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Happy New Year Old Dawgs & Pups

OVER FIVE YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!

More than \$52,000 of supplies shipped down range!

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting eight (8) kennels and twenty-one (21) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of January 15, 2011. January 2011 brings us to five years and four 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, FOB Wilson, and FOB Azizullah (COP), Afghanistan; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; Al Dahfra, UAE, and Ali Al Salem, Kuwait. We have six (6) new Pups to introduce this month.

Pups heading home from the AOR

Joint Base Balad, Iraq: SSgt Joshua Aleprete and MWD Boy are back to their home station at Andrews AFB, Maryland.

SSgt Kyle Richards and MWD Omega are enjoying the wonderful winter back at Ramstein AB, Germany.

SSgt Brian Klein & MWD Benny will be heading back to the wonderful climate in Arizona as they head back to Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona.

Pups arriving in the AOR

FOB Azizullah/COP, Afghanistan: SSgt Caleb Snapp & MWD Emor are deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. They are supported by Mike and Debbie Burton (U-Tapao).

Ali Al Salem, Kuwait: SSgt Kyle Alltop & MWD Chrach are deployed from the 56th SFS, Luke AFB, Arizona. They are supported by another "old 56er" Bob Curnick (NKP). Many of you should remember him from the VSPA reunion at Luke AFB in 2009 – he spent a "LOT of TIME" with us!

Joint Base Balad, Iraq: Kennel Master TSgt Timothy Kaluza, deployed from the 824th Base Defense Squadron, Moody AFB, Georgia, is now boots on the ground. He is supported by Rich Vivio (U-Tapao) and Dixie Whitman (FoK).

Pups arriving in the AOR – Continued

Joint Base Balad, Iraq: Trainer SSgt Todge Smith, deployed from the 824th Base Defense Squadron, Moody AFB, Georgia, is also boots on the ground. He is supported by Ken Smerecki (U-Tapao/Pleiku) and Dixie Whitman (FoK).

SSgt Ted Carlson & MWD Rambo, deployed from the 824th Base Defense Squadron, Moody AFB, Georgia, are back for a second tour with OD&P. They are supported by Bill Gunter (NKP) and Dixie Whitman (FoK).

Also returning for his second tour with OD&P are SSgt Phillip Mendoza & MWD Rico, deployed from the 824th Base Defense Squadron, Moody AFB, Georgia. They are supported by Pete and Gloria Villarreal (Safeside) and Dixie Whitman (FoK).

447th ESFS – Sather Air Base, Iraq

Members of the 447th ESFS MWD Section were recently tasked with training members of the Iraq military on MOUT (Military Operations in Urban Terrain). Training consisted on clearing buildings and other urban tactics. Rumor has it that the training was great and both militaries learned quite a bit working this closely with each other.

Photographs below included Kennel Master Jason Hanisko, Trainer SSgt Callahan, and handlers SSgt Palmer and SSgt Nachand. SSgt Hanisko is supported by Mike Regan (NKP)



332th ESFS – Joint Base Balad, Iraq



SSgt Ted Carlson & MWD Rambo and SSgt Phillip Mendoza & MWD Rico “just waiting for a MRAP ride. The teams are supported by Bill Gunter (NKP), Pete Villarreal (Safeside) and Dixie Whitman (FoK).



Rambo is making sure he gets “shotgun” in the MRAP

332th ESFS – Joint Base Balad, Iraq – Continued

SSgt Ted Carlson & MWD Rambo conduct a little “controlled aggression” training with Trainer SSgt Todge Smith. Don’t you just love it when the dog goes “blurry”?



SSgt Todge Smith is supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK) and Ken Smerecki (U-Tapao & Pleiku)



Trainer SSgt Todge Smith is really pleased about something? Kennel Master TSgt Timothy Kaluza, supported by Dixie Whitman and Rich Vivio (U-Tapao), share a moment following training. I think SSgt Smith is trying to convince TSgt Kaluza of something about some new training techniques?

FOB Wilson, Afghanistan



SSgt Justin Kitts and Dyngo catching a “breather” during one of their multi-day missions.



Dyngo and the gun he is wearing is a 430 grenade launcher on his Raptor harness – is he a “bad # \$ ^ & ** (@ or what?

FOB Wilson, Afghanistan - Continued



SSgt Kitts & Dyngo heading for the “pointy end of the sword” position during one of their missions. They are supported by Patsy Perrotto (NKP).

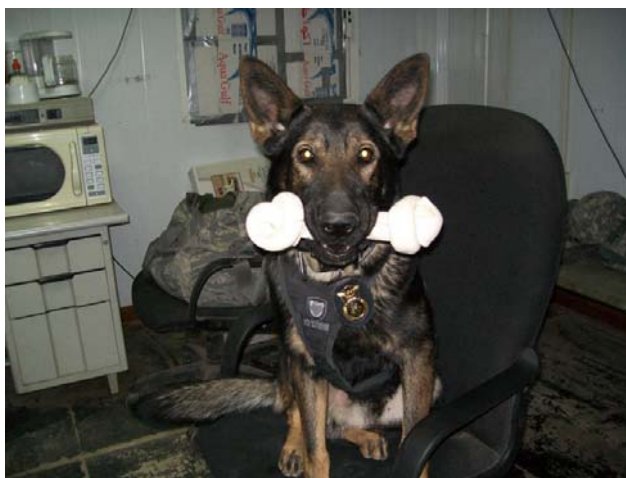
Thank you for the Holiday packages sent to our pups

From what we hear our pups had a great holiday season – even if it was away from home. Thank you to everyone who sent packages and greeting during the holidays. You guys are great and we know the troops down range feel the same.

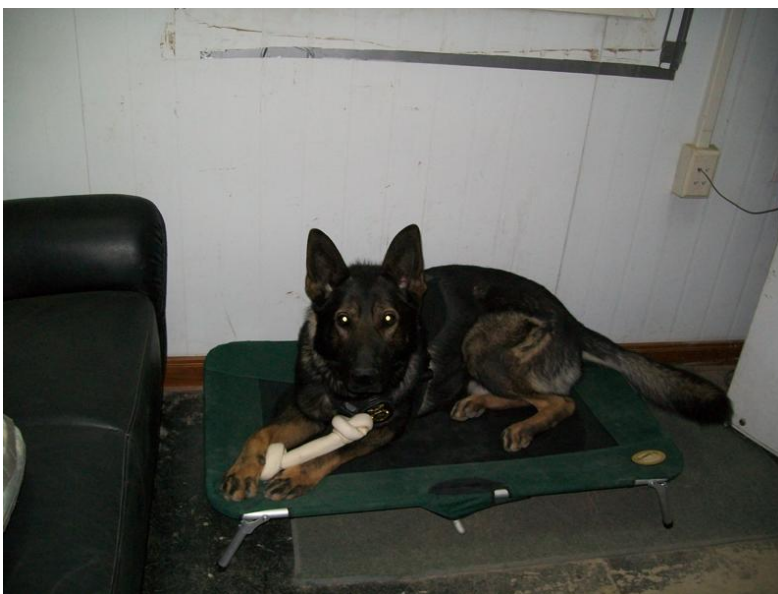
From all of us old and young who have been deployed – it’s always great to hear from everyone back home and especially on these special days that you are away from your family and friends.

Thanks also to the individuals sponsors who have sent holiday and monthly packages to support our deployed dog teams. Your work and dedication on behalf of deployed dog teams down range is just fantastic.

386th ESFS Ali Al Salem, Kuwait



Chrach and two pals load up for their trip to Kuwait – that’s Chrach on the left. It sure isn’t a Holiday Inn Express but it could have been worse! Once on the ground Chrach got to open one of his Christmas presents – no doubt whose toy this is? They are supported by Patsy Perrotto (NKP).



SSgt Kyle Alltop and Chrach getting ready for a duty night and on the right Chrach takes a break and finds that toy again – hopefully he finished it up and got a great nights sleep!



Have you noticed that Chrach likes to “sit on things” – marking his territory???? Chrach and Kyle are supported by Bob Curnick (NKP) and Ernie Childers (Udorn)

We have a brand new Dog Handler from the 56th SFS!



We take great pride in introducing our newest dog handler!

Please join all of the Old Dawgs & Pups as we congratulate Staff Sergeants Kyle and Rachael Alltop on the birth of soon to be MWD handler Kaden Elliott Alltop. You can just tell he's going to be a great handler! Both parents are SF members assigned to the 56th SFS, Luke AFB, Phoenix, Arizona.

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates

Recently were heard from an old friend who served two tours as the Kennel Master at 506th ESFS, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. He was deployed from the 820th SFG, Moody AFB, Georgia. MSgt Jason Somers. Jason was supported by Dale Miller (Ubon) during both tours. Here's a message from Jason to all of the Old Dawgs & Pups:

"I'm currently the flight chief for the 91st Security Forces Group Tactical Response Force, Minot AFB, ND. Basically, we are an emergency response team that is alert to react to any hostile threat to nuclear resources in rapid fashion. Our main means of transportation is the UHN-1 helicopter (might bring back memories for some of the old guys).

My deployment days have come to a halt while here at Minot AFB. Our TDY missions are very limited due to our mission here at Minot. I'm currently trying to get MWD's integrated into our teams here, but that's coming slow since our unit doesn't currently have any assigned..... BUT, where there is a will, there is a way.

I just recently purchased my very first home! While with the 820th SFS, I was deployed too much, but that won't be the issues here at Minot. I do miss the dogs very much, but when I need a "K-9" fix, I head down to the 5th SFS MWD section and play with some of the pups down there with SSgt Steven Kaun (another OD&P graduate from the 820th).

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates - Continued

I think that's about it. Please tell all the guys I said hello and I've never forgotten the support all of you gave my guys and MWDs while we were deployed!

Take care,
Jason"



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

At the time of this report we have **30** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **21** handlers assigned to eight (8) 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 **1,329** pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 21, 2005 to January 15, 2011. Over **313** "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported **61** kennels and **252** 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 **\$16,271.00** of supplies for the **61** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate and Helping Udders donations, the total is **\$52,436.00!**

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 \$32,745.00
148	Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
91	* Leatherman Serac S3 Leatherman Flashlights
91	Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
90	Thailand Historical Base Patches
75	* Leatherman Knives (Models: c33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
52	Kongs (Assorted sizes)
40	Sponges
40	Cleaning/Scouring Pads
40	PSI Water Holes (Dressler’s)
33	Kygen Port-A-Bowls (Dressler’s)
25	Doggles (10 Pairs were donated)
24	Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls (Dressler’s)
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 - 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
6	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)