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OVER ELEVEN YEARS SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!

MORE THAN 556 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!

145 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported

More than \$150,032.00 of supplies shipped down range!

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting six (6) kennels and twenty-six (26) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of February 15, 2017. February 2017 brings us to eleven years and seven (7) 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.

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

Due to the worldwide security issues and concerns for safeguarding our troops, we will not be listing the names of the bases or countries, in which our troops are deployed. All locations will be listed as "Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia" (UDL). We are currently supporting troops at four locations in Southwest Asia. We have nineteen (19) new pups to introduce this month.

Pups arriving in the AOR

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS:

SSgt Amadio Apilado, Trainer, deployed from the 8th SFS, Beale AFB, California. Rich Vivio (U-Tapao) supports him during this tour.

SSgt Steven Watkins & MWD Onix are deployed from the 366th SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. This is SSgt Watkins' second tour with OD&P and Joe Palmer (Binh Thuy) supports the team.

SrA Kaleb Sermeno & MWD Ben are deployed from the 60th SFS, Travis AFB, California. One of our newest Old Dawgs, Josh Ortiz (Iraq), will be their sponsor during this tour.

SrA Noah Medor & MWS Grey are deployed from the 21st SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado and Sean McKenna (MSP) supports the team.

SrA Stephen Sanchez & MWD Edy are deployed from the 8th SFS, Beale AFB, California. Mike Nelson (Udorn) supports him during this tour.

Pups arriving in the AOR - Continued

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS: TSgt James Colip, Kennel Master, deployed from the 377th SFS, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. Bob Sullivan (Phu Cat) supports him during this tour.

TSgt Matthew Byrnes, Trainer, deployed from the 319th SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. This is Matt's second tour with OD&P and Bruce Bond (58th IPSD) will support him during this tour.

SSgt Sean King & MWD Zero are deployed from the 319th SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. Mike Diercks (Korat) supports the team. This is SSgt King's second tour with OD&P.

SSgt Danny Sanchez & MWD Rudy are deployed from the 21st SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado and he will be supported by Phil Mendoza (Iraq/AFG) one of our new sponsors and a new "Old Dawg"!

SSgt Joshua Rettschlag & MWD Onur are deployed from the 366th SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. This is the team's second tour with OD&P and Rick Matott (Ubon) supports the team for a second time.

SrA Sara Yandell & MWD Lloren are deployed from the 319th SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. Bob Citrano (NKP) supports the team.

SSgt Tyler Shears & MWD Chico are deployed from the 460th SFS, Buckley AFB, Colorado. Jeff Besserglick (Kyrgyzstan), one of our new "Old Dawgs", will support Team Chico during this deployment.

SSgt Adam Robinson & MWD Yyoda are deployed from the 97th SFS, Altus AFB, Oklahoma. Phil Marcil (Phu Cat) will support Team Yyoda during this tour.

SrA Tony Amaya & MWD Dingo are deployed from the 8th SFS, Beale AFB, California. Martin Ratkowski (AFG), a one time pup himself, will support Team Dingo during this deployment.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #6 – 386th ESFS/MWD Hub/LNO:

TSgt Jeremy Toliver, MWD Hub/LNO, is deployed from 36th SFS, Anderson AFB, Guam. Jason Adams, Alpha Dog #15 (USAF), will support him during his tour.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8 – 407th AEG/ESFS: TSgt James Swann, Kennel Master, is deployed from the 72nd SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. Alpha Dog #1, Jon Sarabia and Michelle will support James during this tour. TSgt Swann is the 550th troop supported by OD&P!

SSgt Amanda Urie & MWD Ruth are deployed from the 88th SFS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Bob Curnick (NKP) will support Team Ruth. MWD Ruth is a veteran of our OD&P program.

SrA Carlton Isaacson & MWD Egon are deployed from the 72nd SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. Skip Davis (48 IPSD) will support Team Egon during this tour.

SSgt Chelsea Boe & MWD Gina are deployed from the 21st SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado and Scotty Baker (Safeside).



Air For Paws – First Response Resuscitation Kits (New OD&P Partner)



It is our goal to provide lifesaving **Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits** to locations that support Military Working Dogs in the United States and around the world. We've shipped **420** Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits, valued at **\$42,000.00**, to the **115** Military Working Dog detachments and treatment facilities in Southwest Asia, Europe, Africa, Pacific Commands, and stateside locations for MWD teams serving in the US Air Force, US Army, US Navy and the US Coast Guard.

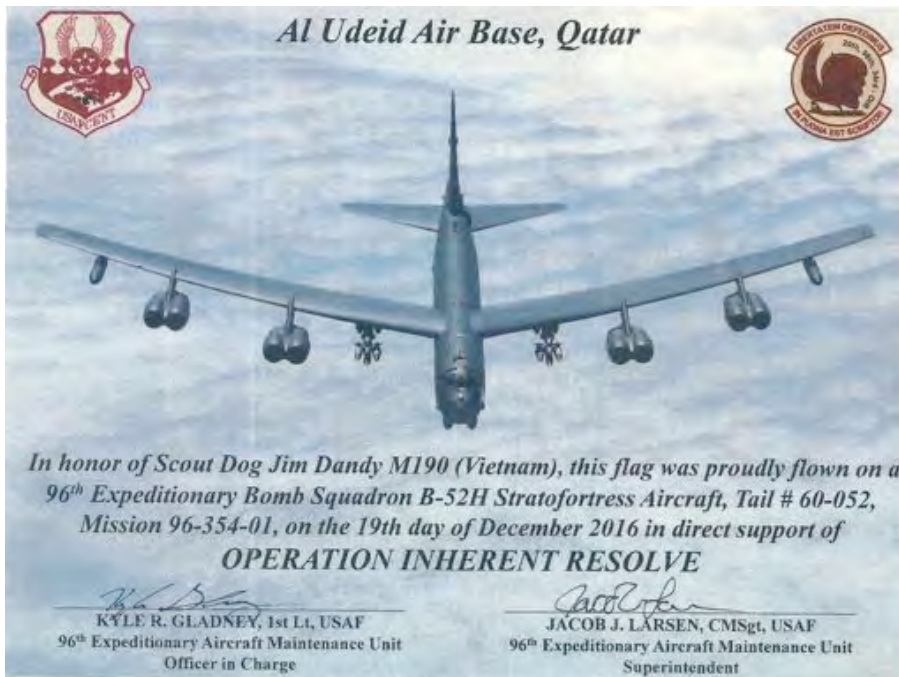
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Davis-Monthan AFB	Dyess AFB	Ellsworth AFB	Nellis AFB	Shaw AFB
Seymour Johnson AFB	JBSA/Lackland	Laughlin AFB	Barksdale AFB	Luke AFB
JBSA/Ft. Sam Houston	Malmstrom AFB	Whiteman AFB	F E Warren AFB	Kadena AB
Hurlburt Field	Grand Forks AFB	Travis AFB	USAF Academy	Ramstein AB
Spangdahlem AB	Kirtland AFB	Edwards AFB	Jt. Base Andrews	Eglin AFB
Tinker AFB	NAS Bahrain	HQ-ARCENT	ACC/Langley AFB	RTC Ft. Bliss
AFSFL/Jt. Base Lackland	Creech AFB	MacDill AFB	Vance AFB	Hill AFB
Mountain Home AFB	Altus AFB	Hansom AFB	Offutt AFB	El Gorah
Wright Patterson AFB	Patrick AFB	Tyndall AFB	Cannon AFB	Scott AFB
Columbus AFB	McConnell AFB	Little Rock AFB	Minot AFB	Beale AFB
Jt. Base Elmendorf	Jt. Base Charleston	Goodfellow AFB	Fairchild AFB	Buckley AFB
Jt. Base Lewis-McChord	Keesler AFB	Robins AFB	Jt. Base Langley	Dover AFB
Sheppard AFB	Ft. Huachuca	Naval Base Ventura	CNRSW San Diego	Kennel/Hold
Eielson AFB	Yakota AB	USCG – Seattle	USCG – Galveston	Holloman AFB
Naval Sub Base New London	407 th AEG/ESFS	Earle NWS	Aviano AB	Ft. Rucker
Osan AB	NAS Fallon	NS Everett	Moody AFB	Anderson AFB
Jt. Base McGuire	NAS Whidbey	Ft. Irwin	JEB Little Creek	Ft. Benning
NAS Pensacola	Ft. Myer	Ft. Belvoir	NAS JRV New Orleans	Ft. Lee
Jt. Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam	RAF Mildenhall	820 th COS	USFOR-A	386 th ESFS HUB
Ft. Leavenworth	RAF Lakenheath	Ft. Meade	Ft. Riley	Ft. Knox
Incirlik AB	Ft. Eustis	Ft. Campbell	Ft. Sill	Ft. Polk
Ft. Stewart	Ft. Carson	386 th ESFS Det	Peterson AFB	OD&P Stock

Check out the article that has just been published on the history of “Air For Paws”
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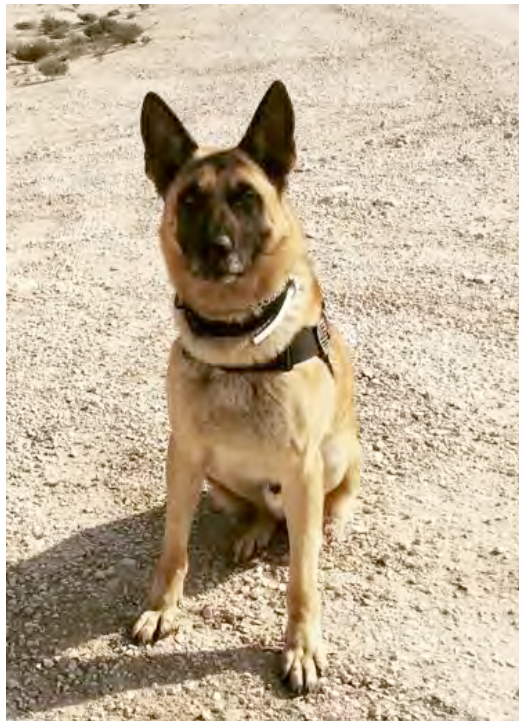
We are currently supporting Military Working Dog teams at six (6) locations in Southwest Asia that are deployed from the United States Air Force and the United States Navy.



Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS



In appreciation for Bruce Bond's (58th IPSD) support for himself and his kennelmates, SSgt Ryan Frederick & MWD Ares presented Bruce with a United States flag and a certificate in honor of Bruce's Scout Dog Jim Dandy (M190) prior to leaving for his home base, Buckley AFB, Colorado. On the right, Ryan displayed the Washington Nationals flag, baseball, and a hat being worn by Ares. From what we hear, there wasn't a dry eye in the Bond house when the certificate and flag arrived! Way to go Sarge.



Left: SrA Noah Medor & MWD Grey take a break before posting out. The team is deployed from the 21st SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado, and Sean McKenna (MSP) supports them during this tour.

Right: MWD Ben, SrA Kaleb Sermeno's partner, is now "BOG" at this location. The team is deployed from the 60th SFS, Travis AFB, California and Josh Ortiz (Iraq) support the team during this deployment.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS



Here's our leadership team at the 386th ESFS. TSgt James Colip, deployed from the 377th SFS, Kurtland AFB, New Mexico (on the left) is supported by Bob Sullivan (Phu Cat) and TSgt Matthew Byrnes (right), Trainer, deployed from the 319th SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota (back for a second tour) is supported by Bruce Bond (58th IPSD). Looks like a lot of "high speed low drag" leaders to us!



"OK, here we are on our first deployment together," explains MWD Zero. We'd like to welcome back SSgt Sean King for his second tour with OD&P. SSgt King and his partner, MWD Zero are deployed from the 319th SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota and Mike Diercks supports Team Zero.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS – Continued

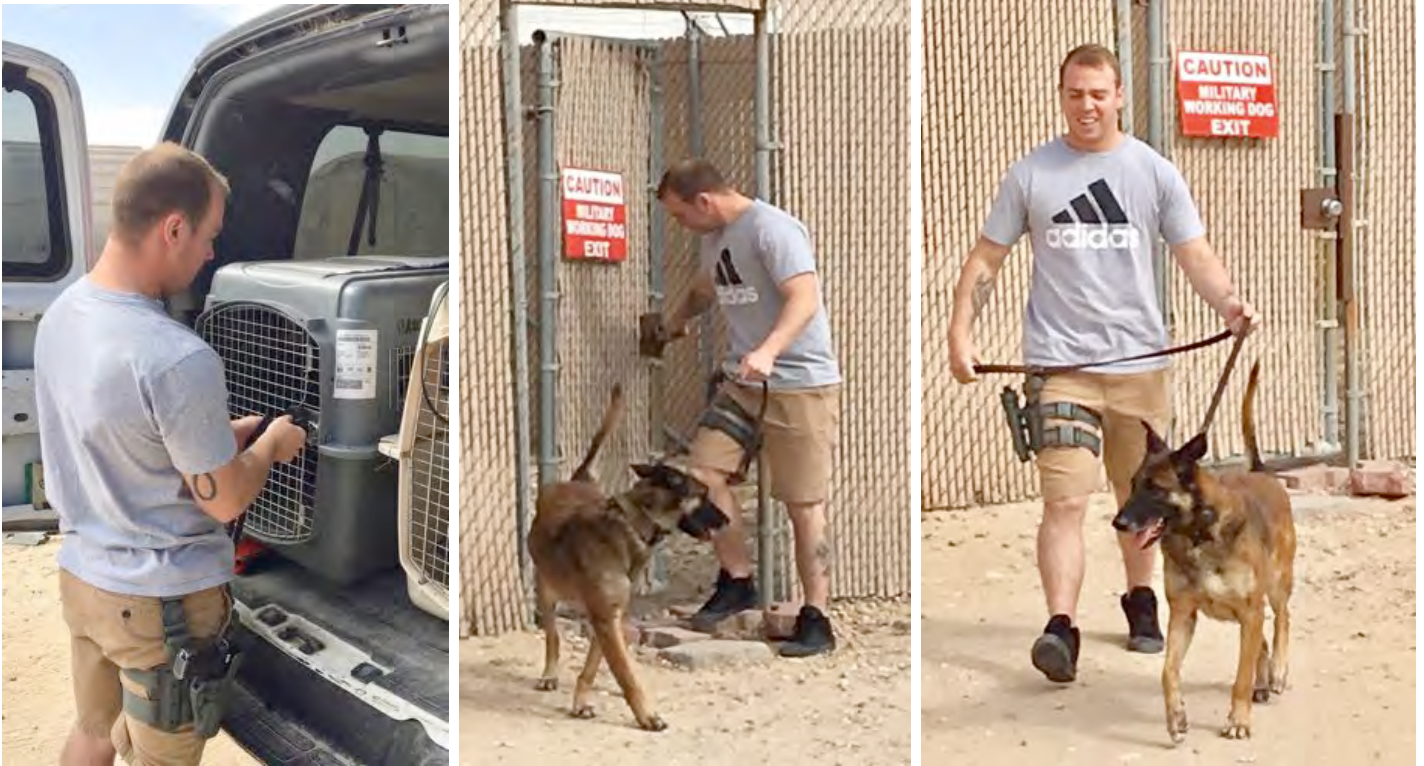


SSgt Joshua Rettschlag & MWD Onur work their way through a training problem. First the alert and then comes the reward for a job well done. There's a lot of concentration going on here! On the right the team takes a break and shares some time together after training. This is Team Onur's second tour with OD&P. They are deployed from the 366th SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and Rick Matott (Ubon) supports the team again while they are down range. Joshua is Rick's fifteenth (15) troop sponsored!



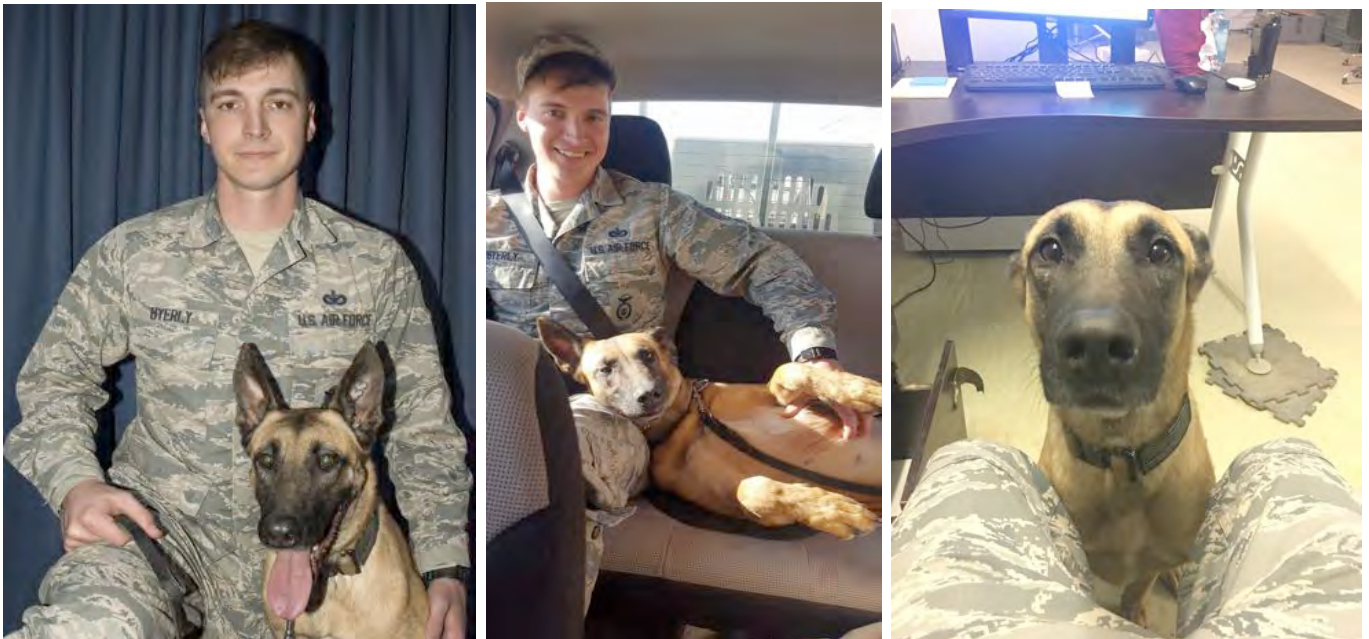
SrA Sara Yandell & MWD Lloren are deployed from the 319th SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. On the left, Team Lloren gears out in full "battle rattle" at the RTC training in Texas. On the right, the team "at chill" getting settled in at their deployment location. Bob Citrano (NKP) supports the team during their deployment.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS – Continued



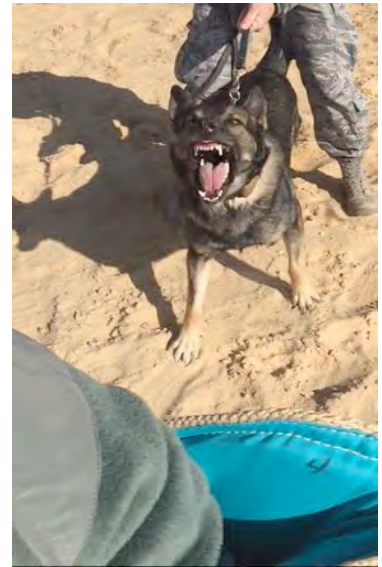
SSgt Adam Robinson & MWD Yyoda are getting ready for a training problem. We think we just heard Yyoda saying – “OK, let me out of here, I got work to do!” Out of the vari-kennel the team is heading for the training area to get the job done. Team Yyoda is deployed from the 97th SFS, Altus AFB, Oklahoma and Phil Marciel (Phu Cat) will support them during their tour.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 332nd AEW/ESFS



SSgt Zachary Byerly & MWD Tessa sent us a beautiful “Unofficial/Official” photo on the left. In the middle the “team” took a little ride and Tessa had the best seat in the house. On the right you can also hear Tessa saying “Can we take another ride Sarge – come on, please?” The team is deployed from the 4th SFS, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina, and Mark Smoot (NKP) supports the team.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 332nd AEW/ESFS

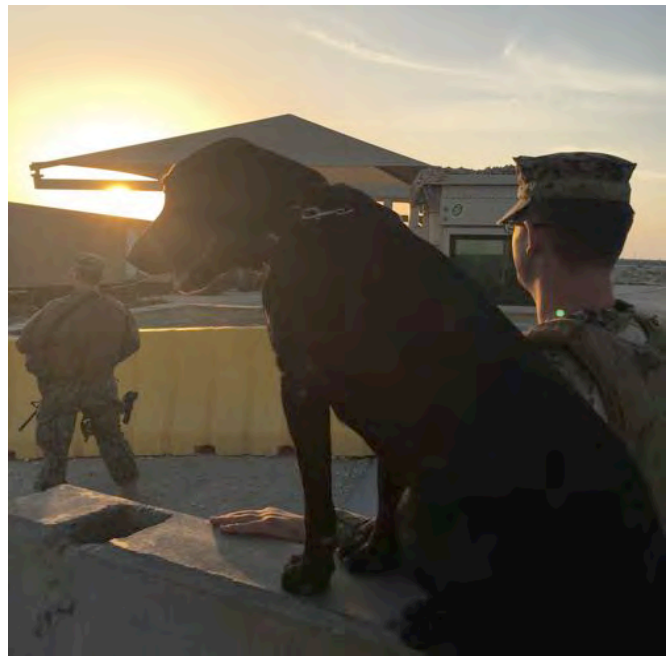
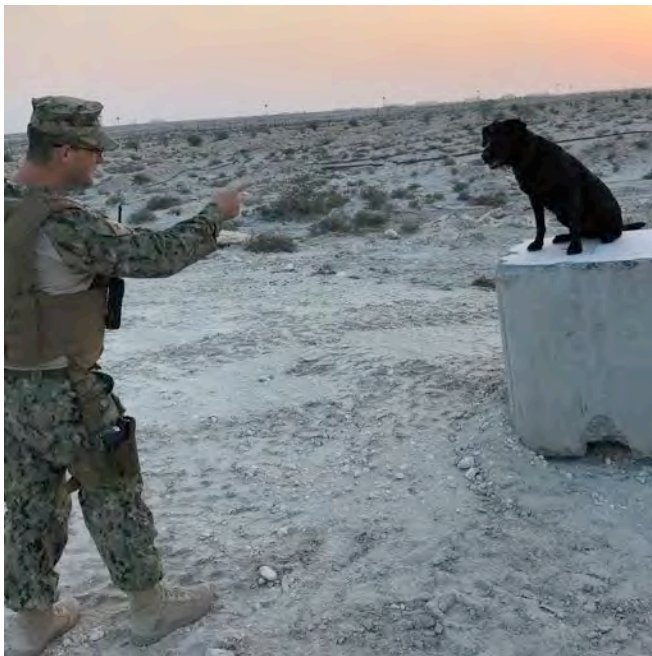


SrA Kristen Kaltenbach's partner, MWD Miko, poses next to the kennel logo of the 332nd AEW/ESFS. WOW what a beautiful photograph! The team is out on routine patrol during their shift and it sure looks like Miko is taking full advantage of his chauffeur – We mean his “Alpha”.

On the right the shift is over and the Team Miko prepares for a little workout in the training area. Miko is not just another pretty face – there's some action behind that beautiful smile!

Team Miko is deployed from the 4th SFS, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina and Bob Citrano (NKP) supports them during their tour.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #7 – U. S. Navy



Every now and then you just got to show'em who's the boss! Not quite sure what the subject is, but it certainly looks like MWD Scamp is getting an ear full from MA3 Cory Coraggio. Wonder who won this discussion? Only kidding, the team was just having a little fun. On the right the team took in one great looking sunset at an ECP over watch. The team is deployed from the NSSF Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut. Bill & Janice Cummings (U-Tapao) support the team.

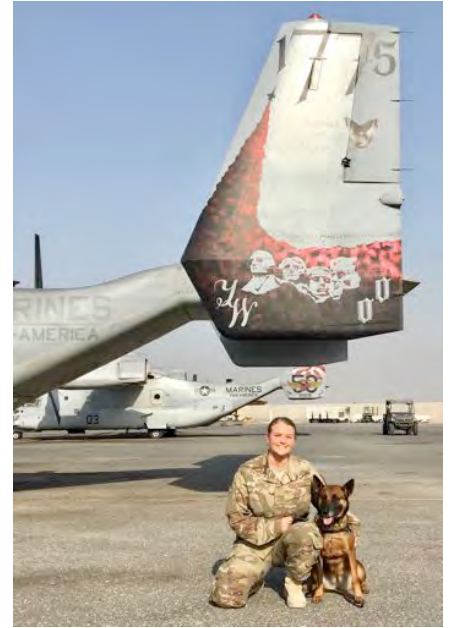
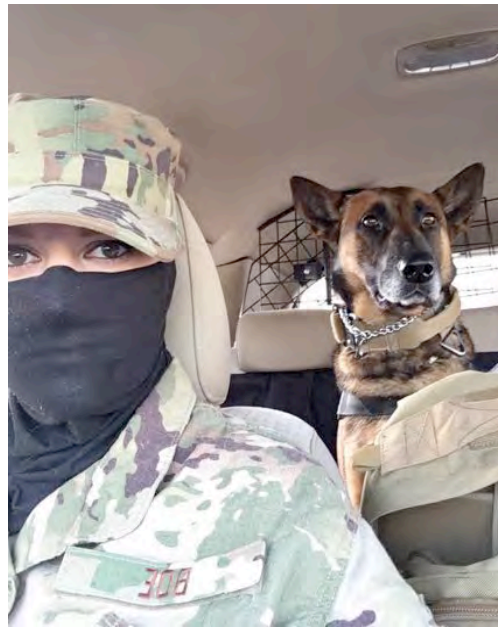
Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8 – 407th AEG/ESFS



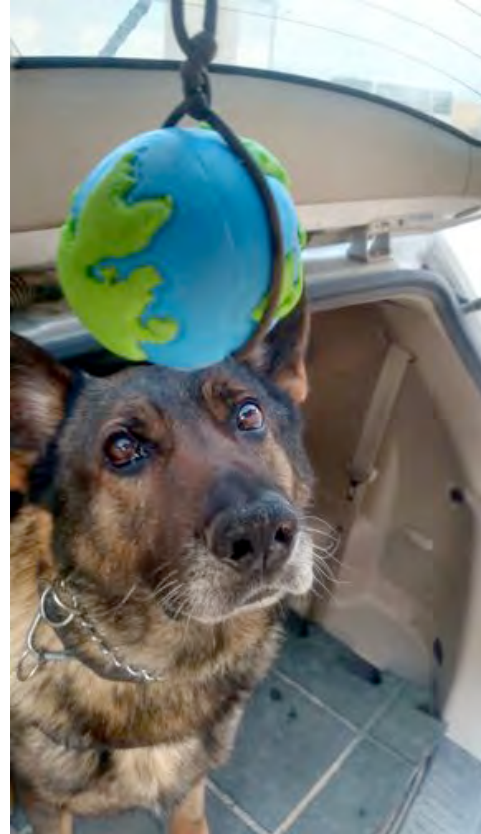
We'd like to welcome TSgt James Swann and his "crew" to OD&P. How's this for the first photographs?



Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8 – 407th AEG/ESFS - Continued



We'd like to welcome SSgt Chelsea Boe & MWD Gina to Old Dawgs & Pups. They are deployed from the 21st SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado. Scotty Baker (Safeside) supports the team. On the left SSgt Boe gives MWD Gina a "lift" at the RTC during pre-deployment training. From what we hear Gina is a little bit of a back seat driver! The team took a break and relaxed for a minute during a tour of the airfield. What a great looking MWD team. Again, welcome to OD&P.



SrA Carlton Isaacson & MWD Egon are deployed from the 72nd SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. Skip Davis (48th IPSD) supports Team Egon. OK, that a great looking GSD. If there is any doubt in your mind, please ask yourself – "Whose Planet Dog Orbee" that is on the right? From the look of that concentration on Egon's face – It is definitely one of his favorite toys!

Other News concerning OD&P



TSgt Alexandra Springman & MWD Darius “worked” the Trump Inauguration. Alex has “deployed” twice with OD&P; Dave & Pat Broeker (U-Tapao) and Jon Hemp (TSN) supported her downrange.

We’d like to welcome our newest “dawg handler”, Sadie Lynn Marie Ruiz, daughter of SSgt Mike and Melissa Ruiz to our family. Sadie Lynn weighted in at 6 pounds and 12 ounces with a height of 20 inches. Mike just returned from a Southwest Asia deployment. Mom and daughter, and dad, are doing great!



Major Jason Williams, Commander, of the 96th SFS, Eglin AFB, Florida, presented SSgt Jeremy Rice MWD Kanjer’s (M342 - 10 Years of Service) retirement certificate during a ceremony on January 23, 2017. Many of you may remember Jeremy and Kanjer from the Vietnam Security Police Association reunion held at Eglin AFB in 2012. Kanjer and Jeremy put on that great “aerial show” in the training area. The team also deployed with OD&P at an “Undisclosed Location” in Southwest Asia in 2013 and Ernest Childers (Udorn) supported the team.

Feed the Dawgs Project 2017 Schedule

The Dawgs Project

<http://thedawgsproject.com/index.html>



We're kicking off 2017! 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.

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

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

Here is the Feed the Dawgs upcoming schedule for 2017 – Get Involved!

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

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| 18 | February | 2017/18th Annual War Dog Memorial, March Air Field Museum
22550 Van Buren Blvd, March Air Reserve Base, CACA (invitational barbeque) |
| 18 | March | Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Harbor Dr. @ Vandergrift Blvd., Camp Pendleton, CA (Feed the Dawgs) |

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 **26** handlers assigned to six (6) 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 3,098 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to February 15, 2017. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **145** kennels and **556** 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 **\$33,663.00** worth of supplies to **145** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman Corporation, Air For Paws, Inc., and other noted major donations; our program has supplied a total of **\$150,032.00** 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

- 437 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 416 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 410 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits valued at **\$41,000.00**
- 392 Leatherman “Surge” Tools (**165 donated by Leatherman**)
 - The Leatherman “Surge”/MUTS/Flashlights/Knives/Toys donation is valued at **\$71,949.00**
- 203 * Leatherman Serac S3 Flashlights
- 148 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 110 * Leatherman M5 LED & T7M Lenser Flashlights
- 102 Alpha Dog Challenge Coins
- 79 * Leatherman MUT Tools
- 75 * Leatherman Knives (Models: e33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
- 62 Retractable Leashes (Pet Edge)
- 56 Kongs (Assorted sizes)
- 55 * Leatherman Wave Dog Toys
- 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)
- 20 Flat Sided Stainless Steel Water Pails (Pet Edge)
- 20 Bucket Clips (Pet Edge)
- 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
- 16 Classis Long Tooth Undercoat Rakes
- 15 Classic HG Food Dishes
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 12 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
- 10 Muzzles
- 10 RexSpecs Goggles
- 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)
- 7 20”/12” (3 each) Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 4 Carabineers
- 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**