

7. Accompany their Application with the required years Membership Dues in this Order, and also any required election fee.
8. After filing a valid application with the Pound Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Growl of the Pound next following the Growl at which the application was read. The Pound Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the Application the disposition thereof over their signature, and retain the Pound Copy of the Application and supporting papers in the Pound files and forward the other copies to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber and to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.

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- D. A candidate for election and initiation to the Degree of Devil Dog in this Order must comply with all the following conditions and requirements:
1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A. of this Section;
  2. Fully complete and sign an Application in triplicate on official forms, for election, obligation and initiation to the Degree of Devil Dog;
  3. Certify that they have been a member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., for at least two (2) full years;
  4. Exhibit their current year Marine Corps League, Inc., Membership Card;
  5. Attach to their application a letter from the Pound Dog Robber and/or Pound Keeper of their Pound certifying that the candidate has served as a faithful Pup for a period of at least 12 consecutive months;
  6. Accompany their Application with any required election fee.

After filing a valid application with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Growl of the Pack or the Grand Growl of the Pack. The Worthy Pack Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the application the disposition thereof over their signature, and retain the Pack Copy and forward a copy of the Application to the member's Pound Dog Robber and to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber.

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- E. A candidate for election and initiation to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog in this Order must comply with all the following requirements and conditions:
1. All requirements set forth in paragraph A. of this Section;
  2. Fully complete and sign their Application in triplicate on official forms, for election, obligation and initiation to the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog;
  3. Certify that they have been a member of the Marine Corps League, Inc., for at least three (3) full years;
  4. Exhibit their current years Membership Cards in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and this Order;
  5. Attach to their application a letter from the Worthy Pack Robber that the candidate has served as a faithful Devil Dog Pup for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months;

After filing a valid application with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, the application shall be balloted upon at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. The Honorable Kennel Dog Robber shall note on all copies of the Application the disposition thereof over their signature; retain the original application and forward copies of said application to each of the members' Worthy Pack Dog Robber and Pound Dog Robber.

- F. Exceptions: 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.
1. In a state having only one functioning Pound, the natural membership area of the Pound shall be that enclosed in a fifty (50) mile radius of the municipality that is the nominal location of the Pound. All Candidates for the Degree of Pup residing in that area will file their application for membership with that Pound Dog Robber, and complete all requirements listed in Paragraph C of this Section. They may then be elected, initiated and obligated at a Growl of the Pound, in accordance with these Bylaws. Candidates residing outside this area will have the option of being initiated and obligated at the home town of the Pound, or may attend the annual Department Convention, where the Pound, sitting as an Initiatory Body, may receive applications, and initiate and obligate Candidates to the Degree of Pup. Newly initiated Pups residing outside the natural membership area of the Pound will either be affiliated with that Pound until there is a Pound formed in their area, or designated Kennel Strays in accordance with these Bylaws. In either case, Candidates must meet the requirements of Paragraph C of this Section.
  2. In states not having a functioning Pound, Candidates for the Degree of Pup have three options to submit an Application for Membership.
    - a. Where there is a functioning Pound in an adjoining state, such Candidates may file their application with the Pound Dog Robber of that Pound, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at a Growl of the Pound, or
    - b. Where there is a functioning Pack in an adjoining state, such Candidates may file their application for obligation and initiation with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber of that Pack, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at a Growl of the Pack, or

- c. Such Candidates may file their application for obligation and initiation with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel.
  - d. Candidates applying under this Sub-Paragraph must also meet all the requirements of Paragraph C of this Section.
3. Advancement to Devil Dog
    - a. Where there is a functioning Pack in an adjoining state, Pups may file an Application with the Worthy Pack Dog Robber of that Pack, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at a Growl of the Pack, or
    - b. Pups may file an Application with the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber, and upon election, be initiated and obligated at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel
    - c. Pups applying for advancement under this Sub-Paragraph must also meet all the requirements of Paragraph D of this Section.
  4. In states having a functioning Pack, Candidates for the Degree of Pup may also apply directly to the Worthy Pack Dog Robber of that Pack, if application to a Pound would cause undue hardship or gross inconvenience. Such applications will be considered at the sole discretion of the Pack Staff. Candidates applying under this Sub-Paragraph must have met all the requirements of Paragraph C of this Section and have been a member of the Marine Corps League for two full years.
  5. In addition to the above provisions, Candidates for Pup and Pups applying to advance to Devil Dog may also apply directly to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber for consideration at the Supreme Growl of the Kennel. Such applications are at the sole discretion of the Kennel Staff, wherein refusal would cause undue hardship and gross inconvenience. Candidates for Pup so applying must have at least three full years' membership in the Marine Corps League and meet all the other requirements of paragraph C of this Section. Pups so applying for advancement must have two full years faithful service as a Pup, and meet all the other requirements of Paragraph D of this Section.
  6. Except as may be noted otherwise elsewhere in these Bylaws, a candidate for the Degree of Pup will not normally be processed by a Pound outside their home state if there is a Functioning Pound therein. Likewise, candidates for the Degrees of Devil Dog or Pup will not normally be processed by a Pack outside their home state if there is a functioning Pack therein. Candidates should not be given the opportunity to "shop" between different Pounds or different Packs. The provisions of Paragraphs C and D of Section 101 must be applied to the consideration of any exception to this Sub-paragraph.
    - a. Candidates for the Degree of Pup initiated by other than a Pound under the provisions of this Paragraph would normally be designated Kennel Strays. Pound affiliation requires the mutual desire of the Pup and acceptance of the Pound, and
    - b. Pups advanced and initiated to the Degree of Devil Dog by other than a Pack in accordance with this Paragraph will normally retain their prior affiliation, either with their Pound or as Kennel Strays, as appropriate.
- G. Associate, Honorary or any type of Member of the Marine Corps League, Inc, other than Regular Members, shall not be eligible for Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs Inc., except those members granted Honorary Life Memberships by virtue of being a recipient of the Medal of Honor. 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. Individuals who receive the title of Honorary Pedigreed Devil Dog, and who are or who become paid Regular Members of the Marine Corps League may convert to a Regular Membership in the Order by paying the appropriate dues.

## **Section 102 - Application**

Every Application for consideration must be in writing and in triplicate on approved membership application forms, which forms must be fully completed in writing or typewritten, over the signature of the applicant and must be accompanied by supplemental papers pertinent to the Degree of membership for which application is filed and as set forth in the applicable sub-sections of Section 101 of these Bylaws.

## **Section 103 - Election, Notification, Obligation and Rejection**

### **Election**

- A. Under the Order of Business "Election of Candidates" the Unit Dog Robber shall read all applications for obligation and initiation, certifying as to their correctness and as to the amount of membership dues and/or election fees accompanying each application.
  1. Voting shall be by secret ballot, either by a show of hands or written, and shall be under supervision of the Smart Dog and Police Dog, with the Pound Keeper, Worthy Pack Leader, or Honorable Chief Devil Dog