I am an American: I was born in France. I hold the title of United States Marine, and understand the commitment of holding the title, Devil Dog. It is a tradition born at Belleau Wood in the year 1918, of Readiness and "First To Fight". As a Devil Dog, I ask no quarter and give no quarter. I will do everything in my power to uphold the objectives of Devil Dogs and to carry out my duties to a swift and satisfactory completion.
BIG WOOF’S TO ALL THE DOGS OF THE FUN AND HONOR SOCIETY!

It took a while; however, we finally made it to Daytona Beach, Florida for the 82nd Supreme Growl and it looked like all of the Dogs were having a good time. Especially the 135 new PDD’s and one new DD who eagerly engaged in platoon competitions and knowledge acquisition under the guidance of the Kennel Mad Dog, Dog Handlers and the rest of the initiation team. Congratulations to all who advanced and BIG BARKS to all who took part in their advancement, great job!

Sticking with BIG BARKS, they go out to all Dogs who had a paw in making 59th PCDD Tom Hazlett’s prediction of a new record in Daytona Beach come true for the kids. With an amazing, almost 19% increase over last year, CDD Hazlett, accompanied by other members of the MODD, were able to present a historic donation of 83,000 Big Bones to Halifax Health - Betty Jane France Center for Pediatrics. The smiles and thanks from the staff were a fantastic expression of their appreciation for what this donation will do to help the children they work with on a daily basis. Hopefully, the photo conveys those feelings to all of you Dogs who played a critical role by attending Growls and all of the areas of fundraising you were involved in. Additionally, most of you
in Daytona Beach showed that you are keeping up the great work with all of your participation in the various fundraisers and generous donations through the rest of the week, giving a great head start on next year’s donation for the children. Please pass on thanks to those in your detachments, auxiliaries and local communities who were also instrumental in your efforts!

While it is great to hear about and participate in renewed Pound, Pack, Kennel and other functions now returning to a near normal pace around the country, we still need to be mindful of health issues. On the way home from Daytona Beach I and several others traveling together started showing symptoms of Covid and ended up testing positive and it sounds like there were quite a few others who were infected there. If you suspect that you are sick, be it Covid, flu, a cold, etc... please try to stay away from others, and exercise caution to minimize the impact which can be substantial, especially in large gatherings.

While on health issues, many of you knew that 48th Past Chief Devil Dog Robert G. Lent had been battling a serious health issue for several years now, unfortunately he finally succumbed to his condition on August 27, 2022. As the Kennel Historian he took platoon photos of many of you on Wednesday morning before you went into the Flea House and then on to the monitor stations as part of your advancement to PDD. Please keep his wife Jean and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers!

With the 82nd Supreme Growl now over the clock is ticking! Election and installation of Pound Officers is to be completed within 90 days of the Supreme Growl, (by 11/15/22 this year), and ROI submitted. All Pounds should be using the form currently found on the Kennel website; yes, we do still occasionally receive the obsolete multi-page carbonless copy version.

Over the coming year I look forward to working with the talented Kennel Staff as we continue to utilize online meetings as we work to provide more resources to assist the officers of the Packs and Pounds with questions and problems they may be facing. We know that there are still 990 issues which must be addressed, the good news is that we have the duty experts who can assist if you feel like you’re spinning your wheels. Reach out to your Pack Dog Robber or Division Vice Chief Devil Dog and if they are unable to help, they can connect you with someone who can.

February 23-25, 2023 is the last scheduled Mid-Winter National Conference and Kennel Mini-Growl in Norfolk, VA. Don’t miss out, all members of the Order, regardless of degree, may attend the Kennel Mini-Growl, so if you live in the area don’t miss the opportunity to come Growl with us. Go to mclnational.org and scroll down to the Midwinter Conference page link for more info or to register. Next year will be a milestone National Convention as we come together in Oklahoma City for the 100th Anniversary of the Marine Corps League and what I expect to be a super turnout with a large group of eager DD’s looking to advance during this landmark occasion. It is definitely not too early to book your room and start planning the trip.
I hope to see you at one of these events or as I travel around and visit with you Dogs throughout the Kennel over the next year!

Thanks for all you do to support your Pounds, Packs, Kennel & the kids. Keep up your great work & fun!

Semper Latratus!

60th CDD Alan Sanning
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IN MEMORIAM: PCDD Robert G. Lent
48TH CHIEF DEVIL DOG
2000-2002

Robert Graham Lent

OCTOBER 18, 1949 – AUGUST 27, 2022

Born October 18, 1949 in Richmond, Va, he was a son of the late Robert Fortesque and Mary (Russell) Lent. On March 3, 1981 he married Jean Ellen Taormina. The two shared 41 years of wonderful marriage.

Robert was a Corporal with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1971-1973. Following his service to his country, he worked as a police officer in Berkeley Township, NJ from 1973-1978. In 1986 he moved to Waynesboro where he worked for Klann Organ Supply. Robert worked as a pipe organ mechanic for over 60 years and later owned and operated Shenandoah Organ Studio, Inc. As an organist, he notably served as the House Organist at Tower Theater in Philadelphia, PA from 1969-1975, Byrd Theater in Richmond, VA from 1989-1990, and other various places all over the country.

PCDD Lent was a constant presence at the MODD Mid-Winter and Supreme Growls, continuing to serve as the Historian and Awards (KDOY and PCDD Awards) maker for the Kennel as well as his taking platoon photos of the candidates going through initiation. He will be missed.
Woof Woof Dogs of the Order,

First of all I would like to Congratulate PDD Alan Sanning for being elected the 60th Chief Devil Dog at the 82nd Supreme Growl. I would also like to thank all the Dogs that have supported me in past and stood behind me and elected as your Honorable Senior Vice Chief. The other officers elected were PDD Evie Remines as Honorable Junior Vice, PDD Joseph DeAngelo as Honorable Smart Dog, PDD Charles Minton as Honorable Mad Dog, PDD Matt Veprek as Honorable Police Dog, PDD Lisa Ciesielski as the Honorable Dog Trainer. We also have a new Honorable Dog Robber as PDD Steve Joppa has Retired and was promoted to the 5th Honorary Chief. The new Honorable Dog Robber is PDD Janice Hartley. I feel that we have a strong team and will work together for the benefit of the Order.

During Convention week the Lucky Dogs sold tickets for (2) Springfield Armory Pistols to be drawn on Friday night before the Banquet. The Kennel thanks all those that participated & we Profited over 5,000 Big Bones. This will really help with the Kennels expenses. I would also like to thank the Mad Dog for Incorporating a fund raiser for Operation Chow Hound. We collected over 600 lbs of Dog Chow. He also tasked the Platoons with raising Bones for a local charity. During the Supreme Growl we passed the Water Bowl. Collectively we raised over 2,500 Big Bones for the Charity.

If you have any questions about how to get started with Operation Chow Hound please Bark at me. It is very easy and Very Rewarding to help our K-9 Brothers & Sisters. My contact info will be @ the bottom of this article.

A couple of Dog House Keeping issues, Remember the Kennel Bylaws require that ALL Pounds have Elections & Officer Installations within 90 days of the Supreme Growl. After the Installation, Download a writeable PDF Form from the website www.militaryorderofthedevildogs.org and Forward (3) copies to your Pack Dog Robber.

Don’t forget that the Kennel will be holding the Mini Growl on Friday night Feb 24th at the Mid-Winter Conference. Dogs of All Degrees are Allowed to attend this Growl. So make your plans to attend.

It is an Honor to be a Devil Dog,

Semper Fi,

PDD J.D. Jones 09-019
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JDJones0311@aol.com
Woof! Woof! Happy Spooky Season!

I hope everyone is doing well and had a good time at the National Convention if you were in attendance. I want to thank everyone for electing me as your new JVCDD. I am looking forward to fulfilling my role to the best of my abilities. I also appreciate everyone’s support the last few years while I was Kennel Smart Dog. I make it no secret that Judge Advocate/Smart Dog is not my favorite role, but with the help and input from various Dogs of the Order, I got through. I wish my successor PDD Joe DeAngelo the best of luck!

With that said, we will be starting the JVCDD raffle soon. It will be for either a Springfield Armory 9MM Hellcat or a Springfield Armory 9MM SD-S MOD.2 The winning tickets will be pulled at the 2023 National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK. You have plenty of time to buy your tickets, but I hope that you don’t wait until the last minute! We will have tickets available soon and you can contact me if you want any. Of course my Lucky Dog, PDD Reggie Sawyer will be assisting me in selling them at MidWinter and the 2023 National Convention.

I am looking to the future and foresee the need for an Aide de Camp of my own once (and if) I become Chief. I figure it’s never too early to ask around and if anyone is interested, we can start developing a relationship and expectations over the next four years while I fulfill my obligations as JVCDD and SVCDD. If anyone is interested in assisting me as my Aide de Camp during my term as Chief please let me know!

Best Regards,
PDD Evie Remines
Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog

mclchick@hotmail.com
Woof Woof!

It was pawsome to see so many of my fellow dogs in Daytona! If you didn’t make it to Daytona a few things we need to let you know are going on.

To All Packs and Pounds! Congratulations you have again out done yourselves with the Passport and Donations to the tune of 83,000.00 BIG BONES!!!

To the Pack of Missouri and Pound 330 of Missouri awesome job for your total on contribution of over 14,000 BIG BONES! Let’s keep this going for Supreme Growl in Oklahoma in 2023.

I have also had several Dog Robbers ask me about the correct procedures in submitting Passport, fines and donations. If you go to the website then to publications. You will find obedience school; this will tell you everything you need to know in regards to the Dog Robber position.

The kennel approved getting a new trailer and having it wrapped for the Quarter Master store. Below is the display we had up in the dog house for everyone to see. There will be QR Codes added to each side for donations by the public.
Hopefully the trailer should be ready for its first road trip to Midwinter in Norfolk, VA.

PDD Ben Wells
Kennel Executive Director
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Woof, Woof Dogs! This is my first article as your Jr. Past Chief and I must say that I feel much lighter these days. It was a very long 3 years but a very productive 3 years. First off, I’d like to thank PDD Mike Francis, my Aid De Kamp who stuck with me, steered me in the right directions and basically followed me all over the Country as I visited the many Pounds, Packs and Divisions. I was amazed how many days we spent together and I would be remiss if I failed to mention Karen Francis, she too was always there and assisted the Dogs in their fundraising through the making of the many types of pouches that were sold and the proceeds donated to the Children’s Hospital Fund. $83,000 was an amazing amount to be presented in Daytona Beach but I must say this, had all of the Pounds and Packs contributed, we would have eclipsed that amount by many thousands more. I do not want to mix the bad with the good that we do but, there were over 30% of the Pounds and Packs that failed to contribute anything to the Passport Funds or donate anything to the Children’s Hospital fund which happens to be the same fund as the Passport Fund. The CDD has only one way of determining if the Pounds and Packs are holding their required number of Growls each year and that is to look at what Passport Funds are contributed. Sadly, there are Pounds that have not contributed anything for over 3 years. So, this is my promise to those Pounds and Packs, I will work closely with the Honorable 60th CDD and root those pounds out and begin the process of suspending their charters. If you are not paying your passport fees immediately after a Growl then I can only assume you are not having Growls. Oh, did I tell you there was a new way to spell Excuse? It is now spelled COVID, yes, using COVID as a reason not to have Growls is a bunch of Bull! Some of you have gotten so used to not having Growls that you just automatically blame COVID. I have said and others on my Staff have stated that perhaps we need to get much smaller in order to get much better. I will say this to those Pounds and Packs that fall into the Excuse category. Start having your Growls, start paying your Passport Fees or you will find
your Pounds and Packs suspended. If you don’t believe me, just ask the members of South Dakota who lost their entire pack. Currently there are several other Packs in danger of losing theirs and even an entire Division in Danger of losing their charters…come on, get off the excuses and start having some fun!

I hate to say things like that because so many of you are doing great! Division Vice Chiefs, Pack Leaders, start doing your jobs. They are positions that are necessary in order for the MODD to function correctly, not just a title strip to adorn your covers. The Kennel Staff can assist you and the Division Vice Chiefs can assist you but you must first be willing to be assisted; please do not allow your Pounds and Packs to go away because you are simply not willing to send in your Passport Funds or even worse, because you have found it so easy to make excuses for not having Growls that you simply stopped having them. Please also remember to file your 990’s each year or to file your State requirements. They too will jump up and bite you if you fail to file.

Now for the good things that you’ve done over the past 3 years. There is a program called Operation Chow Hound which has started to grow across the many Packs and Pounds of the Order. The collecting and distribution of pet foods and pet related materials has blossomed into a huge program and it is producing tons of pet foods and materials to local animal shelters across the U.S. Great jobs to all who have this program and thank you for helping out our 4 legged friends.

Please do not forget that we have thousands of Veterans across this great Country that are in Veteran Hospitals and Homes. It was always a great pleasure to attend some of those institutions with my fellow Pound members and hold events to entertain those Veterans. Visiting your nearest VA Hospital, taking the patients for walks, putting on BINGO events or bringing in sandwiches, snacks etc. was a great way to thank those Veterans of which many never receive visits by family members. They are our forgotten Warriors and it means so much to them to stop by and just talk with them or put on a small function like BINGO or just a get together for something to eat. Visiting them was always and will always be a goal of mine and I know that many other Dogs out there do the same. Please remember to always thank our fellow Veterans. I firmly believe in what the Dogs do for the MCL, for your local communities as well as for the many organizations that many of you contribute to. Keep up the great work. Get active in your communities, show them who the Military Order of the Devil Dogs are. If your Detachment has members who are active and are not members of the Dogs, invite them to become one. Our Order suffers the same problems that the MCL in general suffers and that is Old Age! We need some younger members to follow up in our paw prints and keep the MODD doing what we do best, helping the Children Hospitals and our communities and please don’t forget…Having Fun! You must bring in some fun to your Growls or your Dogs will stray away. There is a reason I say, “If you keep it fun, they will come”. I have attended so many Growls that are so boring and so short that it was not worth the time or effort to attend them. Be creative, attend other Growls in your areas in order to obtain ideas. Ask and you will receive assistance in how to make a Growl fun. There are many PDD Francis’s and PDD Covert’s out there! While you are at it, don’t forget to educate your Dogs, use the Obedience School on line,
teach and mentor your Pups and Devil Dogs so that when they become PDD’s they too will be successful leaders within the Pound and pack.

It was and will always remain a great honor of mine to have served you as your CDD and I know you will continue to support the MODD; we are a great organization and we are centered upon our love for our communities and most importantly for our fellow Veterans and our Children. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to assist you and to be the CDD of our great organization. My best of luck to you all and hopefully our paths will cross frequently. Woof, Woof to you all and Semper Fi!

Tom

51st CDD/Kennel Historian and MODD Liaison to the MCL Board of Trustees

PCDD Don Garland

Dateline: Norfolk, Virginia 9/06/2022 08:30 AM

Woof and Bark out to all of the Dogs in dogdom…I hope you all are well and made it home safely. I am preparing for our 48th Chief Devil Dog Bob Lent’s services and funeral. This past year we have seen many of the familiar faces at the conventions and conferences fade into the darkness. I miss them as I am sure you all miss those not in attendance also. We need to get back to the basics (Myself included of course) and start checking in on our members that have been absent from our growls. We are a brotherhood and we take care of our brothers and sisters. While like many of you, I have a day job, but I have tried to stay in contact with our members that we have not seen in some time.

The convention was well attended and it might be one of the largest member attended events I have seen in some time. Unfortunately, several of our members came down with COVID while in Daytona, and several came down with it after returning home. Please remember that having the vaccines and boosters only limit any medical stay in a hospital and does not mean that you
can’t get COVID. It also goes without saying that you (if you have the virus) can infect others. Just something to keep in mind as we all strive to continue working for the betterment of our members, members families and communities. Please be safe and keep our brothers and sisters safe in all you do!

As we prepare for the coming year, and the Mid-Winter as well as the 2023 Convention in Oklahoma, let’s cross off the items on our bucket list as it pertains to our Pounds, Packs and Detachments and Departments. Send in those installation reports, get your IRS status updated and current, and remember the impact all of this can have on our Parent Organization, the Marine Corps League as well as the MODD. I was watching the news the other day and a very influential organization that seems to be ever present in the media was stripped of it’s Tax Fee Status, which means any funds received until the forms are filed to bring it current are taxable, and with 75,000 more IRS Agents, you can bet your bottom dollar they will be going after any funds they believe are owed.

Take a moment to thank those who have led your units this past year and step up to be a change agent, get involved with your units and help bring fresh new ideas into the Order. There are a lot of good members out in dogdom that are ready and willing to assist you in taking action, and making it successful.

Hope to see you in Norfolk at the Mid Winter……Woof Bark, the 51st CDD

51st PCDD Don Garland Presented PDD Powell his PCDD Award at the South Carolina Pack Growl on 17 Sept 2022.
Have you seen our website?!? Or our Facebook Page?!?

Click or Tap the Links below.

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Military Order of the Devil Dogs - Kennel
September 29, 2022

Woof woof Dogs of the Order,

I would like to start off by thanking everyone for putting their faith in me as your Kennel Smart Dog. There is a lot to accomplish in a short time but with all the support I will have, I am sure we can get it done. I wanted to start off with a little bit about the Bylaws. “Shock” a Smart Dog that wants to bark about Bylaws.

Did you know that after the Supreme Growl it is the responsibility of all the Packs and Pounds of the Kennel to make sure their Bylaws are in line with the Kennel Bylaws? Well, if you did not know this we are now on Constitution and Bylaws (Reprint 2016) Revised 2022. Maybe it might be time to take a look at yours and get things changed. Remember, that no matter what your Pack or Pound Bylaws state the Kennel Bylaws trump anything you may have. Please, Worthy Pack Leaders and Worthy Smart Dogs take a look and get those changes to me as soon as possible.

I will look over them first and if there are any issues, we can discuss it at that time. To all the Pounds out there get them to your Worthy Smart Dogs to get approved. I suggest all Worthy Smart Dogs read over your Pounds Bylaws when you receive them and make sure they are all ok. If there are any issues, please contact me and we can discuss them at that time.

Since our Supreme Growl was 17 August 2022 can anyone tell me when Pound Elections should be taking place? The Answer is by 15 November 2022. How do I know this? You can find the answer in Article II, Section 210 where it states:

Section 210 - Election
A. The annual Growl of the Pound shall be held during the three months following the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.
B. At the annual Growl of the Pound, the officers of the Pound shall be nominated, elected and installed.
C. All nominations for elective office shall be from the floor.
D. The elective officers shall be chosen by secret ballot.
E. The ballot may be cast for the full slate of officers or may be cast for each office in sequence.
F. Should the Pound fail to nominate for any office, after the election of officers, the Pound Keeper elect shall appoint an eligible member of the Pound to the office for which no nomination had been made.

G. The Pound Police Dog will permit no person to enter or leave the Growl while the Pound
Officers are being nominated and elected.

Also remember in Article II Section 209 Subsection E it states:

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 additional office, exclusive of the Pound Keeper, who shall be limited to that office alone. Notice that is states in section E. The Pound Keeper will be limited to that office alone.

Wow that is a lot to absorb. We are the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League, but we also have to make sure we are doing things correctly.

So why did I bring this up today? We as the Kennel will continue to be making sure all Packs and Pounds have up to date 990's, Incorporation Paperwork and current ROIs on file. September and October are always a very busy time for the Pack Staff. Make things fun and be prepared when your Pack Staff comes to your doghouse for a visit. Remember to make Growl fun and not just another meeting.

Semper Woofing,
PDD Joe “Woody” DeAngelo
Honorable Smart Dog
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Sgtjd2@gmail.com

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

Woof Woof Devil Dogs! WOW! What a National Convention! Did we have a great time or what? First and foremost, CONGRATULATIONS to all of our new Pedigree Devil Dogs! We would like to thank all of you Dogs that were able to make it to Daytona Beach.

A heart filled “THANK YOU” for all of your contributions of BIG BONES to the Kennel for the CHILDREN. We can never do enough! There were winners each day in the 50/50 drawings. Friday winnings alone were over 800 big bones, which was donated back to the Kennel in a very surprising gesture! THANK YOU again. At the MODD Hospitality Suite the winner of the 50/50 also donated the winnings back to the Kennel.

All the tickets for the Pistols Raffle were sold!!! That was fantastic, over 5,290 big bones!

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None of this could have been accomplished without your help. As we approach the upcoming National Midwinter Conference in Norfolk VA, February 23 -25 2023 and the 100th Anniversary National Marine Corps League Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, in August 2023, we need your help. We need items donated for the auctions at both events!

A GENTLE REMINDER – WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND DONATIONS WE CAN NOT CONTINUE TO HELP THE CHILDREN AND DO WHAT WE DO AS THE MODD!

Looking forward to seeing you at MIDWINTER.

Semper fi
Woof Woof

PDD Reggie Sawyer
20-190
Kennel Lucky Dog
Military Order Of The Devil Dogs
Opened in proper form by CDD Hazlett at 1300.

Roll call: All present except the Concierge.
Recognized the PCDDs in attendance: 37th PCDD Sutton, 45th PCDD Taylor, 49th PCDD Fisk, 53rd PCDD Garland, 58th PCDD Spicer and the 4th HCDD Severen. Had all Past Kennel Dogs of the Year stand to be recognized.

Scratchings of last Supreme were published in the Woof-o-Gram. Motion to approve as published, seconded and passed.

Memorial service was led by the Kennel Dog Trainer. CDD Hazlett stated that DD Tim McIntyre was on his way to Daytona Beach for Advancement to PDD but passed away. Therefore, he will be post humorously advanced to PDD.

Those sick and in distress were reported to the Dog Trainer.

Staff Reports are online. CDD Hazlett asked for any additional reports.

Mad Dog reported the Honor Platoon was Number 9. 135 new PDDs plus one additional and he had 24 dog handlers. Platoon 9 was also named his point platoon. Mad Dog spoke on the Operation Chow Hound a total 1468.52 big bones were collected to be delivered to the local shelter. Of that, Platoon 9 collected 100 big bones.

Honor Dog of each platoon were: 1st Platoon Ivania Mungla, 2nd Platoon Willie Payne, 3rd Platoon Bill Wittenberg, 4th Platoon Crist Burns, 5th Platoon Frank Menard, 6th Platoon Fred Gilmore, 7th Platoon William Cooley, 8th Platoon Helen Breen, 9th Platoon Vernon Trice and 10th Platoon was Lloyd Cornelius.

Operations Dog reported 135 Advancement and 289 additional PUPs, DDs and PDD registered for a total of 424.

Webmaster reported on the status of the new items on the website and updates.

The JVCDD report has been posted-there were no questions.

Motion to accept all reports as amended made by PDD Dressler and 2nd by PDD Joe DeAngelo. Passed.

PDD Johnny Baker, our National MCL Commandant is in the house. Also recognized PNC Thouy (both Jim and John) and PNC Webb. In addition, additional National MCL Officers in attendance are TJ Morgan, Warren
Griffin and Phil Zamora.

No Old Business.

New Business. PCDD Sutton requested that Past Kennel Dog Robber (PDD Steven Joppa) approach the podium. For his many years of service to the MODD, he was given the high honor of being the 5th HCDD. He was also given an apron for his passion to grill and a mailbox filled with letters and cards.


Awards: Membership
   Pound 381 – 1st Place
   Pound 288 – 2nd Place
   Pound 311 – 3rd Place

   NV Pack – 1st Place
   TX Pack – 2nd Place
   IA Pack – 3rd Place

   SOU Div – 1sr Place
   SE Div – 2nd Place
   SW Div – 3rd Place

   Pound Dog Robber of the Year - PDD Steve Seyller
   PDD Helen Breen

   Pack Dog Robber of the Year – PDD Todd Rehpuss

Because of COVID in 2020 PDD Barbara Vanner had not received her award, therefore, CDD Hazlett presented her award this afternoon.

The award for top donations to the Kennel Children Fund was presented to MO Pack and Pound 330 also out of Missouri.

The Chief announced that the MODD Reception will be in the breakfast room due to possible storms coming in. It will be opened at 1730 to 1830 to MODD and guests. The room will open to all MCL and guest at 1830. The auction will be held in the same room this evening.

Recessed for 15 minutes at 1507.

Reconvened at 1522. Dawn and Dave Nelson from the local animal shelter arrived within the Growl. CDD Hazlett presented a check for 1468.52 big bones plus dog food that was located outside the room near the elevators. We passed bowls for an additional 1007 big bones for the shelter.

Madam Big Flea and Auxiliary PNC Nobile arrived and spoke on Operation Little Angel. Again we passed bowls for donations totaling 1220.50 big bones.
New Business: Nominations of Officers was conducted by the 51st PCDD Garland. Those nominated were:

CDD - PDD Alan Sanning
SVCDD – PDD Jeffery Jones
JVCDD - PDD Evelyn Remines
PDD Cory Dressler
Smart Dog – PDD Joseph DeAngelo
Dog Trainer – PDD Lisa Ciesieiski
PDD Lenard Stipler
Police Dog – PDD Matthew Veprek
PDD Dan Huffman
Mad Dog – PDD Charles Minton

After contested elections the following were elected:
PDD Sanning as the Honorable 60th CDD
PDD Jones as the SVCDD,
PDD Remines as JVCDD
PDD J. DeAngelo as Smart Dog
PDD Ciesieiski as Dog Trainer
PDD Veprek as Police Dog
PDD Minton as Mad Dog.

The installation was conducted by PCDD Sutton.

PCDD Sutton presented the 59th PCDD his PCDD cover and new collar then presented the Honorable 60th CDD with his new cover and collar.

Under the Good of the Order PCDD Hazlett was presented a picture and plaque of a broken bone from the GA Pack. The PDCCs and HCDDs will stamp passports at the close for a donation of 5 big bones. MS Pack presented the Kennel’s Children fund 200 big bones, a Pound in MS also presented the Children’s Fund 500 big bones and an individual presented the children’s fund 100 big bones. As a gift from the Kennel Staff the Honorable 59th CDD was presented an end conneector. FL Pack presented PCDD Hazlett with a baseball signed by the entire Daytona’s baseball team. The Executive Director presented him with a Master Skinner knife.

We needed to step back into New Business for an additional item that was missed prior to the nominations and elections. Discussion regarding our current Quartermaster trailer and purchasing a new one and having it wrapped. The current trailer is too small. We would be able to trade in this one, get a larger one and have it wrapped. The design for the wrap has been on display in the Doghouse this past several days. Cost of new trailer with trade in would be 10096.16 and the wrap will be 11536.53 for a total of 23335.49. PCDD Taylor moved we purchase the new trailer and have it wrapped. It was 2nd and passed.

Back to the Good of the Order: The Lucky Dog and his Deputies will be in the back of the room this evening. The drawings will be done this evening except for the pistols which will be drawn Friday night prior to the Banquet. Please stop by their table just outside the growl and purchase your tickets.

No further business the Growl was closed in proper form at 1646. The Auction at the MODD Reception brought in 5956.00 big bones. During the MODD/FLEA Luncheon the following were recognized by the PCDD Society: PDD Jim Powell, PDD Lynn Sable, PDD Mike Francis and PDD Janice Hartley. Karen Francis was named the 2022 National Flea of the Year by Madam Big Flea.

At the Banquet PDD Joseph DeAngelo was named the Kennel Dog of the Year for 2022.

PDD Janice Hartley
Kennel Dog Robber
Deputy Mad Dog  PDD CJ New

PDD CJ New could not be in Daytona this year, so his pound made sure he wasn’t missed...
Kennel Dog Robber
PDD Janice Hartley

Woof woof!

All Pack Dog Robbers and all Pound Robbers!
Send me your email addresses so I can send you a copy of your received transmittal's. Only membership cards will be mailed...

Semper Woofing,

PDD Janice Hartley
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Woof-Woof Devil Dogs of the Rocky Mountain Division;

It’s that time of the year where everyone is busy with the Marine Corps Birthday Balls, the quickly move on to Toys-4-Tots and then Christmas. I am hoping all had a great time the last few months. Now it’s time to get back to work on getting our Pack’s / Pound’s back in operating order.

Like to remind all that EIN’s, Incorporation and Installation Reports are due (Pounds are required to hold an Election and Installation of Officers 90 days after the Supreme Growl). I like to remind all Pack’s / Pound’s you all should be holding at least 4 Growls a year and sending in the Pass Port Fees.

Let’s step up and be the Devil Dogs I know we can be.

Semper Fi Devil Dogs. Woof-Woof,

PDD Tom Krueger
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Woof-Woof, Dogs!

I missed a great time at the Supreme Growl in Daytona! I have received a lot of reports of fun and frivolity, and pictures!

As I said in the Summer 2022 WOG, I was asked to assume the position of Barking Dog; and the 60th Chief has made it so. I am very honored to take the reins from PDD Lewis Rice. The Chief also gave me permission to recruit two hard charging Dogs to be Deputy Barking Dogs. I am happy announce that PDD Manny Ibera (Los Angeles County Devil Dogs Pound 389) and PDD Jay Ramirez (Northwest Indiana Pound 285) have stepped up and we are working together to Bark Loud and Long!!

Please send me your photos and events from your Pounds and Packs, for our MODD Facebook page: @kennel.modd OR https://www.facebook.com/kennel.modd AND THE QUARTERLY WOOF-O-GRAM!! Informational, funny, all in good taste; please!

And check out our great website: https://militaryorderofthedevildogs.org/
Webmaster PDD Chris “Tool” Soldano  All you want/need is on the website.

Semper Woofing, and see you at Mid-Winter, and Oklahoma City!!!
Woof Woof Dogs of the order,
9-2-2022

We did it!! In true Marine Corps fashion, the Marines landed in Daytona Beach FL and the Devil Dogs took the beach, the Dogs made NASDOG history while attending the 82nd Supreme Growl by holding our first Devil Dog 500 on the beach and the 59th Chief Devil Dogs water follies. For those who were able to participate and observe the Dogs had a great time and proved that we are the Fun and Honor society.

Congratulations to our newest PDD’s we were able to advance 135 Dogs to the rank of PDD and that was great. I also want to thank all my Dog Handlers and Assistant Handlers, Deputy Mad Dogs and other Dogs who volunteered to help me out for a job well done, without you all stepping up and running the Platoons and stations we could not have done it.

Now is the time to focus on the year ahead and time to start focusing on advancement in 2023 in Oklahoma City OK. I have a feeling that we will have a lot of DD’s that are planning to advance to PDD’s especially with this being the 100th Anniversary of the Marine Corps League. I’m looking forward to the initiation fun and games that lies ahead.

So now for some housekeeping items:

1st of all, I need all the Dog Robbers to make sure that you” get advancement paperwork properly filled out”, We had several that didn’t have the Pack Dog Robbers signature, applicant signature or dates on them. For the Dogs who are planning to advance in Oklahoma City, OK start getting your paperwork together and get them submitted to your pound Dog Robbers so they can be sent up the chain. Pound and Pack Dog Robbers
Please do not wait until the last minute to send in advancement forms, send them in as soon as you get them filled out.

2nd, I’ll be emailing all my handlers and monitors in the next couple of months or so to see who is planning to attend the Supreme Growl or not. If you’re interested in being a handler or event monitor please send me an email and I’ll add you to my roster.

3rd, One very important thing that needs to be passed to all DD’s who are advancing, is that the earlier you can arrive and get registered the more fun you’ll have. **All DD’s who are advancing must be registered with the Marine Corps League first and then be registered at the Dog house for your initiation no later than 5:00 PM on August 14th.**

And last but not least. We have had a lot of dogs who have in the past scheduled trips and other activities during the daytime and have been missing too much time during the initiation activities. **DD’s need to make sure they do not book any trips that take place during the day from August 14-16, so you can attend the whole training cycle. If you don’t participate then we can’t advance you, so please make sure you are attending all the initiation training sessions.**

It has been a pleasure serving as your Kennel Mad Dog and I look forward to seeing you all at future Growls and especially at the 2023 Supreme Growl. If you have any questions feel free to give me a bark and I’ll be glad to help in any way that can.

_Semper Woofing,

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Northwest Division VCDD
PDD Bonnie Holden

Northwest Division

Fun and camaraderie was had by all at the Supreme Growl in Daytona Beach Florida in August 2022. I experienced being a Dog Handler this year and very rewarding to train and advance the Platoon. There were 10 Platoons this year with about 13 members in each. Looking forward to the next year in Oklahoma City Ok.

Time to get elections done in your Pounds and ROI sent to Kennel. Looking forward to working with all of our Northwest Division Dogs and scheduling to be at all of the upcoming Grand Growls.
Semper Woof

PDD Bonnie Holden
NWDVCDD
Members of Pound 086, Missouri Pack present a Certificate of Appreciation to the Cottleville, Missouri Farm & Home Supply store on behalf of PCDD Tom Hazlitt.

Store Manager Chase Prokuski has donated all the Milk-Bones treats to the Kennel that have been used for DD initiates who are going through initiation for advancement to PDD, for the past two years.

Pictured from left to right are the Honorable Deputy Mad Dog CJ New, store Manager Chase Prokuski and the Honorable Deputy Police Dog/Sir Pound Keeper PDD Hoernschemeyer
Division Vice Devil Dog, Southeast Division
PDD Jim Stone

It is an honor to have been asked by the 59th Chief Devil Dog PDD Tom Hazlett, to serve as the Vice Chief Devil Dog, Southeast Division and approved by our 60th Chief Devil Dog, PCDD Alan Sanning. I will work hard to deserve this honor.

I look forward to working with the Pack Leaders, Dog Robbers and Officers of the Magnificent Seven.

I will ask all our Pack and Pound Officers to become familiar with the Kennel Bylaws, the Pack Bylaws, the Pound Bylaws and the jobs to which you have been elected or appointed.

Dog robbers, you should be sure to send in your passport fees and donation to the Kennel Dog Robbers within seven days of your Growls. Pack Leaders and Pound Keepers, you should work closely with your Dog Robbers to ensure that the 990’s, Secretary of State (or whatever your state requires, and your ROI’s are done in a timely manner and that proof of acceptance is sent to the Pack and Kennel. This is required by Kennel Bylaws. Chief PDD Sanning has said if it is not done, your Charter will be pulled. Let’s do our jobs!

I look forward to visiting your Grand Growls of the Pack and your Growls of the Pound throughout the year. As soon as your Growls are planned, please forward them to me at: jimsn4@yahoo.com.

If you have any question or problems, please contact me and we will get them asked or answered as soon as possible.

Thank you all for the job you are doing, and I look forward to working with all you Magnificent Dogs to have the best year yet.

Woof, Woof,

PDD Jim Stone
Barkings from The Great Southwest Division,

Woof-Woof Devil Dogs! This year continues to resemble last year, but with a big difference as many of us have taken the large steps towards normalcy and yet the tunnel gets longer with the new variants taken hold. We take refuge in staying safe and visiting our family members outside our homes and extend our gratitude to those who keep us in their prayers.

Tis the Season! We have seen BETTER days, but also have seen worse. (The pandemic has tested Us). We continue to meet and ensure we have all our needs. We meet and hold new elections for our Pounds and seek ways on improving how we conduct business and raise funds to help out throughout our communities.

The Zoom meetings have been an enormous help in providing information to pass on. Packs have been meeting for the Fall Conferences and conducting business in a safe and healthy environment, Pounds have also met to elect their new officers.

The Marine Corps has celebrated its 246 years of existence by following the traditions as dictated by the 13th Commandant, Lt. Gen. John A. Lejeune.

To our Family, Friends and fellow Dogs…I wish for you this Christmas is Howling good time and a Happy New Year. Take care, stay healthy and keep in touch throughout the New Year.

Semper Woof!!

PDD Aaron Bazán
SWDVCDD
Midwest Division VCDD

PDD Mike Francis

WOOF WOOF,

Maximum Woofs from Missouri! So much has happened since my last article in the Woof-O-Gram. The National Convention and 82nd Supreme Growl were a Howling Good Time! Daytona Beach, Florida may never fully recover. 135 Devil Dogs were Initiated and Advanced to the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog. 424 Passports were stamped and the Supreme Growl was well attended. Big Barks to all of our new PDDs. The Honorable 60th Chief Devil Dog CDD Alan Sanning has asked me to serve as the Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog. Looking forward to my new Mission. It will be a real challenge to replace PDD Chuck Covert. He has done an OUTSTANDING job over the past 2 ½ years.

Thankfully, PDD Steve Seyller has agreed to continue serving as the Honorable Assistant Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog. Together, we will keep moving the Dogs of the Division forward.

All Pounds are required to hold their Annual Growl of the Pound, to choose new Officers, within 90 days following the Supreme Growl. The deadline this year is 15 November. It’s been a nice change sticking a little closer to my Doghouse. I have enjoyed attending 6 Pound Growls and assisting with the nominations, election and Installation of Officers. Toys for Tots, the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day are all coming up quickly, so don’t put it off. Remember to get those Officer Installation Reports filled out and signed by the Installing Officer. Copies go to the Pack, Division Vice Chief Devil Dog and the Kennel Dog Robber.

One of the biggest issues we face across the Kennel are IRS 990s. Too many Pounds and Packs have issues with their EIN numbers and IRS 990s. They are in auto revocation and no longer in good standing. This is a potential catastrophe for the Kennel as a whole. The Honorable Deputy Executive Director PDD Ray Sturm has taken the time to put together the step-by-step process to fix this problem. Go to the Kennel Website: MilitaryOrderoftheDevilDogs.org. Use the “Library” tab to click on “Publications”. Scroll down and open up “How to Reinstate with the IRS”. You can follow the step-by-step process to get your Pound or Pack back into good standing. The Honorable 60th Chief Devil Dog CDD Alan Sanning and I, have had a long discussion on this subject. Emails went out to the Midwest Division Packs last month. I will ask the Chief to Suspend the Charter, of every Midwest Division Pound and Pack not in good standing with the IRS, at the National Mid-Winter Conference and Kennel Mini-Growl. The deadline is 24 FEB 2023. We may have to get smaller, to get better, before we can grow again.

Packing up my Seabag and looking forward to attending a Pack Growl in Iowa in a few days. Worthy Pack Leader PDD Ricci Rios has assured me that he has the finest Dogs in the Division. Always a pleasure to catch up with old friends and meet some new Marines.

We are the FUN and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League. “Keep it FUN and they will COME”

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

Semper Woofing,
PDD Mike Francis

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19 JUL 2022
Fire Team “Shepherd” was Victorious !!!
The Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog CDD Tom Hazlett attended his very first Pound Growl in Missouri!
The Military Order of the Devil Dogs.
SEMO Devil Dogs,
Pound 330.
Missouri Pack.
Pound Growl in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

23 JUL 2022
The Military Order of the Devil Dogs.
"St. Charles County Dogs",
Pound 086.
Missouri Pack.
Pound Growl in Wentzville, Missouri.
17 AUG 2022
The Missouri Dogs!
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
82nd Supreme Growl.
Daytona Beach, Florida.

AUG 2022.
Kennel Staff.
The Military Order of the Devil Dogs.
82nd Supreme Growl.
Daytona Beach, Florida.
22 AUG 2022.
Karen Francis was chosen as the 2022 National MODD Flea of the Year and PDD Mike Francis was presented with the Past Chiefs Award. Marine Corps League National Convention and Military Order of the Devil Dogs 82nd Supreme Growl.
14-19 AUG 2022
Daytona Beach, Florida.
The Honorable 60th Chief Devil Dog CDD Alan Sanning.
The Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Tom Hazlett.
The Honorable 58th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Leonard Spicer.
Missouri is now the "Home of the Chiefs".
27 AUG 2022
The Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Tom Hazlett installing the new Pound Staff.
The Military Order of the Devil Dogs.
"Ozark Mountain Dawgs",
Pound 371.
Missouri Pack.
Pound Growl in Springfield, Missouri.
6 SEP 2022
WOOF WOOF
Installing the new
Pound Keeper.
The Military Order of the Devil Dogs.
"Show Me" Pound 66.
Missouri Pack.
Arnold, Missouri.
Honorable Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Mike Francis
8 SEP 2022
Pup "Baby T-Rex" Brewer...
400 miles later...
Military Order of the Devil Dogs.
"War Dogs" Pound 110.
Missouri Pack.
St. Joseph, Missouri.
13 SEP 2022
Annual Growl of the Pound.
Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers.
The Officers for 2022-2023:

PDD Matt McGill – Sir Pound Keeper.
DD Randy Kellogg – Sir Jr. Vice Pound Keeper.
DD Bob Fisher – Sir Mad Dog.
DD Matt Anders – Sir Barking Dog.

PDD David Loyd – Sir Sr. Vice Pound Keeper.
DD Gary Ziegler – Sir Smart Dog.
PDD Jim Maevers – Sir Dog Trainer.
PDD Steve Seyller – Sir Dog Robber.

PDD Mike Francis – Sir Jr. Past Pound Keeper.
Pup Matt Clark – Sir Watch Dog.

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs.
SEMO Devil Dogs,
Pound 330.
Missouri Pack.
Pound Growl in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.
To all you barking Dogs,

I hope this finds you in good health and ready for the holidays and a NEW YEAR. This old fleabag is more than a little ready to hit the trail and visit as many Dog Houses as I can.

To all my Dogs in Central Division, be sure to keep me informed of any event, special or otherwise you may be holding.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events. The first being our 2022 Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk, VA. February 24-26. The second event being our 2022 Central Division Conference in Springfield, Ohio on March 17-19. Give me a bark and I will send you all the scratching's for the conference. I hope to see all our Pack Leaders and Pound Keepers at the conference, and as many of our Dogs that are able to attend.

Let’s all have a howling great time this coming year and remember to bring as many new Dogs into our Packs and Pounds as we can.

Last, I want to wish all our Dogs a very Merry Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Happy Woofing,

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Woof-A-Gram  Fall Issue 2022

Is summer over now? New England Packs & Pounds are gearing up for a growling fall. The Pack Smart Dogs are going over the newly approved Kennel Bylaws and getting them passed down to the pound. The pounds are getting their pound Board of Trustees ready for an election. Pound Dog Robbers/Adjutants are making sure 990s (IRS) are done and that they are registered with individual States.

Wait a minute all the above sounds like work. Okay how about a howling birthday bash in November and gathering toys for children. Now that sounds like fun.

New England Dogs remember that the MODD is the FUN and HONOR society! Let us start having growls and turning in those passport fees, let us beat this year's Children's Fund and gather 100,000 big bones.

All New England Packs & Pounds please remember to send a copy of your ROIs, 990s (accepted), State registration and schedule of Growls to me by email.

Woof-Woof!

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New England Division Vice Chief Devil Dog
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Northeast Division VCDD

PDD Jason Hauck
Woof-Woof Dogs of the Division,

Let me introduce myself.

I am PDD Jason Hauck 18-279 from Pound 136 Jersey Skeeters, NJ Pack. I’m the newly appointed Northeast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog.

I am honored to be appointed to this position and hope to do great things within the Kennel and the NJ, NY, and PA Packs. I know I have some large paws to fill and hope to do some good for the order.

Woof Woof and thank you.

PDD Jason Hauck 18-279
Honorable Northeast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog
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Woof Woof Dogs of the Southern Division,

I hope everyone who attended the National Convention and MODD Supreme Growl in Daytona Beach, FL had a great time. If you were unable to attend, here are a few takeaways that you should be very proud of. The Kennel elevated 135 Dogs to PDD and the Southern Division was well represented with six of our own. Also, it was my personal honor to be asked to support the training as an Assistant Dog Handler for 3rd Platoon. Thank you PDD J. DeAngelo for allowing me to learn from your experience.

Did you know that we have newly elected Kennel dogs within the order? Please join me in congratulating our 60th Chief Devil Dog, Honorable PDD Alan Sanning, Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog, Honorable PDD Jeff Jones, Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog, Honorable PDD Evelyn Remines and Kennel Smart Dog, Honorable PDD Joe DeAngelo.

Closer to home I would like to acknowledge a few dogs whom I have appointed to assist me in managing the Southern Division. They are, PDD Audrea Killalea, PDD Cory Dressler and PDD Patrick Murray.

PDD Audrea Killalea:

MCL member since December 2017

MCL Billets:

POW/MIA Chair, National MCL

Membership Committee, National MCL

Public Relations Chair, Department of Texas

MODD member since January 2019
MODD Billets:

Sr Vice Pound Keeper, Crossroads Pound 177 Texas Pack
Police Dog, Crossroad Pound 177
Mad Dog, RGV Diablo Dog Pound 956

PDD Cory Dressler:

MCL Member since August 1999

MCL Billets:

Past Adj/Paymaster, Earl Anderson Det. 342 Department of West Virginia
Judge Advocate, Rio Grande Valley Det. 1456 Department of Texas

MODD member since August 2021

MODD Billets:

Pound Keeper, RGV Diablo Dogs Pound 956 Texas Pack
Smart Dog, Texas Pack
Kennel Deputy Watch Dog
Kennel Bylaws Committee

PDD Patrick Murray: (far right)

MCL member since 2015

MCL Billets:

Commandant Department of Texas
Adj/Paymaster, Tarrant County Det. 731
Judge Advocate, Cowtown Det. 1480
Past Commandant, Captain John Yancey Det. 631 (2018-2020)

Knowledge is power – so share it because our newly elected Honorable Kennel Smart Dog (PDD J. DeAngelo) has already sent out YouTube videos with updates and information via social media. This will help those dogs who need to review knowledge in a different format. The objective is to bring all dogs “up to speed” and share this knowledge with every Pack and Pound in our Division.

The By-law changes that were passed have been added/edited to the Kennel By-laws and have been posted to the Kennel Website. They can be found under “Publications” on the MODD website. Military Order of the Devil Dogs | The Fun and Honor Society

Hard work pays off, look what Southern Division has done. Nationally, at the Supreme Growl, the Southern Division and the Texas Pack and pounds received recognition for their noteworthy recruiting efforts.

Division: 1- Place Southern Division
Packs: 1- Place Texas Pack
Pounds: 3- Place Wilco (Williamson Co) Pound 311 Georgetown, TX
Remembrance and God Speed to following Marines and their families: Texas PDD Ernie C. Green Pound 268 and Oklahoma Pup Aurther C. Bunn Pound 356 rest in peace brothers.

A personal note: Thank you to PDD David Niemann (AK Pack) for presenting this amazing (and very useful) gift to me at our National Convention. Your talent is unlimited and very much appreciated. Woof Woof My Friend!

Semper Woofing,
PDD Sal Cenicacelaya 19-081
SDVCDD
Woof-Woof to all Dogs of the Order,

If you didn’t go to the National Convention and Supreme Growl you missed a great time in Daytona Beach, FL. There were 135 Initiates and 290 other Devil Dogs register for the Convention for a total of 425 Military Order of Devil Dogs in attendance at the Convention.

The next Convention will be in Oklahoma City, OK next August. If you are planning on advancing in Oklahoma City now is the time to let your Pound Dog Robber know that you want to advance to start getting the paperwork in order and sent into the Pack Dog Robber. The Pound Dog Robber can start sending them in anytime now through the beginning of June. They need to be in the Kennel Dog Robber’s paws prior to July 1st so get them in as soon as possible.

On the business end I now have 6 Deputy Operations Dogs. Thanks to all of them who volunteered to help at this years National Convention and became my Deputies. We have enough now to have a rotation so they won’t need to be in the Dog House all day.

Woof-Woof, PDD Lynn F Sabel
Kennel Operations Dog
At this year's National Convention in Daytona, Florida, the Devil Dogs had the privilege of presenting a check of 83,000 big bones to the Halifax Health Medical Centers prenatal unit. This was only possible because of all your hard work and dedication this year. I would like to personally thank the Missouri Pack for donating the biggest donation of 10,840.40 big bones and the Missouri SEMO Devil Dog pound 330 for their donation of 4,951.28 big bones. Congratulations Missouri!

At the National Convention, we raised 5,826 big bones from our auction and 887. big bones for the sales of the yellow roses. Including other bones collected for the Children's Hospital Fund, we raised a total of 11,225 big bones. Let’s all keep up this momentum to make 2023 a banner year.

Send your checks to:

PDD Janice Hartley
2013 Collier Blvd.
O’Fallon, MO. 63366-3353.

Make sure to write your checks to MODD and write Children’s Hospital Fund on the memo line in the lower left-hand corner.
The yellow roses are always an excellent fundraiser. Email spawnpointgaming91@gmail.com to order yours.
I will be periodically sending out suggestions on how to raise big bones, but I’m sure you also have many excellent ideas, and so please send them my way. Also feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have. I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to aid our communities and nation as a whole.

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WOOF WOOF
PDD Barbara Vanner
Honorable Charity Dog
Honorable Assistant Vice Chief Devil Dog
Woof-Woof Dogs,

Winter is finally here with all the cold temperatures and snow for some of us. But it all brings family’s together as we celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. I want to take this time to Wish each and every one of you Dogs a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I am still working on placing a bar code on every item to try to make things move a little faster in the check-out line. This will all be accomplished by National Convention.

Just a reminder that the Quartermaster store will not be at the National Mid-Winter. I will not be bringing any items with me. If you need something before the Supreme Mini Growl, please submit your orders in time to be filled and sent to you. Orders ship once a week on Mondays.

Make sure you are using the latest Merchandise Price List and the Order Form. Printing costs have gone up; therefore, I have had to increase the prices on some of the publications as I reorder them. Shipping has also changed; it is now $0 to $50 is $5.

Please make all checks payable to Military Order of Devil Dogs.
ONLINE STORE CAN BE FOUND AT:

WWW.MILITARYORDEROFTHEDEVILDOGS.COM
You may be eligible for VA benefits and services after your loved one has passed.

The PACT Act makes it easier for many survivors to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

VA will be contacting survivors who were previously denied DIC benefits and may be newly eligible under the PACT Act. You do not need to wait for VA to contact you to submit a claim.

How to Apply for DIC and/or Accrued Benefits
Surviving family members may apply for these benefits using the appropriate VA form on va.gov/family-member-benefits.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation
Monthly payment for the eligible surviving spouse, dependent children or parent(s) of the Veteran or service member if Veteran or service member died in the line of duty or due to a service-related injury or illness.

Accrued Benefits
A one-time payment to a surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or dependent parent(s) of a deceased Veteran based on relationship when the record shows additional benefits (such as VA compensation or pension) due to the Veteran prior to passing.

Additional Survivor Benefits Available:

Burials and Burial Allowance
Burial benefits available include a gravesite in any of our National cemeteries with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a government headstone, marker, or medallion, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost. Some survivors may also be eligible for a plot allowance, transportation allowance, and burial allowances based on the service-connected disability status of the deceased Veteran.

Final Monthly Payment
If a Veteran who is receiving VA compensation or pension benefits passes away, their last month of benefits can be paid to their surviving spouse.

Home Loan Guaranty
Certificate of Eligibility is available for surviving spouses receiving DIC.

Education and Training
Chapter 35 benefits and Fry Scholarship are the two main GI Bill programs offering educational assistance to survivors and dependents of Veterans who died in the line of duty or as a result of service-related disabilities.

Health Care
Survivors and dependents of Veterans may qualify for health care benefits, such as CHAMPVA.

Learn more and sign up at VA.gov/PACT
Download the VA Health and Benefits App
Call us at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)
Find a VA at VA.gov/find-locations/
The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve.

The Act (1) expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era, and (2) expands eligibility for benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances.

What are the PACT Act key components?

- **The Act expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic-exposures** and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era.
- **VA will improve the decision-making process** for determining what medical conditions will be considered for presumptive status.
- Every enrolled Veteran will receive an initial toxic exposure screening and a follow-up screening every five years. Veterans who are not enrolled, but who are eligible to enroll, will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening.
- **VA health care staff and claims processors will receive toxic exposure-related education and training.**
- The Act requires research studies on mortality of Veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Gulf War, Post-9/11 Veteran health trends, and Veteran cancer rates.
- The Act will help VA build a stronger, more skilled workforce to meet the growing demand for benefits and services.
- The Act authorizes 31 new medical facilities across the country, providing greater access to VA health care.

How can a Veteran file a claim?

Veterans who would like to file a claim must complete VA Form 21-526EZ to apply for benefits and submit any supportive evidence.

To learn about standard VA disability claims, supplemental claims, secondary claims, and more visit: VA.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/when-to-file.

If a Veteran was previously denied a claim, what can they do?

VA will contact Veterans when a presumption of service connection is established or changed. However, **Veterans previously denied a toxic-exposure related claim** are encouraged to file a supplemental claim. Once a supplemental claim is received, VA will review the claim under the new law.
On August 10, President Biden signed the PACT Act into law. This law helps millions of Veterans and their survivors by:

- Extending VA health care eligibility for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 (Post-September 11, 2001) eras

- Expanding benefits eligibility for Veterans exposed to toxic substances and their survivors

How to Apply for PACT Act Benefits

We want Veterans and survivors to apply now for their PACT Act-related benefits. You can learn more and sign up at www.va.gov/PACT, or call us at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411).

If you need help applying for benefits, VA, accredited representatives, and Veteran Service Officers are always standing by and ready to help. There’s no cost for the forms, no fees to apply, and VA will never charge Veterans for processing a claim.

Tips to Avoid PACT Act Scams

Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There’s been an increase in PACT Act-related phishing (email), vishing (phone), and social media scams targeting Veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or submit claims on their behalf.

Veterans should be cautious of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service. To report suspected fraudulent activity, please contact at vaqihotline@va.gov or call 1-800-488-8244.

Protect yourself against new scams with these tips:

- Do not provide personal, benefits, medical, or financial details online or over the phone. Federal agencies will not contact you unless you make a request.

- Do not click on online ads or engage with social media that seem suspicious.

- Check for “https://” at the start of website addresses.

- Enable multi-factor authentication on all accounts.

- Work with Veteran service providers you already know.

- Submit any suspected fraud to ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Visit the Cybercrime Support Network for additional resources to help Veterans, service members, and their families combat cybercrime.

www.VA.gov/PACT is the official source of PACT Act information.