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ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this organization shall be California Pack, Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

The purpose of this Pack shall be to:

A. Observe, obey and support the Constitution, Bylaws, and all Rules and Regulations of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

B. Preserve and strengthen the principles and ideals of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

C. Aid and assist in the accomplishment of all programs and objectives of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

D. As the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League, Inc., promoting sociability, comradeship and good-fellowship, to provide amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the Marine Corps League, Inc. when and where proper and advisable.

E. Maintain true allegiance to the United States of America and its Constitution and laws; to foster and extend American institutions of Freedom; and to defend America against all enemies.

F. Shall be the official representative of the Kennel within the limits of the Pack’s jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III
AUTHORITY

SECTION 3-1. AUTHORITY OF THE PACK. The Pack shall have full power and authority and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a constituent unit of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

A. The Pack shall have jurisdiction over all Pounds chartered within the State of its jurisdiction and of the membership thereof.

B. The 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 by Exception to the Degree of Pup) which election fee shall be used to apply toward the expense of initiation.

C. The Pack shall have the sole right to determine the amount of Pack membership dues to be assessed each member annually.

D. The Pack shall have the right, power and authority to initiate and obligate qualified candidates for the Degree of Devil Dog (and by exception to the Degree of Pup) in this Order.
E. The Pack of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall correspond in character and function in this Order as does the Department in the organization of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERS

SECTION 4-1. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND DEGREES OF MEMBERSHIP.

A. Eligibility. Any member of the Order to be eligible for membership in the California Pack shall be:

1. A member in good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the Order.

2. Must hold the Degree of Pup, Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog.

B. Degrees of Membership. The Degrees of Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., and the time and place the Degrees will be conferred are established as follows:

1. By limitation set forth in the Kennel Bylaws Article I, Section 101, the Degree of Pup may be granted to all qualified candidates at any Growl of the Pack.

2. The Degree of Devil Dog to be granted to all qualified candidates at any Growl of the Pack by limitation set forth in the Kennel Bylaws Article I, Section 101. (Refer to Kennel Bylaws, Article 1, Section 101 B 4b for exceptions)

3. The Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog to be granted to all qualified candidates ONLY at the Supreme Growl of the Order. (Refer to Kennel Bylaws, Article I, Section 101 B 4 for Exceptions.)

C. Honorary Membership. The Kennel, upon written request from the Pounds and Packs, may confer the title of Honorary Pedigreed Devil Dog upon Medal of Honor recipients as appropriate.

SECTION 4-2. APPLICATION AND INITIATION. A candidate for election and initiation to the Degree of Pup, Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog in this Order at a Pack Growl shall comply with all the conditions and requirements of the applicable provisions of the Kennel Bylaws Article, I Sections 101, 102, and 103.

A. Pounds shall certify to the Pack Dog Robber the names of all qualified candidates who are eligible for initiation and obligation to the higher degree no less than thirty days prior to a Pack Growl.

SECTION 4-3. REJECTION. Should the application of any candidate be rejected, the election fees if any 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 Dog Robber and the name of the rejected candidate cannot again be presented for consideration for such a period as may be applicable under the Kennel Bylaws, Article I, Section 103 B and C.
SECTION 4-4. DUES AND INITIATION FEES. The Membership Year will begin the month after the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. Currently, this starts at 1 September and ends on the following 31 August. Membership dues are payable in advance and only for the current Membership Year. Dues shall not be pro-rated, except that any new applicant for Pup in the Order being initiated after 1 March will be assessed one-half the annual Kennel dues at the Kennel Headquarters.

A. The amount of Pack membership dues shall be $4.00.

B. Pack Membership dues amount shall be changed only at the annual Grand Growl of the Pack.

SECTION 4-5. LIFE MEMBERSHIP. The eligibility for Life Membership requires the member to be a Pedigreed Devil Dog and a Life Member in the in the Marine Corps League, Inc. and have maintained at least five years’ continuous membership in the Marine Corps League Inc.

A. The required procedures and the amount of the Paid Life Memberships are found in Article I, Sections 105 and 1209 of the Kennel Bylaws.

SECTION 4-6. EXCEPTIONS TO ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES.

A. Members who are veterans of World II, Korean service between June 1950 to 27 July, and any service prior to 27 June 1950 who qualify for advancement to the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog are not required to attend the Supreme Growl of the Kennel to be elevated. (Kennel Bylaws, Section 101B 4 a)

B. Any such other candidate who is in failing health, and to whom the trip to the Grand Growl of the Pack or the Supreme Growl of the Kennel would cause undue hardship and/or physical endangerment shall, by written request of the Pound with the approval endorsement of the Pack, and with the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, be permitted elevation to the next higher Degree at a Growl of the Pack, or at a Special Growl of the Pack. (Kennel Bylaws Article I, Section 101B 4 b).

C. Normally, a Candidate is selected and Initiated to the Degree of Pup only at a Growl of the Pound and a Pup is Initiated and Obligated to the Degree of Devil Dog only at a Growl of the Pack. However, certain exceptions must be considered. (Kennel Bylaws, Article I, Section 101 F4, F5)

SECTION 4-7. ELECTION, NOTIFICATION, OBLIGATIONS AND REJECTION OF CANDIDATES. The Pack Dog Robber shall insure compliance with the provisions of Article I, Section 103 of the Kennel Bylaws.

SECTION 4-8. TRANSFER IF MEMBERS. The procedures for the transfer of members is stated in The Dog Robber’s Manual, under Transfer of Members, page 8.

ARTICLE V
GOOD STANDING

SECTION 5-1. GOOD STANDING. All members of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., shall keep their membership dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the Order, paid for the current fiscal year and shall also otherwise maintain their membership in both organizations in good standing (current).
A. Any member of the Order not in good standing who has been dropped from the membership rolls of the Order for ANY CAUSE shall not be eligible to wear any emblems, insignia, sign or uniform of the Order until and unless they become a member of the Order in good standing.

SECTION 5-2. DELINQUENCY.

A. Any member of the Order who does not have their Membership dues in the Order paid for the current Membership Year, as stipulated in the Kennel Bylaws, ARTICLE V, Section 503, shall be determined to be delinquent.

B. Should the delinquency extend beyond the last day of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel, they shall be dropped from the rolls for non-payment of membership dues.

SECTION 5-3. RE-INSTATEMENT.

A. Any member 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 Kennel Bylaws Article I, Section 108.

1. Member must serve at least one year as a contributing member in good standing before being recommended for elevation to the next higher Degree.

SECTION 5-4. REMOVING INELIGIBLES.

A. Any member of the Order may be required to prove eligibility at any time. Should it be determined after careful investigation that the member has obtained membership in the Order in violation of any part of Section 101 or 106 of Article I, of the Kennel Bylaws 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 Dog Robber of his superior or junior jurisdiction.

B. No person whose name has been removed from the rolls of the Order under the provisions of this Section shall be again eligible for consideration for membership in this Order.

SECTION 5-5. RIGHT OF APPEAL. 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.

A. 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
B. 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 of the Kennel.

ARTICLE VI
PACK OFFICERS

SECTION 6-1. PACK OFFICERS – ELECTED AND APPOINTED.


B. APPOINTED - The Appointive 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 Pack Leader, in his discretion, may choose to appoint.

C. STAFF - The Pack Staff shall consist of all elected officers, together with the Pack Dog Robber, Pack Watch Dog and the Pack Barking Dog, and all Past Pack Leaders.

SECTION 6-2. ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE.

A. All members of the several Pounds and Strays comprising the membership of the Pack and holding the Degree of Devil Dog, or Pedigreed Devil Dog shall be eligible for election to any office of the Pack, subject however, to the following limitations and restrictions:

1. The Worthy Pack Leader must have the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog. If the Pack does not have any qualified Pedigreed Devil Dogs who are able and willing to serve as Pack Leader, then a Devil Dog who has at least two years’ service in the Degree of Devil Dog may be elected as an Interim Pack Leader.

2. An Interim Pack Leader may serve one year, and may not be reelected unless having advanced to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog. At the time an Interim Pack Leader with the Degree of Devil Dog attains the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog, the wording “Interim” shall not apply for the remainder of their term.

3. If a Pedigreed Devil Dog is still not available to serve as Pack Leader after the term of the Interim Pack Leader is complete, that Division Vice Chief Devil Dog will, at the direction of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, appoint a Pedigreed Devil Dog or a Devil Dog from the Pack Staff to serve as Acting Pack Leader until the Pack has obtained a Pedigreed Devil Dog available to fill the Office.

B. To be eligible for an appointive office, a Devil Dog must have at least six (6) months service in that Degree and to be eligible for elective office, other than Worthy Pack Leader, a Devil Dog must have at least one (1) full year of service in that Degree. This restriction may be waived only at the institution of the Pack.
C. All officers must be currently paid up in membership dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the Order.

D. Any officer permitting their membership dues and good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the ORDER, to lapse, shall forthwith surrender their office, and the office be declared vacant.

E. Any nominee for any elective office must be present at the time their name is placed in nomination and shall accept the office, except for valid reasons.

SECTION 6-3. TERM OF OFFICE. All Pack Officers may succeed themselves in office for so many additional terms of office as they may be elected or appointed.

SECTION 6-4. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION.

A. At the annual Grand Growl of the Pack, the officers of the Pack shall be nominated, elected and installed.

B. All nominations for elective office shall be from the floor.

C. The elective officers shall be chosen by a ballot vote.

D. The ballot may be cast for the full slate of officers or may be cast for each office in sequence.

E. Should the Pack fail to nominate for any office, after the election of officers, the Worthy Pack Leader elect shall appoint an eligible member of the Pack to the office for which no nomination had been made.

F. The Worthy Pack Police Dog will permit no person to enter or leave the Growl while the Pack Officers are being nominated and elected.

G. Any nominee for any elective office must be present at the time their name is placed in nomination and shall accept the office, except for valid reasons.

SECTION 6-5. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. The installation of officers shall be conducted at the Annual Growl of the Pack.

A. The Officer installing the new Pack officers must be a Pedigreed Devil Dog. This Pedigreed Devil Dog shall be a Past Pack Officer or an incumbent or Past Kennel Elected Officer. Chg. Kennel Bylaws

B. Immediately following the installation, the Installing officer shall make a full report to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, via the Vice Chief Devil Dog of the Division, including the date and place, names and addresses and titles of all Officers installed and the current condition of the Pack.

C. The Worthy Pack Leader shall make all appointments following the election so as to permit the installation of the appointive officers with the elective officers. The appointive officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Pack Leader.
SECTION 6-6. PACK OFFICERS DUTIES. The authority and duties of all Pack officers shall be comparable to those of corresponding Kennel officers within the scope of their jurisdiction and shall include the tenure of office therein specified.

A. The Worthy Pack Leader shall preside at all Growls of the Pack, 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 Bylaws of the Order and of the Marine Corps League, Inc.

1. After an election, the Worthy Pack Leader elect shall appoint a Worthy Pack Dog Robber, Worthy Pack Watch Dog, and a Worthy Pack Barking Dog, in such time as will permit their installation into office with the elective officers, and these officers shall serve at the convenience and pleasure of the Pack Leader.

2. The Worthy Pack Leader may appoint other officers and committees as deemed necessary, if not otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.

3. The Worthy Pack Leader shall issue the call for all Growls of the Pack Staff as deemed necessary.

4. The Worthy Pack Leader shall be the custodian of, with the Pack Dog Robber, all monies, property, securities and records of the Pack and shall countersign all orders for the disbursement of monies when approved by proper authority.

5. Perform such other duties and issue such other orders as are necessary and proper for the harmonious and efficient functioning of the Pack, and of the membership of the Order.

B. The Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader shall assist the Pack Leader, shall preside at the Growls of the Pack, and Pack Staff in the absence of the Pack Leader or at the Pack Leader’s request, and shall be responsible to the Pack for the growth and expansion of the Pack, and shall perform such other duties for the good of the Pack and Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Inc., as the Pack Leader may direct.

C. The Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader shall assist the Pack Leader and the Senior Vice Pack Leader, shall be responsible for all activities seeking to increase the revenue of the Pack, and for the supervision of all entertainment and amusement provided at all Growls of the Pack.

D. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber:

1. Shall serve as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation.

2. Shall be responsible to the Pack Leader and the Pack for all records and accounts of the Pack.

3. Shall keep a brief but proper record of all pertinent minutes of all Pack Growls and Pack Staff Growls.
4. Shall be the custodian with the Pack Leader, of all monies, property, securities and records of the Pack. They shall keep on deposit in a reputable bank, all monies and securities of the Pack.

5. Shall make all disbursements for all accounts owing when approved by proper authority, by check which shall be countersigned by the Pack Leader.

6. Shall receive from the Pounds and remit to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber the dues of the Pack membership.

7. Shall process all MODD documents to Kennel as required by the Dog Robber Manual.

8. Shall perform such duties customarily executed by recording secretaries, and treasurers.

9. Shall make a full and correct accounting and report, including financial statements, to each Annual Growl of the Pack and at such other times as may be directed by the Pack Leader or the Pack Staff.

10. Shall file with the State Franchise Tax Board Form 199N annually following the end of the tax year, but not later than the 15th day of the 5th month following.

11. Shall file with the IRS Form 990N annually following the end of the tax year, but not later than the 15th day of the 5th month following.

12. Shall file with the Attorney General’s Registry of Charitable Trusts Form RRF-1 annually following the end of the tax year, but not later than the 15th day of the 5th month following.

13. Shall file with the Secretary of State Form SI-100 (Statement of Information) biannually beginning the year of incorporation. And upon changing Pack Leader and/or Pack Robber.

14. Shall forward an up-to-date financial report to all members of the Pack Staff, semi-annually.

15. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Pack Leader, or by other competent authority.

16. The Pack Dog Robber shall not disburse any funds after the close of the Annual Growl the Pack except those approved by the Annual Growl or authorized by Article X, Section 10-3.

17. Shall surrender the possession of all Pack files and documents to his successor.

E. The Worthy Pack Smart Dog shall interpret and explain the Constitution and Bylaws of the Kennel, the Bylaws of the Pack and any and all rules and regulations established by the Kennel. Such interpretation and explanation shall not be binding, shall not have the effect of law and shall be considered only as advisory opinion.

1. The Pack Smart Dog will update the Pack’s copies of the Kennel and Pack Bylaws immediately following the Supreme and Grand Growls if any amendments to the Kennel or Pack Bylaws were approved, and forward the changes to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.

2. Shall surrender all Pack files and documents in his possession to his successor.
F. The Worthy Pack Dog Trainer shall administer to the spiritual needs of the Pack and shall prepare and conduct suitable Memorial Services at each Annual Growl of the Pack.

1. Shall supervise the welfare and relief programs of the Pack.

2. Shall perform such other duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.

3. Shall surrender all Pack files and documents in his possession to his successor.

G. The Worthy Pack Police Dog shall maintain order and decorum in all Growls of the Pack and Pack Staff as directed by the Worthy Pack Leader.

1. Shall, when directed by the Worthy Pack Leader, expel from a Growl any Dog exceeding the bounds of decency, creating a disturbance, or hindering the orderly conduct of the Growl.

2. Shall perform such other duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.

H. The Worthy Pack Mad Dog shall direct and supervise the public and private initiation of candidates. 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 shall not be repulsive or against the dignity and modesty of the candidate. All other duties shall be performed in line with the office as the Pack Leader may direct.

1. The Worthy Pack Watch Dog shall guard the portals of the Pack Growl at all times, permitting no one to enter or leave without proper authority, and shall be responsible to the Pack Leader and the Pack for the worthiness and eligibility of every person present at any Pack or Pack Staff Growl and shall perform such other duties as the Pack Leader may direct.

J. The Worthy Pack Barking Dog shall supervise and direct all publicity and public relations of the Pack, under the direction of the Pack Leader.

1. Shall perform the functions commonly executed by Public Relations and Publicity Directors.

2. Shall perform such other duties as the Pound Keeper may direct.

SECTION 6-7. PACK STAFF. The Pack Staff shall consist of the Pack Board of Trustees, together with the Pack Dog Robber, the Pack Watch Dog, and the Pack Barking Dog. In the appointment of these officers who will be members of the Pack Staff, the Pack Leader and the Pack Board of Trustees will consider the specific requirements for each position, and select Members who possess the appropriate skills for each position. All Past Pack Leaders will be ex-Officio members of the Pack Staff. The Pack Leader may also designate certain officers, such as legal counsels, as ex-Officio members of the Pack Staff.

SECTION 6-8. PAST PACK OFFICER. A Past Pack Officer is one who, having been elected or appointed and installed, has served to the end of their full normal term or whose term of office is terminated by death.
SECTION 6-9. VACANCY IN OFFICE.

A. In the case that any elective or appointive office (except that of Worthy Pack Leader) shall be declared vacant during the fiscal year, the Worthy Pack Leader, with the approval of the Worthy Pack Staff, shall appoint promptly, a successor for the uncompleted term of office.

B. In case the vacant office be that of Worthy Pack Leader, the Senior Vice Pack Leader shall assume all of the title, rights and privileges of the office of the Worthy Pack Leader for the uncompleted term thereof. The Worthy Pack Staff shall immediately fill the office of 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 Marine Corps League, Inc., and/or this Order; or lose their status as a member in good standing in the League, and/or in this Order.

2. For any other just cause or reason.

ARTICLE VII
PACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SECTION 7-1. COMPOSITION. The Pack Board of Trustees shall consist of the Elected Pack Officers and the Junior Past Pack Leader. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber will be an ex-Officio member of the Pack Board of Trustees, without a vote.

A. The Pack Board of Trustees shall meet at the call of the Worthy Pack Leader.

B. A majority of Board members shall constitute a quorum for meetings.

ARTICLE VIII
GROWLS OF THE PACK

SECTION 8-1, SACRED ARTICLES. The Sacred Articles must be present in order to conduct any Growl of the Pack.

A. The Holy Bible, the Charter or certified copy and the Bone shall be considered "sacred.". They shall not be taken from their customary place for ransom or for any other reason without the express permission or at the direction of the presiding officer. They shall also not be attached to anything or anyone by any means what so ever.

SECTION 8-2, GRAND GROWL. The Pack shall hold one annual Growl during to be known as the Grand Growl of the Pack. At this time the Pack shall transact all pertinent business, nominate, elect, and install officers for the ensuing year, obligate and initiate approved candidates to the Degree of Devil Dog and shall participate in such other proper activities as may be desirable. Candidates for the Degree of Pup, and in special cases for the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog, may also be initiated and obligated, but only within the provisions and restrictions cited in Article 1, Section 101 of the Kennel Bylaws. The Grand Growl of the Pack will normally be held in concert with and at the time and place of the Department Convention of the Marine Corps League, Inc.
A. Should the Pack encounter extreme difficulties 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 8-3. SPECIAL GROWLS- PACK AND STAFF

A. Other or special Growls of the Pack, to be known as the Growl of the Pack or of the Pack Staff, may be called at the discretion of the Worthy Pack Leader or in the case of a Special Growl of the Pack upon written request addressed to the Worthy Pack Leader, of five (5) members of the Pack, or in the case of a Growl of the Pack Staff, upon the written request addressed to the Worthy Pack Leader, of three (3) members of the Pack Staff, and giving the reason for the call of the special Growl.

1. The Worthy Pack Leader shall thereupon issue a call for such Growl, setting the time and place thereof. Notice of the time and place and the purpose of the Growl shall be mailed not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed. For a Growl of the Pack, notices by e-mail shall be given to the Pound Keepers and Pound Dog Robbers of the several Pounds comprising the Pack and to the Pack Officers, and for a Growl of the Pack Staff, notices by e-mail shall be given to members of the Pack Staff.

B. Special Growls of the Pack may be called at the discretion of the Worthy Pack Leader or upon the written request of not less than five members of the Pack then in good standing, and setting forth the reason for such Special Growl. Notice of Special Growls, giving the time, place and purpose, shall be given by mailed to the Pound Keepers and Pound Dog Robbers of the Pounds comprising the Pack, not less than ten days prior to the date of such Growl, with no other business being transacted except that for which the Growl was called.

C. Growls of the Pack Staff may be called at the discretion of the Pack Leader or upon written request of three or more members of the Pack Staff. Notice of each Growl of the Pack Staff shall be mailed to members of the Pack Staff not less than seven days prior to the date of the Growl.

D. The order of business at Growls of the Pack will be conducted in accordance with the MODD Ritual.

SECTION 8-4 VOTING. Each and every member of the Pack present at the Growl and in good standing in the League and this Order shall have one vote.

A. Election of candidates for membership or for office shall be by ballot.

B. All other voting on Pack business shall be by voice vote.

C. Ten or more members present and eligible to vote may call for a secret ballot on any matter.

SECTION 8-5 QUORUM. The quorum for an assembly of a Pack Growl shall be a minimum of dogs from two Pounds.

SECTION 8-6 ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business at any Growl of the Pack shall be as prescribed in the MODD Ritual manual.
SECTION 8-7. GROWL FINES AND FEES.

A. No fine shall be in violation of the Kennel Bylaws or guidelines. Each infraction in this Pack shall be one small bone, with a maximum of two small bones, at one time. The same Dog can be fined again for other infractions or disruptions at another time in the Growl.

B. Any Devil Dog Passport that is lost, or misplaced, not stolen, if turned into either the Pack Dog Robber or the Pack Leader, shall be stamped four times and returned at a cost of two dollars ($2.00), as a finder’s fee.

ARTICLE IX
CHARTER SURRENDER, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION

SECTION 9-1. SURRENDER.

A. No Pack Charter shall be surrendered unless, or until a majority of the functioning Pounds within the Pack at the time of such action have given written consent, attached thereto, certified by the Pound Dog Robber, an extract from the minutes of the meeting showing the action of the Pound relative to the surrender of the Pack Charter.

B. The consent of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall be affixed to the request for the surrender of a Pack.

SECTION 9-2. SUSPENSION.

A. The Charter of any Pack may be suspended for any period not exceeding ninety days for violation of the Laws of the Order or the violation or refusal to carry out the lawful orders of superior authority or for conduct or actions detrimental to the best interests of the Order, or for violation of the laws of the state in which it is located, or the laws of the United States.

B. Suspension of the Charter of a Pack is effected by official written notice over the signature of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog and attestation by the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, and shall fully state the cause or causes of such suspension and the period thereof.

C. Should an adjudication of the reason for such suspension not be made within the initial period of suspension, the suspension SHALL BE continued until such time as there has been an adjudication of the reason of suspension.

SECTION 9-3. REVOCATION.

A. The Charter of the Pack may be revoked by order of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog if the Pack and/or the members thereof fail to file a response within Thirty Days of the date of suspension.

B. Upon receipt of evidence in the response, the Honorable Chief Devil Dog shall either:

1. Vacate the suspension and restore the Pound to good standing.
2. Continue the suspension for additional period not exceeding ninety days for the presentation of additional evidence.

3. Revoke the Charter.

B. Any Pound, the Charter of which has been revoked, shall have the right to file in writing, within sixty days of the date of the revocation, an appeal from the decision of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog to the Kennel Staff.

C. Any Pound, the Charter of which has been revoked, shall have the right to file, in writing, at the next session of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel, an appeal from the decision of the Kennel Staff and the action of the Supreme Growl of the Kennel shall be final and not eligible for appeal.

D. The ruling of the lower authority shall be in full force and effect unless, and until, reversed and/or modified by higher authority.

ARTICLE X
FISCAL AND FINANCE

SECTION 10-1. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year for the Pack shall correspond to the Fiscal Year of the MODD Kennel, 1 July to 30 June.

SECTION 10-2. REVENUE. The revenue of this Pack shall derive from the collection of membership dues, election fees, and from such other sources as may be approved by the Growl of the Pack, or the Staff of the Pack.

SECTION 10-3. EXPENDITURES.

A. The Pack shall be limited to the spending of not over seventy-five (75) percent 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.

B. Expenses of the Pack Leader when representing the Pack at a Marine Corps League function shall be limited to transportation to and from the function reimbursed at a rate of fifteen (15) cents per mile. These functions will be normally limited to Pack or higher functions. All other events will be at the Pack Leader’s discretion as funds permit.

C. The Pack Board of Trustees and the Pack Dog Robber shall be reimbursed for normal administrative expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The expenses to be covered will be for postage, copying and supplies. Payment will be made upon submission of an expense voucher to the Pack Dog Robber subject to the approval of the Pack Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XI
COMMITTEES

SECTION 11-1. STANDING AND AD HOC. The Pack Leader shall appoint such standing and ad hoc committees as may be deemed necessary and proper for the conduct of the Pack.
ARTICLE XII
DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

SECTION 12-1. PROCEDURES. Including all Kennel and Pack Bylaws offenses, Kennel Bylaws Article X, Sections 1001 through 1006 provides the procedures for the right to discipline where the oath of the Military Order of the Dog unequivocally is circumvented; where another member or member’s family is wronged or injured by word, act or deed by any member.

ARTICLE XIII
PACK DEFAULT

SECTION 13-1. FAILURE TO COMPLY. The Pack shall be in Default if:

A. It is indebted to the Kennel.

B. It does not have a valid Installation Report on file with Kennel by 30 June. Chg. Kennel 2016

C. No OFFICER of a Defaulted Pack may serve as a Kennel Officer. Chg. Kennel 2016


ARTICLE XIV
POUNDS

SECTION 14-1. AUTHORITY.

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, which membership dues shall include membership dues for the Pack (if the Pound is a member of a Pack) and the annual membership dues of the Kennel. Membership dues are for the full fiscal year and cannot be pro-rated.

C. The functioning Pound shall have the sole right to determine the amount of election fee to be paid for each candidate applying for initiation and obligation to the Degree of PUP, which election fee 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 14-2. BYLAWS. Each Pound may adopt Bylaws, provided they in no way violate the Constitution or conflict with the Bylaws of the Pack having jurisdiction, and Kennel Bylaws. Further that the Pack having jurisdiction and the Kennel be furnished with a copy of such Bylaws and amendments thereto as may be from time to time adopted. (Article II, Section 203 of the Kennel Bylaws) Chg. Kennel 2018

SECTION 14-3. FISCAL YEAR. The Fiscal Year of the Pound shall correspond to that of the MODD Kennel.

SECTION 14-4. INCORPORATION RESPONSIBILITY. Each Pound shall comply with the following administrative responsibilities:

A. Pounds which engage in services or business, either profit or non-profit, or which use the name of the Marine Corps League will be incorporated in accordance with Article 5, Section 507 of the Kennel Bylaws.

B. Pounds must obtain and maintain their own Employer Identification Number (EIN) under the Marine Corps League’s Group Exemption Number 0955. No Pound will utilize the EIN of the National Headquarters.

C. Pounds will send one file copy of the following required documents to the Pack Smart Dog; Letter of assignment of the Employer Identification Number, Articles of Incorporation with the assigned Corporation number, State Franchise Tax Board letter of exemption from State franchise tax, letter of confirmation of registration from the Registry of Charitable Trusts, and the Pound Bylaws.

D. Pounds will submit to the Pack Dog Robber by 30 October annually, a copy of either page 1 of their 990 or 990EZ filing, or if filing electronically, a copy of the confirmation of filing of their 990N. Additionally, the pounds will also provide the Pack Dog Robber a confirmation of filing their 199N with the Franchise Tax Board.

E. Notify the following government agency of changes names and of address of responsible officers: California Secretary of State and California Attorney General’s Registry of Charitable Trusts.

ARTICLE XV
BONDING

SECTION 15-1. REQUIREMENTS. Bond shall be required of all members of the Order who are designated to handle monetary funds at the Pack, or Pound level. This will include the Worthy Pack Leaders and Worthy Pack Dog Robbers, and all Pound Keepers and Pound Dog Robbers, as well as any additional Members that the Pack or respective Pounds shall so designate in their Bylaws to handle funds.
ARTICLE XVI
MODD UNIFORMS

SECTION 16-1. AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS. The uniforms for the MODD are as described in the Kennel Bylaws, Article VII.

A. Only members of this Order in good standing, as defined in these Bylaws are eligible to wear any Uniform Items, including all insignia.

ARTICLE XVII
BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

SECTION 17-1. PROCEDURES. These By-Laws may be amended at any Growl of the Pack by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members in good standing and present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the Worthy Pack Smart Dog at the previous Pack Growl. Proposed amendment cannot be inconsistent with the provisions contained in the Kennel Bylaws.

SECTION 17-2. EFFECTIVE DATE. Amendments of the Pack Bylaws will become effective upon the close of the Regular Growl at which they are approved.

ARTICLE XVIII
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 18-1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Pack in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, or other rules of the Pack.
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