

Military Order Of Devil Dogs

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THE BARK, BITE & HOWL OF THE KENNEL!

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How about that for a Masthead!!? Many, many thanks to PDD MIKE KNEEFE, our Kennel Northwest Division Aide-de-Camp, and ARTIST EXTRAORDINAIRE!! He also put together another, different one which we will use for the next WOOF-O-GRAM. I've always admired Mike's talents, and am thankful that we were able to impose on him to design them for us. Sort of "dresses up our act" don't you think?

APOLOGIES.....

Are in order for the long time between issues of this WOOF-O-GRAM, and the last one, in June 1986. I'm probably more to blame than anyone else, since it's my responsibility. But, I refuse to share all of the blame or shoulder all of the responsibility. A good deal of this is YOUR fault! Why? Where the ---- are all those Pound and Pack newsletters that I used to get? The only Pound newsletter that has remained faithful is "PAW PRINTS from Pound 37, in New York. PDD Scott VanGrol is continuing his outstanding job up there, and deserves special mention here. And, all this from a BOOT Pedigree!

And, where the ---- is the Kennel Staff? About the only howlin' I've heard seems to be coming from PDD Tom Banks and PCDD Ken Farris. I guess everyone else is too busy, out burying bones. Speaking of bones, PDD Mae Krauss, our JrVice Chief Devil Dog is putting together a fund-raiser for the Kennel, which you'll hear more about in the near future.

ROSTERS, etc.

Are enclosed with this issue. Attached, you'll find the Honorable Kennel Staff Roster, The Worthy Pack Dog Robber roster, and a listing of all the Pound Dog Robbers throughout the Kennel. I haven't enclosed the roster of Past Chief Devil Dogs and Past Kennel Dog Robbers, as there has been little change. But, if you want or need one, drop me a line and one will be mailed that day. An addendum containing all of the changes to the Kennel By-Laws, since 1984, is enclosed and should be attached to your copy of the Kennel By-Laws. If you don't have a copy of the By-Laws, they are available from the Kennel Quartermaster, Bob Bond. Make sure that you add the 10% postage and handling charge when ordering.

PAST CHIEF DEVIL DOG WILLIAM HARVEY

Went on to the Supreme Kennel in January 1987. Very little of the details surrounding his passing were made known to me. Having never met this Old Dog, I can't tell you much, except that, according to the old records, he "held this outfit together" in the old days. Please delete his name and address from you list, if he's still listed. This leaves us with just 19 Past Chief Devil Dogs "laying in the sun somewhere", and 16 Past Kennel Dogs Robbers keepin' track of the water bowl.

MID-WINTER KENNEL STAFF GROWL

An informal Mid-Winter Kennel Staff Growl was held in Arlington, Va., presided over by SrVice Chief Devil Dog PDD TOM BANKS. It seems that the Chief slipped his leash and wandered off to Hawaii. During the Growl, those attending discussed the Initiation process at the Supreme Grwol and how that procedure needs to be streamlined. Our Hon. Kennel Mad Dog PDD CONNIE "BUBBLES" BARRICK participated in the discussion and had many valuable comments. Here's what will happen, effective this year, in Phoenix. All candidates MUST register with the Marine Corps League Credentials Committee BEFORE they will be allowed to register for the Supreme Growl. All candidates must be registered for the Supreme Growl on or before 9:00A.M., Wednesday, 12 August 1987. Candidates for Initiation MUST report to the Kennel Mad Dog at 1:30P.M. (1330 hours for you others) on Thursday, 13 August 1987, to begin the interview and initiation process. You will be "run through" in groups, with consideration being given to those attending the MCL Memorial Service that evening, prior to the Supreme Growl. All sick, lame and lazy Dogs will go through in the first wave. If you're contmplating the final degree of Pedigree Devil Dog, get your application from your Pound Dog Robber NOW, and get it filled out and signed by the appropriate Dogs. DON'T LEAVE THIS IMPORATANT CHORE FOR THE MORNING OF THE DEADLINE!! You'll only spend a lot of unnecessary waiting in line.

Current Pedigree Devil Dogs MUST also be registered with the MCL Credentials Committee prior to registering for the Supreme Growl, and that must be accomplished by 11:30A.M., Thursday, 13 August 1987.

If you are only a Pup or Devil Dog, and are not a candidate for initiation, DO NOT REGISTER FOR THE SUPREME GROWL. You cannot attend!! If you are a Pup or Devil Dog, and belong to an organized Pack or Pound, you must first have the permission, in writing, of your Pack or Pound Dog Robber allowing you to take your respective next degree at the Supreme Growl, by-passing the Pack or the Pound. While we don't many who fall into this category, they do present a problem and we constantly incur the wrath of some Pack or Pound Dog Robber for allowing some "sneaky" Dog to slip through their Paws.

Pedigree Devil Dogs desiring to be a part of the Initiation Team MUST sign in with the Hon. Kennel Dog Robber, PCDD FARRIS, before noon on Wednesday, 12 August 1987. The Hon. Kennel Mad Dog will make the final determination as to whom will be on the team. Incur her wrath, and you'll surel feel the bite of that everpresent whip!

On the subject of Initiations.... Pound #11, out on Long Island, NY published a lengthy, detailed Initiation procedure for Pounds and Packs. While it's too lengthy for inclusion here, I'll gladly send a copy to anyone who requests one. PDD Tony Savino, who was largely responsible for putting it together, makes the valid point that we have an established procedure, enacted by the Kennel in 1969; but, that nearly all Pounds and Packs seem to have "strayed" away from it. Just because you saw some other Devil Dog do something at an Initiation, that doesn't make it right!! Know the procedure and adhere to it. We are the FUN AND HONOR SOCIETY of the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE; but, sometimes we seem to go out of our way to embarrass our Order.

THE KEEPER OF DEM BONES

Says that some of you Dog Robbers don't seem to have gotten the word that KENNEL dues went up to \$3.50 on 1 September 1986. It WAS \$2.00 per Dog per year for many, many years; BUT, THAT HAS CHANGED!! If you recall, we raised the dues \$1.50 per Dog to pay for a Paid Kennel Dog Robber. And, we only pay him \$2,250.00 per year. Damn good bargain for all the work that he has to do. Most of PCDD FARRIS' job is still manual, despite the fact that we went to computerized membership cards in 1983.

And, make doubly sure that you attache any and all applications for new Pups, or elevations to Devil Dog when transmitting their dues. If you transmit a Devil dog who, according to Kennel records, is a Pup, you're not going to get that individual's membership card until the Kennel Dog Robber gets a properly executed application showing that that individual was properly initiated. PCDD FARRIS devotes countless hours to keeping our records straight and accurate; the least you Dog Robbers can do, is DO YOUR JOB!! If you don't know how to perform one of your duties, call or write to PCDD FARRIS. Remember, the dumbest question is the one that's not asked. And, if you have not paid your dues, you are NOW DELINQUENT!! The Kennel By-Laws state that any Dog whose dues are not paid and transmitted to the Kennel Dog Robber on or before 1 March, IS A DELINQUENT DOG!

Finally, there will be a combined luncheon in Phoenix, honoring all Past Chief Devil Dogs, Past National Commandants, and Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary. This annual event, first held in Dearborn, in 1982, has always been successful, and a good money-maker for the Order.

DOG DROPPINGS.....

As mentioned earlier, Pound 37, in New York, publishes "PAW PRINTS", and regularly keeps their Dogs up-to-date. One of the best Pound newsletters going! Good job! Pound 169, Pennsylvania, gets the word out to their Dogs periodically, and passes the word. They mention a problem that seems to be "cropping up" more and more lately.... the Poundkeeper loses his bone??! Pound 96, New Jersey, recently made \$50.00 from a Dog in the Pound who pledged that amount to the Pound if any Dog at the Pound's last growl could "kidnap" the Poundkeeper's bone. You would not believe the deviousness of some of these Dogs, when it comes to raising bones for the Pound. The Pack of New Jersey seems to have started a tradition. When the Pack Dog Robber directs the Police Dog to fine all those who did not participate in the Growl, he is hit with a shower of quarters from all corners of the Den. Usually raises about \$20.00 every time that happens.

And, lest we forget.... It seems that someone devised a new Devil Dog award, the Order of the Purple Bone. Look for more on this in the near future.

PDD CLIF WILLIAMS reports that the Indian Nation now has it's own Pound. The Oklahoma Pound #178 is our newest and is busy out rounding up strays. DD CHARLEY WALKINGSTICK is their Dog Robber. Would you believe that that's all the news received from around the Kennel since the Supreme Growl??!?

.....EDITORIAL TIME.....

It seems that we are in some sort of trough. A lot of the blame for this can be laid at the doorstep of the Kennel Staff. I swore at the Mid-Winter Kennel Staff Growl that the leadoff headline for this WOOF-O-GRAM was going to be, " SHANGRI-LA - SHOT TO S---!" But, I thought better of it, and decided to editorialize instead.

Why do we join the Military Order of Devil Dogs? What do we expect from the Order? Do we participate in Growls? If we run for an office in the Order? Once elected or appointed, do we fulfill the obligations of that position?

In the beginning, the Order was formed primarily to provide a way to "blow off steam" at a Convention. But, the Order has grown over the past 48 years; and, we are now far more than that. We've been giving away large amounts of money every year to worthwhile charitable causes. Money that comes out of our fund-raisers, fines, and profits from gear sales. And, while the Supreme Growl is the highlight of our year, there is much, much more to this Order. Do you attend Growls regularly? Does your Pound or Pack meet in Growl assembled regularly? Do you see fellow Devil Dogs more than just at the Grand Growl of the Pack or the Supreme Growl? DO YOU HAVE A COMMITMENT TO THE MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS? Think about it. Don't you want to see this Order do more? Don't you want to be involved more? WHAT DOES THE ORDER MEAN TO YOU?

Semper Bow-wowing;

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

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