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OVER SIX YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!
MORE THAN 300 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!

More than \$73,000 of supplies shipped down range!

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting eight (8) kennels and twenty-two (22) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of March 15, 2012. March 2012 brings us to six years and six month 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 Bagram Air Base, FOB Shank, FOB Howz-E-Madad, FOB Spin Boldak, and FOB Parmikan, Afghanistan; An Undisclosed Location in Southwest Asia; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar and Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. We have nine (9) new Pups to introduce this month.

Pups heading home from the AOR

FOB Spin Boldak, Afghanistan: SSgt Jennifer Franco & MWD Cora will be heading home to Hurlburt Field, Florida before our next edition hits the stands. The Florida sun sure is going to feel good after that cold Afghanistan winter!

Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan: SSgt David Bieck & MWD Artis have rotated back to a very cold Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

SSgt Jonathan Torocaloyeropoulos & MWD Ajax are now back at Seymour-Johnson AFB, North Carolina – a lot warmer than Afghanistan this time of year!

SSgt Manuel Rodriguez & MWD Figo should be heading for the Arizona desert at Davis-Monthan AFB before the hot weather hits.

Howz-E-Madad, Afghanistan: SSgt Phillip Kittelson & MWD Dyngo are now back at Luke AFB, Arizona and are enjoying some of that great Arizona sunshine.

FOB Parmikan, Afghanistan: SSgt Steven Bruner & MWD Chrach will be racing to beat SSgt Kittelson back to Luke AFB, Arizona.

Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar: SSgt Nathan Ward & MWD Ed are now back at McConnell AFB, Kansas – it was a short tour, but Ed lived up to his heritage – good boy!

Pups arriving in the AOR

Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar: SSgt Michael Ruiz & MWD Emor are deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. They are supported by Skip Davis (48th IPSD).

SSgt Robert Ford & MWD Saman are deployed from the 30th SFS, Vandenberg AFB, California. The team is supported by Bob Sullivan (Phan Rang).

SSgt Melissa Burns & MWD Cherry are deployed from the 14th SFS, Columbus AFB, Mississippi. The team is supported by Janet Parker (FoK) and Janet Eversole (FoK).

SrA Tyrell Richardson & MWD Hugo deployed from the 17th SFS, Goodfellow AFB, Texas. The team is supported by Mike Regan (NKP)

SSgt Jared Johnson & MWD Dego deployed from the 35th SFS, Misawa AFB, Japan. This is Jared second tour with us and he is once again supported by Lonnie Beeson (U-Tapao).

Undisclosed Location in Southwest Asia: SSgt Darryl Alpiche & MWD Dan deployed from the 377th SFS, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. They are supported by Jon Hemp (TSN).

SSgt Roseann Kelly & MWD Tanja are deployed from the 366th SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. They are supported by Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB).

Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan: SSgt Kevin Nelson, Kennel Master, deployed from the 3rd SFS, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. This SSgt Nelson's second tour with OD&P and he is supported by Bill Cummings (U-Tapao).

SSgt Otto Yan & MWD Jaso are deployed from the 3rd SFS, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. They are supported by Danny Brusseau (Ubon) and Ken Neal (Ubon/Udorn).

300th MWD Team Supported by OD&P

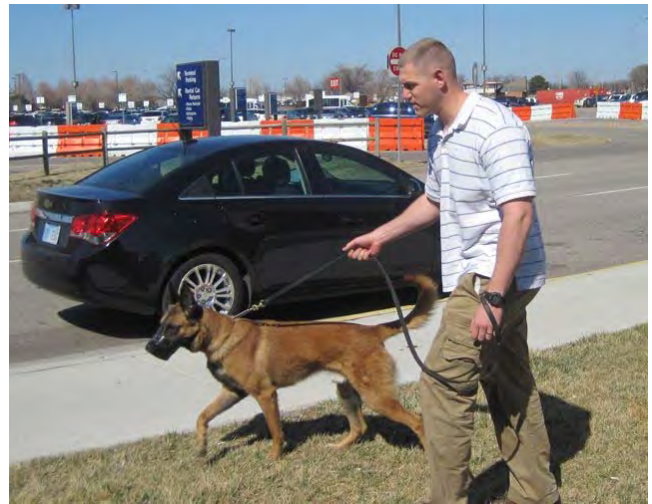
On February 15, 2012 SSgt Mike Ruiz & MWD Emor deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona became our 300th MWD team supported by Old Dawgs & Pups. The team was immediately assigned to Skip Davis (48th IPSD) to support during their deployment. This is another milestone for OD&P and we are already looking for the 400th team! Congratulations Mike and Emor – and thank you for participating in OD&P. The team is deployed to 379th ESFS, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.



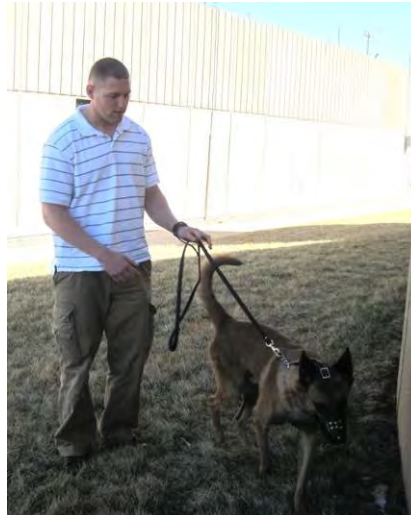
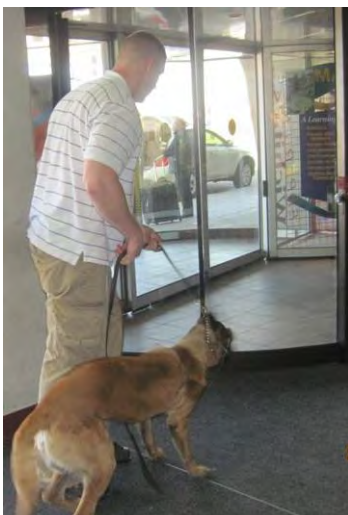
379th ESFS – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar



SSgt Nathan Ward & MWD Ed are greeted by members of the 22nd SFS, McConnell AFB, KS.



Left - SSgt Will Booker makes sure SSgt Ward and members of K-9 Section make sure the team is squared away. Right – Ed's had enough – He's walking home to his kennel.



Ed exits stage right then finds the spot he's been looking for - it's been a long flight! On the right, SSgt Ward's family sure appears to be happy that the team is home - Great job Sarge!

379th ESFS – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar - Continued

SSgt Kieran Gibson & MWD Ruth show off the “Super Bowl Bandana” that they received from the Military Working Dog Team Support Association, Inc., as part of their “Super Bowl In A Box” program. To read more about this program check out the story on Page 10. Thanks again Dixie Whitman and everyone from the Military Working Dog Team Support Association, Inc. (MWDTSA) for supporting our troops again this year both during and after the holidays!

That Bandana sure looks good on MWD Ruth. SSgt Kieran Gibson and Ruth are supported by Bob Curnick (NKP).



SrA Tyrell Richardson and MWD Hugo just arrived at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, this month as they were deployed from Goodfellow AFB, Texas. Of course we asked for photographs right away and Tyrell responded immediately with photographs taken at Goodfellow.

They are supported by Mike Regan (NKP) and from what I heard they hit it off immediately. That’s the way the OD&P program works! Thanks SrA Richardson and welcome aboard.



FOB Shank, Afghanistan



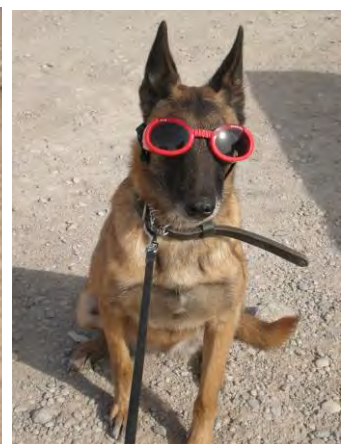
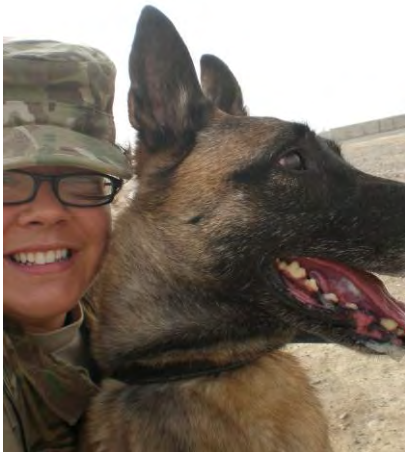
With FOB Shank Afghanistan in his rearview mirror - SSgt Ian Porter joins up with fellow Davis-Monthan AFB dog man TSgt Kurt Lugar (his trainer before his deployment) for a little bit of “decompression” in Germany. Rumor has it that TSgt Lugar bought “libation and dinner”. Man, what a deal this has to be!

It’s great that these two handlers had a little down time and had the chance to get together. Something tells me when they get stateside that the Staff Sergeant might have to repay the favor.

SSgt Porter & MWD Bruno should be stateside before this newsletter hits the street.

SSgt Porter was supported by Ernest Childers (Udorn) during his deployment and TSgt Lugar was supported by Dave Broeker (U-Tapao) during his deployment to Sather Air Base, Iraq last year.

FOB Spin Boldak – Afghanistan



SSgt Jennifer Franco & MWD Cora take a “moment to bond” and then make a fashion statement. That’s MWD Cora striking a pose in her Valentine’s Day glasses. You know what; I think she really likes them! The team is supported by Steve & Lise Gattis (CRB). Sure is nice that they can take a few minutes of down time in this area of Southwest Asia.

SSgt Franco and MWD Cora are one their way home – it has to be a lot warmer in Florida than it is in Afghanistan right now!

355th ESFS – Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan



SSgt Brian Bowermaster & MWD Edy join Kennel Master SSgt Kevin Nelson during a recent mission. Can you believe the concentration on Edy's face – that's a Military Working Dog – working! This is SSgt Nelson's second tour with OD&P and he is supported by Bill Cummings (U-Tapao).



SSgt Manuel Rodriguez and Figo take a moment at Bagram. Looks like a pretty happy team to us – who's got the largest smile? The team is supported by Scotty Baker (Safeside) and they have returned home to Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

Going Somewhere? Oh what a difference 44 years makes!



In 1968 a deuce and a half and a bunch of Sentry Dogs and handlers were transported for posting duty at Ubon Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand. Man, we thought we were high tech with that deuce!



At an Undisclosed Location in South West Asia Military Working Dog teams gear up and head out for an assignment. Look at this equipment and transportation. These guys are traveling in style. Same stuff – different day! What a difference 44 years makes – The USAF transporting dog teams really hasn't changed that much. Don't you just love it? We could have gotten into this!

355th ESFS – Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan - Continued



SSgt Otto Yan and MWD Jaso are one of our newest teams at Bagram. They are deployed from Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota and the team is supported by Ken Neal (Ubon/Udorn) and Danny Brusseau (Ubon). Is that a great looking Shepherd or what? As you can see from the photograph, the weather in Afghanistan is still a little cold – but, this team is used to these conditions.

376th AEW/ESFS - Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan



SSgt Mayer Boyer and MWD Tomy take a break from training at Manas Transit Center. As you can see, Tomy is not real pleased about something – That's the GS that the old guys know and love!

332nd ESFS Members Receive MWD Training

2/22/2012 - Airman 1st Class Brittany Clark, 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces, flees from Luxi during a certification class at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Feb. 18, 2012. Members of the 332nd ESFS trained on different ways to handle the military working dogs. Clark is deployed from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, and is a native of Dallas. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua J. Garcia/Released) – Left Below



2/22/2012 - Senior Airman Kathy Shih, 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, demonstrates how to catch a dog using an arm-sleeve during a certification class at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Feb. 18, 2012. The class taught 332nd ESFS members how to train with military working dogs. Shih is deployed from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., and is a native of Orange, Calif. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua J. Garcia/Released) Right Above

2/22/2012 - Senior Airman Kathy Shih, 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, briefs 332nd ESFS members during a certification class at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, February 18, 2012. The 332nd ESFS members used a variety of protective equipment during the class, which taught them how to work with military working dogs. Shih is deployed from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., and is a native of Orange, Calif. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua J. Garcia/Released) Left Below



2/22/2012 - Senior Airman Kathy Shih, 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, demonstrates how to use an arm sleeve during a certification class at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Feb. 18, 2012. Class members were instructed to pull away from the military working dogs, to make the training as real as possible. Shih is deployed from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., and is a native of Orange, Calif. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua J. Garcia/Released). Right Above - SrA Shih and MWD Luxi are supported by Steve & Lise Gattis (CRB).

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates



During a trip to Joint Base San Antonio, Texas in February, Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) was able to get a face-to-face with a pup he supported from Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan in the fall of 2009. TSgt Patrick Meade, deployed from the 75th SFS, Hill AFB, Utah, and a fellow Marylander had e-mailed, spoken on the phone, but they were finally able to get together during the 44th Anniversary of Tet Offensive at JBSA after two years of support and contact.

TSgt Meade, along with TSgt Ben Jones (twice deployed with OD&P), and TSgt Angel Landrau who has been one of the spearheads for “Feed the Dawgs” had all volunteered to be our guides and escorts during the event. These Tech Sergeants are all instructors at the 341st Training Squadron.

It was like “old home week”. These modern day dog handlers have almost as much “BS” with them as the old handlers. Ask anyone who attended the event, we were treated like royalty! We had the opportunity to meet a number of handlers that have deployed with OD&P during the trip. This is exactly what our program is all about – it’s also great seeing our handlers as they progress in their careers. But, as always – it’s about the dogs!

If you run into Bill at an event this year – ask him to show you the coin that TSgt Meade presented him – it will blow your shocks off! Thanks again Patrick, Ben, and Angel for all your efforts.

100th Guardian Pet Cots shipped down range!

With the fantastic support and dynamite pricing – we have just shipped the **100th** Guardian Pet Cots to Southwest Asia. Mary Lou Hodsdon, loving known as our “Cot Lady” and all of the staff at Pet Edge, from Topfield, Massachusetts, have helped us keep our deployed dogs from sleeping on concrete and other materials – we all know what that does to their hips!

With the help of Pet Edge we have been able to turn orders around overnight and we can usually have the beds down range within ten days. We’ve heard nothing but glowing endorsements on the quality of the beds. Thanks also to Pet Edge, our pricing has not change since our first order – and everyone knows what that means in this economy. Pet Edge supplied the first eight (8) cots that we shipped to the 407th ESFS, Ali Air Base, Iraq, on September 6, 2005 and has been the only cot that we have sent down range! That’s \$2,400.00 worth of pet cots – they are hip savers!

Please remember to think of Pet Edge (www.petedge.com) when you need pet supplies for your self or any other project that you might be involved with where pet supplies are needed.



Left - MWD Luxi, SSgt Shih’s partner, taking advantage of the Guardian Pet Cot that just arrived. Right – MWD Tanja, SSgt Kelly’s partner, is 12 years old and the bed has made things a whole letter better for her since the bed was installed in her kennel – it’s her quiet place!



A special thank you goes out to Mary Lou Hodsdon & Tiffany Lemelin of Pet Edge for making sure our 100 Pet Cots have been received down range! Mary Lou has been with us since 2005 when we ordered our first Guardian Pet Cot – This is the Lady that makes our MWDs get a great place to relax and rest after missions and patrols! Thanks again Pet Edge – you guys are the best!

Military Working Dog Team Support Association, Inc. (MWDTSA)
“Super Bowl In A Box” Program www.mwdtsa.org



A typical box sent to our deployed troops



Super volunteer Isaac McGuire displays a bandana that was included in each box for the MWDTs

Once again the Military Working Dog Team Support Association, Inc. (MWDTSA) and OD&P “Super Friend” Dixie Whitman came through with flying colors. Dixie and her groups shipped “Super Bowl In A Box” to all of our deployed teams – ALL OF THEM! In the top photograph, you can see the contents of the boxes – WOW!

Here is a sample of what the boxes contained: Air-Cong/Squeegee Kong Footballs, Super Bowl Dog snacks, and the great Super Bowl Bandana. They also included Queso Blanco, jalapenos, crackers, popcorn, and doggie treats. This was followed up with another shipment of Community Coffee and mugs!

Just to give you an idea of the size of their program – the shipping alone was \$684.85 – Can you believe it? This is a follow up to the Christmas boxes that the MWDTSA also send to all of our handlers.

In addition Dixie asked us to once again thank John Homa and Ken Neal for all their efforts and the generous contribution to the MWDTSA that helped to fund this project – Thanks guys!

Feed the Dawgs Project 2012 Schedule



The *Feed the Dawgs* Project is a culmination of United States Military Vietnam Veterans, Active Duty Military Working Dog Personnel, and patriotic citizens joining together to support and recognize the dedication and patriotism of today's Military Working Dog Teams around the globe. The United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy deploy Military Working. We feed steak barbecues to active military dog handlers in all branches of United States service as they return from or "ship out" for "deployment" to the front lines on the War on Terror.

If you are interested in assisting in one of the projects or need more information about "*Feed the Dawgs*" please contact Jon Hemp at jmhemp@feedthedawgs.com

Here is the Feed the Dawgs schedule for 2012 – Get Involved!

March	31	NAS Fallon Host – NAS Fallon – Navy & Beale & Travis Air Force – Jt. Feed
April	21	Davis Monthan AFB - 355 th SFS MWD Section – U. S. Air Force
May	12	29 Palms Marine Base – PMO/IIIMEF Marines - U. S. Marines Corp
June	2	Vandenberg AFB – 30 th SFS MWD Section – U. S. Air Force
June	23	MCRD/San Diego Marines – Marine Corps Recruit Depot - U. S. Marines Corp

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

At the time of this report we have **23** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **22** 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 **1,565** pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 21, 2005 to March 15, 2012. Over **373** "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported **80** kennels and **307** 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 **\$19,820.00** of supplies for the **80** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate and Helping Udders donations, the total is **\$73,146.00**

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

- 267 Leatherman “Surge” Tools (145) Donated by Leatherman)
 - * The Leatherman “Surge”/Muts/Flashlights/Knives donation is valued at approximately **\$49,906.00**
- 213 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 163 * Leatherman Serac S3 Leatherman Flashlights
- 155 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 100 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 75 * Leatherman Knives (Models: c33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
- 52 Kongs (Assorted sizes)
- 46 Sponges
- 44 PSI Water Holes
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 34 * Leatherman MUT Tools
- 33 Kygen Port-A-Bowls
- 25 Doggles (10 Pairs were donated)
- 24 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
- 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 -Value \$3,420.00**)
- 16 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
- 16 Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
- 15 Classic HG Food Dishes
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 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
- 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 lb)
- 8 Cooling Wraps (Roshgo Corp)
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- 8 Cooldanna Cooling Mats (Roshgo Corp)
- 8 Sets of Flood Light Bulbs
- 8 24” Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees
- 7 Digital Thermometers
- 6 Sets Ruff Wear Bark’n Boots Trex (Ray Allen)
- 6 Retractable Leashes
- 4 Carabiners
- 4 5” Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 100 Foot Water Hoses
- 3 20” Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 12” 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)