Woof-Woof to all Dogs of the Order!

Welcome to the Summer WOG and hopefully we are receiving more of your E-mail Registrations which will allow more members to receive the WOG via on-line download.

It looks as though restrictions previously caused by the COVID Pandemic are easing or going away and more and more of our Pounds and Packs are starting to get active. If you missed our April Gathering of the Dogs, you missed a fantastic time! We had well over 150 Dogs gather in Greenville, SC and we had a great time.

Growlings from the 59th Chief Devil Dog

CDD Tom Hazlett

My thanks to the many Dogs who gave their time and efforts to make it a huge success. We had some very distinguished guests; our National Commandant PDD Dennis Tobin, our SR. Vice Commandant PDD Johnny Baker, our JR. Vice Commandant PDD Warren Griffin, our 51st CDD, PCDD Don Garland and our 54th CDD, PCDD Mike English were there to join in the fun and the education over the 3 days of the Gathering. It was a fun time by all, and I wish to personally thank the SC Pack and the local Pound for their support. We are considering another Gathering and the name Branson, MO popped up; we shall see!

If you desire to attend the National Convention and the 81st Supreme Growl in Springfield, IL. and have yet to reserve your room and register for the Convention, I urge you to do so now before it is too late! We are going to have a great time at the 81st Supreme Growl and remember, all you Devil Dogs who wish to obligate to PDD, you must do it NOW!

I wish to thank all the Packs and Pounds on your efforts to square away your 990 issues, great job! There are still some of you (Packs and Pounds) that have yet to take action on your 990’s and because of that, you have been revoked by the IRS. You cannot do business as a Pack or Pound if your status as a Not-for-Profit organization has been revoked.

If you need assistance in correcting your deficiency, please contact the Honorable Kennel Executive Director and he will see to it that you get assistance.

Another thank you goes out to all the Packs and Pounds as well as individual Dogs who have seen to it that we will break the record in the donation amount to the Children’s Hospital. I am still hoping for $60,000 this year and when one considers the situation we have been in for the past 18 months, that is fantastic!

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.
Thank you so much for the hard work and for digging deep into your pockets; for what you have done, it is utterly amazing. We still have a few weeks left of June so hopefully we will receive even more from the Pack Growls taking place. A special thank you goes out to PDD Vanner, your Honorable Charity Dog for her efforts in our Face Mask Fundraiser, we collected thousands of Big Bones for the Kids from selling the masks. I also wish to thank Karen Francis, the wife of my OUTSTANDING Aide-de-Kamp, PDD Mike Francis; Karen made beautiful handbags that she sold and collected many Big Bones for the Children’s Hospital.

I cannot personally list all the Dogs that have done such an outstanding job in assisting the Kennel over the past 6 months; the names are too many to list and I do not wish to miss anyone. It has been a very trying year and yet the Kennel has done so many great things. My thanks to the Pounds and Packs who have joined in Operation Chow Hound, you have collected and donated tons of food and pet-related items for our 4-legged friends. To all the Dogs who assisted in the 1st and 2nd Gathering of the Dogs...just an amazing job, you know who you are and hopefully I did not miss anyone with some form of thanks be it a Certificate of Commendation, a Certificate of Appreciation, or a small gift; thank you all! PDD Rice, our Honorable Barking Dog, what a fantastic job you have done with the WOG, I am so impressed, and I look forward to reading each new publication of it.

We have had to say farewell to many of our members of the MCL and MODD, it is always such a sad occasion. Thank you for the honors you have rendered to those who reported to the Supreme Commandant and may they long be remembered. I also want to thank you and again remind you that we have many Veterans in hospitals and homes across our great Nation; please remember them and stop in to see them; it does mean so much and takes so little time.

Thank you so much for all you've done, you are an amazing bunch of Dogs who allow us to live up to our distinct title of “The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League. Speaking of Fun, remember, if you are holding your Growls as if they were business meetings, you are doing it wrong! Have some fun! Be Creative! If you Keep it Fun, they will Come!

My best to all, stay safe and healthy, and I hope to see many of you in Springfield, Illinois.

Semper Woof
Tom
59th CDD
As it looks like we have a green light for the Supreme Growl in Springfield, IL this year, I can once again say that I am really looking forward to seeing many of you Dogs there in just a few short weeks after this WOG reaches your paws.

Hopefully each Pound has some eager DD’s signed up to make the quest for their gold collars. I’m confident Honorable Kennel Mad Dog PDD Minton has some wonderful activities for advancing Dogs to take part in.

If you’re advancement form has been filled out and sent in, you may verify that the Kennel Dog Robber has received and processed it by going to https://militaryorderofdevildogs.org. Click on “81st Supreme Growl” then scroll down to the list of processed applications and look for your name in the list, which is organized by the date received by Honorable Kennel Dog Robber PDD Joppa. The top of the list begins with forms received in 2020, scroll down for the more recent ones.

With all we’ve been through over the last year, this is a good time for all Dogs to take a look around and see if you have some League members who have gone above and beyond to keep things rolling or to take care of other members during these unusual times. If so, consider if they might be candidates you should be putting up for membership in the MODD. We’re always looking for a few good Dogs so don’t miss the opportunity to bring them into your Pound.

Finally, with states opening back up, Dotty and I were invited by CO Worthy Pack Leader PDD Steven Schwartz to join the Dogs of Colorado Pack for their Grand Growl and Department Convention. Many BIG BARKS to all involved in what was a very fun and memorable event. Those CO Dogs sure know how to make you feel welcome. I had an awesome weekend and hope to have an opportunity to do it again soon. WOOF-WOOF!

See you in Springfield where I will be running for Office again and would greatly appreciate your support. Woof-Woof!

Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog
PDD Alan D. Sanning

Realizing the redundancy, I again remind Pound Keepers and Pack Leaders that there are Kennel awards for both the Pound and Pack Dog Robbers of the Year and for information on them. I’ll refer you back to my article in the Spring 2021 Woof-O-Gram or page 69 of the Kennel By-Laws online. This is an opportunity to put some hard-working Dogs in the competition for some well-deserved recognition.

**SEMPER LATRATUS!**

**PDD Alan D. Sanning, SrVCDD**

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Woof-Woof Devil Dogs,

First of all, I would like to Thank ALL Dogs in the Kennel that Prayed and wished for a speedy recovery from mine & my wife’s battle with COVID. We both have had a complete recovery. Again Thank You!!

Now back to business, After the last W.O.G. I had a Dog that wrote a complaint to the Chief about my article. Requesting that the Chief relieve me of my Duties as the Honorable Junior Vice Chief. Evidently, I wrote something that this Dog did not agree with. I have a couple of things to say about this, I did not realize that I, in some way relinquished my “FREEDOM of SPEECH.” I thought that was one of the Articles of the Constitution that I joined the United States Marine Corps to protect. The saddest part of the complaint is this Dog was not a Big Dog, but just a Little Puppy, because this Dog did not have Stones enough to confront me personally Dog to Dog. That would have been the thing to do. That’s what Big Dogs do.

Illinois has opened back up and we are looking forward to a Howling good time in August at the 81st Supreme Growl. The Honorable Mad Dog is already working on your Platoons activities to be completed before you are eligible to be advanced. Be prepared to have a good time.

I would like to Congratulate all Dogs that have been elected to their Worthy Offices. I trust that you will continue to excel in your Packs. If you have any questions, please reach out to me either by Phone or Email.

Please keep checking on the Dogs in your Pounds and Pack. If anyone needs help and you do not have the means to provide, please reach out. We are a family, no one needs to be alone or doing without.

Please stay safe out there and I look forward to seeing you in August in Springfield, Illinois. I plan on running for a second term as your Honorable Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog and I would appreciate your support. I look forward to seeing you in Growl assembled.

It’s an Honor & a Privilege to be a Devil Dog.

Semper Fi,

PDD J.D. Jones 09-019
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Things are slowly getting back to normal across the country. The Chief has been extremely busy and sure has kept me on my Paws since my last WOG Article. In March, The Chief held three Kennel Staff meetings via Zoom. The final details for the 2nd Gathering of the Dogs were worked out. On the 15th, Pound 330 Initiated two new Mongrels and welcomed Pups Doc Humphries and Robin Roberts to our Missouri Pack. We played “Fishing for Big Bones” and raised 132 Big Bones, for the Kennel Children’s Hospital donation, with 13 Dogs on deck. This was a milestone for me, as the 100th Growl I have attended since joining the MODD. On the 20th, we held our Missouri Pack Growl. Pup Paul Campos was Initiated and Obligated to DD. That evening it was so good to attend the Growl of Pound 393 in Hawaii, via video. On the 27th the Honorable 58th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Leonard Spicer held his annual SOS Breakfast fundraiser in Jackson, Missouri. My Flea was not very enthusiastic about Reveille at 0230.

The 29th was National Vietnam War Veterans Day. We traveled to Perryville, Missouri to pay our respects, where they have a full-size replica of The Vietnam Wall. God bless all the Vietnam Veterans and their families, who have sacrificed so much. April was a fun month. Operation Pineapple kicked off on the 6th. DD Scotty Bryan flew to St. Louis from Hawaii. We picked him up and began the Road March to Greenville, South Carolina for the 2nd Gathering of the Dogs. Although it was not an Official Kennel Growl, it was another piece of MODD history in the making. Two mangy Mongrels were Initiated and Obligated as Pups. MCL COO Bob Borka and Marine Todd Carpenter, welcome to the Order! WOOF-WOOF. Several Honorable Chiefs were in attendance. The 51st PCDD Don Garland, 54th PCDD Mike English, 58th PCDD Leonard Spicer, 4th HCDD Jack Severn, General Regner, the National Commandant PDD Dennis Tobin, Sr. Vice PDD Johnny Baker, Jr. Vice PDD Warren Griffin, NVC PDD Phil Zamora, NVC PDD Dave Porter and several other National Officers were in attendance. So, motivating to see 8 of the 10 DVCDD’s on deck. A truckload of donated items for the Humane Society were collected. The Hospitality Suite was Rockin’. DD Scotty Bryan brought Hawaiian shirts for just about everyone who helped start the first Pound in Hawaii. There were over 140 Dogs in the Growl and the MRE eating contest will NEVER be forgotten. If you missed it, you really missed out on a FUN weekend. Go to the Kennel Facebook page: Military Order of the Devil Dogs-Kennel for photos.
The 15th – 18th, The Chief and I were in Wichita, Kansas for the Midwest Division Spring Conference and Growl. Midwest DVCDD PDD Chuck Covert was in rare form and we amassed A PILE of Big Bones for the Kennel Children’s Hospital donation. Check out the new Midwest Division-MODD Facebook page for some great pictures. On the 24th of April the Honorable 58th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Leonard Spicer and members of Pound 330 were in Jackson, Missouri to present a MODD Certificate of Appreciation to Daniel Tuschoff. He has been engraving MODD Dog Tags for over 20 years. The photograph and an article were published in the Southeast Missourian newspaper. Picked up the CDD at the airport in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on 29 April. DDs Dave Trei and Steve Rueschhoff from the South Dakota Pack, met us for Noon Chow at the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance building. WOW, what an incredible facility. The Chief was very happy with the on-site gun shop and indoor shooting range. It was hard to leave. 29 April – 2 May, The Chief and I were in Worthington for the Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Minnesota Pack. Big Barks to the Dogs from the Buffalo Ridge Leathernecks for all of their hard work. The Chief recognized DD’s Dan Harrington, Gary Stewart and Bill Wittenberg with a CDD’s Meritorious Commendation. WOOF-WOOF. On the 4th I attended a Growl with Pound 66 in Arnold, Missouri. Always motivating to see PDD Ken Dieckmann, a Vietnam Marine with two Purple Hearts. 6 – 9 May we were in Ocean City for the Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Maryland Pack. The Chief, 4th HCDD Jack Severn and National Jr. Vice PDD Warren Griffin kept me busy. Had some sore paws by the end of the weekend. Some “Cowardly Dogs” attempted to shoot the CDD in the back during the Growl. His Aide-de-Kamp covered his 6 and returned fire. Everyone now knows that I am willing to take a bullet for The Chief. (A Nerf Dart, anyway). Lots of fun and laughter. Good Growl. Congratulations to PDD Joe Fay who was chosen as the Pack DOY and the Department MOY. Pound 330 held another Growl on the 18th in Cape Girardeau.
We played “Devil Dog Jenga” and the Honorable 58th PCDD was fined for impersonating the Honorable 59th CDD. This prompted an immediate phone call to The Chief, which resulted in an additional fine. A LOT of Big Bones were contributed for the Kennel Children’s Hospital donation. VERY FUN GROWL. 3 – 6 June we were in St. Joseph for the Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Missouri Pack. What an incredible weekend. MSgt. “Iron Mike” Burghardt came from Arizona to be our Guest Speaker. He and I went to EOD School in 1992 and served together in 1st EOD Platoon at Camp Pendleton. It had been 27 years since the last time we were together. Mike is a legend in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal community. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V and Purple Heart. It was an Honor to attend a Memorial Service at the grave of 1st Lt. J.G. Schneider USMC. He fought at Belleau Wood during WW I and was awarded the Navy Cross. Lt. Schneider was killed in the Argonne. He is one of the Marines responsible for our namesake, Teufel Hunden, DEVIL DOGS. The Grand Growl lasted for 2 1/2 hours and the laughs just kept on coming.

Congratulations to PDDs Janice Hartley and Teresa Terry on receiving their very first PIA Medals. PDD C.J. New received a well-earned Pack Leader’s Meritorious Commendation. It was motivating to see DDs Gary Stewart and Bill Wittenberg come all of the way down from Minnesota to join us for the weekend. On the 12th our Pound got together for a Social Event. An “Evening Around the Fire”. We invited the spouses and the Detachment to join us at DD Matt McGill’s farm. Did a little fishing in the pond, had a few beverages and enjoyed some fine company around the campfire.

You may want to consider holding a social event between your Growls and include the families.

Before closing…. One thing most of us have learned this past two years, is the value of communications. Email, phone calls, teleconferences and Zoom meetings are all powerful tools. The Missouri Pack met twice, via Zoom, for about three hours total. We had members of the Pack Staff and representatives from every Pound. The meetings enabled us to work out a lot of details for the 2021 – 2022 Pack Fundraiser. This really shortened the amount of time needed for discussion, when it was brought up during the Grand Growl for a vote, giving us more time for fun. The Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog CDD Tom Hazlett has worked tirelessly to encourage all of us to improve our communication. Pound, Pack and Kennel. NOW DO IT !!!!

Lastly. Remember. MAKE IT FUN AND THEY WILL COME. See you all in Springfield.

Semper Woofing,

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The 2020 National Convention and 81st Supreme Growl were scheduled to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida. Unfortunately, they were cancelled.

The Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog CDD Tom Hazlett has held three ZOOM meetings with the Kennel Staff since the last issue of the WOG.

Brand new Pups for the SEMO Devil Dogs Pound 330 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Lots of fun and laughter at the Missouri Pack Growl in Jefferson City.

It’s 0400 in Jackson, Missouri. The Honorable 58th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Leonard Spicer holding the annual SOS Breakfast fundraiser.

Kennel Aide-de-Kamp at The Wall in Perryville, Missouri. Vietnam War Veterans Day.
Banquet at the 2nd Gathering of the Dogs in Greenville, South Carolina.

Shaking a rear paw at the 2nd Gathering of the Dogs in Greenville, South Carolina.

Nothing like running into a Dog from your PDD Initiation Platoon. Semper Five, Platoon 5, at the 2nd Gathering of the Dogs in Greenville, South Carolina.

Social Distancing at the Midwest Division Spring Conference in Wichita, Kansas. L-R: Midwest DVCDD PDD Chuck Covert, Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog CDD Tom Hazlett and Kennel Aide-de-Kamp PDD Mike Francis.

29 APR 2021 - The Chief toured the new South Dakota Military Alliance facility in Sioux Falls. Big Barks to the Dogs from the South Dakota Pack for the tour.

The Kennel Aide-de-Kamp PDD Mike Francis and DD Olivia Nord in Worthington at the Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Minnesota Pack.

PDD Ken Dieckmann 00-015 Show Me Pound 66 Missouri Pack.

The Chief, in Ocean City for the Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Maryland Pack.

Princess Lydia and her escorts, in Ocean City for the Department Convention and Grand Growl of the Maryland Pack.
Pup Robert E. Lee donated this beautiful wall hanging to The Chief to be used as a fundraiser.

The Honorable 58th PCDD impersonating the Honorable 59th CDD. MANY Big Bones were collected for the Kennel Children’s Hospital donation.

SEMO Devil Dogs Pound 330 Missouri Pack


Missouri Pack. Memorial Service at the grave of 1st Lt. J.G. Schneider USMC. He fought at Belleau Wood during WW I and was awarded the Navy Cross. Lt. Schneider was killed in the Argonne. He is one of the Marines responsible for our namesake, Teufel Hunden, DEVIL DOGS.
Pups Howling to be DDs at the Grand Growl of the Missouri Pack.


PDD Hugh Nisbet – Worthy Pack Leader
PDD C.J. New – Worthy Sr. Vice Pack Leader
PDD Mike Francis – Worthy Jr. Vice Pack Leader
PDD Floyd Miller – Worthy Smart Dog
PDD Chuck Covert – Worthy Mad Dog
PDD Greg Craig – Worthy Police Dog
PDD Brian Stollfus – Worthy Dog Trainer
PDD Steve Seyller – Worthy Watch Dog
DD Jason Reimann – Worthy Barking Dog

Visit Springfield Illinois

08-13 August 2021
Woof-Woof!!

I would personally like to thank every “DOG” that showed up to the 2nd Gathering of the Dogs in Greenville, we had a “howling” good time. Now we can focus on the Supreme Growl in Springfield. Make sure that all your paperwork is in order, before you get to the Doghouse.

As previously reported, I am running for the position of Honorable Kennel Dog Trainer. I hope to see everyone in Springfield.

GEAUX TIGERS!!

PDD Jeremy Barton
12-344
Blue Ridge Pound 319

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Woof-Woof, Dogs!

I have really enjoyed receiving and sharing the pictures and events you are holding throughout the country. We are the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, we do not let COVID stop us from having fun, and gathering Bones!!!

Please continue to share your ideas on ways we can build up the Bones for the Children's Hospital...

I look forward to seeing you all in Growl assembled, in Springfield!!

And as I said before, please share the links to your own Facebook pages for your Pounds and Packs.

We ARE the Fun and Honor Society!

Semper Woofing,

PDD Tom “Shoe Shine Boy” Bates
A hearty Woof Bark, and Greetings from the 51st Chief Devil Dog. I can not bark loudly enough about the happiness I have that our Kennel Members are again slowly getting back to normal and conducting in-Dog Growls. I just returned from the Northeast Division Growl in Pennsylvania and am as happy as I would be with a steak in my bowl. There are so many of our members that are stepping up and keeping our Order in Order! Kudos to you all! Now for the other news….While we are getting out and about, I want you to look around and take notice of the Dogs in attendance and more importantly, those not in attendance. It was refreshing to see some new mugs in my travels but was solemn not seeing many of those we have met and gathered in Growl assembled so many times and now for one reason or another, some of those Dogs are missing from our Growls and Gatherings. I ask that in your travels, pick up a friend that has not been in attendance and bring them back with you to your next Growl. I am sure we have a lot to catch up on since we all met together in the previous normal Growl life. The Great Dogs in our Order that are working hard to keep us all informed and up to date on happenings are doing a superb job, thank you for looking out for our members.

Well, it is time again for Pounds and Packs and Divisions to meet in Growl Assembled and hold Elections, recognize performance and work to fulfill our Pound, Pack, Division and Kennel missions. If you are one of those Dogs that think the Growls are getting a little stagnant and boring, guess what, WE NEED YOU! Step up and take an active role in change so that our Growls get back on track and are FUN! We do not have to just sit down and drink like other Veteran Organizations, organize picnics, outdoor activities that raise membership numbers and raise funds for our Pound, Pack or Division. While it may seem a little tasking at first, the satisfaction of completing the tasks and doing something that positively impacts our Order is more than satisfying, it is good for our mental health also!

Take a moment to thank those who have lead your units during this time and be prepared to help out, step up and take action to make the future bright for our organization. Every idea is a good one, some better than others, and every Dog has some. Consider the future of your local Pound and Pack, offer to take a leadership role, either appointed or elected. There are a lot of good members out in Dogdom that are ready and willing to assist you in making that step, and making it successful. Hope to see you in Springfield.

……Woof Bark, the 51st CDD.
A Family/Survivor Reference Guide for When A Veteran Dies

1 Prior to Death - Discussion to Have and Action Items Prior to Death

1. Designate a “battle buddy,” a go-to friend or family member who will provide support:
   a. Assist with calls and gathering information
   b. Reach out to local Veteran Service Group Chapter Personal Affairs
   c. Reach out to Veteran Service Organization Chapter Chaplain (insert contact information here)

2. Locate servicemember’s DD Form-214 - Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. No DD-214? Request a DD-214 in any of these ways:
   a) Contact your state or county Veterans agency
      i. For North Carolina county veterans offices you can locate closest office at link:
      ii. For veterans in other states please refer to other state directory for veteran service offices
          closest to you: https://www.va.gov/estadova.htm or refer Appendix A
   b) Mail or fax a Request Pertaining to Military Records (Standard Form SF 180) to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), download SF 180 https://www.milvets.nc.gov/request-sf-180-form-214-certificate-release-or-discharge/open (mailing addresses are included on the form) Be sure only one SF 180 is sent in or it can cause delays. Contact NPRC if veteran has already passed after sending in SF 180 to request it be expedited.
   c) Get an eBenefits account with the VA: Home - VA/DoD eBenefits

3. Connect with Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Benefits & Claims | Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (nc.gov) or call (844-624-8387); Complete Form VA 21-22 (Appointment of VSO as Claimant’s Representative): 21-22 (va.gov), and Form VA 21-0845 (Third Party Disclosure): 21-0845 (va.gov); VSO guides veterans and or surviving spouse through the benefit process, and provides entitled benefit information during final days, for example:
a. Home skilled nursing (VA eligibility check)
b. VA state nursing home (Discuss)
c. Durable Medical Equipment (Wheelchair, ramps, etc. check)
d. Have VSO check for any possible service-connected conditions or pension eligibility

4. Obtain Military Bio if available
   Make/Review Funeral arrangements/disposition of remains:
   a. Local Mortuary
   b. Arlington National Cemetery (877) 907-8585 www.arlingtoncemetery.mil
   c. VA -contact closest local County Veteran Service Officer
   d. Order flag VBA form 27-2008 for burial from VA if meets criteria
   e. Military Funeral Honors Directory- Military One Source

5. Know what the veteran’s service-connected disability rating is and for what (If applicable):
   a. Contact local VA VSO for support
   b. VSO will provide information on VA support for interment
      i. Payment for interment varies on level of disability and if death is service-connected, or
         varies by location at time of death.
      ii. Ceremony support (this is provided usually by funeral home directors)

6. Additional data needed: Complete forms from MOAA or other Veteran service organizations -in
   preparation of a death:
   a. Computer/phone passwords
   b. Banking/ online passwords for bank accounts
   c. Properties
   d. CPA
   e. Financial Advisor
   f. Insurance (Property, Life, Extended Home Health Care)
   g. Online passwords (utilities, any direct deposits, deposit box key locations)
   h. Check for VGLI or SGLI (life insurances contact number (800) 669 8477)
   i. Check for Survivors Benefit Plan “SBP” (call DFAS (800) 321-1080)
   j. 

II After Death Occurs

1. Connect with “battle buddy” or go-to friend
2. Speak with attending physician or medical support:
   a. Discuss cause of death
   b. Share VA disability rating with MD. Important note: To get certain survivor VA benefits (such as
      Dependents and Indemnity Compensation, DIC), a VA service-connected disability must be
      recorded on the death certificate as either part of the primary cause of death or
      additional/secondary/other causes)
III Day One

1. Contact VA to report death of veteran (800) 623 1000
2. Have pertinent information ready: DD 214, date of death, place of death, Social Security Number
3. Notify agencies of veteran's death - all that apply
   a. VA - work with Veterans Service Officer
      i. Connect with county VSO or Veteran Service Organization (must have VSO)
      ii. Is death service connected?
      iii. Does the disability rating need to be adjusted?
      iv. Start paperwork for DIC or survivor's pension if applicable (note: the federal VA will need a copy of the death certificate before they grant anything, this is why it is key to talk to coroner or attending physician before they sign off on death certificate)
      v. VSO will apply for other benefits/certificates
         1. DD-214
         2. Pay in arrears
         3. Possible appeals
         4. Survivor Pensions
         5. Aid and attendance
         6. Fiduciary if appropriate
   b. DFAS (Defense Finance and Accounting Office) (800) 469-6559 (contact if veteran retired or received medical retirement from service)
      i. Notify
      ii. Request Survival benefit Plan claim
   c. DEERS (800) 538-9552
      https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/self_service/rapids/unauthenticated?execution=e1s1
   d. Prudential (VGLI/SGLI) (800) 669 8477 - Prudential (if VGLI/SGLI in effect)
      i. Notify (find out if the veteran was paying to receive VGLI/SGLI)
      ii. Request paperwork to file
   e. Privately issued insurance
   f. Social Security https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/survivors/ (800) 772-1213
      i. Notify
      ii. Request appointment to file for death benefits
   g. Arlington National Cemetery (ANC)
      i. (877) 907-8585 www.arlingtoncemetery.mil
      ii. Arlington requirements- must meet criteria
      iii. Review on ANC web or speak with ANC support staff
      iv. To schedule must have
         1. DD214
2. Copy of Death Certificate
3. Copy of cremation certificate
   v. Funeral Home – Communicate that death is of a veteran
4. Reach out to TAPS - Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors if needed (grief counseling)
   www.taps.org (800) 959 8277, or closest Vet-center 1-877- 927-8387)

IV Day Two+

1. Continue with list above
2. Contact lawyer where the will or living trust is filed to inform of death
3. Contact USAA (or other auto insurance) check if there is a gratuity payment
4. Speak with attending physician regarding Cause of death. (Note: this might eliminate the surviving
   spouse from being eligible for DIC if the cause of death/other causes of death part of the death certificate
   does not include a service-connected disability)
5. Receive/Review Death Certificate from Mortuary
6. Communicate with attending physician
   a. Cause of death
   b. VA disability language should be included if applicable
   c. Request death certificate be sent electronically
   d. Talk with signer of death certificate if amendments are needed
7. File paperwork with the above agencies as directed to receive benefits
8. COVID-19 Death Burial Benefit (FEMA) If Veteran passed away from COVID-19
9. Benefits to support Survivors – Brochure Military One Source
10. VA Survivor Tool Kit https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/docs/VASurvivorsKit.pdf
11. Obituary
    a. Use military bio to help
    b. Mortuary provides service as needed
12. Interment
    a. Announcements
    b. Location
    c. Reception

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MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS, INC.

THE FINAL ROLL CALL 2020-2021

From NODs received on or before 15JUNE2021

Alabama Pack
PDD Raymond C. Barry 11-540
PDD Mark Kilgore 11-200

Arizona Pack
Pup Herbert “Lucky” Page 18-014
DD Thomas H. Lavelle 16-267
PDD Edward Macintyre 75-006
PDD Charles Marquez 96-108
PDD William N. Panos 04-167
PDD David F. Skelton 10-365

California Pack
Pup Theodore “Ted” George Katsourakis 07-025
Pup John T. Hogan 19-173
DD Donald “Don” Joy 11-348
PDD John Coley 15-428
PDD Craig J. Jones 16-198
PDD Henry “Hank” Pezzetti 11-379

Colorado Pack
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Connecticut Pack
Pup Richard W. Orzulak 93-198
Pup James D. Torvinen 02-399
DD Robert C. Batka 12-286
PDD Leo F. Fitzpatrick 05-444
PDD Joseph J. Gustin 55-143
PDD Edwin Kivel 89-112
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PDD Russell Heady 99-016
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Georgia Pack
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PDD Charles Moser 08-205

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DD Paul J. Herring 94-075
PDD Michael M. Jacob 97-409
PDD Donald Landers 03-036
PDD Richard R. Richard 10-133

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DD Deward McMillen 04-374
DD Les Nation 82-249
PDD Bobby Clarkson 77-076

Kansas Pack
Pup George E. Hudson 11-412
Pup David L. Wood 18-107
PDD Jimmie R. Wood 95-105

Maine Pack
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DD Roger Torres 10-333
PDD Herbert P. Boy 10-335
PDD Richard E. Tolman 99-040
Maryland Pack
PDD Murphy J. Burke, Jr. 99-335
PDD James “Guy” Hall 00-427
PDD Anvel H. Raines 05-034
PDD Bobbie D. Richards 06-028
PDD James M. Zurakian 05-029

Massachusetts
DD Edwin Buckhour 11-119
DD James J. Murphy 99-223
PDD Richard “Dick” Clary 04-211
PDD PNC James R. Laskey, Sr. 69-022

Michigan Pack
Pup Robert Neil Dougan 20-149
DD Gary Gross 10-495
PDD George Granberry, Jr. 12-172
PDD Donald J. McKeon 15-410

Missouri Pack
Pup Leigh Davis 17-331
Pup Robert N. Dougan 20-149
DD David L. Schulte 94-268

Nebraska Pack
Pup Steven Brownfield 18-072
DD Steven Davis 17-099

New Hampshire
DD Frank C. Wisinski 03-423

New Jersey Pack
DD Michael Farano, Sr. 08-223
PDD Walter V. Biermacki 18-256
PDD George Charlton, Jr. 86-072
PDD Charles R. Gardiner 74-131
PDD Vittorio A. Giglio 98-105
PDD Harry T. Risley 03-172
PDD Daniel M. Savino 00-141

New York Pack
Pup William “Bill” Brander 09-444
Pup James O’Neil 12-011
DD Urbane Bennett 09-129
PDD William E. Bowen 05-277
PDD John Brody 89-107
PDD Gary L. Eichler 11-383
PDD James C. Gross 09-233
PDD Ronald N. Long 03-242
PDD Joseph J. Patrick 12-304
PDD Felix Piotrowski 97-291
PDD Richard A. Wagner
PDD Gary L. Walker 88-247
PDD James J. Williams 10-058

North Carolina Pack
DD Albert Duskey 10-182
DD Robert L. Ebel 04-041
PDD Santo H. Mazucco 15-152
PDD Kenneth R. Parker 07-475
PDD Kenneth E. Vinal 05-164
PDD James L. Weismiller 81-025

Ohio Pack
Pup Alfred J. Flicker 07-335
Pup Steve Hill 17-235
PDD Charles “Tom” Lylte 15-292
PDD Barry Ryan 96-475

Oklahoma Pack
PDD Raymond F. McGee 06-556
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PDD Grady L. Rainbow 07-340

Pennsylvania Pack
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DD Lance D. Hodel 02-251
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PDD Peter Cosenza 97-226
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PDD John J. Wilson 77-104

Tennessee Pack
Pup Ronald D. Anderson 16-064

South Carolina Pack
Pup Alva L. Moore 06-209
DD Thomas H. Boyd III 12-337
DD Leslie Gregg, Sr. 18-332
PDD Arthur R. Blank 10-318
PDD Lawrence Frelin 08-085
PDD Richard “Dick” Schreck 09-074

South Dakota Pack
Pup Deanna Burchell 16-069
DD Gene Tornow 00-425
DD Gary Whitney 08-244

Vermont Pack
PDD Raymond St. John 90-297

Virginia Pack
Pup Larry P. Hebert 07-073

Washington Pack
PDD William A. Cundiff 09-069
PDD Jack J. Rasmussen 90-079
PDD James L. Renton II 05-136
PDD John H. Witham 03-315

West Virginia
Pup Giles L. Carter 18-182
Pup Jerry E. Kessler 20-112
DD Harry R. Allman 17-124
DD Donald K. Cliff 12-334
DD William W. Hamilton 02-052
DD William S. Walters 14-202
PDD Jerry L. Cook 12-050
PDD Paul DiMarco 18-046
PDD Randy L. Gibson 09-013
PDD Robert W. “Bill” Gray 07-461
PDD Guilford Harman 10-326
PDD Archie H. Sweet 05-259
PDD Troy L. Varney 07-358
PDD Boyd L. Whisney 99-022

Wisconsin Pack
PDD Raymond J. Nessmann 90-062
Woof-Woof!

As the end of the year is quickly coming, I take great pride in the fact that as I write this the MODD is thriving financially!

For many of us, this fiscal year of 2020-2021 was totally unexpected. We faced many challenges due to the pandemic and as “Good Marines we have adapted and overcame.” Many of the changes that have been made have insured the MODD will remain strong financially.

Several things that have changed was the printing and mailing of the Woof-O-Gram saving the MODD over $19k in Big Bones a year. The MODD owning its own accounting and point of sale system saved another $4K in Big Bones.

As Growls became harder to hold depending where you live, I am glad that we were able to hold “Gatherings”, one in Ocean City, MD last October and the other in Greenville, SC in April. These activities raised a substantial number of Big Bones for both the MODD and the Children’s Fund. I believe if the MODD continues, we may have one of the largest donations to the Children’s Hospital, paws crossed! Guess that will bring me a fine from the Chief!

Woof-Woof,
PDD Ben Wells
Kennel Executive Director
Woof-Woof Dogs of the Order,

As I’m sitting here in my Dog House, I’m just chomping at the bits to get to Springfield, IL and see all the Dogs and Leaguers. It’s been a crazy last year and I’m ready to get back to the business of advancing DD’s to the degree of PDD.

Well by the time you read this, the deadline to have your advancement paperwork turned in has come and gone. July first was the deadline, and I hope all those who were planning to advance at the Supreme Growl in Springfield IL, got your paperwork turned in to your Pound and/or Pack Dog Robber. For those of you who had your paperwork turned in, don’t forget to get the copy of the advancement form that the Kennel Dog Robber sent back to your Pound and or Pack Dog Robber and bring it with you. This way, if for some reason your paperwork was misplaced, you’ll have proof that you sent in your advancement paperwork and you will be able to advance.

We have some fun and interesting things planned for the initiates, so come prepared to do a little snooping around along with some song and dance, also make sure you bring your creative thinking hat, you’ll need it for a couple of events.

I’ll be emailing all my handlers and monitors in the next week or so to see who is still 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.

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 register at the Dog house for your initiation no later than 5:00 PM on August 9th.

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 from August 9-11. 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 It is my intention to run again for the position of Kennel Mad Dog during the Supreme Growl in Springfield, IL and I would appreciate your vote and support.

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,
PDD Charles Minton
Honorable Mad Dog
252-452-0728
May 14, 2021 - The 1st Miss WV Pack Contest was held during the WV Pack Growl in conjunction with the Department of WV Convention. Over 40 Dogs showed up and they were entertained by 4 beautiful ladies who entered the Miss WV Pack Contest. One of the ladies (PDD Jerry “Jeri” Bain) was a former Victoria’s Secret model and she no longer has a secret. Another (PDD Greg “Grettee” Irwin was a convict who escaped from death row somewhere and was trying to hide in the Growl. The third lady PDD Don “Donnetta” Dearth) was a manure sales representative who brought samples for everyone. The last lady PDD Richard “Hot Lips” Lipscomb was a former television evangelist who answered her calling and found the light. They were all introduced by a former “New York Pimp Daddy” who found a new gig working as a limo driver for Kennel Deputy Mad Dog PDD Greg Irwin. His service provided rides for the ladies, and they complained that his limo was lacking as he only has 3 mules. The Pack Leader PDD Mike McLain fined the ladies for voicing their displeasure and the escort for trying to pawn off the ladies to the highest bidder. The ladies tried to do a can dance but all fell down and were fined. Due to their provocative clothing, they accidentally mooned the Pack Leader several times and he is now almost blind. They got fined for that too. The manure saleslady received 5 marriage proposals and is currently engaged to one of them. Their makeup artist and hair stylist were both fined as one wore a wig backwards but looked much better that way. DD Maria Cain was the style consultant and was fined for performing a transformation miracle.

One of the ladies was accused of being a ringer and petitioned one of the finest minds, PDD Wayne Sarapata in the MODD to represent her. He was suffering from a Viagra overdose and could hardly stand for any prolonged periods. He was fined multiple times for making false statements. Several of the Pack Dogs were fined for leering and making crude remarks about the appearance of the ladies.

PDD Irwin was fined several times for trying to bring his mules into the Growl. The Pack leader asked the Pack Veterinarian PDD Roger Ware to check out the ladies for wearing enhancement attire. He was fined for accepting a small bribe from one of the ladies. The ladies danced and sang a variety of songs including, “Pretty Woman”, “I’m a Red Neck Woman”, “Evil Woman” and “You Can’t Touch This”. Their singing sounded like a group of frogs during mating season. They were fined for failing to entertain anyone. The Pack Leader even made them give their tips back as fines. One of the Pack Dogs PDD Scott Kirby failed to grasp the moment, so he ran out of the Growl, and returned wearing the shortest Daisy Dukes in history and won the contest. The Pack Leader lost control of the Growl as the 4 ladies kept hitting PDD Kirby with their purses for stealing their moment and bribing the Dogs to vote for him. The power went out and someone stole some clothing from some of the ladies, but everyone had a good time and raised $612 in fines. Prior to the contest, MODD Jeopardy was played by several of the smartest Dogs in the Pack and no one got any answers right and all were heavily fined for being too smart. No one got hurt or married so things got back to normal. The photo below proves the stories.

Woof,

PDD Roger Ware

WV Pack Dog Robber.
Are you attending the 81st Supreme Growl and the 2021 National Convention?

**Springfield, Illinois 08-13 August 2021**
I’ve been an “essential worker” and on business travel since May 2020 at Ft Benning, Georgia, Ft Bragg, North Carolina and JBLM, Washington (Ft Lewis near Seattle). I was vaccinated against COVID this spring and I’m now Oahu, Hawaii for 2 months (May-July).

I have attended many MODD Growls and MCL meetings during my travels. It’s always great to meet new Dogs and spend time in their yard and Doghouse. My most recent Growl was with the Tunnel Rats Pound 393 in Hawaii. So east coast meets west coast. I attended both of the ‘Gatherings of the Dogs’ this past year. Hopefully they will continue. You really should plan to attend a future one.

Our Mideast Division Growl was held in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware on 16 March. I had the honor of leading the Growl with the support of the Maryland Pack. Fun was had and $1200 BONE$ were raised for the Children’s Hospital Fund.

Now for some admin housekeeping. I sent an email on 2 June to all the Packs & Pounds who are deficient in some way. Get with your leadership if you are on this list. MD-204, MD-302, MD-316, NC-210, NC-327, VA-139, WV-153, WV-215, WV-331, WV-343 & WV-Pack. Pack Leaders & Pound Keepers need to keep on top of their IRS 990-N annual filings, State Incorporations & Passport Bone submissions for their respective area. Get it done or ask for help. I am available to assist.

Are your Growls FUN? You should travel to other Pounds and Packs to attend one of their Growls and get new ideas to bring back home to your Pound.

Since I was just elected as the Pack Leader for the Maryland Pack, I invite you all to come to Mer-lin for a Growl… and don’t forget to bring your Big Bones!

I look forward to seeing you all this August at the Supreme Growl in Springfield, Illinois were we have a number of Mideast Division DDs be elevated to PDD.

Semper Barking, PDD Craig P. Reeling 02-060, VCDD Mideast Division
443-477-0670 Craig.Reeling@MarylandMarines.org
Barkings from The Great Southwest Division,

Woof-Woof! Devil Dogs! Two-thousand twenty-one has proven itself, thus far; to be as challenging as the previous year as we all have had to overcome, adapt and improvise how we serve our communities. Meetings have been Zoomed, where we have met and all appears like we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, but we are still in this Pandemic. Variants have extended the life of COVID-19 and Vaccinations have shorten its viability. Although it’s been over a year since it (COVID) has changed our lives, we continue to thrive. The Southwest Division has added three new Pounds in California and Hawaii and recruitment continues onward one step at a time. Even though its appears to be just a short while ago we have struggled to maintain our events. Car shows and parades are coming back and mask requirements are easing or have been eliminated. We still must be mindful and vigilant that it’s not over till it’s over. Outdoor meetings have sustained our Pounds as we continue to contribute to our communities. The Oldest Marine from Iwo Jima (Maj White 105) and the youngest Marine Raider (Cpl Wright 96) continue to surprise us as they fight on to assist in anyway possible to remember those who did not return (Memorial Day). Losses have been felt throughout the entire United States, as we struggle to recruit new and promising members to the Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD). Light continues to shine bright at our ‘Gatherings’ which instills in all of us to move forward whatever obstacles come our way. With that keep up the Buddy Checks and always stay alert as we move forward and continue to serve our communities.

Semper Woof!!

PDD Aaron Bazán
SWDVCDD
Major White with Captain Chuck Roots (formally a Marine SSgt) at Memorial Day Services at Cherokee Memorial Park.

Outdoor Detachment Meeting in Modesto followed by MODD Pound gathering.

Major White with Cpl Wright
South Carolina Low Country Detachment #803 and Tideland Riverdogs Pound #246 SC Pack members delivered 4480 pounds of dog food to the H.F. Help No Kill Shelter in Summerville, SC on March 31st. #803 has a project called "Operation Rescue" which focuses on getting donations to support our four local shelters. In 2020 we collected more than 2,000 pounds of dog food and supplies to support our furry friends!

An anonymous donor donated four pallets of high quality dog food, we just had to pick it up and deliver it to the shelter. Charleston Animal Society, Berkeley Animal Center, and Dorchester PAWS already had received donations directly, so we focused on our 4th Operation Rescue Shelter - H.F. Help No Kill. We were able to deliver **4,880 pounds** of dog food to help them with their mission of helping animals find forever homes.

Back row: #246 Pound Keeper PDD Mike Cortright, Holy City Auxiliary Unit President Lynn Cortright, Jr. Vice Commandant/ Pound #246 Sr. Vice Pound Keeper PDD Ray Brown
Front Row: PCDD 47th Chief Devil Dog PDD Mike English, Colleen English, #803 member Jay Batson, SC Jr. Vice Pack Leader / #803 Commandant Helen Breen, #803 Webmaster Jim Breen, #803 member Marilyn Tharp, #803 member Ron Lamon

**Helen Breen**
Sr. Vice Commandant, Marine Corps League
Low Country Detachment 803
Sr. Vice Commandant, Marine Corps League
Department of South Carolina
Dog Robber, Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Tideland River Dogs Pound #246
Jr. Vice Pack Leader, Military Order of the Devil Dogs
South Carolina Pack
President, SC-2 True Grits
Women Marines Association
Secretary, Holy City Unit
Marine Corps League Auxiliary
Northwest Division
PDD Bonnie Holden

Northwest Division
It has been a busy Spring. I attended a Growl at the new Pound in Bozeman Montana in mid May. I also attended the Dept of ID Convention and Grand Growl for the ID Pack. In June I travelled to Spokane Wa for the Dept of Washington Convention and Grand Growl and have now ventured home. I will be attending the Grand Growl for the Oregon Pack in July 2021 and then in August I will be off to the Supreme Growl at National in Springfield, IL.

Eleven Pups were advanced within the three Growls. Many more are listed on the website to advance at National this year. All paperwork has to be submitted to Kennel before July 1 2021 in order to advance at National this year. Check the website to be sure you are listed. Hope to see all that can attend the 81st Supreme Growl in Springfield.
Semper Woofing,
Bonnie Holden
NWDVCDD

New England Division
PDD Cherie Monnell

Wow what a start to a summer season here in New England, what with the temperature at either end of hot or cold. Summer is coming and just maybe Mother Nature will let it settle for a pleasant summer.

Attended the New England Division Conference and MA Department Convention hosting the Quad States this year. The Grand Growl MA Pack had a hard time getting PDD Dogs to run, but 59th Chief Tom Hazlett got them through it and installed them.

I caution all DD Dogs that are striving to be PDD’s in Springfield, IL to get their paperwork into the Kennel Dog Robber by the deadline.

New England Dogs are busy giving honor to all who have gone to final duty station especially now that restrictions are being relaxed at cemeteries.

All New England Pound Dog Robbers please start collecting dues now, that way there will be no rush end of August.

Looking like the Supreme Growl is going to happen in August-SEE YOU THERE!!

Woof-Woof,

PDD Cherie Monnell
New England Division Vice Chief Devil Dog
Woof-Woof Dogs of the Division,

As we start off our new fiscal year, please remember to have fun at all of your Growls but also make sure we are collecting for the Children’s Fund and getting our business done at levels of the Dogs.

We held the Division Growl hosted by the Pennsylvania Pack on June 4, 2021. The Dogs that were in attendance had a great time. We raised 600 Bones for the Children’s Hospital Fund along with collecting 250 lbs. of Dogfood for Operation ChowHound which went to the Local Animal shelter. The Pennsylvania Pack is now onboard with donating to this great cause. Good luck Marines in helping our fellow 4 legged Dogs.

By the time you read this, the Packs of the Northeast Division will have already had their Grand Growls and installation of New Pack Officers. I would like to congratulate the new staff on your terms of office and thank the outgoing staff for their support during the Pandemic. We could have not survived as an organization without your hard work as we weathered the storm. If you need anything from me please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is sgtjd2@gmail.com.

I know that we are the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League, but we also need to make sure we are taking care of business. The ones responsible for this is the BOT’s of the Pounds and Packs.

I would like to congratulate my Asst. Vice Chief Devil Dogs PDD Dean Lawton from the NY Pack and DD (soon to be PDD) Sal Cenicacelaya from the NJ Pack. If they contacts your Pound or Packs, please make sure you assist them with any of their concerns. Remember that we are all here to assist you in making sure your Doghouse is in order.

Things that have been happening from around the Kennel. We have stopped all snail mail this past year and have gone to an all-electronic communications. This includes the Woof-O-Grams. Because of this, I have tasked all the Pack Leaders with collecting Rosters from their Pounds with email addresses. This has been a huge undertaking but much needed. It has saved the Kennel approximately 15,000 Bones per year in printing and mailing. This is the “why”.

Northeast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

PDD Joe DeAngelo
All Pack Leaders then forward the rosters to me so I can then get them inputted. If you have not taken care of this yet please get it to your Pack Leaders. I understand that it will never be 100% but if at the end we are at 75% collections and I can handle that.

I also recommend our Pound Keepers to keep track of who needs the WOG mailed to them so that our Dogs can all enjoy it. It may even be an option to hand deliver it by some one in the Pound that lives nearby. We are not looking to reinvent the wheel, but need to get this done.

I am currently looking at 990’s and will have a listing of all Pounds that are revoked. PDD Strum from the Maryland Pack has put a great PowerPoint together on how to get things back on track. You will find it on the Kennel Website in the Publications Tab. I will be contacting the Pack Staff on what their plan of attack is. If your Pound or Pack fails to report 990’s for 3 consecutive years you will be revoked. If you have already missed 2 years please get this years in ASAP. The Kennel’s fiscal year goes from July 1 to June 30th. Also make sure your incorporation paperwork is squared away.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Springfield Ill. for the Supreme Growl and Advancements. Please get any and all advancement paperwork in to the Kennel if you are planning to move up to PDD. If you were scheduled for advancement in Daytona you will have to resubmit your paperwork. I am CC’d on all Pack emails so I know that the Pack Leaders have already put this out to the Pounds. Advancements starts on August 8th and goes thru Aug 11th. Please remember you get out of it what you put into it. It is meant to be fun so go there with an open mind. I had a blast when I advanced to PDD.

We have had 2 successful Gathering of the Dogs. The first one was held in October of 2020 in Ocean City, Maryland and the 2nd one was in Greenville, South Carolina in April of 2021. Both were a huge success and combined raised approx. 5000 Bones for the Children’s Hospital fund. If we do have another one, I would recommend you try and get there. I heard rumor it might be in Missouri.

Remember to have fun at your Pound Growls and I challenge all of you to bring a new Mongrel in each Growl for Advancement to Pup. I have seen it done.

Semper Woofing,

PDD Joe “Woody” DeAngelo 14-380
Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog
Northeast Division
Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Some photos from the Northeast Division Growl Hosted by the Pennsylvania Pack

Attended NY Pack Growl in Suffrin, NY.
250 lbs. of Dog food collected for Operation ChowHound and a pic of me with 51st CDD, PCDD Don Garland and 37th CDD, PCDD Paul Sutton.
WOOF-WOOF! I’d like to thank both North and South Carolina for some down-right great hospitality at the 2nd Gathering. This Dog had a great time. The Southern Division had a Growl at the end of April where I had the honor of presenting the charter to the Pack of Arkansas and installing their new Officers. The Division was well represented by Dogs from throughout the Division. Great information was passed between the Dogs and ideas were exchanged.

This coming weekend, I will be attending the Department of Oklahoma Convention and the Oklahoma Growl where we will be advancing some new Dogs. I’m hoping everyone has had a chance to review the By-Laws changes that will be submitted during the Grand Growl in Springfield. Please review with your Pound and pass the information to your Pack Leaders so they can vote the desires of the Pound.

Again, I need to remind everyone to get your 990N’s, installation reports, and Bones from your passport fees send to the Kennel Dog Robbers to get filing done on time.

We’re looking forward to seeing everyone in Springfield, Illinois for the National Convention and the Grand Growl.

Remember, the Growl should be Fun!

WOOF-WOOF!
PDD Ken Price
Vice Chief Devil Dog, Southern Division
kcprice992@gmail.com
Woof-Woof Devil Dogs. Central Division is alive and well and very busy. This old Dog has just returned from a three week swing of State Conventions. Had the pleasure of sniffing around with the Hounds in Indiana at their Grand growl. Then it was on to Michigan to howl with their Dogs at another great Grand Growl. Last, I attended the Illinois Convention and Grand Growl where all had a howling great time. I had the honor of installing the new Dogs at each of the three Growls. I had a woofing great time at each one.

As all of you Dogs know, Illinois is hosting the National Marine Corps League Convention in Springfield, Illinois, August 9th/13th. REMEMBER, if you are a Dog elevating to Pedigree, **you need to arrive on Sunday Aug 8th** to be assigned to a Platoon. If you show up on Monday you will already be behind. A word of caution, once assigned a platoon, you cannot miss any time until you are elevated at the Supreme Growl.

I hope to see all our Dogs from Central Division at the Convention and Supreme Growl. It's going to be howling great time. See all of you Dogs soon.

Semper-Woofing,

PDD Joe Pollock
Vice Chief Devil Dog
Central Division
Cell: 563-349-2423
pimarine63@aol.com

Kennel Quartermaster
PDD Wendy Zamora

Woof-Woof Dogs,

If you went to the 2nd Gathering of the Dogs, I hope you had a great time. The Quartermaster store was there to test our new system. And, for the most part, it went well. There is a little lag in the system which slows us down but we think we have that figured out. Please bear with us at the National Convention if there are long lines.

On-Line ordering is now live. I would like to thank the webmaster for putting in many hours to make this happen. You can still order by snail mail, email or phone. If ordering by phone, please call after 5:30 pm est.

You will also find in this article a new Merchandise Price List that will be effective on August 1, 2021. Please make sure you are using the latest Price list for the most up to date items and pricing.

I look forward to seeing all Dogs at the National Convention in Springfield, Illinois. But if not, keep in mind the Kennel Quartermaster will always be open as it has been throughout the pandemic.

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**NPK1** The New Pup Kit contains the following items:
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- Dog Tag
- Lapel Pin
- Passport
- Cap Patch
- Shoulder Patch
- Small Handbook
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KENNEL QUARTERMASTER

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Kennel Quartermaster
Summer temps are finally here along with the Conference Season! I've had the opportunity to visit with many of you over the past few months! I look forward to seeing more of you in the future! As always, please send me notifications on when your Pound or Pack is holding a Growl. I'm still working like many of you are, but if I'm able to attend, I will surely do so.

The Midwest Division is definitely making strides in our compliance with national By-Laws. But this doesn't mean we're done. There are still Pounds and Packs that need to get their paperwork in order. Especially with your 990N filings. Some of you have already started your paperwork to get back in compliance. Don't stop just because you've taken the first step. To get reinstated takes time and effort and depending on your circumstances, some Big Bones also will be spent. For anyone needing assistance, please contact me. If I don't have the answer to the question you're seeking, I know someone who does.

Since the last WOG was sent out, I've been busy attending as many Growls as my schedule will allow. If you missed the Second Gathering of the Dogs in Greenville, South Carolina, then you missed a truly great time! Many Big Bones were donated and the whole event was a major success! Rumor has it that there's discussion of a 3rd Gathering happening possibly this year! Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available. I strongly recommend any Dog who can, to attend in the event it does happen.

The MWD Growl in Wichita, KS was also a huge success! I want to thank all the Dogs from the Division who were able to attend and make it as much fun as it was! Let's hope the next MWD Conference in Jefferson City, MO this October 22nd and 23rd has even more Dogs in attendance! If everything works out right, the Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett, Past Chief Devil Don Garland and Past Chief Devil Dog Leonard Spicer will all be attendance! Let's show them how the MWD Dogs put on a really Fun Growl while raising many Big Bones for the Kennel Children's Hospital Fund!

I've also had the absolute pleasure of attending Pack Growls in Worthington, Minnesota and St. Joseph, Missouri. Next up on my agenda is the Pack Growl in Des Moines, Iowa! I've met many new Dogs and have made some very close friends with all of this running around! I look forward to making many more friends in the coming months!

One thing I've noticed since I've been out and about so much is that not all Pounds and Packs are following the ritual during their Growls. Reporting in during a Growl should be second nature to all Dogs and it should always be done the first time you bark in any Growl! Also, the Pound Keepers or Pack Leaders should always be prepared to have games during their Growls. They don't have to be elaborate. They just need to be fun! It not only will help build Espirt de Corps and camaraderie within your Pound or Pack, but it's also a great way to raise Big Bones for whatever you designate them for! As the Chief often says, “Make it fun and they will come!”

As always, if you have questions or anything else that you think I may be able to help you with, please text, call or email!

Semper Fi,

PDD Chuck Covert
MWDVCDDD
Photo 1
Chief Devil Dog Tom Hazlett trying to teach Devil Dog Gary Stewart how to load his weapon!

Minnesota Pack Growl

Photo 2 from left to right
Pups being initiated for the degree of Devil Dog at the Missouri Pack Growl.
From left to right
Pup Mark Hoernschemeyer, Pup Bob Evenson, MO Pack Mad Dog PDD Chuck Covert, Pup Doug Robinson and Pup Richard "Sarge" Hardy.

Photo 3
PDD CJ New doing the Slow Report while MWDVCDD PDD Chuck Covert naps and Worthy Dog Robber PDD Harvey Harris looks on in disbelief!

Photo 4.
Some of the Dogs from MO Pack in attendance at the 2nd Gathering of the Dogs in Greenville, SC.
From Left to Right
Pup Matt White, PDD Janice Hartley, PDD Ray Lopez, PDD CJ New, Pup Mark Hoernschemeyer and PDD Chuck Covert.
In Memory of PDD Ken Parker
17 August 1948 – 08 June 2021
2nd Gathering of the Dogs
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