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# MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

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Mid-Winter

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## 62nd Chief Devil Dog: CDD Joe “Woody” DeAngelo

**W**oof Woof Dogs of the Order,

As you read this, I hope everyone had a great 250th Birthday wherever you were, and I hope all your holidays were as you planned them. The DeAngelos attended the Commandant's Birthday Ball in Washington DC and had the honor of laying the Wreath at Arlington National Cemetery for Veterans Day with the National Commandant, TJ Morgan, and the Auxiliary President, Dotty Sanning. It was a great event, and we had a great time with the Marines we were with, but it was a difficult time due to the loss of Chief Jones.

We traveled to North Carolina the following weekend for the Celebration of Life of Chief Jones. PDD Minton and I gave the Eulogy. The services were beautiful and there were over 100 Marines in attendance from all over the country. I want to give my sincerest condolences to my wife, PDD Barb DeAngelo, who was the Aide de Kamp to the 61st CDD, as this has impacted her greatly. Jeff, you will always be missed, but you will always be with us.

I want to thank everyone for all their encouragement as I take over this role as Chief. I know I have huge shoes to fill and will do everything I can to meet the expectations set by my brother Jeff. I want to congratulate PDD Francis SVCDD, PDD Minton JVCDD, PDD Covert HSD, PDD Enlow, DVCDD MWD, and PDD Cenicacelaya, ADK to the 62nd CDD, on their new positions, along with the rest of the Kennel staff. I know they are, and will continue to be, doing great things this year. Thank you for all your efforts.

Mid-Winter and Division Conferences are right around the corner, and before you know it, we will all be in





Indianapolis at the 86th Supreme Growl. Now, I know I am jumping the gun, but it is a fact, and we all need to make sure we are moving in the same direction.

The KMA is in full swing and is now the only way we conduct business in the Kennel. All forms are online, and all payments to the Kennel are electronic. If you have any questions or need any help, PDD Helen Breen and PDD Jim Breen, along with my entire staff, are here to help. Everyone is only an email or phone call away.

Membership has leveled off at 4689 as of today, and we are at 23.79% delinquent. We are not in a bad position at this time of year. PDD Francis, along with the help of all the Division Vice Chief Devil Dogs, has a very aggressive plan for recruitment, and I look forward to seeing where it leads.

I look forward to all the great fundraisers we have in store, along with all items we will have at both Mid-Winter and at the Supreme Growl.

PDD Covert and the Bylaws Committee are doing a bang-up job on the Bylaws and making sure everything is running smoothly on their end. If you have any questions about your Pack Bylaws, please reach out to the staff. No unasked questions can ever be answered. If you do not know something, please ask. Bylaws are not easy, but if you understand them, it goes a long way.

I have put out a lot of information over all our social media, along with emails. Please do not unsubscribe to the emails that come from the Kennel, as this is our main form of communication, and if you unsubscribe, then you will never get the word or the direction the Kennel is going. We are trying to be as transparent as we can be.

If you need anything my staff is always available.

I look forward to seeing all of you around the Kennel.

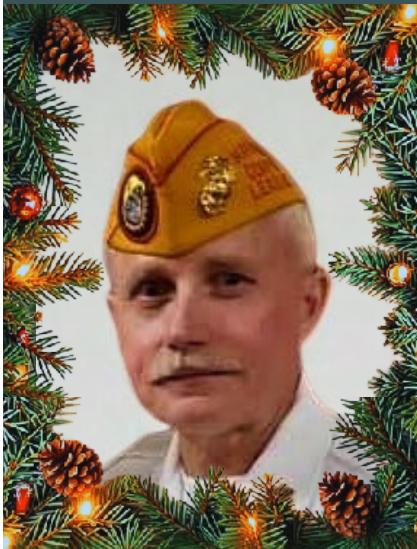
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*62nd Chief Devil Dog  
Oath of Office*



# Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Mike Francis



**W**OOF WOOF !!!  
Merry Woofing Christmas  
from Missouri!

As I write this, we are about ten days out. Now that you are reading this, it is 2026. Hope that all of you Dogs enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. This is a joyful time of year for most. However, some have a very difficult time getting through the holiday season. Make sure to reach out and check on your fellow Dogs. Many of you know that my mother-in-law lives with us. Unfortunately, she fell during the first week

of November. Dorothy is home now after spending six weeks in the hospital and rehab. Thank everyone for their prayers.

So much has happened since my last article on the 15th of September. On the 16th the SEMO Devil Dogs held the Annual Growl of the Pound here in Cape Girardeau. It was an Honor to conduct the Election and help the Honorable 59th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Hazlett install the new Officers. Mongrel Mark LaClair was Initiated and Obligated to the Degree of Pup. Welcome Aboard, Marine! I drove up to St. Louis for a Growl on the 18th and Installed the Officers of Pound 066. The Initiation and Obligation of Mongrels Bret Waelterman and Todd Nicely were definitely FUN. Pup Nicely is a quadruple amputee from the War in Afghanistan. Marines never quit! We were in Jefferson City on the 27th for a Missouri Pack Growl. Big Barks to DD Erika Hedlin for the Dunkin Donuts socks, they were a hit. Our Worthy Pack Leader, PDD Hoernschemeyer, actually fined himself more Big Bones than any Dog present. Made the suggestion that he pay a fine every time I spell his name correctly. The Missouri Pack always has a FUN Growl.

October began with an MODD Zoom meeting hosted by the Honorable Dog Robber PDD Helen Breen. There were 94 Dogs On Deck. She has been holding a KMA (Kennel Management Application) Training session each month. These classes are open to all Dogs and everyone is welcome to learn how the KMA works. The 5th Gathering of the Dogs was held in Albert Lea, Minnesota from the 8th to the 12th. It was a blast! We had Dogs from 15 different states and raised 3,500 Big Bones for the Kennel Children's Hospital Donation. There were a total of four PCDDs in attendance and the Sea Stories were fantastic. Voluntary classes on Compliance, Fundraising, Initiations, KMA, and How To Run A Growl were well attended. Check out the Kennel Facebook page for all of the photos. Members of the "Amish Mafia" were present, and it looks like the Pennsylvania Pack will host the 6th Gathering next October. Tentatively scheduled to be about 50 miles northwest of Philadelphia, in Morgantown, Pennsylvania. Stand by for more information at the National Mid-Winter Conference. On the 25th we were in Wentzville, Missouri, for the Pound 086 Growl. PDD Doug Lane had to step down for personal reasons, and it was my Honor to Install PDD Andy Riggle as the new Pound Keeper. He immediately demonstrated his "Broom Riding" skills and was encouraged repeatedly to fine himself. FUN Growl!

November was one tough month. The phone rang very early on Saturday the 1st. The Honorable 61st Chief Devil Dog J.D. Jones passed away. PDD Joe DeAngelo quickly took charge of the Kennel Board of Trustees, and we met via Zoom on the 2nd. Per the Kennel Bylaws, PDD DeAngelo became the Honorable 62nd Chief Devil Dog. I stepped down as the Jr Vice Chief and the Board of Trustees elected me to become the new Senior



**PDD MIKE FRANCIS**

Vice Chief. PDD Charles Minton stepped down as the Smart Dog and our new Chief appointed him to fill the office of Jr. Vice Chief. PDD Chuck Covert stepped down as the Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog and was appointed to be the new Honorable Smart Dog. PDD Kevin Enlow was then appointed to be the new Midwest DVCDD. The entire Board of Trustees came together and worked quickly to hand off numerous projects, plans and fundraisers. The Honorable 62nd Chief Devil Dog, CDD DeAngelo, worked tirelessly to keep the Kennel on track and moving forward. The entire Order should be proud of his unwavering dedication and relentless drive to do things the correct way. It is truly my Honor to work with a Marine of his caliber. The North Carolina Dogs immediately jumped in to help Leigh Ann and her family with the funeral arrangements. PDDs Rick Thomason, Taine Pyle, and Bruce Rakfeldt pulled everything together flawlessly. Leigh Ann was truly a Marine's Wife and decided to wait until the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day ceremonies were over before holding a Memorial Service. Over 100 Marines from across the country traveled to Middlesex, North Carolina, and on the 15th we all came together for the Memorial Service. It was an extremely tough day for the entire Order. The North Carolina Dogs sure did it right. The Honorable 61st Chief Devil Dog was laid to rest in a beautiful ceremony. Afterwards, we traveled to Leigh Ann's farm and gathered to reminisce. The Honorable 62nd Chief Devil Dog, CDD DeAngelo, formally Installed the new Kennel Officers in the backyard, and we all gathered around a fire by the lake. The drive back to Missouri was a somber one. On the 18th, we started to move forward again with a Pound 330 Growl here in town. The MODD Archery Competition was fierce and a lot of



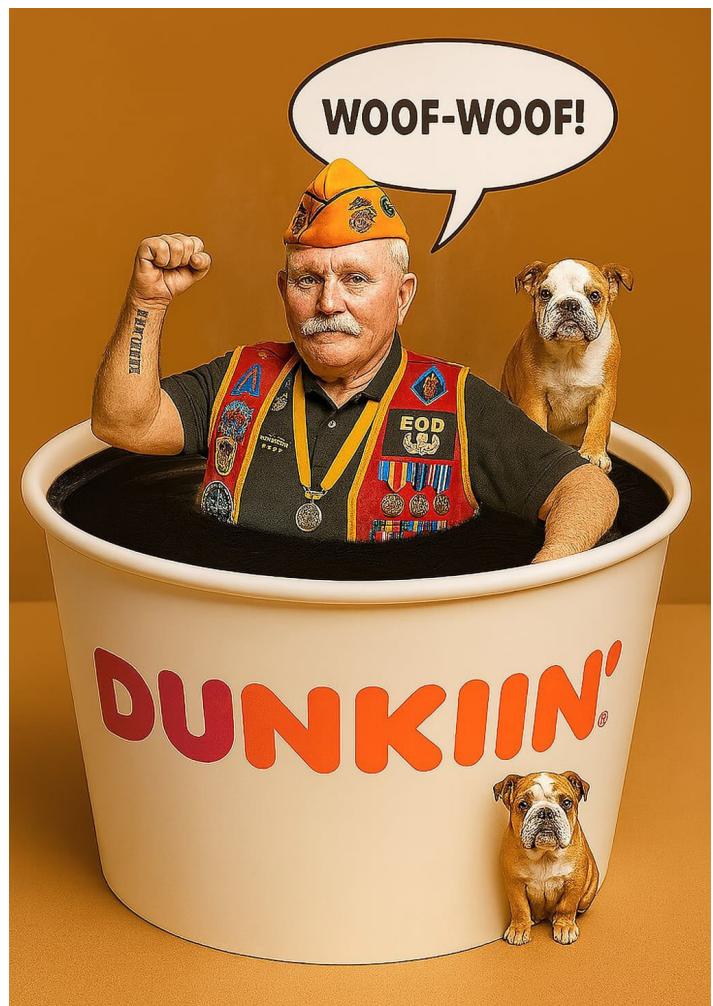
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After the Memorial Service for Chief Jones, we traveled out to his home. The Honorable 60th Chief Devil Dog PCDD Alan Sanning presented the Chief Devil Dog Medallion to our new Chief. Big Barks to the Honorable 62nd Chief Devil Dog CDD Joe DeAngelo. Chief DeAngelo made a very special presentation to Jeff's widow, Leigh Ann. The members of the Kennel Staff who changed offices were then Installed by our new Chief Devil Dog. November 2025  
the Kennel Staff who changed offices where then Installed by our new Chief Devil Dog.

FUN. It was good to laugh again. Thanksgiving Day was perfect. Karen's family all came together at our house. The Honorable Mad Dog, PDD Scotty Bryan, and Arlene joined us again this year. Think we had 15 in the Chow Line. So much to be thankful for.

December started with another MODD Zoom meeting for KMA Training. There were 80 Dogs On Deck. The Kennel has gone completely "paperless," and we now use the KMA. All Dogs are strongly encouraged to attend these monthly classes. Drove down to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to attend a Pound 261 Growl on the 13th. Sir Pound Keeper, PDD Earl Davis, and his Dogs sure treated me like family. Southern Hospitality is alive and well. There were several MODD Contests and Challenges during the Growl and my pile of Big Bones is now considerably smaller. WOOF WOOF !!!

Our new Chief asked me to wrap up my duties as the Jr. Vice Chief Devil Dog. Georgie Mae Jensen was the winner of the .54 Sharpe's Rifle in our last Kennel Raffle. She chose the 500 Big Bones option. Over the past 15 months a lot of you generously supported me and helped me bring in just over 50,000 Big Bones as the Jr. Vice Chief. Thank you!



Guess Who?? DD Andy Hefty, Florida Pack



SEMO Devil Dogs Pound 330. Cape Girardeau, Missouri. 18 November 2025.

The Mission of the Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog is the “Growth and Expansion of the Kennel, Packs, and Pounds.” In short, Recruiting. Also, overseeing compliance and serving as the Chair of the Awards Committee.

- o Recruiting. We are looking for Mongrels. Talk to the Regular Members of your Detachments. Look for the most active Members. Make sure they have a good sense of humor and can laugh at themselves.
  - Refer to the Kennel Bylaws, Section 101 – Eligibility.
  - Only Regular Members of the Marine Corps League. No Associate Members.
  - At least 1 full year in the Marine Corps League.
  - Must be invited to join the MODD and sponsored by at least 2 Dogs who are DDs or PDDs.
  - Marine Corps League Dues must be current.
- o Compliance. Pound Keepers, Pack Leaders, all Dog Robbers, and Division Vice Chief Devil Dogs. We will continue to address the issues listed on the Honorable Compliance Dog, PDD Steve Seyller’s, Spreadsheet and the KMA.
  - Dues. Check your Dogs and contact them. As of 30 November, we have 4,697 total and 638 have not paid their MODD dues. That is 22.77%.
  - ROI. (Officer Installation Report). As of 19 November, all 38 Packs have submitted. 13 are resolving issues. There are 226 Pounds and 111 have submitted. The Pound election cycle ended 30 November, and ROIs are still coming into the system. ROIs are due to the Kennel Dog Robber no later than 31 December.
  - IRS 990. 35 Packs are good. There are 3 Packs working to resolve issues: Indiana, Illinois, and Nevada. There are 49 Pounds past due and 11 Pounds in Revocation.
  - Secretary of State Filings. All 38 Packs are current. Do not have the information on all Pounds yet.
- o Awards. All of the Kennel Awards will be presented in August at the National Convention and Supreme Growl.
  - Kennel Dog of the Year. See Kennel Bylaws Section 417. Nomination Letters to Honorable Dog Robber. Received by mail 2 weeks prior to the Supreme Growl or hand delivered by noon the day before the Supreme Growl.
  - Membership Award. Pound, Pack, and Division.
  - Dog Robber of the Year. Pound and Pack. Nomination Letters received by Honorable Executive Director by 1 June.
  - Passport Challenge. (Contributions to the Kennel Children’s Hospital Donation). Pound and Pack.
  - PCDD Award.



Currently working with the Honorable Barking Dog, PDD Stephanie Abbott, to create a "Recruiting Brochure" that can be printed and/or accessed online. As of 23 November, we have 17 Pounds with less than 7 Dogs on their Roster and significant Compliance issues. The Honorable 62nd Chief Devil Dog has given these Pounds until the Supreme Growl in August to recruit and bring their Roster up to a minimum of 7 Dogs and fix their Compliance issues. If they do not, then the Pound Charter will be revoked. Pounds and Packs who are not in Compliance put the entire MODD at risk of losing our non-profit status.

It was humbling to be elected as the new Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog, by the Board of Trustees. The job of the Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog can be simplified as Membership. It has been my mission to teach and encourage Dogs to have FUN as I travel around the Kennel. This is the key component to Membership.

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

"Keep it FUN and they will COME"

WOOF WOOF... It is an HONOR to be a Devil Dog !!!

Semper Woofing,

PDD Mike Francis

Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog

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1. Missouri Pack Growl, Jefferson City, Missouri. 27 September 2025.
2. Show Me Pound 066, St. Louis, Missouri. New Pups! Pup Todd Nicely and Pup Bret Waelterman. 8 September 2025.
3. Choctaw Hounds Pound 261, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Pup Connor Elliot! 13 December 2025.
4. St. Charles County Dogs, Pound 086. Wentzville, Missouri. DD Cindy Langness. 25 October 2025.
5. SEMO Devil Dogs Pound 330, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. 16 September 2025.
6. 5th Gathering of the Dogs. Albert Lea, Minnesota. 10 October 2025.

## Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog: PDD Charles Minton

I want to start by acknowledging the loss of a dear friend, a fellow Marine, and our 61st Chief Devil Dog J.D. Jones. His passing was very unexpected and truly a tragic loss for his family, the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and the Marine Corps League. He will be dearly missed, but not forgotten. I want to thank the Honorable 62nd Chief Devil Dog Joe DeAngelo for appointing me to the position of Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog. I wish it were under better circumstances, but nonetheless I am grateful for this opportunity to serve in this position.

I want to announce that I intend to run for the position of Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog at the Supreme Growl in Indianapolis and would appreciate your support during the elections.

As you read this, we will have completed the Christmas Relief 50/50 raffle.

I want to thank everyone who supported this raffle by buying tickets and sharing it with family and friends. I cannot do this job alone, and I appreciate all the support that you have shown me so far.

If you have ideas of what you would like to see raffled off during the future online raffles, please feel free to reach out to me and let me know what you would like to see raffled off. I also want to thank the Honorable Lucky Dog, PDD Reggie Sawyer, for doing an outstanding job with the raffles, silent auctions, and live auctions. He is always on top of the situation and does a great job with them. If you have any items that you would like to donate to the Lucky Dog, please reach out to him and let him know what you would like to donate to the raffles, and auctions.

There are two other individuals who are always behind the scenes making things happen and ensuring everything runs smoothly. I would like to take a moment and thank the Bits & Bytes Dog, PDD Chris Soldano, and the Barking Dog, PDD Stephanie Abbott, for doing a great job in supporting me with the Raffles and the Kennel, as well as maintaining the website and social media accounts.

Remember Mid-Winter is just around the corner so make your reservations now and gather your Dogs and join us for a howling good time. This is also the only Kennel Growl that ALL Dogs regardless of Degree are allowed to attend. The Kennel Mini-Growl will be held on the 27th of February so rustle up your Dogs and head out to join us at the Mid-Winter Conference.

If there is anything that I can help you with or answer any questions please feel free to contact me.

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# Smart Dog: PDD Chuck Covert



**W**oof Woof Dogs,  
Your new Smart Dog is reporting for duty, and I am ready to wag my tail and get to work. Many of you already know me, but now I will be the Dog making sure our Bylaws and Constitution stay neat, tidy, and easier to follow than the scent trail of a steak bone. I want to thank the 62nd Honorable Chief Devil Dog Joe DeAngelo and the entire Board of Trustees for having faith in me and for appointing me to this most honorable office. I will do my best to not let anyone down.

As Smart Dog, I help Dogs of the Order understand the rules, fetch answers when things get confusing, and keep everyone barking in the same direction. I will also be the Dog receiving all proposed Bylaws and Constitution changes. So, if you are thinking about submitting one, do not bury it in the yard. Send it to me by March 15, so it can be prepared for the Supreme Growl.

If you ever find yourself scratching your head, chasing your tail, or wondering what the rules say, I am here to help. You can howl at me anytime.

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Since my last report as Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog, I have been to:

- September 27th-Pound 711 Growl in Austin, Minnesota
- October 4th- Pound 407 Growl in Sioux City, Iowa
- October 9th-11th- 5th Gathering of the Dogs in Albert Lea, Minnesota
- October 18th- Pound 711 Growl in Prior Lake, Minnesota
- October 25th- Pound 086 Growl in Wentzville, Missouri
- November 1st- Minnesota Pack Growl in Spicer, Minnesota
- November 15th- Chief Jones's Funeral in North Carolina

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Mid-Winter in February. I promise to be there with a smile, a wag, and maybe even a treat or two, if you behave.



Woof Woof,  
PDD Chuck Covert  
Honorable Smart Dog

## Dog Trainer: PDD Lisa Ciesielski

It is a rough time of the year, but we will make it through it. Losing the 61st Chief Jeffrey Jones has hit us extremely hard, especially those of us in North Carolina. He was an amazing Marine and human being.

I would ask again to please check the next of kin's address, I am getting a lot of returned mail. Please check on, and pray for, your brother and sister Marines, especially during this time of year.

Any questions please don't hesitate to email or call.

PDD Lisa Ciesielski  
Honorable Dog Trainer



## Mad Dog: PDD Scott Bryan



**W**OOF WOOF DOGS,  
I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with ohana and friends. I want to wish everyone a safe and blessed Mele Kalikimaka a Hau'oli Makahiki Hou (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year).

Sitting in my temporary Dog House here in Reno, Nevada, typing out my article for the Woof-O-Gram with my Spotify Playlist playing in the background, I cannot help but think back to last year, when I was in Oklahoma typing out my article for the Woof-O-Gram. It was my first year as your Honorable Mad Dog, and I was looking forward to the upcoming year. It has been a great year, and a very sad year.

RIP 61... you led the Order on a great path to move forward. You will be missed!!

While I was home, I had the pleasure of attending my home Pound Growl.

WOOF WOOF  
PDD Scotty "Big Kahuna" Bryan  
16-156  
SEMO DEVIL DOGS #330, MO Pack  
Honorable Mad Dog  
WOOF WOOF

While out here in Reno, I had the pleasure to attend the High Desert Detachment #762 and Battle Born Detachment #762 Marine Corps Birthday Balls. Both Detachments welcomed me to their celebrations like I was a lifelong Detachment member. What a great time filled with great camaraderie.

The Mid-Winter Conference and Mini-Growl are right around the corner, 26 February – 28 February 2026. Come on out and have a howling fun time with your fellow Dogs at the Mini-Growl. The Mini-Growl is open to all Dogs, regardless of Degree, so all you Pups, DDs and PDDs, make your reservations and plan now to join us at the Mini-Growl for a howling fun time.

Remember Devil Dogs, it is never too early to get your advancement paperwork filled out and sent in to your Dog Robbers. All Dog Robbers need to start identifying your Dogs who are eligible for advancement and get their paperwork submitted to the KMA. All advancement paperwork should be submitted as it is received.

Please do not wait till the last minute to submit their advancement paperwork to the KMA.



#### HONORABLE MAD DOG

Now that I finished my article... I gotta listen to the Johnny Cash song "Folsom Prison Blues" ... LOL

WOOF WOOF 61!

PDD Scotty Bryan

16-156

Honorable Mad Dog

## Dog Robber: PDD Helen Breen

**W**OOF WOOF Dogs of the Order! It has been a busy few months here in the Breen Dog House. From traveling to various Pounds, sharing many laughs at the Gathering of the Dogs, to continuing the important work of the Order, the trails have been full of activity!

We also pause to mourn the loss of our good friend and 61st Chief Devil Dog Jeffrey Jones. I cannot thank him enough for the opportunity to serve, and I hope to honor his memory through my continued service to the Kennel as your Honorable Dog Robber, and beyond.

As John Lennon reminded us, "life is what happens when you are busy making other plans." None of us expect to leave this world or face a major life emergency, but when the time comes, we Dogs rarely get a say. Life can toss unexpected things our way. Far too often, I hear that a Dog Robber has been hospitalized, is caring for a gravely ill packmate, or has reported to the Supreme Commandant without warning. When that happens, Pounds are sometimes left struggling to find out what was completed, what was pending, and what bones were still buried. Without access to Transmittals, Passport Fees, membership renewals, and other critical scratchings, Pounds and Packs can quickly fall behind.

This is why our full transition to the Kennel Management Application (KMA) has been such a monumental step forward for the Order. Because all Pound and Pack Officers can access the KMA, any trustee can step in during an emergency to review the Pound or Pack's status and keep the mission moving. No more digging through paper piles or guessing what happened at the last Growl. The KMA ensures continuity, accuracy, and smoother operations for every Dog involved.

I would also like to share how the KMA has improved life here at the Kennel. In September 2024, shortly after I took over as Kennel Dog Robber, I was six weeks behind on Dues Transmittals and Passport Transmittals. As



of the writing of this article, I am only four days out on Dues Transmittals, and Passport Transmittals are 100 percent up to date. The KMA has made our workflow more efficient than ever, giving us more time to do what Dogs do best: have fun, support each other, and raise Big Bones for our mission.

My incredible Deputies have also been able to dig into their duties more effectively. PDD Tracy Colucci now processes address updates and Transfers more quickly, and PDD Jacob Bertin continues to be the king of ROIs and has worked to update Profile IDs for all our members. If it feels like we are barking a bit more these days, it is only because we finally have the time and tools to chase down details that used to slip through the doggy door due to inefficient processes.

The Data Dog and I continue to hold monthly virtual trainings on the first Sunday of each month to help Dogs learn the KMA and use it effectively. We also aim to attend as many Division Conferences as our schedules and finances allow so we can train Dogs face-to-face, answer questions, and keep every Pound on a strong and steady path.

If ANY Dog has questions regarding the KMA, the Data Dog and I are only a scratch or a bark away. If you need help, guidance, or clarification, we are here to lend a paw anytime.

#### **WOOF WOOF**

PDD Helen Breen - 18-305  
Your Honorable Dog Robber



*We are the caretakers of a legacy built long before us - and the stewards of the one that will remain long after.*

## **Operations Dog: PDD Lynn Sabel**



**W**oof-Woof to all Dogs of the Order, The Mid-Winter Conference is coming upon us quickly. For all Pups and Devil Dogs if you want to know what happens at a Supreme Growl, the Mid-Winter Mini-Growl is where you can see what happens. It is open to all Dogs (not just Pedigrees, like at the Supreme Growl). Make sure to get your Registration Form in and make Reservations at the Sheraton Pentagon City. Please try to have the correct change when registering at the Dog House. Please have at least one \$5 and five \$1s. If not, the Children will thank you because you will be fined one Big Bone.

For any Devil Dog who wants to advance to Pedigree in Indianapolis, Indiana, in August, now is the time to talk to your Dog Robber and get your advancement forms in. You do not want to wait till the last minute and then not be able to advance due to your paperwork not being in on time.

Hope to see you all there.

Woof-Woof,  
PDD Lynn F. Sabel  
Kennel Operations Dog

# Barking Dog: PDD Stephanie Abbott

Wooof Woof Dogs of the Order and keepers of the sacred chew toys!

'Twas the night before Christmas and once upon a time, the Barking Dog had a simple mission: publish the *Woof O-Gram*, bark loudly when required, and occasionally chase its own tail. As the Military Order of the Devil Dogs continues to modernize, however, the role of the Barking Dog and the Barking Dog Team has officially expanded beyond a single hunt for the stories.

With the launch of the monthly Marine Corps League *Jarhead Jabber* podcast, airing every third Monday evening of the month at 1900 CST, the Barking Dog is now barking through microphones as well as print. Add to that the upcoming Kennel Zooms planned to begin in 2026, and it is clear that the days of "just publishing the WOG" are firmly in the rearview mirror.

The Barking Dog Team will be expanding in the coming year to support these new communication efforts. More paw and more barking. This modernization ensures that Devil Dogs across all Kennels stay informed, entertained, and occasionally reminded to mute their microphones.

As we look forward, we also pause to remember Past Chief Devil Dog J.D. Jones. His dedication, leadership, and impact on the MODD forever shaped the organization we proudly serve today. His contributions will not be forgotten, and his legacy will continue to echo through our Kennel.

So stand by, Dogs. The Barking Dog Team is growing, the Kennel is getting louder, and the mission continues. Stay tuned, stay engaged, and above all, keep it fun.

Semper Fi & Woof Woof,  
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## Stay Connected!

### Social Media:

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- Instagram: [@militaryorderofthedevidogs](https://www.instagram.com/@militaryorderofthedevidogs)
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/MODD>

### Upcoming Events:

- Mid-Winter Conference: 26 February - 28 February 2026 in Arlington, Virginia
- National Convention: 10 August - 14 August 2026 in Indianapolis, Indiana

# Compliance Dog: PDD Steve Seyller



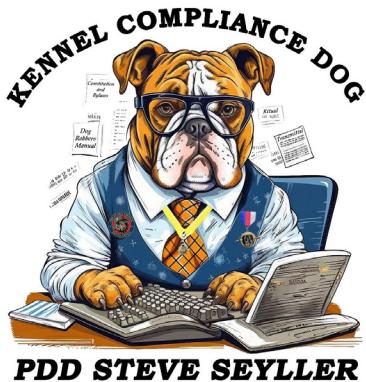
**K**ennel compliance is getting much better with use of the KMA. Each Pound and Pack is a non-profit organization and a subsidiary organization to the Kennel, just as the Kennel is subsidiary to the Marine Corps League. Your Division Vice Chiefs were sent spreadsheets with the status of the Packs and Pounds under their oversight. All fiscal year 990n were due by the 15th of November, Pound ROIs were due 31 December, and your state registrations are due at various times of the year depending on your state. If the Pounds and Packs are not in compliance with things like 990n submissions, corporate filings and required reporting, the Kennel risks losing its tax-exempt status, which means we cannot accept donations as a non-profit.

## Compliance requirements:

- 1) File your state registrations when they are due since all states have different filing requirements.
- 2) I need each Pack and Pound to make sure they send me their "Accepted" 990n confirmation that is available shortly after they file with the IRS.
- 3) Make sure your ROIs are completed when required and when completed submit them to the Kennel using the provided link on the KMA.

According to the Bylaws, all Packs and Pounds are supposed to be on a fiscal year reporting period with the IRS which is 1 July – 30 June, be registered as a 501c4 under the parent group 955 as a subsidiary of the Marine Corps League, and have a deductibility of 1 allowing for deductible contributions.

Back in April, there were 44 letters sent to the IRS requesting changes be made to get Packs and Pounds in compliance. Out of these, 31 were accepted and changed. Soon we will be requesting the 59 Packs and Pounds still in a calendar year reporting period be changed to fiscal year reporting. Once this is done, I will check with the IRS and those that were accepted will be notified via your Division Vice Chiefs. After that change, your 990n filing will then be due between 1 July and 15 November.



**PDD STEVE SEYLLER**

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Kennel Compliance Dog  
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# Kennel Historian: PDD Greg Ciesielski

## H istorian Report

1 November 2025. A day unlike any other in MODD history. On that day, the current Chief Devil Dog, Jeffrey D. Jones, passed away from medical complications. When the word of his passing started to be shared, it erupted like wildfire. All of social media was informing everybody within their social circles, and they in turn informed their social circle, and so it went for the rest of the day. It was a dark and tearful time to be a Dog, regardless of your degree.

In accordance with the Bylaws, the Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog assumed the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Devil Dog. To ensure continuity of the Order, PDD Joe DeAngelo took to social media to inform the Order that it will continue forward, and he was elevated to the office of Chief Devil Dog. The 62nd Chief Devil Dog.



It has been my duty, as the Historian, to gather all the information I could about PCDD Jeffrey Jones and the situation and circumstances that would shape the Order from that day forward. I collected all of the digital tributes (photos) that have been posted on social media. I also obtained his obituary and the program from his service, which was held on 15 November 2025.

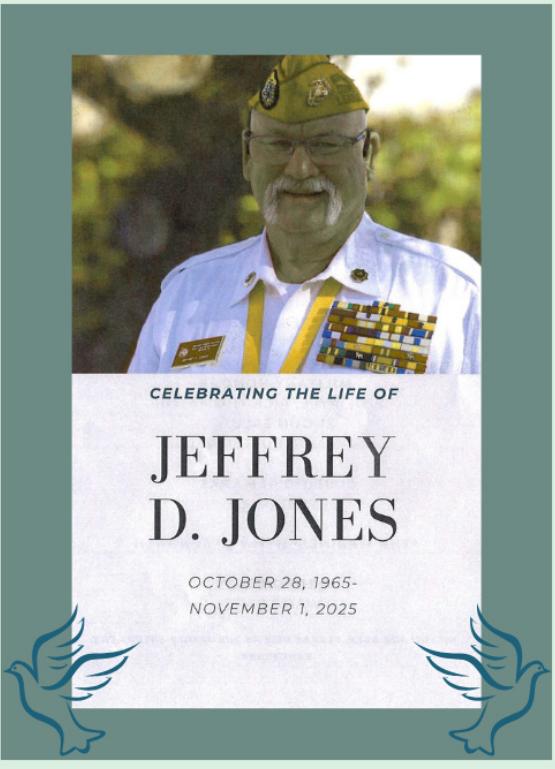
The service on the 15th was moving and very well planned. There were over 200 Marine Corps League members, by my estimation, that attended and they represented the majority of the states. During the service, a new ceremony was held that was created by the MCL Judge Advocate Bruce Rakfeldt. Bruce, who is also a

North Carolina Dog, like Jeff, and during the ceremony the membership rose, and then proceeded forward.

Once in front of the urn, the members saluted, removed their Eagle, Globe, and Anchor emblem from their cover, and quietly placed it on the table next to the urn. This ceremony took the idea of the Navy SEAL funerals, where their Tridents are removed and pounded into the coffin. I believe it is more dignified to reverently and quietly place our Eagle, Globe, and Anchor next to the urn or coffin.

After the service, we were all invited to his home, where his wife, Leigh Ann, had a gathering of members with food and recollections being shared. PCDD Sanning, at this time, bestowed the Chief's Badge of Office to CDD DeAngelo. Chief DeAngelo gave the Past Chiefs dog tag to Leigh Ann, who wore it proudly. Chief Devil Dog DeAngelo then gathered the newly appointed officers of the MODD, and administered the Oath of Office, thus marking the beginning of their new offices.

Overall, it was a moving and well-planned tribute to a great person, Marine, Leaguer, and Dog that was Jeffrey D. Jones. I will miss him greatly. Rest in peace my friend.



## Central Division: PDD Phil Zamora



**W**oof Woof Dogs of the Central Division!

Hope all dogs had a great time celebrating our 250th Marine Corps Birthday on November 10th this year. I was out with the Quartermaster celebrating with over 500-600 Marines off the coast of the Bahamas. It was a great time, and it was WARM.

Now it is back to the snow and business of the Order. If you have not already done so, please ensure that your Report of Officers (ROI) is completed annually and sent electronically to the Kennel. Your 990s and corporate filings are completed, and a copy sent into the Compliance Dog, and mostly, and this is the most important part, make sure you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Hope to see you soon.

PDD Phil Zamora 07-318  
Vice-Chief Devil Dog  
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## Mideast Division: PDD Omar Jabr

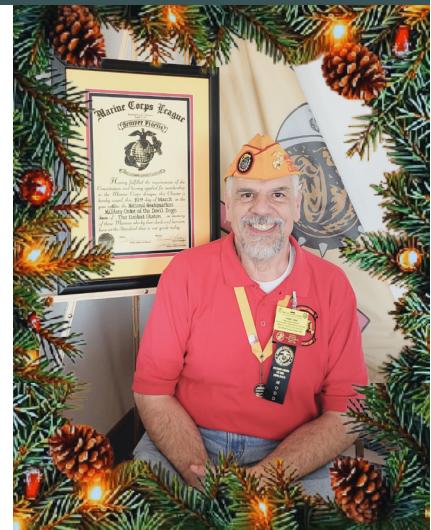
**G**reetings from your VCDD Mideast Division PDD OMAR JABR... It is with a heavy heart that I write this article. On 01 November 2025, we lost a Great Leader, Amazing Brother, Best Friend, and Outstanding Marine, the Honorable 61st Chief Devil Dog J.D. Jones. We miss you dearly and your legacy will live in our hearts. Please keep his wife, Leigh Ann, in your thoughts and prayers.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays. I also want to wish everyone a happy New Year. Please be safe and vigilant. Enjoy your time with your family, loved ones, and friends.

I have been busy since the last article I wrote. September started with attending Pound Growls, Installing Pound Officers, and Pack Growls. Before I knew it, one of my best times of the year started, the Toys for Tots campaign. Then the 250th Anniversary of our beloved Marine Corps, Thanksgiving, and Christmas...Where did the time go!!!

Pound and Pack Dog Robbers, please ensure your corporate filings and 990s are up to date and do not jeopardize losing your charters. Please let me or PDD Ric Ledford know if you have any questions or concerns and we will do our utmost to support and help.

We need to strengthen the Order. Reach out to your League and recruit. I am confident that there are amazing



and great Marines that we can bring to the Order. Recruit, Recruit, Recruit.

Lastly, I cannot wait to see everyone at the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference in Arlington, Virginia.

Let us not forget...The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the "The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League." Woof Woof and Semper Fidelis.

Please do not forget our four-legged friends...Support Operation Chow Hound!

Woof Woof!

PDD Omar Jabr, 16-231

Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog

Mideast Division

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## Midwest Division: PDD Kevin Enlow



Woof Woof Dog of the Order!

I have the honor of being your new Midwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog this year, and I have some big shoes to fill since PDD Chuck Covert has stepped up as the Honorable Smart Dog.

Pack Leaders, Pack Dog Robbers, Pound Keepers, and Pound Dog Robbers, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions that you may have with any issues or invites for your respective events.

I would like to encourage Dog Robbers, Pound Keepers, and Pack Leaders to acquaint themselves with the KMA if you have not already done so. Kennel has gone electronic, meaning no more paper checks. It is ever evolving. Let us all do our part to make it a success.

I would like to thank my predecessor for handing me a well-prepared Division. I am happy to announce that Midwest Division is nearing 100% compliance. Many tail wags to those who are keeping our Order out of the Dog House.

As I have been traveling through the Division and Kennel, I find motivated Dogs who are doing great work. I would encourage the continued effort to seek out and recruit motivated members of the League to join our Order.

If I have a scheduling conflict, or you are just simply looking for a more attractive Dog to attend your Growls, I would advise reaching out to my Assistant Vice Chiefs: PDD Steve Seyller, PDD Ed Withar, or PDD Doug Anderson.

Let us keep our Order strong. I hope we all had a safe, happy, and fun-



filled holiday season. Please take a moment and remember PCDD Jones and our other Dogs who have passed this year, as well as to continue supporting Chief DeAngelo as he takes the leash and guides our Order.

Woof Woof!

PDD Kevin Enlow, 13-156

Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog

Midwest Division

## New England Division: PDD Patrick McMahon

**W**oof Woof to all of you PDDs, DDs, Pups, and Mongrels from your New England Division Vice Chief Devil Dog. I start this quarterly article the same as many within the Kennel family; with a profound sense of loss at the recent, and unexpected passing of our 61st Chief Devil Dog J.D. Jones. We were blessed to have him for the time that we did. The fact that he put off treatment to attend the most recent Supreme Growl goes to the heart of the kind of Man, Marine, and Devil Dog he was. And with this loss, we learned, as New England's former head coach Belichick would often preach to his players; NEXT MAN UP! In this case, it was NEXT DOG UP with our new 62nd Honorable Chief Devil Dog, Honorable Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog, Honorable Junior Vice Chief Devil Dog, and Honorable Smart Dog pawed in and pawed up.



As for the New England Division, we have been busy. Busy with assisting our Detachments with Toys for Tots, and other holiday community events designed to assist those in need of assistance. As for me, during the last quarter I attended many 250th Marine Corps Birthday events, as well as Veteran's Day events. At one such event, I had the tremendous honor of meeting an Iwo Jima Marine (2nd wave). He truly exemplified that he is "living history" and was all too eager to share stories with fellow Marines.

Additionally, I have been attending Pound Growls and installed officers at two such Growls. I also continue to work with my three Pack Leaders and three stand-alone Pound Keepers in encouraging them on retaining the Dogs they have, working to advance the Dogs they have and also working closely with their respective Detachments for qualified new Pups.

In closing, I hope to see many of you as we continue traveling to Pack and Pound Growls. We should at ALL times, remember though, that the MODD is the FUN and HONOR Society. I underscore honor to emphasize that we are ALL Marines or FMF Navy personnel, so discontent within our Growls should be non-existent.

Woof Woof,

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## Northeast Division: PDD Jason Hauck



**W**oof Woof!

First off, I want to say that we lost a great man recently. I am very proud to have been able to know you as a friend and as a mentor. Chief Jones, you will be truly missed Sir.

Now back to business. Congratulations on all the new elected and installed officers of the Pounds. I know you will all do great things. Now let us go on to spend some quality time with our friends and family this holiday season.

Woof Woof,  
PDD Jason Hauck 18-279  
Northeast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog



## Northwest Division: PDD Bonnie Holden

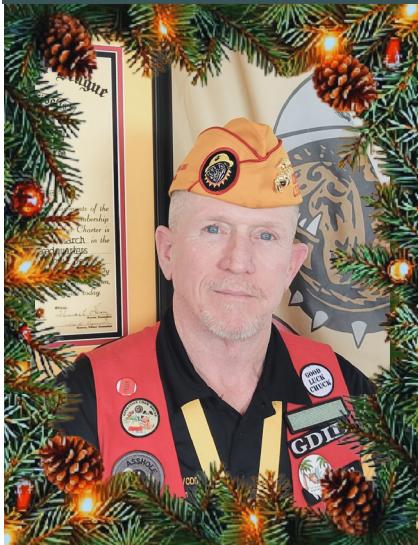
**T**he KMA team has been holding monthly meetings with a wealth of information for our Dog Robbers. We are now able to do all our applications, installations, and transmittals online, including sending the funds to your Pack Dog Robber. Thank you PDDs Jim and Helen Breen for all your hard work to accomplish this feat.

We are all hard at work collecting and distributing toys to the children in need of Christmas. We will all be meeting again at the Mid-Winter Conference before our Grand Growls begin in the Spring. Please keep encouraging our Marine Corps League members to join the Devil Dogs at your meetings, and keep it fun.

PDD Bonnie Holden  
NWDVCDD



## Southeast Division: PDD Ricky Pitts



**S**eason's Barkings!

I hope this finds you all well.

I have had a few setbacks at home that have hindered me from being able to visit Packs and Pounds as I had planned. Hopefully, I will see as many of you that can make the Mid-Winter and Southeast Division Conferences in 2026.

Attention Pack Leaders and Pound Keepers:

- Please make sure that all Pounds are using the KMA for all future transactions with the Kennel. No paper checks will be accepted.
- All Pack Leaders, Pound Keepers, Pack and Pound Smart Dogs, and Dog Robbers need to download and familiarize yourselves with the Kennel Bylaws.

In closing, either I or one of the Assistant Division Vices will be in attendance at the upcoming Department Conventions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

PDD Ricky Pitts

Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog

Southeast Division

## Southern Division: PDD Audrea Killalea

**W**OOF WOOF!

Wishing all Dogs of the Order a Happy Holiday season. 2025 was a challenging year, and 2026 is on the horizon. All Dogs should be preparing their plans to increase membership by recruiting. Additionally, all Dogs should plan fun for their Pounds and Packs. Get creative and make them laugh continuously; they will return with a friend to join the Order.

As we move forward into 2026, we will shift our attention to working on compliance. The Kennel Management Application (KMA) has made it much easier to track current 990s, ROIs, and timely submissions of Passport Transmittals. All Pack and Pound Officers can request access to the KMA and assist with checking the health of your Packs' and Pounds' compliance, so get those paws moving!

Traveling Dogs should be preparing for your next trip to Arlington, Virginia, for the Mid-Winter Mini-Growl.



I would like to encourage all Dogs to consider attending for the experience and the fun! But also, to reunite with your fellow Dogs of the Order. 2025 taught us that our time together is precious, so do not miss those opportunities to bark at each other whenever we can!

PDD Audrea Killalea  
Southern Division Vice Chief Devil Dog



## Southwest Division: PDD Juan Pascacio

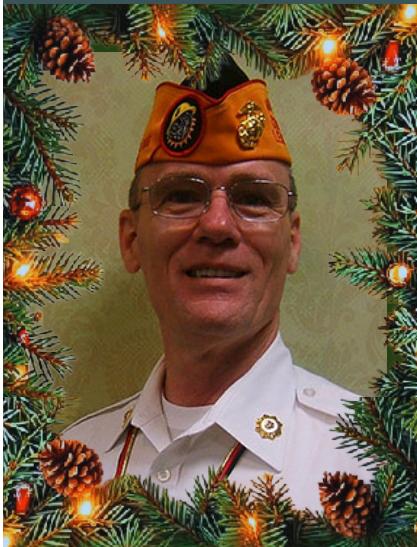


**W**oof Woof, Dogs and Dogettes! A new year is here, and with it comes fresh opportunities, wild adventures, and more chaos to conquer. We honor our comrades who have ventured on to new orders, your legacy remains in our ranks. At the same time, we welcome the new members who have joined our fold. Together we are stronger, fiercer, and more unstoppable than ever. Let us keep doing what we do best: barking loud, striking hard, and leaving our mark wherever we gallivant. Stay sharp, stay fierce, and remember ... Who barks with pride and loves the fight? We do! We do!

Here is to a year of mischief, rabble-rousing, and victories, big and small. Let us make it legendary.

PDD Pascacio, Juan  
Southwest Division Vice Chief Devil Dog

# Barks from Super Chief: 51st PCDD Donald Garland



Woof Bark, and good morning to all of you anxious canines waiting for the big dog to drop a gift in your Dog House. I thank you all for all you do to support your communities, the MODD and the Marine Corps League. My mobile Dog House has already logged several thousand miles as I am trying to get out of the driveway here and roam the great USA hoping to visit many of you. I hope you all get that big bone for Christmas (and I do not mean that in a negative way!).

As you read this, I am planning more trips provided the white stuff and ice stay off the ground. I cannot put in words how much your comradery and friendship mean to me. I truly enjoy all the fun we share and visiting all of you who take time out of your personal lives to make life better for others. If you missed the Gathering, you missed a howling good time in Minnesota. Some shenanigans were observed and participated in others.

I hope all of the Dogs in Dogdom are well. The weather is crazy so far this year, so long as your circumstances permit, think about getting out off the leash and to Pound Growls, attend a Pack Growl and make plans to meet in Growl assembled at the Mini-Growl in Arlington in February. Flashbacks from cold weather training are pretty much a given! We need you to help forge the future of our Order!

Make sure if you are out and about, on or off the leash, that you stay safe on the roads. Get out and sniff the bushes for some old members, look them up and check in on them then chase down some of those worthy Marine Corps League members, and invite the ones that are movers and shakers into the Order. We need more members that can be active participants in the Order.

I hope many of you are registered and ready for a howling good time at Mid-Winter and next year's Convention in Indianapolis. I am sure you will find it entertaining and fun, with a little knowledge thrown in for good measure. .....Woof Bark, the 51st CDD



*Jeffrey D. Jones*

1965-2025

# Kennel Roll Call

Pup Robert Alexander Pound 356, OK  
Pup George "Bill" Ayers Pound 370, NC  
PDD Ernest Brown Pound 353, WA  
DD Victor Coachman Pound 246, SC  
PDD Ronald Collins Pound 131, CT  
PDD Peter Constancia Pound 99, AZ  
DD Thomas Deaner Pound 210, NC  
DD Constantine Drivas Pound 149, NY  
PDD Robert Earl Pound 260, IN  
PDD Gary George Pound 150, CO  
PUP Roger Gunning Pound 71, CA  
PDD Earl Haase Pound 170, WI  
PDD William Jacobs Pound 206, GA  
CDD Jeffrey Jones 210, NC  
PDD John Lynch Pound 131, CT  
PDD Maurice Marquis Pound 119, ME  
PDD John McKinney Pound 310, AZ  
PDD Marilyn Nagel, Stray

PDD Michael Noble Pound 310, AZ  
PDD Charles Norman Jr. Pound 168, LA  
DD Henry Odborne Pound 170, WI  
PDD William Pakinkis Pound 99, AZ  
Pup Stephen Penna Pound 037, NY  
PDD Donald Perry Pound 190, OH  
PDD Melvin Postlewait Pound 150, CO  
DD Michael Powell Pound 328, SC  
PDD Jerrold Scribner Pound 232, FL  
PDD Danny Springer Pound 364, GA  
DD Charles Tedesco Pound 299, FL  
PDD Tali Volbergs Pound 310, AZ  
DD Jim Warehime Pound 356, OK  
PDD Seldon Warner Pound 323, CA  
DD David Watts Pound 170, WI  
PDD Richard Wischhusen Pound 333, MD  
PDD Homer Zartman Pound 126, VA

