



FROM THE CHIEF!



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This publication is being sent to all elected officers, appointed officers and Past Chiefs. With the exception of one, every elected and appointed officer was at the Cincinnati Growl. There has been much criticism and statements made, all negative, regarding this growl and each and every PDD must help to see that this does not happen again. We are the Fun and Honor

Society of the Marine Corps League. We do not want to take the FUN out of our Devil Dogs but there must be limits and timing. The officers work very hard during the year and we must allow them to report to the body. It is a very serious matter for the new PDD's and officers to be sworn in and we should show respect to the order during the installations. The Kennel only meets once a year and has much business to discuss and items to vote on. At the end of this publication you will find several pages containing excerpts from letters I have received. This only a few - many more are in file - these comments were not published in the Woof-O-Gram and are being reported to you at this time.

I have written to every staff officer and past chiefs asking for input for this report. To make it easier to read, I will list each staff member, dates of letters I wrote, dates of letters received from them. I will also note answers Via telephone. If there has been no communication back, I will simply list NO RESPONSE.

Regarding the 50th Anniversary Celebration in Dallas, much time and effort is being put into this. If you have any suggestions we would like to have them as soon as possible. Kennel Chiefs have been asked if they will be in DALLAS - only two answered and it was YES.

There will be several events held by MODD during the Mid-Winter Staff Meeting of the Marine Corps League. Friday, 2-17 there will be a luncheon for elected and appointed staff officers. Please let PDD Irene Smoke know if you will attend (during League lunch break) as she has agreed to handle this luncheon. A Kennel Business Growl for all MODD will be Friday 2-17 following adjournment of the League Meeting. Kennel Dog Robber, PDD Ken Farris will give his six months report, Kennel Quartermaster PDD Jim Powell will bring us up to date on gear, etc. Chairman of 50th Anniversary Committee PDD Ed Gallagher will bring us up to date on happenings for Dallas, Kennel Barking Dog, PDD Barrows will talk on the Woof-O-Gram, Kennel Aide De Camp PDD Bill King will talk on Passports. If you have anything to bring up to the Kennel you will be given the opportunity at this time.

Since the Growl in Cincinnati I have made two appointments to the Staff. They are Honorable Kennel Deputy Barking Dog, PDD George Williams, Box 772, Elmer, N.J. 08318 and Honorable Assistant to Kennel Chief - West, PDD Gary J. Kniss, 10465 S. W., Clydesdale Terrace, Beaverton, Oregon 97005-8144.

Tell your Packs and Pounds to keep those newsletters and minutes coming in, I really enjoy reading them. I am available by telephone 24 hours a day and will answer any letters you send to me.

Honorable Kennel Dog Robber
PCDD Kenneth E. Farris
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"Operations at Kennel Headquarters have since the National Convention have been very busy due to the changing of Order from a "shoe box" organization to a more professional one.

My physical office is now taking shape. I cleaned an area in my home and now have a desk, typewriter, calculator and two file cabinets that were donated

to me by friends. I must emphasize that this equipment is my personal property and was not in any way funded by the Kennel. My only other problem at this time is proper accessible storage area. There are two file cabinets in Marine Corps League National Headquarters that are the property of the Kennel and are used for storage of old records. These were purchased five years ago from John Sullivan of Falls Church, Va. I am not sure whether PNC Forsyth is aware of this or not.

PCDD Kenneth E. Farris - continued

Upon return from the National Convention I proceeded to process all actions from the Supreme Growl. I posted receipts to the books, made deposits,

donations, etc., posted degree changes to the file cards, typed on input forms and sent them to the computer service in order that they could run 1989 membership cards. In addition to this I also began processing a backlog of transmittals, changes, elevations, new members, address changes which had been coming in from the Packs and Pounds since their June Conventions/Pack Growls for the 1989 fiscal year. All this had to go to the computer service (except dues payments) before new cards could be run. The Annual Corporation Report had to be prepared and filed as well as the minutes of the 1988 Supreme Growl. The minutes and the Annual Kennel Financial Report must be turned into Marine League National Headquarters for submission to Congress with the League's annual report.

Paperwork from the Packs and Pounds is very primitive. There are exceptions where the Dog Robber has held the position for many years and thus is educated. Such things as transmittals for new members, without applications, applications without transmittals, or money, applications not signed by applicant, no Marine Corps League numbers. In some cases Dog Robbers forward applications and transmittals for actions that were accomplished five and six months before. Some Pounds/Packs elevate Pups to Devil Dog and never forward paperwork. The fact just shows up on their transmittals one day. Many Pounds do not submit Officers Installation Reports, each year. How do I know there is no change. I make a lot of personal contacts to solve Kennel problems. I need phone numbers and addresses. Only one Pack has not submitted an Officers Report and I will not do business with them until they do. I am dealing directly with their Pounds. Many Pounds do not answer requests for information for weeks, if at all.

I also have an unusually active Chief and Senior Vice this year, and have had to fulfill their requirements for execution of their offices.

During the year 1988 two hundred sixty two Pups joined the Order. A membership report will be available at Midwinter National Staff. Membership is coming in good but we still need to hear from several Pounds, although they are normally late to send in dues.

Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog
PKDR Hyman Rosen, PNC
274 Tuscany, E.
Delray Beach, Florida 33446
(305) 499-0263

"For the past six months I have been working with our Kennel Dog Robber, in finding out why various Pounds haven't paid dues for various dogs. I worked with Massachusetts, Florida and Texas. I believe we have some good results.

I also worked with the Chief trying to get prices for plates for the 50th Anniversary.

I am also working with our Kennel Quartermaster, in finding out prices from R.R.R. Specialty Company for Caps, Shirts, Jackets for the 50th Anniversary. I will have samples with me at Mid-winter Kennel Growl.

I have kept in touch with the Chief and with the States continuously by telephone and ailing.

Honorable Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog
PDD William J. O'Brien
31 Hemlock Street
Hazlet, N.J. 07730
(201) 264-2161 or (212) 558-5409

I mailed PDD O'Brien letters on:
September 10, 1988
November 16, 1988
December 5, 1988
NO RESPONSE

Honorable Kennel Watch Dog
PDD Frank Goodman
427½ John Street
East Newark, N. J. 07020

Honorable Kennel Barking Dog
PDD George M. Barrows Sr.
41 Dixie Trail
Jacksonville, N.C. 28540
(919) 455-6834

Honorable Kennel Liaison Officer
to the Marine Corps League
PDD Jeanne DeWitte
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Pennsville, N. J. 08870
(609) 678-6284

Honorable Kennel Liaison Officer
to the MODD-FLEAS
PDD Ferne L. Lauter
RD-7162
Reading, PA. 19606
(215) 779-2769

Honorable Kennel Quartermaster
PDD James Powell
1071 Overlook Drive
Toms River, N. J. 08753
(201) 270-5866

Honorable Kennel Historian
PCDD J. P. Kacsan
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North Versailles, PA. 15137

Honorable Deputy Kennel Quartermaster
PDD Gary O. Chartrand
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Detroit, MI. 48226
(313) 562-0595

Honorable Deputy Kennel Police Dog
PDD Patricia Caudle
118 Hendricks Blvd.
Buffalo, N.Y. 34226
(716) 834-5788

Honorable Deputy Kennel Mad Dog
PDD Howard Goslin
P.O. Box 27
Marmura, N. J. 08223
(609) 390-3145

Letters to PDD Goodman on
November 4, 1988 and December 5, 1988

NO RESPONSE

Have been in constant touch with PDD Barrows. He has published two Woof-O-Grams. His only request is that more Packs and Pounds would send him data for the Woof-O-Grams. The next one goes in April - send him some news.

PDD DeWitte is ready to ^{do} anything the Kennel asks her to. There never was a clear definition to this job and we will have to obtain a write-up for her. PDD DeWitte attended the Mini Kennel Growl in October and had much input.

PDD Lauter has been in constant touch with the Chief. She has obtained all the data I needed on Pennsylvania Pack and Pounds. Obtaining the listings of Pound Keepers, Pack Leaders, Pound Dog Robbers, Pack Dog Robber and so on. She has informed me of all Pack Growls and all up to date information on Pa.

Have been in constant touch with PDD Powell. He has a record of getting out the gear ordered within 24 hours after receipt. A new price list was compiled and mailed out with the last Woof-O-Gram. He has plenty of gear in stock and is always seeking new suppliers and items of interest to MODD. I have been receiving a quarterly financial and Operating Statement from PDD Powell.

PDD Kacsan has been in touch with the Chief by letter and telephone. He will be in Dallas. PDD Kacsan has sent data along as a suggestion for the 50th Anniversary. It will be turned over to the Committee.

Have written to PDD Chartrand November/December 1988. I have not had a reply from him but expected one only if he had ideas for the 50th Anniversary.

Wrote to PDD Caudle November and December 1988. Have talked to her several times on the telephone and expect her six months report in Arlington next week.

Wrote to PDD Goslin November and December 1988. Have had verbal conversations with him in person and via telephone regarding MODD.

Honorable Kennel Smart Dog
PDD Lamar Golden
1411 S. 52nd Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19143
(215) 729-6564

PDD Golden has been in constant touch with the Chief by letter and phone. He attended a Mini Staff Growl in South Jersey in October.

He is presently involved in hearings about a MODD member who has been brought up on charges that he advanced himself a degree that he was not entitled to.

Honorable Kennel Dog Trainer
PDD Michael F. Mascera
88 Marion Street
Bridgeton, N. J. 08302
(609) 455-5795

PDD Mascera has been in constant touch with the Chief by letter and phone. He has sent out sympathy cards and will continue to do so. He asks that all the Packs and Pounds keep him notified of members who have died since last August. If he has this information available he will send out the cards from the Kennel.

Honorable Kennel Police Dog
PDD Paul F. Hastings, PNC
1631 Bridge Street
New Cumberland, PA. 17070
(717) 774-5892

I mailed PDD Hastings letters on
November 1, 1988
December 5, 1988
PDD Hastings has answered my letters and made available answers to my many questions.

Honorable Kennel Mad Dog
PDD Constance L. Barrick
1030 Leroy Avenue
Ferndale, MI. 48220
(313) 398-2246

Wrote PDD Barrick letters on
November 4, 1988
December 5, 1988

NO RESPONSE

Honorable Junior Past Chief Devil Dog
PCDD Thomas A. Banks
P. O. Box 394
Massapequa, N.Y. 11758
(516) 798-7807

Wrote PDD Banks letter on
December 5, 1988

Received answer December 21, 1988 and PDD Banks has been spreading the word about the Kennel and its doings to his Pack and Pound. PDD Banks will be in Dallas.

Northeast Kennel Aide De Camp
PDD Paul Waslewski
116 N. Linden St.
Robsonia, PA. 19551
(215) 693-6221

Wrote Letters to PDD Waslewski
September 10, 1988
October 12, 1988
December 5, 1988

Have been in contact by phone with PDD Waslewski and received letter from him December 12, 1988 with much important data.

New England Kennel Aide De Camp
PDD Joseph Callahan, Sr.
304 Atlantic Avenue
North Quincy, MA. 02171
(617) 328-9175

Wrote to PDD Callahan November 15, 1988 and December 5, 1988. I asked for a breakout of the New England Division by State, Packs and Pounds. PDD Callahan sent the information.

Mideast Kennel Aide De Camp
PDD Irene Smoke
6519 Delia Drive
Alexandria, Va. 22310
(703) 971-5181

Wrote Letters to PDD Irene Smoke
September 10, 1988/October and December 1988
PDD Smoke sent me breakout of her Division, she has set up luncheon plans for Staff in Arlington and has been available for any requests from Kennel.

Southeast Kennel Aide-De-Camp
PDD Thomas R. Supulski
1316 Terrace Road
Clearwater, Fl. 33515
(813) 447-0063

Wrote to PDD Supulski on November 15, 1988 and
December 5, 1988.

NO RESPONSE

Central Kennel Aide-De-Camp
PDD Marvin Rombach
1409 Logan Avenue, NW
Canton, Ohio 44703
(216) 453-9694

Wrote to PDD Rombach on November 15, 1988 and
December 5, 1988.

PDD Rombach called me on the telephone and said
he was trying to get the data together that I
requested.

Southern Kennel Aide-De-Camp
50th Anniversary Liaison Officer
PDD Clifton Williams
1306 Niles Drive
Corpus Christi, Tx. 78412
(512) 993-8568

Wrote to PDD Williams on September 10, 1988 and
two letters on December 4, 1988.
Received replies on September 21, 1988 and
received a letter from him August 18, 1988.
PDD Williams sent me the breakout of his Division
by State, Packs and Pounds as requested.
PDD Williams is on special assignment for the Chief
and will report to her in Arlington, Va.

Southwest Kennel Aide-De-Camp
PDD William F. King
501 Fortuna Avenue
Modesto, CA. 95354
(209) 524-4238

I wrote to PDD King on November 15, 1988 and
December 5, 1988. PDD King has sent me the breakout
of his Division by Packs and Pounds as requested.
He has written a memo explaining the Passbooks and
will be available in Arlington, Va. to talk on the
subject.

Rocky Mountain Kennel-Aide-De-Camp
PDD James N. Lugg
10 Chardonnay Court
Grand Junction, Co. 81503
(303) 243-1128

I wrote PDD Lugg September 10, 1988,
November 15, 1988 and December 5, 1988. All
letters have been answered, PDD Lugg sent me the
breakout of his Division by States, Packs and Pounds
as requested.

Northwest Kennel Aide-De-Camp
PDD Michael P. Kneefe
4223 S. 170th Street
Seattle, WA. 98188
(206) 244-6872

I wrote to PDD Kneefe November 4, 1988 and
December 5, 1988. I asked PDD Kneefe to design
a letterhead for my From the Chief newsletter and
He did and it is super. He also sent me the breakout
of his Division by Packs and Pounds as requested.

Midwest Kennel Aide-De-Camp
PDD S. Johanna Glasrud
514 W. Hickory St.
Stillwater, MI. 55082

I wrote to PDD Glasrud November 15, 1988 and
December 5, 1988.

NO RESPONSE

MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS CHILDRENS HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Chairman: PCDD Gilbert Gray
Audubon Village Lot 17
7639 Towhee Trail
Orlando, Florida
(407) 299-7704

Wrote to PCDD Gray November 10, 1988 and
December 5, 1988. We all know that PCDD Gray was
in a very serious accident and is lucky to be alive.
We certainly wish him well and hope all is coming
along and he will be with us soon again in growl
assembly. I heard from PCDD Gray December 21, 1988

he has appointed his committee: PCDD PDD Donald Frost, PDD Joseph Mammone, PNC, PCDD Jay
Kacsan.

MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:

Chairman: PCDD Edwin F. Gallagher
28-48 35th Street
Long Island City, N. Y. 11103

Members: PDD Alfred J. Lane, 38 Grand Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y. 10301
PCDD Paul L. Sutton, P.O. Box 273, Thorofare, N.J. 08086
PDD Anthony Savino, 2133 Watson Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10473
PDD Michael P. Kneefe, 4223 S. 170th Street, Seattle, WA. 98188
PDD Chet Catuzza, 51 Madison Avenue, Lackawanna, N.Y. 14218
PDD James F. Powell, 1071 Overlook Drive, Toms River, N.J. 08753
PDD Clifford Williams , 1306 Niles Drive, Corpus Christi, TX. 78412
SPECIAL LIAISON BETWEEN MODD AND CONVENTION COMMITTEE DALLAS

PCDD Edwin Gallagher has been working on items and getting quotes and will report at the Mid-Winter Growl in Arlington, Va.

I attended a N.Y. State Pack Growl in January 1989 and we had a Mini 50th Anniversary Committee Growl. Attending were: Chief Mae Krauss, PDD Alfred Lane, PDD Catuzza and PCDD Ed Gallagher. We kicked around a few ideas and thoughts and asked PCDD Gallagher to consider in his reporting.

On December 5, 1988 I wrote to all elected, appointed officers and all Past Chiefs. I asked each of them to let me know if they would be attending the Dallas Convention. Also to send me a six months report plus any ideas, etc. they had. I also asked if they did not have anything to report to at least acknowledge receipt of the memo. Four staff members acknowledged receipt of the memo and sent in six months report. Two PCDD said they would be in Dallas. All other staff simply did not answer this communication.

When I asked the Aid-De-Camps to get me a breakout of their divisions, listing the states they covered, the pack leaders name, pack dog robbers name, all pounds in each state with pound keeper name and pound dog robber name - out of 10 aides, 6 sent in the data, one called in and said he was working on it, no response from the other 3 aides.

When you are elected or appointed you must know some responsibility goes with the job. It is not just a once a year showing up for the growl. Some offices I admit there is really nothing to report and outside of soliciting their ideas and comments - they really only need be at the growl to perform their duties. But the majority of others have a responsibility to the Kennel.

I would like to have a report from each elected, appointed Kennel Officer in April for the next "From the Chief" publication that will be going out. Please try to get one in - even if it says no report.

Special thanks to the Packs and Pounds in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas and Colorado for all their input. I must not forget Oregon. It makes good reading and I enjoy seeing what other states are up to.

"This Poundkeeper has heard some ugly tales of the Cincinnati Ohio Growl, we have some side affects by it, Dogs, this Poundkeeper was not there, this Poundkeeper reminds you, we have a healthy Pack, we have a healthy Pound. We in the Pack, We in the Pound must make it once again a healthy National Kennel. We must not let it affect our Pounds and Packs. Strong measures, measures must be made to insure that. You are that strong measure. You are it's life line, you make the difference."

"I have many serious reservations about what is taking place and has taken place in the past within the Devil Dog Faternity. Some of the things I see taking place are going under the disguise of fun, yet I feel few outside our faternity would see it as such.

"What kind of image do we present by acting like undisplined and unrestricted youngsters? Not former members of the 'Proud and the Few'. We should be proud of each and everything we do, and if we would stop and think who were the original Devil Dogs, and the legacy they left us, would we still continue to tarnish it?

"I have been approached by a few members of the regular Marine Corps and I don't believe I would have to tell you what their feeling are about the Dogs.

"We must look to ourselves and ask ourselves why is the Dogs membership such a small proportion of the League membership? What happened in Cincinnati must not be allowed or permitted to ever develop again."

"The Devil Dogs should be an elite group, not just a run of the mill of rowdies, they should be something all leaguers are proud of. We have the potential to be, whatever we want to be. I think you know what I elude to...Cincinnati.. this should make us really take a long look at ourselves and re-evaluate what our purpose should be, that of a FUN SOCIETY - MORE HONOR! We still wear that Eagle, Globe and Anchor and if we are as proud of it as some profess, they should have no complusion on making the Devil Dog's image that of one that is befitting. I believe some decourm must come to the Growls, or portions of the growls so business can be brought to the floor and voted on. Cincinnati, should point up that very fact where absolutely no business was brought up or enacted."

"A few words of caution for the Past Kennel Chiefs. Firearms, explosives and even firecrackers went out of style in lots of places in the west, and some places it is even illegal, with a jail penalty. Whoa Dogs! That is the real Jail. If you come to Dallas, I do hope the children grow up a little bit, and not act like you did, or should I say the Past Kennel chiefs- though not all of them did in Cincinnati. Its time that we call upon the Kennel Chief, the Police Dog and the Watch Dog to be able to control. When we start losing members just initiated for the sake of a few -- where do we go? Also the unofficial visitors, kidnapped fleas and photographers being admitted into our chambers is out of order, plus the fact that people are getting hurt. It gets too rough and it gets out of hand."

"I would like to talk to you about my feelings concerning the Kennel. I was dissappointed at the way some of the PDD and Pas Chiefs acted at the 49th Supreme Growl - Cincinnati. I don't know if they even thought of injury or the damage suit that could result against the Kennel for using fire crackers and also throwing them around. We are supposed to be the Fun and Honor Society -- at that Growl it wan't Fun or Honor, it was a Sloop Shoot affair. I would like to see it put into the By-Laws that no type of gunpower should be allowed in the Supreme Growl and anyone caught setting them off be removed from the Growl and put on probation and if caught again removed from the rolls of the Dogs.

WE NOW CONTINUE WITH A FEW OF THE COMMENTS ON INITIATION AND INSTALLATION OF PDD'S

"We have chances of very serious accidents, waiting to happen. In the case of Louise from Connecticut. I witnessed her being rinised off and saw her approach the water hose on the floor in front of her - I tried to get to her and fortunately her steps took her over the hose and she will never know what a close call she had. The potential of a serious injury is just lurking in the shadows - we should learn from our mistakes.

INITIATION AND INSTALLATION OF PDD'S CONTINUED

"Why can't you swear in new pedigress before the start of the growl, preferably at the end of the initiation. Then there should be a log that all new pedigrees must sign before they enter the growl as their final step to being a Pedigree Devil Dog. They should be seated at the rear of the room with special surveillance .

"I have heard much talk of suspending the initiation of those aged members of the League. It appears to have support. I believe those aged and handicapped people could serve our cause better if we gave them chances to sell or other types or forms of duties to advance through the ranks of the MODD."

"Concerning swearing in the Pups and DD. I think they should be made to sit on their hind quarters outside of the Supreme Growl for ½ hour only. Then hearded in to the front, given the oath and made to pay one small bone and removed from the Growl. Pups have their own Pound and that is where they should learn about what the Devil Dogs do and how to act. Devil Dogs have thier own Pack. The Devil Dog can learn more about the Pack and Kennel there because it is there that they find out how to act with other Dogs from around the Pack. They also can learn to help the Pack in fund raising and Chain of Command and working towards becoming a better Pack. I feel that the Pup or Devil Dog has got to have something to work for and when the become a PDD they can say 'I earned my Gold and now I have a new challange to work for a better and greater Kennel and a greater Military Order of Devil Dogs. They should fine the PDD's at the growl very heavily for disrupting the swearing in = BECAUSE the last one I attended was like a three ring circus"

"I notice at times when Pups or Dogs are being supposedly initiated, that some of these Pups and Dogs have the nasty attitude of: touch me and I'll hit you; or touch me and I'll kick you or walk out. I feel we shouldn't have to take treats or abuse from anyone. We do it because we want to do it and we had to go through it and if I had said that when I went through, they would have told me "there is the hatch or gate, leave and don't come back! It seems to me as though Pounds are taking anyone in just for membership. I don't think the order was founded that way. I was asked to join the Devil Dogs, I said yes, but they told me I had to earn my right to become a member. I don't think it is that way now. Some of the new ones coming in are really wise guys."

"The Marines are something special - that is why we join the League. Remeber without the League there would be no Devil Dogs. With this in mind why tear our proud history down by stupid and childish acts - perpetuated while wearing caps, buttons and tee shirts proclaiming WE ARE MARINES! " WE MUST CLEAN UP THE INITIATIONS AND DO IT NOW."

"I believe the Military Order of the Devil Dogs carry a very low profile and project absolutely no image. This needs much consideration, and believe we should project the HONOR portion and play down the fun in our Society. We should be the elite of the elite, not clowns carrying on as we might be teenagers. Only we... can project the image, and to quote an old adage -- 'we only get one chance at a first impression'" "Take a good look at the initiation procedure."

THE POTENTIAL OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS IS UNLIMITED.....IT SHOULD BE TAPPED AND PUT TO GOOD USE. THE DECISIONS AND LEADERSHIP AND IN A NEW DIRECTION.....MUST HOWEVER COME FROM THE LEADERSHIP . WE CAN DO ITWHY DON'T WE TRY?

Note: On these last two pages I have scrapped the tip of the iceberg -- there is more in the files but feel what has been printed is enough to get the feelings of the Devil Dogs throughout the USA across.