

THAILAND DOG HANDLERS

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

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OVER FOUR YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!

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

Hello everyone! We are currently supporting six (6) kennels and twenty-three (23) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of July 15, 2010. July 2010 brings us to four years and eleven 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 Joint Base Balad, Sather Air Base, Iraq; Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan and a base at an “Undisclosed location in the AOR”. We have seven (7) new Pups to introduce this month.

Pups heading home from the AOR

Joint Base Balad, Iraq: TSgt Christopher Manning (KM) and SSgt Wendy Montellese will be heading home to Kadena and Beale AFB, respectively before our next edition of K-9 Supply. They were supported by Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) and Patsy Perrotto (NKP). Thanks Chris and Wendy for being part of our program and have a safe trip back to the world!

Pups arriving in the AOR

Joint Base Balad, Iraq: TSgt Kristopher Carroll (KM) deployed from the 60th SFS, Travis AFB, Washington. He is supported by Bill Cummings (U-Tapao).

Undisclosed Location in the AOR: TSgt Donald Elliston (KM) deployed from the 21st SFS, Peterson AFB, CO. He is supported by Phil Carroll (Takhli/Nakhon Phanom).

SSgt Jason Albrecht & MWD Marky deployed from the 20th SFS, Shaw AFB, South Carolina. This team is supported by Doc Hodges (Ubon/Korat) .

TSgt Benjamin Thomas & MWD Rex deployed from the 43rd SFS, Pope AFB, North Carolina. This team is supported by Jim Stastny (Korat) and John & Joan Smith (U-Tapao).

SSgt Ryan Pe’Vey & MWD Becky deployed from the 97th SFS, Altus AFB, Oklahoma. This team is supported by John Risse (Pleiku) and Mike Regan (NKP).

SSgt Kristen McKay & MWD Cezar deployed from the 87th SFS, McGuire AFB, New Jersey. This team is supported by Jim Stastny (Korat). This is Kristen’s second deployment with Old Dawgs & Pups!

SSgt Allison Price & MWD Rudy deployed from the 87th SFS, McGuire AFB, New Jersey. This team is supported by Rich Matott (Ubon) and Bob Curnick (NKP).

“Beware the Dogs of War”

That’s the motto on OUR brand-new challenge coin. It features the Vietnam Service ribbon and the Global War on Terror ribbon on one side, and a hard-core Sentry Dog on the other side. It’s a bold, heavy, full-size, antique-brass challenge coin. It will be a new signature gift to our new Pups, and available for sale as a fund-raiser to Old Dawgs, friends, and all our past-Pups.

**If you are interested in purchasing a coin or a patch all have to is contact
Phil Carroll at k9nightfighter@msn.com**



Here is the new Thailand Dog Handlers Patch



736th ESFS – Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan



SSgt Heath Hinton and MWD Vvictor, deployed from the 366th SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. The team is supported by Ken Smerecki (U-Tapao). Looks like the temperature might be a bit chilly there!



OK, I know it's been a while since we have done any "suit training", but I believe this is a little different than we used to it! Didn't "we use to wear the attack suit"? Ok, it's just Trainer Joe Villabos, Vvictor (wearing the suit) and SSgt Heath Hinton having a little fun! Dog handlers – they just never change. Thanks Heath for this great photograph.

739th ESFS – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

Recently the NFL All-Stars completed a tour of the AOR. Here are a few photos of their stop at the 379th ESFS, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.



On the left is SSgt Christopher Hinds and MWD Ajax. Kneeling in the front row center is SSgt David Duritsky and MWD Buddy. Kneeling in the first row on the extreme right is SSgt Brandi Throgmorton and MWE Argo. SSgt Hinds is supported by Bob Curnick; SSgt Duritsky is supported by Danny Bowlin (Udorn/Ubon); and SSgt Throgmorton is supported by Mike Diercks (Korat)



A little “training for the NFL stars” as Jason Witten acts as the decoy. SSgt David Duritsky and Buddy “apply the bite” to the decoy” – Oh, it’s still fun!

455th ESFS – Bagram, Afghanistan

A little different kinda' fun run at Bagram!

SSgt Ryan Craig and Endy had a little fun a few weeks back – here's the message we received.

“We ran a 5k the other day and Endy wanted to bite people at the starting line, scattered the crowd initially then the runners took off and he tried to bite them again and then realized we were there to run and actually drug me a little bit because he was so excited to run. He did awesome and ran the whole way up until the half way point where I needed to check on him and give him some water and then he slowed down a little bit on the way back. All in all he did wonderful”.



Endy is eyeing that “waterboy”!



**“Nice run – how come they let me lead all the way?”
SSgt Craig and Endy are supported by Jon Hemp (Tan Son Nhut)**

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates!

Mayodan, NC - USAF K-9 SSgt Justin Aycock and MWD Katya returned to Germany after being deployed in various stations in Iraq for the past year. Justin came home to Charlotte, NC for thirty days leave beginning around the fourteenth of June and as part of his welcome home activities he came to visit his Old Dawg, John Smith (1971-1972 U-Tapao) in Mayodan, NC. They practiced a bit of target shooting, discussed Justin's service in Iraq and talked about the various MWD they've worked with. Justin has a standing invitation to come back and visit anytime!



Justin and John Smith



Just two country boys down on the farm!

Leatherman Tool Group News

Go say Hi to Leatherman!

The Leatherman Company has generously supported the “Old Dawgs & Pups” program, the Thailand Dog Handlers, the Vietnam Security Police Association and the Vietnam Dog Handlers Association since 2005. Our contact at the company, Juli Warner, tells us that Leatherman now has a Facebook page of its own. If you’re one of many who now at least look Facebook every once in a while, go check out Leatherman’s page and be a fan. They’ve supported us, now let’s return the favor. The page is at www.facebook.com/leathermanusa

Juli Warner of the Leatherman Tool Group, Portland, Oregon



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

At the time of this report we have **32** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **23** handlers assigned to seven (7) 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 **1,228** pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 21, 2005 to July 15, 2010. Over **266** "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported **58** kennels and **232** 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 **\$15,470.00** of supplies for the **57** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate and Helping Udders donations, the total is **\$47,955.00!**

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**
- 120 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 81 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 75 * Leatherman Knives (Models: c33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
- 75 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 52 Kongs (Assorted sizes)
- 45 * Leatherman Serac S3 Leatherman Flashlights
- 40 Sponges
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 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!**