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Hosting Biloxi Vets at SENIOR BOWL 2012

Your detachment hosted the Biloxi Veterans Hospital patients to a real treat, a day at the Senior Bowl. A special thanks to the detachment and especially Edward Walters, Marvin McDuffie, Ron Bridges, & Thurmond Roland for working this event and making it such a success. The Biloxi Veteran patients were escorted to the game and furnished with free tickets and \$15.00 concession stand money. The Senior Bowl is college football's premier senior showcase event, annually featuring the nation's best senior collegiate football stars and top NFL draft prospects on teams coached by NFL coaching staffs. This year's Senior Bowl was a sold out event with more than 40,000 fans attending. Although the North ultimately won with a 23 - 13 score. Mobile and the State of Alabama were well represented.

Detachment news



Senior Bowl for Homes for our Troops



Larry Kent pulled lame at the last minute and handed the task of collecting donations at the Senior off to John Reid and his crew on January 28th. Larry had done the work of coordination and organizing all week only to be sidelined. Don't worry, we didn't have to shoot him. (yet) The "crew" consisted of Gwyn Howard, Joe Bob Hamilton, Jack Presnall, Randy Rushing, Bill Caraway and Samuel Farris. They combed the grounds in search of every coin and bill that anyone would put in their buckets. Hour after hour, they worked the crowds to help our troops have a place to live when they return from the wars. Great job to all and thanks for being there for your Detachment.

VISIT FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Executive Director Mike Blum and National Director of Conventions John Touhy came to Mobile on 13 January for a kick-off of our New Local National Convention Committee. Chairman Joe Fell and assistant Dave Sprott joined by Commandant A.B. Grantham were on hand to greet the National Officers when they arrived. A four hour meeting ensued at the Battle House Hotel with representatives from Mobile Convention and Visitors Bureau, Bay City Tours and Convention, Renaissance Hotels the Riverview and Battle House, city officials and Detachment members George Williams, Betty Beatty and Mike Nichols. The meetings resumed Saturday morning with more than 20 detachment members that have volunteered to help with the Convention and planning. Mike and John were pleased with the large number of detachment members interested in helping and felt the Convention planning is getting back on track. They have also committed to help us in any way they can.

ANNUAL PLAN SET FOR 2012

The Detachment Annual Planning took place at the Tillman's Corner Community Center on 7 January, 2012. The Commandant (A.B. Grantham) told the members that he would like to see the Detachment scale back its' involvement in outside events. The primary focus this year will be the Marine Corps League National Convention held in Mobile in August with the P.L. Wilson Detachment as the host. Department Commandant Johnny Baker has committed the Department of Alabama to assist us in any way they can, especially with people resources. The calendar was discussed and pared down as much as possible. The budget was also discussed and will be finalized and presented to the Detachment for approval on 14 February at the regular meeting.

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Available Add On's

Use of Kitchen facilities - \$50.00

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Stereo Music of choice – Fee to be determined

Disc Jockey/Karaoke – Fee to be determined

SEMPER FI, MARINES! FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST #88



**YOUR HOME POST!
AUDREY IMSAND
COMMANDER**

Announcing P.L. Wilson's newest "Baby Marine"

Member Joshua Grantham's wife, Missi, gave birth to Alexander Bert Grantham, "Baby A B", on 19 Jan. 2012 at 0251in Hollywood FL. He weighed in at 7lbs 6oz and 20.6 in long. Commandant and Mrs. Grantham are proud to introduce to you their ninth Grandchild and 5th Grandson. Hopefully he will be in town for the June regular meeting and you can meet him in person.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Bob Guesnard - Continued Improvement, Al Pawlowski - General Health, Sam Vaughn – Recovering, Ezell Walker - General Health, Al Tanner - Continued Improvement, Larry Kent – Healing, Barb Bryan - General Health, Roger Nichols – Healing, Dick Barnett - General Health, Jim & Sylvia Gunnels - General Health, Lois Claxton – Healing, Tom Claxton - Strength & Patience, Neicy Joiner - Strength & Patience, Fred Walters – Healing, Don Herrin - Healing of Cancer, Larry Hewitt - Cancer Free, Bill Bramblett – test results, Gwyn Howard – healing, Sheryl White – healing, Bob Guesnard's grandson – healing & finances, John & Senoth Bankston – healing & loss of relative.

With any updates, additions, corrections or answered prayers, please contact David Sprott at 251-402-5617 or dsprott@bellsouth.net

Scripts Program

Want to help the league financially without any extra money coming out of your pocket? This program is for you. Pick the store that you plan to shop at, ie. Kohl's, Walmart, Winn-Dixie, Lowe's Dillard's, Applebee's, Longhorn steak house, JC Penny's, Belks, almost anywhere you shop even on-line shopping. Order and Pay for your card from Herschel a Scripts gift card in the denomination you choose and then use the card to shop. The league will received anywhere from 2% to 8% or more on your purchases. It doesn't cost you any more than you'd normally spend but the league will make some money. Get your orders into Herschel as soon as possible so we can kick off this project and get some needed funds rolling into the Detachment. For any additional questions contact Herschel Mason at Office 251-457-2327 or Cell Phone 251-366-6016

From the desk of Herschel:

Fellow League members, we need to get on the scrip program. You can sign up for an American Express card. Our percentages will not be as high as specific retail cards, but every little bit helps. My goal is to get enough participation that our Detachment will have enough income to fund all our projects and any new projects we need to take on. We can do this if everyone will join in the effort. It does not take a lot of time to get set up and going.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Convention Committee Meeting Thursday, 9 February in Post 88 meeting hall at 1830 (6:30 pm)

Officers Installation Dinner 11 February at 1730 (5:30 pm) in Tillman's Corner Community Center

Next regular meeting 14 February at 1800 in Post 88 meeting hall. UOD is undress blues or polo and cover.

Gilliard Elementary Parade 17 February. Contact Bob Albach at 251-421-7702 for details, meeting times and place Bring your own throws.

Mid-Winter National Conference 16th-18th February in Fall Church, Virginia.

S.E. Division Conference 1st – 3rd March in Myrtle Beach, Virginia.

March regular meeting on 13th at 1800 in Post 88 meeting hall. UOD is undress blues or polo and cover.



Unmanned Cargo Airlift Is Here

Aviation Week's DTI | Paul McLeary | February 08, 2012

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This article first appeared in Aerospace Daily & Defense Report.

As soon as the helicopter touched the ground on a dusty airfield in southern Afghanistan, the game had been forever changed.

After a decade of sending vulnerable, manpower-intensive, fuel-guzzling ground convoys to resupply troops at far-flung combat outposts in Iraq and Afghanistan - and seeing those convoys consistently ambushed, blown up or just delayed -- the U.S. Marine Corps had had enough. So, on Dec. 17, 2011, the Corps for the first time delivered supplies to troops using a remotely piloted helicopter.

Dispatched from Camp Dwyer to deliver supplies to Marines at Combat Outpost Payne in Helmand province, the flight delivered 3,500 lb. of food and other supplies, and took about 90 min. to complete, according to officials. But more than the supply drop itself, the flight ranks as a significant moment in a wartime technology boom that has made battlefield advances in unmanned technologies seem almost commonplace.

The Marines have been working on unmanned cargo for several years, and the Corps and the Army have been testing options since at least early 2008. The platform that won all of the Marine competitions and is now flying in Afghanistan is Kaman's manned dual-rotor K-MAX helicopter, which was outfitted by Lockheed Martin with mission management and control systems for less than \$47 million under a 2010 award. After years of testing and then charging its way through a five-day Quick Reaction Assessment (QRA) for the U.S. Navy's Cargo Unmanned Aircraft Systems program, two unmanned helos were sent to Afghanistan in October 2011.

According to the Navy, which shares a U.S. military department with the Marines, during the QRA in the U.S. the K-MAX was able to exceed the Navy and Marines' requirement to deliver 6,000 lb. of cargo per day over a five-day period, lugging a total of 33,400 lb. of cargo and topping out at about 3,500 lb. delivered in a single mission. Plus, with its four-hook carousel, K-MAX also can supply multiple locations in one flight.

Maj. Kyle O'Connor, the officer in charge of the unmanned mission in Afghanistan, says that while K-MAX is now considered operational, the Corps is still in a "demonstration phase to test the true capabilities of this aircraft and how well it can perform its job in a combat environment." The Marines will continue to collect data through midyear, and once they analyze how effectively the aircraft performed its mission they will make the decision whether to make it a program of record. Operationally, it appears as if most of the K-MAX's missions will be flown at night and at high altitudes to stay above the range of small-arms fire, according to Navy information.

While it made it to the finish line first, the K-MAX certainly will not be the last unmanned aircraft to deliver supplies to troops in the field. In early assessments, the Navy looked at Boeing's A160 Hummingbird for Afghanistan, although the K-MAX's ability to carry heavier loads up to 360 km (224 mi.) eventually won the day. The Hummingbird, however, remains a viable option. And in August 2011 the Army awarded the Lockheed Martin/Kaman team a \$47 million deal while officials wrap up a larger study on a full range of unmanned cargo options.

The Army also has said that it is using a "hybrid-type acquisition approach" in developing a vertical-takeoff-and-landing Unmanned Aerial System (VTOL-UAS) program that will include a cargo role. The deployment will help the service build a program of record for a VTUAV, which will be a full and open competition for to all bidders.

Finally, another company interested is Textron's AAI. Steve Reid, senior vice president and general manager of AAI Unmanned Aircraft Systems, says the company has signed a license agreement with Carter Aviation for a manned, four-person rotary-winged asset that Textron is converting into an unmanned vehicle the company believes "would do the cargo mission that's being talked about" quite nicely. The Navy has also been busy with other unmanned options, including awarding Northrop Grumman a contract in September to supply 28 MQ-8C Fire Scout VTOL-UAS's (based on Bell's 407 helicopter airframe), which the company has touted for its cargo-lugging capabilities.

Elsewhere, the Office of Naval Research has unveiled the Autonomous Aerial Cargo Utility System, a five-year, \$98 million effort to develop sensors and control technologies for aircraft. Says Mary "Missy" Cummings, program officer for AACUS, "We want to turn any helicopter into a logistics machine."





Drill instructor to be awarded Silver Star

The Marine Corps will award the Silver Star medal on Friday to a sergeant who led his infantry squad through a six-hour firefight in Afghanistan's Sangin district last year.

Sgt. Philip A. McCullough Jr., a native of Tucson, Ariz., who was raised in Galveston, Texas, will receive the medal during a morning colors ceremony at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The Silver Star is the nation's third highest award for gallantry in combat.

McCullough, now a drill instructor with 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, was leading his squad with Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, when it came under attack on Jan. 8, 2011.

It wasn't long before McCullough took point and led the squad in the attack. At one point, he fired an AT-4 anti-armor rocket at an enemy fighting position.

"He pursued the enemy into a nearby row of compounds and forced them into fixed positions where many were destroyed by close-air support and indirect fires, combined with maneuver," the award citation states. The sergeant kept "constant pressure" on the fighters as support aircraft refueled and resupplied, and he continued to lead his men.

The pitched battle with Taliban fighters expended much of the squad's ammunition supply. But McCullough "aggressively drove his Marines to remain focused" and braved enemy fire to identify enemy positions and coordinate fires, the citation states.

"Even after beginning to return to base, as the enemy again engaged the Marines, he controlled another section of helicopters with devastating effects, allowing his squad to return to friendly lines."

It wasn't until after the dust settled when McCullough, wounded in the leg, returned to friendly lines.

Department news



Marines,

As most of you are aware, the Department of Alabama is in a Friendly competition with the Department of Georgia. We call this competition the Grits Bowl.

The two Departments are in the process of ordering challenge coins as a way to further the cause; each Detachment would be able to sell as many coins as they wish and keep a portion, two or three dollars, depending on the number we sell; quantity lowers the price so what I need is the number that your Detachment would like to sell.

Below is a rendering of the coin, there may be some small modifications but for the most part this is the final proof. The coin will be 1.75 inches in diameter.

Kindly give me a count by Wednesday the 7th of December, remember this is a WAG and not a firm count.

Semper Fidelis
Johnny Baker
Commandant
Department of Alabama



COMMANDANT SAY



Marines and Associate Members

Although we have tried to tone down our external events to a more manageable pace, we are still receiving many requests from the community. We are evaluating each request to determine if it's in the best interest of the Marine Corps League and our Detachment. While we would love to accept every invitation and request for our services, we must stay focused on the purpose of the Detachment and what we have in front of us. The Marine Corps League National Convention coming in August is absorbing a lot of our member's time and resources and will continue to do so as we get closer to the date. This is our primary objective for the next seven months.

However, many of our members and their committees are carrying on the Detachment functions with unheralded enthusiasm and valor. Working very hard is John Reid. He is Co-Color Guard Captain with Jim Smith, filling in as Chaplain while Dave Sprott is recovering from knee replacement surgery and continuing Bereavement functions with Jim Evans. Edward Walters is coordinating the Vets helping Vets Senior Bowl visit with Marvin McDuffie while keeping step with the Mulherin Home and Convention adjutant. Sheryl White is busy all the time with Paymaster duties. Jerry Steele and Dianna Grantham are totally swamped with the newsletter, adjutant duties, roster functions, Americanism and the Convention. Terry Sullivan dove in on the delinquent member list and Jr. Vice Commandant duties and has got his work cut out for him for a while. Rick Ivy is restarting the Flea Market functions; Jim Smith preparing to take over as Sgt. of Arms; George Williams is busy with Legislative Officer duties and the Convention; Betty Beatty is preparing to take over as adjutant and Convention registration Chairman with Mike Nichols; Bob Albach is taking the reins for the Gilliard School Mardi Gras Parade; Herschel Mason, our Quartermaster, had his hands full with Ship Stores and is now deep into the Convention planning of fundraising and advertising designs. Joe Fell is working day and night (everyday) trying to get the Convention back on schedule. Many more members not mentioned here are putting in a lot of time and effort into the Detachment business. I have not even mentioned that Zach Bolden is busy planning the golf tournament; Joe and I have to go to Mid-Winter Conference this month; S.E. Division Conference is March 1st through 3rd; upcoming road blocks, meetings (Department and Detachment); installation of officers..... You get the point.

So, what will you do for **YOUR Detachment**? We need your more than ever. I know every one of you joined for a reason. If it was to help Marines and Veterans, what are you waiting for? Call someone on this list, including me, and say: "I want to help, what can I do for you?"

A.B. Grantham





Marine Corps League 89th National Convention

Renaissance and Battle House Hotels – Mobile Alabama

12 August – 18 August 2012

	Cost/Person	Quantity	Total
Sunday, 12 August -- Early Bird Reception 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm fried catfish, boiled crawfish or boiled shrimp with lots of fixin's, or just try them all. Ice tea included and a cash bar.	\$35.00		
Monday 13 August -- Paint Party Studios 8:30 am to 11:30 am Learn to paint with Renee Wallace or one of our other artists right here in the hotel. Choose one of the three 16 x 30 canvases and create your own piece of art. The selections are: Moon pie Fluer De Lis; Beach scene; EGA. Only one canvas per person. Take home a Moon pie fluer de lis _____ Beach scene _____ EGA _____	\$35.00		
Monday 13 August Luncheon with Miss America 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm Enjoy lunch and entertainment with Laura Kaeppeler, the reigning Miss America from Wisconsin. She will give a short speech and show her award winning talents.	\$35.00		
Monday 13 August -- USS Alabama Memorial 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm ALABAMA with a crew of 2,500 earned nine battle stars. Also see USS Drum Submarine and aircraft. Minimum 35 people	\$29.00		
Monday, 13 August -- Casino 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm Board your coach and depart for a fun-filled time of gaming in Biloxi, Mississippi. You will get \$15 of freeplay when you arrive. Enjoy your favorite games of chance: Black Jack, craps, roulette and the slots. Dinner will be on your own at one of the many restaurants. Minimum	\$20.00		
Monday 13 August -- Dinner Cruise on the Native Princess 6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. with the newest LCS ship at the dock and many more interesting activities in the port. Dinner included. First 32 people to sign up.	\$66.00		
Tuesday 14 August -- TOUR OF HISTORIC MOBILE 09:00 am to 2:00 pm Take a tour of the 19th century garden district creating a flavor that takes you back in time. There is a unique blend of architecture in the magnificent antebellum homes. Also a visit to The Richards-DAR Museum Home for a tour and refreshments. A delightful lunch will be included at the Bienville Club atop the RSA Bank Building. A minimum of 35 people per coach. This includes a guide, admission to the museum home and lunch.	\$47.00		
Tuesday 14 August -- Five Rivers - Alabama's Delta Recource Center 09:30 am to 2:00 pm Explore Alabama's rich natural history in the Apalachee Exhibit Hall, and take a virtual tour of the Delta in the Tensaw Theater. Then board the Pelican, a pontoon boat, and take a guided tour of the second largest river delta in the nation. Lunch included at one of our popular restaurants. Minimum of 35 people, includes a guide and admissions.	\$46.00		
Tuesday 14 August -- Dinner Cruise on the Southern Belle 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm dinner of beef round, sausage jambalaya & 3 sides. The captain will give an interesting narative of life on the river.	\$66.00		
Wednesday 15 August -- Golf Outing 7:00 am to 2:00 pm We will depart from the hotels for Mobile's own Azalea City Golf Course for a day on the Links. Cost based on 25 person minimum, transportation, green fee & cart.	\$50.00		
Wednesday 15 August -- Casino Trip to Biloxi 8:00am to 2:00 pm	\$20.00		
Wednesday 15 August -- Bellingrath Gardens 9:30 am to 2:00 pm Nowhere in the world is floral beauty more concentrated than in the internationally famous Bellingrath Gardens. Known as the Garden Spot of the South. Located on the grounds of Coca Cola magnate Walter D. Bellingrath. The home is furnished with antique furniture. Includes lunch to be served in the Magnolia Restaurant at the Gardens.	\$54.00		

Wednesday 15 August -- Baseball Night at the Hank 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm	\$10.00		
The home of Hammering Hank Aaron. The Bay Bears are the AA Baseball team of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Don't miss the fun of seeing if Commandant Vic Voltaggio can throw the ball all the way to home plate, when he throws out the first pitch.			
Thursday 16 August -- Tour of Dauphin Island 9:00 am to 4:00 pm	\$55.00		
Join us for a delightful day on Alabama's "Gateway to the Gulf". We will visit historic Fort Gaines where you can walk the ramparts and view the setting of the Battle of Mobile Bay where Admiral Farragut, said: "Damn the Torpedoes...Full Speed Ahead". We will also visit the Estuarium where you can view and hold in your hands some of the Gulf's unique and beautiful marine life. Lunch, a guide and admissions included. Minimum 35 people.			
Thursday 16 August -- Five Rivers - Alabama's Delta Recource Center 09:30 am to 2:00 pm	\$46.00		
(See Five Rivers description on Tuesday)			
Thursday 16 August -- MODD Lunch 12:00 till 1:00	\$25.00		
Thursday 16 August -- Mardi Gras Parade and Ball 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm	\$25.00		
After a full blown Mardi Gras parade, with theme floats and lots of throws, the fun will continue with a BALL!!! The theme will be Mardi Gras...Mobile Style. One of our mystic societies will come and perform a tableau (story about Mardi Gras) just like they do at their own ball. The high light will be to crown your own King and Queen to rule over the			
Friday 17 August -- Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay Tour 9:00 am to 4:00 pm	\$53.00		
This is one of the most popular tours in the area. From the historic Greek Orthodox Church at Malbis Plantation, Storybook Castle, Punta Clara Candy Kitchen and lunch at the Grand Dame of resort hotels, The Marriots Grand Hotel. Also browse and shop in Fairhope, Alabama, a quaint bayside village filled with artisan shops for unique crafts and gifts.			
Friday 17 August -- Grand Banquet Dinner	\$50.00		
The Grand Banquet includes a no-host bar and your choice of steak, fish or chicken. Come see our new officers get sworn in and support them. Menu choices are: Fried Fish; Grilled Shrimp stuffed with crabmeat; Flowers Florentine Style Chicken Breast; Magnolia Filet Mignon w/sauteed shrimp. Dessert choices: White chocolate rasberry cheese cake; Red Velvet cake with Cream Cheese icing. Cocktails 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.			
Please indicate your choice of entrée and dessert with the number of each needed.			
Steak_____ Fish_____ Shrimp_____ Chicken_____			
Cheese cake_____ Red Velvet cake_____			
Totals from selections:			
Please note: The meals and activities above have a minimum and maximum participant count. Registration will be processed in the order they are received. You will be notified if a choice is no longer available or if it has been cancelled. Visit our website at www.mclconvention.com for more information on the convention activities and meals. Please direct convention questions to Joe Fell at 251-391-6001			
Please direct tour questions to Carol Peterson at KIKICEP@aol.com For event registration by phone call Betty Beatty at: 251-490-8351			
Mail this entire two sided form with a check payable to to MCL 2012 Convention before July 1, 2012 to: MCL 2012 Convention, P.O. Box 91877 , Mobile, Alabama 36691			
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If you ride your motorcycle call Betty Beatty at 251-490-8351 for information on rides and schedules

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Life Member Information

The P.L. Wilson Detachment is unique in that a majority of our members have chosen to become Life Members of the Marine Corps League. Life Members no longer pay annual dues (currently 26.00). In addition, Life Members receive a Gold Membership card, a Life Member Marine Corps League Pin, and are eligible for Life Member recognition on their Marine Corps League Cover. The following are the current Life Member rates:

Up to and including age 35: \$500.00
Age 36 up to and including age 50: \$400.00
Age 51 up to and including age 60: \$300.00
Age 61 and over: \$150.00

*FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT JR VICE ZACH BOLDEN
AT 251-725-4811*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

NEW MEMBERS for December

Michael Sealy
Norman Reinoehl
Park Learned
Jerry Carl
Hyman Dumas

January Renewals

Cari Gardner
Audrey Imsand
Jay Lindsey

February Renewals

Earl Roberson
Maureen Williams
Charles Sasser



DEVIL DOGS – Bulldog Pound #184

Bulldog Pound 184 had their January Growl at the MANSION ON THE RIVER of PDD Jerry Steele and Julie Steele. The Steele's provided delicious sliced pork tenderloin with many sides and a scrumptious homemade King Cake, tea, beer until all dogs had their fill. DD Neal Schneider assumed the duties of Dog Robber. Pound Keeper PDD Cal Walters decided not to distribute the Devil Dog awards at the Officer's Installation Dinner and announced that he had selected DD Neal Schneider as the Pound Dog of the year.

As usual, there were plenty of fines whimpering and camaraderie amongst all dogs, especially PDD Perry (the ex-D#@ Pound Keeper) Vaughn. That dog just can't seem to stay out of trouble. We are considering putting a bigger leash on but we have to figure out how to get the beer can away from his lips long enough to slide it over his head without getting bit. Don't go between a dog and his beer.

The Pound is searching for a few good mutts to join up with the Pound. If you're ~~brave enough~~, I mean, interested in having a barking good time, contact one of the "Collared" Marines at the meeting or the Commandant. WOOF WOOF

THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

WHAT IS IT?

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League.

WHAT IT DOES?

It promotes good fellowship amongst the members of the Marine Corps League Detachments. The Order provides amusement and entertainment at all the gatherings of the League, when and where advisable, preserves and strengthens the principals and ideas of the League and maintains true allegiance to the United States of America and its Constitution and laws. It fosters and extends American institutions of freedom and defends America against all enemies. The Order is also very active in raising funds for different charities.

WHO BELONGS?

You must be a paid-up member and in good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc. The applicant must be active in his or her Detachment in the League, and must be invited to join the Order. He or she must be recommended by his or her Detachment Commandant and be sponsored by two DEVIL DOGS or PEDIGREED DEVIL DOGS. The applicant is then interviewed by the members of the Pound at a Pound Growl. (A meeting is called a Growl.) If accepted, the applicant must undergo an initiation and obligation ceremony. Then he or she becomes a Pup in the order.

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