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BARKING DOG'S WOOF-O-GRAM

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Yep, that's right, that "pain in the ---" past Chief is back at it again! But, this time you can blame Frank English because, in a weak moment (English have a weak moment?!) he agreed to let me try my hand at keeping the Kennel up-to-date on what's happenin'. So, you've me to put up with for the next year.

....Some good news.....

All too often, we fail to acknowledge some act of kindness, or to simply say thank you for something that someone else said to or did for us. Even I am guilty of that from time to time.

This past September 22nd, Past Chief Ed Gallagher took time out of his busy schedule to come down to the New Jersey Department Staff Meeting and make a special presentation. I say special, because I was the recipient of the presentation, a plaque shaped in the image of the United States with two beautiful engraved plates mounted on it. It's purpose was to commemorate my two years as Chief Devil Dog and a well received "Thank you" from all of you, throughout the Kennel. Those two years were the highlight of my life, and the many new friends that I made will always remind me of the good times that we all had, whether it was in Modesto, CA.; Virginia Beach and Triangle, Va.; Easton, PA.; Lake George, NY; Waretown, and Vineland, NJ; Jacksonville, NC; Dearborn, MI; or, Nashville, TN. I was always well received wherever I went, and I say THANK YOU to all of you for that experience.

Included with this WOOF-O-GRAM is the 1985/1986 Kennel Staff Roster The Pack Dog Robber's listing, and the the NEW Gear Price List.

Please note that all gear orders are to go to the Honorable Kennel Quartermaster, PDD Bob Bond. Bob has added many new items to our inventory, often at his own expense initially, and awaits your orders. We are in stock on all items, including the newly revised and reprinted RITUAL. Our thanks to PDD Mike Kneefe for all his work on the cover.

....Some sad news.....

July was a bad month for us in New Jersey, particularly; and, for the Devil Dogs overall. We lost two fine Pedigree Devil Dogs, PDD Don Gast and PKDR Jack Muerdler. Most of you already know the details of their passing, so why repeat it?

My humble opinion is that Don Gast would have been National Commandant of the League someday, and justifiably so. He was both Past Worthy Pack Leader and Past Worthy Pack Dog Robber in New Jersey, and could always be depended upon to keep the Supreme Growls in an uproar. He was a friend, a Marine, a real Devil Dog, and we miss him.

Jack Muerdler, in his one short year as Hon. Kennel Dog Robber, instituted two changes that will be hard to beat for the next several years, if ever. One, he completely redid the Membership Application/Degree Advancement form, eliminating four forms, and saving everyone hours of work. The other was his design and bringing to fruition of the computerized membership card that we are now in our third year of using. He was, too, a friend, a Marine, a real Devil Dog, and we miss him, me in particular.

➡➡➡ The CHIEF says!!

FINALLY, WE HAVE A CHIEF WORTHY OF THE ACCOLADE, YOUR MIGHTY MASSIVENESS!! Can you imagine what we could do with finest that equaled him?

Our beloved Chief wants it known that: "He will be the quietest, cuddliest, most demure Chief ever." Those are his words, not mine!! He's also got a weird motto, "Cuddles and Bubbles", whatever that means.

Frank had some other words of wisdom that he wanted to pass along; but, unfortunately, his Mother passed away on Saturday, 12 October, and he didn't get them to me in time for this issue. We'll hold them for the next one. I'm sure that Frank and Ann would appreciate receiving your expressions of sympathy on their loss.

||| DOG ROBBER NOTES |||

As you'll note, Past Chief Ken Farris is "back in the harness" as our Hon. Kennel Dog Robber. Some guys never get enough abuse! He, too had several Pearls of Wisdom to pass along; but, believe it or not, he also had a death in his immediate family on Saturday, 12 October, and had to travel to Chicago for the services. However, over the phone, he did pass on several urgent items that he wanted me to touch on, and we will address those concerns now, so that if any of you Pound and Pack Dog Robbers have any questions, you can call or write to Ken and get the words of experience straight from the expert.

The Dog Robber states that all transmittals received as of 7 October are processed and the 1985/1986 cards on their way to the Packs and Pounds. Another item that he is "livid" over is the fact that some of you Dog Robbers are sending in Membership Applications and a check for the dues, BUT, YOU ARE NOT PUTTING THESE NEW OR ADVANCED DOGS ON A TRANSMITTALS! Come on, you guys, we taught you better than that! From now on, if you do this, the entire package will be returned and you will be asked to resubmit everything on a Transmittal. I can just hear some of you out there now; blaming the delay on Kennel for the slowness of membership cards for New or advanced members. Better not let me hear you! If you're a new Dog Robber, and don't know how to handle some aspect of your job, ASK QUESTIONS! The dumbest question is the one that ISN'T asked!

☆☆ PAID LIFE MEMBERS ☆☆

We presently have approximately 60 Paid Life Members in the ORDER. Some of you are owed both the metal plate and plastic card; and, the Hon. Kennel Dog Robber says that they will all be out to you by the first week in November. Also, the Packs and Pounds that have not yet received your \$30.00 checks for the return of the PLM dues out of the \$100.00 that each PLM pays, will be receiving your checks within the next month to six weeks. Contact PCDD Farris if you don't have your check by 1 December 1985.

I'm sure that there are many more Dogs out there that want to purchase a Paid Life Membership; but, don't know how, or have some questions about the Program. If so, contact either PCDD Farris or myself, and we'll get you an answer. Briefly; you must be: A Pedigree Devil Dog, a Paid Life Member of the Marine Corps League, a member of the League for at least ten (10) years, and have \$100.00.

\$\$\$ Gear Sales \$\$\$

PDD Bob Bond, our new Hon. Kennel Quartermaster (and our Honorable Kennel Dog Trainer) has a room full of Devil Dog gear at his home that he's just "chomping at the bit" to sell to you! We've attached the most recent price list that reflects his address and phone number. You'll note that some prices have been increased over last year. For the past two - three years, the Kennel has been subject to several very small price increases, and has been adsorbing them. But, Kennel can no longer do sa, and not pass them on to you. However, Kennel has also tried to upgrade the quality of our gear, which you'll see once the new Shoulder Patches get out into the system. Next to membership dues income, gear sales are our biggest source of income. Bob has made contact with Mack Truck, Inc. in Allentown, PA., and will be obtaining new gear items in the coming months. WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

...Kennel dues increased!!!...

Aside from the election and coronation of His Supreme Beastliness, the single most important item to be voted on at the 46th Supreme Growl in Lafayette, LA., was the increase of Kennel Dues to \$3.50, (from it's present \$2.00). This increase will take effect on 1 September 1986 and will finance the position of Paid Honorable Kennel Dog Robber. The By-Law Amendment dealing with the paid Dog Robber was tabled until the 47th Supreme Growl, in Boston, where hopefully, it will be passed and entered into our By-Laws. I've heard diverse reasons why this Amendment didn't "fly" this year; and, in order to avoid any further controversy, I'll not comment on them. But, This I promise: I will be in Boston, and I will lobby earnestly to get this passed. We need it, or we'll continue to operate as just another "half-assed" subsidiary organization of a larger Veterans' Organization.

Before I go, the family of PDD Don Gast suffered through some hard times immediately following his death. National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League, through the offices of Past National Commandant Jim Kelly, is accumulating a special fund for presentation to Anna Marie Gast, to help out. Although the immediate crisis has passed, she has two children in college, and two still at home. So, your donations, of any size will be gratefully appreciated. Remember the oath that we all took as new Pups....."or permit any member or member's family to be wronged or injured, if to prevent same shall be within my power....." It's asking so little of us all, for all the good that Don did for us, in so many ways.

We HOPE to have the next issue of the WOOF-O-GRAM in the mail to you by 15 December 1985. If any of you out there have anything that you wish to insert in the next issue (complaints, accolades, etc.), get them to me by 1 December 1985, and they will be included.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY - 10 November 1985; VETERANS DAY - 11 November 1985; THANKSGIVING - 28 November 1985.



GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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