

THAILAND DOG HANDLERS

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

OLD DAWGS and PUPS

Dog Handlers of the Vietnam War Supporting US Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan

Sponsored by Thailand Dog Handlers at combat Air Bases during the Vietnam War



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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!

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

Hello everyone! We are currently supporting seven (7) kennels and twenty (22) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of July 15, 2012. July 2012 brings us to six years and ten 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 Bagram Air Base, and FOB Lagman, Afghanistan; Undisclosed Locations in Southwest Asia; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; and Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa; Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan; and Ali Al Salem, Kuwait. We have seven (7) new Pups to introduce this month.

Pups heading home from the AOR

Bagram, Afghanistan: SSgt Kevin Nelson, Kennel Master, is heading home to Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. SSgt Nelson is heading to Joint Base San Antonio, Texas to become an “TI” – OK, you have to admit – that sounds like a lot of fun! Great job SSgt Nelson and thank you for your support of OD&P!

SSgt Bryan Klein & MWD Benny should be heading home to Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona before the next edition hits the street! Welcome back to the Arizona heat Bryan.

We reported that SSgt Otto Yan & MWD Jaso should be heading back to Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota by the time this newsletter hits the street last month – he had airflow issues!

Al Udeid, Qatar: SSgt Mike Ruiz & MWD Emor are now stateside at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. There’s not going to be a great deal of “heat relief” for this team in Arizona.

SSgt Robert Ford & MWD Saman is now back home in sunny California and Vandenberg AFB to “chill for the summer”.

Pups arriving in the AOR

Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan: SSgt Christopher Baughman & MWD Seth are deployed from the 88th SFS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The team is supported by Bob Curnick (NKP).

SSgt Nicki Leber & MWD Arco are deployed from the 319th SFS Grand Forks, North Dakota. They are supported by Joe Palmer (CRB).

Pups arriving in the AOR – Continued

Ali Al Salem, Kuwait: SSgt Kyle Tredway & MWD Don are deployed from the 22nd SFS, McConnell AFB, Kansas. This is Kyle's second deployment with us and he is again paired with J. D. Jones (Udorn).

Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan: SSgt Kristen McKay, Kennel Master deployed from the 87th SFS, McGuire AFB, New Jersey. This is Kristen's third tour with us, and her first as a Kennel Master. She is once again supported by Jim Stastny (Korat).

SSgt Lisa Droddy, Trainer, deployed from the 377th SFS, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. She is supported by Doc Hodges (Ubon/Korat).

SSgt Timothy Castillo & MWD Nero are deployed from the 7th SFS, Dyess AFB, Texas and they are supported by Ernie Childers (Udorn) and Kelly Bateman (Ubon).

Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar: TSgt Raymond Castro & MWD Fritz are deployed from the 374th SFS, Yokota Air Base, Japan and they are supported by Jon Hemp (TSN). This is TSgt Castro's second tour with OD&P – Welcome back Sarge!

379th ESFS – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar



TSgt Raymond Castro & MWD Fritz and Trainer TSgt Benjamin Dutton conduct a briefing during a “demo” for the Medical Group at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. TSgt Castro is supported by Jon Hemp (TSN). Below they “strike a pose” with the members of the Med Group.



Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa – U. S. Navy Kennel

PO3 Robert Blanton works on the receiving end of some night aggression training near the Horn of Africa. From the looks of the workout – it's been a long night! From the looks of the bottom right photograph – PO3 Blanton might just be saying "OK, can someone come and get this dog?" Thanks Robert for sharing the "Navy side of the MWD story" – Anchors away sailor!



FOB Lagman, Afghanistan

Hotel Lagman Zabul Province – Sometimes you just have to check the accommodations closer!

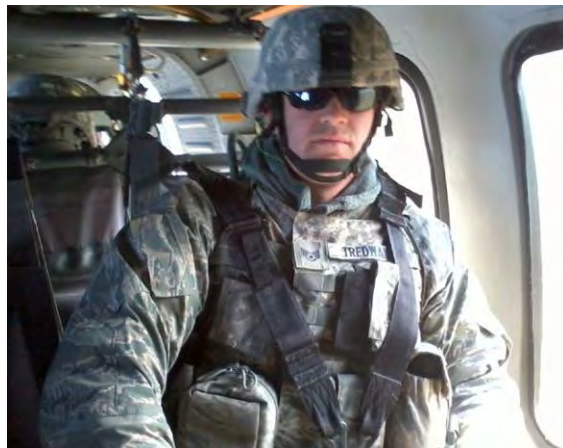
These guys were told that their reservations were “pool side”. Regardless, a little down time is when and where you can get it! Wonder how many “bonus points” they received for this overnight stay? This sure is one lousy “timeshare” property.



What a difference a day makes. On the left is SSgt Ted Carlson & MWD Lola – They were on the final days of a mission near an Afghan Army checkpoint. On the right the team is all cleaned up and gearing up to head home to Moody AFB, Georgia. Something just tells us that the next “overnight stay” might be in a little better neighborhood. This is Ted’s third deployment with OD&P and he has been one of our greatest assets down range. Great job Ted and Lola – We just heard his is back in the world!

386th ESFS – Ali Al Salem, Kuwait

SSgt Kyle Tredway and MWD Don just went “BOG” (Boots on Ground) at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait. We were lucky enough that Kyle send his sponsor, J. D. Jones (Udorn) a few photos of this pre-deployment training at Phoenix Warrior, Joint Base Fort Dix, New Jersey. OK – does this look like fun or what?



This is Don's first tour and I think he's taking a little time to reflect on what's ahead for him?



386th ESFS – Ali Al Salem, Kuwait - Continued



On July 2, 2012, SSgt Kyle Tredway, accompanied by his MWD partner Don, reenlisted at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait. Above, SSgt Tredway “raises his hand for his second hitch”. The officiating officer, 386th ESFS Commander, Kenneth Decedue, Jr., administers the “Reenlistment Oath” to SSgt Tredway.



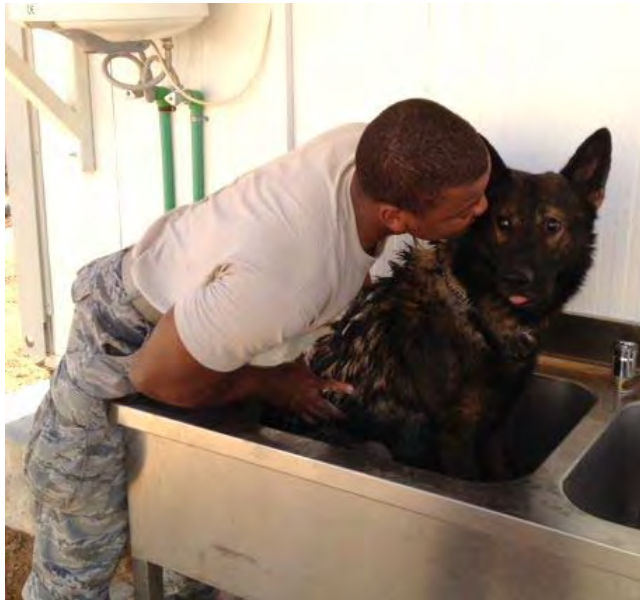
SSgt Tredway might have received the “bonus” but as you can see from above – Don got “the Duck”. Who says everyone doesn’t make out on a reenlistment? If you ask Don, he got the best end of this bargain! “Anyone can get cash – I got the “Duck”. Who looks the happiest?

455th ESFS – Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan



SSgt Kevin Nelson was packing to return to “the World” and on his way out he grabbed some of the old and new handlers at the 455th MWD section to stand for his “parting photograph”. This will be SSgt Nelson’s last deployment with OD&P as he heads off the Lackland AFB as a “TI”. After two tours with us we’d like to say “Thank You” Sarge! You’ve brought a lot of class and professionalism to our program. Thanks for all you dedication and commitment to the MWD community during your career – we’re very proud of you.

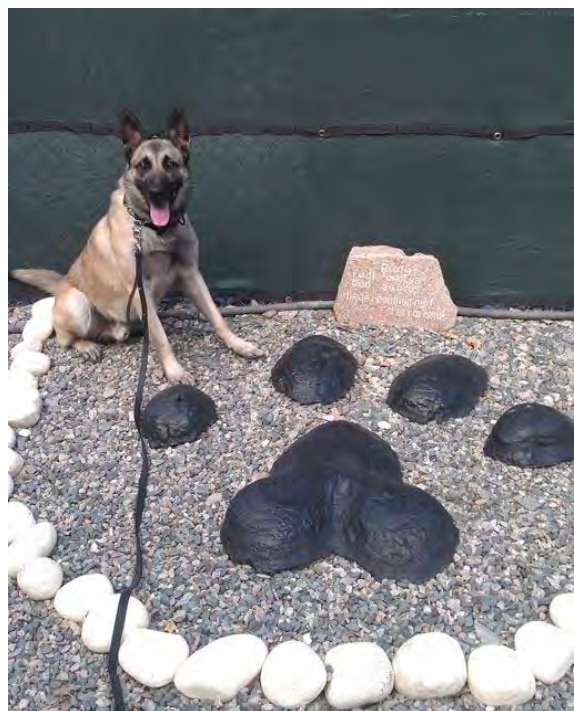
405th ESFS – Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia



Left: Hey Sarge – Are you sure I really need this bath? MWD Adar is just a little apprehensive about this situation. It will all wash out Adar – trust him!

Right: I know it’s standing room only – but this is just too much work! This is my “place” according to MWD Adar. SSgt Tommy Carter and Adar are deployed from Peterson AFB, Colorado.

376th ESFS, Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan



SSgt Nicki Leber & MWD Arco are deployed from the 319th SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. On the left they take a break during their Regional Training Center (RTC) training at Creech AFB, Nevada. That's Arco striking a pose at Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan upon their arrival in theatre. Joe Palmer (CRB) supports the team. Welcome aboard Sarge!

I Finally met a Pup!



Just in from David Priest (Korat) - This afternoon Casey Oulellette, his wife and daughter stopped by for supper. We had a great visit and I was able "force feed" them steamed clams, lobster and smoked prime rib (an offer I have made to all my pups if they stop by). David supported Casey at FOB Warrior, Iraq in 2010. In case you are wondering - this, my friends is what it is all about!

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates

OD&P would like to thank Ms. Kim Bayes-Bautista, (who many of us know as our “Reunion Brat” that organize the VSPA reunions) for her group’s efforts in sending one hundred (100) “care packages” down range. The group also sent thirty-five (35) packages to our deployed handlers at four kennels. Kim and her group, that attended a military high school in Zweibrucken, Germany, took on the project to support our deployed troops during their reunion in South Carolina. Thanks again Kim for all your help and commitment to our veterans, past and present.

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates - Continued

Congratulations go out to our pups that were recently selected for promotion to Technical Sergeant:



Staff Sergeant	Deployed Location	Year	Sponsor(s)
Kristopher Carroll	Joint Base Balad, Iraq	2010	Bill Cummings
Martin Campos	Joint Base Balad, Iraq	2009	Gordon Johnston
Scott Carpenter	Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan	2009	Donald Shaw Jim Coggins
Jesus Gonzalez	Al Dahfra, UAE	2010	Bob Van de Reit
Noe Gutierrez	Al Dahfra, UAE	2010	Ernest Childers
Christopher Hinds	Al Udeid, Qatar	2010	Bob Curnick
Kristen McKay	Joint Base Balad, Iraq	2009	Jim Stastny
	Undisclosed Location SW Asia	2010	Jim Stastny
	Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan	2012	Jim Stastny

Feed the Dawgs Project 2012 Schedule



<http://www.thedawgsproject.com>

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!

August	4	Naval Base Ventura County – U. S. Navy
August	25	MCAS Miramar Marines – U. S. Marine Corp

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

At the time of this report we have **24** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **22** 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 **1,569** pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 21, 2005 to July 15, 2012. Over **394** "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported **87** kennels and **323** 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 **\$19,853.00** of supplies for the **87** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate and Helping Udders donations, the total is **\$73,180.00**

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.

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)
- 56 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)