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KENNEL BARKING DOG'S
"WOOF-O-GRAM"
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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WHAT'S HAPPENIN!

A few, darned few, Pounds are letting us know what's happenin' in their backyards. For instance, DD Scott VanGrol, Dog Robber of "Weinie" Pound 37(NY) puts out a great Pound Newsletter- Their next GROWL will be Friday, 24 January 1986. In the Newsletter I found this, well worth repeating to EVERY Pound in our Kennel: PROMOTE: Sell the Devil Dogs to qualified Leaguers you know are worthy to be Dogs. PROVIDE: Pay your dues on time, sell tickets when needed or screw up at a GROWL so the Poundkeeper can fine you. (RIGHT ON!!) PARTICIPATE: Attend the GROWLS and picnics, have fun, enjoy the company of your fellow MARINES. WORDS FOR ALL OF US TO LIVE BY!

Pound 96(NJ) reports that Honorary Devil Dog, PDD Stanley Jekonski passed away, after a short illness. He was 88 years young, and attended every GROWL right up to his death. He was a veteran of several crucial battles in France during World War I. The Dogs of his home Detachment, Semper Marine Det., of Vineland, NJ provided the honor guard and the appropriate ceremony at his funeral and interment. WELL DONE!

Pound 136(NJ) has also been very busy under the direction of their new POUNDKEEPER, PDD Jim Powell. They recently held their annual Christmas party at Elizabeth Bener Medical Center, Elizabeth, NJ, and installed the new officers at the annual Christmas party. Past Chief Ed Gallagher officiated, as he has done for the past several years. This is PDD Mae Krauss' home Pound, so you know things run right!! Pound 136 is also running a unique raffle that will benefit the PDD Don Gast Memorial Fund. One of their Dogs gave the Pound the ability to have a ceramic figurine made in the winner's IMAGE, wearing the uniform of the winner's choice. That's right, if you win, you'll get a ceramic statue with YOUR FACE on it, dressed in the uniform of the era that you served in the CORPS, whether it be World War II, Korea, or Vietnam. It can be Blues, Greens, or Utilities. The chances are \$5.00 each (1,000 chances ONLY will be sold) and the drawing will be held 20 March 1986. Call or write to me, at the above address if you want a chance. Just think, your own statue, for \$5.00!!

Now, We know that there are more activities going on out there. As an example; I turned on the news on the TV one evening, and the first thing I saw was a Devil Dog cap patch on my screen, underneath which was our illustrious Kennel Smart Dog, PDD Lamar Golden. Lamar, as Commandant of the Department of Pennsylvania, MCL, was representing the League at the funeral of a widely-known sportscaster in the Philadelphia area. I was really struck by the fact that the cameraperson somehow decided to focus on his cap patch for his opening shot. Wonder how many other times that has happened, and no-one noticed! While talking about the Dogs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; we should note the involvement of Pound 19 in the recent dedication of the Philadelphia Memorial to the nine Marines killed in Beirut, Lebanon, in October 1983. All nine young Marines were from the City of Brotherly Love, and the unveiling was a Marine Corps event from start to finish, with a great deal of assistance from the League and the Dogs in the Delaware Valley. I never saw so many red hats or Devil Dog patches, except at a Convention. Many, Many Pounds from Pennsylvania and New Jersey were represented. We could have almost had a Northeast Division GROWL right there!

And, how about those Dogs in POUND 2, Boston, MA, who are putting together the 47th Supreme Growl!? We'll talk more about that later in this "WOOF-O-GRAM", but, it appears that PDD Joe Callahan and PDD Stanley Wallant (with a lot of verbal help from PDD Leo Carderelli, I'm sure) are setting up a GROWL to remember.

MICKEY FINN POUND 127 has contributed BIG BUCKS to the Mickey Finn Detachment's Scholarship Fund. Pound 127 raises more money than any other Pound I've ever seen, and give most of it to worthy causes. Their Poundkeeper DD Pete Grier, recently passed away, after a long illness, complicated by his injuries suffered in Vietnam. Pete was a colorfull guy, to be sure, and always had a smile, even when in pain. Great Guy, and we'll miss him!

The Dogs in Modesto, CA, recently were re-designated FORTY-NINERS Pound 49, from YOSEMITE Pound 129. Pound 49 had been defunct for several years, and the northern California Dogs decided to keep a little bit of California history alive by requesting the re-designation. GOOD GOING GUYS!

The Colorado Pack has been assisting Strays in other states in the Rocky Mountain area start up new Pounds. They even have a Dog who FLYS 600 miles or more to attend their GROWLS. Some Dogs won't drive 5 miles to a GROWL, and they have one who flies to a GROWL! Is that dedication or what??!

These are just some of the things that I hear or read about that are going on in the Kennel. The Chief keeps me up-to-date on what's happenin', which really ain't his job! But, I thank him and the few Pounds who are sending me their Newsletters or otherwise keeping us abreast of what's going on. HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?? CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE??!! God knows you sure can sound off at a GROWL, or bitch when you don't agree with something. Let's hear the positive things that you're doing, and we'll print them. I'm sure that there are a lot of goings-on out there, let's share them. We intend to mail three (3) more "WOOF-O-GRAMS" before the SUPREME GROWL. At least we think that we have a better record than the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NEWS. What do you think??

..SOME SAD NEWS....

Sadly, we must report the passing on 21 December 1985 of PDD Jim Tobin, of Pound 11(NY). Jim was Past Poundkeeper of Pound 11, and a "fixture" at many, many NATIONAL CONVENTIONS/ SUPREME GROWLS. He was usually found behind the bar in the Northeast Division Hospitality Suite, or "babysitting" someone's kids during the Convention. Everybody's favorite uncle! He also played Santa Claus at his Detachment's Christmas parties, and at the local VA hospital parties. While he held numerous offices in the Pound and in the Pack of New York, he wasn't one to seek the Pack Leader's post; but, rather was the silent, hard-working Dog upon which his Pound and Pack came to depend. We'll miss you Jim; guard well the streets of Heaven's scenes!

While on the subject of passing from our midst; we have learned of the passing within the last year of Past Chief Devil Dog Mason D."Doc" Wade, of Pound 79, Clearwater, Florida. Exactly when "Doc" died, I don't know; but, I hope that he was appropriately memorialized at the Lafayette SUPREME GROWL. I only met "DOC" once, the night you elected me Chief in Dearborn; and, I was impressed by this old Chief who had a lot to say, and was usually right! "Doc" served as Chief from 1956 to 1958, and was responsible (along with Past Chief "Blackey" Downing) for the restructuring of the Order in the mid 1950's.

Also, I learned that Past Kennel Dog Robber Harold E. Allamon, of Pound 20(PA) died sometime last year. Having never known him, what can you say, besides GODSPEED, and rest in peace. He served us as Kennel Dog Robber from 1960 through 1963.

One other piece of bad news....Past Chief and Past Kennel Dog Robber Ed Gallagher had an accident on the job on 3 December 1985, and has been out of work since. Seems that somehow the power lift gate on his truck malfunctioned and "did a job" on his knee. Sorry Ed; but, Joan "spilled the beans" this time; and, I thought that our Dogs, ALL of whom hold you in great esteem (and not a little awe) would want to know. Hope that you're on the mend.

.. SOME GOOD NEWS....

The Pack of New Jersey will initiate, starting with the 1986 Department Convention, two (2) awards honoring Leaguers in the Department of New Jersey which will be given in memory and honor of PDD Don Gast and PDD John C. "Jack" Muerdler. We're not sure of the criteria yet; that'll be decided at the Pack's GROWL in March 1986. If there is any other Pack out there doing something similar, can I hear from you; as we'd like some ideas that we can impliment. Both Dogs contributed more than we can ever acknowledge for the Kennel and the Dogs as a whole, and we thought that this would be a living memorial to each. ANY IDEAS???

If you have decided on the dates of your Department Convention/ Grand Growl of the Pack, this is where those dates and places belong. How many times have you heard about a Convention AFTER it was held?? Send me those dates and places and we'll PASS THE WORD!!

Dates that we have SO FAR: New Jersey' Convention will be held at the BERKLEY-CARTERET HOTEL, Asbury Park, NJ, from Thursday, 26 June 1986 thru Sunday, 29 June 1986. The Grand Growl of the Pack will be held on Friday afternoon, 27 June 1986.

The Pennsylvania Convention will be the weekend beforehand, 19 June 1986 through Sunday 22 June 1986, in Bartonsville, PA. I don't have the name of the hotel as yet; but I'm sure that I'll hear from someone out there.

.. AMONG THE MISSING..

What happened to Past Chief Devil Dog Stanley R. Bunn?? His mail is coming back, "FORWARDING TIME EXPIRED". If anyone knows his current address, PLEASE pass it on. Honestly, I think that Marines are the worst ones in the world for keeping address lists current. Just once, I'd like to put one of these "WOOF-O-GRAMS" out, and not GET ONE BACK. What's the matter, bashfull?

...THE CHIEF SEZ.....

His Hugeness wants to point out that Kennel dues (currently \$2.00 per Dog) will increase \$1.50 per Dog, to \$3.50 per Dog effective 1 September 1986, in accordance with the affirmative vote of the 46th SUPREME GROWL in Lafayette, LA. I believe that this is the first Kennel dues increase in more than fifteen years.

His Mighty Massiveness is also seeking volunteers to serve on the 50th Anniversary SUPREME GROWL Committee. As you may know, The Military Order of Devil Dogs will celebrate it's GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY in August 1989. The Kennel has been "putting away" \$500.00 a year since 1983 to pay for this upcoming EXTRAVAGANZA; and, now is the time to begin planning. We're three and one-half years away from this once-in-a-lifetime SUPREME GROWL, and "TIME'S AWASTING!" WHO WANTS TO HELP? Let the Chief know, NOW!!

His SUPREME BEASTLINESS also points out, that under our current By-Laws Associate Members of the Marine Corps League MAY NOT belong to the Order. Unfortunately, a Pound (which will remain nameless) has an Associate Member that is serving as Poundkeeper. I don't fault the Associate Member in this case; but, I do FAULT the two (2) Pedigrees who brought this Associate Member into the Order. Unfortunately, many Associate Members are harder-working Leaguers than the Marines in the League themselves. More on this subject!!

His UGLINESS also reports that our Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog, PDD Tom Banks, has proposed a change in the Devil Dog cap patch which will go a long way towards keeping those of you who neglect to pay your annual Devil Dog dues from wearing the cap patch. The Kennel Smart Dog, PDD Golden, and our Kennel Dog Robber, PCDD Farris are working on a By-Laws Amendment for your consideration in Boston. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FUTURE WORD ON THIS!!

His INESTIMABLE RIGHTNESS will also hold a Mid-Winter KENNEL GROWL in Las Vegas, NV. on Friday, 31 January 1986. This will take place during the Mid-Winter/ Quin Division Staff Meeting at the SHOWBOAT Hotel and Casino, 30 January - 1 February 1986, in Las Vegas. Jr Past Kennel Dog Robber, PCDD Ed Gallagher has promised that the minutes of the 46th SUPREME GROWL will also be available for your inspection.

Also, the 1986 New England/ Northeast Bi-Divisional Conference will be held at the VIKING HOTEL, MOTOR INN and CONFERENCE CENTER, in Newport, RI from Friday 21 March 1986 through 23 March 1986. Big Doin's HEH??!

His HONORABLE HOLINESS also reports that a new Pound has been formed in Hooksett, New Hampshire. Some of their Dogs came from SEACOAST Pound 119, which I'm sure was sorry to lose some hard workers. Just hope that you Dogs in New Hampshire aren't as taciturn as those Vermonters. Are there any Dogs in Vermont?

Finally, THE SUPREME BEAST says that our Southeast Division Kennel Aide-de-Camp, PDD Bob "The Indian" Pitcher, has the 46th SUPREME GROWL shoulder patch ready to go to the manufacturer. The Pack of Florida and Houma-Terrebourne Pound 148 are underwriting the costs of this patch, and will be marketing them. We'll keep you advised as to when they're ready, so that all hands can purchase them.

...FARRIS "GROWLS"....

Boy, does he ever! IS HE STEAMED?! Some of your Pound and Pack Dog Robbers are sending him New Member Applications WITHOUT any money or even a transmittal form!! We're not sure what you expect him to do with them; but, without a transmittal or dues, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?!! It appears that when a new Dog Robber takes over, the former Dog Robber is not holding school on the NEW GUY. Also, some of you DOG ROBBERS FOR LIFE ought to know better! Think that's funny, I know one Dog Robber in California who's been Dog Robber LONGER than I've been in the Dogs! LET'S GET WITH IT!!!!!!

NOW, let's talk about BOSTON! On 13 December 1985; our illustrious KENNEL DOG ROBBER FOR LIFE, PCDD Ken Farris flew to Boston AT HIS OWN EXPENSE to oversee the arrangements for the 47th SUPREME GROWL. He reports that PDD Joe Callahan and PDD Stanley Wallant (with a lot of verbal help from PDD Leo Carderelli) have the situation well in hand. Is that spelled SNAFU!?? The Dog House will be on the mezzanine (remember Dearborn) next to the League's Ship's Stores. These two LOBSTER HOUNDS are also arranging for our Devil Dog Luncheon, which will be hosted by POUND 2.

The Word IS: the 47th SUPREME GROWL in Boston will be the biggest that we've seen in many years. My own Pound has nineteen eligible Devil Dogs for initiation to Pedigree Devil Dog, and seventeen of them indicate that they will be in Boston to undergo the rigors of a Kennel Initiation. We are planning for TWO HUNDRED PEDIGREE INITIATES alone, to say nothing of Devil Dog and Pup candidates.

IF you didn't know, the SUPREME GROWL will be held at the Park-Plaza Hotel, in downtown Boston. Our Kennel Quartermaster, PDD Bob Bond has been stockpiling "goodies" for it, and will be ready for any and all reasonable requests.

Also, The Dog Robber wants to know; who out there is holding the Charters for Pounds numbered 156 through 160. We have some confusion at Kennel as to just who has these Charters. Let Ken know right away. IT'S IMPORTANT!!

....DID YOU KNOW?.....

There are twenty (20) living Past Chief Devil Dogs? That there are seventeen (17) living Past Kennel Dog Robbers, eleven (11) of whom later served as Chief Devil Dog? That there were two (2) female Past Chiefs?

.....TRIVIA.....

Who was the first Chief Devil Dog and what Pound was he from?

Where was the 1970 SUPREME GROWL held, and who was the Chief?

What two (2) Chief Devil Dogs reversed roles and served each other as Kennel Dog Robber? The answers will appear in the next issue.

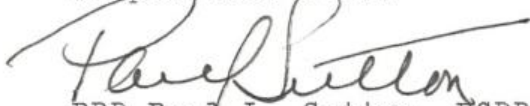
.....MAILING LIST.....

Some of you have asked to whom this "Woof-O-Gram" is mailed. It goes to ALL Pack and Pound Dog Robbers, the Kennel Staff, ALL Past Chief Devil Dogs and Past Kennel Dog Robbers, all Kennel Strays (who are current in their dues payments), selected members of the National Staff of the LEAGUE, and approximately ten (10) of you who have asked to receive it. When I accepted this job, I picked "WOOF-O-GRAM" with some reservations; but that name seems to have been pretty well accepted, so we'll stick with it.

....AN EDITORIAL.....

Are you receptive to change? Are you willing to express your beliefs? Are you willing to listen to reason? The following is MY OWN OPINION, and does not reflect the policy of the Military Order of Devil Dogs or the Kennel Staff! The Dogs is a small, select organization that prides itself on being the FUN and HONOR SOCIETY of the Marine Corps League. An embarrassing situation has surfaced wherein an Associate Member of the League was initiated as a Pup, and later, as a Devil Dog in our Order. I don't know why, the sponsors (Dogcatchers) of this individual know why. Do we summarily "toss" this Dog out? I say NO! I think that we should amend the By-Laws to allow this seemingly hardworking Associate Member to remain in the Order, as well as all other individuals in the same situation, and I'm willing to bet that he's not the only one we've got! Too Many Good Associate Members are prohibited from joining our ranks. I would allow them into our ranks with the following proviso: Any Associate Member MAY NOT serve as Worthy Pack Leader nor may they serve on the Kennel Staff. Can we allow an Associate Membership in the Dogs? WHY NOT? I'll bet my mailbox bursts with this one! LET'S HEAR FROM YOU, THE MEMBERSHIP.

Semper Woof-woof;



PDD Paul L. Sutton, PCDD, PKDR
Hon. Kennel Barking Dog

P.S. Sorry for the "crappy" headlines, my KROY machine broke down just as we were ready to go to press. PLS

P.S. : The next issue of the "WOOF-O-GRAM" goes to press on 15 March 1986. Will we have you input before then?