GROWLINGS FROM THE 58TH CHIEF DEVIL DOG

WOOF, WOOF to all Dogs of the Order,

The 79th Supreme Growl is just a few weeks away, and the anticipation is growing. It is going to be a FUN time in Buffalo! If you are advancing to PDD, please make sure to bring copies of your paperwork, and make sure that you are mentally prepared for the excitement ahead.

The 100th year anniversary of the Battle of Belleau Wood has come and gone, and unfortunately, due to work commitments and other issues, I was not able to make my long-anticipated trip to France to be a part of the historic ceremonies. The MODD was well-represented by Past Chief Devil Dog Mike English and Past Chief Don Garland. Stepping up in my place, Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog Alan Sanning attended as well. I am certain they will have photos and stories to bark about at our Supreme Growl.

As most of you are aware, special advancements to the degree of Devil Dog and Pedigreed Devil Dog are permitted in our bylaws. Those Dogs who served in WWII and/or Korea are eligible to request a special advancement to DD/PDD, as are those who may have medical issues which make it difficult or impossible to travel to our Supreme Growls. Over the last several months, some of the medical exemption requests have not been submitted with the proper documentation, and Dogs have been denied advancement. I mentioned in my Semper Fi magazine column that I was going to address this in detail, so that there might be fewer denials in the future.

Under Article 1, Membership, Section 101, Paragraph B, 4. Exemptions, b. Medical, it states:

“Any such other candidate who is in failing health, and to whom the trip to the Grand Growl of the Pack or the Supreme Growl of the Kennel would cause undue hardship and/or physical endangerment shall, by written request of the Pound with the approval endorsement of the Pack, and with the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, be permitted elevation to the next higher Degree at a Growl of the Pound, or at a special Growl of the Pack. The written request from the Pound on behalf of a Pup or Devil Dog in failing health shall be accompanied by a statement from competent medical authority specifically addressing the condition of the individual for whom the exemption is being sought.”

“Once the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber validates both the faithful service of the Devil Dog for whom the medical exemption is sought and has determined that the medical evidence provided is compelling and complete; the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall obtain from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog such approval…” (Cont. pg. 3)
Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog thanks you for your support

Woof, woof to all Dogs!

Summer appears to have arrived here in Virginia and that means we will soon be gathered together at the Supreme Growl in Buffalo. I encourage all Devil Dogs wishing to advance to PDD to get your paperwork into your Dog Robbers and to remember to carry a copy of it with you to check-in. Everything appears to be going very well with the preparations of what should be a woofing great time in Buffalo. There will be a lot of fun to be had, plenty of great raffle items and remember, this is the 100th anniversary of World War I and the origination of our name, DEVIL DOG!

Speaking of Growls, I have had the opportunity to attend both the New England Quad State Conference and Growl and also the Dept. of Massachusetts Pack Growl. Both were very enjoyable and it was great to see Chief Taylor and Chief Fisk. Chief Fisk looked great and it was fantastic to see him; please keep him in thought as he continues to recover.

I would like to remind all Dogs, particularly those Dogs holding the titles of Pound Keepers, Worthy Pack Leaders and Division Vice Chief Devil Dog that a Growl is not just an event that happens but an event that takes thought, creativity and a desire to have fun. Conducting a Growl as if it is just a business meeting not only eliminates the fun part of a Growl but it is the direct opposite of what the Fun and Honor Society of the MCL stands for. Be creative, be organized and have fun!

You will find your Growls better attended when the Dogs have fun and recognize a well thought out agenda. Over the years I have learned so much through the attendance of other Pound and Pack Growls. I encourage you to do the same; there really are ways of teaching old Dogs new tricks.

I wish all Dogs a great summer, I hope to see many of you in Buffalo and hope that you will continue to support me as your Senior Vice Chief. Please keep all of our fellow Dogs who are not physically capable of attending the Supreme Growl in your thoughts. Please keep our deployed Marines, especially those in Harm’s Way in your thoughts and assist their families whenever possible.

Also, remember to recognize the good that our members do and reward their efforts with thanks and appropriate recognition.

If you keep it fun, they will come!

Semper Woof

Tom
Sr. Vice Chief Devil Dog
From Alan Axelrod's book Miracle at Belleau Wood: The Birth of the Modern U.S. Marine Corps

“The battle of Belleau Wood did not win the war, but, it prevented the Allies from losing it.”

While we have much fun in the MODD, it is good to occasionally reflect on the serious side of our heritage and warrior ethos stamped in history by those who came before us, such as the Marines of Belleau Wood in 1918, and carry on that same ethos and Esprit de Corps in all that we do; whether at our Growls, raising bones for children’s charities, reaching out to assist our Marine brothers and sisters in time of need and all of our other missions. It was an honor for me to have an up-front reminder of our history while attend the ceremony commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Belleau Wood on May 27th.

My visit to Belleau Wood was made better by the fact that I was able to join with fellow Dogs PCDD’s Don Garland, Mike English, PDD Randy Weber and my daughter Pup Rachel Sanning. (Cont. pg. 5)
Woof Woof Devil Dogs,

Now that summer is here and the spring rain has washed all of the crud off our Dog Houses it’s time to start thinking about and preparing for the supreme Growl in Buffalo. DD’s who are wanting to advance to PDD you need to get your paperwork properly filled out and turned into your Pound Dog Robber ASAP to make sure it gets to your Pack Dog robber in plenty of time so that they can send it in to the Kennel Dog Robber before the July 1st Deadline.

Time is FAST approaching for the Supreme Growl in Buffalo NY. I still need volunteers for Platoon Handlers and Station Monitors if you are a PDD and planning to attend the Supreme Growl and are willing and interested please send me an email or give me a bark and I’ll add you to my list.

The activity planning for the Initiation of DD’s is being wrapped up and we should have a Howling good time. I’m looking forward to seeing all the DD’s advance to PDD’s and I hope to make this a memorable experience for all Dog’s involved.

Semper Woofing

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Mad Dog

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I would like to encourage as many Dogs as possible to attend our 79th Supreme Growl in Buffalo, NY. As each one of us knows, this is the 100th year Anniversary of Belleau Wood where a fierce fighting force of Marines first earned the name “Teufelhunden”-Devil Dog.

In the spirit of their service, let’s make this a record-breaking year with mega amounts of BIG BONES. Fair warning, this Police Dog and his Deputies are gearing up to ensure just that.

See you in Buffalo!

PDD Rod Hoffman
Kennel Police Dog

Jr. Vice CDD continued...

(Cont. from pg. 3) The 54th PCDD Mike English represented us well as he laid the wreath on behalf of the MODD during the ceremony! Walking the grounds of the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Bois de la Brigade de Marine, and visiting the Devil Dog fountain in the tiny village of Belleau, I was constantly reflecting on what a beautiful, peaceful resting place this is now, as compared to what it must have been like a 100 years ago while our brothers were making the ultimate sacrifice as they stopped the Allies advance on Paris. What would our world be like today without their efforts and the efforts of all those who came before and since and continue to make similar sacrifices? Celebrate and exercise your Esprit de corps in all that you do!

While reflecting on our esteemed history and Esprit de corps, I would be remiss if I did not wish a 100th Happy Birthday to all the women amongst us! How appropriate that many of us will be joined together in Buffalo on August 13, 2018, as 100 years ago on that date, Pvt Opha May Johnson became the first woman to enlist in the Marine Corps. Thanks to all of you for your contributions since that time, WOOF, WOOF!

Now to bark on present day efforts and give you a mission to exercise your Esprit de corps, everyone should have received the Spring edition of the WOG with the Sweepstakes tickets inside. If you have not done anything with the tickets yet, please pull that issue of the WOG back out and find the instructions and tickets inside. Read the instructions with the requested minimum donation amounts listed and then if all Dogs, Pounds, and Packs will make a commitment to this effort and participate by making the minimum requested donation to the Sweepstakes and/or finding others to donate for any remaining tickets we can match or hopefully eclipse last year’s results. Remember, the Sweepstakes is open to anyone over 18, not just Dogs or League members, you may donate to the effort yourself and also find others willing to help children in need by making the minimum requested donation for tickets while also having an opportunity to win some big bones themselves. Remember, sweepstakes tickets and donations must be mailed in time to reach me by Aug 3, 2018 or hand delivered to me in the Dog House at Buffalo before noon on August 14th! Mailing address for tickets and checks/money orders is in the instructions and also shown below. (Cont. pg. 7)
The Incoming Kennel Executive Director has something to share

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order,

This is an exciting time of year. We are looking to have a great initiation in Buffalo.

I am both humbled and honored to serve the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc as the new Kennel Executive Director. This is a responsibility that I am taking on professionally and very seriously. For all those curious minds of the Kennel & MCL, I have stepped down from all my Marine Corps League responsibilities in order to concentrate on the task at hand.

At Mid-Winter your Finance Committee met and they are working on adjusting our budget and improving record keeping to a more "corporate" structure. This will in no way affect the affairs of the Order, however, it will give this office more structured guidance on how to "run" the business-side of the Dog House more efficiently.

As many, if not all, of you know the Marine Corps League is working to adjust their Bylaws and administrative procedures. Since the Order is a subsidiary of the League this will have a direct impact on us. I am looking forward to working with the MCL and the Kennel Board of Trustees as we incorporate these changes. I am also excited about working with MCL COO, Bill Borka, on how to grow and improve the League and Order to better serve our membership.

Chief Fisk has held this office for the past 10+ years. He helped win greater respect for the Order and its membership while bringing us into the computer age. I can in no way fill his paw prints but I will certainly adapt, overcome and conquer this challenge. And hey, I only wear a size 6 shoe, but I plan to keep the same standards he has held us to and push some them higher, if that is possible. The membership of the Order has always been my top priority and will remain so.

Recently, I was working with a Gold Star Mother on a project and we were discussing how Marines never fail. I told her "Semper Fidelis" wasn't just a saying, it is a way of life that embodies selfless service to those in need. You are all great examples of our Marine Corps motto. You show it in what you do in your communities every day.

I do not embark on this "adventure" alone. It is going to be a TEAM effort (Together Everyone Achieves More). See you all in Buffalo.

Woof Woof,

PCDD Leanna L. Dietrich

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The 56 Chief Devil Dog
Many Barkings from the New England Division

New England Division Vice Chief Cherie Monnell-June 2nd, 2018

Attended the NED Conference & Quad State in Burlington VT. After a rough start Honorable SVCDD Hazlett got the NH Pack sworn in and a growl was held.

It is with a sad heart that New England has lost one of their top Dogs-Joe Shea of NH. He will be missed!

ME Pack had 3 DD’s that were advanced to PDD on April 7th. Reginald Early WWII, and 2 others under the medical provision provided by the by-laws

Attended the MA Pack Growl June 1st. I felt like I entered a whole new world at the Growl. All in all it was fun.

Going to CT Grand Growl, looking for fun in all the wrong places.

Hopefully I will have more to report on for the next Woof-a-gram.

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Jr. Vice CDD continued…

(Cont. from pg. 5) Make checks/money orders out to “MODD Kennel”. Call me if you have a problem mailing tickets/donations to reach me in time and we will work something out.

Any Dogs planning to advance in Buffalo during the convention please make sure you use the website www.moddkennel.org to ensure that your paperwork has been received by the Kennel Dog Robber in time for you to participate. Go to the website and under the “GROWL INFO” tab select “> Supreme Growl Advancements”. If your name does not show in the scrolling list then the Kennel Dog Robber does not have you registered for advancement as required. If your advancement paperwork was filled out for your Pound Dog Robber to send it in, then you need to ask them to check the status with the Pack and/or Kennel Dog Robber to see if it was received by Kennel in time for you to advance or not. If not, then you will not be able to advance in Buffalo this year! While at www.moddkennel.org there are lots of other useful things for all Dogs of the Order, like the Handbook, Obedience School, fillable forms, Kennel by-laws, Dog Robbers Handbook, Quartermaster Store, past issues of the Woof O Gram filled with photos, etc... take a little time and check it out.

Semper Latratus Dogs! - BUFFALO OR BUST! – Hope to see you there!

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North West Division...is chomping at the bone for Billings 2019!

Northwest Division Devil Dogs have just completed all their Grand Growls. I was able to attend all of the advancements. There were no advancements in Idaho, Montana 5, Oregon 1 and Washington 6.

All Pack Officers were elected and installed and ROI’s should be at Kennel by now.

Had a great time at the Growls and there are some pictures in the gallery. We continue to encourage new members to the MODD. As our rolls continue to age and attrition from deaths occur we will need to sign up new members. Look to your new members after one year in your Marine Corps League membership.

Looking forward to National Convention in August 2018 in New York.

Woof Woof

PDD Bonnie Holden
NWDVCDD

North East Division

If you see this dog in Buffalo, run howling and screaming the other way. He’s nothing but trouble! This is your last warning.

Best wishes for a great 2018 Supreme Growl!

PDD Bernard Scott
Greetings to Dogs in the Kennel. Any of you planning to advance in Buffalo in August, please get your applications started with your pound or pack Dog Robbers. Be sure to carry a copy with you to convention, “just in case”. One more note. Registrations for Advancement close at end-of-day Monday. Late arrivals will face the Chief. You better have an excellent excuse, with documentation.

This applies to all Dogs at convention, you MUST register with the League first. You cannot register with the Dogs until you first register with the League. And don’t forget your passport, Dog tag, ID cards, cover, and six bones, exactly. That being barked, your processing will be a piece of cake, a fun experience. Have a Good Time.

Woof-Woof,

PDD Ray Carrier
Kennel Operations Dog

Rocky Mountain Division...Let the games begin

Since August 2017 I have corresponded with the Packs and Pounds of the Division on Kennel business, introducing myself to those in leadership at the time, and making sure all paperwork is submitted in a timely manner.

I have:

Attended all Growls of my Pound
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Attended all functions of my Pound
Attended the 2017 National Convention
Attended the 2017 Supreme Growl
Attended the 2018 Mid-Winter Convention
Attended the 2018 Mid-Winter Mini-Growl
Attended (Hosted) the Colorado Dept Convention
Attended the New Mexico Dept Convention
Attended the Wyoming Dept Convention
Attended the Utah and Rocky Mountain Division Convention
Installed new PDD for New Mexico WWII Veteran
Installed new Devil Dogs for Colorado Pack
Installed new Devil Dogs for Wyoming Pound
Installed new Pups for Pound #128
Elected as Sr Vice Chief Devil Dog for Colorado Pack
Elected as Sr Vice Chief Devil Dog for Pound #128
Recruited 3 new dogs for the Wyoming Pound (Sept staff meeting)
Recruited 4 new dogs for the Utah Pound (July staff meeting)

Respectfully submitted,

PDD Phillip Price 15-009
VCDD Rocky Mountain Division
You are now reading the first article I have ever typed for the Woof-O-Gram, while not the first published by PDD Randy "Otter" Ott. None of these articles were meant to be read individually, rather they are meant to be read one right after the other. Each building upon the first.

Realizing that is more than likely not realistic, here is a quick recap of what you have read.

I began in the Woof-O-Gram of Fall of 2017 establishing that all veterans, both the old and the young, and both those who have and have not deployed are at a risk of suicide. Simply by answering the call to serve one's country has placed all at a significantly higher risk than those who chose not to.

My next article in the Woof-O-Gram of Winter of 2017 I shared the I have had a battle with suicide, and that I have got through it because of Jen, my wife, and my service dog, “Harley”. I also shared that not only have I had a battle with suicide, my buddy Kyle was successful at ending his life. Followed by the Woof-O-Gram of Spring of 2018, in which my buddy Kyle, was successful in ending his life. I shared that because his Detachment, located in the southern part of the state of California in its desert sands, did everything they could to get him help. Semper Fi fund was contacted to make sure Kyle had the finances to cover his medical costs out of the VA where he was struggling to obtain help. Wounded Warrior Battalion West, not be confused with the Wounded Warrior Project, out of Camp Pendleton in California, was using its resources to provide him with doctors that were charging little or nothing for care. He had the support of both the Marine Corps League through his Detachment and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs through his Pound, along with the other veteran organizations that shared the hall where he attended meetings at. His wife, Karla, had been with him through thick and thin, just like Jen had been there and continues to be there for me. His service dog, “Apollo”, was 4, making him three years older than Harley at that time, and was the example that I looked to on how I wanted my relationship to be with “Harley”. Apollo was not a tool to Kyle, rather, “Apollo” was an equal partner with Kyle as part of their service dog team. They modelled the example for me on how Harley and I are seen by those around me today: it is evident that we have a bond far stronger than that of service dog and service dog handler.

And he still swallowed a shotgun and pulled the trigger ending his life.

For every Kyle, there is Tony.

I was invited to my first Department Convention by the then Department Commandant, PDD Michael Magee. He had invited me to the Department Convention of 2014, held in Elk Grove, California, because he wanted me to talk about what my service dog, “Harley”, means to me. I agreed on one condition: it was to be kept a secret because a member of my Detachment at the time, Tony (last name withheld to protect privacy), was battling thoughts of suicide, and I believed if he got a service dog of his own, his life would tremendously improve. The problem was Tony did not want to hear what I had to say, so, this was my one opportunity. I knew if Tony knew what I was going to speak about, he would exit off the Department Convention floor. It is why the only people who knew that I was attending and why were the Department Commandant, PDD Michael Magee, his wife Esther Magee, the then Department Senior Vice Commandant, PDD Jess Fernandez, his wife Gail Fernandez, my wife Jen, and I were the only ones who knew.

Four months to the day that I attended my first ever Department Convention, and having done so as a guest speaker, Tony was partnered up with “Ken”, a service dog of his own.

Within a year of Tony being partnered up with “Ken”, Tony had all but ceased being apart of the Marine Corps League. The League was not what Tony was looking for parse, as he was looking for the independence that comes with the freedom of having been given the tools to equip himself to cope with the affects and effects of PTSD. It is why he entered the work force, and “Ken” accompanies when he goes to work. (Cont. pg. 13)
Central Division Dogs are trying to stay warm & dry

Greetings to all dogs of the order. I’m glad to say that I have completed my six months of chemotherapy and everything seems to have shrunk down to an acceptable level. I’m on schedule for a checkup every three months. Yay!

Thanks to all for your support.
I attended the Grand Growl for the Dept. of Cheese-head-land (Wisconsin).
I was also able to perform a medical upgrade to Pedigree for a dog in Medina, Ohio.
I am currently working on some issues with a Pound in Indiana and one in Ohio.
I look forward to woofing with all you dogs in Buffalo.

Semper Fi & Woof Woof,
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Barking Dog appreciates your input & assistance

Apologies, apologies and more apologies for the last time from this Barking Dog regarding the delays on the WOG. I certainly hope it has been worth the read because I truly enjoy putting it together and share all of the great work happening around the Kennel.

Your stories motivate me and I’m sure others too. We as an organization are top notch. We care about those around us and want to help each and every day. The past few months for this dog have been very trying and tiring, but in all things, patience will prevail.

Thank you for all of the articles I have received. Please continue to share. Last item for bid would be that you contact your Dog Robber about your change of address. Until that happens, your bad address will stay on file.

That is all...carry on!

Please put the following date in your calendar as the next WOG deadline:

September 15
Kennel Lucky Dog wants you to buy tickets and WIN!!!

Woof! Woof!

Well, Maryland is being crazy as usual with its weather. We finally got out of cold temps right into blazing hot temps, but it’s now comfortable for a few minutes. Gotta love East Coast “springs”.

Now with the warmer weather here, you should be focusing on doing all of the fun stuff that comes with being outside. You should also be looking forward to the National Convention and Supreme Growl in Buffalo, NY! I know I am as I haven’t been to that area since I was a wee child. I also look forward to seeing my fellow members and Dogs that are spread out across the country! When you get there, be sure to come see me near the Dog House. I’ll have lots of nice raffle prizes for you to take a chance on! Be sure to bring some extra bones to get your tickets.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in August!

Respectively yours,    PDD Evie Remines
WOOF WOOF TO ALL THE GREAT DOGS OF THE ORDER!

The weather out here has been as close to perfect as it can get, but the mercury is starting to rise, so trips to the dog bowl is becoming more frequent. This old Dog has been relieved of a very large pot of bones the last few Growls, both Pack and Pound, he has participated in. As a result there are a few more holes in the yard that need filling after they've been dug by me looking for more bones for re-supply of the bone locker.

Again, I'm going to miss the next Supreme Growl in Buffalo New York, but the Midwinter Mini Growl is firmly in my plans.

Have a howling good time at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel and have a successful Convention of the League. Wish I could be there!

PDD Bob Villalobos  00-228

SWDVCDD

from the Dog Trainer :

(Cont. from pg. 10) Both the Marine Corps League and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs need to be prepared that there will be members like Kyle whom they cannot help, members like Tony, whom they can help, however, the League's only purpose is to provide the healing they are looking for and they will depart from us and be okay with that, and then their members like me.

By the time I joined the Marine Corps League, I had gone from barely qualifying to be on TDRL, the temporary disability retired list, to being placed on PDRL, the permanent disability retired list. Following that up by being fired from three different jobs due to my PTSD affecting my work, and going from maintaining a 4.0 GPA while in college to dropping out when my PTSD began affecting my grades there, too. I went from going with my wife on a trip to Hawaii to not leaving the house unless it was for a doctor's appointment. Finally, right before “Harley” my service dog and I were partnered up, my house was surrounded by the police department and my grandpa’s rifle and shotgun, the only things I inherited when he passed away, were taken from me and destroyed; and as if that is not bad enough, I had my Constitutional right to bare arms, taken away from me.

The title of this a semicolon and it is the universal symbol for those who have attempted to take their own life, and lived. It means “my story is not over yet”. Throughout the articles I have submitted into our Woof-O-Gram, I have shared mine. The only question that needs to be answered is what is yours?

Take care of yourself and each other.

PDD Jason S. Rowell
Kennel Dog Trainer
“Harley Quinn”
Deputy Dog Trainer
Thank you to all those that have read the bylaws and the Dog Robber manual and have made my job easier.

The Supreme Growl is rapidly approaching. I hope to see many of you in Buffalo. From the number of PDD applications that I have received (136 to date) it looks like the turnout will be good. If you have not made your travel plans yet the time is getting close! By the time you get this it will be too late to get your advancement application in. Sorry! See you next year in Billings.

At the Supreme Growl awards will be given out. To date I have no submissions. I am very disappointed. It looks like no one in the Pounds think any of their Dogs do anything or are worthy of being recognized. This has been the trend over the last several years and I think it is pitiful. Awards are about the only way someone can be thanked for all of the effort they put in for the good of the Order. There is still time to get your submission in. They will be accepted until noon of the day prior to the Growl. Let’s get those nominations in! Please make sure you follow the instructions in the bylaws on mailing. Otherwise the committee cannot consider the application.

Now for some good news, the top 6 contributors to the Passport Fund are: IL Pack $2616, WV Pack $944, MO Pack $888, NC 370 $3063, MD 333 $1358, MD 204 $956. Their outstanding support is greatly appreciated.

The new fiscal year begins July 1 and I will begin accepting dues renewals for the 2019 year at that time. All Dog dues should be renewed by September 1 to be in compliance with the bylaws. On Sept 1 I will drop from the rolls all Dogs that have not paid their dues for 2018. After that date you will be required to pay back dues and a reinstatement fees to get back in good standing.

I keep getting Installation Reports throughout the year. Elections and installation of new officers is to occur within three months after the Supreme Growl. If you are holding your election and installation at other times of the year you are in violation of the bylaws.

Passport fees continue to come in and they are much appreciated. More Pounds and Packs are doing their job and sending in their bones. The children’s hospital that is selected in Buffalo will be very happy with the donation we are going to give them. Some Pounds and Packs continue to neglect this important area. I encourage each Dog to check with their Dog Robber and ask if he has sent in the required stamp fees. We want the donation to be the largest ever.

WOOF, WOOF

Stephen C. Joppa

Kennel Dog Robber
Photos & Stories from around the Kennel

July 21, 2018 – Military Order of the Devil Dogs Minutemen Pound 215 WV Pack conducted a Special Growl of the Pack at Woodlands Retirement Community Home in Huntington, WV. This Special Growl of the Pack was authorized by the Kennel and Pack of WV after Pound 215 filed a request for a medical exception to advance Devil Dog Harold J. Poindexter to Pedigree Devil Dog as he is in failing health and unable to travel. Even though Harold is in chronic pain and in poor health, this Devil Dog managed to get his MCL Cover, Dog collar and MCL Red Polo on for the advancement ceremony. This was a special day for PDD Poindexter and his son who was also in attendance to see his dad achieve this high honor in the Order. Pictured on the left is PDD Harold J. Poindexter with Worthy Jr. Vice Pack Leader PDD Rick Shank.

From the Kennel Artist

This convention the Past Chief Devil Dogs Society and the Lucky Dog will raffle off the 100 Anniversary of the Historic Battle of Belleau Wood original artwork I drew for the patches and coins.

It is a honor for me to do this, I hope someone would like to have it.

Bring lots of bones.

Good Luck and Semper Woofing,

HCDD Jack Severn, Kennel Staff Artist
Photos from around the Kennel

Above: OR Pack hosted Alex Scarlatos, one of the young men who thwarted terrorists in France.

Right: Oregon Grand Growl saw lots of fun and laughs. VCDD NWD PDD Bonnie Holden swears at...I mean swears-in the OR Pack Officers for 2019. Great leadership in time for Billings, MT 2019. WOOF!

Below: WA Pack advanced 4 dogs to DD with no harm to anyone this time. Congrats DDs Esparza, Harrey and Fitzgerald. DD Olsen is on the Lucky Dog’s page.
WOOF, WOOF to all Dogs of the Order,

Since my last article, I have been out romping a bit. As MODD Liaison to the National Convention Committee, I have been on two site visits: Buffalo, NY and Charleston, SC (2020 bid). Both are great venues with plenty of room for us mischievous Dogs to play!

I managed to catch the tail end of our Central Division Conference in Lansing, MI the following day (thanks to erroneously telling GPS to “Go Home” and it took me across Canada). Unfortunately, I arrived after the close of the meeting but was able to enjoy some barking in the hospitality room and some great chow at the banquet.

I also attended the Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City for the fourth year in a row where I had the honor of installing Pack officers and upgrading several Pups to Devil Dog. Woof, Woof to the new leadership and to those Dogs who advanced! In addition, PDD Ben Wells surprised me with a membership in Hound Dog Pound 204. I guess that means I’ll be running back to the east coast again for next year’s annual convention!

The following week I attended the U.S. Marines Youth Physical Fitness Foundation’s national meet in Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. Kudos to Senior Vice Chief Hazlett who also serves as Chairman of the YPF. He did an outstanding job in organizing the outdoor event. He also had an fantastic crew that didn’t miss a beat as the heavy rains never let up!

It was an honor to serve as the Keynote Speaker for the Memorial Day service here in Jacksonville, IL at the end of May which was sponsored by The American Legion. There was good participation by the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary as well as a great turnout of patriotic community members in spite of it being a hot and humid day.

I’m leaving at 0-Dark-Thirty tomorrow for the Department of Illinois Convention and Grand Growl. See ya when we “shuffle off to Buffalo” in August!

It is truly an HONOR to be a DEVIL DOG!

Semper Woof,

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Smart Dog has been traveling

Woof, Woof Devil Dogs of the Kingdom;

This year I have traveled a number of miles since taking the Office as your Kennel Smart Dog. It started with finding myself at Camp Pendleton, CA. for the Marine West and also South West Division Conference and CA Pack Growl. Was nice to see some of the old stomping grounds and how many changes have taken place. Next, was Mid Winter Conference in Fredericksburg, VA. Third trip I found myself at Camp Lejeune, NC. for Marine South, and another old stomping grounds. I was amazed again how things have changed for the better. I have also attend the Department of Colorado Convention and have just returned as of this writing from St. George, UT. where the Rocky Mountain Division Conference was held. I have talked with many Devil Dogs in my travels and heard their voices. From those talks I have already formulated actions for next years Proposed ByLaws at the Supreme Growl. I have answered some calls as well as Emails from Devil Dogs around the country. I once again ask all Devil Dogs to not to be just a fixture in their Pounds / Packs but, a Role Model. Ask all Devil Dogs to read and know the ByLaws. Submit any Proposed ByLaw Changes that you would like to have presented at the Supreme Growl. I stated in an earlier article that if your Pound / Pack has By-laws to please forward them to myself for review to ensure they comply with the Kennel By-Laws. Since that time I have received ByLaws from a Pound and Pack for review and have gave them approval for their ByLaws. I also like to state that I am just a phone call or Email away (Like to point out my New Email addresses as well). I am here for the Devil Dogs of the Kingdom and will answer any and all questions. I look forward to seeing all Devil Dogs at this year’s National Convention / Supreme Growl, in Buffalo, NY. Remember to have fun and its about the Kids..
Woof, Woof
PDD Tom Krueger
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19 to 28 May 2018

On 19 June, Don Garland and Mike English, the 51st the 54th Past Chief Devil Dogs (respectively) embarked on their trip to honor our forefathers whose courage and tenacity in Europe during World War I earned us the title of Devil Dog during the Battle of Belleau Wood. During their trip, they stopped at the Devil Dog Fountain in the town of Belleau to take a drink and reflect on those that sacrificed so much for France and the cause of Freedom. The trip started with a trips of several battle sites and monuments, and culminated with the attendance and laying of a wreath at Belleau Wood....

The battles fought in France have left a lasting legacy for our Corps. With every site visit, the sacrifices made by Americans and the resulting defeat of the Germans have left this country with scars that will forever be visible and remembered. Their memorials to the Americans and the American Cemeteries are immaculately kept.

“Legend has it, a drink from the Devil Dog fountain adds 10 years to your life, we drank several times, looks like we will be around for another century!”

-51st PCDD

Our trip culminated in the wreath laying, on behalf of our Order.
A fitting tribute to those who earn the title, Devil Dog!
Kennel Veterinarian Howls

By now any Dog that is going to Buffalo has made plans to get to the Supreme Growl to either be advancing to PDD or just to share in the fun and banter. This is the 100th anniversary of the MODD so be sure to pick up your 100th anniversary pin as well as your anniversary patch. Both can be purchased in the Quartermaster Store. On the medical side if you have any medical conditions that you want known to the veterinarian staff, stop in the Dog House and let them know as one of them is always there. Now if any DD who is moving up to PDD has a change in their medical condition, be sure and tell the medial staff as you process through the Dog House. While packing to travel to Buffalo, make sure you bring all your medications and take them. If you are a diabetic, always carry some candy with you in case your blood sugar drops. Sometimes the lines are long for those moving up to PDD so drink some extra fluids and be sure to eat breakfast. Come prepared to have some fun as that’s what the MODD is all about. The Kennel staff always tries to make things fun and entertaining so if you are not having any fun, let your troop handlers know. Maybe they will let you sing or dance a jig. Since Canada is so close, might be a good idea to get a tetanus shot as you never know what might come over those falls. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces so get to Buffalo without getting famous. If you like living on the curve, maybe think about riding a barrel over Niagara Falls. Better wait until the Supreme Growl is over just in case you don’t make it. Travel safe and best of luck to all Dogs.

Woof, woof
Roger “Doc” Ware
Kennel Vet

Quarter Master Update

Woof Woof Dogs

The Supreme Growl is coming up quickly and the Quartermaster Store has the 100th Anniversary of Belleau Patch and Coin for those that have not gotten one yet. There is a red polo shirt with the Belleau Wood Patch sewn on it for sale along with a new polo shirt with the MODD logo on it that we will be showing for the first time at the convention in Buffalo, New York. Following the convention, we will have a picture of this shirt on line for you to view and order.

Make sure you are using the latest and greatest price list and order form.

If you think an item would be a good fit for sale in the Kennel Quartermaster store, then let us know and where we can obtain this at a wholesale price.

Hope to see all of you in Buffalo, New York.

Woof Woof
Wendy Zamora
Honorable Kennel Quartermaster
## Merchandise Price List

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All apparel comes in S to 3XL

**** NPK I The New Pup Kit contains the following items: Black Collar w/grommet, Dog Tag, Lapel Pin #1, Passport, Cap Patch, Shoulder Patch, and Small Handbook

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PDD Wendy Zamora
Kennel Quartermaster
# Military Order of the Devil Dogs

**Merchandise Price List / Order Form**  
Effective Aug 2017

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Good night, Chesty & Gy Ermey, wherever you are!