

K-9 Supply Program



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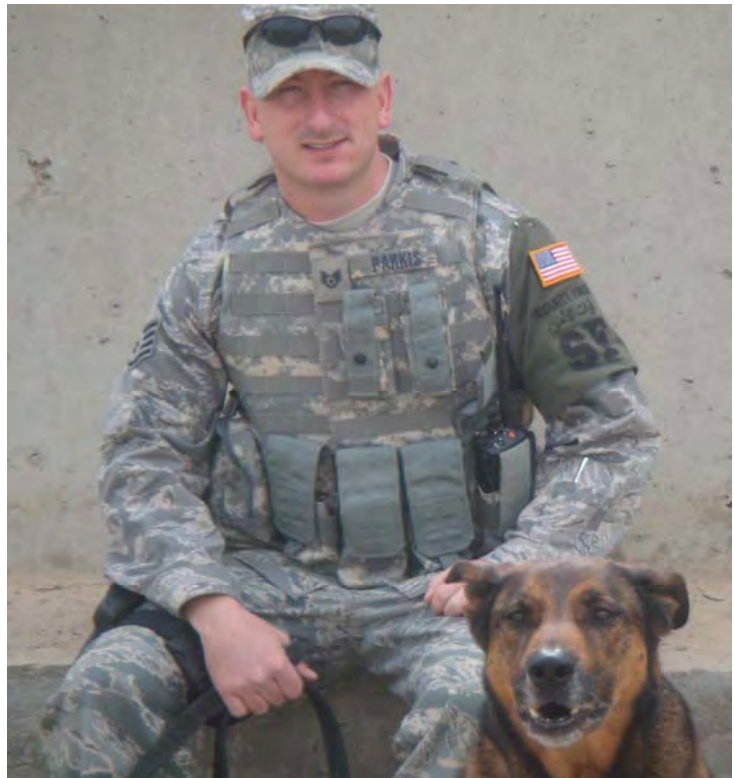
Hello everyone! Well we have paired up five (5) kennels and nineteen (19) deployed teams as of July 15, 2008. July 2008 brings us to two years and 11 months of operation for our “Old Dawgs & Pups and K-9 Supply” program. Once again, I’d just like to say thank you to all of you that have supported our awesome programs and especially our troops and their canine partners.

Area of Operation Status

At last report, four of our Pups have rotated home and more should be following in the near future. TSgt Andrew Esparza and SSgt Kevin Nelson (Warrior), SSgt Beau Hansen (Camp Victory), TSgt Randy Fontenot (Manas AB), and TSgt Matt Rebholz are either home or have their bags packed – way to go guys, great tour and thank you for letting us be a part of your deployment.

Candid K-9 Photographs of Pups

SSgt James Parkis & MWD JP deployed at FOB Warrior from the 824th SFS/Moody AFB, Georgia. The team was “taking in some sights”. Can you believe that tongue on JP? This dog has character and from what I understand so does his handler!



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SSgt Zach Burt & MWD Kibo sharing some “bonding time” as they prepare to return to FOB Rustamiyah, Iraq. Zach and Kibo are deployed from the 1st SFS, Langley AFB, Virginia.



Other News concerning OD&P Graduates!

Updated on SSG Chase Turbitt & MWD Dasti

SSG Chase Turbitt is in the final stages of adopting MWD Dasti. As many of you may remember, Dasti is suffering from a digestive disease and is everything works out right – he’s headed home with Chase – is this a great country or what?



Master Sergeant Bob Kisner – 820th SFS, Moody AFB, Georgia

He's doing it – he's pulling the pin. One of our favorite Kennel Masters, Bob Kisner, is retiring at the end of this month. MSgt Kisner, who commanded the 822nd/506th ESFS at FOB Warrior is going to be missed by the men and women that he served with at their home station and on numerous deployments. Many of us met "Bob" at the VSPA reunion held at Valdosta/Moody AFB, Georgia. He upheld our K-9 traditions as he helped to keep the flag raised at the hospitality room! Bob helped us with pairings as the troops from the 820th deployed around the world. He always had the time to work with us and we sincerely appreciate his efforts of "taking care of the troops". MSgt Bob Kisner was our kind of K-9 troop – I for one would have been honored to have served along side of the Master Sergeant. Bob, from all of us – best of luck in your retirement and thanks from all of us for all that you did for the cause for paws!



SrA Kimberley Harting – 1st SFS, Langley, Virginia

We just heard from SrA Kim Harting, concerning her upcoming assignment. SrA Harting is going PCS to Honduras, to work with the Joint Task Force Bravo. Pictured below are Kim and her new partner, “Princess” Carman who will part company upon her PCS move. Kim promises to stay in touch with us during her deployment. Kim was paired up with David Priest and John & Joan Smith while she was deployed at FOB Warrior.



Change of Command – Colonel John W. Probst - 341st Security Forces Group – Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana

Colonel John Probst, one of our own takes command of the 341st SFS at Malmstrom Air Force Base on July 18, 2008. Colonel Steve Asher will relinquish command to Colonel John Probst. Colonel Probst or A1C John Probst (Don Muang Airport/631st Combat Support Group, Thailand), as we know him, is believed to be the last Military Working Dog handler from Southeast Asia still remaining on active duty.

At Don Muang in 1975 A1C Probst handled Shep (80M3) and Rebel (8M12). Colonel Probst recently completed a year’s tour in Iraq. Colonel, from all of us old dawg handlers – We salute you sir! Best of luck to you Dawg Handler – we are very proud of you.



Colonel Probst – Baghdad – 2007

A1C Probst and MWD Diablo (79M8) – 1971-72

Here's this month's update on the K-9 Supply Program

At the time of this report we have **26** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **19** handlers assigned to **five** kennels in Southwest Asia.

Our K-9 Supply program has been coordinated and funded by the "Old Dawgs & Pups". The supporters are members of the VSPA, VDHA, and friends of K-9. A total of 633 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in Iraq from August 21, 2005 to July 15, 2008. Over eighty-five "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported over **100** K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

http://www.pbase.com/635thk9/old_dawgs

Please review the photos, press releases, and more about our ongoing programs.

We have purchased and shipped **\$7,570.00** of supplies for the 23 kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is **\$18,672.00!**

Please note that this figure does not include all the goodies some of you have sent directly, or which came from other organizations we've been involved with but who shipped their donations independently. WAY TO GO K-9 SUPPLY!

- 138 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (91) Donated by Leatherman) *
* The Leatherman "Surge" donation is valued at approximately **\$11,102.00**
- 75 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 57 Guardian Pet Beds
- 40 Sponges
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 39 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 34 Kongs
- 22 Doggles (10 Pairs were donated)
- 19 VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 16 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
- 16 Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 12 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
- 10 Muzzles
- 8 K9 Bluelight Supplement (2 pound bags)
- 8 Kygen Port-A-Bowls
- 8 Cooling Wraps
- 8 PSI Water Holes
- 8 Cooldanna Cooling Mats
- 8 Sets of Flood Light Bulbs
- 7 Digital Thermometers
- 6 24" Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees
- 5 Classic HG Food Dishes
- 5 Nozzles
- 4 Large Kongs
- 3 100 Foot Water Hoses
- 3 20" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 12" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 5" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 Ceremonial K-9 Badges (Memorial)
- 2 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls

- 2 50 Foot Water Hoses**
- 2 Spray Bottles & Sprayers**
- 1 Drink Mixes & Snacks (Large Box)**
- 1 Case Toilet Paper (30 Rolls)**
- 1 Set of four Ruff Wear Bark'n Boots Grip Trex**

Note: Some of you may receive this twice. I apologize - it's a data base thing!