Military Order of the Devil Dogs, North Carolina Pack

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Worthy Pack Leader Barkings!

Woof Woof to all of our North Carolina Pack Devil Dogs!

First of all, Happy "Howl-i-days" to all you Devil Dogs! This is an exciting time of the year as we get to spend a little more time inside our warm dog houses, with family and friends, to enjoy some great food, have fun just relax and enjoy the season! Hopefully "Santa Paws" will be good to you to, and you get that specially chew toy you've always wanted under the Christmas tree! Our beloved Marine Corps Birthday is also coming up and I raise my water bowl in a toast to each and every one of you and say "Happy 241st Birthday Devil Dogs!"



Worthy Pack Leader PDD Bruce Rakfeldt

As I have been discussed with all of the Pounds that I have visited so far, I am excited to announce that our 2017 Grand Growl will also be our 25th Anniversary, so your Pack Officers are working hard to make this Growl as "GRAND" as it can be! There will be a special Passport stamp made specifically for that Growl. In addition there will be other "goodies" and surprises for all the Devil Dogs that attend! Start making your plans to attend the Grand Growl now to ensure you can say "I was there!" when we celebrate this milestone together!

Also keep in mind that our next Pack Growl will be held in Salisbury on Friday, January 6th, 2017, at the Host Hotel for the Department's Winter Quarterly Meeting. More details will be forwarded on via email to all Pound Keeper's to share as well as added to our Pack website.

Remember that your Pack Officers are here when you need them. Feel free to contact any one of us if you have questions or need assistance. That's what we are here for!

Until we meet again in Growl assembled, remember to always "keep 'em wagging!"



Worthy Sr. Vice Pack Leader PDD Charles Minton

Worthy Sr. Vice Scuttlebutt

Woof Woof,

Dogs of the Pack, I want to wish each of you a very Woofing Happy 241st Marine Corps Birthday and holiday greetings. I hope all is well with you and your dog houses are well on your way with preparing for the cold winter months ahead; and the Winter Growl that's coming around the corner faster than a Pound of Dogs chasing a fire truck.



Now on to some important Dog Housekeeping issues, all Dogs that are not Life members of the MODD should have their dues paid up for the 2017 fiscal year which ended 31 August 2016, If you have dogs that are not paid up, you need to be barking at them to get their dues in to the Dog robber. While I'm on this particular dog trail, as many of you know, the Supreme Growl was held in

Tulsa Oklahoma on the 10th of August 2016 You might ask why this is important, well just listen to my barking's and you'll find out. Per the Kennel By-Laws, each Pound must hold nominations, elections and installation of Pound Officers within 3 months of the conclusion of the Supreme Growl, which means you have until the 10th of November which we all know is our beloved Marine Corps Birthday. So if you haven't held your elections, then you need to get to it ASAP and be sure to submit your ROI's to the Pack Dog Robber so that they can be sent to Kennel.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of the Pounds and wagging Dog tails at the upcoming Winter Growl that will be held during the Department winter quarterly meeting on the 6^{th} and 7^{th} of January, 2017 at the Salisbury VA. Remember to keep your Pound Growls fun and the Dogs will come! While you're at one of your boring Detachment meetings, be sure to sniff around your Detachment for those Mongrels that are looking to run with the Big Dogs and have some well- deserved and earned fun and who are worthy of the title Devil Dog and get them initiated into your Pound!

Semper Woofing,

PDD Charles D. Minton

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Worthy Jr. Vice Pack Leader PDD Scott Shermeyer



Woof Woof to Dogs of all Degrees,

This Dog (er, that's Pedigreed Devil Dog) is proud to report that his POD (Personally-owned Doghouse) is sporting a brand new roof. Could not have accomplished such a lofty mission without the steadfast assistance of some outstanding crew, including a 27-year USMC veteran and PDD John (*i before e*) Mullinex along with his son. The moral of this story is, that yes you can still teach some old dogs new tricks. One afterthought, nobody mentioned that cutting the plywood and installing ridge vents was going to create a huge megaphone effect. The jets flying overhead, especially in the still of these autumn nights, sound even closer and much louder than they ever have before!

It is an <u>honor</u> to serve as Jr. Vice Pack Leader for our NC Pack! We are preparing for a fun and entertaining Growl in January, so let's give them something to bark about. After all, we're the "Fun & Honor Society" of the MCL and after all of our hard work with the League, what better way to join together in camaraderie to blow off some steam? Although I don't want to reveal too much, just yet...I will say that I am working on a travelling trophy, which will be up for grabs competitively during our upcoming Growls. Of course, there ought to be hefty fines for the Pound members who should ever fail to bring the Oar back to the next Pack Growl. So, brush up on your skills and stretch out those paws, we're on for some friendly fun competition! So, one of the ways to score points, bring plenty of other Dogs from your Pound...just sayin'.

Congratulations to our newest litter of Pedigreed Devil Dogs! Although Murphy made some mayhem and prevented me from attending the festivities in Tulsa, OK back in August...I saw photographic evidence that some DD's from NC Pack were properly initiated as PDD's, including 4 from my own Pound, CWO3 Edward J Albus Pound #370: PDD Ron Ambrose, PDD Greg Ciesielski, PDD Lisa Ciesielski, and PDD Mike McCulley. On a similar note, our Pound's Bugle Dog (and Dancin' Dog), PUP Don Wells has indicated interest in attending our next Pack Growl...probably with hopes of advancing to the degree of Devil Dog. Keep your tails crossed, and invite other PUP's from your Pounds to consider advancing, too.

Make no bones about it, we're getting geared up for some fun! Speaking of which, don't spend all your big bones at Christmas...save some for paying fines. I hope that you have a howlin' good USMC Birthday celebration this year. Look for those Veteran's Day deals too, plenty of opportunities like Hooter's free lunch to get some kibbles n-bits!

Semper Caninus & Semper Fidelis!

PDD Scott Shermeyer 11-252

Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader, North Carolina Pack
Sir Pound Keeper, CWO3 Edward J Albus Pound #370

Worthy Jr. Vice Jauntings—Page 2 of 2

"Bulldog Rolly carefully supervises the construction and crew, who quite literally worked for peanuts. Meanwhile, the Shermeyer Schnoodles, Otis Ray & Lyla Mae were quite curious and slightly confused why this other strange-looking deaf dog was camped out in their front lawn."





Jr. Past Pack Leader PDD Terry Hightower



Worthy Jr. Past's Parable

Woof Woof Devil Dogs of the NC Pack,

As most of you know I spent the month of August in the Nashville, TN VA Hospital with 3 collapsed Lungs on the left side; along with several weeks laid up at my brother's house until I was able to travel back to my doghouse. (I was on my way to the National Convention in Tulsa, OK)



The Nashville VA, Vanderbilt Doctors and staff did an outstanding job in taking care of me. They were at my side the whole time I was a patient. (95% of it was in ICU) I give all PAWS UP for a job well done.

PDD Richard Rust went well beyond the call of duty by flying into Nashville at his own expense to drive me home. He is definitely a true Marine and Devil Dog when it comes to taking care of our own.

I am doing better, but still a long road to recovery. My provider here has yet release me to get back into things. He wants me to stay close to my doghouse because of complications from the three surgeries.

I am sure I will be back running with you dogs by Mid-Winter Conference.

In ending my part I also want to thank our Pack Dog Trainer Jodi Hislop for sending me a "Get Well" card and the phone calls I received from the Pack.

Semper Woofing,

Terry Hightower

PDD 03-318

Worthy Jr. Past Pack Leader



Worthy Smart Dog PDD Alfred Peavy



Greetings from the Worthy Smart Dog! My message is to ever Dog and to all your family members. To the Pack Dogs; be safe on October 31st and have a great Veterans Day. Have a great Marine Corps Birthday and Happy Thanksgiving Day. Merry Christmas to all. I wish you all a safe, blessed and successful New Year in 2017!



God Bless and Woof Woof,

Alfred Peavy, Jr. 08-456 Worthy Pack Smart Dog

Woof Woof Devil Dogs,

cards and called him. It meant the world to him!



DD Jodie Hislop



Please let me know if you hear of any Dogs who are sick or in distress so that we can get the word out and let them know that we are thinking of them. Also, please remember that it is imperative that I am notified as soon as possible when one of our Dogs is added to the heavenly roster so that we can let Kennel know. I would really appreciate your help with this!

Worthy Dog Trainer Testimony

I hope this day finds you all doing well! I hear that PCDD George Barrows is out of the hospital and doing much better! Thanks to everyone who sent him

I am keeping all our Dogs in my thoughts and prayers that they will always have a hydrant close by when needed, a dog house when they need to get out of the cold and a huge steak bone where they least expect to find one! I hope that you will do the same! Looking forward to seeing you all at the next Growl!

Semper Woofing, Jodie Hislop (919) 612-2347



Worthy Dog Trainer





Worthy Police Dog PDD Tim Daniel



Worthy Police Dog Policy

As I anticipate the next Pack Growl, I look forward to another opportunity to relieve the Dogs in attendance of as many Small Bones as the Pack Leader deems necessary. Be sure to bring an excessive amount of Small Bones, 'cause they make a very satisfying sound hitting the bottom of my bucket! Big Bones are welcome, but Small Bones are the prescribed tender, so make sure you've stocked up prior to the Growl!

Woof Woof!!



Worthy Mad Dog PDD "Bull" Durham



Worthy Mad Dog Mayhem

Woof Woof I'm MAD!!

There is no better Dog than a Devil Dog and it makes me "MAD" to know we have eligible nasty mongrels out there in those detachment who should be given a chance to be a Devil Dog. The number one thing to make this Mad Dog happy is to say the words "I present to you, the members of Military Order of the Devil Dogs, the following Marine Corps Leaguers who desire obligation into the Degree of Pup, in the Order".

We still have many Leaguers who have been roaming around for more than a year longing to have fun but do not know how. I want to encourage every dog to sniff around your outhouses and if you detect a worthy mongrel smell bring those disgusting things to your MAD DOG at the Pound or Pack. If you do your part and bring them in, I guarantee every Devil Dog will have fun, once they get past me; your Mad Dog.

Woof Woof!!!



Worthy Dog Robber
PDD Bob Griffin



Worthy Dog Robber Remark\$

Woof Woof Devil Dogs! The main job of all of the Dog Robbers is to see that the Dues are received, and sent in to Kennel, in a timely manner. It's always good to have "New PUP" kits available at the Growls, along with other MODD gear that all Dogs just can't live without; like cover patches, shirt patches, etc. You should also make sure that Devil Dog (Red!) collars for advancement are available for PUP's getting ready to advance to Devil Dog at an upcoming Pack Growl. The bones collected from the Passports stamps also need to be sent into Kennel, in a timely manner, to ensure the largest donation check possible can be presented to the children's hospital of choice at the Supreme Growl! Let's all do our part to make our Pound Growls the best that they can be!



Worthy Watch Dog PDD Kellis White



Worthy Watch Dog Digs

Woof Woof Devils Dogs!

As the Worthy Watch Dog, I keep my eyes open all of the time and this recent story still stands out in my mind: The President of the Patriot Guard in Mooresville said he saw this little boy with a dress blue uniform on that his mother made for him, so the President asked who was the Marine in the family and she said no one. So the President asked, "So why the Marine uniform?" She said it was Superhero day at school and he wanted to go as a Marine! Now the twist is this little boy has autistic symptoms but that's not what he has; however he will never be able to serve. Blew me away! So in September we all met at Richard's coffee shop in Mooresville and I presented him a certificate making him a Marine Corps League Recruit, gave him a couple of pins and a MCL baseball hat. There were some other people that gave him some other military things and caps. When his mother took the microphone to thank all of us, she went to pieces; I think there wasn't a dry eye in the house. He wanted to be a Marine on Superhero's day, WOW!

Woof Woof Brother Devil Dogs! Worthy Watch Dog, PPD Kellis White



Worthy Barking Dog DD Lewis Rice



Worthy Barking Dog's Bay & Web Scratcher Update

Woof-Woof Devil Dogs of the NC Pack,

As your Worthy Barking Dog/Web Scratcher, it is my job to get the word out to all Dogs of NC Pack in a timely manner so that everyone is well informed of upcoming events, etc. etc.

But I do need your help on doing so as well by "YOU" making sure that I have your current up-to-date contact information. If you know of any Dogs in the Pack that are not receiving an email from me, then pass my email address onto them so we can rectify the issue at lewisrice3@yahoo.com

Also, please be sure to check out our MODD NC Pack website at moddncpack.org and let me know of any changes, corrections, or additions that need to be made. Until we meet again - Keep them tails waggin' and Semper Woofing!



Worthy Veterinarian PDD Owen Smith



Worthy Veterinarian's Vowels

Woof Woof Devil Dogs!!

Having served as Pack Veterinarian for the past year, I am proud to announce that I am now qualified to do two (2) finger examinations. Last year, as a "probie" I was limited to only one finger. In addition to my Vet Kit, I now have Captain Morgan Pirate Elixir (no, I did not attend ECU) which cures about anything except a hangover. Unfortunately, I cannot administer this essential product during a Growl, and cannot practice my trade outside of the Growl, so I am forced to keep it for my own consumption. However, anyone who needs my attention during a Growl, just let me know. I will honor the vet/dog oath of confidentiality for all dogs regardless of degree. Finally, for those of you who have difficulty scratching (not writing), I do have some very effective itch powder to help you along those lines. No prescription required!

PDD Owen Smith - 11-251

CWO3 Edward J. Albus Pound #370

Pack Veterinarian



Worthy Pack Historian PDD Greg Ciesielski



Worthy Archive Dog's Antiques

Woof Woof!

Sniff sniff, scratch....Whoa! What is that I smell? Old musty paper and photos! Yes! The mother lode has been discovered and now I can report on EVERYTHING that has been going on for the last 25 years within the North Carolina Pack. Smack! Wake up scruffy dog! You're dreaming again. Dang.....

OK, so I am discussing my dreams with y'all but my dreams can come true <u>if</u> every Pound would start to open up their file boxes, desk drawers or individual homes and start pulling out articles and memorabilia on their Pound happenings since their chartering. What would I like to see? I would love to see every Pound have a complete list of their Pound Keepers, I would like to see every Pound Dog of the Quarter/Year listed and from what Pound. I would like to see old newsletters or activity reports. Reports and Activities from the 71st Supreme Growl in Greensboro 2010 would be fantastic. Pictures (with names) would be outstanding also.

Why do I ask for this? Well the answer is in the first paragraph. The North Carolina Pack is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and at the Grand Growl in June 2017 we would like to display all the neat things that our Pounds have done to make our Pack great! So come on, dig out those pieces of memorabilia, send them to me so I can scan them and then I will return them to you. I know that there must be some great things out there so c'mon and make this scruffy dog happy!

Semper Woof Woof!
PDD Greg Ciesielski
CWO-3 Edward J. Albus Pound 370 Historian
NC Pack Historian aka Scruffy Dog

Upcoming Winter Pack Growl Info!

Our next North Carolina Pack Growl will be held on Friday, 06-January, 2017, in concert with the Department's Winter Quarterly Meeting in Salisbury, NC! The Growl will take place in the Host dog house: The Hampton Inn Hotel, 1001 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144, phone: (704) 637-8000.

The Pack will have a Passport desk set up so that all of the attending Dogs can be registered for the Growl way in advance so the Growl is not delayed!

The Growl doors will open approximately 20 minutes prior to the start of the Growl. Don't be late or the Watch Dog will make your lateness known throughout the Den and I hear he charges some stiff fines for making him get out of his comfortable chair to deal with a LATE DOG (\$\$\$)!

More details about the Growl (IE—Start time, room, etc) will be sent out once the Department finalizes their information for the Winter Quarterly Meeting.

Get ready to have a <u>FUN</u> time with the "<u>FUN AND HONOR</u>" Society!!!

[And now, a message from that same creepy voice you always hear at the end of every medication commercial!]

~ If you are a Mongrel wanting to join at the Pack Growl, make <u>SURE</u> you have your application properly filled out and <u>SIGNED</u> by your Detachment Commandant! This will be checked prior to accepting your paperwork!!!

All advancing PUP's to Devil Dog need to have their advancement paperwork <u>in order</u> as well prior to it being accepted!



Upcoming "25th Anniversary Grand Growl"!

Woof Woof Devil Dogs!

Your Pack Staff is <u>SO</u> excited about the 2017 Grand Growl! Why you say?! Because that will be our Pack's 25th Anniversary Grand Growl!!! What a milestone for our Pack!

What can you expect?! <u>EVERYTHING</u>!!! Prizes, surprises, special awards, an anniversary Pack Passport stamp for those Dogs that register for this Growl and much, MUCH <u>MORE</u>!!!



The excitement is growing within the Pack Staff about this Growl! This will be the one Growl you do <u>NOT</u> want to miss! Start making your plans now to attend it on Friday, 02-June-2017! More information will be published as it becomes available!

Your Pack Staff looks forward to seeing <u>EVERY</u> North Carolina Pack Devil Dog there!





The Pounds of Our Pack!

You may know about your Pound, but how much do you know about the other Pound's in our Pack? Don't be stranger's to each other! Visit each other's Pound Growl's to get ideas on how to make your own Pound Growls more fun, as well as get to know more of your fellow Devil Dogs throughout our Pack! Visit the Pack website for more info on these Pounds!

Robert V. Flowers Pound #143; Chartered on 1/7/1997

Pound Keeper PDD Julianne Froncek-Williams

https://www.facebook.com/MCLOnslowCountyDet

Jessie O. Price Pound #210; Chartered on 7/1/1997

Pound Keeper PDD Ken Parker

http://www.moddpound210.org

Sandhills Area Pound #306; Chartered on 9/10/2004

Pound Keeper PDD Murphy G. Ragsdale Jr.

No website

Blue Ridge Detachment Pound #319; Chartered on 6/26/2006

Pound Keeper DD Denver Grant

No website

North Central NC Pound #327; Chartered on 3/22/2007

Pound Keeper PDD Raul E. Arbelaez

No website

CWO-3 Edward J. Albus Pound #370; Chartered on 7/4/2015

Pound Keeper PDD Scott Shermeyer

http://www.modd370.org

Happenings Around the Pack!

The Jesse O. Price Pound #210 membership were honored to have a special advancement presentation take place at the most recent Pound Growl on 15-Ocotber-2016! Sandy Mazzu (Tar Heel Detachment #733 Member) was advanced to Pedigree Devil Dog! The oath of advancement was split into three segments due to the attendance of the Kennel Honorable Smart Dog PDD Jeffrey Jones, Mideast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog PDD Craig Reeling (Maryland Pack) and our own Worthy Pack Leader PDD Bruce Rakfeldt! PDD Jeffrey Jones was honored to "collar" PDD Sandy Mazzu! Welcome to the Pedigree Nation Sandy!!



If any Pound would like to have a picture published in the Pack Woof-O-Gram, please send your picture and verbiage to the Worthy Barking Dog via his email!

Pack and Pounds—Articles of Incorporation Requirement!

ATTENTION ALL POUNDS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PACK!

At the 77th Supreme Growl in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a Bylaw was approved stating the following:

MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS, INC.

2016 Section 507 - Incorporation

charter.

Incorporation is required in all Packs and Pounds. As a subsidiary of the Marine Corps League, the ORDER and its subordinates are covered under the blanket IRS determination. The applicable IRS regulation for this determination is 501 (c) 4. Effective immediately, any Pack or Pound which has not provided the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, with proof of its incorporation by January 1, 2018, will be billed in the amount of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars and a like amount annually until such proof of incorporation is on file with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber. All fines will be forwarded to the National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, Inc.. A Pound which fails to remit its payment to the Kennel Dog Robber shall be in default as is provided in Article Two, Section 218 – POUND DEFAULT. A new Pound will have two (2) years from the issue date of their new

Do not delay in getting your Pound's Articles of Incorporation taken care of. It is a very short form to complete and return to the Department of the secretary of State. Go to this website: http://www.sosnc.gov/corporations/thepage.aspx. Then on the left side, under "Corporations", click on "Print Forms", click on "Nonprofit Corporations" and then click on either the PDF or MS Word document and download the form called "Articles of Incorporation for Nonprofit". This filing fee will cost your Pound 60 big bones!

Currently the following entities have or are in the process of obtaining their Articles of Incorporation:

North Carolina Pack—Has approved Articles of Incorporation Pound #319—Has approved Articles of Incorporation Pound #370—Has approved Articles of Incorporation

If you are not listed above, all Pound Keeper's and Pound Dog Robber's need to work diligently to get your Articles of Incorporation paperwork submitted ASAP!

2016 Abbreviated Grand Growl Scratchings

Growl opened by Worthy Senior Pack Leader PDD Charles Minton.

All officers present or excused.

Dignitaries all recognized.

Mongrels dismissed to their trainer.

Scratching's read and approved.

All sick and distress dogs noted.

Reports by officers

Dog robber noted that the balance is 4587.20 Bones and that the number of coins is 60 new and 4 old.

Four Mongrels added to Pack:
Charles Painter
David Menry
Michael Leighner
Randel Rempeer

New Elected Officers sworn in:

Pack Leader PDD Bruce Rakfeldt Sr. Vice PDD Charles Minton Jr. Vice PDD Scott Shermeyer Smart Dog PDD Alfred Peavy Dog Trainer DD Jodie Hislop Police Dog PDD Timothy Daniel New Appointed Officers sworn in:

Dog Robber PDD Bob Griffin
Deputy Dog Robber PDD Mike Rooney
Watch Dog PDD Kellis White
Barking Dog/Web Scratcher DD Lewis Rice
Pack Veterinarian PDD Owen Smith
Pack Historian PDD Greg Ciesielski

Awards presented to the Dogs

Growl closed until next Quarterly at Salisbury.

Respectfully Submitted By,

PDD Bob Griffin
Worthy Pack Dog Robber

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North Carolina Pack, MODD

We're on the Web! moddncpack.org

Keep 'em Waggin'!



North Carolina Pack Mission Statement:

We promote good fellowship amongst the members of the different Marine Corps League Detachments in our Department. The Order provides amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the League, when and where advisable.

We assist in the accomplishment of all programs and objectives of the League, preserve and strengthen the principles and ideals of the League, and maintain true allegiance to the United States of America and its Constitution and Laws. We foster and extend American institutions of freedom and defend America against all enemies whatsoever.

<u>Welcome</u> to the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, North Carolina Pack, Mideast Division!