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Military Order Of Devil Dogs

WOOF-O-GRAM

THE BITE HOWL

AND BARK 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 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.



OFFICE OF:
NATIONAL CHIEF DEVIL DOG

Devil Dogs:

I certainly enjoyed being the National Chief for the past two years. The reason it was such a pleasant task is because I had the best Staff, any Chief could ask for. With a few exceptions the elected and appointed officers did their jobs well and it shows in the increase in membership and less gripes coming to kennel Headquarters.

All Dogs in the Kennel worked hard getting renewals in and seeking worthy MCL members out and inviting them to join our Honor Society. Many new Pounds were chartered and there are several yet to come in 1990.

I have received over 1,000 letters/notes from Devil Dogs in the Kennel. I answered them or directed them to the proper Kennel Officer. The telephone never stopped ringing and much business was covered this way.

The Chief could not preform without a good staff and as I have said above, mine was excellent. Special mention should be made about the three most important ones, that no Chief could operate without. Above and beyond the call of duty, the following officers made my life easy, because they are self starters and work long hard hours without involving the Chief.....THEY ARE:

PCDD KENNETH FARRIS, kennel Dog Robber and EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

Ken has been around a long time and does a great job. Even some of the Devil Dogs by-passed the Chief and went to Ken direct - I forgive you. Ken always kept me informed and satisfied the Dogs in the Kennel.

PDD JAMES POWELL, QUARTERMASTER

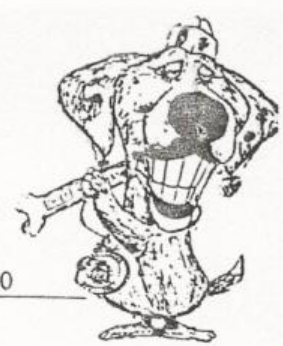
Jim has done an excellent job with the gear of the Kennel. If items ordered were in stock, the order was in the mail within 24 hours. He handles his job like a small business, his records/accounts are always up to date and he reports by-monthly to the Chief and Kennel Dog Robber. I have received letters and phone calls telling me how pleased the members of the Kennel are with his work.

PDD GEORGE WILLIAMS, BARKING DOG

George has only been Barking Dog for one year. He works hard and long hours trying to get all



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the data copied to the Kennel. he has written many articles of intrest and the Kennel has received many compliments on his publication. George has saved the Kennel many bones as the only cost to us has been the postage. More and more Pounds are copying the publication and distributing throughout the Packs/Pounds. We hope this will increase so we may have at least 90% distribution in the near future.

I would like to thank each and evry Dog in the Kennel. It certainly has been a pleasure to work with you and for you. I have renewed old friendships, made many new friends and hope to continue to do so. i will be around next year to help in anyway possible.

Woof-Woof
 Mae Krauss, Chief

IMPORTANT DATA FROM THE KENNEL CHIEF

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

*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-Gram and League Magazine.

If you have a valid reason why your advancement papers were not filed with the Kennel Dog Robber, PCDD Kenneth Farris, prior to coming to Sacramento - You must check in with the Chief and she will consider the reason and decide if you should go up a degree. The Chief knows there will be exceptions and that it will take another year to get the program of having all applications in by July 1st of Convention Year.

The Dog House on Thursday will register only PDD's who have come in to attend the Supreme Growl. REPEATING, NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED TO ADVANCE ON THURSDAY MORNING.

ANY DOG WHO IS AT CONVENTION AND REGISTERED FOR THE LEAGUE, BUT NOT THE MODD AND PLANS ON GOING UP A DEGREE, BUT DOES NOT WANT TO

THE CHIEF CONTINUED

WEAR THE COLLAR AND BONE AND COMES IN THE LAST MINUTE ON WEDNESDAY, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ADVANCE ON THURSDAY MORNING. THE LEAGUE CARDS WILL SHOW THE DATE YOU ARRIVED.

MAD DOG CONSTANCE (BUBBLES) BARRICK WILL HAND PICK HER INITIATING TEAM. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL HAZING. YOU MAY FALL OUT IN REGULAR STREET CLOTHES (no uniforms).

CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE DOG HOUSE FOR THE EXACT TIMES, THEY CANNOT BE DECIDED AT THE MOMENT.

KENNEL STAFF MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY AUGUST 12, 1990. ELECTED STAFF BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL MEET AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE DOG HOUSE. AT 6:30 P.M. THE ENTIRE STAFF WILL MEET IN THE DOG HOUSE. **PLAN TO BE THERE.**

PDD...MAE KRAUSS, CHIEF DEVIL DOG *mae*

K9 - CHATTER

PACK OF OREGON

A most unique idea for passport stamps was preformed by the Pack of Oregon, at their 1990 Grand Growl.

Art McKellups, an artist by trade, drew an Indian Head in each attending Dog's passport.

I would like to bark loud and long on this one. These are exactly the type of things the Pounds and the Packs should be doing. The old hum-drum routine should not be what the MCL, Honor Society should be all about. We should be intovative and act like an Honor Society, which if you all check, will realize that it means the "ELITE" of the group.

Dog McKellups name has often passed through my desk the past year-and-a-half and I salute you Art for your time and the inovations you took the time to render for the betterment of the MODD.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO PDD KNISS WHO MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO SEE THAT ART'S UNIQUE EFFORT WAS MADE KNOWN OUTSIDE OF OREGON.

PHONEIX MODD

FLASH...The Dogs in the MODD in Phoneix are in dire straits from what I gather. Hear they are accepting care packages.

Seems like none of them had enough food at anyone's residence here a while back,

so they all traveled around to each other's homes to share what each had.

Members of the Pound first traveled to PDD Thompson's for before dinner cocktails. Then off to PDD MacIntyre's for snacks, and then to PDD frosty's for soup. They left there and went to Bob Matlocks for salad. Then over to Clif Williams for the main course, Lasagna...wine...Garlic bread and drinks. from there to PDD Smokey's for dessert.

It sure looks as though they didn't go hungry nad word has it none of them are under nurished.

I'm so glad you all survived. Because that's awfully rich food for a bunch of Mangy Dogs to consume in one day. I heard they all topped it of with a bowl of "Friskies," or was that what they were afterwards?

This again is what the MODD should be all about...A REAL HONOR SOCIETY... A REAL BROTHERHOOD OF FRIENDSHIP... A FRATERNITY OF IT...WHER WE ALL PULL TOGETHER INSTEAD OF SEPERATE DIRECTIONS.

IF WE ALL PULLED TOGETHER IN THE MODD, THERE IS VIRTUALLY NOTHING WE COULDN'T ACCOMPLISH.

If we worked hard at some programs why couldn't the MODD champion the donations to the "Children's Hospitals and the MCL Scholarship Fund? We could, why don't we? We just need each Dog to do his part.

POUND 6 SOMEWHERE IN MICH.

Pound number Six continues to conceal their location in their NEWSLETTERS. Only their postmark gives me the slightest inkling where there from.

When I read about their Monford Point Detachment, I thought they were from North Carolina. however the Dogs from North Carolina, disclaimed them.

The Pound received a nice thank you from the VAVS for their donation to VA Medical center in Allen Park.

Dogs, I noticed your Growl opened at 8:20, an odd time. Apparently late, I hope the Pound Leader was fined accordingly.

Thanks to PDD Pack for the straight scoop from somewhere in Michigan.

MORE K-9 CHATTER

It sure was great to see PDD Frank Goodman out and about again at the Grand Growl of New Jersey.

PDD Goodman every year at the Grand Growl of N.J., just knows that this Dog will be there with my 25¢ fine, which I drop in a soda or beer can, crush the can then drop it into the collection pot. I paid my fine, it's up to him to get it out of the crushed can.

Maybe you mangy Dogs could find a can or two in Sacramento????

Anyway Frank, it's great to see you up and around...I really missed you .

My condolences go out to the family of former N.J. State Commandant, PDD Bill Burke... His friends miss him...

At the Grand Growl of N.J., the most mangest of Dogs attended...Ski of Maine. Rumor has it Ski is now in the manufacturing business and all his products carry his logo..."Made in Maine by a Maniac." Ski we all love you????

The Grand Growl of new Jersey had the pleasure of hosting Sr. Vice Kennel Chief Hy Rosen and D.D. Rabner of Florida. Also in attendance was PNC Bill Galvin of New York.

Ferne Lauter has once again outdone herself with the latest issue of Paw Prints; the Pack of Pennsylvania's newsletter. I have to rate it as the top Pack Newsletter I receive, and if there was an award for the best... You would be the recipient!!!

The First Annual Michael F. Macera Golf Tournament will be held on July 11th; with all proceeds going to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Heart Unit, in Camden NJ. The tournament is being sponsored by the Department of N.J. & the Pack of N.J. MODD. As director of Public Relations of this Tournament, let me advise all Dogs that it's not to late to be a contributor to this worthy cause in Mike's name. Make checks out to the Michael F. Macera Golf Tournament and send it to me at P.O. Box 772, Elmer N.J. 08318 and I will see that the hospital is the recipient of your generosity.

You will all recall that Mike was the Kennel Dog Trainer before his untimely death on January 31st this year at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

Mike was someone special, he took on jobs, like ducks take to water. He held Dog Robber positions in both the Pack and Pound and was the N.J. State Jr. Vice Commandant. he left a real void, as many of us thereafter, soon realized. Thus this Annual Golf Tournament in his name...

I'm happy to report that the dedication of the long awaited Princeton Memorial is completed AND IT IS IMPRESSIVE!!!

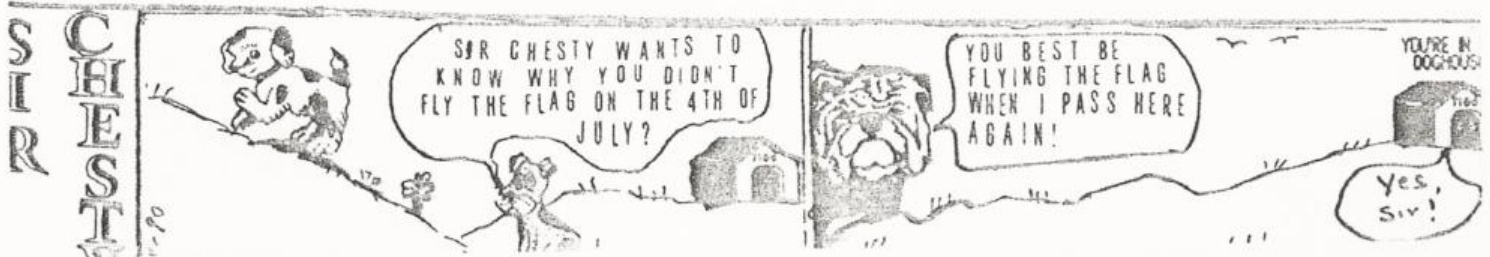
Let me say though it was a N.J. League effort, Some of the MODD Pounds were the largest contributors and are a large part of it's funding.

Also the two large efforts put into the actual building of the memorial, Were PDD Paul Sutton & PDD Bob Hoth. Why does it always seem that when ever a major undertaking is started, you can almost bet that you will see those involved wearing the Devil Dog patch on their cover???

One of my favorite mutts, PDD Bill Fogelsonger reports that Pound #132 has raised so many bones this year that it will enable them to give 4 scholarships this year instead of two and more money is available to support the VAVS at the Martinsburg, W.VA Veterans Hospital Keep those spaghetti dinners coming Bill.

PDD Frank Metzger of PD #151 believes that in Dallas last year there was a first. PDD Sondra Metzger, his daughter and himself both went through the initiation together as father and daughter. How about a ruling by some old Dogs, like Sutton and Gallagher on this one??

Why is it that I am more impressed with the quality of MODD Lawyers at the Growls than I am at the ones in legal practices about our nation? I'll bet not one MODD Lawyer if they sat on the Supreme Court would have allowed our flag to be burnt... What do you think??? Plus I don't see to many regular lawyers winning many more cases, than the instant lawyers in the MODD.



WHAT FLAG BURNING MEANS TO SIR CHESTY.....

THE PUBLIC OUTCRY ABOUT FLAG BURNING, HAS BROUGHT TO MIND MANY OLD MEMORIES. I would like to take us all back in time and the changes...not all best for our country or "OLD GLORY."

"She was old and beautiful and wise; she taught the young boy everything he needed to know about the the lands, woods and rivers. She taught him what was good, what was bad, and most of all the difference between right and wrong. So every morning he stood beside his desk with his hand over his heart and promised to respect her for the rest of his days. He sat by the radio and cried angry tears one grey December day, when he heard she had been betrayed. She was hurt and needed help. He was only 12, but gave her all he could; scraps of paper, tin cans, even the tires from his wagon. He followed her across the sea on the maps and in the newspapers, wishing he were older - Old enough to fight back. Then after four long, dark years he heard the church bells ring. And the noon whistle blew long and high. He was part of one brief moment when the whole world paid respect - To her."

(From the song "OLD GLORY" by C.W. McCall)

I remember those days, Sir Chesty was 11 on that dark December 7th and I haven't forgotten standing by my desk each morning, and pledging my allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. And I am sure I am a better person for it. It has always been a constant reminder of what it took to get the privileges and freedoms, that are the absolute envy of all other nations. That most of our citizens of today take for granted.

I remember as that 11 year old the piles of scrap iron, paper and tires we collected at my school, in the Aura School yard. It seemed monumental, but very necessary for the war effort. These are the things I remember about our Flag, and the courage of some Americans who defended it. Most memorable were those of Al Schmidt, Collin Kelly and John Basilone.

It seems just like yesterday that the news carried the message from our beleaguered Marines defending Wake Island, The words, "Send more Japs." I can remember oh so well following the American Army breaking out of the "Battle of the Bulge." And I remember that everyday I followed the battle for Henderson Field, at a place called Guadalcanal. In my thoughts always is the way I use I use to rush for the paper every day to read War Correspondent Ernie Pyle's column from a foxhole in Okinawa. He left an indelible impression on me. I could almost envision myself with him and the Marines on the last possible big invasion before Japan. I was 15 when the Ernie Pyle Column died in a small island off Okinawa. I have never forgotten the writer, who I still today regard as my hero.

After World War II came the Korean War, and I found myself in Parris Island undergoing recruit training, in the very Marine Corps I read about with pride in the early 1940's. American's still then cared, and patriotism was not yet dead.

Where have we gone wrong? We are surely the only nation on earth that allows for our flag to be torched, yet the same citizens have been legislated against for public smoking and burning leaves. I see a larger irony in setting fire to the symbol of our Constitution, then hiding behind it's very meaning to back up that rationale in such behavior.

Common sense and good taste seem to go lacking these days and who can we blame? Certainly not the teachers. It has to come from the home. Who are the parents that think Bart Simpson is a folk hero, symbolizing mediocrity and laziness? Why should school systems have to make the decisions for the parents of what is acceptable and what is not for the children?

Parents Just don't use common sense at times.

Perhaps a Constitutional Amendment restoring the Flag Salute and Prayer in schools would alleviate much of our everyday problems. Including flag burning drugs, obsentities, and just plain bad tastes.

Good tastes, discipline, respect and manners can't be legislated, but they certainly need to be taught...And learned. It's not to late, but we have to start at home.

MAYBE OUR FLAG AND SOME CHILDREN CAN BOTH BE SAVED.

IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE SERVING YOU DOGS THIS PAST YEAR...SIR CHESTY



THE SYMBOL OF THE HOPES OF MAN.

**THIS CLOTH OF DREAMS FOR FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND
OPPORTUNITY.**

**IT'S STARS ARE LIKE BEACONS GUIDING US THROUGH
THE SHOALS OF ADVERSITY.**

IT'S RED STRIPES LIKE WOUNDS OF STRUGGLE.

THE GOOD IN IT CANNOT BE HAD FOR NOTHING.

LIKE ANY GARDEN IT MUST BE TENDED.

LIKE ANY LOVED ONE, IT MUST BE HELD.

**HOLD THIS FLAG HIGH AND KEEP IT'S PROMISE
BRIGHT, FOR IN IT LIES THE BEST HOPE FOR ALL OF
US.**





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HONOR SOCIETY



HAVE YOU OBTAINED A NEW MEMBER?



LATE FLASHES

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER:

I am happy to report that the sketches for the "Dog of the Year" Medals were completed by our Kennel Staff artist, Mike Kneefe. These prints have been duplicated by myself and requests for prices and delivery have been sent out.

Details should be available for the committee by convention time.

The "Dog of the Year" lapel pins prints have also been completed and will be presented at National Convention for consideration.

Have a safe trip and see you in Sacramento

PDD James F. Powell, Quartermaster, Kennel

POUND 99 REPORTS NEW OFFICERS :

Latest report from Arizona tells of new Pack officers. PDD Rincon is now the new Pack Leader since the Grand Growl of the Pack. Seems like the Dog Robber is the head clown on the staff of clowns, seeing as he is the Pack Dog Robber. Other clowns on the staff are, PDD Moose Skicewicz , Jr. Vice and PDD Ed Reese as Sr Vice, Andy Skinner as Smart Dog, Harold Herreras , Police Dog, PDD Harold McIntyre, Mad Dog and PDD Ed Don as Watch Dog.

DD Fritz Fossdal was named as as Barking Dog.

Tom Gulino, are you sure about these names? I thought it was Ed McIntyre?? But then your newsletter said you can't read writing to well....

In all seriousness, my condolences to all the friends of PDD Jim Geraghty. His name has risen to the surface before, he was apparently the cream of the crop...Cream always comes to the top.

Where is Rio Rico??? Is that the spot in the desert where the Road Runner ran over the fox???

Tom, my regards for being one of those providers for the Woof-O-Gram this past year...I thank you.

Just a note for those Marines that just might have known Capt. Carlton R. Rouh, Congressional Medal Recipient from N.J.

It might be of interest to some, that Paul Sutton and myself orginated a resolution to the Legislature of the State of New jersey to name NJ Route 55 in his honor.

The Department of New Jersey has seen fit to pass that resolution and forward it on in the name of the Department of New Jersey.

PDD Sutton...My thanks to you forever for all the help and expertise.

This is something Marine Rouh earned for himself, we just wish to remind the legislators, what he did and stood for.

Your Barking Dog wishes to thank the many, many Dogs that have called and written in the past several weeks.

Your kind comments about the Woof-O-Gram and myself...I SHALL NEVER FORGET...OR THOSE THAT MADE THEM.

My only comment and reply is... as Marines and former Marines I believe, we should all give it our best shot...Thats all I did. My only regret is that I did't make some of the improvements I'd have liked to. I'm sure there are others out there that can ably carry on and improve it even more.

I believe if the MODD Officers are chosen wisely, just like any other organization, it will improve.

Again thank you for the phone calls and letters and inquiries. I know how many of you really care about where and how the MODD is going.

When so many of you care, only good things can happen. I will miss you all in Sacramento, but look forward to renewing old friendships soon. BOTH ME AND SIR CHESTY.

Happy to report that the Mike Macera Golf Tournament was able to present Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital a check for \$1,000.00. State Commandant Bob Leonard and Mrs. Macera presented it Mrs. Michele Fritz, Public Relations Director for the hospital. PDD Applebaum deserves a big hand as tournament director. His wife Mildred was in the hospital at the time, but Bob found time.

BY YOUR LEAVE...SIR

As the Kennel Barking Dog this past year, I have met and made many new friends throughout the League. I shall never forget the likes of "Ski" from Maine, Cliff Williams (the last I heard it was Arizona), Ferne Lauter of PA. and the others to many to mention.

It has been an adventure and an experience both. I will cherish it forever. I can say honestly...I enjoyed it. Bringing to life Sir Chesty, the patriotic Dog was also a pleasure. But I cannot continue in this position next year.

Chief, Mae Krauss, told me to write my "Swan Song" so here goes...One last time.

First let me say that without the help of many, especially Mildred Applebaum, Mike Kneefe and most of all my wife Fran whose idea it was to have a yellow cover on the Woof-O-Gram and has supplied the yellow paper and the copies thereof from the beginning til now. Some will receive possible green cover this issue. Again you all...THANKS.

There however have been somethings that have not made this Dog to happy. You may well recall that I said, "Read my lips, that I will not in the Woof-O-Gram" as long as I edit, it use the female word for dog." Well this is one that uttered those words, that intends to keep his promise. It is distasteful and I have just one question to all. What would you do if someone called your mother, wife or sister that word in public?

Let me say, I've seen it done many times and in front of family. I have also felt the wrath of the injured parties.

At a Growl it's really not acceptable, but in public????? Come on. And family members have been angered, no infuriated is a better choice of words. Enough said. Your conduct is how your fellow-man rates you and such conduct towards women Marines of today, is not tolerated in OUR BELOVED CORPS; either.

ONCE AGAIN...ENOUGH SAID.

One other thing of note... Is the disregard for the MODD Bylaws, that states (for good reason) that neither the initiator or the initiatee shall have consumed any alcoholic beverage prior or during the initiation ceremony. Yet I

see candidates for advancement arrive for their initiation with a beer in their hand. I don't even care to speak out about the the members of the initiating teams. I'll just get angry.

With the hazing laws of today, we MUST be ever-so-sure that no crazy, unforeseen accidents occur. Sorry will not be adequate if and when the occassion arises.

For example, the week after last years Supreme Growl in Dallas, we lost a PDD who earned his degree a week earlier in Dallas. Let me just ask a simple question. What would have First, the ambulance driver asked if that same Dog for example, had been forced to do push-ups...All covered with whip cream, lipstick and what have you?

Secondly, what would the doctor at the hospital asked you? And thirdly what would the police officer summoned to the hospital asked you?

I personally went through that very thing at the time of my fathers fatal stroke. They asked hard and pointed questions and my father had no whipped cream or lipstick on him. Just marks where he fell against the furniture.

I would like so much to thank PCDD Ken Farris for his WISE-OLD-OWLISH expertise. It has been a pleasure to have worked with you and yes I now know MODD Headquarters is in Michigan, not New Jersey. You surely made sure I would never forget. I just don't understand why you made me write it a thousand times?

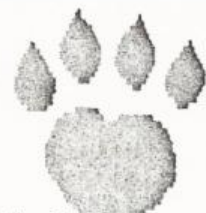
Last but not least, Chief Mae Krauss. The last year and a half has been my pleasure. Thanks for the confidence you have shown and the trust, that made it all worth it. At times I wished to come down the Dogs a little harder, where I thought it was needed And you asked me to rethink it.

Today I took liberties, no reporter is worth his salt if he ever edits himself. Especially the Editor.

Thanks again chief for the chance to serve you and all the Dogs...Adios.



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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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SELECT A NAME AND POUND LOGO?

In this issue I printed a page with many of the graphics that come over my desk from the various Pounds via their newsletters.

I find it very refreshing to see the ingenuity of those many Dogs that have named their Pounds and those that also have Logoes, depicting their Pound or Pack.

As a member of Pound 96 we are working towards that very end and at our next growl following National Convention, names and logoes for the Pound will be presented for a membership vote.

You will note that the Oregon Pack has quite a unique Logo, that incorporates the two Pound Logoe's.

For example, I can imagine the Pounds of Florida and the possibilities of many unique logoes that could come forth from down there.

The thought of being known as the Beaver Pound or the Webfoot Pound, rather than Pound 104 and 187 gives them a higher visibility. And would allow them to have their own patches, shirts and etc., etc. made-up.

As imaginative as some of you Marines are, I am quite sure there is no limit to what might come out of a search for a Pound name.

The reason I bring this up is because, I now easily recognize the Webfoot and Beaver Pounds as being from Oregon. I would not remember that Pounds 104 and 187 were Oregon Pounds that easily.

Though we often expend much efforts towards are antics at growls, some efforts should also be expended in the ways to improve our MODD.

To you leaders of of the Packs and Pounds, if you aren't interested, perhaps some of your Dogs are. And you just might make it into a contest for the Dog who comes up with the acceptable Pound name.

GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT...MIGHT BE INTERESTING

A growl is a good place to have a good time and let your fur down, but remember to let the leaders get their jobs completed, OLD & NEW BUSINESS AND ETC...IT IS IMPORTANT!!!!

MY LAST COLUMN

(today)

I received a letter (scratchings) from PDD W.V. Red White, the present Kennel Dog of the Year.

PDD White of Illinois commented on my article in last issue, titled, "Hazing a Marine Impossible.

Sir your very comments are graciously accepted, but remember it wasn't very hard to write about the truths of our beloved Corps.

We all know the hardships many Marines endured, especially at places like Belleau Wood, Wake Island, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Iwo, Okinawa, Chosin Reservoir, Khe Sanh, Chu Lai, Hoi An, Quang Tri, Lebanon, and Grenada.

Our last major loss was that of Colonel Higgins, in Beruit.

We still have one of our own in Lebanon, held as a hostage... Terry Anderson, former Marine combat correspondent. Say an extra prayer for Marine Anderson, the longest held hostage, in Lebanon.

So you see PDD White, it wasn't hard to write about the hardships we Marines have gone through. I myself feel fortunate to have served, without enduring those extreme hardships that War so often imposes on military men. I was there when the Marines came back to the units from the Korean War and I listened to them, especially those from the action at the Chosen Reservoir.

Even today when I relate to anyone who will listen, or cares to listen, how our Marines at the reservoir, probably if the story was ever told in history classes, that they suffered a far more horrible winter, than did General Washington at Valley Forge.

The truth might be, they would make Valley Forge seem like a Picnic, in comparison.

So you see the article was easy to write...But it told a message.

HOW CAN YOU EVER HAZE A MARINE?
They have spent their time in Hell. Thanks for the kind remarks, however...It warmed this writer's heart.

During the last year the Devil Dogs have lost many members to the Supreme Commandant. Three in particular from New Jersey, that I knew personally, Michael Macera, Charles DeWitte and Bill Burke...All PDD's.

PDD Macera held the office of Kennel Dog Trainer at the time of his death. They all were active league members and MODD members.

The three left us a legacy. Though they were three, perhaps ordinary people, and perhaps unsuccessful by some people's standards... in a quiet and modest way...They were perhaps actually wealthy way beyond both of their own highest expectations.

Most people are concerned about material wealth, that they lose sight of the things that make life worth living. The friends that Mike, Bill and Charlie made through the League and the MODD, were something they cherished. You never wondered if they were going to be at a meeting or growl...You just knew they'd be there.

Mike worked hard at the many, many League and MODD positions; that would have put younger and healthier people to shame.

Charlie was easy going, but committed and you could always expect to see the tasks he started completed, in either the League or MODD.

Bill, Past State of N.J. Commandant, was one who stated his own point and stick by his guns. He was well known throughout the League and MODD.

Though other leaguers have passed away and many who were members of MODD since last year's convention, I'm sure they all came from the same mold. All Marines do. I did not know many of the other departed Devil Dogs, however I am dedicating this issue to all departed Devil Dogs this year in the name of the three.

The three were not wealthy men when they died, not when you measure wealth and success in terms of money. But they had something money can't buy...Friends and fellow Marines who truly cared about them.

There is a poem I know that expresses what the three have left behind, better than I ever can.

"He has lifted his bright candle and has gone
Into another room I cannot find.
But everyone can see where he has been
By all the little lights he left behind."

They are truly three beacons of light that the President refers often to. THREE BRIGHT ONES. In their names this WOOF-O-GRAM is hereby dedicated to all Devil Dogs this year that the Supreme Commandant has seen fit to take from us. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE A DEVIL DOG!

The theme of my message this time is fiscal responsibility. When I open a letter from a Pound or Pack I never know to whom the check is going to be made out to. Some are made out to me personally...Which is a big NO, NO. I already draw a nice check from Uncle Sam each month and have not solicited any contributions.

Some are made out to the "Kennel Dog Robber," also a NO, NO. You never make a check out to an office. Some however are made out to the Military Order of Devil Dogs, or to MODD - Kennel. Either one is correct.

I must also call your attention to the problem of Pounds collecting dues and not forwarding them to Kennel for six to nine months later. This is fiscal irresponsibility.

I know of at least two Dogs who have paid their dues, and will be attending the National Convention, and their dues have not been forwarded to the Kennel.

While on the subject of dues, I want to remind you that all dues to the kennel, are now \$5.00 for your 1990-91 card.

I would also like to call your attention to the fact that the ZIP Code for Kennel Headquarters has been changed to 48312-6104, effective at once.

THE KENNEL STRENGTH AS OF 30 JUNE 1990 STANDS AT 2,269 PAID. This is an increase of 224 over last year. Our membership continues to increase along with the Marine Corps League.

PDD Kenneth E. Farris PCDD

LAST FLASH NEWS

Pack Dog Robber White of Illinois underwent open heart surgery. He is also their Pack Dog of the year.

Pack of Illinois now has 119 members Also recuperating from serious surgery is PDD William Beachler. Get well to all you Dogs, you are important to the ORDER...SEMPER WOOF-WOOF

*Paul - Special - To You
before Sacramento!*