

WOOF~O~GRAM

MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS, INC.

WINTER EDITION JANUARY 2014



GROWLING'S FROM THE 55TH CHIEF DEVIL DOG

1939 - 2014: 75 YEARS AND STILL GOING

AUGUST 1939!! Remember that date. The term "Devil Dog" was first earned and used to describe United States Marines. In 1918 at the Battle of Belleau Wood in France, is where Marines earned the title "Teufelhunde" a German term used to describe "Dogs of the Devil". It was used because our Marines were so under-supplied during the Battle of Belleau Wood, that, when they engaged the Germans in hand-to-hand combat, they bit them! **DEVIL DOGS!!!**

The Marines were a part of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) commanded by General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing. They had set sail on 14 June 1917 under orders from Major General Commandant George Barnett as a "Force in Readiness."

At that time, the total strength of the Marine Corps, worldwide, stood at 511 officers and 13,214 enlisted men. At the end of the Battle for Belleau Wood, 1,062 Marines lay dead. They earned for ensuing generations of Marines, the title "Devil Dog". The Marines



were referred to as battle hardened in the papers at the time. Not the first time they would be referred to using that description, even today it is used.

Flash to 1923, the Marine Corps League is formed by Marines like Gen. Lejeune, and other well-known Marines. They pulled together other Marine Associations to form the League. All went well until by 1939 it was realized that a way to blow off some steam was much needed during the National Conventions. Thus was the Military Order of the Devil Dogs born. (cont. pg 2)

Remember the date you were told to recall? The whole date is August 1939 till August 2014. Yes, 75

YEARS!!! old, that is this year, at the National Convention.

Oh right, the SUPREME GROWL. If you are advancing, now is the time to get your paper work in. Never too early, but you can be too late. Remember the medallion you have to be present and sign for. Everyone be sure to have your dues paid up to date. Get your rooms reserved NOW. Bring any needed paper work with you, the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber is pretty good but he only seems to do magic. Please do not try him, he bites. Get registered with the League first, bring your credentials the way they give them to you to the Dog House. Be dressed in your Devil Dog attire (ask somebody). Have your properly filled in Pass Port and Membership card ready. Stay in line. Purchase raffle tickets. Go forth and have fun.

Always remember:

"It is an Honor and privilege to belong to Military Order of the Devil Dogs"

The 55th Chief Devil Dog

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Sr. Vice Chief out and about creating chaos wherever she goes...

Woof Woof,

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We are all trying to recover from Thanksgiving, Toys For Tots, Hanukah, Christmas and welcoming in 2014.

We have been working with National Headquarters to get all the Packs and Pounds registered under the Marine Corps League's umbrella with the IRS. We would like to thank the Assistant Comptroller PDD Allen "Fergie" Ferguson for his assistance and patience with this huge undertaking. Unfortunately some Packs and Pounds have had their tax exempt status revoked. We are researching what needs to be done and hope to have some guidelines in writing by the Mid-Winter Mini Growl.

We are receiving phone calls and emails asking; "What do we need to do to start a Pound?"

"The Marine Corps League has a Start Up Kit, why don't we?" The dogs have asked and we are responding. We are hoping to have a "Start Up Kits" formatted on a CD for review by the Board of Trustees and the Past Chiefs Society at the Mid-Winter Conference in February.

Remember we are the "Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League". Please be active in your Detachments; be leaders in your Detachments and have fun. Show your community we are here to serve them today; like we did as United States Marines and FMF Corpsmen.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter Mini Growl on 14 February 2014 at Falls Church Marriott.

As always this office stands ready, on all paws, to assist the officers and dogs of the Kennel.

Woof Woof

PDD Leanna L. Dietrich

The Honorable Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog

Jr. Vice Chief's bark is much worse than his bite...

Dear Brother and Sister Devil Dogs,

Fall is almost over according to the calendar, and many of us are already wearing the warmer winter fashions (read that as meaning long johns and mittens). As you scurry about getting ready for the holidays remember to take time to slow down and enjoy the holidays and take care of yourself. If you are really lucky Santa might bring you a new collar and leash.

Don't forget to save some of those bones when you are shopping so you have plenty for the Growl at Mid-Winter.

Semper Barking,

Dennis

Honorable Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog

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Our Jr. Past Chief has something to bark about...

Woof, Woof Devil Dogs! Winter is cold in MN and I have been working to maintain my dog-house to keep us warm. I know this weather has made some major issues for many of you and I pray that you all pull through this year safely and look forward to the warmer days. This should be my last year of cold here in MN and I will be finding a warmer area to stay during these cold times.

In November I had the honor and privilege to be the guest of honor at the 238th Marine Corps Birthday Ball for the Southwestern Wisconsin Detachment # 623 in Beloit Wisconsin. The Marines there were Outstanding! They put on a great birthday celebration with good attendance. The Devil Dogs are some of the major workers there and we were even able to conduct a growl on Saturday before the Ball. The Marines in Beloit have done a great job in building and maintaining their clubhouse. I recommend any of you Dogs traveling through that area stop by and see what they have accomplished on their property, meet the Marines there, and feel the brotherhood they project to their visitors. Colleen and I just had an Outstanding time and we even made it to the Devil Dog breakfast on Sunday morning that the Dogs hosted. We have our tickets for the Midwinter Conference in February 2014. I remember in past years there have been issues with snow storms and cancelled flights; hopefully this will not happen this year. Many of the Past Chief Devil Dogs will be there and we are all looking forward to see the Kennel continue to grow and prosper. For those of you dogs, (of all degrees), that are coming I want you to know that the Midwinter Growl is open to all Dogs. It is a fun Growl to attend and I know our new Jr. VCDD PDD Dennis Dressler will have some fun things happening.

I am still heavily promoting the 75th MODD celebration coming August 2014. The 75th Supreme Growl is going to be a big one with many Devil Dogs going for their PDD. I know the Mad Dog, PDD Spicer is making some special arrangements that he is have dreams about. His team of Dogs will be barking, barking, and barking until the wee hours of the morning. If you are a Dog, you want to make it to this National Convention. There are many extra Bennies that you will gather that will make it worth your time; even if only for a couple of days.

I am looking forward to seeing everybody again at the Supreme Growl. I know we will have a great time. As you all know I am now the Jr Past Chief Devil Dog. I now have lots of time on my hands, (almost), to get myself into plenty of trouble.

DOG ROBBERS MAIL IN YOUR PASSPORT BONES NOW or RIGHT AFTER EACH GROWL. WE NEED TO GET THEM ADDED INTO THE COUNT TOWARDS OUR ANNUAL DONATION.

Woof, Woof and Semper Fi,

JR. PCDD Mike English

Central Division...AWESOME 74th SUPREME GROWL!!!

From Dale Munson, Central Div Vice Chief,

To all Central Division Packs & Pounds, I can be reached at USMCVET72@aol.com or (815)883-3636. I look forward to meeting as many Central Division dogs as possible in the coming months.

Woof Woof



PDD Dale Munson

Mad Dog stands tall and makes it happen...

Woof Woof,

The weather outside has been frightful in Missouri. We had about 10" of snow, 2" of ice and it's been bitter cold. I've had to lift my hind leg higher and trying to keep my paws warm by snuggling under my blankets. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and successful Toys for Tots campaign.

The New Year is upon us so it's never too early start planning for Nationals. If you want to advance, get that paper work in early and keep a copy to bring with you. I still need PDD's to man stations in West Virginia. This is our 75th anniversary year so the number attending will be grand. There will be 1 Handler plus 2 assistants for each Platoon. E-mail me at: spicer3@prodigy.net, put Help at Nationals in the Subject line. Thank you to those that have already stepped up.

You don't have to be advancing to be eligible for the anniversary tag. You must, however, be at the National Convention and in good standing with the League and the Devil Dogs. Also, you will need to bring passport, tags, I.D., paw print to get your 75th Anniversary tag.

Mad Dogs prepare your Dogs to sound off. I hope to see many of you at Mid Winter.

Semper Barking,

Leonard Spicer
Honorable Kennel Mad Dog
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NOTES FROM THE KENNEL QUARTERMASTER...

Woof Woof Devil Dogs.

The family and I thank everyone for their kind words and cards after losing my Marie. This has been a very hard time on all of us, but knowing we are cared for and thought of by so many wonderful Dogs has been a God send. Thank You All!

When you call me for an order and I am not answering the phone, please speak clearly and slowly to leave your name and phone number. Many times I cannot understand the phone number that is left on the answering machine.

I prefer not to have charges of less than \$10. It cost us bones for each charge, therefore, please make your purchases for at least \$10.

When sending e-mails to me, you can use pastchiefdd@gmail.com.

Semper Fidelis and Woof Woof,

Clifton Williams
43rd CDD
Honorable Kennel Quartermaster

Nothing has changed since the Fall Woof~O~Gram on the order sheets or online. If anything changes, it will be posted ASAP.



Da Smart Dog chases his tail and barks at the Moon...

Here's woofing a Happy New Year to all of you PDDs, DDs, and PUPs!

This will be the last newsletter prior to a very important deadline. Any proposed amendment to the Kennel Bylaws must be properly submitted to the Kennel Smart Dog no later than 1 March for consideration at the 2014 Supreme Growl. Please read the excerpt from the Kennel Bylaws below for clarification and details.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDING OF BYLAWS

Section 1301 - Method of Amending

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 Kennel Smart Dog no later than 1 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 Kennel Smart Dog will propagate the proposals without comment by having the Honorable Kennel Barking Dog publish all proposals in the Woof-O-gram, the Order'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 1 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 sub-paragraph "A" above will be construed to have been met, provided that the Honorable Kennel 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 Kennel 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 Kennel 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 Kennel Dog Robber, copies of said amendments shall be provided as outlined in paragraph B.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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49th CDD & Kennel Executive Secretary continues to harbor strays...

Woof Woof all you Karniverous Kanines;

In my articles this year I will continue to talk about the upcoming 75th Supreme Growl Commemorative items. The following instructions tell you how to procure your items:

The following procedures are being planned to assist you in receiving your anniversary materials:

- ◆ You must be physically present to sign for and receive your materials.
- ◆ You must ensure your dues for the 2014 fiscal year are paid and up to date. Any questions regarding membership status will be referred back to the Kennel Dog Robber for adjudication.
- ◆ You can only receive your tag. No proxies.
- ◆ You will only receive one tag. Be careful with it. Once you receive it, there will not be any replacements due to loss or destruction. In fact, put it on your collar as soon as you get it. As stated below, once the Convention week is complete, all remaining dog tags will be destroyed. No replacements will be made once you have been handed the materials, or any time in the future.
- ◆ MAKE SURE your Detachment pre-registers you with the Marine Corps League as an attendant to the Convention, as a Delegate, Alternate or Member. If you are not pre-registered, you can expect a delay in step one below while the National Credentials Committee determines your membership status and tries to find appropriate Officers from your Department and Detachment to certify the registration.
- ◆ While there is a restriction for attending a Supreme Growl (in order to attend a Supreme Growl you must be a Pedigree Devil Dog), there is no degree restriction to receive the 75th Supreme Growl materials. Any Pup, Devil Dog, Pedigree Devil Dog or Past Chief Devil Dog in attendance may receive the items, but only in person and for themselves.

An area separate from but close to the Kennel Dog House area will be set up and dedicated to distributing the anniversary materials. The steps to procure your 75th Supreme Growl Tag and celebration materials will be:

1. Register with and receive your Marine Corps League credentials.
2. Register with and receive your Military Order of the Devil Dogs credentials. If you are also advancing in degree during this time you can expect this step to take a longer time. Plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time to complete this step. (cont. pg 7)
3. Procure your Visa stamp for your passport.
4. Proceed to the area for registration and procurement of the 75th Supreme Growl materials.
5. Present your National Convention credentials, MODD credentials and Passport to the individual at the station. Your items will be verified for completeness.
6. Sign the log provided indicating your presence at this event and signifying your receipt of your materials.
7. Receive your materials.

Other notes:

The registration and distribution area for the 75th Supreme Growl materials will be open whenever the National Convention Credential Committee and the MODD Registration areas are open, starting on Sunday. On Friday at noon the area will be closed. Any and all tags and materials remaining after this time will be collected and destroyed.

Semper Woofing,
49th CDD Doug Fisk
Kennel Executive Secretary





KENNEL POLICE DOG

PDD JACK SEVERN
Kennel Dog of the Year, 2009

KENNEL STAFF ARTIST

Winter Woof-O-Gram 2013



A big WOOF to all you Dogs:

It has been a colorful and exciting fall.

Summary of Activities in Support of MODD:

Been working on our patches, coins, stamp and staff shirts and the Chief's coin, for our 75th Supreme Growl Charleston, WV.

Participating in collecting toys for Toy for Tots; participated in our Detachment highway trash cleanup.

Attended the MCL Marine Expo in Quantico, VA.

Participated in our town of Mt. Airy remembrance of the 9/11 Anniversary. Participated in the firing detail.

As always, I had a good time helping out with the cookouts at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Attended the 238th Birthday Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington.

Had the honor of carrying our MCL National Colors along with Craig Reeding our Mideast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog, on Veterans Day at Arlington Cemetery where President Obama gave a speech. Had the honor of meeting two MOH recipients Dakota Meyer and Brian Thacker. Dakota at the Memorial and Thacker at Arlington.

Attended the Wounded Warrior 238th Birthday Ball where Dakota Meyer was the guest speaker. Attended a few other detachments balls.

Attended several pack and pound growls.

Have been working on the Mid-Winter Conference Program Book.

I'm looking forward to seeing all you dogs at Mid-Winter. Remember, all dogs can attend this Growl; it will be lots of fun.

Bring BONES.

If I can help any of you dogs, or if you have any questions, please let me know.

Continued prayers for our military and their families.

**Semper Woof,
PDD Jack Severn,
Kennel Police Dog/Staff Artist
Dog of the Year 09**



Whew! Southern Division kicks some tail...

WOOF! WOOF!

This old dog would like to congratulate all of Kennel Staff for their election to their Staff Offices for the upcoming year.

The Supreme Growl in Grand Rapids was fun and -for me-informational. At one of our Staff Growls, CDD Ken Travis gave us a few of his goals for the Order. Among them were to get back to having good, clean, fun; retention of strays; and bringing in new Dogs to the Order. Some of these ideas are the same as the League's. The big difference is that the League can draw members from the general population. We, Dogs, only have the League to draw from. The League has some 72,000 members, but not all of them are even eligible to become Dogs. About 64,000 are regular members. How do we find worthy Mongrels?

I have been invited to attend Detachment meetings, officer installations, picnics, etc.

Many times I have been asked to talk about the Dogs. This has taken me by surprise. I usually talk "off the cuff". But to be prepared, I have a card with a quick out-line about the Order: a little history, purposes, and make-up of the Order.

At National while attending one of the League meetings, I noticed how many are Dogs—not only in the audience but the National Officers, as well. I realized that when I attend League functions, I need to look for the members who are active in their Detachments and Detachment functions. If they are active there, they are the most likely ones to become an active member of the Order. Taking time to talk to these prospective Dogs to see if they are interested is the first step. Finding a current Dog in their Detachment and hooking them up to help understand what Dogdom is about and help with the sign-up process is the next step. This will help the increase of new Dogs.

What about rounding up Strays? A Dog is having a good time when they are doing something they like to do. As Division Vice, trying to get Packs and Pounds involved as a group activity is key. Whether it is hosting hospitality rooms, parades, Bar-B-Ques, or V.A. visitations, etc. will help raise interest in the Order which will help with retention.

Good Hunting

Woof! Woof!

SDVCDD

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North West Division...also chasing their tails and scratching themselves...

Greetings from the North West Dogs,

Up until November Mother Nature was being kind to us in the NWD as most of the dogs were still out chasing cars in their shorts. Although we have been having quite a cold spell which caught a few dogs getting stuck to metal fencepost while doing their business. (sniffing around that is...)

2013 is almost gone, yet it has left a big dent on our memory building in our communities, losses of family and friends, struggles in life can make us stronger even when all seems lost. As leaders and followers, we should remember that everyone on any given day is struggling in one way or another and just needs to be treated kindly.

Keep on Barking!

PDD Randy Ott

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What do they put in the dog food in the New England Division...?

I hope that all of the dogs read the fall edition of the Woof-O-Gram as it contained a lot of very good advice and guidance from the Kennel staff. The Chief stressed the importance that all Pounds get their paperwork to the Pack, DVCDD and Kennel. He also noted the importance of all Packs/Pound follow the DD Bylaws and those that don't will have their charter retired although every effort will be made to work with a Pack or Pound to keep that from happening. The Kennel Smart Dog also stressed the importance of following the Bylaws and that any issues that might arise are handled through the established chain of command. Pound, Pack, Division, Kennel in that order. It was also noted that a dog whose dues are past due cannot hold an office as they are no longer in good standing with the Devil Dog organization. By the time you read this all Pound installation reports should have been sent to Kennel (trust that you used the new form) as they were due no later than 90 days after the Supreme Growl, which would be mid-November. An installation report must be submitted even if the same officers are elected.

In accordance with the approved bylaw change, remember to submit the passport fees after ever growl. Hopefully all Pound Dog Robbers are vigorously following up with any dog whose dues have lapsed. While the 2014 Supreme Growl is still about 6 months in the future it's not too early to start to get the paperwork together for any DD that plans to attend the Supreme Grow and wants to advance to PDD.

The 1st of December found me driving to Scarborough ME for a ME Pack growl. The dogs were kind to me as they had the temperature raised to 35 degrees for me. The Pack growl was held at the Maine Veterans home and was conducted by the WPL PDD Robert Clark. There were 23 dogs in attendance. WPL PDD Clark started the growl at 11:12 which was 12 minutes late and in my opinion he should have been fined for this failure. He then dismissed the dogs that were becoming Pups or Devil Dogs for their initiation. PDD Clark expected perfection from the dogs in attendance and I was fined for not knowing my last name or my dog tag number which I felt was unjust since I had the stress of having to drive over 100 miles to get to the ME Dog House. After conducting the growl PDD Clark had the dogs being initiated brought back to the dog house for the swearing in ceremony (See Photo). After the swearing in the dogs were auctioned off, this raised 21 big bones for the Pack. The growl was then closed and the dogs were treated to Italian kibble and bits that looked like a pizza.

Woof, Woof.

PDD FRANK DIEKMANN

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South West Division is looking forward to the 76th Supreme Growl...

WOOF WOOF!

Here's to all the Dogs out there that are trying to get out of the summer heat. Either this old cur is getting older or there IS global warming! I've been trying to stay cool since Grand Rapids but haven't had much success. The HKBD asked that the WOG articles remain short and sweet so I'll gladly comply. Ever since coming back to California from Michigan I haven't gotten around much so there won't be much to report anyway. All the Dogs I've had a chance to bark and grrr with since the Supreme Growl all had a grrreat time, or so they say. I know I did! Now I'm looking forward to the MODD's 75th anniversary in Charleston, West Virginia, next year. I've already made my hotel reservations because they're filling up fast, so don't put it off or you'll be out of luck.



'Till the next WOG-Woof/Woof!

PDD Bob Villalobos

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Dog gone Mid-West Division is at it again...

Woof, Woof! I hope all you dogs had a great Christmas and kicked the New Year off in style!

Big barks go out to the Dogs of IA Pack for hosting a great Growl during the Division Fall Conference in Des Moines. We can now look forward to the Division Spring Conference and Growl scheduled for April 10 - 13, 2014 in Omaha, NE. For info or the registration form just go to <http://www.momcl.org/> and look for the link in Convention/Conference Information. While we normally have the Growl on Saturday at Division Conferences please note that we will be Growling on Friday afternoon at the Spring Conference. I hope to see many of you dogs there!

I look forward to seeing those of you traveling to Falls Church, VA for the Mid-Winter Staff Conference, February 14 - 15. Reminder, the Mini Growl at this conference is open to all dogs of the MODD, not just PDD's.

Thanks to all of the Packs and Pounds that are keeping up to date in accordance with the Kennel by-laws! It appears we have a few Pounds that are behind on submitting Installation reports.

All Pounds are required to hold election of officers and submit installation reports between the Supreme Growl, August 7th in 2013 and mid-November. Those Pounds that are delinquent need to take care of this ASAP! Use the newest installation report form in the Publications tab at www.moddkennel.org and forward three copies to your Pack Dog Robber.

Try to stay warm out there for the rest of the winter and I'll see you at the Spring Conference in Omaha. Give a howl if you need anything!

Semper Woof!

PDD Alan Sanning

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Rocky Mountain Division...so what are you barking at?

Woof, Woof Devil Dogs:

Devil Dogs of the Rocky MTN Division; Having passed through another year, its time to prepare ourselves for the upcoming year. I would also like to remind all that installation reports are due, even if you did not change leadership there still must be a updated report done. I also like to remind each Pack and Pound to find a local group that you can support and aid. The Colorado Pack has started out helping out the Ronald McDonald House, but there are others out there that could benefit from our support. I also like to remind all Packs and Pounds if they have not done so, their EIN's, 990's and Reports should be done for this past year by this time. I also like to remind all Pack Leaders and Pound Keepers that 4 Growls a year should be held with all Pass Port Fees being sent to the Kennel (ensure that first thing after a Growl is the Pass Port Fees are sent into the Kennel). We all want to see the Kennel do as much if not more then last year so lets get those Fees sent in. I like to remind all that this years supreme Growl is going to be the 75th anniversary of the Devil Dogs, so if you plan to attend get your planning done and get ready for some great times. Any Devil Dogs wishing to advance to Pedigree ensure you get with your Pound Dog Robbers and get the paper work started. All paper work must be to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber no later then 1 July 2014. Also ensure you have a copy of the paper work with you when you show up. If any Devil Dogs advancing have any questions Contact your Pound Keepers and Pack Leaders, or Myself. I look forward to seeing all Dogs of the Division and having some great times with all.

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KDR PDD Joppa has been busy counting all these bones...

Kennel Dog Robber's Report for the Winter 2013 WOG

Dues transmittals continue to come in at a moderate pace. The bylaws say that all renewals are due on September 1. If you have not renewed your dues for the 2014 year you may not legally attend any growls or participate in any MODD activities. Please get your renewals to your Dog Robber so they may be transmitted to Kennel and you can hold a current membership card.

Dog Robbers: please contact your members and get the transmittals in promptly.

New applications for membership are way down from previous years. If you have quality members in your Detachment invite them to become members of the MODD. We are always looking for "good Dogs".

Elections and Installation Reports are required to be completed by mid-November. Attached is a list of those reports for each Pound and Pack. If your Pound or Pack does not show 2014 in the date field please get a copy submitted right away.

Passport stamp bones are to be collected from each member in attendance at a growl. Attached is a list of the bones received so far this fiscal year. If your Pound does not appear on the list it means that no bones have been received. Please collect the bones at each growl and submit them promptly. The bylaws have been changed as of the last Supreme Growl to require them to be submitted after each growl.

IRS 990's were to be submitted to them by the middle of November. (If the fiscal year you are using is July to June). If your Pound or Pack has not complied you need to get it done. You stand to lose your nonprofit status if you do not comply with the IRS regulations. Send the IRS notice of filing to me so it and your EIN number may be recorded. The IRS is making a big push to shut down non-profits that do not file. If you do not have an EIN number you need to get one and send the number to me so we can get you on the list of MCL subsidiaries and registered as such with the IRS. Non compliancy may result in taxes being imposed on any income as well as severe penalties from the IRS.

We are all looking forward to the Mid-Winter Growl in Virginia in February. I hope to see many of you in attendance. Remember, this is the only Kennel level growl that any Dog may attend.

After you have made sure that you have complied with all of the above you can go back to your nap by the fireplace and make sure the food and water bowl are close by so that you do not have to exert yourself too much. Have a Merry Christmas and I wish each and every one a joyous and prosperous New Year.

WOOF WOOF

Respectfully submitted

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Bark, bark, bark, bark, bark & more bark...

There is a lot of information to pass for the good of the Order. Ideally, the electronic version is faster and more reliable. However, some dogs prefer the printed version. That's okay as long as we have a current mailing address for you. Please update your info with your Pound Dog Robber, ASAP. The next WOG mailing is an important one for the fund raising efforts of the Jr. Vice Chief Sweepstakes and our making a difference in the lives of children. Therefore, get your change of address in ASAP.

Let's be responsible dogs and do the right thing by communicating with the leadership of your Pound. Pound Leaders should be communicating with the Pack Leadership. This communication is no different up or down the chain of command. As I put these articles into the WOG, I can't help but see that the same things are getting passed by everyone. I understand how volunteer organizations work, yet we are Marines and hold ourselves to a higher standard. Being Devil Dogs is no different.

I will stop my ranting for this WOG. Please grab your leash and get to work. I greatly appreciate your patience as I work on this and upcoming W~O~Gs.

Honorable Barking Dog

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Please put the following dates in your calendar as the WOG deadlines:

Sep 15 Dec 15 Mar 15 Jun 15

Mid East Dogs are staying busy...chasing cars up & down the expressway...

Winter is here and it's time to start preparing for our Kennel Mid-Winter Growl. This is the only Kennel Growl that ALL Dogs can attend! Better yet, it's always held in our Division every year. This is a great opportunity to experience what the Kennel does before you head off to the 75th Supreme Growl in West Virginia this summer.

Get your Passport Bones mailed in after every Growl. It's a new Bylaw requirement. This will allow the Kennel (and me) to track how many Growls you have each year. Every Pound must hold a minimum of 4 growls per year. To the Dogs of Delaware, what can I do for you or your Pounds to make the MODD in DE come alive again? Reach out; I'm here to support you! I live close by in Md.

The Mideast Division Growl Pin in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the MODD is currently in the works. It will be on sale to all of the Mideast Division Dogs at the upcoming 2014 Mideast Division Conference & Growl. Once the pins have been received from the vendor, pricing and distribution options will be published.

Packs of MD, VA, NC, WV, keep up the great work! There are a few Pounds that need some attention and I'm sure your Pack Leaders are working diligently to bring them all in line with the Kennel Bylaws. I'm looking forward to getting out to your Pack & Pound Growls.

See you all at Mid-Winter!

Semper Barking,

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South East Division has recovered from the 73rd Supreme Growl...

Woof-Woof.

Devil Dogs, as the newly appointed Southeast Division Vice Chief I have been introducing myself to the Pack Leaders.

We have a request to Charter a new Pound in Alabama working its way through the chain. The issue of getting the pounds to report their installation of officers in a more timely manner is an item being addressed, it is improving, it is difficult to have effective communications with out-dated information. The recognition of this and the efforts of my predecessor have us heading in the right direction with still just a few tail end stragglers.

Dogs, please attend the Mid-Winter Staff Conference and Kennel Growl February 14 & 15, 2014 at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, VA. Pack Leaders, if you are not going to be able to attend, please provide me with the name of a Dog who will receive information and material for your Pack and deliver it to you. Information about this Conference is now on the National website.

Shortly after we will be gathering for Growl at "The 2014 Southeast Conference" it will be held At the Inn at Opryland Nashville, Tn. March 6-10 2014. Available on the website <http://www.sediv.org> and going to the left column under conferences and conventions you will find that "Registration Form" and the "Ad Form" are both interactive. You can fill out the form on-line, print it out to submit with your check(s), and save a copy to your computer. Tennessee will put together a growl the likes the SE has come to expect.

Semper Woofing !!!
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North East Dogs have been holding their own in the bad weather...

Woof Woof Fellow Devil Dogs,

First, I would like to thank honorable chief Devil Dog Ken Travis for appointment of Northeast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog; I know I have big paws to fill. I am grateful for all the support I have received from everyone during the past year. The Northeast Division has one pound on the Chief List that was in danger of losing their charter. I am happy to say that the pound took care of the necessary deficiencies to come off the list. Pounds in the division continue to have trouble with EIN's and 990N's and are trying to work through those issues. I want to thank the leadership of the Pounds and Packs that I was able to join for Growls, the hospitality was outstanding. Each Growl I attended my bone bag was lightened each time, they were well conducted and a lot of fun. I am proud of those Pounds that have fully met their responsibility with holding Growls, reports of officer installations, submission of Visa fees and 990N reporting, these are clear demonstrations of active pounds and packs. I wish every Dog Pound and Pack great success in the upcoming year.

Woof Woof,



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By PDD George E. Williams, August 1989
(modified, August 2008)

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 a force in readiness and the "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 the Military Order of Devil Dogs and to carry out my duties to a swift and satisfactory completion.

Good night, Chesty, wherever you are!