

K-9 Supply Program



OVER THREE YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!

Hello everyone! We are currently supporting (7) kennels and fifteen (15) deployed Air Force and Army teams as of December 15, 2008. December 2008 brings us to three years and four 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

We are currently supporting troops at FOB Warrior, FOB Rustamiyah, Camp Victory, Camp Taji, Camp Cropper, Iraq, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, and Ali Al Salem, Kuwait.

SSgt John Pillarella and MWD Jampy just came on board on November 29th. We had the pleasure of meeting John, MWD Jampy, and a large group of handlers from Luke AFB, AZ at the Phoenix Veterans’ Day Parade. John is now in place with the HHC, 1-114 IN BN at Camp Cropper, Baghdad, Iraq. John is being supported by Dale and Debbie Burton and Bill Cummings.

To the best of our knowledge SSG Joe Kirkey and MWD Lasso, the Kennel Master at Camp Victory has rotated back to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. SSG Kirkey was teamed with Lonnie Beeson.

SSgt Travis Hazelton and MWD Sinda have departed FOB Rustamiyah and should be back home at Lackland AFB, Texas. Travis was supported by Ernie Childers and Holly Peters.

SSgt Nick Ramsey and MWD Harry have departed Joint Base Balad and have rotated back to Langley AFB, Virginia. He was supported by John and Joan Smith and Dixie Whitman.



SSgt John Pillarella and MWD Jampy at the 2008 Phoenix Veterans’ Day Parade

SSgt Danny Spaide and MWD Boyke - FOB Rustamiyah – Iraq

A day in the life at FOB Rustamiyah! SSgt Spaide and MWD Boyke at a National Police Checkpoint at FOB Rustamiyah just “getting’ it done”. MWD Boyke takes a break at a JSS (Joint Security Station) Babil near the Tigrus river.



SSgt Spaide and MWD Boyke



MWD Boyke

SSG Eric Hooker and MWD Butch - FOB Rustamiyah – Iraq

Well Kennel Master SSG Eric Hooker finally got the time to send us some photos of him and MWD Butch – trust me, these guys don't have much down time at FOB Rustamiyah! SSG Hooker is deployed from Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.



**As we all know – Dogs just love helicopters and Butch is no exception!
It's just a flashback from our time – show a MWD at helo and he will find a seat,
Things just don't change very much do they?**



The Christmas Dogs of FOB Warrior, Iraq

MWD Diego



MWD Doran



MWD Jimmy



MWD Charlie



MWD Jess



If this doesn't give you the Christmas Spirit – It just ain't going to happen!

More photographs from FOB Warrior – Merry Christmas guys!

**SSgt Walter Lee and MWD Jess
Deployed from Bolling AFB**



**SSgt Greg Mobley and MWD Charlie
Deployed from Langley AFB**



**SSgt Juan Felix and MWD Jimmy
Deployed from Hickam AFB**



**SSgt Robert Starkweather and MWD Diego
Deployed from Misawa AFB**



SSgt “Buck” Washer and MWD Doran – Deployed from Mountain Home AFB



Thanks for the Leatherman Surges

Prior to his departing from Joint Base Balad, Iraq, Staff Sergeant Nick Ramsey, deployed from Langley AFB, Virginia, sent us this message concerning his “Surge”.

“Mr. Carroll, I just wanted to let you know I received your package and I greatly appreciate it. I really didn't want to use the Leatherman, but I had to use it on my M4 the other day while I was out on a mission. I don't want to mess it up just because of the engraving. Again thank you for your support. Nick Ramsey and Harry” SSgt Ramsey were teamed with John and Joan Smith and Dixie Whitman during his tour at Balad.

Holiday packages on the way to our troops

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to get packages off to our troops. I have spoken to a number of you that have informed me that the packages were “stuffed” and that they been shipped. Thanks also to everyone who has passed along ideas for items to be shipped.

It's been a long time for many of us to remember what should be shipped and what is definitely needed for our deployed troops.

It's just amazing now how things remain the same, but the products available now are far better to “make the trip”. Once again, thank you to everyone who has shipped “care packages”. If you have “been there” you sure remember how great it is to receive packages at this time of year. Happy Holiday season to everyone!

Thanks again Dixie Whitman for taking the lead on this – as always – you are the lead dog!

SSgt John Grice & MWD Fritz – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

We just received some photographs from SSgt John Grice at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Many of you might remember that John was previously in OD&P during his tour at Camp Bucca, Iraq, in 2007. He was supported there by Don Graham and Jim Stastny. John has since deployed to Italy where they turned him around and deployed him again – you talk about living out of a suitcase!

“Hey Bill, How's everything going, hope you had a good trip... Everything is going good over here at Al Udeid. Me and Fritz are doing GREAT and have about 70 days to go... I'm sorry it's taken so long for me to get a pictures to you but with not having a personal camera I have to rely on the other handlers to take the photographs and send them to me and you know how forgetful we can be! I've attached a couple of me and Fritz at the Port here in Doha clearing some trucks so they can download all kind of equipment and supplies from the boats and get the to the base. Civilian clothes only down there. Got to catch some ZZZZ's talk to you soon, John”



SSgt John Grice and MWD Fritz at Al Udeid



SSgt John Grice and MWD Fritz at a port inspection station

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates!

Many of you might remember SSG Chase Turbitt from his deployment at Camp Taji, Iraq. In June of this year, MWD Dasti was diagnosed with Megaesophagus (the muscles in the esophagus do not work properly and the dog needs help digesting his food). Case and Dasti were returned to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. SSG Turbitt immediately started the adoption process to gain possession of Dasti. Here is a message that I recently received from Chase.

“Hey Bill, how is it going? I just wanted to let you know that I have MWD Dasti down here at my house in Texas and the adoption is final. He is loving life and doing well. Just wanted to say “Hi” and say thanks for all you do for my guys still in the fight.

Yeah I will definitely get you an updated picture, maybe of us doing some duck hunting. He is definitely spoiled and my little girl loves him, he sleeps in front of her door every night. His only stipulations is that he has to eat all wet food and eat at an elevated position and take antacid pills.

Other than that he is doing good. The family loves him and he is a good security system for the house. I’m trying to keep him sharp and trained. The sheriff in the town says he would hire me if I got out of the army. They say a bomb dog gets good pay. But I got 3 1/2 years left. Well let me know if you yourself need anything. Thanks again man. SSG Chase Turbitt

Chase was teamed with Bob Van de Reit during his tour at Camp Taji.



SSG Chase Turbitt and retired/adopted MWD Dasti

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

At the time of this report we have **19** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **15** handlers assigned to **seven** 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 695 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 21, 2005 to December 15, 2008. Over **95** "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported over **115** 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 **\$7,658.00** of supplies for the 27 kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is **\$22,560.00!**

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 **\$14,902.00**
- 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)
- 20 * Serac SC Leatherman Flashlights (**\$1,600.00**)
- 20 * E33T “Expanse” Leatherman Knives (**\$1,100.00**)
- 20 * E55 “Expanse” Leatherman Knives (**\$1,100.00**)
- 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
- 2 150 Foot Enclosed Hose Reels
- 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!