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More than \$65,000 of supplies shipped down range!

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting seven (7) kennels and twenty-one (21) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of May 15, 2011. May 2011 brings us to five years and eight 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. We have one new pup this month.

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

We are currently supporting troops at Joint Base Balad, Iraq; Bagram Air Base, FOB Wilson, FOB Azizullah (COP), FOB ACS-2/Kandahar, Afghanistan; and Ali Al Salem, Kuwait; and Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan.

Pups heading home from the AOR

SSgt Justin Kitts & MWD Dyngo are out of the AOR and on their way home to Luke AFB, Arizona.

SSgt Caleb Snapp & MWD Emor are also out of the AOR and on their way home to Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

Pups arriving in the AOR

FOB ACS-2/Kandahar, Afghanistan: SSgt Jessica Keller & MWD Oscar deployed from the 56th SFS, Luke AFB, Arizona. They are supported by Ken Neal (Ubon/udorn) and Steve & Lise Gattis (CRB).



SSgt Jessica Keller & MWD Oscar made the “Stars & Stripes” news in her first week in country!

332th ESFS – Joint Base Balad, Iraq



SSgt Ted Carlson and MWD Rambo zeroing in on the “intruder”. This team is deployed from the 824th BDS, Moody AFB, Georgia and they are supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK) and Pete Villarreal (Safeside).



SSgt Todge Smith does the “scratch pants” as SSgt Ted Carlson & MWD Rambo approaches for a better look during a demonstration for a great band named “Vertical Horizon” as they visited Joint Base Balad.

SSgt Smith sure spends a lot of time in those pants – that’s just a Trainer’s life and he sure seems to love it!

332th ESFS – Joint Base Balad, Iraq - Continued



Looks like Rambo is going to draw “First Blood”!



Not to be outdone - SSgt Travis Dulworth & MWD Andor get their shot at the “intruder”. Travis is deployed from the 22nd SFS, McConnell AFB, Kansas and they are supported by J. D. Jones (Udorn)

332th ESFS – Joint Base Balad, Iraq – Continued



MWD Andor want just “one more little piece” of SSgt Smith



MWD Andor takes a well deserved break after this high profile training session

332th ESFS – Joint Base Balad, Iraq – Continued



SSgt Todge Smith shows how a “decoy” is supposed to do his job! MWD Andor gets the most out of this training – Way to go Sarge!

Is this a great photograph or what?

332th ESFS – Joint Base Balad, Iraq - Continued

SSgt Jose Lebron & MWD Kormi performed HWI (Health & Well Fare Inspection) for an Army Sustainment Support Battalion that included hundreds of workspaces, containerized units, and living quarters. Although we can release the numbers, this was a monumental task. Looks like just another day in the life of a “dawg handler” at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.



Left - SSgt Jose Lebron & MWD Kormi, supported by SSgt Smith, wait for one of their search areas to be cleared of personnel before the search is started.

Right – The team sets about their task of searching controlled spaces.



Left – Kennel Master TSgt Timothy Kaluza, SSgt Jose Lebron & MWD Kormi, and Trainer SSgt Todge Smith. SSgt Lebron & Kormi received their award from Battalion Commander, Colonel Anthony Bohn, at the Army event for doing just a great job!

Right – SSgt Jose Lebron & Kormi pose with their certificates. Not sure if you noticed or not, but Kormi was officially recognized for the great job he did also!

SSgt Lebron & Kormi are supported by John & Carolyn Risse (Pleiku)

332th ESFS – Joint Base Balad, Iraq – Continued OD&P Gifts arrive at JBB



TSgt Tim Kaluza presents SSgt Jose Lebron & Kormi with their Leatherman Surge, Thailand Handler Patch, and then coins the team with our Thailand Handler Challenge coin. SSgt Lebron & Kormi are supported by John & Carolyn Risse (Pleiku)



Left - TSgt Tim Kaluza, SSgt Christopher LaBoy and MWD Frigo prepare for a mission. Right - SSgt Christopher LaBoy & MWD Frigo on an “active mission”. TSgt Kaluza and SSgt LaBoy are supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK), Rich Vivio (U-Tapao), and Jon Hemp, respectively.



Right - JBB handlers just “hanging out” – (left to right) – SGT Sutherland (USA), SSgt Ted Carlson, SSgt Jose Lebron, SSgt Davis, SSgt Dulworth (kneeling)

386th ESFS Ali Al Salem, Kuwait



SSgt Chad McCord & MWD Brutus get in on the training also! Something tells me that Brutus is going to come out on the winning side. They team is deployed from Ramstein Air Base, Germany.



SSgt Chad McCord & MWD Brutus finish up their work during the training session and below they head off for search pit duty. The team is supported by Danny Brusseau (Ubon)



386th ESFS Ali Al Salem, Kuwait – Continued



What goes UP? That's Chrach going up for the A1C Wang – the decoy. Look at that concentration on Chrach's face – this ain't going to be good!



Once up on the decoy – Chrach is “Good To Go! What goes UP? Must come down – but not until the job is done. With a little help from “the guys” Chrach is now known as a “second story” dog! SSgt Kyle Alltop and Chrach are supported by Bob Curnick (NKP).

FOB Wilson, Afghanistan



Left: Why does SSgt Justin Kitts have such a big smile on his face? “Mission Complete” as he heads back to FOB Wilson after his final mission with MWD Dyngo. He’s really “short” here!

Right: After landing and a little debriefing – SSgt Kitts and Dyngo reflect back on their deployment. Or, as Dyngo says “I earned my wings on this one”!



Left: SSgt Justin Kitts is awarded the Bronze Star for his assignment with the 101st, 2nd BCT, 1/75 CAV, HHT – way to go Justin and Dyngo!

Right: Two 56’ers get together at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait. On his way home SSgt Kitts and Dyngo got to spend a little time with SSgt Kyle Alltop and Chrach. Trust me, we know these two very well and this is as about as far as they have ever been separated. It was great that they got to spend some time together – wouldn’t you know it – they got together for some “training”.

Note: SSgt Kitts & MWD Dyngo should be home in time to join the members of the VSPA & VDHA members that will be attending the dedication of the new 56th Security Forces Squadron K-9 kennels at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, on May 20, 2011. Rumor has it that we might even get the chance to meet the team at the airport – this is going to be fun!

Contacts from our Old Dawgs & Pups Website

A few weeks ago we had a surprising message; the mother of one of our Pups who had passed away during his tour contacted us after seeing his picture on the Old Dawgs & Pups website. He was Army SSG Raphael Futrell, who we supported at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait in early 2009, by Doug McCoy (47 IPSD). His mom is Ms. Vicki Futrell, and Bill Cummings and I each had the opportunity to chat with her by phone.

Her son's death had really troubled me, and I kept a memorial picture of him on my office door for almost a year after he passed away. It was very good for me to be able to tell his mother that, and to tell her of the support he received from us before his tour ended so abruptly. She was a complete sweetheart, and so very appreciative that others are remembering her son. It meant the world to her to find his photo on the Internet, too. No loss of a child like that can be easy for a parent, but there is tremendous comfort in finding out that your loved one is not forgotten.

She still has the old-model Thailand Dog Handlers challenge coin that we sent to her son in Kuwait, and she treasures it. We sent her one of the new ones, a Thailand Dog Handlers patch, and an Old Dawgs certificate memorializing her son and his service.

Phil Carroll

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates

Help us welcome our "newest" Dog Handler - Cael Ryan Worley



SSgt James Worley just got this information to us! We have a new dog handler - Cael Ryan Worley, the son of SSgt James and Brittney Worley - born on April 23, 2011 at 1432 hours - weighing in at 8 lbs and 8 oz - 20 inches tall!

Mom is recovering great and dad is all smiles and talking very, very fast! Thank you James and Brittney for sharing this moment with all of your OD&P friends. James was supported by Bob Citrano (NKP) and Ernest Childers (Udorn) during his deployment to Sather Air Base, Iraq.

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

At the time of this report we have **29** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **21** 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 **1,401** pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 21, 2005 to May 15, 2011. Over **327** "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported **64** kennels and **270** 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 **\$17,677.00** of supplies for the **64** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate and Helping Udders donations, the total is **\$65,576.00!**

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

- 247 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (166) Donated by Leatherman) *
- * The Leatherman "Surge"/Muts/Flashlights/Knives donation is valued at approximately **\$44,470.00**
- 163 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 163 * Leatherman Serac S3 Leatherman Flashlights
- 105 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 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)