

# Veterans Groups & Corporations Supporting Old Dawgs & Pups

## Leatherman Tool Group Continuing Donations

I am constantly amazed and thankful for the support that the Leatherman Tool Group gives us for our troops in harm's way. The total of their donation through us is growing to really astonishing levels, and we're not the only group to receive their generosity. Leatherman doesn't JUST make outstanding stuff, they also support America's Armed Forces personnel down range where it's NEEDED. Please do what you can to support the company, and if you have any messages of thanks to pass on to them, let me know and I'll do the honors. **With this donation, the Leatherman Company has donated 245 pieces of equipment valued at \$27,909.00.** Welcome Home! Phil Carroll

## Old Dawgs & Pup "Signature" Leatherman Surge



The tools come with a black nylon sheath; they're black coated, and you have a choice of plain black with no engraving, or laser-engraving with "Thailand K-9." If you want anything else engraved you'll have to buy the tool then send it back to Leatherman yourself.

## Leatherman's Latest Donation, Laser Engraved Surges and a Lot More!

Leatherman has come through for us yet again! This time it's a donation of 10 heavy-duty laser-engraved black oxide Surge multi-tools with sheaths, 10 of their tiny top-line LED flashlights, and 10 really cool folding knives. The engraving on the Surges looks really sharp on the black oxide finish; it comes out sort of gold in color, and still says "Thailand K-9." Feedback from the troops tells us these are a bit of a status symbol both downrange and back home.

We selected the engraved Leatherman Surge for our Thailand Dog Handlers signature gift to our adopted troops, remembering how it was impossible to find any tools AT ALL when something needed fixing during our deployments to Vietnam or Thailand. Do you remember using your M-7 bayonet or K-Bar for a hammer, screwdriver, Phillips head and punch? And cussing a lot if you needed pliers or a wrench? And a file or scissors or a saw? Fuggedaboutit! Well, the troops in the Sandbox tell us it's just the same over there today. Thanks to you, we're helping.

But, we're not getting carried away. When a K-9 troop signs up for the Old Dawgs & Pups program, we send them a Surge. That's the only one they get, and that's becoming more important as more and more of our "graduates" have been going back for second and third tours in those bad

places. Thanks to Leatherman's generosity on top of yours, we've been given quite an array of other fantastic items to give to the troops on their subsequent tours. Since these are usually brand-new items from the company, they're interested in getting the stuff into users' hands ASAP, and hearing some feedback about how the equipment works under field conditions. I guess they realize that a dog handler is likely to test ANY piece of equipment to its limits. Not to mention a whole kennel full of dog handlers!

The items below, all of which OD&P has regularly been sending to Iraq and Afghanistan and Qatar and elsewhere downrange, are helping these troops out. Pictured are:

- two views of the laser engraved Tactical Black Surge multi-tool, in different stages of unfolding all its parts;
- the Expanse e55B knife with four interchangeable screwdriver bits;
- the Expanse e55 knife (which is just like the one we sell in the VSPA BX, but ours is engraved with the VSPA Security Police memorial message);
- the tiny three-level variable Serac S3 LED flashlight;
- the MOLLE-gear-compatible Surge sheath, and
- the shorter-bladed Expanse e33T knife with its screwdriver bits (p.s. for stateside use, the retractable carabineer on all of these knives will open a beer bottle very nicely – much easier than a P-38 can opener ever did!).

