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BARKING DOG'S WOOF-O-GRAM

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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WHAT'S HAPPENIN!

FIRST, to get something off my chest. We had a Pound that initiated a solicitation for a PDD member that had passed away, and this was objected to strongly, by a PDD from Florida. In the same vein, I have had many letters stating that this was a great idea, and I want to share with you at this time the letter from the originating Pound.

Thanks, to all of the Marines of the League and the Devil Dogs in attendance at the Supreme Growl. I lost a friend in July 1986, Doug Hunt. He was sick for several years, prior to his passing. Doug was a Marine, a Marine Corps Leaguer and a Pedigree Devil Dog. When Doug passed away in 1986, he left an outstanding funeral bill, which was an extreme burden on his widow and son, Nell and Steve Hunt.

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A hand made quilt was donated with the express purpose of helping to pay on this funeral bill. After several months of trying to get the tickets donated, I succeeded just prior to the Texas State Convention in June. Many Detachments, as well as the National Commandant, William Galvin, Ray Berling, Elsie Fowler, Bill O'Brien all took tickets for this most worthwhile cause. The Auxiliary of the Alamo in San Antonio was the first sizable donation with the purchase of \$200 worth of tickets, then the Department of New York with \$300., plus lots of one to ten tickets. In August at the National Convention I sold more. On Thursday evening at the Growl, the Devil Dogs collected \$300. in addition to Pound #79 of Clearwater, Florida purchased another \$100. worth of Tickets. Billy and Jane Lawler of California donated \$25. as did Marine Arnold Leal of Corpus Christi, Tx. In all, We have collected \$1570 and another pledge of \$150. for a total of \$1720. On Sunday the 13th of September, with Marine Aurelio Perez and our wives, we drove to Lake Charles, Louisiana and paid off the entire funeral

We, PDD Barrows and myself are receiving regular letters from some of our Pounds/Packs, and they are helpful, but I must say, the biggest supporter, we have right now is PDD Jim Lugg, out of Colorado.

There will be news of the Devil Dog Fund Raiser dispensed at the Mid-Winter Growl. PDD Hy Rosen is the head dog, so to speak. PDD Rosen is the JrViceChief Devil Dog.

In the Department of New York, each year there is a cruise to Bermuda booked and we would like to have any of the Pack or Pound members that want to join us, to get in touch with us at the Growl, and we'll answer any and all questions that might arise. The answer to the first question that is always asked, is The Cruise leaves and returns to NYC, so you would have to arrange to be in New York City, in plenty of time to make the connection. We'll discuss further at the Growl.

Semper Woof, Woof, and see you at the Mid-winter Growl



Thomas A. Banks
Honorable Kennel Chief Devil Dog

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

As the Pulcritudinous Pachyderm has already stated there is a sore need for your Dog Droppings, if you want this paper published. The imagination of your Editor is not like those that have served in this capacity before. I can only print and expound on subjects that are sent to Kennel.

There are times that I will print things in this Woof-o-gram, that are controversial, and that is the only way that I can speak. I will defend to the limits of my abilities, anyone that I feel needs defending, and I will condemn any that need condemnation. I speak my mind on issues and this does not reflect on any of the other leaders of Kennel, Packs, Pounds. I will be at the Mid-Winter Staff meeting and Growl in February, and will answer any and all questions that you may ask, to the best of my ability. My only ambition in the League and the Devil Dogs, is to further the efforts of both, and to reflect positively the merits and advantages of service in our Beloved Marine Corps.

I was a hard a-- for twenty one years in the Corps, and as many of you who know me, will also ascertain, I am a hard a-- in my workings with the League and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

Our illustrious Flea Feeder, asked me to undertake this job, and I will try to earn his gratitude in doing the best job possible, and am more than certain that you Dogs, will come forward with the information that we need to put out this Woof-o-gram.

I am asking, however that when you write to me, please include your name, address, and identify whether your news is a Pack venture or within your Pound.

To be a Devil Dog, was the highest point in my association with the League, and may I remind all of you, that it is an Honor to become a Devil Dog, and that only your Detachment can submit your name for entry in this elite club. Only hard workers that are an asset, to both their Detachment/Department or the M.O.O.D.D. should be presented for membership.

Now that you know where I stand, let me know how that sits with you.

Yours, for the League and the Dogs.

George M. Barrows Sr
PDD George M. Barrows SR



\$\$\$\$ KEEPER OF THE BONES \$\$\$\$

KENNEL KOMMENT

Recently some members of this Order approached me with the intention of turning in their membership cards and it was only with some fast diplomatic talk that I was able to persuade them not to place themselves in that position. The reason for this occurrence? They stated that there were persons being harbored in a couple of Pounds in this Order who have not served in the US Marine Corps. The By-Laws expressly prohibit Non-Marines from holding membership in this organization. All transmittals are screened against the Marine Corps League print-out of associate members provided me by National Headquarters. This is easy, but we have instances where a person (Non-Marine type) has been provided with a regular membership in the Marine Corps League, maybe even a Life Membership. This makes them doubly-illegal. Should officers at the Pack and even Kennel level know of these situations they are committing a greater sin against their fellow Marines - DECEIT. If my own Father or Brother were provided with a membership in this Order I would throw their ass out because they are not Marines.

I have been screening my cards files vs: the computer printout of the Kennel and find that I have as many as five hundred names whose dues have not been paid. This is in addition to the two thousand members who did pay their dues last year. Many of these have not paid for three years or more. I cannot afford to pay the computer service to maintain these names in the file, and print a card every year. I am therefore deleting all members from the computer delinquent four years or more. Somebody out there on the Pound Level is not doing their job. I selected one of our troubled Pounds who have a large roster of members but only a few currently paid members, and sent a letter to the delinquents. Over fifty percent of those mailed sent me a check for their dues stating that no one was billing them for their dues (I will kick back Pack dues). It only takes a few hours a month for someone to do the Pound job. Lets not loose these members. Lets not loose these members. During the past six months two or three Pounds have sent me applications for new members without transmittals. I am holding them in my work basket. You have been notified long ago.

Kenneth E. Farris
 KENNETH E. FARRIS, PCDD PKDR, PDD

DOG DROPPINGS.....

The following areas were responsible for some of the Dog Droppings reported herein:

Ocala, FL, Clearwater, FL. Sy-Cor-Bin Pound out of Binghamton, Syracuse, and Cortland, New York, Pound #11, Sunrise Detachment, Long Island, NY, Landis-McLeaf Detachment Pound #132, of PA Pack, Pd #37, Rochester, NY, Pd # 123 of Pack of Wisconsin, and Pd #112, of the California Pack.

Thanks to all.

Our Honorable Chief Devil Dog (His magnanimous massiveness) was given a surprise Birthday Party, aboard the cruise ship to Bermuda, in November of this past year. In attendance were PDD Pfieffer of Rochester, and PDD Pomroy of NY Pack. He was given many Black Balloons announcing "Over the Hill", and a good time was had by all. Understand they drank the boat dry of scotch, and no-one "Fed the Fish", although they ate like 20 year old "Grunts!"



THOSE DEVIL DOGS WERE HERE ... donating a handmade toy chest, stacks of toys and stuffed animals to Pediatrics. Dodie Roberts and Carol Toner were on hand to welcome the Marine Corps League "Military Order of Devil Dogs." Sister Margaret was also on hand at their annual convention to receive money for the purchase of two lounge chairs for Pediatrics.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS
POUND - 113 SY-COR-BIN

This event was sponsored in part by Pound #113, and the Pck of New York, in conjunction, with their Convention in New York State, in July 1987. The Department of New York,

Military Order of Devil Dogs, always makes a contribution to the host' city, to one of the hospitals' Childrens' Ward. The hospital in this case was, "Our Lady of Lourdes, in Binghamton, N.Y.

From Dover, NH an excerpt from their newsletter: after elections of Pd Officers.

" The above listed Devil Dogs appear to represent the "Cream of the Crop" or "Pick of the Litter"? Throughout the year as we roam, rape, pillage and plunder non-Devil Dogs (Those that do not stand on their hind legs, those who do not meet our standards of excellence, those who just whine, whine, and whine, stand aside) We will Woof Woof our way into Dog History for all Dog Eternity... Gene Burchill, Poundkeeper Pd #119, Dover, NH.

From PDD Scott VanGrol in Rochester, NY Pd # 37, the following.

BEWARE OF DOG!

There is no place to hide in the Pack of New York, because the new Kennel Chief Devil Dog, is Tom (Cigar stuffed) Banks, of Massapequa, NY. No one is safe from the new BIG DOG. And if you see PDD Mary (Probie) Wanser, in your travels better tuck your tail between your legs and crawl away from the meanest, bone swinging school marm, this side of the Ohio River, and she has already proved it at the Pack Growl, in Massena.

From Barking Dog, Buddy Stewart, of FL:

Many G-R-R-s at our Growl in Ocala- Well, Pedigrees, Devil Dogs, and you mangy Pups, as you well know our M.O.D.D. Growl was at Ocala and was about to start, when it was discovered that "Some dirty back alley stray(orstrays) had absconded with some of the necessary acoutrements needed in order to keep our cold, wet nose and our tails happily wagging!

Now, who could have done such a dastardly deed? Well, after much digging in the backyards and under many fences, we discovered(after being blackmailed for many bones) that it was the Dept Fleas! Under the direction of one D.S., No names, please, that had masterminded this sordid caper. (Ladies, please remember "Every Dog has his day"). Semper Woof, Woof.

Get Well!!

On the 24th of January PDD Gil Gray, of Kingston, New York, will be entering the hospital for surgery, and it might be nice if he were sent well wishes for a speedy recovery, by all of you Dogs, out there. His address is as follows:

PDD Gil Gray
77 Greenkill Avenue
Kingston, New York 12401

Also, in the same vein, please be it known that our PDD Richard Lawless, is at home suffering from an acute illness, and we know that cards from you Dogs, out there will help lighten his suffering; Get Well!

PDD Richard Lawless
600 Newell Street
Syracuse, New York 13205

I understand that our former Chief Devil Dog, and Present PKDR of the Dept of New Jersey, is enjoying his new married life. How about filling us in on your "Honeymoon", or whatever little tales of enlightenment you may have.

Understand, also, that our illustrious "Bag of Empty Charms", T.A.Banks, is entertaining the idea of retirement in June. His Lady is going to join him in retirement in July, and I guess that means he'll be "free-loading" at my house sometime after the National Convention. Right, Tom?

Only Kidding, he is welcome at my house anytime, if he brings money, but I don't think, his Cherry River Navy's 4 star Admirals' plate will get him on LeJeune base.

Thats all the Droppings for this Woof-O-Gram, 'cause it's all I was sent. If you want your Pack, or Pound in print, please send me something.

Editor

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These Guidelines for Kennel Dog of the Year are hereby published and sent at this time, in accordance with the distribution requested by the Kennel.

1988 GUIDELINES

KENNEL DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

1. Qualifications and/or Eligibility

The candidate must be one who is in good standing as a member of their Pound and Pack. Said candidate must have reached the degree of Pedigree Devil Dog, and be in good standing with the Kennel. Candidates may be selected from those holding office within the Pound or Pack. Normally, the candidate who was selected as the Pack's Dog of the Year should be sent to the Kennel as a candidate, but that is left to the Pack to decide. The candidate should be one who has high principles and a person of integrity, and superior standing; one whose worth brings respect not only to himself, but to his Pound and Pack; or one who does not refuse office in this organization, when so requested. With this in mind, all Devil Dogs incur a special obligation toward the Marine Corps League, and the Military Order of Devil Dogs, not just in leading but in doing, as well. The candidate can do all this with honor and dignity. Honor and dignity earns respect, and respect earns distinction for the Devil Dogs and the Marine Corps League, as well. It should be noted that the Kennel's Selection Committee has the prerogative to also place in nomination the name of their own candidate for the Kennel, if they so desire. A Posthumous Award may also be made within this category. However, the deceased candidate should have achieved those desired and qualifying features or points during the year, in which the Award is being applied for.

2. Source of Proposed Candidates

Each Pack, in good standing, will submit the name of the proposed candidate and his qualifications. These must be typewritten and signed by the Pack Leader and Pack Dog Robber. Only these two will know who the proposed candidate is, and those who voted for him. It will be done in secret and in confidence. Only one nominee will be submitted from each respective Pack.

3. Delivery of the letter of Nomination

There will be two envelopes to mail. The following information will be typed on the first envelope: (a) "Candidate, Dog of the Year" and the current date. (b) This envelope will contain the name of the nominee, and the envelope will be sealed and placed in the second envelope. After the following information is typed on the envelope: Chairman, Dog of the Year Award Program of the Kennel (Name of the Chairman). Send this envelope in care of the Kennel Dog Robber. All letters pertaining to this program will be mailed to the Kennel Dog Robber. He will bring them to the Supreme Growl, unopened, for the Selection Committee.

4. Time of Delivery (Deadline)

The letter, with sealed contents, should be forwarded to the Kennel Dog Robber by Certified Mail, to reach him on or before - **JUL 1 1988** Or, the nominations may be delivered to the Kennel Dog Robber, in the Dog House before 12:00 P.M., **AUG 2 1988** The procedure is the same as that of the Marine of the Year Award Program. The names of all submitted candidates will be announced at the Grand Banquet, except that of the selected candidate for the Award. He will be announced as the Selectee.

Kennel Dog of the Year (Continued)

5. In a case where the Pound, Pack or even the Kennel does not have a suitable candidate, or, when the Pound, Pack or Kennel decide not to submit a suitable candidate for this award, any two or more Pedigrees in good standing within their Pound, Pack and Kennel, may submit, in writing, according to the rules of the guidelines of this program, their own candidate, who shall also be in good standing within all levels of the Military Order of Devil Dogs.

6. Composition of Kennel Selection Committee

There will be five (5) members of the Selection Committee. They will hold office for five years, and rotate in such a manner that as soon as a recipient of the Kennel Award is available, that recipient will become a member of the Committee and replace one of the Committee members, so that in time all five will come from the awards ranks. The Chairman of the Committee will be the current Kennel Chief. Until there are sufficient awardees to man the Committee, it shall consist of Past Chief Devil Dogs and Past Kennel Dog Robbers, or other Kennel officers, if necessary.

7. The Award (Design Composition)

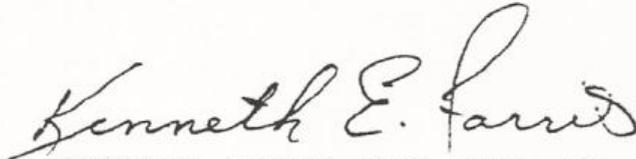
The Award Committee shall cause a suitable award to be made for presentation to the Selectee.

8. Time and Place of the Award

The Award shall be made at the Grand Banquet of the League's Convention. This will give added significance to the Award.

9. Distribution of Guidelines and Procedures

These guidelines will be distributed by the Kennel Dog Robber to every Pack in good standing. It will be the duty of the Packs to see that their Pounds are made aware of these guidelines for participation. The Kennel Dog Robber will make distribution to all Pounds where no Pack exists.


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DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 ea Kennel Officer
- 1 ea Past Chief Devil Dog
- 1 ea Pack
- 1 ea Pound
- 1 ea Kennel Stray