

**Military Order of  
Devil Dogs**

**Pennsylvania Pack**

**Bylaws**

Revised June 2011

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As Marines, as members of both the League and the Order, as veterans of all wars of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, as well as service in peacetime; we subscribe to the Devil Dog's Creed.

### **DEVIL DOG'S CREED**

By DD George E. Williams, August 1989

*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.*

**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the foregoing is the new and correct Edition of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Pennsylvania Pack, Military Order of Devil Dogs, Inc., as adopted at the Grand Growl of the Order, convened at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania the Twenty Third day of June, Two Thousand and Eleven. (23 June 2011)



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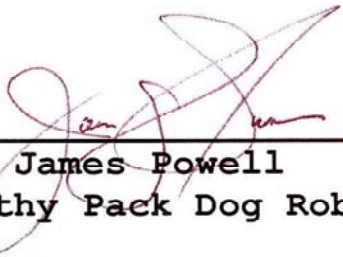
**PDD Tom Tanner**  
**Worthy Pack Leader**



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**PDD William Greene**  
**Worthy Pack Smart Dog**

**ATTEST:**



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**PDD James Powell**  
**Worthy Pack Dog Robber**

**BYLAW COMMITTEE**

PDD William Greene  
PDD Leanna Dietrich, PPL  
PDD James Powell  
PDD Anthony Evangelista

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**ARTICLE I -- MEMBERSHIP**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article I. Please refer to Section 101 through Section 103, Section 105 through Section 107 and Section 109 through Section 110 of the Kennel Bylaws for specifics.

**Section 104 - Election Fees and Membership Dues**

- A. Kennel Bylaw Article I, Section 104-A applies.
- B. The Pennsylvania Pack annual membership dues shall be \$2.50 per year. Dues submitted by the Pounds to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Pack shall also include the Kennel membership dues.
- C. Kennel Bylaw Article I, Section 104-C applies.
- D. Kennel Bylaw Article I, Section 104-D applies.

**Section 108 - Re-Instatement**

- A. Any member of the Order who has been dropped from the membership rolls of the Order for the non-payment of dues may reinstate their membership at the degree held at the time they were dropped from the rolls by complying with the following:
  - 1. Kennel Bylaw Article I, Section 108-A-1 applies.
  - 2. Kennel Bylaw Article I, Section 108-A-2 applies.
  - 3. Pay a Pennsylvania Pack Reinstatement Fee of \$1.00 for each year they have been dropped from the rolls, with a minimum Reinstatement Fee of \$1.00 and a maximum Reinstatement Fee of \$3.00. The Pack Reinstatement Fee shall be paid to the Pack for the general uses and purposes of the Pack.
  - 4. Kennel Bylaw Article I, Section 108-A-4 applies.
- B. Kennel Bylaw Article I, Section 108-B applies.
- C. Kennel Bylaw Article I, Section 108-C applies.

**ARTICLE II - POUNDS**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article II. Please refer to Section 201 through Section 219 of the Kennel Bylaws for specifics.

**ARTICLE III - THE PACK**

Pennsylvania Pack follows the Kennel Bylaws for Article III, Section 301, and Section 303 through Section 305, Section 307 through Section 308, Section 310 through Section 314 and Section 315 through Section 318. Please refer to those Sections of the Kennel Bylaws for specific rules.

### **Section 302 - Formation, Charter, Instituting**

The Pennsylvania Pack was organized June 25, 1948 at the Third Annual Convention of the Department of Pennsylvania held in Harrisburg, PA.

The Pack Charter was granted April 9, 1950.

### **Section 306 - Quorum**

- A. The minimum number required to transact the regular and legal business of a Pennsylvania Pack Growl shall be ten (10) members present, half of which must consist of the Pennsylvania Pack Staff.
- B. The Quorum rule of the Pennsylvania Pack must be a part of the official minutes of the Pennsylvania Pack Growl and of its approved Bylaws

### **CH 06-11 Section 309 - Pack Officers - Elected & Appointed Staff**

- A. The elected officers of the Pennsylvania 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, Worthy Pack Mad Dog, and Worthy Dog Robber.
- B. The appointed officers shall be the Worthy Pack Watch Dog, Worthy Pack Barking Dog and Worthy Web Dog.
- C. The Pack Staff shall consist of all elective and appointed officers, together with all Past Worthy Pack Leaders.
- D. The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Elected Officers and Junior Past Worthy Pack Leader.

### **CH 06-11 Section 312 - Past Pack Officers**

- A. Past Pack Officers shall be one who, having been elected or appointed and installed, has served to the end of their full normal term of office or their term office has been terminated by death.
- B. Life membership shall be granted to all out going Pennsylvania Pack Leaders, if not already Life members.
- C. The Pack Board of Trustees may, with to concurrence of the majority of the Past Pack Leaders, appoint a Pedigreed Devil Dog, an Honorary Pack Leader, in recognition of that Pedigreed Devil Dog's extraordinary service to the Order. Any Pedigreed Devil Dog so honored shall be granted a life membership by the Pack, including the waiver of Kennel, Pack and Pound membership dues and registration fees at any Pack Growl. Posthumous awards will not be authorized.

### **Section 315 - Initiation**

- A. Approved Candidates for the Degree of Devil Dog and Pup may be initiated and obligated, under the supervision of the Worthy Pack Mad Dog, at the Pennsylvania Pack Grand Growl.

- B. Applications for initiation shall be submitted via the Pound Dog Robber to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber with proper advancement and registration fees, in a timely manner set by the Worthy Pack Dog Robber.
- C. All applicants for Initiation at the Grand Growl, must register first with the Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League, Inc., and then immediately proceed to the Pack Dog House and register for the Grand Growl and Initiation. This registration must be completed by 1000 (10AM) on the day of the Grand Growl and Initiation. Anyone not registering by 1000 on the day of the Grand Growl and Initiation will not be initiated without the express approval of the Worthy Pack Leader, the Worthy Pack Dog Robber and Worthy Pack Mad Dog.

**CH 06-11 Section 316 - Growl of the Pack**

- E. The waiver of Pack registration fees at any Pack Growl shall be granted to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, all Past Chief Devil Dogs, all Past Kennel Dog Robbers, the Worthy Pennsylvania Pack Leader, all Past Pennsylvania Pack Leaders and the Worthy Pennsylvania Pack Dog Robber.

**Section 319 - Committees**

The Worthy Pack Leader shall appoint such standing or special committees as deemed necessary and proper for the conduct of the business of the Pack.

**Section 320 - Pack Awards**

- A. Pennsylvania Pack shall support the National Scholarship Fund of the Marine Corps League, Inc.
- B. Pennsylvania Pack shall support the Department of Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund.
- C. The Pack shall support the Presentation of the Annual Pack Dog of Year Award.
  - 1. GUIDELINES for the Pack Dog of the Year Award
    - a. QUALIFICATIONS AND/OR ELIGIBILITY;  
proposed candidate shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog and must be in good standing in the Pound, Pack and Kennel. A proposed candidate shall be a Pedigreed Devil Dog of integrity, principles and who has contributed to the Order. Each Pound may submit one (1) nomination per year.
    - b. LETTERS of NOMINATIONS;  
Each Pound's nomination shall be typewritten, signed by the Pound Keeper and the Pound Dog Robber and placed in an envelope marked, "Candidate - Pack Dog of the Year Award (current year). That envelope shall then be placed into a second envelope which shall be marked, "Chairman, Pack Dog of the Year Committee (current year), c/o the Worthy Pack Dog Robber." All such letters received by the Worthy Pack Dog



Robber, according to subparagraph (c), shall be brought to the Grand Growl, unopened and delivered to the Pack Dog of the Year Award Committee Chairman.

- c. DELIVERY OF NOMINATION LETTER TO THE PACK;  
Each nomination letter addressed to "Chairman, Pack Dog of the Year Committee (current year) c/o Worthy Pack Dog Robber at his/her current mailing address shall be sent CERTIFIED MAIL, Returned Receipt Requested in sufficient time to reach the Worthy Pack Dog Robber two (2) weeks prior to the Grand Growl. Nomination letters, prepared in accordance with subparagraph (c), may be hand delivered to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, in the Pack Dog House before the close of business on the day of the Grand Growl.
  - d. EXCEPTIONS:  
In the event that a Pound fails to submit a nomination but the Pound has a qualified nominee, any three (3) Pedigreed Devil Dogs (themselves in good standing according to subparagraph (1) of that Pound, may submit a nomination within the dictates of subparagraph (b) and (c).
2. PACK DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD SELECTION;  
The Selection Committee shall be comprised of all Past Pack Dogs of the Year in attendance at the Grand Growl. The Senior Past Pack Dog of the Year shall serve as Chairman of the Committee. The method of judging nominations received shall be left to the discretion of the Committee.
  3. AWARD;  
The presentation to the selectee shall consist of the awards currently available through the Kennel Quartermaster. Pennsylvania Pack shall purchase this award from that officer.
  4. TIME AND PLACE OF AWARD;  
The Pack Dog of the Year Award shall be presented by the current recipient (or by a Past Pack Dog of the Year of the Pedigreed Devil Dog's choosing) at the Grand Banquet of the Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League.

#### **ARTICLE IV - THE KENNEL**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article IV. Please refer to Section 401 through Section 421 of the Kennel Bylaws for all Kennel rules.

#### **ARTICLE V - FISCAL AND FINANCE**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article V. Please refer to Section 501 through 502C, Section 503 through Section 503H and Section 504 through Section 507 of the Kennel Bylaws for all Kennel rules.

**CH 06-11 Section 502 - Revenue**

- D. EXPENSES OF THE PACK OFFICERS:  
Expenses of the Worthy Pennsylvania Pack Leader and Worthy Pennsylvania Pack Dog Robber, whose attendance at the Grand Growl of the Pack is mandatory, shall be limited to One (1) night's lodging.
- E. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:  
The Worthy Pack Leader and the Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall be reimbursed for normal administrative expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties. The expenses to be covered will be for postage, copying and supplies. The Worthy Pack Barking Dog shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the publishing and mailing of the house organ, "Paw Prints". Payment will be made upon submission of an expense voucher to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, subject to approval of the Pack Board of Trustees.

**CH 06-11 Section 503 - Dues, Amount and Payment**

- I. Any increase in membership dues of the Pennsylvania Pack shall be effective the next Kennel fiscal year.
- J. Membership dues are payable in advance and only for the current fiscal year and shall not be pro-rated except for any new applicant for the degree of Pup in the Order being initiated after 1 March through 31 August annually. They will be assessed one-half (1/2) the annual Pennsylvania Pack Dues.

**Section 508 - Pack Board of Auditors**

- A. The Pennsylvania Pack Board of Auditors shall be composed of three (3) Past Pennsylvania Pack Leaders. The senior member shall be the chair.
- B. It shall be the duty of the Pennsylvania Pack Board of Auditors to audit all books and records of the Pack and to make an inventory of all Pack property. These books, records and property shall include those books, records and property of the Worthy Pack Dog Robber and Pack Quartermaster. Upon completion, the Pack Board of Auditors shall render a report to the Grand Growl of the Pack.

**ARTICLE VI - INITIATION**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article VI. Please refer to Section 601 through Section 606 of the Kennel Bylaws for all Kennel rules.

**ARTICLE VII - UNIFORM**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article VII. Please refer to Section 701 through Section 705 of the Kennel Bylaws for all Kennel rules.

**ARTICLE VIII - REPORTS.**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article VIII. Please refer to Section 801 through Section 803 of the Kennel Bylaws for all Kennel rules.

**ARTICLE IX - INSTALLING OFFICERS**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article IX. Please refer to Section 901 through Section 903 of the Kennel Bylaws for all Kennel rules.

**ARTICLE X - DISCIPLINE**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article X. Please refer to Section 1001 through Section 1005 of the Kennel Bylaws for all Kennel rules.

**ARTICLE XI - POLICY**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article XI. Please refer to Section 1101 through Section 1109 of the Kennel Bylaws for all Kennel rules.

**ARTICLE XII - GENERAL**

Pennsylvania Pack follows all of the Kennel Bylaws for Article XII. Please refer to Section 1201 through Section 1213 of the Kennel Bylaws for all Kennel rules.

**ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

Pennsylvania Pack follows the Kennel Bylaws for Article XIII, Section 1302. Please refer to that Section of the Kennel Bylaws for specific rules.

**Section 1301 - Method of Amending**

- A. Devil Dogs and Pounds seeking to revise, repeal or amend these Bylaws shall submit their proposals in typewritten or legible form to the Worthy Pack Smart Dog no later than 1 March prior to the opening date of the Grand Growl of the Pack at which their proposals are to be considered. All proposals must contain the identity of the maker or submitter, otherwise they will not be considered. The Worthy Pack Smart Dog will propagate without comment by having the Worthy Pack Web Dog publish all proposals on the Pack Website and by mailing all proposals to the Worthy Pack Leader, to each Pound Keeper and Pound Dog Robber no later than 1 April prior to the opening date of the Grand Growl of the Pack, at which such proposed revision, repeal or

amendment is to be considered. The said notice shall reference the ARTICLE, SECTION and PARAGRAPH(S) to be revised, repealed or amended.

- B. The provisions of sub-paragraph "A" above, will be construed to have been met, provided that the Worthy Pack Smart Dog makes every reasonable effort to notify each Pound of the proposed Bylaw amendments to be considered at the ensuing Grand Growl of the Pack. Copies of said amendments shall be available upon written request from the Worthy Pack Smart Dog by mail up to two (2) weeks prior to the Grand Growl of the Pack or, by request, in person from the Worthy Pack Smart Dog or Pack Staff in the Pack Dog House prior to the Grand Growl of the Pack.
- C. The proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be revised, repealed or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the properly registered Devil Dogs at the Grand Growl.
- CH 06-11 D. The Worthy Pack Smart Dog shall have the authority and, with the advice and consent of the Pennsylvania Pack Board of Trustees, correct errors in these Pennsylvania Pack Bylaws that are deemed clerical in nature. The clerical error must be clearly evident to the Board of Trustees and the correction must not make any material change in the intent, form or function of the Bylaw in question.

### **Section 1303 - Bylaws Distribution**

Each Pound Smart Dog shall be supplied, without charge, one (1) copy of the Pennsylvania Pack Bylaws each time they are printed and one (1) copy of any published change made thereto. A printable copy will be made available to all Dogs of the Pack on the Pennsylvania Pack Website. These copies are to be made available to any member in good standing for examination.

Any Pound or member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs may purchase copies of these Bylaws for a nominal fee, from the Pennsylvania Pack Quartermaster.

Certification:

I, Dennis J. Dressler, Kennel Smart Dog do hereby certify that I have reviewed the forgoing bylaw for Pennsylvania Pack, MODD and find they to be in accord with the Kennel Bylaws in effect as of 2 January 2012.

*/s/ Dennis J. Dressler*

Dennis J. Dressler, PDD  
KSD  
2 January 2012

**END OF THE BYLAWS**

**ENCLOSURE 1 - PACK AWARDS**

Please see Kennel Enclosure 1 for all Awards, Medals and Ribbons listed in order of precedence. See Article III, Section 320 for award guidelines for Pennsylvania Pack.