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**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 six (6) kennels and twenty (20) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of March 15, 2011. March 2011 brings us to five years and six 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, Iraq; Bagram Air Base, FOB Wilson, and FOB Azizullah (COP), Afghanistan; and Ali Al Salem, Kuwait; and Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan. We have nine (9) new Pups to introduce this month.

#### **Pups heading home from the AOR**

**Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan:** SSgt Kimberley Harting & MWD Gina & MWD Rico should be arriving at Patrick AFB, Florida about the time this edition hits the streets!

**Al Dhafra, United Arab Emirates:** SSgt Eric Hoffman & Pita are back stateside at McConnell AFB, Kansas.

SrA Kyle Majorana & MWD Erik should be arriving at Hill AFB, Utah and heading for leave time!

#### **Pups arriving in the AOR**

**Joint Base Balad, Iraq:** SSgt Jose Lebron & MWD Kormi deployed from the 802<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. They are paired with John & Carolyn Risse (Pleiku).

**Ali Al Salem, Kuwait:** SrA Kyle Tredway & MWD Rakker deployed from the 22<sup>nd</sup> SFS, McConnell AFB, Kansas. They are supported by Jay D. Jones (Udorn).

SrA James Campana & MWD Jeck deployed from the 19<sup>th</sup> SFS, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. They are supported by Peggy Finzgar (FoK).

SSgt Chad McCord & MWD Brutus deployed from the 86<sup>th</sup> SFS, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The team is supported by Danny & Kathie Brusseau (Ubon).

SrA Kyle Tredway & MWD Rakker deployed from the 22<sup>nd</sup> SFS, McConnell AFB, Kansas. This team is supported by Jay D. Jones (Udorn).

**Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan:** SSgt Jamie Wright & MWD Delly deployed from the 31<sup>st</sup> SFS, Aviano Air Base, Italy. They are supported by Ernest Childers (Udorn/Aviano).

## **Pups arriving in the AOR - Continued**

**Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan:** SSgt Jeffrey Besserglick & MWD Jacob deployed from the 49<sup>th</sup> SFS, Holloman AFB, Utah. This team is supported by Skip Davis (48 IPSD).

SSgt Victor Sanes & MWD Astor deployed from the 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California. This team is supported by Jon Hemp (TSN).

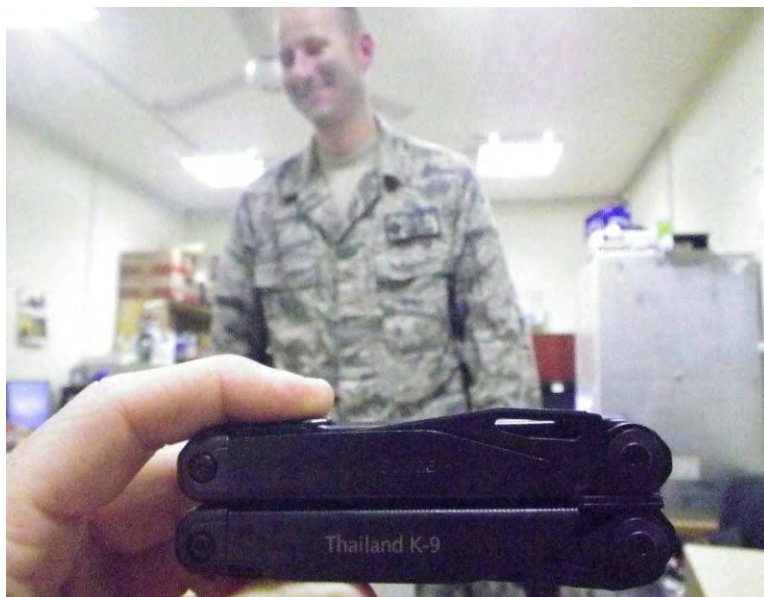
**Bagram, Afghanistan:** TSgt George Shepherd & MWD Aris deployed from the 35<sup>th</sup> SFS, Misawa, Japan. They are supported by Doc Hodges (Ubon/Korat).

## **332<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Joint Base Balad, Iraq**

**Our Thailand Handler gifts have arrived for our troops at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.**



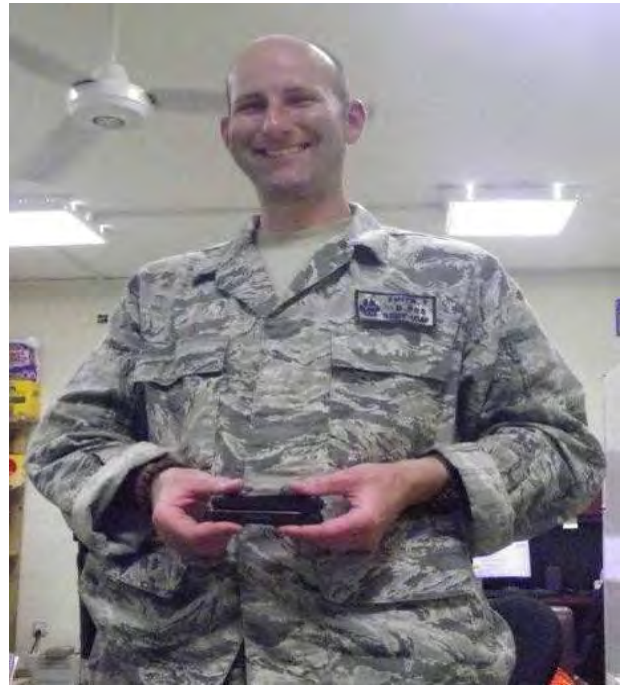
Above – TSgt Timothy Kaluza, Kennel Master, presents SSgt Phillip “Dozer” Mendoza with his Thailand Handler Challenge Coin as Rico supervises! TSgt Kaluza and Dozer are supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK), Rich Vivio (U-Tapao), and Pete Villarreal (Safeside).



Above – SSgt Todge Smith serves as the “background” for the Leatherman “Thailand Handler Surge that is about to receive from TSgt Kaluza – Wow, what a great shot of our gift! SSgt Carlson and Smith are supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK), Bill Gunter (NKP), and Ken Smerecki (U-Tapao/Pleiki).



## 332<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Joint Base Balad, Iraq - Continued



Left – SSgt Ted Carlson displays his “Coin” and his Leatherman “Serac S3” flashlight – as this second deployment gift. These are just fantastic flashlights!

Right – SSgt Todge Smith finally gets his hands on that Leatherman Surge. Sarge – you’re looking good – we may have to make you our “Surge Poster Boy”!



SSgt Phillip “Dozer” Mendoza and MWD Rico check out their Thailand Handler Patch, Coin, and their Leatherman “Serac S3” flashlight – as this second deployment gift. Dozer and Rico “Don’t leave home without Thailand handler gifts” – We know that for a fact. Troops from the 820<sup>th</sup> have been with the OD&P program since the fall of 2006.

We have supported forty-one (41) 820<sup>th</sup> personnel at Kirkuk/FOB Warrior, Camp Victory, Camp Bucca, Iraq, and Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. Thanks 820<sup>th</sup> for being a very large part of our program – we can’t begin to tell you how much we appreciate your service!



## **455<sup>th</sup> ESFS Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan**



**TSgt George Shepherd and MWD Aris and their squad returned from a mission with very successful results – Everyone came home safe – That’s a very good thing! TSgt Shepherd & MWD Aris are supported by Doc Hodges (Ubon/Korat).**

## **376<sup>th</sup> AEW/ESFS Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan**



**TSgt “Drew” Esparza, Kennel Master, explains the “decoying process” to a visitor at a demo held at Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan. On the left, Mr. Joseph Villalobos, Trainer, prepares MWD Rex for the attack! Here are some thoughts that might be going through the decoys mind – “Winning? – I don’t think so!”**



## 376<sup>th</sup> AEW/ESFS Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan – Continued



**Left – SSgt Jamie Wright’s MWD Delly applies a great bite on one of the participants! This team is deployed from Aviano AB, Italy and is supported by Ernie Childers (Udorn).**

**Right – Sometimes the decoy just doesn’t learn? Delly applies another reminder that MWDs are don’t take many breaks! He should have listened when he was told to behave.....**



**MWD Rex proves the old adage – “You can run, but you can’t hide”. Rex sure did a job on this decoy - we can feel his pain! You can bet he will think twice about volunteering next time.**



## **376<sup>th</sup> AEW/ESFS Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan – Continued Training Days**



**TSgt “Drew” Esparza, deployed from Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, oversees a training session at Manas. This is Drew’s third deployment with OD&P and he is supported by Bill Cummings.**



**Left – SSgt Jeffrey Besserglick takes on MWD Rex as part of his decoying duties. SSgt Besserglick is deployed from Holloman AFB, New Mexico and is supported by Skip Davis (48<sup>th</sup> IPSD).**

**Right – SSgt Jeffrey Besserglick demonstrates the “dreaded” front bite during the recent demo. I don’t know about you guys – but I’m kinda’ glad we didn’t do this in our days.**



## **FOB Wilson, Afghanistan**

**SSgt Justin Kitts and Dyngo took it their new Leatherman MUT for a test ride while cleaning his weapon prior to leaving base camp for a mission.**



**SSgt Kitts advised us that the MUT's weapons cleaning attachments solves so many problems that he had previously experienced while on patrol OTW. Look at that smile – I think Justin likes the new MUT! Justin has offered to field test the tool and to report directly to Leatherman on his findings.**



## **FOB Wilson, Afghanistan – Continued**

**You know – some things never change – Dogs love helicopter rides! Here is Dyngo on one of our many Black Hawk trips to and from patrol bases. As you can see Dyngo loves to fly. Oh, yeah - did I mention that Dyngo and I have that bird to our selves. K9 traveling in style!!!**



**“I traded Dyngo in for these sheep! I trained them all in like 5 minutes - It was crazy. Look at them all focused on me”. I guess we’re going to have to call Justin the “Sheep Whisperer”? Only an American dog handler would try something like this – and especially a “Knightfighter” from the new 56<sup>th</sup>!**





## **386<sup>th</sup> ESFS Ali Al Salem, Kuwait**



**Above Left - SSgt Kyle Alltop and SrA Stephanie Nunez show off their Thailand Handler patches and coins that just arrive at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait.**

**SSgt Kyle Alltop presented SrA Stephanie Nunez her Leatherman Surge.**

**Kyle is supported by Bob Curnick (NKP) and Stephanie is supported by Jim Coggins (Takhli).**



**Above Left – SSgt McCord and SSgt Alltop check out the Leatherman Surge - finally, Kyle has his “OWN” surge and doesn’t have to borrow his wife’s (we presented Rachel with hers back in 2009 when she was deployed to Joint Base Balad)! It has been quite the point of conversation over the years!**

**Above Right - Kyle and Chrach prepare for a VIP visit in civvies – don’t you just love working dogs?**

## **386<sup>th</sup> ESFS Ali Al Salem, Kuwait – Continued**



**Training Day - SrA James Campana & MWD Jeck are deployed from the 19<sup>th</sup> SFS, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. This team is supported by Peggy Finzgar (FoK).**



**SrA James Campana & MWD Jeck doing a little obedience training to stay sharp!**



**SrA Kyle Tredway & MWD Rakker doing a little stand off at RTC Brave Defender, Eglin AFB, Florida. Don't you just love a "little attitude"? This team is supported by Jay D. Jones (Udorn)**



## 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS Ali Al Salem, Kuwait – Continued



The team is photographed at the K-9 Memorial at Eglin AFB. SrA Kyle Tredway & MWD Rakker are deployed from the 22<sup>nd</sup> SFS, McConnell AFB, Kansas.

## Leatherman Tool Group Donates MUTs to Old Dawgs & Pups for service Down Range

They've done it again! The Leatherman Tool Group has donated 12 Leatherman MUTs (Military Utility Tool) to be distributed in the AOR.

There's a great review of this fantastic brand-new military tool by PoliceOne.com, at: [www.policeone.com/pc\\_print.asp?vid=1993879](http://www.policeone.com/pc_print.asp?vid=1993879)

Some of what the review says: "When they brought out a tool featuring a user-replaceable firearm disassembly punch, user-replaceable (bronze) carbon scraper, a hammer, and a bolt override tool, I nearly fell over.... The Leatherman M.U.T. is this whole backpack full of tools in a single handheld package."

"Obviously, the Leatherman MUT is a collaborative effort with experts using the AR-15 series of firearms. In fact, US Army Sgt. First Class Aaron Hampton and Sgt. First Class Robbie Johnson, combat veterans, competitive shooters and subject matter experts, were the forward observers for this product. Their influence and the impeccable manufacturing process of Leatherman have created a product that clearly addresses the needs of military, law enforcement, and competitive civilian shooters who deploy with the most recognized firearm in the world."



## **Donation from the Heartland Chapter – Air Force Security Police Association – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Once again our friends at the Heartland Chapter – Air Force Security Police Association in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma have stepped up and made a very generous donation to our program. The donation funded Retractable Flex Leashes that have been sent to FOB Wilson in Afghanistan.

Thank you “Pete” for being our man on the ground and please let everyone in the chapter know how much we appreciate your commitment to support our MWD teams in the AOR.

### **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 **20** handlers assigned to six (6) 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 March 15, 2011. Over **324** “Old Dawgs and Friends” have supported **63** kennels and **269** K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

**[http://www.pbase.com/635thk9/old\\_dawgs](http://www.pbase.com/635thk9/old_dawgs)**

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

We have purchased and shipped **\$17,677.00** of supplies for the **63** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate and Helping Udders donations, the total is **\$55,051.00!**

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**

- 232 Leatherman “Surge” Tools (166) Donated by Leatherman) \*
- \* The Leatherman “Surge”/Muts/Flashlights/Knives donation is valued at approximately **\$37,374.00**
- 163 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 105 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 91 \* Leatherman Serac S3 Leatherman Flashlights
- 91 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 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	* Leatherman MUT Tools
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)
6	Retractable Leashes (Dresslers)
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
2	* Leatherman EOD MUT Tools
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)