

MODD PACK OF NORTH CAROLINA  
BY-LAWS

Military Order of the Devil Dogs

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ARTICLE I- Membership

SECTION 101 – ELIGIBILITY

- A. Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall be open to any regular member of the Marine Corps League who at the time of the application for membership in the Order shall be:
  - 1. In good standing; with their membership dues fully paid in the Marine Corps League and invited to join by two (2) DD or PDDs of the order.
  - 2. of good character and reputation;
  - 3. In full compliance with the requirements set forth in the Kennel By Laws for the Degree of membership.
- B. The degree of membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and the time and place the degrees will be conferred, are hereby established as follows:
  - 1. The degree of Pup can be granted to all qualified candidates at any Growl of the Pound
  - 2. The degree of Devil Dog can be granted to all qualified members at any Growl of the Pack:
  - 3. The degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog will only be granted to all qualified candidates at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel
  - 4. Granting of degrees of membership in the Order is subject to restrictions and limitations contained in Article 1 of the Kennel By Laws, and any exceptions to those provisions will only be those specifically authorized in the Kennel By Laws, by the Kennel Board of Trustees, or by the Honorable Chief Devil Dog.
- C. Candidates for election and initiation of the Degree of Pup, Degree of Devil Dog, or the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog must comply with the provisions in Article I of the Kennel By laws appropriate to the degree being sought. By the Individual. SPECIAL NOTE; Candidates for the Degree of Pup must certify Their Marine Corps League membership of at least one (1) full year, plus be sponsored by two (2) members of the Order, each being of a DD or a PDD degree.

Section 102- Application for membership or Degree Advancement

Every application for consideration must be on an approved application form supplied By the Kennel Headquarters, which must be fully completed in writing or typewritten, Over the signature of the applicant, and must be accompanied by any supplemental Papers pertinent to the degree of membership to which application is filed and as set Forth in the applicable sub-sections of Article I of the Kennel by laws.

### Section 103- Election

- A. During the order of business “Election of candidate” the unit Dog Robber shall read all applications for obligation and initiation, certifying as to their correctness and as to the amount of the membership dues and/or election fees accompanying each application.
- B. Voting shall be either by a show of hands or written, and shall be under the supervision of the Smart Dog and the Police Dog, with the Pound keeper or Worthy Pack Leader, (the presiding officer having jurisdiction) confirming the results of the ballot.
- C. It is permissible to vote for the candidates as a group. When the vote is taken for the group, a simple majority will determine the acceptance or rejection of the group. Rejection shall require a ballot for each and every candidate.

### Section 104- Notification

- A. The unit Dog Robber shall promptly notify all candidates of the time and place for obligation and it shall be the duty of the candidates to be present.
- B. After notification should the Pup candidate fail to appear at the Growl of the Pound or at a Growl of the Pack without a just and valid reason, the approval for acceptance or advancement shall be withdrawn.
- C. Should the Devil Dog candidate fail to appear at the Growl of the Pack to which they were instructed to appear, the approval shall be withdrawn. They will not be eligible again for obligation and initiation until one (1) calendar year has elapsed or until the next scheduled Grand Growl of the Pack.

### Section 105- Obligation

Any successful candidate having appeared at the time and place fixed for the assembly Of the Growl of obligation and initiation in the degree called for on the application, shall be initiated under the supervision of the Mad Dog into the mysteries of the degree in accordance with the traditions of the MODD. After the initiation, the candidate shall be obligated to the degree as set forth in the Ritual of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, by the Unit Presiding Officer or by any past presiding Officer of a superior unit.

### Section 106- Rejection

Should the application of any candidate be rejected by the unit to which the application has been made, election fees and in the case of the application for the degree of Pup, the membership dues accompanying the application, shall be immediately returned to the applicant by the Unit Dog Robber and the name of the rejected candidate cannot be presented for the consideration for a period of six (6) months.

## Section 107- Unit Dog Robber Responsibilities

A. When a candidate has been successfully obligated, it shall be the duty of the Unit Dog Robber to date and certify the application over their signature and distribute the copies of the application in accordance with the procedure established in Art I, Sect IOI of the Kennel By-laws.

B. In the event that the candidate fails to appear for the initiation, or is rejected by the Unit, it shall be the duty of the Unit Dog Robber to certify the specific disposition Made on the application and record the date over their signature.

The original papers shall be retained in the Unit files and copies of the application, duly certified and signed, shall be sent to either the Pound or Pack Dog Robber involved.

## Section 108- GOOD STANDING

All members of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall keep their membership dues in the Marine Corps League and in the Order, paid for the current fiscal year (1Sep-31Aug) and shall also otherwise maintain their membership in both organizations in good standing.

## Section 109- Transfer

- A. Any member of the Order may transfer from their present Pound to another Pound without payment of additional dues, upon application and approval by the Pound to which they seek transfer, provided they are in good standing at the time such application is made. If the transferring member is delinquent in their dues, or is indebted to the losing Pound, they shall place themselves in good standing before the transfer may be approved. The request for transfer form supplied by the Kennel .will be used to affect the transfer.
- B. The Pound from which the transfer is made will complete the appropriate section on the Request for Transfer Form, showing that the member's dues are paid in full and that they have no indebtedness to the losing Pound. This will entitle the member, if the transfer is accepted by the receiving Pound to all the rights and privileges of the Pound to which they have transferred for the period for which their dues have been paid.
- C. If the losing Pound does not respond to the Request for Transfer within forty five (45) days of the receipt of the transfer request, the member shall have the right to appeal to the Pack Dog Robber, to verify their dues status.
- D. The gaining Pound will endorse the appropriate section of the Request for transfer certifying acceptance of the member by the Pound. Copies of the Request for Transfer will be provided to the losing Pound, the losing Pack (if applicable). The original will be forwarded to Kennel Headquarters, via the regular channels, with a transmittal that lists the member as being transferred into the Pound.

## Section 110- Delinquency

- A. Any member of the order who does not have their membership dues in the Order paid, for the current fiscal year by the 1st day of February. Following the first day of the fiscal year (1Sept) shall be deemed delinquent.
- B. Should the delinquency extend beyond the last day of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel (Usually in August) they shall be dropped from the rolls for non-payment of membership dues.

## Section III - Reinstatement

Any member of the Order who has been dropped from the membership rolls of the Order for non payment of dues may apply to reinstate their membership at the degree held at the time they were dropped from the rolls by complying with the procedures Set forth in Article I, Sect 108 of the Kennel By-laws.

## Section II2\_ Removing Ineligibles

- A. Any member of the Order may be required to prove eligibility at any time. Should it be determined after careful investigation of any part of Article I, Sections 101 or 106 of the Kennel by-laws, or any other proven misrepresentation, their name shall be removed from the rolls of the Order by the Unit Dog Robber having jurisdiction over their membership immediately, with notification of such action being sent to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.
- B. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall keep a permanent alphabetical file of all removals from any Pound within the Pack for future record and reference, and shall forward such information on to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.

## Section 113- Right of Appeal

- A. It shall be the right of any member of the Order to appeal, through channels, from the acts and decisions of any Unit and/or its officers, which appeal shall be first taken to the next higher authority.
- B. The levels of authority shall be:
  - 1. Sir Pound keeper
  - 2. Growl of the Pound
  - 3. Worthy Pack Leader
  - 4. Grand Growl of the Pack
  - 5. Honorable Chief Devil Dog
  - 6. Honorable Kennel Staff
  - 7. Supreme Growl of the Kennel
- C. The acts and decisions of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel shall be final and binding unless and until reversed or altered by any subsequent Supreme Growl.

## ARTICLE II- POUNDS

### Section 201 - Pounds, definition

- A. The Pound of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall correspond in character in the function in the order as does the Detachment in the organization of the Marine Corps League. The number and name of the Pound shall be governed By Article II, Para B of the Kennel By-laws.
- B. When the paid up membership of any Pound falls below the number of five (5) Members, then the Charter of such Pound may be impounded at the request of Either the Pound keeper of the affected Pound, or the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, until such time as the Pound can be reactivated. The current members of such Pound shall be carried as Kennel strays, listed under State in which the Pound was located.

### Section 202- Pound Charter

Application for a Pound Charter shall be submitted on forms supplied by the Kennel and the determination and processing of an Application for Charter and the presentation of the Charter and instituting of the Pound will all be done in accordance with Article II of the Kennel by-laws.

### Section 203- By laws

Each Pound in the North Carolina Pack may adopt their own by laws, provided they In no way violate or conflict with the Kennel Bylaws and the Byelaws of the North Carolina Pack. The Pounds By laws , and any subsequent changes or amendments thereto, will be submitted to the Worthy Pack Smart Dog for approval. The Kennel and the North Carolina Pack shall be furnished with a copy of such Pound Bylaws and some amendments thereto as may be from time to time, adopted, following their approval. (Article IV, Section 403, Kennel Bylaws)

### Section 204- Authority of the Pound

- A. Any Pound, after having been formally instituted, presented with its charter, and after the installation of its officers, shall be a functioning Pound in this order. It shall have the full power and authority and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a constituent unit of the Order.
- B. The functioning Pound shall have the sole right to determine the amount of membership dues to be assessed each member annually for the fiscal year (1 Sept- 31 Aug), membership dues shall include membership dues for the North Carolina Pack and the annual membership dues of the Kennel. Membership dues are for the full membership year.



- C. The functioning Pound shall have the sole right to determine the amount of Election fees to be paid by each candidate applying for initiation and obligation to the degree of Pup, which shall be used to apply toward the expenses of the initiation.
- D. Any functioning Pound shall have the right, power, and authority to initiate and obligate qualified applicants for the Degree of Pup in this order.

#### Section 205- Growls of the Pound-Regular, Annual, Special and Staff

- A. All assemblies of the Pound shall be officially known as the Growl of the Pound.
- B. A Growl of the Pound shall be considered a formal assemblage, empowered to consider motions and expend funds ONLY if the Holy Bible, Bone and the Charter are present. The American Flag is also required. Absence of any of these Items shall render the assemblage an informal gathering.
- C. Each Pound shall hold no less than four (4) regular assemblies during any fiscal year,(1 Sept-31 Aug), which shall include the Annual Growl of the Pound, for election of Officers.(As per Article II, Sect 205, Kennel By laws). Special Growls of the Pound and Growls of the Pound Staff may be called, within the guidelines and restrictions listed in Article II of the Kennel Bylaws.
- D. One assembly or Growl of the Pound, shall be held within the three (3) months following the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. At this Growl of the Pound the full order of business shall be called and acted upon, including the nomination, election, and installation of, and at which Growl, the outgoing Officers shall make full and proper reports and accounting to the Pound. The installation report for the new officers shall be submitted to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber no later than the end of the month immediately following the Growl, and shall be submitted via the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, with a copy being sent to the Division Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Mid East Division.

#### Section 206- Quorum

Each Pound may set a minimum number of members required to be present at any assembly of the Growl of the Pound in order to legally transact business of the Pound; provided however that such quorum is specified in the Pound's Bylaws, And further provided that no quorum shall be set at less than five (5) members.

#### Section 207- Charter Surrender, Suspension, or Revocation

The Charter of any Pound may be surrendered, suspended, or revoked, but only within the guidelines and restrictions of Article II of the Kennel By laws. Because of the Seriousness of these actions, any consideration of such must be very deliberate, and Must carefully remain within the stated guidelines and restrictions set forth in Article II, Kennel By laws.

## Section 208\_ Eligibility to hold office

All members of a Pound shall be eligible for election, or appointment to any office in the Pound, subject however to the following limitations and restrictions:

- A. The Pound keeper must have the degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog, with the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog being preferred.
- B. It is preferable that the Pound Dog Robber has the degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog.
- C. To be eligible for an appointed office, a Pup must have been a faithful Pup for at least one full calendar year. This restriction may be waived ONLY when the fifth person making an application for a Pound Charter is a Pup, who may be a proper charter applicant, and the Pup charter applicant may hold any appointed office in the Pound other than that of the Pound Dog Robber. A Pup will not be eligible to hold any elective office in the Pound.
- D. All officers must be currently paid up in membership dues in the Marine Corps League and in the Order
- E. Any officer permitting their membership dues and good standing in the Marine Corps Leaguer in the Order to lapse (during their term in office) shall forthwith surrender their office and the office shall be declared vacant.
- F. Normally any nominee for any Elective office must be present at the time when their name is placed in nomination and shall be willing to accept the office. If a nominee cannot be present for a valid reason, all care must be taken to Ensure that they will accept the responsibilities of the office, if elected.

## Section 209- Elected and Appointed Pound Officers-Pound Staff

- A. Elected- There will be seven (7) elected officers of the Pound. They are Pound Keeper, Senior Vice Pound keeper, Junior Vice Pound Keeper, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, and Pound Mad Dog.
- B. Appointed- The appointed officers of the Pound shall be the Pound Dog Robber, Pound Watch Dog, and the Pound Barking Dog, and other such subordinate officers as the Pound Keeper may choose to appoint. It is preferable that the Pound Keeper-elect makes all appointments immediately following the election so as to permit the installation of the Appointed Officers with the Elected Officers. The appointed officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Pound Keeper, and the term of Office shall terminate simultaneously with that of the Pound keeper.
- C. Board of Trustees- After a Pound is incorporated, the Pound Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected Pound Officers and the Junior Past Pound Keeper. The Pound Dog Robber will be an ex-officio member of the Pound Board of Trustees, without a vote. The Pound Board of Trustees, under the supervision of the Pound Keeper, shall administer the business, execute the policies, and enforce the laws and regulations of the MODD, the North Carolina Pack and the Pound, between the Growls of the Pound.

- D. Minimal Memberships- With Pounds having minimal membership, the following officers must be chosen: Pound Keeper, Pound Dog Robber, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, Pound Dog Trainer, Pound Police Dog, Pound Mad Dog, and Pound Watch Dog, with no objection to a member holding more than one additional office, exclusive of the Pound Keeper, who shall be limited to that office alone
- E. Succession in office- Pound Officers may succeed themselves in office as many Additional terms as they may be elected or appointed.

#### Section 210- Election of Officers

- A. At the annual Growl of the Pound held within the three (3) months following the Supreme Growl of the Kennel (Sept, Oct or Nov) n the officers of the Pound shall be nominated, elected, and installed (Sect 205)
- B. All nominations for elective office shall be made from the floor.
- C. The elected officers shall be chosen by voting in accordance with Article II Section 214 of the Kennel By laws.
- D. The ballots may be cast for the full slate of officers or may be cast for each office, in sequence.
- E. Should the Pound fail to nominate for any office, after election of officers The Pound keeper–elect shall appoint an eligible member of the Pound to the office for which no nomination was made.
- F. The Pound Police Dog will permit no person to enter or leave the Growl while the Pound Officers are being nominated or elected.

#### Section 211- Vacancy in Office

- A. In case of any elective or appointed office (Except that of Pound keeper) declared vacant during the current term of office, the pound keeper with the approval of the Pound staff, shall appoint promptly a successor for the uncompleted term of office.
- B. In case the vacant office is that of the Pound keeper, the Senior Vice Pound keeper shall assume the title and all rights and privileges of the office of Pound keeper for the uncompleted term thereof. The Pound shall immediately fill the office of Senior Vice Pound keeper by election.
- C. In case the vacancy in the office of Pound Keeper occurs in a Pound not Having a Senior Vice Pound keeper, the Pound shall immediately fill the office of Pound keeper by election.
- D. Pound offices shall be declared vacant for any of the following reasons:
  1. The Pound Officers permit themselves to become in arrears in their Membership dues or lose their status as a member in good standing in either the Marine Corps League or this Order.
  2. The Pound Officer absents themselves from two (2) consecutive

- Growls of the Pound without valid reason.  
3. For any other just cause or reason.

#### Section 212\_ Voting

- A. Each and every member of the Pound present at the Growl and in good standing in the Marine Corps League and this order shall have one (1) vote.
- B. Election of candidates for membership or for office can be by secret ballot.
- C. On all other voting on Pound business shall be by voice vote, unless any two, (2) or more members present and eligible to vote may call for a secret vote on any matter.

#### Section 213- Initiation

- A. Approved and qualified candidates to the Degree of Pup may be initiated at any Growl of the Pound.
- B. Subject to the provisions of Article IV, Section 416 (B) and Article I, Section 101 (F) of the Kennel By laws, only a properly chartered and functioning Pound shall have the authority to confer the Degree of Pup.

#### Section 214- Certification

- A. The Pound Dog Robber shall. No less than thirty (30) days prior the Growl of the Pack, at which initiation and obligation of candidates will be held, certify to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber the names of all qualified candidates from the Pound who are eligible for initiation and obligation to the higher degree.
- B. Within the period of thirty (30) days after the initiation and obligation of the candidates, the Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall report to the respective Pound Dog Robber the disposition of the application(s).
- C. In the case of a Pup or Devil Dog seeking to advance to a higher degree at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel, the Pound Dog Robber makes certification to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber via the Worthy Pack Dog robber in accordance with Article IV, Section 416 of the Kennel By laws. All applications for candidates for the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog must be approved by the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, in accordance with Article VI, Section 604, of the Kennel By laws.
- D. Comply with Article I, Section 101, para C&D, where a letter from the Pound Dog Robber and/or the Pound Keeper certify the candidate has Served faithfully for a period of at least one (1) year in current degree.

#### Section 215\_ Acts of the Pound

In all the acts, actions, and activities of the Pound, it shall babied by and conform to The Bylaws of the North Carolina Pack, the Constitution, bylaws, and Ritual of the

Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc, and the constitution, by laws, rules and regulations of the Marine Corps League.

#### Section 216- Pound default

If a Pound is in default, as defined by the Kennel By laws, no dog of that defaulted Pound may serve as a Kennel or Pack Officer. Notification of any Pound without an installation report should appear in the Spring edition of the Woof-O-Gram.

#### Section 217- Order of business

The order of business for any Growl of the Pound shall be:

1. Opening ceremony
2. Roll call of Officers
3. Reading or publishing Minutes of the previous Growl(s)
4. Memorial service
5. Unfinished business: Officers' and committee report
6. New business: Resolutions, nomination, election and installation of Officers.
7. # Initiation of candidates to the Degree Pup
8. # Obligation of candidates to the Degree of Pup
9. \* Good of the Order, including announcement of the next Growl
10. Closing ceremony

# - At the Growl of the Pound, initiation and obligation of candidates shall be under the jurisdiction of the current Pound Keeper and Staff.

- -At the discretion of the Pound Keeper, a recess of the Growl may be called during the order of business, under "Nomination, Election, and Installation of Officers," (to allow time for a caucus) ; and/or before the Order of business, good of the Order" (to allow time to congratulate the new Officers").

## ARTICLE III- THE PACK

### Section 301- Pack, definition

- A. The Pack of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall correspond in character and function in the Order as does the Department in the organization of the Marine Corps League.
- B. This Pack shall be known as the North Carolina Pack.
- C. To be eligible for membership in the North Carolina Pack, a member of the Order must be in good standing in the Marine Corps League and in this Order, with their membership dues in both organizations currently paid. Any member of a Pound in North Carolina Pack is automatically a member of the Pack. In accordance with Article III, Section 308 of the Kennel By laws, a Kennel stray residing within the boundaries of North Carolina may function as a member of the North Carolinas Pack, including eligibility to hold Elective and Appointed offices with the approval of the North Carolina Pack Staff.
- D. The North Carolina Pack, shall be the official representative of the Kennel within the limits of the State of North Carolina.

### Section 302 – Authority of the North Carolina Pack

- A. The North Carolina Pack, having been formally instituted, presented with its Charter and having installed its Officers, is a functioning Pack of the Order. It shall have full power and authority and be entitled to all rights and Privileges of a constituent Pack of the Order in the MODD.
- B. The North Carolina Pack shall have jurisdiction over all Pounds chartered within the State of North Carolina and the membership thereof.
- C. The North Carolina Pack shall have the right, power, and authority to initiate and obligate qualified candidates for the Degree of Devil Dog (and by exception as allowed in Article I of the Kennel By laws, to the Degree of Pup) In this order.
- D. The North Carolina Pack shall have the sole right to determine the amount of Election Fees to be paid by each candidate applying for initiation and obligation to the Degree of Devil Dog and to the degree of Pup for those candidates who will be initiated at a Growl of the Pack. The election fees shall be used to apply toward the expense of the initiation.
- E. The North Carolina Pack shall have the sole right to determine the Amount of Pack membership dues to be assessed each member annually.
- F. Qualified candidates for the Degree of Pup, and in special cases for Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog, may also be obligated and initiated At the Growl of the Pack, but only with the provisions and restrictions of Article I, Section 101 of the Kennel By laws.

### Section 303 \_ Growl of the Pack

- A. All assemblies of the Pack shall be known as a Growl of the Pack, and any assembly of the Pack Staff shall be known as the Growl of the Pack Staff.
- B. The assembly place of the Pack shall be known as the Den.
- C. All Growls of the Pack shall be considered a formal assemblage. Empowered to consider motions and expend funds ONLY if the Holy Bible, the Bone, and the Charter are present. The American Flag is also required by Article XII of the Kennel By laws. Absence of any of these articles shall render the assemblage an informal gathering.

### Section 304- The Grand Growl of the Pack

- A. The North Carolina Pack shall hold one annual Growl, to be known as the Grand Growl of the Pack, at which time the Pack shall transact all pertinent business, nominate, elect, and install officers for the ensuing year, obligate and initiate approved candidates to the appropriate degree., and shall participate in such other proper activities as may be desirable. The Grand Growl of the Pack will normally be held in concert with and at the time and place of the Annual Convention of the Marine Corps League, Department of North Carolina.
- B. Should the Pack encounter extreme difficulty scheduling the Grand Growl of the Pack in concert with the Department Convention, the Worthy Pack Leader will so inform the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, in writing, of the circumstances and will provide an alternate time and place for the Grand Growl of the Pack for the Honorable Chief Devil Dog's approval.

### Section 305- Special and other Growls of the Pack & the Pack Staff

- A. All other Growls of the Pack or the Pack Staff may be called at the discretion of the Worthy Pack Leader. A special Growl of the Pack may be called by the written request of five (5) members of the Pack, addressed to the Worthy Pack Leader, and giving the reason for the call of the Special Growl.
- B. The Worthy Pack Leader shall thereupon issue a call for such Growl, setting the time and place thereof. Notice of such time and place shall be mailed not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed. For a Growl of the Pack, notices by mail shall given to the Pound Keepers and Dog Robbers of the several Pounds comprising the Pack and to the Pack Officers. For a Growl of the Pack Staff, notices by mail shall be sent/given to the Pack Staff.
- C. At the discretion of the Pack, it may hold an initiation of qualified candidates And rite of Obligation for the appropriate degree at a regular Growl of the Pack, In addition to the Grand Growl of the Pack.

### Section 306 – Quorum

- A. A quorum for any regularly scheduled Growl of the Pack or the Pack Staff shall be those members present who are in good standing.
- B. The quorum for a special Growl of the Pack shall be a minimum of three (3) members from at least one-half of the Pounds within the Pack and at least one half (1/2), of the Pack Staff.

### Section 307 – Charter Surrender, Suspension, or Revocation

The Charter of the Pack may be surrendered, suspended, or revoked, but only within the guidelines and restrictions of Article III of the Kennel By laws. Because of the seriousness of these actions, any consideration of such must be very deliberate, and must carefully remain within the stated guidelines and restrictions.

### Section 308 – Eligibility to office

- A. All members of the several Pounds and strays, comprising the membership of the North Carolina Pack and holding the Degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog shall be eligible to any office of the Pack, subject however to the following limitations and restrictions.
- B. The Worthy Pack Leader must be a Pedigreed Devil Dog. An exception to this requirement may be made only within the provisions of Article III of the Kennel by laws. The Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader should also be a Pedigreed Devil Dog to allow for an orderly succession to Worthy Pack Leader, in the unlikely event that it is required.
- C. All Officers must be currently paid up in their membership dues in the Marine Corps League and the order.
- D. Any Officer permitting their membership dues and good standing in the Marine Corps League or in the Order to lapse, shall forthwith surrender their office and the office will be declared vacant.
- E. Any nominee for any elective office must be present at the time their name is placed in nomination. If the nominee cannot be present for valid reasons, all care must be taken to insure that they will accept the duties and responsibilities of said office if elected.

### Section 309 - Elected & Appointed Officers- Pack Staff

- A. Elected Officers- The seven (7) Elected Officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Pack Leader, Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Pack Smart Dog, Worthy Pack Dog Trainer, Worthy Pack Police Dog and Worthy Mad Dog.
- B. Appointed Officers- The appointed Officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, Worthy Pack Watch Dog, and the Worthy Pack Barking Dog and such other subordinate officers as the Worthy Pack Leader may choose to appoint. It is preferable that the Worthy Pack Leader- elect make position appointments immediately following the elections, so as to permit the formal installation of the full staff of Officers. With the exception of the



- Worthy Pack Dog Robber, the appointed Officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Worthy Pack Leader. And their term of office, will terminate simultaneously with that of the Worthy Pack Leader.
- C. Pack Board of Trustees- After the Pack is incorporated, the Worthy Pack Board of Trustees shall consist of the Elected Pack Officers and the Worthy Junior Past Pack Leader. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber will be an ex-officio member of the Pack Board of Trustees, without a vote. The Worthy Pack Board of Trustees, under the supervision of the Worthy Pack Leader shall administer the business, execute the policies and enforce the laws and regulations of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and the North Carolina Pack , between Grand Growls of the Pack.
  - D. Pack Staff - The Worthy Pack Staff shall consist of all elected officers, Together with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, the Worthy Pack Watch Dog and the Worthy Barking Dog. All Worthy Past Pack Leaders shall be ex-officio members. In the absence of a Pack Board of Trustees, the Worthy Pack Staff, under the supervision of the Worthy Pack Leader, shall Administer the business, execute the policies, and enforce the laws and Regulations of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs and the North Carolina Pack, between Grand Growls of the Pack.

#### Section 310- Election of Pack Officers

- A. At the Grand Growl of the Pack, the annual nomination, election, appointment and installation of Officers for the ensuing year shall take place.
- B. All nominations for elective offices shall be from the floor.
- C. Elected Officers may be chosen by secret ballot.
- D. The ballot may be cast or the full slate of officers or may be cast for each office in sequence.
- E. Should the Pack fail to nominate for any elective office, .after the elections of Officers, the Worthy Pack Leader-elect should appoint an eligible member to the office for which no nomination has been made.
- F. The Worthy Pack Police Dog will allow no person to enter or leave the Den while the Worthy Pack Officers are being nominated and/or elected.

#### Section 311 – Duties, Tenure, and Authority of Pack Officers.

- A. The Worthy Pack Leader- shall preside at all Growls of the Pack, Growls of the Pack Staff , and at all Pack initiations. It shall be the Pack Leader's duty to require the observance of and obedience to all laws, rules and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and by laws of the Order and the Marine Corps League. The Pack Leader may appoint other officers and committees as deemed necessary. The Pack Leader shall issue the call for all Growls of the Pack as deemed necessary. The Pack Leader shall be the custodian of, along with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, all monies, property, securities and records of the Pack, perform such other duties and issue such other orders as are necessary and proper for the harmonious and efficient functioning of the Military Order of

Devil Dogs, the constituent units thereof, and the membership in the Order.

- B. The Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader- shall assist the Worthy Pack Leader, shall preside at the Growls of the Pack, Growls of The Pack Staff and all Pack initiations in the absence of the Worthy Pack Leader, or at the Pack Leader's request, and shall be responsible to the Worthy Pack Leader for the growth and expansion of the Pack and the Pounds, and shall perform such other duties for the good of the North Carolina Pack and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.
- C. The Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader- shall assist the Worthy Pack Leader and the Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, shall be responsible for all activities seeking to increase the revenues for the Pack, and for the supervision of all entertainment and amusement provided at all Growls of the Pack, and shall perform such other duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may desire.
- D. The Worthy Pack Smart Dog- shall interpret and explain the Pack By laws and all rules and regulations established by the Pack, the Pack Staff, or the Worthy Pack Leader, when requested. Such interpretation and explanation shall not be binding, unless, and until approved by the Pack in session, or by the Pack Board of trustees, in between Growls of the Pack..
- E. The Worthy Pack Dog Trainer- shall administer to the spiritual Needs of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and shall prepare And conduct suitable Memorial services at each Grand Growl of The Pack , shall supervise the welfare and relief programs of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, shall inform and assist all Pound Dog Trainers in the proper performance of their duties in Their Pounds, and shall perform such other duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.
- F. The Worthy Pack Police Dog- shall maintain order and decorum In all Growls of the Pack, shall expel from any Growl any Dog that exceeds the bounds of decency, or creating a disturbance or hindering the orderly conduct of the Growl, shall collect all fines during a Growl, shall perform such other duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.
- G. The Worthy Pack Mad Dog – The public and private initiation of candidates to the Degree of Devil Dog (and Pup when that Degree is under the supervision of the Grand Growl) shall be under the direction and supervision of the Worthy Mad Dog. Additional aides may be requested and designated by the Worthy Pack Mad Dog with the approval of the Worthy Pack Leader. Such initiation shall be in a manner that is entertaining and impressive with due regard to the well being and safety of the candidate. The initiation should not be repulsive or against the dignity or modesty of the candidate. Other duties shall be performed in line with the office as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.

- H. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber- shall be responsible to the Worthy Pack Leader and the Pack for all records and accounts of the Pack, shall keep a brief but proper record of all pertinent minutes of all Growls of the Pack, Growls of the Pack Staff and shall be the joint custodian with the Worthy Pack Leader, of all monies, property, securities and records of the Pack. They shall be kept on deposit in a reputable bank , all monies and securities of the Pack and shall make all disbursements for all accounts owing when approved by proper authority. They shall keep an accurate and current file on all members of the Order. They shall perform such duties customarily executed by recording secretaries, financial secretaries and treasurers, They shall make a full and correct accounting and report., including financial statements to each Grand Growl of the Pack and at such times as may be directed by the Worthy Pack Leader or the Board of Trustees. They shall forward an up-to-date financial report to all members of the Pack staff, all Pound keepers, all Pound Dog Robbers, annually, and they shall perform such other Duties as assigned by the Worthy Pack Leader. If for any reason, the Worthy Pack Dog Robber will not continue in the office, all records and accounts will be transferred to successor within thirty (30) days.. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall be appointed from the ranks of qualified Pedigreed Devil Dogs or Devil Dogs who are knowledgeable in the administrative affairs and duties of the MODD.
- I. The Worthy Pack Watch Dog- shall guard the portals of the Pack Den at all times, Permitting no one to enter or leave without proper authority, and shall be Responsible to the Worthy Pack Leader for the worthiness and eligibility of every Person present at any Growls of the Pack, **shall assist the Worthy Pack Police Dog In collection of fines and shall perform other such duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.**
- J. **The Worthy Pack Barking Dog- shall supervise and direct all publicity and Public relations of the North Carolina Pack, shall perform the functions commonly executed by a Public Relations Director. Shall perform and assist all Pound Barking Dogs in such a manner as to insure a uniform and effective public relations program, and shall perform such other duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.**

#### Section 312- Vacancy in Office

- A. **If any elected or appointed office (Except that of the Worthy Pack Leader) shall be declared vacant during the fiscal year, the Worthy Pack Leader, with the approval of the Pack Board of Trustees, shall appoint promptly a successor for the uncompleted term of office.**
- B. **In case the vacant office, be that of the Worth Pack Leader, the Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader will assume all the titles, rights and privileges of the office of the Worthy Pack Leader for the uncompleted term thereof. The Worthy Pack Board of Trustees shall then immediately fill the Office of the Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader.**

- C. Pack offices shall be declared vacant for any of the following reasons:**
- (1) The Pack Officers permit themselves to become in arrears in their membership dues in the Order and/or the Marine Corps League, and /or lose their status as a member in good standing in the Order and/or the Marine Corps League.**
  - (2) Any Pack Officer who is absent from two (2) consecutive Growls of the Pack and/or the Pack Staff without being excused.**
  - (3) For any other just cause or reason.**

**Section 313- Voting**

- A. Each and every member of the Pack present at a Growl of the Pack and is in good standing in the League and this Order shall have one (1) vote.**
- B. Election of candidates for membership or for the office may be by secret ballot.**
- C. All other voting on Pack business shall be by voice vote.**
- D. Ten (10) or more members present and eligible to vote may call for a secret ballot on any matter.**

**Section 314- Initiation**

**Approved candidates for the Degree of Devil Dog shall be initiated in accordance with Article III, Section 305 of the Kennel by laws.**

- A. Subject to the provisions of Section 416 (B), and section 101 (F) of the Kennel, only a properly chartered and functioning Pack shall have the authority to confer the Degree of Devil Dog.**

**Section 315 – Acts of the Pack- In all the acts, actions and activities of the Pack, it Shall abide by and conform to the Constitution, By laws and Ritual of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and the Constitution, By laws and regulations of the Marine Corps League.**

**Section 316 – Order of business**

- A. The order of business of the Grand Growl of the Pack shall be:**
  - (1) Opening ceremony**
  - (2) Roll call of Officers**
  - (3) Publishing of minutes of the previous Growl**
  - (4) Memorial services**
  - (5) Old business: Officer & committee reports**  
**Other old business**
  - (6) New business: Resolutions**  
**Other new business**  
**Nominations, Elections and installation of Officers**
  - (7) Good of the order**
  - (8) Closing ceremony**

**At the discretion of the Worthy Pack Leader, a recess of the Grand Growl of the Pack May be called during the Order of Business “Nomination, Election, and installation of Officers”, “to allow for a caucus), and/or before the order of business “Good of the Order”, (to allow for the congratulations to the new officers). Nomination, election and installation of Officers are under the direction and jurisdiction of the retiring Worthy Pack Leader and past Worthy Pack Staff.**

B. Any session of any other Growl of the Pack Staff, shall use the Following order of business:

- (1) Opening ceremony
- (2) Roll call of Officers
- (3) Recording of the minutes of the session
- (4) Conduct the business for which the session was called
- (5) Closing ceremony

The minutes of any session of the Growl of the Pack and/or Growl of the Pack Staff may Be called up for attention and action at the next Grand Growl of the Pack under the Order of Business “Reading and/or publishing of the minutes of the previous Growl (s)”

## ARTICLE IV- AWARDS

Section 400- General- The North Carolina Pack shall encourage all members of the Order to support and participate not only in their Pound and Pack activities, but also in the activities of their Detachment and their community. **This encouragement shall consist of timely recognition of exceptional accomplishments in the form of Awards, presented by the Worthy Pack Leader. In addition, individual members may be nominated for appropriate Kennel awards. Each Pound within the North Carolina Pack is encouraged to develop their own awards for recognition of their members.**

### Section 404 – Kennel awards

- A. Several awards are available from the Kennel for individual members of the North Carolina Pack, as well as awards for Pounds and the Pack itself. When Making a recommendation for one of these awards, care should be taken to ensure that the guidelines contained in Article I of the Kennel By laws are followed.
- B. Kennel Dog of the Year- The Kennel Dog of the Year is the highest award presented annually within the Military Order of the Devil Dogs. A candidate shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog. And normally only the Pound may make nominations for Kennel Dog of the Year. The Pound will make their nomination directly to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber in accordance with the guidelines established in Article IV of the Kennel By laws. One (1) nomination per Pound per year is permitted.
- C. The North Carolina Pack and its various Pounds shall insure that they familiarize Themselves with all Kennel awards that are available. They will further insure, in so far as possible, that all eligible members of the North Carolina Pack and the Respective Pounds are nominated for appropriate MODD awards.

### Section 402 – Pack Dog of the Year- PDD William R. Reichstein Award

- A. **N.C. Pack Dog of the Year Society- the N.C. Pack Dog of the Year Society shall consist of all recipients of the N. C. Pack Dog of the Year award. The Senior Past Dog of the Year present shall serve as Chair of the Society, and the incumbent Pack Dog of the Year shall serve as the Vice chair. The N.C. Pack Dog of the Year Committee shall be responsible for judging the nominations submitted for the award. The method of judging nominations received shall be left to the discretion of the Committee. The committee will certify by statement and signature of each member present that each nominee was considered. The committee will not accept any nominations that are not submitted in accordance with these: guidelines.**

- B. Qualifications and/or Eligibility- A candidate for Pack Dog of the Year shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog (PDD) or a Devil Dog (DD) and must be in good standing in The Pound, Pack and Kennel. Pounds may set their own criteria for the selection process within their Pound; however the criteria shall not be in conflict with the Packs. Therefore it is recommended the following criteria be established for the North Carolina Pack:**
- (1) Must be a PDD or DD of integrity, high principles and has contributed to The MODD by serving in and MODD office within the past twenty four (24) months (Either elected or appointed).**
  - (2) Must have attended a minimum 50% of the Pack Growls scheduled in the past twelve (12) months (to include a Grand Growl) which shall be verified by the number of stamps in their Passport.**
  - (3) Must have been involved in at least two (2) community programs or Projects within the past 24 months (non-profitable organizations).**
- C. POUNDS- Each Pound may select a Pound Dog of the Year according to these guidelines and the guidelines in Article IV of the Kennel By laws. The Pound Dog of the Year may be submitted to the Pack for consideration as the Pack Dog of the Year. If the Pound does not have a formal Pound Dog of the Year award they may still submit a nomination for the Pack Dog of the Year and also the Kennel Dog of the Year. Normally , only the Pound may make nominations for the Pack Dog of the Year. Only one nomination per Pound per year is authorized.**
- D. Letters of nomination- Each Pound’s letter of nomination shall be typewritten And signed by the Pound Keeper and the Pound Dog Robber. In the event the nominee is either the Pound Keeper or the Pound Dog Robber, the Senior Vice Pound Keeper will sign in place of that officer. The letter shall list the candidate, what they have done, what positions they have held, and explain what two (2) community programs/projects they were involved in. The letter shall be placed in an envelope marked “Candidate-Pack Dog of the Year award (current year)”. That envelope shall be placed into a second envelope, which shall be marked CHAIRPERSON, Pack Dog of the Year award (current year), c/o the Worthy Pack Dog Robber. All such letters received by the Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall be brought to the site of the Grand Growl of the Pack, UNOPENED, and delivered to the Pack Dog of the Year Award committee chairperson. The letters of nomination will remain sealed until the committee formally meets to judge the nominees sometime during the Grand Growl of the Pack.**
- E. Delivery of Nomination letters to the Pack- Each nomination letter addressed c/o the Worthy Pack Dog Robber at his current address shall be sent Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested in sufficient time to reach the Worthy Pack Dog Robber at least ten (10) days PRIOR to the start of the Grand Growl of the Pack. Alternately, Nomination letters may be hand delivered to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber NO LATER than the day BEFORE the Grand Growl of the Pack.**

- F. Marking and return of letters of nomination- **Each member of the committee** judging the nominations will sign each letter, to indicate that it had been considered. following the announcement of the winner, the letters will be returned to the respective Pound.
- G. Awards- The presentation to the Pound and Pack Dogs of the Year shall consist of the awards currently available through the Honorable Kennel Quartermaster. Pounds and Packs shall purchase their awards from the Kennel Quartermaster from their personal accounts and retained by them until the awards are to be made.
- H. Time and place of the awards- Pounds shall establish their own timetable for presenting their awards. The Pack Dog of the Year award shall be presented by the incumbent Pack Dog of the Year, or by another PAST PACK DOG of the YEAR , If the incumbent is not available, at the Grand Growl of the Pack or at the banquet of the Marine Corps League Department of North Carolina Convention. (A certificate should be given to the Pack Dog of the Year at the banquet. A plaque should be presented at the next scheduled Growl)

Section 403- Additional Awards of the North Carolina Pack- The Pack shall create suitable awards to recognize both POUNDS and Individual members of the MODD who contribute to the success and growth of the Pack.. Some examples are:

- A. Pack Leaders Meritorious Commendation (Individual) A written recommendation will be required from the Pound keeper)
- B. Pound Keepers Meritorious commendation (Individual)
- C. Attendance traveling trophy. To be awarded annually to the Pound with the best membership attendance at the Grand Growl..
- D. Recruiting Trophy or Plaque- To be awarded annually to the Pound adding the most new members for the past year.



## ARTICLE V- FISCAL AND FINANCE

**Section 501- Fiscal year and membership-** The fiscal year of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs is for the same time and identical to the fiscal year of the Marine Corps League, however the Order utilizes a membership year that begins the month after the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel. Currently this starts on 1 September and ends on the following August 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership dues are payable in accordance with the Kennel By laws.

**Section 502- Fiscal Officers and bonding-** In accordance with Article XII, Section 1202 of the Kennel By laws, all designated fiscal officers in the Pack are covered by a blanket bond maintained by the Kennel. The designated fiscal officers of the Pack are:

- A. Worthy Pack Leader
- B. Worthy Pack Dog Robber
- C. Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader
- D. Worthy Junior Past Pack Leader

### **Section 503- Revenue**

- A. the revenue of this order shall derive from the collection of membership dues, election fees, and from such other sources as may be approved by the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel, the administration of the Kennel Staff, the Grand Grawl of the Pack, the Grawl of the Pound or the Pound Staff.
- B. All monies collected for PASSPORT or VISA stamping shall be forwarded biannually, by 30 January and 30 June, to the Kennel Dog Robber.
- C. **Limitations:** The Pack shall be limited to the spending of not over seventy-five percent (75%) of all monies received during its administration and including monies received from the previous administration and that at least twenty-five (25%) percent of such gross receipts shall be turned over to the new administration each year
- D. Administrative expenses- The Worthy Pack Leader and the Worthy Dog Robber shall be reimbursed for normal administrative expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The expenses to be covered may be for such items as: telephone, postage, copying and office supplies. Payment to be made upon submission of an expense receipt, which is required for the annual audit of the Dog Robber's records.

**Section 504- Election fees and membership dues**

- A. The Pack shall fix the amount to be charged for any election fees and the annual membership dues at the annual Grand Growl of the Pack. The annual membership dues shall include the annual membership dues of the Kennel. Any approved increase in Pack membership dues shall not be effective until the beginning of the next fiscal year. (Sept 1)**
- B. Each Pound shall fix the amount to be charged for any election fees and the annual membership dues at the annual Growl of the Pound. The annual membership dues shall include the annual membership dues of the Pack, and the Kennel.**
- C. Election fees for both the Pound and the Pack shall include the cost of the required Devil Dog items: (i.e. Dog tag, dog collar, cap patch, etc), that are appropriate for the Degree sought by the candidate. These items will be available to the individual following the obligation.**

**Section 505- Forwarding membership dues-**

- A. After collecting the appropriate annual membership dues and obtaining current Marine Corps League membership numbers, the Pound Dog Robber shall promptly forward all Pack and Kennel membership dues together with pertinent Marine Corps League membership numbers on Kennel membership Dues Transmittal forms to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber (with separate checks for the Pack and for Kennel dues.) The Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall promptly forward the Kennel dues to Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.**
- B. Paid Life membership dues shall be submitted on membership Dues Transmittal Forms separate from regular renewing members in the Order. Dated entry into the Marine Corps League shall be stated thereon, as well as the Marine Corps League Paid Life membership number, issued by National Headquarters, MCL. A check(s) for the full amount of the Paid Life membership Dues for each Paid Life Member in the order will accompany each paid life member so transmitted.**

**Section 506- Limitations- Except as may be provided in these by laws, no officer or individual member of the Pack shall have the authority to financially obligate the Pack in anyway without the specific authority of the Pack Board of Trustees or at the Growl of the Pack.**

## **ARTICLE VI- GENERAL**

**Section 601- Initiations-** The North Carolina Pack and its various Pounds shall conform to the provisions of Article VI of the Kennel By Laws in the initiation of candidates and members to the various degrees of membership within the order.

**Section 602- Uniforms-** The North Carolina Pack and its various Pounds shall utilize the provisions of Article VII of the Kennel by laws in all matters covering uniforms within the order. (Pounds are requested to reproduce copies of Article VII, Section 701,702, and 703 to include in their by laws.)

**Section 603- Reports-** The North Carolina Pack and its various Pounds shall adhere to the requirements of Article VIII of the Kennel By laws in the preparation and submission of reports. (Pound and Pack Dog Robbers to comply).

**Section 604- Installing Officers-** The North Carolina Pack and its various Pounds shall utilize the provisions of Article IX of the Kennel By laws in the selection and designation of installing Officers. (Pound keepers and Pack Leaders to comply.)

**Section 605- Discipline-** The North Carolina Pack and its various Pounds shall strictly adhere to the provisions of Article X of the Kennel By laws in all matter concerning discipline within the order. (Pound keepers, Pack Leader and Smart Dogs to review).

**Section 606- Other considerations-** In all other considerations of matters not specified in these by laws, the North Carolina Pack and its various Pounds shall utilize the Kennel By laws for guidance. In the event that a conflict is found between these by laws and the Kennel By laws the Kennel By laws will take precedence until the Grand Growl of the Pack.

**Section 607- Prior enactments-** There being no existing prior by laws for the North Carolina Pack these by laws will supersede and replace all prior acts of the North Carolina Pack.

**Section 608- Effective date-** These by laws of the North Carolina Pack shall become effective immediately following the close of the Grand Growl of the Pack at which they were enacted and the approval of the Kennel Smart Dog, which ever occurs later.

**Section 609- Distribution-** A copy of these by laws of the North Carolina Pack will be distributed to all members of the North Carolina Pack Staff, to each Pound Keeper, Pound Smart Dog, Pound Dog Robber and to the Honorable Kennel Smart Dog by regular mail upon becoming effective. All future enactments of the North Carolina Pack, which revise, amend or repeal any portion of these By laws will be distributed in the same manner upon becoming effective.

**Section 610- DISSOLUTION-** In the event of the dissolution or final liquidation of the North Carolina Pack, any remaining assets shall be distributed in accordance with Kennel By laws.

## **ARTICLE VII- DEVIL DOG UNIFORMS**

**Section 701- Insignia-** the official insignia of the Military Order of the Devil Dog, Inc, shall be the head of an English Bulldog wearing a Trench Helmet

**Section 702- Devil Dog Uniforms-** The official uniform of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall be as follows:

- A. 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 ½) inches below the shoulder seam.**
- B. Shirts worn as party of the uniform shall be white. The sunburst insignias will be worn centered on the collar. MCL ribbons or USMC ribbons may be worn, but NOT a mixture of both. Shirts bearing the embroidered official insignia and lettering of the Order on the back side may also be worn.**
- C. Cap patch of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc, is to be sewn on the right hand side of the Marine Corps League cover, centered over the piping, (Gold piping on Detachment members and Department Officers cover, and the red piping on the National Officers cover); so that one half of the patch extends from either side of the piping. The eyes of the Bull Dog on the patch should be level to 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. No pins, stars, medals or any other devices shall be worn on the official MCL Cover. Gold caps may be worn by Kennel officers, but they must revert back to the cap they are authorized to wear, after completing their term of office, in the Kennel. Only Past Chief Devil Dogs may wear the Gold cover after their term and the dates of tenure must be sewn on the cover. (See illustration at the end of the Ritual). Past Worthy Pack Leaders may wear their Department covers after their term in office, with the dates of their term sewn on.**
- D. The individuals name and Pound number may appear above the left pocket of the white shirt and the Officers title may appear above the right pocket with the length of the letters not to exceed three Quarters of an inch (3/4) . Letters must be all one color, gold, red or black.**
- E. Dress blues trousers w/NCO red stripe or black trousers may be worn with the Devil Dog white shirt uniform.**

**Section 703- Identification disc and Dog Collar.**

- A. The official identification disc of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc, shall be a metal a metal one, which can either be gold or silver plated. The disc shall be one and one=fourth (1- 1/4) inches in diameter, on the face of which is the official insignia surrounded by the lettering of the official title of the Order and below the insignia, the words “Pound No”, allowing space for its members Pound Number. On top of the reverse side shall appear the words “Presented to”, below Which shall be spaces for the members name and State, and at the bottom, the words “License No”, which space is for the members license number. The disc is to be perforated and suspended by a chain from a ribbon. Ribbon \to be approximately 36” in length, to permit the disc to be worn about the neck, in colors herein described:**
- (1) All active Pedigreed Devil Dogs are to wear a gold ribbon**
  - (2) All active Devil Dogs shall wear a red ribbon.**
  - (3) All active Pups shall wear a black ribbon.**
  - (4) Gold discs will be worn by all past Kennel Officers and bear the name of the highest office and the fiscal year of tenure.**
  - (5) The regular identification discs having a silver or nickel plating, shall be worn by all other members of the Order and shall be inscribed as delineated in the primary paragraph of this Section.**
- B. A maximum of two (2) emblems, plus one official Dog Tag disc 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, and the bull dog emblem. Except as specifically authorized elsewhere In these by laws, NO OTHER device or emblems may be worn on the dog collar, All other emblems shall be subject to a fine for each of the UNAUTHORIZED emblems.**

## ARTICLE VIII – AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

### Section 801- By laws, Method of amending

- A. The North Carolina Pack By laws may be amended only in the Grand Growl of the Pack. Individual Devil Dogs and Pounds who are members of the North Carolina Pack, may submit proposals to modify, repeal, or amend the North Carolina Pack By laws. To do so they must submit their proposals in typewritten or legible form to the Worthy Pack Smart Dog no later than ninety (90) days prior to the opening date of the Grand Growl of the Pack. All proposals must contain the identity of the maker or submitter and must reference the Articles, Sections and paragraphs to be revised, repealed, or amended, otherwise they will not be considered. The Worthy Pack Smart Dog will propagate the Proposals without comment by distributing copies of all proposals by mail to each Pound keeper, each Pound Smart Dog, each Pound Dog Robber, and each member of the North Carolina Pack Staff no later than 1 May (date of postmark) prior to the opening date of the Grand Growl of the Pack at which time such proposed revision, repeal, or amendment is to be considered.
- B. Copies of said amendments shall be available upon written request from the Worthy Pack Dog Robber by mail up to two (2) weeks prior to the Grand Growl of the Pack or by request, in person from the Worthy Pack Dog Robber at the site of the North Carolina Department Convention prior to the Grand Growl of the Pack.
- C. Upon the written request to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber any Kennel Stray who is functioning as a member of the North Carolina Pack, in accordance with Article III, Section 301 of these by laws, will be provided a copy of said proposed amendments as outlined in Paragraph B.

Section 802- Suspension or waiver of By laws- No article or section and no part of any article or section of these by laws may be suspended or waived by any Growl of the Pack Unless two thirds (2/3) of those present at the Grand Growl of the Pack vote for a suspension or a waiver.