality and accountability. It also clarifies that the same rules for holding multiple offices apply, promoting fairness and consistency across all Pounds. Setting this minimum membership standard strengthens internal governance and aligns officer elections with practical membership levels for fiscal and administrative stability.
3. Every Pound must be incorporated and the office of the Pound Dog Robber is not (and should never be) an elected position, so th references in Paragraph D has been struck.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen M. Breen". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

PDD Helen Breen 18-305
Honorable Dog Robber



Date: 15 March 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

From: Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

BYLAWS ARTICLE II: POUNDS

Existing Wording:

Section 309: Pack Officers – Elected / Appointed:

A. ELECTED - The elected Officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Pack Leader (who shall not concurrently hold the Office of Pack Dog Robber), Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Smart Dog, Worthy Dog Trainer, Worthy Police Dog, and Worthy Mad Dog.

B. APPOINTED - The Appointed Officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Dog Robber (who shall not concurrently hold the office of Pack Leader), Worthy Watch Dog and the Worthy Barking Dog, and such other subordinate Officers as the Worthy Pack Leader may choose to appoint. It is preferable that the Worthy Pack Leader-elect make the appointments following the election so as to permit the Installation of the full staff of Officers. The appointed Officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Worthy Pack Leader.

C. STAFF - The Pack Staff shall consist of all elected Officers, together with the Worthy Dog Robber, Worthy Watch Dog, Worthy Barking Dog, and all Past Worthy Pack Leaders.

D. PACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES - When the Pack is incorporated, the Pack Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected Pack Officers and the Junior Past Pack Leader. The Worthy Dog Robber, if that office is not elected, will be an ex-officio member of the Pack Board of Trustees, without a vote.

Updated Wording:

Section 309: Pack Officers – Elected / Appointed

A. Elected

The following Officers of the Pack shall be **elected at the Annual Grand Growl of the Pack**: the Worthy Pack Leader, Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Smart Dog, Worthy Dog Trainer, Worthy Police Dog, and Worthy Mad Dog.

1. All elected Pack Officers shall be elected during this Growl in accordance with the election procedures outlined in Section 310 (Election).
2. No member may hold more than one elected office, but may serve in both an elected and appointed office concurrently, except as otherwise stated.
3. **The Pack Leader shall hold no other office within the Pack.**

B. Appointed – The appointed Officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Dog Robber, Worthy Watch Dog, Worthy Barking Dog, and such other subordinate Officers as the Pack Leader, in his/her discretion, may choose to appoint. It is preferable that the Pack Leader 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 Pack Leader.

C. Staff – NO CHANGES

D. Pack Board of Trustees

~~When the Pack is incorporated~~, the Pack Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected Pack Officers and the Junior Past Pack Leader. The Worthy Dog Robber, ~~if that office is not elected~~, shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting **ex-officio non-voting member** of the Pack Board of Trustees.

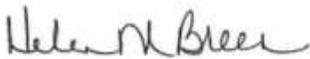
E. Succession

The duties, authority, and tenure of all Pack Officers shall be prescribed in Section 311 of these Bylaws.

Rationale:

1. This amendment clearly states the offices that must be elected and that no officer may hold more than one elected position. It also establishes that due to the importance of the office of the Pack Leader, he/she should only hold that office.
2. Every Pack must be incorporated and the office of the Pack Dog Robber is not (and should never be) an elected position, so those references in Paragraph D have been struck.

Respectfully Submitted,



PDD Helen Breen 18-305
Honorable Dog Robber



Date: 15 March 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

From: Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

BYLAWS ARTICLE IV: KENNEL

ADD:

Section 423: Professional Conduct and Relationships

- A. To preserve the integrity, impartiality, and ethical governance of the Kennel, a professional boundary shall exist between the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable Executive Director.
- B. No intimate, romantic, or cohabitating relationship shall exist between the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Honorable Executive Director during their concurrent terms of office. The existence of such a relationship constitutes a conflict of interest and undermines the appearance of fairness and impartiality.
- C. Should such a relationship exist or develop, both parties shall immediately notify the Kennel Board of Trustees, which shall take appropriate action to remove or reassign one of the parties in accordance with these Bylaws. Until resolution, both individuals shall recuse themselves from actions or decisions involving one another's oversight, discipline, or compensation.
- D. This provision ensures ethical conduct, transparency, and the public trust of the MODD by separating personal relationships from official MODD authority.

Rationale:

As more couples become involved at the Kennel Staff level, proactive consideration of potential conflicts of interest must be reviewed and implemented. This amendment ensures professional conduct, ethical integrity, and transparency within the highest levels of the Kennel. Establishing clear boundaries between the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and the Kennel Executive Director prevents conflicts of interest and preserves the credibility of the Order. Because both positions carry significant authority, this measure removes potential bias—real or perceived—and safeguards the Kennel's leadership against any undue influence. It reinforces accountability, protects the reputation of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and ensures all business is conducted in an impartial and professional manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDD Helen Breen 18-305

Honorable Dog Robber



Date: 15 March 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

From: Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen

Subject: Proposed Military Order of the Devil Dogs Constitution & Bylaws Amendment

BYLAWS ARTICLE XIII: AMENDING OF BYLAWS

Current wording:

A. All Devil Dogs, Pounds and Packs may seek to revise repeal or amend these Bylaws by submitting their proposals in typewritten or legible form, using the exact wording intended for the change, to the Honorable Smart Dog no later than 15 March prior to the opening date of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at which their proposals are to be considered. All proposals must contain the identity of the maker or submitter, otherwise they will not be considered. The Honorable Smart Dog will propagate the proposals without comment by having the Honorable Barking Dog publish all proposals in the Woof-O-gram, the MODD's house organ, and/or by mailing all proposals to each Pound Keeper and Pack Leader. In both cases, the proposed changes shall be distributed so that they are received by each Pack Leader and Pound Keeper no later than 15 May prior to the opening date of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at which such proposed revision, repeal or amendment is to be considered. The said notice shall include the proposed changes to the articles, sections, and paragraphs to be revised, repealed or amended. In addition to this, proposed changes may be posted on an official Kennel web site in their entirety.

B. The provisions of subparagraph A above will be construed to have been met, provided that the Honorable Dog Robber makes every reasonable effort to notify the Pedigreed Devil Dogs in each Pound and Pack that proposed Bylaw amendments to be considered at the ensuing Supreme Growl of the Kennel have been provided to the Pound and Pack Dog Robbers and, that copies of said amendments shall be available upon written request from the Honorable Dog Robber by mail up to two (2) weeks prior to the Supreme Growl of the Kennel or, by request, in person from the Honorable Dog Robber's Staff in the Kennel Dog House prior to the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.

C. Upon the written request of any Kennel Stray to the Honorable Dog Robber, copies of said amendments shall be provided as outlined in paragraph B.

Proposed Writing

Section 1301: Method of Amending

A. Any Devil Dog, Pound, or Pack may propose a revision, repeal, or amendment to these Bylaws. Proposals must:

1. Be submitted in typewritten **or clearly legible** form, stating the exact wording of the proposed change.
2. Be submitted to the Honorable Smart Dog no later than 15 March before the opening date of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel at which they are to be considered.
3. Identify the individual or unit submitting the proposal. Proposals without identification will not be considered.

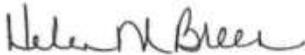
B. The Honorable Smart Dog shall ensure all properly received proposals are distributed, without comment, by directing the Honorable Barking Dog to publish them in the Woof-O-Gram ~~or~~ and post them on an official Kennel website. Distribution must allow all Pack Leaders and Pound Keepers to receive the proposals no later than 15 May prior to the opening of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. Each notice shall include the proposed articles, sections, and paragraphs to be revised, repealed, or amended.

C. The provisions of this Section are considered satisfied ~~when the Honorable Dog Robber has made~~ every reasonable effort **has been made** to notify all Pedigreed Devil Dogs, Packs, and Pounds of the proposed changes through the official publication or digital posting.

Rationale:

Current communication methods—such as electronic submission, email, and official Kennel websites—are faster, more reliable, and more cost-effective. The change ensures all members and units can receive proposals promptly while maintaining transparency and accessibility. Updating this section to reflect current technology also reduces administrative burden, printing costs, and mailing delays while preserving the existing submission deadlines and review process.

Respectfully Submitted,



PDD Helen Breen 18-305
Honorable Dog Robber



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March 15th, 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article II, Section 209 (Pound Officers)

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 209: Pound Officers – Elected / Appointed

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. No member may hold more than one elected office but may serve in an elected and appointed office concurrently, except as otherwise stated.

E. MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP - With Pounds having minimal membership, the following Officers must be chosen: Pound Keeper, Pound Dog Robber, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, Pound Mad Dog, and Pound Watch Dog, with no objection to a member holding one (1) additional office, exclusive of the Pound Keeper, who shall be limited to that office alone.

PROPOSED WORDING:

1. Amend Section 209.A to read as follows:

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. No member may hold more than one elected office but may serve in one elected and one appointed office concurrently, except as otherwise stated. The Pound Keeper shall be limited to that office alone.

2. Amend Section 209.E to read as follows:

E. MINIMIUM MEMBERSHIP - With Pounds having minimal membership, the following Officers must be chosen: Pound Keeper, Pound Dog Robber, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, Pound Mad Dog, and Pound Watch Dog.

RATIONALE:

This amendment removes the exception in the minimum membership provision that allowed additional offices to be held within a Pound under limited circumstances. It also clarifies the general rule for Pound officers by stating that a member may serve in only one elected office and one appointed office concurrently, unless otherwise stated. In addition, it makes clear that the Pound Keeper shall be limited to that office alone in all circumstances. This change improves consistency, strengthens accountability, and ensures the leadership structure is clear and uniform for all Pounds, regardless of size.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Covert

PDD Chuck Covert 14-378

Kennel Smart Dog



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March 15th, 2026

To: Honorable Smart Dog PDD Chuck Covert

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article III, Section 309 (Pack Officers)

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 309: Pack Officers – Elected / Appointed Staff

A. ELECTED - The elected Officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Pack Leader (who shall not concurrently hold the Office of Pack Dog Robber), Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Smart Dog, Worthy Dog Trainer, Worthy Police Dog, and Worthy Mad Dog.

PROPOSED WORDING:

1. Amend Section 309.A to read as follows:

A. ELECTED - The elected Officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Pack Leader, Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Smart Dog, Worthy Dog Trainer, Worthy Police Dog, and Worthy Mad Dog. No member may hold more than one elected office but may serve in one elected and one appointed office concurrently, except as otherwise stated. The Pack Leader shall be limited to that office alone.

RATIONALE:

This amendment adds to the Pack officer section the same general office-holding rule already used in the Pound officer section, while preserving the exception for the Pack Leader. It clarifies that a member may hold no more than one elected office and may serve in one elected and one

appointed office concurrently, except as otherwise stated. It further provides that the Pack Leader shall be limited to that office alone. This change improves consistency between Pound and Pack officer provisions, strengthens the leadership structure, and provides clear guidance on eligibility to hold multiple offices.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kennel Smart Dog

Kennel Roll Call

PDD John Bailey Pound 188, PA
PDD Larry Bevil Pound 300, TN
PDD John Biagini Pound 011, NY
DD James Bolen Pound 215, WV
DD Robert Burgoff Pound 343, WV
PDD Lester Bush Pound 340, SC
PDD Neil Corley Pound 067, PA
PDD Carl Cornell Pound 111, IN
PDD Lee Daspit Pound 172, LA
DD Donald Dickinson Pound 170, WI
PDD Salvatore D'Onofrio Pound 011, NY
DD Joel Eichenbaum Pound 170, WI
PDD Lewis Entz Pound 180, CO
PDD Martin Fraiser Pound 130, AZ
PDD Stephen Goshko Pound 183, FL
PDD Joseph Gustin Pound 131, CT
PDD William Hamon, Stray
DD Robert Harrigan Pound 257, CA
PDD Charles Holdeman Pound 172, LA
PDD Steve Janakas Pound 183, FL
PDD Norman Jewell, Stray
PDD Kenneth Kotchevar Pound 300, TN
PDD James Linger Pound 153, WV
PDD Lewis Loeven Pound 011, NY
Pup David Lucero Pound 392, CO
DD John Machtolff Pound 410, AL
PDD Edward Mader Pound 006, MI
PDD Harold Magness Pound 281, CO

PDD David Mahoney Pound 002, MA
DD Rocco Marino Pound 149, NY
DD Rick Marquart Pound 352, MT
DD Patrick Meyer Pound 343, WV
PDD Armand Nadeau Jr. Pound 249, VT
DD Hank Nauka Pound 066, MI
DD Rick Norman Pound 257, CA
PDD Val Peterson Pound 308, OK
PDD Johnny Popwell Pound 124, FL
PDD Julius Porcher Jr. Pound 229, PA
PDD Richardo Ramos Pound 397, TX
PDD Allan Reed, Stray
PDD John Rinne Pound 281, CO
Pup E. Clayton Schaezel, Stray
Pup Sanford Schell Pound 328, SC
PDD Stephen Sears Pound 131, CT
PDD George Simpons Pound 104, OR
PDD Percy Sudsbury Pound 210, NC
PDD Dan Switzer Pound 111, IN
PDD James Thomas Pound 367, CO
PDD James Thomas, Stray
Pup Gary Thompson, Stray
PDD Richard Titus pound 183, FL
PDD Hal Tornroth Pound 168, LA
DD Paul Weaver Pound 381, IN
DD Richard White Pound 261, LA
PDD Paul Wojahn Pound 711, MN
PDD Natalie Yaskow Pound 263, FL

