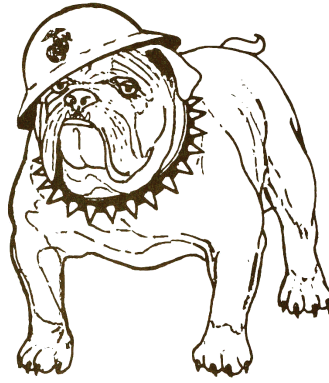


***MILITARY ORDER
OF THE
DEVIL DOGS***



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.

**POUND 299
FLORIDA PACK
KENNEL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



WHAT IS A DEVIL DOG?

The Marine Corps League, formed in 1923 by members of what had been the Marine Corps Veterans Association, assimilated more than 40 Marine oriented organizations that sprang up following the end of World War I. Comprised largely of veterans of the fierce fighting between the Fifth and Sixth Marine Regiments and the Germans, these returning veterans of the Great War (“the war to end all wars”) were called “*Teufelhunde*” by their German adversaries, literally meaning “*Dogs of the Devil*,” or as we now know, ***DEVIL DOGS!*** Legend has it that, because our Marines were so under supplied during the battle of Belleau Wood; that, when they engaged the Germans in hand-to-hand combat, they bit them!

These battle-hardened Marines, who, for all time, earned for ensuing generations, the title “Devil Dog” more than 85 years ago on 6 June 1918. were a part of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) commanded by General John J. “Black Jack” Pershing. They had set sail on 14 June 1917 under orders from Major General Commandant George Barnett as a “Force in Readiness.” At the time, the total strength of the Marine Corps, worldwide, stood at 511 officers and 13,214 enlisted men.

Landing in Europe, they included two-time Medal of Honor recipient First Sergeant Dan Daly. Colonel A.W. Catlin, a Medal of Honor recipient at Vera Cruz, was evacuated from Belleau Wood after having been shot by a German sniper. Gunnery Sergeant E.A. Janson (who served in the Corps as Charles Hoffman) earned the first Marine Medal of honor for saving his command, the 49th Company.

At the end of the battle for Belleau Wood, 1,062 Marines lay dead. The French General commanding the Sixth Army ordered that Belleau Wood (Bois de Belleau) be henceforth known as “Bois de la Brigade de Marine.”

Seven Marines would ultimately be awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions during World War I. Alphabetically, they were: Sergeant John J. Kelley, Sergeant Matej Kocak, Corporal John H. Pruitt, Gunnery Sergeant Robert G. Robinson, Gunnery Sergeant Fred W. Stockham, and 2nd Lieutenant Ralph Tabot. The Medal for Stockham was not authorized until 15 July 1939; and, only after Commandant-designate Major General Clifton B. Cates prevailed on the Congress and President Roosevelt to enact special

legislation awarding the medal posthumously on the recommendation of then Lieutenant Cates the day after the action.

Following the establishment of the Marine Corps League, the leadership of the League decided that the delegates assembling in convention needed some time during their serious deliberations to “blow off steam.” As a result, the Military Order of Devil Dogs was organized and created in 1939, in Boston, MA; and, granted a charter as a subsidiary organization of the Marine Corps League on 19 March 1940.

From those early years, the Military Order of Devil Dogs (the Order) has grown to a strength of over 3,000 members. The Order is organized in nearly every state where there is a Marine Corps League presence. The Order boasts a semi-permanent headquarters in Michigan, and a full-time Kennel Dog

Robber/National Executive Secretary.

The Order, the ***FUN and HONOR SOCIETY*** of the Marine Corps League is comprised only regular members of the League who have been recommended for membership by two (2) members of the Order. Each member undergoes a series of initiations. First, as a Pup, in their Pound (the local

organization, the basis of the Order); then as a Devil Dog in their Pack (the state organization which meets during a Departmental Convention); and finally, as a

Pedigreed Devil Dog at the ***SUPREME GROWL*** held in conjunction with the

National Convention of the League. Each degree must be held for one full year before candidacy for the next degree may be considered.

It promotes good fellowship amongst the members of the different Marine Corps League Detachments. The Order provides amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the League, when and where advisable, preserves and strengthens the principles and ideals of the League, and maintains true

allegiance to the United States of America and its Constitution and laws. It fosters and extends American institutions of freedom and defends America against all enemies whatsoever. The Order is also very active in raising funds for different charities.



QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

All officers and enlisted personnel on honorable active duty with the United States Marine Corps and all officers and enlisted personnel honorably separated from the United States Marine Corps who are bona fide, paid-up, active members of the Marine Corps League, Inc., shall be eligible for consideration for and selection to membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc.

This is also intended to include those holding Life Membership awards granted by the Marine Corps League, Inc. (i.e., recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Past National Commandants, Past National Adjutant/Paymasters, and individuals who “win” or earn such designation) who would otherwise qualify to enter the regular membership of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

Applicants must be a member in good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc. ***The applicant must be active in his or her Detachment in the League, and must be invited to apply for membership in the Order.*** He or she must be recommended by his or her Detachment Commandant and be sponsored by two DEVIL DOGS or PEDIGREED DEVIL DOGS. The applicant is then interviewed by the members of the Pound at a Pound Growl. (A meeting is called a Growl.) If accepted, the applicant must undergo an initiation and obligation ceremony. Then he or she becomes a PUP in the Order.

You must earn the right to become a Pup; and, then keep right on working to earn your advancement to Devil Dog and Pedigreed Devil Dog. At the same time, you will belong to an exclusively select group within the Marine Corps League, Inc., ***the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.***

How exclusive are we? There are approximately 35,000 members in the Marine Corps League; yet, only 3,000 Leaguers have been accepted in our Order. We're not for everyone!

It's an honor to be a Devil Dog!



WELCOME TO THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

We are the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League.

Unlike some other organizations, all members of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs are created equal. Only Regular members in good standing in the Marine Corps League, with one continuous year may be “asked” to apply for membership. The success of the Pound is up to its membership and especially up to its leadership. The Kennel and the Pack will help, but they will not do the work for the Pound nor can they guarantee its success.



LEARNING ABOUT THE DEVIL DOGS

The rules and regulations of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs are contained in the By-Laws and Ritual. Members should become familiar with each publication but should not try to absorb everything at once. The By-Laws contain the basic rules. The Ritual has further details and tells how to conduct Growls and other ceremonial functions of the Pound.

Keep in mind, we are here to have FUN! Keep business light and the enjoyment of the members heavy.

The official publication of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the ***Woof-O-Gram***. This publication is sent out quarterly to all of the members.

THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

WHAT IS IT?

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WHAT DOES IT DO?

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WHO BELONGS?

You must be a paid-up member and in good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc. The applicant must be active in his or her Detachment in the League, and must be invited to join the Order. He or she must be recommended by his or her Detachment Commandant and be sponsored by two DEVIL DOGS or PEDIGREED DEVIL DOGS. The applicant is then interviewed by the members of the Pound at a Pound Growl. (A meeting is called a Growl.) If accepted, the applicant must undergo an initiation and obligation ceremony. The he or she becomes a Pup in the Order.

ORGANIZATION

The Pound is on the local level and is usually made up of members of different Marine Corps League Detachments. On the State level there is a Pack, and on the National level there is the Kennel.

There are three different degrees in the Order. The lowest degree is that of a Pup. The next highest level is that of a Devil Dog. The highest level is that of a Pedigreed Devil Dog.

All Dogs wear a dog collar (ribbon) around their neck with a Dog Tag attached. A Pup wears a black ribbon. A Devil Dog wears a red ribbon, and a Pedigreed Devil Dog wears a gold ribbon.

The head of the Pound is called the "Pound Keeper". The head of the Pack is the "Pack Leader", and the head of the Kennel is the "Chief Devil Dog".

The Order's many charitable donations not only help people, but also build good public relations for the Order, the League, and the United States Marine Corps.

It is an honor and a privilege to be a Devil Dog. We are the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League. We are only interested in quality membership, not quantity membership.



SALUTE / SPEAK

Devil Dogs have a different a special way of communicating with one another. As addressed in the following pages, the presiding officer at a Growl is either the Poundkeeper, the Worthy Pack Leader, or the Chief Devil on the Kennel level.

The Devil Dog salute is the raised right paw, bent at a 90 degree angle, with a closed fist.

Here's an example of the proper way of addressing and being recognized:

Stand and salute by raising right paw (arm) bent at 90 degree angle, with fist closed, saying "Woof-Woof" - remain standing until recognized. When recognized, say -"Sir Pound Keeper", "Worthy Pack Leader", or "Fellow Devil Dog": (respectively, depending on what level officer is being addressed). Then state—Degree (Pup, Devil Dog, or Pedigreed Devil Dog), Your Name, Dog Tag Number, Pound Name, Pound Number, Pack Name, then reason for barking.

Example: (At a Growl of the Pound)

Woof-Woof, Sir Pound Keeper, Devil Dog Ray Keller, 99-023, Pound 299, Florida Pack

Please note that when saluting the National Colors, please use the approved Military Salute and not the closed fist salute.



THESAURUS

MODD

Bark
Barking Dog
Big Bone
Bone
Chief Devil Dog
Dog House
Dog Robber
Dog Trainer
Front Paw
Grand Growl

Growl
Grrrr!
Kennel
Honorable @
Hydrant Call
Mad Dog
Pack
Pack Leader
Police Dog
Pound
Pound Keeper
Rear Paw
Scratchings
Sir @
Smart Dog
Supreme Growl
Watch Dog
Woof-Woof

Worthy @

MCL

Speak
Public Relations
Money (\$1.00)
Gavel or Money (\$0.25)
National Commandant
Meeting Place
Adjutant / Paymaster
Chaplain
Clenched fist / Hand salute
Annual Pack Growl held in conjunction with
the Department Convention
Meeting
No!
National
National
Recess or Head Call
Initiation Officer
Department
Department Commandant
Sgt-At-Arms
Detachment
Detachment Commandant
Foot
Minutes of a Growl
Detachment
Judge Advocate
National Convention
Asst. Sgt-At-Arms
Yes or proper address when requesting to
speak
Department

@ Used in titles, such as Sir Pound Keeper, Worthy Pack Police Dog, or Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

PACK LEADER / POUND KEEPER

Shall preside at all Pack (Pound) Growls and Pack (Pound) Initiations. He shall require the obedience of all laws, rules, and regulations. He may appoint other officers and committees that he deems necessary. He shall be the custodian along with the Dog Robber of all monies, property, securities, and records of the Pack (Pound). He shall countersign all orders for the disbursement of monies when approved by the proper authority. He shall perform such other duties and issue such orders as are necessary.

SENIOR VICE PACK LEADER / SENIOR VICE POUND KEEPER

Shall assist the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper); shall preside at the Pack (Pound) Growls in the absence of the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) and, at his request, shall be responsible to the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) for the growth and expansion of the Pack and Pounds (Pound); shall perform such other duties as the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) may direct. They will help the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) supervise all other Pack (Pound) officers in the performance of their duties.

JUNIOR VICE PACK LEADER / JUNIOR VICE POUND KEEPER

Shall assist the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) and the Senior Vice Pack Leader (Pound Keeper); shall be responsible for all activities seeking to increase the revenue of the Pack (Pound), and for the entertainment and amusement provided at all Pack (Pound) Growls, and perform such duties as the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) may direct. They will work closely with the Pack (Pound) Dog Robber, be responsible for and supervise all Devil Dog roasts, registration desk, sales of Devil Dog Supplies and raffles.

DOG ROBBER

Shall be responsible to the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) for all records and accounts of the Order. Shall see that someone keeps the minutes at all Pack (Pound) Growls; shall be the custodian along with the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) of all monies, properties, securities, and records of the Pack (Pound). They shall keep on deposit in a reputable bank all monies and securities of the Order; shall perform such duties customarily executed by recording secretaries, financial secretaries, and treasurers. They shall make full and correct accounting and reports, including financial statements to the Pack (Pound) Growls; shall perform all duties assigned to him by the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) or any other competent authority. He is also to work with the Junior Vice Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) in preparing Pack (Pound) roasts, the registration desk and sales and ordering the Devil Dog & Ship's Store gear and raffles.

SMART DOG

Shall interpret and explain the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pack (Pound) and any and all rules and regulations set up by the Kennel or Pack (or Pound), the Kennel or Pack Staff (or Pound Staff) or the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper). They will be responsible to the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) and the Senior Vice Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) and perform any other duties, as the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) desires.

MAD DOG

Shall be responsible for all initiations at the GRAND GROWL, Pound Growls). They will supervise all PUPS attending Pack Growls (initiates attending Pound Growls) and will closely monitor their behavior. They will inform the Pack (Pound) Staff prior to initiations just what the initiation will entail. They will perform any other duties assigned to him/her by the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper).

DOG TRAINER

Shall act as Chaplain at all Pack (Pound) Growls, Memorial Services, and Ceremonies. They shall hold services (memorial) at all GRAND GROWLS (Pound Growls). They shall keep the Pack (Pound) and Kennel informed of any deceased Dogs and shall send sympathy cards to the next of kin. The Dog Trainer will also keep the Pack (Pound) informed of any Dogs that are sick or in distress. He shall also perform any other duties designated by the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper).

POLICE DOG

Shall maintain order and decorum in all Pack (Pound) Growls; shall expel from the Growl any Dog exceeding the bounds of decency, creating a disturbance or hindering the orderly conduct of the Growl; shall perform other duties as the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) may direct. They will be responsible for the setting up of the location where the Growl will be held, see that the Bible, Colors, and Charter are displayed correctly. The Watch Dog and the Barking Dog are to assist him in those duties.

WATCH DOG

Shall guard the portals of the Pack (Pound) at all times, permitting no one to enter without authority. They shall be responsible to the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) for the worthiness and eligibility of every Dog at the Growl, and shall perform other duties as the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) may direct. They shall assist the Junior Vice Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) and Dog Robber at the Registration Desk, the sales of Devil Dog Gear, and Raffles. They will assist the Police Dog in setting up the Growls.

BARKING DOG

Shall supervise all publicity for the Pack (Pound). They will assist the junior Vice Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) and Dog Robber in handling the Registration Desk, the sales of Devil Dog Gear, and Raffles. May also assist the Police Dog in setting up the Growl.

LIAISON OFFICER / LEAGUE

Shall be responsible for the exchange of information that is of mutual benefit to the Order and the League. They shall also perform any other duties assigned to him by the Pack Leader (Pound Keeper). They will assist the Junior Vice Pack Leader (Pound Keeper) and Dog Robber at all Growls.

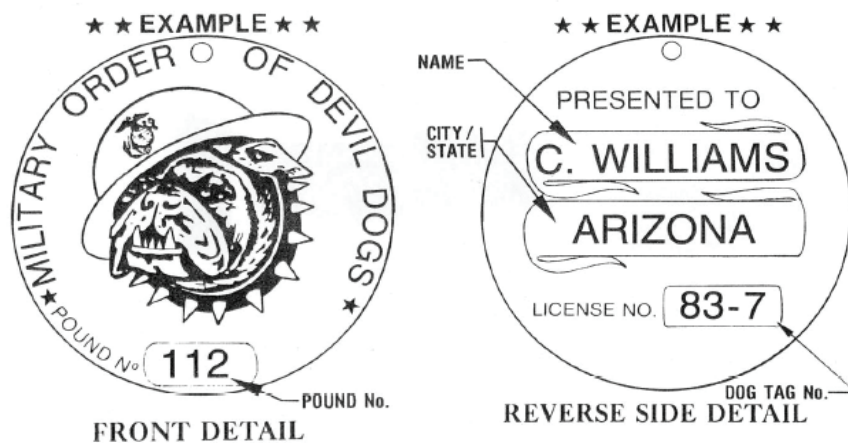
HOW TO PLACE COVER PATCH



The cap patch of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs is to be sewn on the right-hand side of the Marine Corps League cap, centered over the piping, (gold piping on the Detachment member cover and the Department officer cover); so that one half (1/2) of the patch extends from either side of the piping. The eyes of the Bulldog on the patch should be level with the deck and the gold trench helmet will be canted to the left side of the bulldog's head. The bottom line of the helmet touching the bulldog's head on either side should be parallel to the piping on the cover. The patch shall not touch the piping on the top of the cover or the bottom edge of the cover, nor shall it touch any lettering on the cover. No pins, stars, medals, or any other devices shall be worn on the cover without the official approval of the Kennel. Kennel officers may wear gold caps, but they must revert to the cap they are authorized after their term of office. Only Past Chief Devil Dogs may wear the gold cap after their term of office and the dates of their tenure must be sewn on the cap.

HOW TO ENGRAVE YOUR DOG TAG

BASIC DOG TAG



THE UNIFORM OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

The official insignia of the Order is the head of an English Bulldog wearing a trench helmet.

The red Marine Corps League cover with the proper insignia and the appropriate Dog Collar and Dog Tag are considered the standard uniform.

If so desired, the official uniform of the Order is as follows and may be worn:

An embroidered official insignia may be worn on the right sleeve of the shirt with the top of the insignia one and one half (1 1/2) inches below the shoulder seam.

Shirts will be white and bear embroidered official insignia and lettering of the Order on the back. The individual's name and Pound number may appear above the left pocket of the shirt and officer's title may appear above the left breast pocket with the height of the letters not to exceed 3/4 of an inch. Letters must be all one color: gold, red, or black.

A gold beret with gold tassel and red lettering shall be optional head gear for all Pedigreed Devil Dogs while in that degree. A red beret with a red tassel and blue lettering shall be optional head gear for all Devil Dogs while in that degree. A black beret with a black tassel and white lettering shall be optional head gear for all Pups while in that degree. Attached to the beret will be a Devil Dog shoulder patch, the affixing of which will indicate the front of the beret.

Marine Corps Dress Blue with red stripe or black trousers may be worn with the Devil Dog Uniform.

All members will wear the appropriate ribbon and official identification disc of the MODD. A maximum of two (2) emblems, plus the official Dog Tag Disk may be worn, at any one time on the Dog Collar. Emblems may include the American Flag, Marine Corps emblem, Marine Corps League membership pin, MODD membership pin, emblem showing highest office held in the MODD, and the Bulldog. All other emblems shall be subject to one fine for each unauthorized emblem.

Gold plated discs shall be worn by all Past Kennel Officers and bear the name of the highest office held and the fiscal year of tenure. Silver plated discs will be worn by all Pack and Pound Officers and shall be similarly inscribed as to the highest Pack or Pound office held and the fiscal year and tenure.

PASSPORT

The Passport is a vital document in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs. It is a record of your travels in the Kennel.

This document is required for entry into ANY Growl. The passport must be stamped before the holder is allowed to enter the Growl. The stamping fee has been set by the Kennel at One Big Bone.

One of the Kennel's charities is a children's hospital or other suitable charity in the host city of the Supreme Growl. The Kennel makes this donation yearly with the stipulation that the Order's contribution will be used for special equipment purchases only and for no other purpose. The funding of this donation comes from the Passport fund.

All the bones raised through the stamping fees and fines imposed on passport infraction at the Pound, Pack, and Kennel are deposited into this fund. The Pound Dog Robbers and the Pack Dog Robbers are to forward all stamping fees and fines to the Kennel Dog Robber by 31 January and 30 June of each year. The Kennel Dog Robber holds these funds in a special Passport account for distribution at the National Convention.

