

# THAILAND DOG HANDLERS

USAF Dog Handlers Who Defended Front-Line Combat Air Bases In Thailand Throughout The Vietnam War

(05/15/10)

## **OVER FOUR YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!**

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting nine (9) kennels and twenty-one (21) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of May 15, 2010. May 2010 brings us to four years and nine months of operation for our “Old Dawgs & Pups” 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 deployed down range.

### **Area of Operation Status - K-9 Teams Arriving/Departing**

We are currently supporting troops at FOB Warrior, Camp Cropper, Joint Base Balad, Sather Air Base, Iraq; Bagram Air Base and FOB Salerno/Bagram Afghanistan; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. We have one (1) new Pup to introduce this month.

#### **Pups heading home from the AOR**

**FOB Warrior:** Kennel Master TSgt Luke Darche (Sheppard AFB), Trainer SSgt Casey Ouellette Anderson AFB), and SSgt Lance Quilty & MWD Sida (Moody AFB) will be leaving FOB Warrior before next months report. They were supported by Scotty Baker (Safeside), David Priest (Korat), and Dixie Whitman respectively.

**Salerno/Bagram Army:** SSgt Jerod Schley (Dover) has departed the AOR and should be home by now. The team was supported by Larry Zacker (U-Tapao/Takhli).

#### **Pups arriving in the AOR**

**Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan:** SSgt Daniel Canitz and MWD King deployed from the 21<sup>st</sup> Security Forces Squadron, Peterson AFB, Colorado. The team is supported by Jim Coggins (Takhli).

### **Army Troops at Bagram Airbase – Coming to their aid**

We received an e-mail from Old Dawg/deployed Master Sergeant Hugo Nunez advising us that there were six Army Troops that had just arrived at Bagram Air Base and needed a little help. The call went out and once again Ken Neal (Udorn/Ubon) answered the call. Within hours, with Ken’s help we had ordered and shipped six (6) Guardian Pet Beds from Pet Edge. Even though we did not have the “Old Dawgs” to take them on as sponsors, Ken made sure that these dogs did not have to sleep on concrete.

A special thank you also goes out to Mary Lou Hodsdon of Pet Edge for her remarkable pricing and ability to get the order out and to the troops. Once again, thanks Ken and Mary Lou for all of your help and commitment to our troops! This is what makes our program work so very well!

This group is deployed to Bagram Air Base to join 415th Military Police Detachment. We have also portable water bowls to some of these troops. Thanks again MSgt Hugo Nunez for your assistance in supporting this team.

## Profiles and Photographs of members of Old Dawgs & Pups



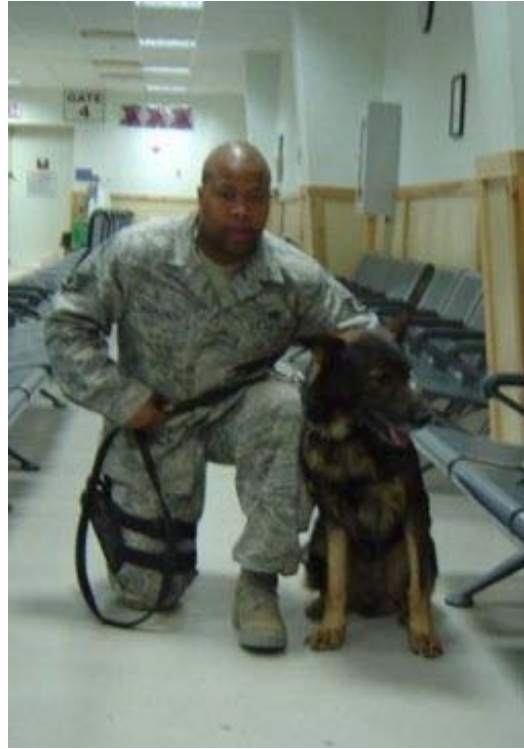
I just couldn't resist using this photograph this month! Our Old Dawgs & Pups "Logistics Expert" Phil Carroll has been spending his retirement days tormenting most of us by sending his new fishing photographs. You know, sometimes you just don't want toooooo much good news. Thanks Phil for all the hard work you put into our OD&P program – Now, go fishing!

### Homecoming Welcome for Old Dawg & Pup

SSgt William Brooker and MWD Kebek returned home last month to McConnell Air Base, Kansas. SSgt Brooker had been teamed with J. D. Jones (Udorn) during his deployment. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, J. D. and SSgt Brooker got together from a "homecoming lunch". They talked about family, deployments and of course, dogs for hours. J. D. even received an invitation to come to the kennels at McConnell – you can bet this is going to be a Kodak moment.



## Homecoming Welcome for Old Dawg & Pup – Continued



SSgt William Brooker and MWD Kebek onboard the rotator and at the terminal at Joint Base Balad. Thanks SSgt Brooker, we've been trying to get a photograph like this for years! Welcome home and thank you and J. D. for sharing this moment and photographs with all of us!

## 477<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Sather Air Base, Iraq



We'd like to introduce SSgt Charles Messer and MWD Elza deployed from the 42<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. They are deployed to the 477<sup>th</sup> ESFS, Sather Air Base, Iraq. Of course, being from Alabama they are supported by Doug McCoy (47<sup>th</sup> IPSD) and Janet Wise, our great Friend of K-9 from 'Bama! Welcome aboard Charles and we are sure glad to have you.

## 455<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Bagram, Afghanistan



SSgt Tyson Nalor, deployed from the 366<sup>th</sup> SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho and MWD Max prepare for a “night on the town” during their deployment at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. On the right, Max models the newest eyewear or doggles. Could you do anything but love that face? This team is supported by Don Poss (366<sup>th</sup> DaNang, RVN) and Mary Hall-Rutherford (FoK) from ‘Bama! Welcome aboard Charles and we are sure glad to have you.

TSgt Tracey booth advised us that their kennel buckets and leashes were getting in pretty bad shape. So, once again, we went into action with the help of Pet Edge and shipped 12 buckets and fence clamps and 12 retractable leashes. The buckets have arrived and the remainder of the shipment should be there anytime. Here’s what the products look like from Pet Edge:



OD&P has shipped eighty-seven (87) pieces of equipment, valued at approximately \$3,545.00 to Bagram Air Base in 2009-2010.

## 506<sup>th</sup> ESFS – FOB Warrior, Iraq

Recently our signature gifts to our Pups – Leatherman Surges, were delivered to FOB Warrior. Again, our thanks go out to the Leatherman Tool Group for their continued commitment to our Old Dawgs & Pups program.

SSgt Casey Ouellette, Trainer, displays his new Surge tool. On the right SSgt Lance Quilty and Sinda show off their new Surge tool that just arrived at FOB Warrior. It's a little hard to see but SSgt Quilty is also displaying our Thailand Handler Patch.



SSgt Casey Ouellette, Trainer  
Anderson AFB, Guam



SSgt Lance Quilty and Sinda  
Moody AFB, Georgia

Upon receiving our gifts, we just received this message from Kennel Master, TSgt Luke Darche, “Thank you so much for sending us the Leatherman tools. We are so fortunate to have an organization such as your sponsoring us, and looking out for us. The Leatherman tool has become a necessity in our line of work, and I can think of no better gift. Please know we appreciate everything your organization has done for us while we have been here at FOB Warrior. Most, importantly, I hope you know that present handlers respect and look up to all the “Old Dawgs”, and we should be the ones thanking you for what you did”.

TSgt Luke Darche (Sheppard), Kennel Master, was supported by Scotty Baker (Safeside); SSgt Casey Ouellette (Anderson AFB), Trainer, was supported by David Priest; and SSgt Lance Quilty and Sida (Moody) was supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK).

This group will be heading home at the end of the month and we want to wish them well. In the very near future, there will be no Air Force handlers assigned to FOB Warrior. More information will be available on that at a later time.

We have shipped more than 154 pieces of equipment, valued at approximately \$12,254.00 to over eighty (80) deployed MWD teams since we first picked up FOB Warrior/Kirkuk as a kennel in 2005.

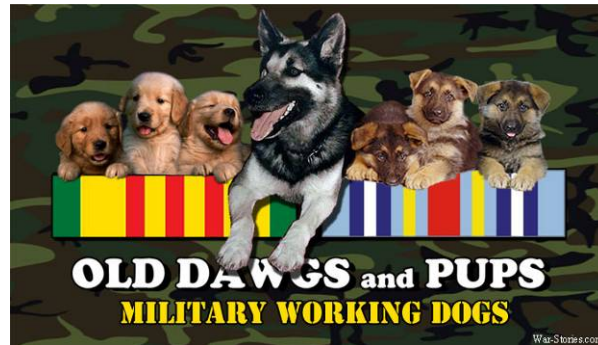
Congratulations Old Dawgs & Pups – you have done a great job supporting our “Pups” at Warrior!

**Old Dawgs & Pups Products now AVAILABLE!!!!!!!**



**Copy and paste this link to see our New Products to support OD&P**

<http://www.vspa.com/aspprotect/shop/shopdisplayproducts.asp?id=223&cat=K9+Old+Dawgs+and+Pups>



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

At the time of this report we have **27** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **21** handlers assigned to nine (9) 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 **1,147** pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 21, 2005 to May 15, 2010. Over **252** "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported **224** K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

[http://www.pbase.com/635thk9/old\\_dawgs](http://www.pbase.com/635thk9/old_dawgs)

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

We have purchased and shipped **\$15,070.00** of supplies for the **56** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate and Helping Udders donations, the total is **\$47,555.00!**

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!

### List of Supplies Shipped by Old Dawgs & Pups

- 212 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (125) Donated by Leatherman) \*
- \* The Leatherman "Surge"/Flashlights/Knives donation is valued at approximately **\$29,065.00**
- 81 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 75 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 75 \* Leatherman Knives (Models: c33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
- 52 Kongs (Assorted sizes)
- 45 \* Leatherman Serac S3 Leatherman Flashlights
- 40 Sponges
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 39 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 33 Kygen Port-A-Bowls (Dressler's)
- 40 PSI Water Holes (Dressler's)
- 24 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls (Dressler's)
- 24 Rolls 26"x78" 20% Dark Limo Window Tint (Checker Auto Supply)
- 25 Doggles (10 Pairs were donated)
- 19 VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 16 Cooling Vests & Extra Cooling Packs (**Helping Udders - Valued at \$3,420.00**)
- 16 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades (Dressler's)
- 16 Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes (Dressler's)
- 15 Classic HG Food Dishes (Dressler's)
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers (Dressler's)
- 12 Retractable Leashes (Pet Edge)
- 12 Flat Sided Stainless Steel Water Pails (Pet Edge)
- 12 Bucket Clips (Pet Edge)
- 12 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails (Dressler's)
- 10 Muzzles (Dressler's)
- 10 Heavy Duty Handled Pails - 9 Qt. - (Pet Edge)
- 10 Stainless Steel - 3 Qt Dura-weight Bowls (Pet Edge)

- 10 **Helping Udder Reward Toys (Helping Udders)**
- 9 **Hose Nozzles**
- 8 **K9 Bluelight Supplement (2 pound bags) (Dressler's)**
- 8 **Cooling Wraps (Roshgo Corp)**
- 8 **Cooldanna Cooling Mats (Roshgo Corp)**
- 8 **Sets of Flood Light Bulbs**
- 8 **24" Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees**
- 7 **Digital Thermometers**
- 5 **Set of four Ruff Wear Bark'n Boots Grip Trex (Ray Allen)**
- 4 **Carabiners**
- 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 **Hose Reels - Wheels**
- 2 **50 Foot Water Hoses**
- 2 **Spray Bottles & Sprayers**
- 2 **150 Foot Enclosed Hose Reels**
- 1 **Large Patrol Harness**
- 1 **Medium Patrol Harness**
- 1 **Drink Mixes & Snacks (Large Box)**
- 1 **Case Toilet Paper (30 Rolls)**
- 1 **Syntek Hidden Sleeve (Ray Allen)**

**\* If you receive more than one copy – It's a data base thing!**