



**MISSISSIPPI PACK
DOG OF THE YEAR
(DOY)**



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P.O. Box 15801, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-5801

ARTICLE 1 – **AUTHORIZATION AND ESTABLISHMENT**

SECTION 101 – DESCRIPTION OF AWARD

This is an annual award presented to a Member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Marine Corps League, in good standing, who has rendered exceptional service and/or performed duties and deeds above and beyond the duties and obligations normally required of a Member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Marine Corps League.

SECTION 102 - FUNDING FOR DOG OF THE YEAR (DOY) AWARD

Funding for this award shall be appropriated in the annual budget for the Mississippi Pack, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Marine Corps League.

SECTION 103 - STANDING COMMITTEE

The *Dog of the Year Troop (DOYT)* shall be a permanent standing committee of the Mississippi Pack, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Marine Corps League.

SECTION 104 – MISSISSIPPI PACK DOG OF THE YEAR TROOP

The Mississippi Pack, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Marine Corps League, “*Dog of the Year Troop*” shall be comprised of *all past recipients* of the Mississippi Pack, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Marine Corps League, *Dog of the Year*.

Each dog of the Troop must be a current Member or Life Member *in good standing* as defined in the Kennel’s Constitution, Bylaws, and Administrative Procedures.

SECTION 105 - PRESIDING DOG OF THE MISSISSIPPI PACK “DOG OF THE YEAR TROOP”

The *Presiding Dog* of the *Dog of the Year Troop* (PDOYT) shall be the most recent recipient of the Mississippi Pack’s *Dog of the Year* award present at the annual Department of Mississippi’s Convention and Grand Growl.

SECTION 106 – THE DOG PANEL

The Dog Panel shall be comprised of all dogs of the Mississippi Pack, *Dog of the Year Troop* present at the Grand Growl.

The Dog Panel's quorum shall be three (3) voting Dogs including the Presiding Dog.

If there are not at least three (3) recipients present, the Worthy Mississippi Pack's Leader will appoint additional dogs to ensure that there are at least three (3) dogs on the Dog Panel.

Appointments shall be considered in the following order:

1. Honorable Kennel Officers present;
2. Recipient of the Kennel Dog of the Year award;
3. Recipient of the Division Dog of the Year award.

Any Kennel Dog(s) of the Year (DOY) may serve as *advisors(s)* to the Presiding Dog of the Mississippi Pack 's *Dog of the Year (DOY)* Dog Panel. But any and all ex-officio members shall NOT be entitled to vote!

There shall be no proxy votes!

SECTION 107 – DOG PANEL PROCEDURES

The Mississippi Pack *Dog of the Year (DOY)* award shall only be awarded once to a Regular or Life Member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs during his or her lifetime.

The *Dog Panel* must receive a minimum of one (1) nomination before it can convene to select the Mississippi Pack's *Dog of the Year (DOY)*.

The *Dog Panel* shall NOT meet during any open session of the Department of Mississippi's Annual Convention or any open sessions of the Mississippi Pack's Grand Growl of the Devil Dogs.

The deliberations of the Mississippi Pack, *Dog of the Year (DOY) Dog Panel* are confidential and shall **NOT** be divulged to any non-*Dog of the Year Troop* dogs.

There is only ONE (1) *Dog of the Year (DOY)* selected per calendar year.

There are NO ties or co-*Dogs of the Year* to be selected.

Each Pound is NOT limited to a single voting dog on the Dog Panel. All recipients of the Mississippi Pack, *Dog of the Year (DOY)* from that Pound, that are present and willing to serve on the *Dog Panel*, will be that Pound's voting dogs.

Pound *Dog of the Year (DOY) Dog Panel* dogs may only represent the Pound they had membership in when he/she was selected as the Mississippi Pack, *Dog of the Year (DOY)*; however, a *Dog of the Year* that transfers within the Mississippi Pack may vote from their new Pound.

The Pound Keeper of any nomination not judged or rejected and/or disqualified for procedural errors, shall be notified in writing [by either text message and/or email] by the *Presiding Dog* as to why the nomination was rejected.

All nominees for the Mississippi Pack, *Dog of the Year (DOY)* award shall be notified in writing [by either text message

and/or email] by the *Presiding Dog* acknowledging their nomination, prior to the Grand Growl.

SECTION 108 – AWARD PRESENTATION PROCEDURES

The Mississippi Pack, *Dog of the Year* award shall be awarded at the annual Department Convention and Grand Growl Banquet.

The Department of Mississippi's Commandant, the Mississippi Pack's Worthy Pack Leader, or the Banquet Master of Ceremonies (MC) shall introduce the *Presiding Dog* of the Mississippi Pack's *Dog of the Year Troop*.

That *Presiding Dog* shall introduce all dogs of the Mississippi Pack's *Dog of the Year Troop*, in order from the least recent to the most recent selected Mississippi Pack's *Dog of the Year (DOY)*, prior to the announcing the current selection. The year and Pound of each recipient shall be included in the introduction.

The Mississippi Pack Dog Robber, shall maintain the list of all recipients of the *Dog of the Year (DOY)* award.

The *Presiding Dog* of the *Dog of the Year Troop* shall present the award to the current Mississippi Pack's *Dog of the Year (DOY)*. The *Presiding Dog* may designate a presenter of the *Dog of the Year (DOY)* award.

All nominees for the Mississippi Pack's, *Dog of the Year (DOY)* award shall be presented with a MODD Meritorious Commendation Certificate [from their respective pound] prior to the announcement of the current Mississippi Pack's *Dog of the Year (DOY)* award.

Year at the Department Annual Convention and Grand Growl Banquet

The Mississippi Pack's *Dog of the Year* (DOY) selectee shall be presented with a MODD Distinguished Service Award certificate from the Mississippi Pack denoting his/her selection as the Mississippi's Pack *Dog of the Year* (DOY). The certificate shall be signed by the *Presiding Dog* of the *Dog of the Year Troop* and the Worthy Mississippi Pack's Leader.

The *Dog of the Year* (DOY) shall also be presented with the Mississippi Pack's *Dog of the Year* (DOY) medallion and the Mississippi Pack's *Dog of the Year* (DOY) medal/ribbon.

The Mississippi Pack's *Dog of the Year* (DOY) certificate shall be signed by the Worthy Mississippi Pack Leader and the Mississippi Pack's Smart Dog.

ARTICLE 2 – **QUALIFICATIONS FOR AWARD**

SECTION 201 – NOMINATION PRODECURES

The Mississippi Pack's, *Dog of the Year* award is a lifetime meritorious award and may only be awarded once during a dog's lifetime.

The nominee cannot be a former Mississippi Pack's, *Dog of the Year* (DOY).

Nominations must be submitted electronically by email no later than midnight (time = 00:00) **of first day of March of each year** to the current Mississippi Pack's *Smart dog*.

Nominations failing to meet the deadline requirement are ineligible and will NOT be considered.

Completed forms should be saved on your computer and then sent as an **attachment** to your email submission.

NO pictures of documents will be accepted.

The period of consideration for the *Dog of the Year (DOY) Award* shall be the previous calendar year.

The Nominee must be a regular member or life member in *good standing* for the past twenty-four (24) months in a Dog Pound within the Mississippi Pack.

If the Nominee is the Pound's *Pound Keeper*, the Nomination will be certified by the Pound's *Senior Vice Pound Keeper*.

Electronic copies of each nomination timely received, and an Official Scoring Sheet with all nominees listed alphabetically, will be forwarded by the Mississippi's Pack *Smart Dog* to all dogs on the Mississippi Pack's, *Dog of the Year Troop*. The nominations and scoresheet shall be delivered and received no later than twenty-one (21) days [March 21] from the closing of the Nominations.

Completed scoresheets will be delivered to the *Presiding Dog* prior to the *Dog of the Year Troop's* Growl at the Annual Department of Mississippi's Convention and the Mississippi Pack's Grand Growl.

The *Presiding Dog* and least two (2) Troop dogs will total the scores and announce the results to the *Dog of the Year Troop*. The nomination with the lowest total value will be declared the winner.

When a tie occurs, the *Presiding Dog* and Troop Dogs will re-score the tying nominations. This time a value of one (1) two (2) or three (3) [if there is a three-way run-off] will be given to the tying nominations. Once again, the *Presiding Dog* and at least two (2) additional Troop dogs will

total the scores. The nomination with the lowest total score will be declared the winner. This process will continue until a winner is determined.

Once a recipient has been determined, the Official Score Sheets are to be collected by the *Presiding Dog* and destroyed.

Results are never to be divulged to anyone outside of the *Dog of the Year Troop* for any reason whatsoever.

SECTION 202 – NOMINATION PACKAGE

Each nomination package consists of four (4) Parts of the Award Nomination Form – to be completed on three (3) pages):

Page 1 – Part I: Awardee information

Dog's name (Complete legal name – first, middle, last surname and suffix)
Devil Dog Tag Number
MODD Life Membership Number, if applicable
MCL Profile Number
MCL Life Membership Number, if applicable
Pound's Name
Pound's Number
Nominee is Regular Member or Life Member
Type of Award Dog of the Year (DOY)

Page 1 – Part II: Authorization

The nomination must affirm that the submission was *approved by a majority vote of the member's Dog Pound.*

Only one (1) nomination per Pound.

The nomination is to be certified by the Pound Keeper with his/her printed name, signature and date.

The nomination is also to be certified by the Pound's Smart Dog with his/her printed name, signature and date

Page 2 – Part III: Background Information

- A. Offices Held in the Pound, Pack, Division, or Kennel.
- B. Committees served on in the Pound, Pack, Division, or Kennel.
- C. Awards received in Pound, Pack, Division or Kennel.
- D. Community Service Performed

All information needed for the nomination should be placed in this form. No other letters, pictures. Articles, news clippings, etc. will be considered.

Page 3 – Part 4: Justification for the award nomination

Please complete the attached letter of recommendation.

SECTION 203 – SCORING

Nominations will be ranked by the *Presiding Dog* of the *Dog of the Year Troop* and each Dog on the *Dog Panel*.

The *Presiding Dog* and each dog of the *Dog of the Year Troop* will rank nominations from first to last on the Official Score Sheet. The best nomination will receive the value of one (1), the next nomination will receive a value of two (2), and so on until all nominations have a value.

The nominee shall receive a rank for each of the five distinct categories listed on the nomination form:

1. Offices held
2. Committees served
3. Other awards received
4. Community service
5. Justification

The ranking of all five categories will be added together and then divided by five (5).



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AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Nominations must be typed and submitted on the attached form.
2. Only information requested and provided on the form will be used to evaluate the Nominee.
3. No other letters, pictures, articles, news clippings, etc. will be considered.
4. Each nomination must be based on performance and contributions for the prior calendar year.
5. A Pound may submit no more than one (1) nomination for the award.
6. Each nomination must be signed by the Pound Keeper and Smart Dog, acknowledging that the selection was approved by a majority vote of the membership.
7. Nominations must be submitted electronically by email no later than midnight **of first day of March of each year** to the current Mississippi Pack's Smart Dog.
8. Complete forms should be saved on your computer and then sent as an attachment to your email submission.
9. NO pictures of documents will be accepted.
10. Each and every nominee will receive a Meritorious Commendation Certificate from their respective Pound at the Annual Convention Banquet.
11. This is the Mississippi Pack's most prestigious award.



AWARD NOMINATION FORM MISSISSIPPI PACK

P.O. Box 15801, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-5801

TO: Worthy Smart Dog, Mississippi Pack

FROM: _____

Part I: AWARDEE INFORMATION

Nominee: _____

Devil Dog Tag No. _____ Devil Dog Life membership No. _____

MCL Profile No. _____ MCL Membership No. _____

Pound Name: _____ Pound No _____

Nominee is: *A Regular or Life Member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs in good standing.*

Part II: AUTHORIZATION

Nomination for Mississippi Pack's Dog of the year.

We, the undersigned hereby certify that the nominee has been approved by a **majority vote** of the Pound.

Pound Keeper's Name: _____

Pound Keeper's Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Smart Dog's Name: _____

Smart Dog's Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Part III: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Offices held in the Pound, Pack, Division or Kennel:

Committees served on in the Pound, Pack, Division or Kennel:

Awards received in the Pound, Pack, Division or Kennel:

Community Service performed:

Part IV: JUSTIFICATION FOR THE AWARD
NOMINATION

Justification:

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OFFICIAL SCORESHEET

NOMINEE	OFFICES	COMMITTEES	AWARDS	SERVICE	JUSTIFICATION	TOTAL	DIV. /5
<i>Example</i>	1	1	4	3	3	12	2.4

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED