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OVER NINE YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!
MORE THAN 415 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!
114 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported
More than \$93,319.00 of supplies shipped down range!

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting seven (7) kennels and sixteen (16) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of September 15, 2014. September 2014 brings us to nine years and 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 Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; Ali Al Salem Air Base and Ali Al Salem MWD Hub, Kuwait; Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates (UAE); Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia; and Soto Cano, Honduras. We have nine (9) new pups to introduce this month.

Pups arriving in the AOR

Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar: SSgt Corey Rainge & MWD Cora deployed from the 1st SOSFS, Hurlburt Field, Florida. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support the team.

SSgt Dustin Barnes & MWD Wax are deployed from the 56th SFS, Luke AFB, Arizona. Mike Regan (NKP) supports the team.

SSgt Miguel Marrero & MWD Renato are deployed from the 66th SFS, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts. They are sponsored by Rick Matott (Ubon).

SrA Zachary Byerly & MWD Ajax are deployed from the 4th SFS, Seymour-Johnson AFB, North Carolina, and they are sponsored by our newest sponsor – Mark Smooth (NKP).

Ali Al Salem, Kuwait: TSgt David Bieck, Kennel Master, deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. This is TSgt Bieck's third tour – and our newest Alpha DOG! He is supported by Bob Sullivan (Phu Cat).

SrA Laci Mendez & MWD Mega deployed from the 97th SFS, Altus AFB, Oklahoma. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support the team.

Pups arriving in the AOR – Continued

Ali Al Salem, Kuwait: SrA Eric Formolo & MWD Rocky are deployed from the 42nd SFS, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The team is supported by Doug McCoy (47th IPSD).

SrA Raymond Esteves & Foxie are deployed from the 36th SFS, Anderson AFB, Guam. They are supported by Scotty Baker (Safeside 821st CSPA).

Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia: SSgt Kyle Bernard & MWD FFrida are deployed from the 56th SFS, Luke AFB, Arizona. The team is supported by Bob Curnick (NKP) - an old 56er himself.

Pups heading home from the AOR

Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE: SSgt Sean McKenna & MWD Mushe are heading back to the desert of Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

SSgt Jeffrey Hill & MWD Semmi are packing for their trip back to the beaches of Tyndall AFB, Florida.

SSgt Nick Fletcher & MWD OOpsey should be pulling chocks for Langley AFB, Virginia very soon!

Soto Cano, Honduras: SSgt Bryan Klein & MWD Bruno are checking flight schedules for their return trip to Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

Cano Soto, Honduras



SSgt Bryan Klein and MWD Bruno are getting to be “short timers” and from the looks of the photos – it’s time to saddle up and head home. For those of you that might know this team you are probably wondering – “What’s Bruno doing on the right side seat”? He’s been known to really know his way around a vehicle! For us “Old Dawgs” – this paint scheme looks pretty familiar doesn’t it?

This is Bryan’s third tour (he’s earned his Alpha Dog Coin and certificate when he returns) and it’s also Bruno’s third tour with OD&P. Officially – that makes them both – “Alpha Dogs” – not bad at all for this very experienced MWD team from the Arizona desert (Hot! Hot! Hot!). The team is deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. The team is supported by Mike Fink (FoK).

379th ESFS - Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar



We'd like to introduce SSgt Sean Schwartz and MWD Robby, one of our new "pups" at Al Udeid Air. The team is deployed from 87th SFS, Jt. Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. The team is supported by Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) and they are both from the "Old Line State" of Maryland.



This is how you find a training aid! MWD Cora just shows her "stuff" during a recent training exercise. Sometimes things just come easy when you know what your doing! SSgt Corey Rainge and MWD Cora are deployed from the 1st SOSFS, Hurlburt Field, Florida. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support this deployed MWD team. Way to go Team Cora – this is Cora's second deployment with Old Dawgs & Pups.

386th ESFS - Ali Al Salem - “The Rock”, Kuwait



SrA Eric Formolo and MWD Rocky, deployed from the 42nd SFS, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, take enjoy some time together following a “high speed – low drag” training session. From the looks on their faces – training went very well! One great looking dog team! Doug McCoy (47th IPSD) supports the team.

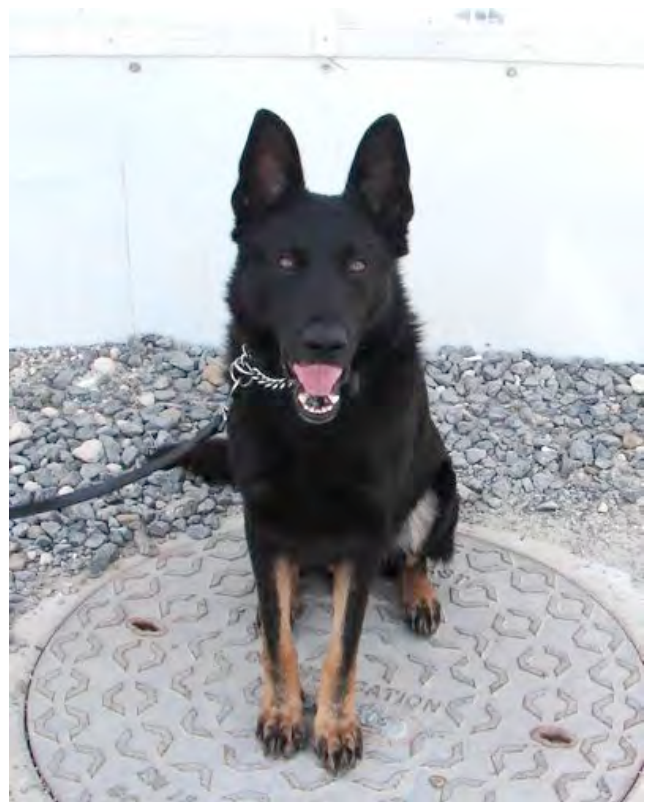


We’d like to take this opportunity to introduce SrA Laci Mendez and her partner, MWD Mega. They are deployed from the 97th SFS, Altus AFB, Oklahoma. This is the team’s first deployment together and it looks like the start of a great dog team. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support SrA Mendez and Mega.

380th ESFS - Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates (UAE)



If you're heading home – You need a bath! At first, MWD Mushe wasn't all that thrilled about "bath time" until he learned he was heading home soon! OK, here's the plan – first, you get all wet and soapy, then you get rinsed off, and then toweled dry. As you can see, SSgt Sean McKenna has accomplished all of the required steps for a return trip bath and Mushe is looking great and getting ready to head back to Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. SSgt McKenna and MWD Mushe are supported by David Priest (Korat).



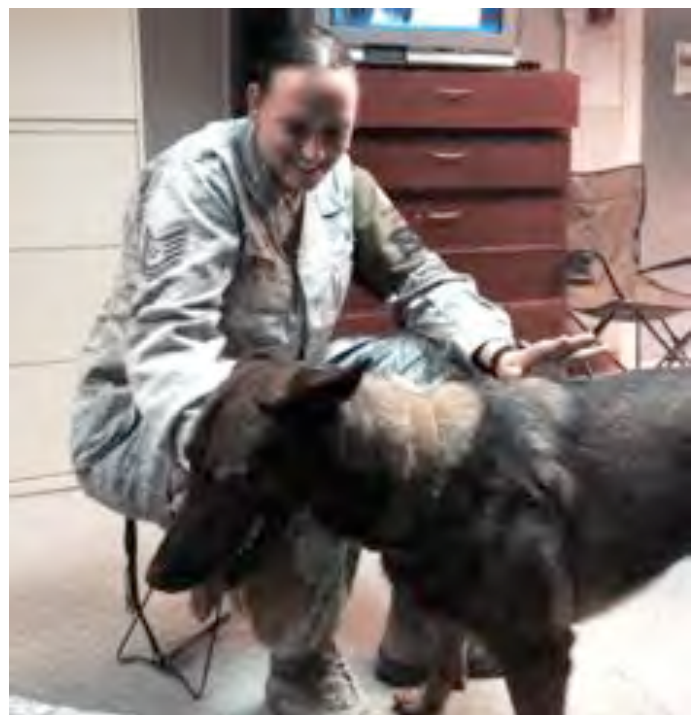
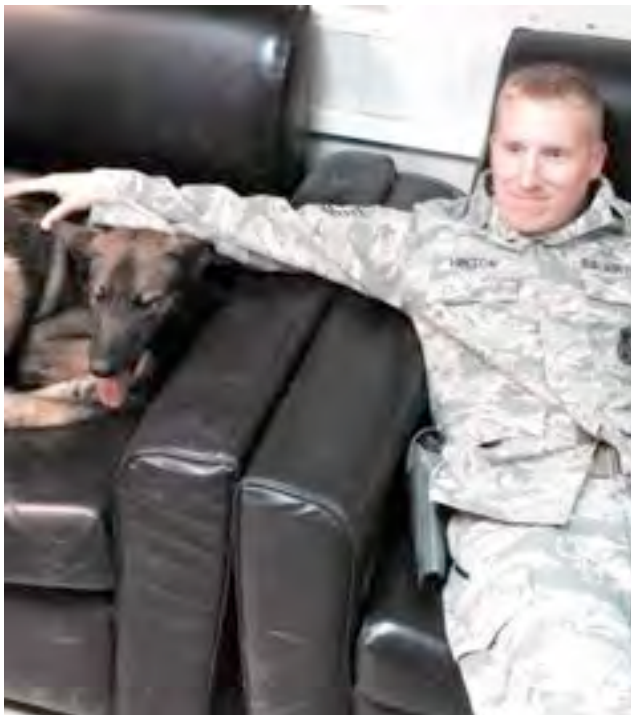
SSgt Jeffrey Hill & MWD Semmi are deployed from the 325th SFS, Tyndall AFB, Florida. Do you think Semmi likes to be photographed – it sure looks like it! Chuck Rogers and (TSN) and Christie Cryer (FoK) support the team. Thanks for the great photographs SSgt Hill!

380th ESFS - Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates (UAE) – Continued



OOpey shows off the Thailand Handlers gifts that have recently arrived for SSgt Nick Fletcher, deployed from the 633rd SFS, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. It looks like OOpey approves of the Leatherman Surge and flashlight, as well as the patch and coin. Tommy Gannon (NKP) supports this team.

Ali Al Salem, Kuwait – MWD HUB/Liaison Non-Commissioned Officer



TSgt Heath Hinton (628th SFS, Jt. Base Charleston, SC) and TSgt Elizabeth Boyer (319th SFS, Grand Forks AFB, ND) spend some quality time with a visitor to the MWD Hub site. This is TSgt Hinton's second deployment with OD&P and Jim Stastny (Korat) supports him.

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates - Continued



Rich Vivio (U-Tapao) and SSgt James Worley spent some time together at Beale AFB, California. Rich put on a sleeve and got a great bite while visiting his “Pup”. Rich supported SSgt Worley during his recently complete tour as the Kennel Master at Al Dhafra, UAE. Way to go guys – this is what makes our program so successful. You know for an old dude – Rich is hanging right in there with James!

No explanation needed!



A1C Danny Brusseau & Sentry Dog Gray X769 – Ubon Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand - 1968

Feed the Dawgs Project 2014 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 Dogs. We feed steak barbecues to active military dog handlers in all branches of United States service as they return from or "ship out" for "deployment" to the front lines on the War on Terror.

2014 brings new adventures for *Feed the Dawgs* – They are expanding to **THREE** regions! Here are the contacts for the regions – if you are interested in participating in an event – just ping the POC and they will put you to work and make sure you share some quality time with the TROOPS!

Southwest Dawgs (CA, AZ, NV, & TX)

Jon Hemp - jmhemp@feedthedawgs.com
<http://thedawgsproject.com>

Rocky Mountain Dawgs (CO, NM, MO, & TX)

Kevin Sonka - kevinsonka@comcast.net
<http://www.rockymountaindawgsproject.org>

Northwest Dawgs Project (NV, UT, ID, & WA)

Frank Wehner – nwdawgs@fcwehner.com
<http://northwestdawgsproject.com>

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 2014 – Get Involved!

You can view photos from all of our events on Facebook at "The Dawgs Project"

27 September	USMC SSgt Christopher Diaz Memorial, El Paso, TX
27 September	2 nd Annual Christopher Diaz Memorial Feed The Dawgs Event, El Paso, TX
28 September	2 nd Annual Christopher Diaz Memorial Iron Dog Competition, El Paso, TX
18 October	Joint Nevada Feed Event (Creech/Nellis), Nellis AFB, NV

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 **16** handlers assigned to seven (7) kennels in Southwest Asia.

Our K-9 Supply program has been coordinated and funded by the “Old Dawgs & Pups” program volunteers. The supporters are members of the VSPA, VDHA, and friends of K-9. A total of 2,149 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to August 15, 2014. “Old Dawgs & Friends” have supported **114** kennels and **417** K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

<http://www.war-stories.com/odap/ws-odap-index.htm>

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

We have purchased and shipped **\$26,885.00** worth of supplies to **114** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman Corporation and other noted major donations, our program has supplied at total of **\$93,319.00** to deployed Military Working Dog teams. Please note that this total does not reflect all of the “care packages” that have been sent directly by team sponsors and other organizations that we have been so fortunate to be involved with for this program.

Major List of Supplies Shipped by Old Dawgs & Pups

(For a complete list of supplies shipped contact Bill Cummings)

- 312 Leatherman “Surge” Tools (145 donated by Leatherman)
 - * The Leatherman “Surge”/MUTS/Flashlights/Knives/Toys donation is valued at **\$63,014.00**
- 287 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 266 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 163 * Leatherman Serac S3 Flashlights
- 133 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 102 Alpha Dog Challenge Coins
- 79 * Leatherman MUT Tools
- 75 * Leatherman Knives (Models: e33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
- 56 Kongs (Assorted sizes)
- 55 * Leatherman Wave Dog Toys
- 54 Retractable Leashes (Pet Edge)
- 50 * Leatherman M5 LED Lenser Flashlights
- 46 Sponges
- 44 PSI Water Holes
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 33 Kygen Port-A-Bowls
- 31 Doggles (10 Pairs donated)
- 24 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
- 24 Rolls 26”x78” 20% Dark Limo Window Tint (Checker Auto Supply)
- 20 160 oz Stainless Steel Bowls (Pet Edge)
- 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 Classis Long Tooth Undercoat Rakes
- 15 Classic HG Food Dishes
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 12 Flat Sided Stainless Steel Water Pails (Pet Edge)
- 12 Bucket Clips (Pet Edge)
- 12 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
- 10 Muzzles
- 10 Heavy Duty Handled Pails – 9 Quart (Pet Edge)
- 10 Stainless Steel – 3 Quart Dura-weight Bowls (Pet Edge)
- 10 Helping Udders Reward Toys (Helping Udders)
- 9 Hose Nozzles
- 8 K-9 Bluelight Supplement (2 pounds)
- 8 Cooling Wraps (Roshgo)
- 8 Cooldanna Cooling Mats (Roshgo)
- 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)
- 6 20”/12” (3 each) Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 4 Carabiners
- 4 5” Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 100-Foot Water Hoses
- 3 Ceremonial K-9 Badges (Memorial)
- 2 Hose Reels – Wheeled Cart
- 2 50-Foot Water Hoses
- 2 Spray Bottles & Sprayers

- 2 130-Foot Enclosed Hose Reels**
- 2 * Leatherman EOD MUT Tools**
- 1 Large Patrol Harness**
- 1 Medium Patrol Harness**
- 1 Case Toilet Paper (30 Rolls)**
- 1 Case Drink Mixes & Snacks**
- 1 Syntek Hidden Sleeve (Ray Allen)**
- 1 Armor Carrier Shoulder Pads**
- 1 Molle Dump Pouch**