

Military Order of the Devil Dogs

Maryland Pack



Bylaws

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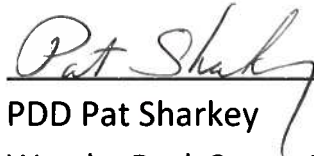
Certificate

This is to certify that the foregoing is the new and correct edition of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Maryland Pack, Inc., as adopted at the Pack Growl of the Order, convened in Glen Burnie, MD the Fifth day of September, Two Thousand Twenty.

Bylaws adopted at this Pack Growl due to the cancellation of the Grand Growl of the Order due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Maryland Pack, Inc
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ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 101 – ELIGIBILITY

- A. Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall be open to any regular member of the Marine Corps League who at the time of the application for membership in the Order shall be:
1. In good standing; with their membership dues fully paid in the Marine Corps League and invited to join by two (2) DD or PDDs of the Order;
 2. Of good character and reputation;
 3. In full compliance with the requirements set forth in the Kennel Bylaws for the degree of membership.

SECTION 102 – REINSTATEMENT

- 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 Kennel Bylaw Article I, Section 108.

ARTICLE II – POUNDS

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

ARTICLE III – PACK

Section 301- Pack, definition

- A. The Pack of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall correspond in character and function in the Order as does the Department in the organization of the Marine Corps League.
- B. This Pack shall be known as the Maryland Pack.

- C. To be eligible for membership in the Maryland Pack, a member of the Order must be in good standing in the Marine Corps League and in this Order, with their membership dues in both organizations currently paid. Any member of a Pound in the Maryland Pack is automatically a member of the Pack. In accordance with Article III, Section 308 of the Kennel Bylaws, a Kennel stray residing within the boundaries of Maryland may function as a member of the Maryland Pack, including eligibility to hold elected and appointed offices with the approval of the Maryland Pack staff.
- D. The Maryland Pack shall be the official representative of the Kennel within the limits of the State of Maryland.

Section 302 – Authority of the Maryland Pack

- A. The Maryland Pack, having been formally instituted, presented with its Charter and having installed its officers, is a functioning Pack of the Order. It shall have full power and authority and be entitled to all rights and privileges of a constituent Pack of the Order in the MODD.
- B. The Maryland Pack shall have jurisdiction over all Pounds chartered within the State of Maryland and the membership thereof.
- C. The Maryland Pack shall have the right, power, and authority to initiate and obligate qualified candidates for the Degree of Devil Dog (and by exception as allowed in Article I of the Kennel Bylaws, to the Degree of Pup) in this Order.
- D. The Maryland Pack shall have the sole right to determine the amount of Pack membership dues to be assessed each member annually.
- E. Qualified candidates for the Degree of Pup, may also be obligated and initiated at the Growl of the Pack, but only with the provisions and restrictions of Article I, Section 101 of the Kennel Bylaws.

Section 303 - Growl of the Pack

- A. All assemblies of the Pack shall be known as a Growl of the Pack, and any assembly of the Pack Staff shall be known as the Growl of the Pack Staff.
- B. All Growls of the Pack shall be considered a formal assemblage. Empowered to consider motions and expend funds ONLY if the Holy Bible, the Bone, and the Charter are present. The American Flag is also required by Article XII of the

Kennel Bylaws. Absence of any of these articles shall render the assemblage an informal gathering.

Section 304- The Grand Growl of the Pack

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

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

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

Section 306 – Quorum

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

Section 307 – Charter Surrender, Suspension, or Revocation

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

Section 308 – Eligibility for holding office

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

care must be taken to ensure that they will accept the duties and responsibilities of said office if elected.

Section 309 - Elected & Appointed Officers- Pack Staff

- A. Elected Officers- The seven (7) elected officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Pack Leader, Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader, Worthy Pack Smart Dog, Worthy Pack Dog Trainer, Worthy Pack Police Dog and Worthy Mad Dog.
- B. Appointed Officers- The appointed officers of the Pack shall be the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, Worthy Pack Watch Dog, and the Worthy Pack Barking Dog and such other subordinate officers as the Worthy Pack Leader may choose to appoint. It is preferable that the Worthy Pack Leader- elect make position appointments immediately following the elections, to permit the formal installation of the full staff of officers. Except for the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, the appointed officers shall serve only at the convenience and pleasure of the Worthy Pack Leader. Their term of office will terminate simultaneously with that of the Worthy Pack Leader.
- C. Pack Board of Trustees- After the Pack is incorporated, the Worthy Pack Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected Pack officers and the Worthy Junior Past Pack Leader. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber will be an ex-officio member of the Pack Board of Trustees, without a vote. The Worthy Pack Board of Trustees, under the supervision of the Worthy Pack Leader shall administer the business, execute the policies and enforce the laws and regulations of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs and the Maryland Pack between Grand Growls of the Pack.
- D. Pack Staff - The Worthy Pack Staff shall consist of all elected officers, together with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, the Worthy Pack Watch Dog and the Worthy Barking Dog. All Worthy Past Pack Leaders shall be ex- officio members. In the absence of a Pack Board of Trustees, the Worthy Pack Staff, under the supervision of the Worthy Pack Leader, shall administer the business, execute the policies, and enforce the laws and regulations of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs and the Maryland Pack between Grand Growls of the Pack.

Section 310- Election of Pack Officers

- A. At the Grand Growl of the Pack, the annual nomination, election, appointment and installation of officers for the ensuing year shall take place.
- B. All nominations for elective offices shall be from the floor.
- C. Elected officers may be chosen by secret ballot.
- D. The ballot may be cast for the full slate of officers or may be cast for each office in sequence.
- E. Should the Pack fail to nominate for any elective office, after the elections of officers, the Worthy Pack Leader-elect should appoint an eligible member to the office for which no nomination has been made.
- F. The Worthy Pack Police Dog will allow no person to enter or leave the meeting floor while the Worthy Pack officers are being nominated and/or elected.
- G. The officer installing the new Pack officers should be a Pedigreed Devil Dog if possible, or shall be a Past Worthy Pack Leader, or an incumbent elected Pack officer or a past elected Pack officer or current/past Kennel elected officer. 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. The incoming Pack Leader has the option to choose their Installing Officer as they see fit.
- H. In the event the Grand Growl of the Maryland Pack is cancelled, the standing elected officers shall serve another term, without vote, until the next year's Grand Growl can be held.

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

- A. The Worthy Pack Leader- Serves as President of the Maryland Pack and shall preside at all Growls of the Pack, Growls of the Pack Staff, and at all Pack initiations. It shall be the Pack Leader's duty to require the observance of and obedience to all laws, rules, and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Order and the Marine Corps League. The Pack Leader may appoint other officers and committees as deemed necessary. The Pack Leader shall issue the call for all Growls of the Pack as deemed necessary.

The Pack Leader shall be the custodian of, along with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, all monies, property, securities and records of the Pack, perform such other duties and issue such other orders as are necessary and proper for the harmonious and efficient functioning of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the constituent units thereof, and the membership in the Order.

- B. The Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader- Serves as Senior Vice President of the Maryland Pack and shall assist the Worthy Pack Leader, shall preside at the Growls of the Pack, Growls of The Pack Staff and all Pack initiations in the absence of the Worthy Pack Leader, or at the Pack Leader's request, and shall be responsible to the Worthy Pack Leader for the growth and expansion of the Pack and the Pounds, and shall perform such other duties for the good of the Maryland Pack and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.
- C. The Worthy Junior Vice Pack Leader- Serves as Junior Vice President of the Maryland Pack and shall assist the Worthy Pack Leader and the Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader, shall be responsible for all activities seeking to increase the revenues for the Pack, and for the supervision of all entertainment and amusement provided at all Growls of the Pack, and shall perform such other duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may desire.
- D. The Worthy Pack Smart Dog- shall interpret and explain the Pack Bylaws and all rules and regulations established by the Pack, the Pack Staff, or the Worthy Pack Leader, when requested. Such interpretation and explanation shall not be binding, unless, and until approved by the Pack in session, or by the Pack Board of Trustees, in between Growls of the Pack.
- E. The Worthy Pack Dog Trainer- shall administer to the spiritual needs of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and shall prepare and conduct suitable memorial services at each Grand Growl of the Pack, shall supervise the welfare and relief programs of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, shall inform and assist all Pound Dog Trainers in the proper performance of their duties in their Pounds, and shall perform such other duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.
- F. The Worthy Pack Police Dog- shall maintain order and decorum in all Growls of the Pack, shall expel from any Growl any Dog that exceeds the bounds of

decency, or creating a disturbance or hindering the orderly conduct of the Growl, shall collect all fines during a Growl, shall perform such other duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.

G. The Worthy Pack Mad Dog – The public and private initiation of candidates to the Degree of Devil Dog (and Pup when that Degree is under the supervision of the Grand Growl) shall be under the direction and supervision of the Worthy Mad Dog. Additional aides may be requested and designated by the Worthy Pack Mad Dog with the approval of the Worthy Pack Leader. Such initiation shall be in a manner that is entertaining and impressive with due regard to the well-being and safety of the candidate. The initiation should not be repulsive or against the dignity or modesty of the candidate. Other duties shall be performed in line with the office as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.

H. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber- Serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Maryland Pack and shall be responsible to the Worthy Pack Leader and the Pack for all records and accounts of the Pack, shall keep a brief but proper record of all pertinent minutes of all Growls of the Pack, Growls of the Pack Staff and shall be the joint custodian with the Worthy Pack Leader, of all monies, property, securities and records of the Pack. They shall be kept on deposit in a reputable bank, all monies and securities of the Pack and shall make all disbursements for all accounts owing when approved by proper authority. They shall keep an accurate and current file on all members of the Order. They shall perform such duties customarily executed by recording secretaries, financial secretaries, and treasurers. They shall make a full and correct accounting and report, including financial statements to each Grand Growl of the Pack and at such times as may be directed by the Worthy Pack Leader or the Board of Trustees. They shall forward an up-to-date financial report to all members of the Pack staff, all Pound Keepers, all Pound Dog Robbers annually. They shall annually file, at the designate times, all State of Maryland tax documents (Form 1) and all Internal Revenue Service tax documents (Form 990). Additionally, they shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Worthy Pack Leader. If for any reason, the Worthy Pack Dog Robber will not continue in the office, all records and accounts will be transferred to successor within thirty (30) days. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall be appointed from the ranks of qualified Pedigreed

Devil Dogs or Devil Dogs who are knowledgeable in the administrative affairs and duties of the MODD.

I. The Worthy Pack Watch Dog- shall guard the portals of the Pack's Growl floor at all times, permitting no one to enter or leave without proper authority, and shall be responsible to the Worthy Pack Leader for the worthiness and eligibility of every person present at any Growls of the Pack. They shall assist the Worthy Pack Police Dog in collection of fines and shall perform other such duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.

J. The Worthy Pack Barking Dog- shall supervise and direct all publicity and public relations of the Maryland Pack, shall perform the functions commonly executed by a Public Relations Director. Shall perform and assist all Pound Barking Dogs in such a manner as to insure a uniform and effective public relations program and shall perform such other duties as the Worthy Pack Leader may direct.

K. Tenure.

1. All elective officers shall serve until their successor has been elected and installed or until removed from office for cause.

2. All appointive officers shall serve at the discretion of the Worthy Pack Leader, but for no longer than the term of office to which the Worthy Pack Leader has been elected.

3. The Worthy Pack Leader may succeed him or herself for one consecutive term of office.

4. All other Worthy Pack Officers may succeed themselves for as many terms of office as they are elected or appointed.

Section 312- Vacancy in Office

A. If any elected or appointed office (except that of the Worthy Pack Leader) shall be declared vacant during the fiscal year, the Worthy Pack Leader, with the approval of the Pack Board of Trustees, shall promptly appoint a successor for the uncompleted term of office.

B. In case the vacant office of Worthy Pack Leader, the Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader will assume all the titles, rights and privileges of the office of the Worthy Pack Leader for the uncompleted term thereof. The Worthy Pack

Board of Trustees shall then immediately fill the Office of the Worthy Senior Vice Pack Leader.

C. Pack offices shall be declared vacant for any of the following reasons:

(1) The Pack officers permit themselves to become in arrears in their membership dues in the Order and/or the Marine Corps League, and /or lose their status as a member in good standing in the Order and/or the Marine Corps League.

(2) Any Pack officer who is absent from two (2) consecutive Growls of the Pack and/or the Pack Staff without being excused.

(3) For any other just cause or reason.

Section 313 - Voting

A. Every member of the Pack present at a Growl of the Pack and is in good standing in the League and this Order shall have one (1) vote.

B. Election of candidates for membership or for the office may be by secret ballot, if requested by a majority of the attending members.

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

A majority of members present and eligible to vote may call for a secret ballot on any matter.

Section 314 - Initiation

Approved candidates for the Degree of Devil Dog shall be initiated in accordance with Article III, Section 305 of the Kennel Bylaws. Candidates are subject to the provisions of Section 416 (B), and Section 101 (F) of the Kennel Bylaws. Only a properly chartered and functioning Pack shall have the authority to confer the Degree of Devil Dog. If the Grand Growl of Maryland cannot be held, the Pack Board of Trustees will obtain guidance from the Chief Devil Dog and Kennel Staff on how to proceed.

Section 315 – Acts of the Pack

In all the acts, actions and activities of the Pack, it shall abide by and conform to the Constitution, Bylaws and Ritual of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and the Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations of the Marine Corps League.

ARTICLE IV – AWARDS

Section 401 – General Awards

Several awards are available from the Kennel for individual members of the Maryland Pack, as well as awards for Pounds and the Pack itself. When making a recommendation for one of these awards, care should be taken to ensure that the guidelines contained in Article I of the Kennel Bylaws are followed. The Maryland Pack and its various Pounds shall ensure that they familiarize themselves with all Kennel awards that are available. They will further ensure, in so far as possible, that all eligible members of the Maryland Pack and the respective Pounds are nominated for appropriate MODD awards.

Section 402 – Maryland Pack Dog of the Year

The Maryland Pack shall support the Presentation of the Annual Pack Dog of Year Award per the following guidelines:

A. QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY - proposed candidate shall be a Dog in good standing in the Pound, Pack and Kennel. A proposed candidate shall be of integrity, principles, and who has contributed to the Order. Each Pound may submit one (1) nomination per year.

B. LETTERS of NOMINATIONS – There are two (2) methods in which a letter of nomination can be submitted:

1. 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 by the start of the Growl of the Pack held before the Grand Growl of the Pack. It shall be unopened and delivered to the Pack Dog of the Year Award Committee Chairman.
2. Nominations may be sent via email so long as the email is sent to the Pack Dog of the Year Award Committee Chairman via the Pound Keeper, with the Pound Dog Robber copied on the email. Emails must still be

sent and received by 2300 hours the Thursday prior to the Growl of the Pack in which typewritten nominations are due.

- C. DELIVERY OF NOMINATION LETTER TO THE PACK – If nominations are to be sent via United State Postal Service, the following guidelines must be adhered to:
1. Each nomination letter addressed to "Chairman, Pack Dog of the Year Committee (current year) c/o Worthy Pack Dog Robber at their current mailing address.
 2. The letter must be sent CERTIFIED MAIL, Returned Receipt Requested in sufficient time to reach the Worthy Pack Dog Robber one (1) week prior to the deadline as described above.
- D. EXCEPTIONS - If a Pound fails to submit a nomination but the Pound has a qualified nominee, any three (3) Pedigreed Devil Dogs, themselves in good standing of that Pound, may submit a nomination within the dictates of subparagraphs (B) and (C).
- E. 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 Growl of the Pack prior to the Grand Growl of the Pack. The most recent 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.
- F. TIME AND PLACE OF AWARD - The Pack Dog of the Year Award shall be presented by the most recent Pack Dog of the Year in attendance at the Grand Banquet of the Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League Annual Convention.
- G. If the Grand Growl of the Maryland Pack is cancelled, and nominations have been received, the selection of the Pack Dog of the Year will take place at the Selection Committee's discretion. If nominations have not been received, no Pack Dog of the Year will be selected.

ARTICLE V- FISCAL AND FINANCE

Section 501- Fiscal year and Membership

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

Section 502- Fiscal Officers and Bonding

In accordance with Article XII, Section 1202 of the Kennel Bylaws, all designated fiscal officers in the Pack are covered by a blanket bond maintained by the Kennel. The designated fiscal officers of the Pack are:

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

Section 503- Revenue

- A. The revenue of this order shall be derive from the collection of membership dues, and from such other sources as may be approved by the Supreme Grawl of the Kennel, the administration of the Kennel Staff, the Grand Grawl of the Pack, and the Grawl of the Pack Staff.
- B. All monies collected for PASSPORT or VISA stamping shall be forwarded to the Kennel Dog Robber within five (5) business days of the Grawl of the Pack.
- C. Administrative expenses- The Worthy Pack Leader and the Worthy Dog Robber shall be reimbursed for normal administrative expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The expenses to be covered may be for such items as: telephone, postage, copying and office supplies. Payment to be made upon submission of an expense receipt, which is required for the annual audit of the Dog Robber's records.
- D. Convention Expenses – The Worthy Pack Leader shall extend an invitation to the current Chief Devil Dog to attend the annual convention as a guest of the

Maryland Pack. If the Chief Devil Dog accepts, or sends a representative in their place, the Maryland Pack will cover the cost for the room and banquet of the Chief Devil Dog or representative. The nights covered will be for the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights of the convention. This will be reimbursed to the Department of Maryland Convention fund within thirty (30) days of the close of the annual convention.

Section 504- Forwarding membership dues

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

Section 505- Limitations

Except as may be provided in these Bylaws, no officer or individual member of the Pack shall have the authority to financially obligate the Pack in anyway without the specific authority of the Pack Board of Trustees or at the Growl of the Pack.

ARTICLE VI - GENERAL

Section 601- Initiations

The Maryland Pack and its various Pounds shall conform to the provisions of Article VI of the Kennel Bylaws in the initiation of candidates and members to the various degrees of membership within the order.

Section 602- Uniforms

The Maryland Pack and its various Pounds shall utilize the provisions of Article VII of the Kennel Bylaws in all matters covering uniforms within the order. (Pounds are requested to reproduce copies of Article VII, Section 701,702, and 703 to include in their Bylaws.)

Section 603- Reports

The Maryland Pack and its various Pounds shall adhere to the requirements of Article VIII of the Kennel Bylaws in the preparation and submission of reports. (Pound and Pack Dog Robbers to comply).

Section 604- Discipline

The Maryland Pack and its various Pounds shall strictly adhere to the provisions of Article X of the Kennel Bylaws in all matter concerning discipline within the order. (Pound keepers, Pack Leader and Smart Dogs to review).

Section 605- Other considerations

In all other considerations of matters not specified in these Bylaws, the Maryland Pack and its various Pounds shall utilize the Kennel Bylaws for guidance. In the event that a conflict is found between these Bylaws and the Kennel Bylaws the Kennel Bylaws will take precedence until the Grand Growl of the Pack.

Section 606- Prior enactments

There being no existing prior Bylaws for the Maryland Pack these Bylaws will supersede and replace all prior acts of the Maryland Pack.

Section 607- Effective date

These Bylaws of the Maryland Pack shall become effective immediately following the close of the Growl of the Pack at which they were enacted and the approval of the Kennel Smart Dog, whichever occurs later.

Section 608- Distribution

A copy of these Bylaws of the Maryland Pack will be distributed to all members of the Maryland Pack Staff, to each Pound Keeper, and to the Honorable Kennel Smart Dog by via email upon becoming effective. All future enactments of the Maryland Pack, which revise, amend or repeal any portion of these Bylaws will be distributed in the same manner upon becoming effective. These Bylaws will be posted on the Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League's website – under the section "MODD - Bylaws".

Section 609- Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution or final liquidation of the Maryland Pack, any remaining assets shall be distributed in accordance with Kennel Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDING BYLAWS

Section 701- Bylaws, Method of amending

The Maryland Pack Bylaws may be amended only at the Grand Growl of the Pack. Individual Devil Dogs and Pounds who are members of the Maryland Pack may submit proposals to modify, repeal, or amend the Maryland Pack Bylaws in accordance with the following guidelines.

- A. To do so they must submit their proposals in typewritten or legible form to the Worthy Pack Smart Dog no later than ninety (90) days prior to the opening date of the Grand Growl of the Pack.
- B. All proposals must contain the identity of the maker or submitter and must reference the Articles, Sections and paragraphs to be revised, repealed, or amended, otherwise they will not be considered.
- C. The Worthy Pack Smart Dog will propagate the proposals without comment by distributing copies of all proposals by email to each Pound

Keeper, each Pound Smart Dog, each Pound Dog Robber, and each member of the Maryland Pack Staff no later than 1 April to the opening date of the Grand Growl of the Pack at which time such proposed revision, repeal, or amendment is to be considered.

- D. Submitted proposals will be posted on the Department of Maryland, Marine Corps League's website no later than 1 April to the opening date of the Grand Growl of the Pack for member consideration.

Section 702- Suspension or waiver of Bylaws

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

Section 703 – Cancellation of Grand Growl

In the event that the Grand Growl of the Maryland Pack has to be cancelled due to natural, manmade, or other unforeseen circumstances, all proposals submitted will be held to be heard and voted upon at the next year's Grand Growl.