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MORE THAN 350 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!**

More than \$80,400 of supplies shipped down range!

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(Please Bookmark our NEW OD&P Website Address)

Hello everyone! We are currently supporting four (4) kennels and fourteen (14) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of May 15, 2013. May 2013 brings us to seven years and eight 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 Bagram Air Field and Miawand District, Afghanistan; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; and Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia. We have no new pups to introduce this month.

Pups heading home from the AOR

Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar: SrA Candice Colburn & MWD Eddy will be heading back to sunny California and Vandenberg AFB in the very near future.

SSgt Melissa Schmalhorst & MWD Bety are pulling chocks and heading back to Fairchild AFB, Washington.

Pups arriving in the AOR

No new pups arriving in country as of this report.



379th ESFS – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar



SSgt Mark “Cojack” Chojnacki, SrA Chad Ditch & SSgt Andrew Bowen show off their Old Dawgs & Pups gifts that just arrived at Al Udeid, Qatar. Could this be the new “Three Amigos”?

We just see a new action adventure coming out soon starring Cojack, Ditch, and Bowen! These guys sure seem very appreciative for the Old Dawg & Pups signature gifts – we sure love seeing these types of photographs. Especially when they involved dog searches, smiles, and great photographs! Thanks guys we really appreciate the job you guys are doing down range for the good ole U. S. of A.



SSgt Mark “Cojack” Chojnacki & MWD Mila check out the newly arrived packages – NO one gets packages until they pass the “smell” test! Mila has given the “Good to Go” on the packages and “Cojack” digs in to see what’s inside! Those Leatherman “Surges” and flashlights and the Old Dawgs & Pups patches and coins have a fantastic smell. SSgt Chojnacki, SrA Ditch, and SSgt Bowen are supported by Ernest Childers (Udorn), J. D. Jones (Udorn), and Don Graham (Tuy Hoa), respectively.

379th ESFS – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar - Continued



SrA Chad Ditch has done an outstanding job for us during his deployment. Our “Logistics Expert”, Phil Carroll (Takhli/NKP) put a little something special in a package for Chad – we understand that Chad was extremely appreciative – Great job Chad! That’s something for your patch collection.



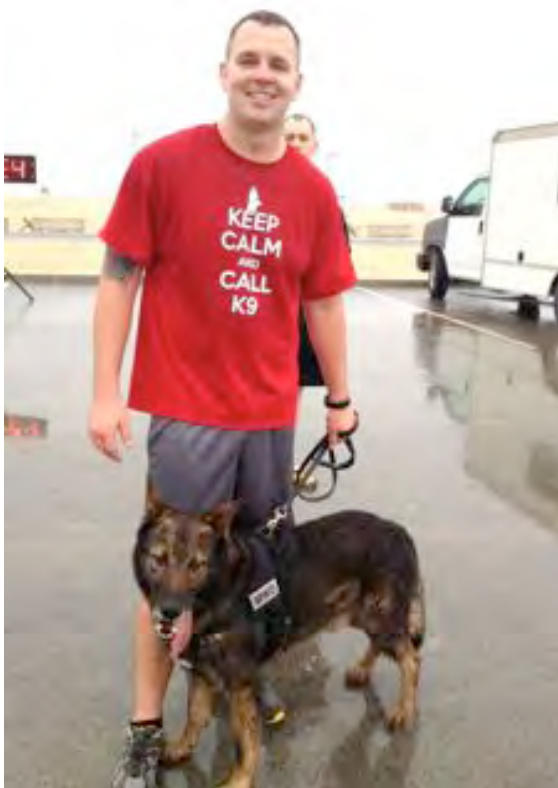
SrA Chad Ditch and MWD Andor with 90s rock band “Everclear”. They stopped at the kennels for a demo during their USO Tour at Al Udeid Air Base. Nothing like a photograph with some “rockers” when they come a “knockin”!

In November 2008 the band traveled around Iraq in support of the troops and the USO. They stopped at Camp Liberty, Camp Shield, Camp Slayer, FOB Echo, and many other FOBs around the country. The sets were primarily done acoustically and consisted of most of the band's hits. These guys believe in supporting our troops!

379th ESFS – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar – Continued



We just received these photographs from SSgt Tommy Beers. “Here are a few pictures that we took this week. SSgt Schmalhorst and I participated in the 5K for the "Fallen Hero's". It was a good time plus it was raining so that's always fun”. SSgt Tommy Beers & MWD Guyro, are deployed from the 21st SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado and SSgt Melissa Schmalhorst, 92nd SFS, Fairchild AFB, Washington. Their sponsors are John Langley (TSN) & Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) and Steve & Lise Gattis (CRB).



A little rain didn't dampen the spirits of these two MWD teams as they ran for fallen brothers and sisters – Great Spirit and thanks for honoring our heroes and your fellow warriors.

379th ESFS – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar – Continued



MWD Bety has just about had enough of this deployment! Looks like she’s developed a little “attitude”. She’s ready to go HOME!

They say you “Can’t teach an ‘old dog’ new tricks”?



No caption needed. This is one very happy puppy!

455th ESFS Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan

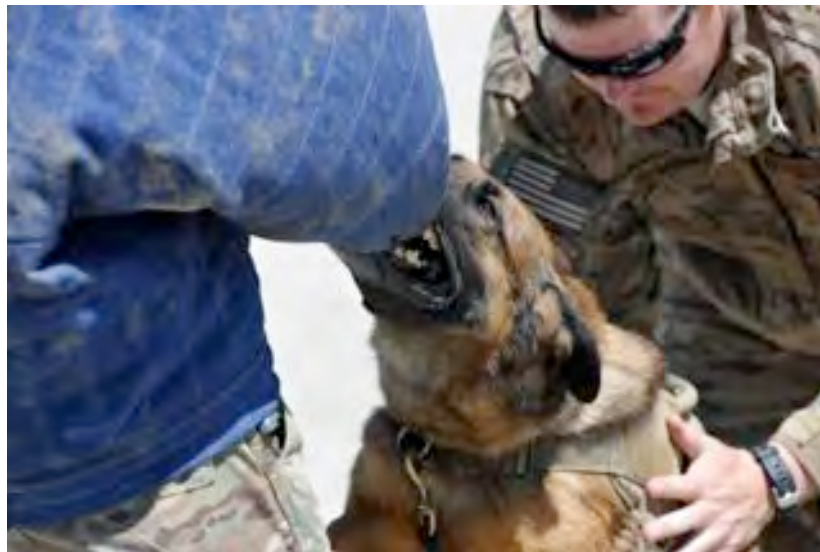
“From the leash down”

by Senior Airman Chris Willis - 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs
<http://www.bagram.afcent.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123347149>

5/5/2013 - BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan -- Military Working Dogs and their handlers assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Group patrol and protect Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, and the surrounding area.

The handlers perform weekly controlled aggression training with their dogs and practice in a MWD obstacle course to provide realistic scenarios the team can expect to encounter while on patrol.

Over the past four months, the MWD team has swept more than 15,000 vehicles, mitigating all Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device threats to the installation and completed more than 200 missions "outside the wire" securing villages and roads leading to the airfield.



Senior Master Sgt. Edward Keenan, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Group operations superintendent, and Military Working Dog Ruth perform controlled aggression training at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, April 28, 2013. Controlled aggression training creates scenarios in which the MWD team responds to a suspect or unidentified individual. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)

Staff Sgt. Joshua Mason, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Group Military Working Dog handler, deployed from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and his dog Ruth perform controlled aggression training at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

“From the leash down” - Continued



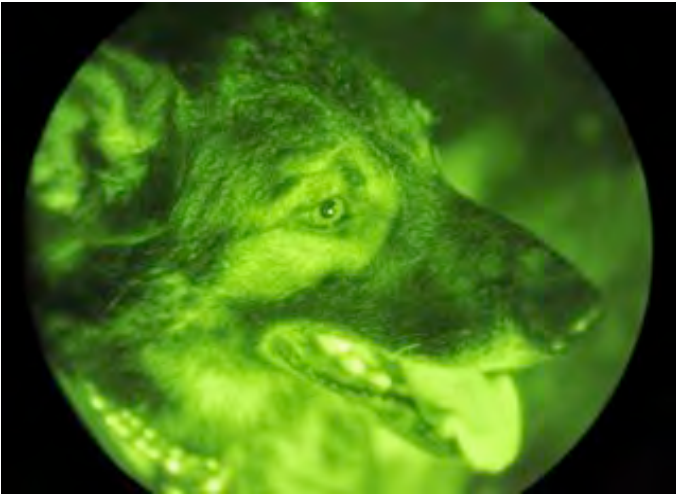
Left: Ruth, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Group Military Working Dog, deployed from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, takes a break from her obstacle course training at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, April 28, 2013. The course provides obstacles at different heights to provide realistic scenarios MWD teams can expect while on patrol. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)

Right: Military Working Dog Ruth gets praised after solving a detection problem in which she found a specific odor during training at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, April 29, 2013. Over the past four months the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Group MWD team has completed more than 200 missions “outside the wire” securing villages and roads leading to the airfield. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)



Tech. Sgt. Adam Leslie, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Group Military Working Dog kennel master, deployed from Langley Air Force Base, Va., and MWD Ruth perform controlled aggression training at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, April 28, 2013. Controlled aggression training creates scenarios in which the MWD team responds to a suspect or unidentified individual. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)

“From the leash down” - Continued



Staff Sgt. Steven Owen, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Group Military Working Dog handler, deployed from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and his dog Tex conduct a night operations search at Traffic Control Points outside of Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, April 28, 2013. TCPs provide an unpredictable security posture in which random vehicles are selected to be swept for contraband and all occupants identified and checked. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)

TSgt Adams is supported by MSgt Jason Somers (820th/Minot AFB) and is deployed from 633rd SFS, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

SSgt Joshua Mason & MWD Ruth are deployed from the 88th SFS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and the team is supported by Bob Curnick (NKP).

SSgt Steven Owen & MWD are deployed from the 55th SFS, Offutt AFB, Nebraska and Karl Niemeyer (NKP) supports them.

64th ESFS – Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia



Following their last “Midnight Shift” before departing for home, SSgt Alexandra Jecha & MWD Dexter complete their final training session. It just so happened that First Sergeant, SMSgt Monk, was there to see them off and the “Shirt” decided to take a bite from Dexter. That’s the way to finish a tour! They are safely home now. They were supported by Dave and Pat Broeker (U-Tapao).

Village Stability Program (VSP), Miawand, Afghanistan



SrA Brandon Johnson & MWD Diyi take advantage of a break in the action to share some “quality time” together at VSP Miawand, Afghanistan. They are assigned to a Special Operations Task Force in South East Asia.

The team is deployed from the 820th Security Forces Group, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. Brandon and Diyi are supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK).

We’d also like to thank SSgt Ted Carlson for hooking us up with SrA Johnson and MWD Diyi and to say thanks to Dixie for taking care of our “Georgia Gang” for us again. Don’t mess with Moody – right Dixie?

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates

MWD Jessey (L063) laid to rest at Minot AFB, North Dakota



TSgt Steven Kaun (Trainer), SSgt Eric Rod & MWD Boeffie, MSgt Jason Somers, and TSgt Randy Akin (Kennel Master) Minot AFB, North Dakota. TSgt Kaun, SSgt Rod, and MSgt Somers are OD&P graduates! MSgt Jason Somers made the presentation for OD&P. Thanks also go out to Kiley Swopes, Chief, Media Operations, Minot AFB Public Relations. OD&P supported SSgt Rod during his deployment to FOB Warrior in 2009. He was deployed with another MWD at the time. All of us Old Dawgs would like to lend our support to SSgt Rod and we'd like him to know that we have his back. Jessey will forever be a love of his life. We know exactly what they have been through together much like our deployments during the Vietnam era. The bond between Erik and Jessey will never be broken. March on proudly SSgt Rod - Jessey, along with you have served your country proudly.

Feed the Dawgs Project 2013 Schedule

<http://www.thedawgsproject.com>



The *Feed the Dawgs* Project is a culmination of United States Military Vietnam Veterans, Active Duty Military Working Dog Personnel, and patriotic citizens joining together to support and recognize the dedication and patriotism of today's Military Working Dog Teams around the globe. The United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy deploy Military Working. They feed steak barbecues to active military dog handlers and their family and friends from all branches of United States service as they return from or "ship out" for "deployment" to the front lines on the War on Terror.

If you are interested in assisting in one of the projects or need more information about "*Feed the Dawgs*" please contact Jon Hemp at jmhemp@feedthedawgs.com

Here is the Feed the Dawgs upcoming schedule for 2013 – Get Involved!

You can view photos from all of our events on Facebook at "[The Dawgs Project](#)"

25	May	Travis AFB, Beale AFB, NAS Fallon, CA
8	June	NAS Lemoore, CA
29	June	Vandenberg AFB, CA

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

At the time of this report we have **13** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **14** handlers assigned to four (4) 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 1,753 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 21, 2005 to May 15, 2013. "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported 97 kennels and 357 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 **\$22,328.00** of supplies for the **97** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate and Helping Udders donations, the total is **\$80,456.00**

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.

List of Supplies Shipped by Old Dawgs & Pups

- 294 Leatherman “Surge” Tools (145) Donated by Leatherman
 - * The Leatherman “Surge”/Muts/Flashlights/Knives donation is valued at approximately **\$54,709.00**
- 266 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 205 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 163 * Leatherman Serac S3 Leatherman Flashlights
- 102 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 75 * Leatherman Knives (Models: c33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
- 56 Kongs (Assorted sizes)
- 50 * Leatherman M5 LED Lenser Flashlights
- 46 Sponges
- 44 PSI Water Holes
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 34 * Leatherman MUT Tools
- 33 Kygen Port-A-Bowls
- 25 Doggles (10 Pairs were donated)
- 24 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
- 24 Rolls 26”x78” 20% Dark Limo Window Tint (Checker Auto Supply)
- 19 VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 16 Cooling Vests & Extra Cooling Packs (**Helping Udders -Value \$3,420.00**)
- 16 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
- 16 Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
- 15 Classic HG Food Dishes
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 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
- 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 lb)
- 8 Cooling Wraps (Roshgo Corp)
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- 8 Cooldanna Cooling Mats (Roshgo Corp)
- 8 Sets of Flood Light Bulbs
- 8 24” Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees
- 7 Digital Thermometers
- 7 Sets Ruff Wear Bark’n Boots Trex (Ray Allen & Ruff Wear)
- 7 Retractable Leashes
- 4 Carabiners
- 4 5” Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 100 Foot Water Hoses
- 3 20” Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 12” Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 Ceremonial K-9 Badges (Memorial)
- 2 Hose Reels – Whee
- 2 50 Foot Water Hoses
- 2 Spray Bottles & Sprayers
- 2 150 Foot Enclosed Hose Reels
- 2 * Leatherman EOD MUT Tools
- 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)