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Military Order Of Devil Dogs

Woof -O- Gram



THE BARK, BITE & HOWL OF THE KENNEL!

Devil Dog's Creed

I AM AN AMERICAN; I WAS BORN IN FRANCE. I HAVE HELD 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 EVERTHING 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.

FROM THE CHIEF

The following data is mostly regarding the Supreme Growl rules, regulations and general information. Please take everything you read seriously, as it will be followed to the letter.

REGISTRATION OF MODD--DOG HOUSE HOURS

Monday	8/13/90	9:00 AM	until 5:00 PM
Tuesday	8/14/90	9:00 AM	until 5:00 PM
Wednesday	8/15/90	9:00 AM	until noon *
Thursday	8/16/90	9:00 AM	until 4:00 PM
Friday	8/17/90	9:00 AM	until noon

PCDD Kenneth Farris, IN CHARGE

*Devil Dogs going up a degree must be registered and have seen the Mad Dog (Bubbles) to have your advancement forms checked and approved by her. As previously printed in the Woof-O-Grams and the League Magazine,

ADVANCEMENT FORMS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF OUR DOG ROBBER, PCDD KENNETH FARRIS, NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 1990. ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE OR IN THE DOG HOUSE IN SACRAMENTO. If you think you will be going up a degree in Sacramento, file your forms and if you cannot be there we will simply hold them over until 1991. If any Devil Dog has their forms filed and then finds out for a valid reason that they cannot conform to the time printed, write now to the Chief and she will consider the reason you state and reply to you in person as to whether you can or cannot be considered to go up a degree. She will inform you in writing approval/disapproval. This situation if it should arise must be handled now-

it will not be done in Sacramento.

**** Thursday 8/1/90 will be open to register PDD's only who came in to attend the Supreme Growl. REPEATING NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED TO ADVANCE GRADE THAT MORNING.**

IN THE PAST WE HAVE HAD DEVIL DOGS WHO PLAN ON GOING UP A DEGREE AT THE CONVENTION THREE DAYS BEFORE THEY REGISTER WITH MODD. WE PLAN TO ASK REGISTRATION OF LEAGUE TO PUT DATE ON THE CARDS OF WHEN DEVIL DOGS REGISTERED. IF WE FIND YOU DID NOT PICK UP YOUR GEAR (DOG COLLAR, BCNES,, ETC) UPON ARRIVAL THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO THROUGH INITIATION IN 1990.

QUARTERMASTER PDD JAMES POWELL will have his own room for gear. He will announce his hours at the convention.

MAD DOG CONSTANCE (BUBBLES) BARRICK she will have a much easier time this year because all applications will be in by 1 July, checked out by the Kennel Dog Robber, PCDD Kenneth Farris and able to spend more time on important matters. Immediately following your registration with the Kennel (\$5.00 pre-registration, \$6.00 at convention) you will check in with "Bubbles" who will interview you, give you the rules and regulations, check out your Dog Collar, etc. to you. THE INITIATION TEAM WILL BE HAND PICKED BY BUBBLES.

The initiation Team will all have Gold Arm Bands and will be following the Mad Dog's instructions.

INITIATION WILL BE THURSDAY 8/16/90 at 2:30 PM Devil Dogs will fall out in their regular street clothes, Covers and Dog Tags. No uniforms of any kind will be allowed.

SUPREME GROWL WILL BE THURSDAY 8/16/90 - TIME APPROXIMATE 8:30 PM Check this out as it is subject to change (the time).

A KENNEL STAFF MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY AUGUST 12, 1990. TIME APPROXIMATE 5:30 PM. Check bulletin board that day.

GENERAL STUFF

Our Barking Dog, PDD George Williams, will be mailing one additional Woof-O-Gram the third week of July. If you have anything you want printed please have it in his hands by 1 July.

Bylaw changes are being mailed out by our Dog Robber, PCDD Kenneth Farris, to all Packs in the USA, so you can bring them up at your State Convention Pack growls. We still plan to re-write the bylaws entirely, but to do it over the next few years - It is all for the "Good of the Order."

Mid-Winter Growl in McLean, VA. in my opinion was a success. Kennel hosted a luncheon for all Kennel Officers on Friday 8/16/90 and we had 21 present. A Kennel Staff Meeting followed immediately after lunch. Our time was limited for the actual Growl, 4:15 PM until 5:30 PM, because of the ribbon cutting at the new Headquarters Building. We did not accomplish all we wanted to, but touched on the highlights. Over 100 Devil Dogs were in McLean, but because of other meetings only 71 attended the Growl.

As I glanced out into the body of Marines at the League Meetings, I noted that 95% of the Marines PRESENT WERE Devil Dogs. We know that some of the best workers in the League belong to the Honor Society MODD.

Recently it has been brought to my attention that some of the new PUPS have not been in the League for one year, when they are asked to be in the Devil Dogs. The Dog Catcher is the Devil Dog responsible to check the time in the League out, the Detachment Commandant who signs the application also should know the timing. I think it would be a good idea for the new applicants to put down the date they joined the League on the forms. this is really an important matter - Please make a notation of this.

I hope that you will make copies of this Woof-O-Gram and get it out to all Dogs in your Pound, Pack or area.

As Usual I am available 24 hours a day, call or write to me - An answer promised or telephone call. Don't stay in the dark - ASK.

SEMPER WOOF-WOOF

Mae krauss, Chief

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My phone number was in copy recently, but a wrong number please check.

FROM THE KENNEL QUARTERMASTER

Since the last report I have been looking into the feasibility of publishing a Devil Dog Item Catalog. The only thing I know for sure is that a lot of Bones would be required. This study will continue.

Medals for the recipient of the Pound and Pack "Dog of the Year" awards are in the works. I expect to work out the remaining details in time to have a supply by Convention time.

Kennel Quartermaster, PDD James Powell

Chaplain Report from Kennel Dog Trainer
With the death of PDD Macera coming after the last Woof-O-Gram, I have received little mail report all sickness and obituaries to me, so Cards can be sent PDD Earl W. Herrington
20 Carriage Hill Dr. Newington CT. 06111

There are those of the mind, that hard-core hazing is needed to obligate a Devil Dog, as part of his initiation. Hazing a former Marine is next to impossible, in most cases.

As a Marine, I have been subjected to the most unbelievable initiation, at either Parris Island, or San Diego Recruit Depots.

I have stood unmoving as Sand Fleas, Mosquitoes and every bug crawled at will, over my torso. The drill instructor I believe invented these insects and turned them loose.

I crawled and crept, at Elliot's Beach until I had this huge bloody scab on my forehead... Many Marine's very first wound.

At boot camp I was made to understand, I was the lowest form of life on the planet Earth.. A civilian.

I carried my lockerbox on my head, I smoked with a bucket on my head and I was forced to dry shave at times. This wasn't really hazing, however. This was and is still known, as turning civilians into Marines. And it works; even today.

I left boot camp proud. A few of us that remain served in France in the war to end all wars and we were the first to be known as Devil Dogs. We were damn proud of a title earned under fire.

Some of us are still around who served in Nicaragua; and proudly.

Then came Pearl Harbor and 112 of us paid with our lives. At Wake Island we fought valiantly and 449 of us fouled up the Japanese time-table, to quickly take over all the Pacific Islands.

At Guam 153 of us, took on 6000 Japanese invaders before it fell.

At Corrigedor the Japanese forced me to undergo the infamous "Batan Death March." This after 5 months of fighting.

I suffered, but I came back... At a place called Guadalcanal. Here the Navy fled and left us unsupplied. But despite the odds, I won the first Allied offensive battle in World War II.

I suffered terrible loses at the islands of Tarawa, Bougainville, Roi, Namur, Tinian, Saipan, Guam and Bloody Peleliu. Yet I never wavered

Then came eight square miles of Hell.. Iwo Jima. Here 22 of the 80 Medals of Honor, issued to Marines in World War II, would be awarded.

I now landed at Okinawa and for 82 agonizing days Marines suffered 19000 casualties..

World War II has ended... Peace at last... Then came Korea. Places like Pusan, Inchon and of course Chosen. From the Chosen Reservoir, I was not only subjected to the cold, but also 6 chinese Divisions were breathing down my neck. Seventy-Eight miles to the sea and safety, but along the way, I suffered untold cases of frostbite. Our so-called "Police Action" ended with a truce at Panmunjon.

I was soon called on again to serve in the Cuban crisis and Santo Domingo.

Then I was sent to Vietnam and places like Da Nang, An Hoa, Dong Ha, Hue, and a place called Khe Sanh. At Khe Sanh I suffered both physically and mentally, but I held on as had my brothers long before me.

I was a hostage in Iran, but planned to escape.

I was sent to Lebanon and suffered a terrible loss. The largest non-nuclear explosion known to man, took 240 of my brothers lives.

Then came Grenada and again I did my best as well as again; also in Panama.

So you see I had my share of the the crulest hazing ever devised by mankind. And through it all I have stood proud, while ever vigilant.

I have answered my County's call for these past 215 years; more than any other military organization found on the planet Earth.

You can not impose any hazing I can't endure. But I am now above those childish pranks.

Putting lipstick on my face, raw eggs in my mouth, or whip cream on my body proves little.

I have paid my dues, and I have suffered at the hands of the enemy, the elements and my advesaries.

Already, "I HAVE SPENT MY TIME IN HELL."

With the proposed changes of the MODD Bylaws, perhaps a look back in history at the U.S. Constitution, may be enlightening.

No better observer of the draftings of that document was Ben Franklin. Though he was up in years and very forgetful. Yet he was a mainstay at the 1787 Convention.

Franklin's colleagues knowing of his failing mind and extreme forgetfulness, were now amazed, as he never once failed to attend one convention meeting, nor was he ever late one time. Franklin was indeed intent on being present at these important and historical meetings; each and every day. He also spoke with authority and wisdom, but most of all he listened to every word.

Franklin however, did not always agree. On September 17, 1787 he delivered a speech to the last session of the convening convention. Here are some of the passages from that speech.

"I confess that here are several parts of this Constitution which I do not at present approve, but I am not sure I'll ever approve them.... Most men indeed, as well as most sects in religion, think themselves in possession of all truth, and that whatever others differ from them, it is...Error, Steele, a protestant, in a dedication tells the Pope, "that the only difference between our churches is, the church of Rome is infallible, the church of England is never wrong."

In these sentiments I agree to this Constitution, with all it's faults, if they are such, because I think a general government necessary for us, and there is no form of government but what may be a blessing to the people if well administrated.

...I doubt too whether any other Convention we can attain, may be able to make a better Constitution. For when you assemble a number of men to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with those men all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interest and their selfish views. From such an assembly can a perfect production be expected?

I therefore astonishes me, sir, to find this system approaching so near perfection as it does, and I think it will astonish our enemies, who are waiting with confidence to hear that our counsels are confounded like those of the builders of Babel...Only to meet hereafter for the purpose of cutting one another's throats.

...On the whole, I cannot help expressing a wish that every member of this Convention who

may still have objections to it would with me on this occasion doubt a little of his own infallibility and to make manifest our unanimity. put his name to this instrument."

As we approach our Convention in Sacramento and Supreme Growl with impending changes in our Bylaws, there is much to learn from Ben Franklin's speech.

He is like a beacon from out of the past, his thoughts from over two-hundred years ago, still make sense even today.

All of you that plan on attending the Supreme Growl in August 1990, should take an interest in the proposed changes and fully understand them.

You need to know, why the changes are needed, and the way the changes will work and how they will work in the structure of the Military Order of Devil Dogs.

Just as we see the radical changes in Europe taking place and new laws being passed almost daily by the Federal Government, State and local governments, so must the MODD stay in step.

New laws by our legislators are just that, keeping up with the changing times.

I'm not as wise as Mr Franklin, Tom Paine or Thomas Jefferson, but I have been privy to their writings, thoughts and works. Along with this I have seen how true their beliefs came to pass, these last 200 odd years.

They were all of sound mind and working towards the same goal. A place where men could reside in peace and harmony, in a country second to none. This is what we too are striving for in Sacramento.

Enactment of bylaws that will allow us to continue the MODD on an even keel and in instances for the betterment of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

This can be carried out easily and efficiently if all Dogs are aware of the content of those changes and why the changes are needed.

We have one thing in our favor that our founding fathers didn't have...We are all Marines, and as such we have a common goal... THE BETTERMENT OF ANYTHING WE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH. I never met a Marine who wanted to be 2nd in anything. With this in mind, let us all go to the Supreme Growl with an open mind..

Kennel Barking Dog
PDD George Williams

BARKING DOG, BARKS...

With any organization, its only as great, as the members allow it to become.

There are many reasons for organizations to fail to achieve goals, and fail. Respect, Integrity and responsibility, probably would cover it best.

Respect we understand, but do we practice it? Let me recant a story of 35 years ago.

This is about a young Marine on maneuvers in Puerto Rico. Several of the Marines bragged about not saluting the Major from their unit; each morning.

After much pressure and cajoling, the young Marine summoned up the courage to take that chance...And not salute.

The Major did not stop him, or admonish him as they passed and just a "good morning Major" was extended.

The former Marine has regreted that instance for the past 35 years. The disrespect he premeditated, upon one fine Marine Officer has, and continues to haunt that individual. The Major deserved better; as he had befriended this particular Marine several times.

Thirty-five years of regret is a terrible price to pay, for a dumb act. Though the young Marine worked hard to atone for his stupid actions, it has never been erased from his mind. He learned respect the hard way. His conscience has never let him forget!!

So you see respect is important. Leaders, even when you may disagree with them, deserve the respect in keeping with their office or position they may hold. All disagreements should be aired in an atmosphere of mutual discussion, not whispering behind the door; gossip sessions. If you believe you are right...There should be no problem, openly discussing it.

Integrity, Webster defines as being sound and upright. I have often believed that when Marines are spoken of as being responsible and being respected, that the word Integrity is omitted. That ought not be. I believe that Integrity is perhaps what causes Marines to be both respected and responsible. The discipline and lead by example is a fine discription of Integrity...With Integrity you earn Respect.

Responsibility, we all understand. Sometimes it means making hard decisions. In the MODD are you responsible? These are gauges, to gauge yourself...

1. Are you doing your job?

2. Are you doing it at the best of your ability?

3. Do you accept an office, yet plan at best, to only make meetings?

4. As a pack or Pound Leader, do you realize that the MODD's progress, or decline rests solely with you.

5. Do you pick your appointed Officers wisely

6. Is one with better capabilities passed over, even though his record is better?

7. Was your staff chosen carefully in advance of your anticipated election, or haphazardly after you are elected?

8. Do you accept to many positions and assume to much responsibility, where the result: no job is done at it's best?

With Respect, Integrity and Responsibility, any goal is possible and the organization will rapidly grow and prosper.

The Devil Dogs need such leaders in the 1990's. We all must be mindful, that the Military Order of Devil Dogs is an arm of the Marine Corps League. All the ideals fostered within the league should also be a part of the Order. The ideals of both should be the same... Promote the Order, the League and especially our beloved U.S. Marine Corps.

If we are ever mindful of those ideal and work RESPONSIBLY towards those goals with RESPECT to our Marine ideals; our INTEGRITY will be intact.

Then the decade of the 1990's will be the best ever for the MODD and the Marine Corps League.

For those of you in leadership roles, select your appointed officers very carefully and watch your pound or Pack benefit and prosper for it.

There are those members of every organization that will never ask for an appointment, but would except it if offered, who are good workers. Search them out...You may be suprised

I hope that each and every Dog accept: this column, with the respect and integrity, it was written with.

This Dawg doesn't want to spend another 35 years regreting and being haunted for another dumb act.

This time however I believe, I have acted responsibly.

THE LATEST DOPE

Pound 181, Carlsbad, New Mexico .. Get well wishes to Pd dog trainer Robert Dintelman's wife Joe, who is recovering from her heart attack. (Ed note. this Pd dist's. the Woof-o-Gram). Thanks from me and all your Pound members.

POUND 113, Binghamton, NY .. Lots of sick dawgs in this pound. Get well wishes are in order for PDD Dan Pfeifer, Pup Charles Kneller, PDD Don Frederick and Pup Larry Klasek. Pound Keeper, Bill Feldman is keeping an eye on them, and does a good job as always.

pound 11, Long Island, NY .. They are holding a champagne breakfast as a pound fund-raiser, just before this edition goes to press. Pound Keeper, Ken Bird's wife was scheduled for her third operation back on January 30th, and we hope she is well on her way to recovery at this time. In time of sorrow...Our deepest sympathy to Marine Terry Hanbury... May he rest in peace.

I hear that Pound 11 is supplying new Devil Dog Harry Gracey with his ribbons and medals. Harry hasn't been feeling to well lately and perhaps this will perk him up. (Ed note:..Pound 11 newsletters are usually touching, along with many of those I receive from all over the country. It sure feels great to be a Marine at those times.)

PACK OF NEW YORK.. Congratulations to the Pack of NY for their contribution of a check in teh amount of \$1,150.00 to the Ulster Ass'n. for Retarded Persons, via Marcene Johnson for the purchase of a bubble bath pool for therapy.

POUND 2, Quincy, Mass achusetts.. Seems ther has been a lot of rowdy dawgs at the recent growl and many, many fines were collected. All apparently goes towards their hospital fund. Congratulations are in order for newly elected Poundkeeper, PDD John Hiltz and to all his new staff.

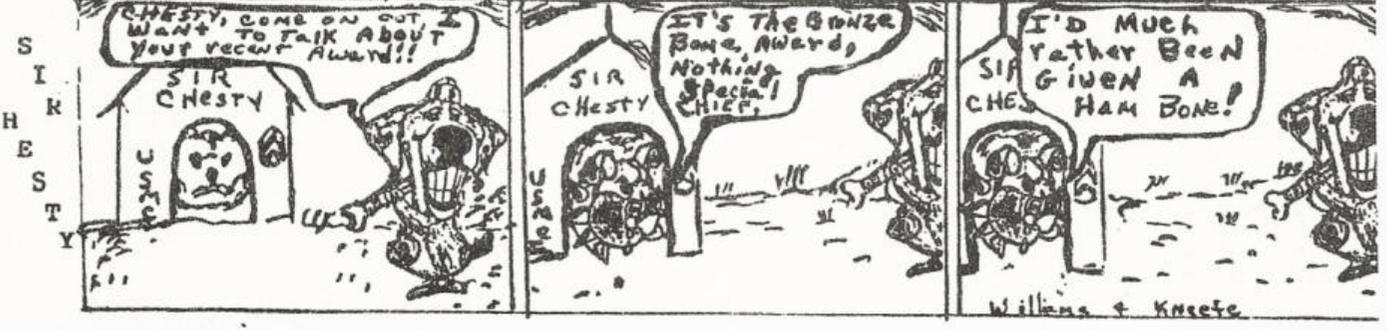
FOUND 6, SOMEWHERE IN MICHIGAN??.. I learned at the Mid Winter meetings that not one Dawg knew wher he was from. This Pound lost DD Kenneth to teh Supreme Commandant and PDD Jim Tuohy's sister-in-law passed away. Again the entire Devil Dog community extend their condolences.

POUND CHAMBERSBURG, PA.... Devil Dawgs plan to have a spaghetti night th first Monday of each month. This will defray their scholarship program costs. The Pound also allocates half of the proceeds from spaghetti night to help at the Martinsburg, Veteran's hospital in West Virginia.

PACK OF NORTH CAROLINA... Dawgs Barrows and Reichstein who attended the Mid-Winter Meetings, collared me and are quite interested in the Woof-O-Gram. Thanks George for forwarding the mail you recieved, to me, I appreciate your help.

POUND 14, Pack of Wisconsin Congratulations are in order to PDD's, Russel Collins and Jim McSwain who were recen elected as Pundkeeper and Pd. Dog Robber respect ively. And to all the other Pound officers. Congratulations also for the \$400 check you sent to the Veteran's Home in King, WI. to he in their goal to purchase a new bus for the disabled veterans. They also are sending a \$100 to the Pack for the Wisconsin Pack scholarship fund. (Ed. Note: This is what the Dawgs should be all about.)

POUND 96 SOUTHERN NEW JOISEY... PDD RICK HEBERT WHO'S WIFE SCOTTI HAS BEEN IN ICU FOR MONTHS FINALLY TOOK SEVERAL STEPS THIS PAST WEEK. Since last edition when Past Dog Trainer, Macera reported her misfortune, more befell the Hebert's. PDD Hebert was also hospitalized in the same room, and then their home burnt down. The Semper Marine Detachment on Feb. 24th held a benefit breakfast for the Heberts. Rick was just presented a check for \$6,000. It took hardwork and Marine know how.



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BROKEN PAW PD..#151..PA.

Is still with us, active and meets regularly at the Coal Crackers Detach. home in Minersville, PA.

KENNEL #149...NEW YORK

Sincere condolences to you all in the loss off PDD Walter Wentzel. All our prayers go out to you and the family.

POUND # 2 SOMEWHERE IN MASSACHUSETTS
 Congratulations on a fine newsletter that is being distributed by PDD Martin M. Flaherty Sr. for Feb. & March 1990.

(Ed. Note: Getting the word out, such as this newsletter is what it's all about)

SY-COR-BIN POUND #113 NEW YORK

Late flash, finds PDD Dan Pfeifer at the Monroe County Community Hospital for physical therapy. By the time you read this we all hope he is on the way to recovery.

Hope that PDD Evan Regal's wife is well on the way to recuperating from her recent heart attack as well.

PACK OF PENNSYLVANIA...

I can't say too much about Ferne Lauter, and her fine newsletter, "Paw Prints." A fine accomplishment for this Pack Leader.

She of course is getting the news out with this publication; a well written and quality tabloid.

Our Chief (Kennel) Mae Krauss stated in the Spring MCL magazine, that Fern might be giving me (Kennel Barking Dog), a run for the best newsletter. Those of you who know me, know only to well that I not only love the competition, but I also would help Ferne in anyway to get the Dawg News out. Whatever it takes to get the MODD word and messages out. This has to be accomplished, even over ones ego. I would only be to happy to see her tabloid considered best.

AGAIN FERN... Job well done, on your latest issue of "Paw Prints." I like the way you get the points across ...A fine job of writing, editing and publishing...I mean EXCELLENT...

Good to see all you old Dawgs on our home turf.

Though there wasn't a growl, a lot of Dog Gear was bought up by those Dogs from far places.

National Commandant Ray Berling must be running his own Quartermaster sales, from the way he bought, He must be the Pack Quartermaster of Ohio and kentucky, or after J. Powells job.

Kennel Quartermaster, Jim Powell was there with his gear in the hallway. Of course his head boss Alma was there to see he did it right.

His fine efforts as always, are reflected in the gross \$\$\$ sales he is reporting.

Most of the MCL caps at the conference in Pennsville I noticed had the MODD patch on them. Goes to prove (I guess) we Dawgs are an active bunch... I mean pack.

Kennel Chief, Mae Krauss has asked me to remind all Dogs that are seeking advancement in Sacramento to have their paperwork into the Kennel Dog Robber, Ken Farris, no later than July 1st. If you are not sure if you are going to Sacramento, still send your advancement papers in. Otherwise Sacramento may be a big disappointment to the Dogs who haven't filed on time.

By now most of Dogs are aware of the passing of Kennel Dog Trainer, PDD Michael Macera. Mike was the last Kennel Officer to contact me, before the Supreme Commandant summoned him.

I was also the last Dog to receive a get well card from him, as the Kennel Dog Trainer.

I was unable after surgery to attend his viewing or funeral, but I understand it was quite touching, with the Regular Marine Corps, providing both the Color Guard and Firing Squad.

I will miss Mike dearly, we were friends and Marine Brothers. Though we didn't always agree on everything, those small diferences never interfered with our friendship. Mike was 100% Marine Corps League and MODD and as such earned all our respect.

We have all heard the bally-who and the rehoteric, that the "Star Spangled Banner" should be replaced as this nation's National Anthem. Who and why are these people pushing for a change? Why is their reasoning unsound?

I have searched for those answers and nothing positive arises. The big cry is that few can sing it. Why change it when most refrain from singing along at all. Most stare at their shoes and others don't even remove their hats or salute when the "Flag" passes in review. Are these the same people asking for this change?

Our National Anthem was inspired by an American Lawyer, as he was held prisoner on a British Man-O-War during the battle for Fort McHenry in Baltimore's Harbor. Though the song didn't become our National Anthem, til many years later, it is now part of our history and heritage. For this reason alone, discarding it can not be taken lightly.

This writer finds it hollow and shallow thinking, when such decisions are undertaken and made. I remember a local boy (U.S. Marine) who gave his life in Korea, who had a memorial named for him. The local fathers memorialized the new school in his name...Just several years later his name was removed completely.

To me, a memorial should outlast a decade, or several decades. How could the Town-fathers be so short-sighted, that such deeds can be discarded and forgotten so soon?

This I find as the case with our National Anthem. First our "Flag" is desecrated, then they want to change our National Anthem. Why?

I don't know why, but I know the consequences. If it is changed to any of the mentioned songs such as America the Beautiful, or God Bless America; God help us...I can see it now. It will be orchestrated and arranged into all types of Jazz, Rock and Rap music.

To me this will be a slap in the face to all men who defended that magnificent "Star Spangled Banner." At times, it was all they had, along with our Marine Brotherhood to sustain them.

For those that do not believe in symbols they should reflect on what has just

taken place in the Iron Curtain countries of Europe. Though many will recall the opening of the Berlin Wall, more touching was the holes in the flags where the communist symbols were cut out. Those suppressed peoples never forgot, WHAT USE TO BE.

In this Country...A country of rights. We hear more from those who haven't earned their first right, but believe that since the words say, "Everyone is created equal," that it gives them unending rights.

Yes we were all born equal, but Madison and Jefferson never envisioned anyone being able to secure any rights without first earning them. And to continue to earn them all through their lives.

Through the years we Americans have watched treasonist acts go unpunished under the guise of Constitutional Rights. Never more prevalent in the history of this country was the acts perpetrated during the Vietnam War. To those who say Vietnam Veterans had no support, we must disagree. The very support of most all former veterans was there...But drowned out by those very treasonist acts performed by a minority of the American people.

Let me remind everyone that even at our Constitutional Convention in 1787, few of those delegates were of the same accord...56 men with different ideas. Yet with reasoning it was worked out. Before that convention, NO ONE, had any expectations of piecing together any such massive undertaking as the U.S. Constitution that we are protected by, even today.

Madison and Jefferson carefully with other delegates envisioned that very document to be construed differently as times changed. And for 200 years it has been magnificent.

With this in mind I urge you all to think about the changing of our National Anthem. I find few veterans that aren't proud to stand at attention while it is being played. I also believe that these very same veterans get those chills up their spine, everytime both the Anthem and the Marine Corps Hymn is played. Along with the chill is a feeling of pride of both Country and Corp. The only change needed is for all Americans to stand at attention as it is played.



MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS INC.
 PRICE LIST
 ORDER FORM

... were so popular
at Dallas last August
 Eff. Jan. 1, 1989

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<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total Amt.</u>
	<u>String Ties</u>	<u>\$7.00 ea.</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog T-Shirt</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Sweatshirts</u>	<u>\$14.00</u>	
	<u>Pack Dog of the Year Award</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>	
	<u>Pound Dog of the year Award</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Jackets</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Shoulder Patch</u>	<u>\$ 3.50</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Tags</u>	<u>\$ 1.50</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Cap Patch (NEW)</u>	<u>\$ 2.50</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Window Decals (Inside and Out)</u>	<u>\$.65</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Citations</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Ribbons (Gold, Red, Black)</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Label Pin (\$2.75 if a dozen or more)</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Ritual (1985 Edition)</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog By-Laws (With Latest Amendments)</u>	<u>\$ 3.50</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Labels (Pressure-Sensitive; Sheet)</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>	
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	<u>Devil Dog Pin (Plain Small)</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	
	<u>Paid Life Member Label Pin</u>	<u>\$ 3.50</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Hot Mugs</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Desk Set</u>	<u>\$17.00</u>	
	<u>Devil Dog Belt Buckles</u>	<u>\$12.00</u>	

Subtotal

10 % Shipping and Handling Fees

Total

All Forms: Transmittals, Membership Applications, Degree Advancement, Installation Reports, Charter Applications are Available at no Charge From
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MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS
 51st Supreme Growl
 13 - 17 August 1990
 Radisson Hotel
 Sacramento, California



* REGISTRATION *

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DEGREE & DT No. _____ MCL CARD No. _____ POUND _____

PRE-REGISTRATION \$5.00 _____ IN SACRAMENTO \$6.00 _____

TYPE OF REGISTRATION: (Please check one)

_____ Pedigree Devil Dog.

_____ Devil Dogs being initiated to Pedigree Devil Dog.

You must have a 1989-90 membership card and a current Marine Corps League card. Don't forget to bring these cards.

You must also register with the Marine Corps League FIRST and have a Convention registration badge.

All applications for advancement to the next degree must be submitted to Kennel Headquarters by 1 July 1990, to determine eligibility.

Pre-registration cutoff date is 15 July 1990. The initiation will take place during the day on Thursday. The Supreme Growl will be Thursday evening (See Convention Schedule).

Pre-registrations and applications should be mailed to PCDD Kenneth E. Farris, 11245 E. 14 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48077-7302. All checks should be made out to MODD-Kennel.

Radisson Hotel, Sacramento

GROUP NAME: _____ 1990 Sacramento Marine Corps League Convention

SPECIAL GROUP RATES: _____ \$58.00 Single/Double/Triple/Quad
Limited RV Parking at \$15.00 per night (No hookups) Courtyard Plaza Hospitality Suites at \$143.00 Flat Rate

LAST DATE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AT GROUP RATE: _____ July 10, 1990

NAME: _____ ARR. DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ DEP. DATE: _____

_____ ARR. FLIGHT: _____

_____ ARR. TIME: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____

ACCOMMODATIONS REQUESTED ONE KING BED TWO DOUBLE BEDS

DEPOSIT BY: CHECK CHARGE TO CARD - AMOUNTS _____

CREDIT CARD #: _____

EXPIRES: _____ NAME ON CARD: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

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Don't wait. Deadline for reservations is July 10th.

DEVIL DOG

Honored

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Regional

Paralyzed Lincoln resident obtains medal 21 years later

By ED SCHAFER
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Despite the tears and the wheelchair, ramrod straight Jim Lahr was still every inch a Marine on Saturday as his field commander in Vietnam added a long-delayed Bronze Star to the rows of medals pinned to his chest.

"The good guys finally won one," said Col. Donald Meyers, who retired from the corps less than two years ago. "It doesn't happen very often."

While on patrol in Vietnam on March 21, 1969, 16 days before the end of his 13-month tour of duty, Lahr and several other Marines from his company walked down the steep banks of a stream to fill canteens.

They had no indication that enemy soldiers were near, but it turned out they had stumbled on a huge North Vietnamese supply cache, said Denver Lawson Freeman, who probably would have died there had it not been for Lahr.

As they were in the 2-foot-deep water, they were suddenly ambushed with machine-gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades from the opposite shore.

"The whole hill basically just exploded" with firepower, Freeman said.

One of the grenades fell in the midst of Lahr's group, badly wounding Freeman and several others.

"Corporal Lahr, with complete disregard for his own safety ... assisted several Marines to safety," the award citation says. "Despite the heavy fire, he made several trips ... until he himself was wounded and unable to continue."

Lahr said he took one round from a rifle. The bullet went into his shoulder, grazed his lung, hit three ribs and finally

lodged in his spine, paralyzing him from the waist down.

"It all happened so fast," he said as he fingered the citation. "I fell down in the water and grabbed a big rock. I didn't know I was hit until I looked down and saw the blood running away from me in the water."

Neither Freeman nor Lahr knew that the other had survived. They came home, picked up the threads of their lives and went on. And that's where it rested for 20 years.

"I thought he was dead," Freeman said after the awards ceremony Saturday at the Marine Reserve base here. "I was told that, anyway. If he hadn't pulled me out of the river that day I wouldn't be here today. There's just no doubt in my mind about that."

But through a contact he made at a Marine Corps reunion last summer, Freeman learned that Lahr was alive and well and living in Lincoln, Ill., and set out to see that his friend received the honor he deserved.

"That started the ball rolling," Marine Sgt. Major Wallace Poyner said.

"They started letters going and petitioned this. They wrote it up, sent it into the awards section of the Marine Corps, and it went to the Secretary of the Navy, who approved it."

Lahr's actions during the firefight were "just amazing," Freeman said Friday.

"When you're 20 years down the road and a guy finally gets recognition, it's just a fabulous feeling," he said.

Freeman, who suffered a crushed bone in his right thigh in the battle, was hospitalized for 10 months after the attack. Now, he sells insurance in South Charleston, W. Va.

Today, Lahr spends most of his time in activities with veterans' groups.

Woof-O-Gram Editor's Note: PDD JIM LAHR is the Kennel Central Division Aide. Congratulations Jim.

LATE FLASHES

Jr. Vice Kennel Chief PDD Clifton Williams announced he is withdrawing from the race for Kennel Chief and will be seeking the "Office of Sr. Vice Kennel Chief," in Sacramento, CA.

(a poem written in honor of Alexi DeCampi, last Woof-O-Gram was in her honor for saving flag from being burnt)

Here's to the gal that made my day,
by grabbing our flag and running away.
It seems free speech was to be demonstrated
here,
By burning OLD GLORY, something she held dear.

She'd have none of this and we know why,
It's enough to bring a tear to this old
Marine's eye.

God bless you Hon and all like you,
Who would stand in Harms Way to protect
THE RED WHITE AND BLUE.

By Jim Donechie Jr., Jr Vice Commandant
"Cpl. Reynolds Detachment." Freehold NJ.

Pound #96 wishes to thank all of you and those non-members who sent monetary gifts in memory, Past Kennel Dog Trainer PDD Michael Macera.

I am pleased to announce that a check in the amount of \$300 was presented to the MCL Princeton Memorial Chairman, Bob Hoth.

Seeing that the funds were sent through the Pound at Mrs. Shirley Macera's request, a wish of sincere thanks is extended to her.

I believe she sincerely understood that Mike would have really wanted nothing better. PDD Macera will surely now be a piece of that memorial that will be dedicated in Princeton NJ on June 2, 1990, commemorating and memorializing the first Marines, "The Continental Marines." Their first such recognition; anywheres!!!!

Funds are still needed and any Devil Dog who might wish to contribute, send their check to me, made out to the MCL Princeton Memorial and I will see that it is passed on to the Treasurer of that committee, in your name, or in memory of Mike if you so desire. JUNE 2nd is sure going to be a big day for the Marine Corps, the League and for the Maceras'. Michael shall surely be looking down on us that day with his paw raised and a smile on his face and a Woof, well done!

THE KENNEL SEZ

In the last issue we covered the issuance of membership cards and Fiscal and Membership years. Now I would like to comment on the problems that arise before they can be issued. First let me say that I realize that not everyone is an administrative officer, and I try to deal with that. Getting your cards back could probably be quicker if there was effort to "shape up the paperwork." Let me cover a few of these problems.

Transmittals arrive at Kennel Headquarters without Marine Corps League membership numbers, not enough money (dues are \$3.50 now, \$5.00 after 1 July), too much money (rarely), no applications for new Pups, or without transmittals or money. Elevations from Pup to Devil Dog without supporting paperwork.

Some of you don't even know your member's Dog Tag numbers, or when they last paid their dues. Doesn't anyone keep any records out there? The Pack should be catching some of these mistakes. I know there are some new Pack Dog Robbers, but on the other hand, there are others who are making a career of it and they should know better.

Without them though things would be worse. Some Packs or Pounds hold on to the dues and advancements forever. Would you believe I am still receiving advancements and new Pups processed at last summers State Conventions. And dues also that were collected last fall. These members call me looking for their cards. I have members of Pounds in some places sending their dues directly to me because, they can't find anyone to pay them to. Doesn't any Pound ever send out a dues notice?

The Kennel Aide for the Central Division will hold a Devil Dog Conference at the Division Meeting on 21 April, in Cincinnati, Ohio. This will be an informal question and answer affair, and I will be there to give them the straight skinny.

I wish I could visit all Division meetings, but the moneys not there.

SEE YOU IN SACRAMENTO

Kenneth Farris PCDD
Honorable Kennel Dog Robber &
National Executive Secretary

(Ed. Note: If you didn't understand it, please go back and read this column again. It is for best interest of MODD)