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OVER EIGHT YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!
MORE THAN 370 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!
100 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported
More than \$84,687.00 of supplies shipped down range!

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(Please Bookmark our NEW OD&P Website Address)

Hello everyone! We are currently supporting three (3) kennels and twenty (20) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of September 15, 2013. September 2013 brings us to eight years 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 Field, Afghanistan; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; and Ali Al Salem, Kuwait. We have three (3) new pups to introduce this month.

Pups heading home from the AOR

Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan: SSgt Adrien Dupuis & MWD Max caught an early flight home on the “freedom bird” and they are now back home at Jt. Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar: SSgt Andrew Bowen & MWD Terry are now back on the east coast enjoying some well deserved leave at Dover AFB, Delaware.

Pups arriving in the AOR

Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan: SSgt Logan FitzGerald & MWD Pajk are deployed from the 99th SFS, Nellis AFB, Nevada and they are supported by Skip Davis (48th IPSD).

SSgt Joshua Fehringer and MWD Candy are deployed from the 27th SOSFS, Cannon AFB, New Mexico and they are supported by Rick Matott (Ubon).

SSgt John Kroll & MWD Nadja are deployed from the 21st SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado and they are supported by Joe Palmer (Binh Thuy).

455th ESFS Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan



Thanks to the efforts of Mary Lou Hodsdon and all of the folks at Pet Edge, we just delivered 16-foot retractable leads to the handlers at Bagram. In the photos above, left to right, TSgt Raymond McMahon, SSgt FitzGerald, SSgt Joshua Fehringer, and SSgt Rafael Rhodes show off the new equipment.



SSgt Fehringer /MWD Candy, TSgt McMahon, SSgt Gatti, MWD Dan & SSgt Dan Wilson open their “Care packages” from VFW Post 7539, Bloomington, Illinois. From the smiles, it looks like the packages are a hit! Thank you Joe Palmer and all of the veterans at the post.

455th ESFS Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan – Continued



These care packages aren't going anywhere - MWD Dan, Rambo, & Candy guarding the "goodies".



Left: MWD Dan, SSgt Gatti, MWD Rambo, SSgt Fehringer, and MWD Candy "stand up" with the VFW "care packages". Right: SSgt Dan Wilson, MWD Dan, MWD Rambo, SSgt Fehringer, and MWD Candy all get together when it was time to open the "care packages" – Great job VFW 7539!



This is how the night looks at Bagram Air Field. SSgt Dan Wilson & MWD Dan are captured using a night vision lens. Remember in the dog world – the night is your friend! SSgt Daniel Wilson & MWD Dan, deployed from the 377th SFS, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, and are supported by Ernest Childers.

455th ESFS Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan – Continued



We'd like to introduce one of our newest MWD teams - SSgt Joshua Fehringer and MWD Candy. In the photograph above they prepare for an Outside the Wire (OTW) mission at Bagram Air Field. The team is deployed from the 27th SOSFS, Cannon AFB, New Mexico and they are supported by Rick Matott (Ubon).



SSgt Logan FitzGerald, SSgt John Kroll, MWD Candy, and SSgt Joshua Fehringer just received their signature Thailand Handler gifts (Thailand Handler coin, patch, Leatherman MUT, M5 Lenser flashlight). We'd like to thank SSgt Dan Wilson, our "Man on the ground" at Bagram. Thanks again Sarge for helping us hook up with these troops and for being our point man for this deployment.

386th ESFS Ali Al Salem, Kuwait



(Between the sidewalk sign photos, L to R: Super-Server Linda in Phil's hat, Linda's daughter Shelly, another regular customer who wanted a piece of this support-the-troops action, and Patti Carroll.)

Fat Albert's is a fantastic, friendly, comfort-food-style hole-in-the-wall breakfast cafe near Portland, Oregon. It's a frequent hangout for Phil Carroll (Old Dawg) and his wife Patti. They also enjoy taking other Old Dawgs and supporters there who happen to be visiting in town (like Bill and Janice Cummings and Steve and Lise Gattis). Phil is currently sponsoring MSgt DJ Ellison, our "Pup" kennel master at Ali Al Salem AFB in Kuwait, through the OD&P program. Recently, Phil and his wife Patti showed up at Fat Albert's with some prepared signs and enlisted some help in sending a greeting to the MSgt Ellison's K-9 Section in the desert. The troops loved it!



Between the photos of Phil (left) and Patti (right) with their breakfasts: Super-Server Linda and a local family who wanted to help send a support message to the kennels. The kids all wanted to keep their signs as souvenirs, so they did!

386th ESFS Ali Al Salem, Kuwait - Continued

SSgt Rick Laird and MWD Rex take on Colonel John Klein, Base Commander at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait.



Above: This looks like a “target rich environment” as MWD Rex zeroes in on his target – it’s almost hurt locker time! Rex sure has his motor running as he bears down on the “bad guy”.



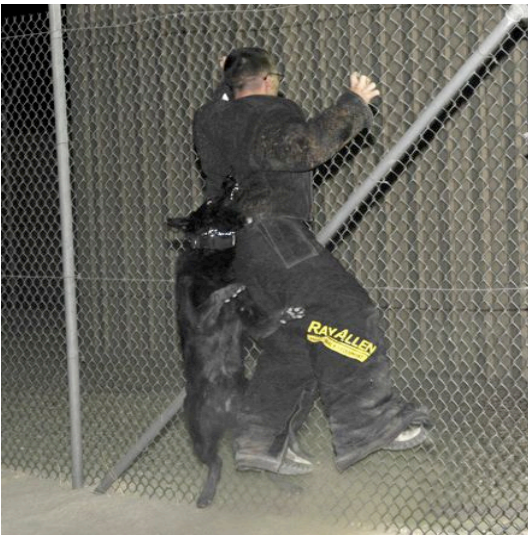
Left: You can run colonel but you can’t hide. On the left MWD Rex is hot on the heels of Colonel John Klein and he sure looks happy right before the “bite”. Rex has a very determined look on his face.

Right: The colonel is on the way down after a giant hit by Rex. It sure reminds you of that great Queen song – “Another one bites the dust”! Rumor has it that the colonel had a great time as he got an up close and personal look at his Military Working Dog teams during his visit to the kennels at Ali Al Salem.

386th ESFS Ali Al Salem, Kuwait - Continued



SSgt Christopher Brown releases MWD Stella on decoy SrA Dustin Cain during an attack scenario. As you can clear see – MWD Stella is winning this battle! Man – don't you guys miss these training days?



MWD Stella wants to know who excused SrA Cain from the exercise? OK relax – SSgt Christopher Brown and MWD Stella seal the deal and SrA Cain “bites the dust”! Below – MSgt Donald Ellison speaks with the troops following the demonstration - Looks like everyone was on point here!



386th ESFS Ali Al Salem, Kuwait - Continued



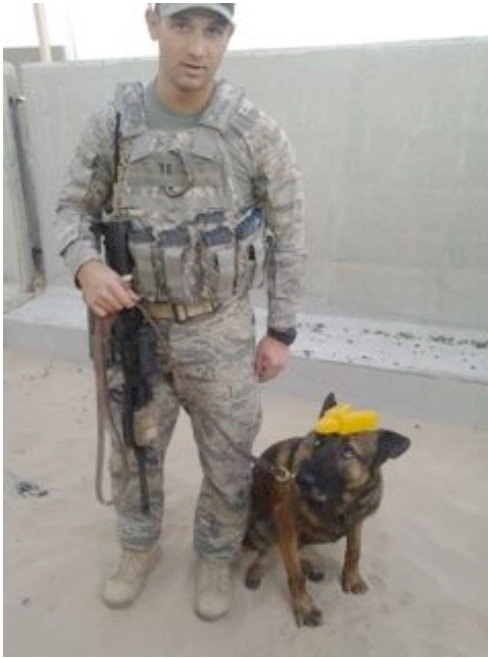
SSgt Bernardo Cortes and Rambo on patrol at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait. The team is deployed from the 377th SFS, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico and supported by Chuck Rogers (Tan Son Nhut Air Base) and his daughter Christi Cryer (Fok).

379th ESFS – Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar



SSgt Aaron Escalante & MWD Mushe spend some time in the training area. Mushe, as you can clearly see, is focused on SrA Hanus during the entire exercise. This dog packs a big punch and a “bull in a china shop” when it comes to attack training. The team is deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, and they are supported by Kelly Bateman (Ubon).

Leatherman Wave Toy Photograph Contest



Above Left: SSgt Joel Congdon & Digi show how versatile the new “Wave” toy is to handle – not a problem with balance or weight on your mind and this team has proved it!

Above Right: SSgt Bryan Dubetsky’s MWD VVience completes some repairs on the A/C unit at Ali Al Salem - as you can clearly see these toy “tools” are very useful for repairs and other task. From what we hear – SSgt Dubetsky was VVience’s assistant on this repair job – who’s wearing the tool belt?



Now you see it – Now you don’t! Above MWD Amor demonstrates that the “head is quicker than the eye”. SSgt Stephen Salassi’s partner shows that there is always a way to use the Leatherman Wave Toy. It never hit the ground – that’s head mouth coordination all right! The team is deployed from the 11th Security Forces Group, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland and they are supported by Jim Stastny (Korat)

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates



On August 29, 2013, J. D. Jones was honored to attend the promotion ceremony at McConnell AFB, Kansas at the invitation of “our” friend and twice-deployed “pup” SSgt Will Booker. Above J.D. congratulates our new Technical Sergeant – Will Booker. Those sure are some great looking strikes Will. On behalf of all of us at Old Dawgs & Pups - Congratulations! J.D. sure looks like a proud “Old Dawg”!

VFW Post 7539, Bloomingdale, Illinois pitches in for OD&P

VFW Post 7539, Bloomingdale, IL, has added our troops from Ali Al Salem, Kuwait and Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, to their monthly “care package” project. Joe Palmer (Binh Thuy K-9 1968) tells us a Thank you Joe and all the veterans of VFW Post 7539 – once a veteran always a veteran! We’ve heard some great comments from our troops concerning the great packages from VFW Post 7539.

No explanation needed!



Donation Fundraiser, To Be Held By Members of the Thailand Dog Handlers Group

Win one of two unique collections of USAF Air Police and Security Police Shields and Qualification Badges and, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and, Coast Guard Service Brassards and Shields.

Thailand Dog Handlers attending the Vietnam Security Police Association Reunion will be holding a donation fundraiser for these two rare memorabilia collections in October, in Charleston SC at the VSPA Reunion. You do not have to be present to win one of these incredible collections.

All donated funds raised by this project will go to two proven charitable funds, The USAF Security Forces Museum Foundation <http://securityforcesmuseum.org/> and “The Nemo’s War Dog Hero’s Memorial Project,” <http://635thk9.com/tdhnemo.htm>

If you are not able to attend the reunion you may still donate for a chance to win by sending in your check or money order donation (PLEASE, NO CASH!), to be received by September 20th. See details below. After that date we cannot guarantee your chances will be placed into the drawing.

Thailand Dog Handler Fundraiser Prizes - First Prize: Valued at \$700.00

- Air Police Shield with blue and white enamel Air Force crest
- Air Police Shield
- Security Police Shield
- Small Size Women’s Security Police Shield
- 50th Anniversary Commemorative Shield.
- SP Qualification Badges Original Style

Second Prize: Valued at \$350.00

- Armed Forces Police Brassard with a US Coast Guard Security Officer Shield
- Air Police Brassard with a USAF Security Police Shield
- Army Military Police Brassard with Military Police Shield
- US Marine Corps MP Brassard with a US Marine Corps Military Police Shield
- US Navy Shore Patrol Brassard with a US Navy Police Shield, NTC Sam Diego

This prize was donated by Jerry Nelson.

For a \$5 donation you will receive 3 chances to win one of the prizes. We are encouraging VSPA members to donate \$20 for 15 chances to win and to support this project. For \$50.00 you will receive 39 chances to win. You do not have to be a VSPA member to donate. **Remember, you DO NOT have to be present to win!** If you mail in a donation, after your donation is received, we will return to you your portion of the ticket and copies of your stub chances that will be placed into the drawing with your name and phone number.

You must provide a return address to receive your copies.

First Prize Picture



Second Prize Picture



Donation Fundraiser, To Be Held By Members of the Thailand Dog Handlers Group

Send in your check or money order donation (**PLEASE, NO CASH!**), to be received by September 20th for the drawing at the VSPA reunion in October.

Again this donation fundraiser is conducted by the Thailand Dog Handlers Group and NOT the VSPA. Send donations with name, return address, and phone number printed clearly on a sheet of paper, make Payable to:

John Homa
151 CR 556
Athens, TN 37303

Feed the Dawgs Project 2013 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. They feed steak barbecues to active military dog handlers and their family and friends from 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 upcoming schedule for 2013 – Get Involved!

You can view photos from all of our events on Facebook at "The Dawgs Project"

21	September	Fort Huachuca, Davis-Monthan AFB, Fort Bliss, AZ
12	October	Nellis/Creech AFB, VDHA Reunion, NV

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

At the time of this report we have **21** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **20** handlers assigned to three (3) 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 1,933 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 21, 2005 to September 15, 2013. "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported 100 kennels and 376 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 **\$24,748.00** of supplies for the **100** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate and Helping Udders donations, the total is **\$86,687.00**.

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

312 Leatherman “Surge” Tools (145) Donated by Leatherman)
* The Leatherman “Surge”/Muts/Flashlights/Knives/Toys donation is valued at approximately **\$58,519.00**

266 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)

205 Thailand Historical Base Patches

163 * Leatherman Serac S3 Leatherman Flashlights

102 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)

102 Alpha Dog Challenge Coins

75 * Leatherman Knives (Models: c33T, e55, e55B, e33L)

56 Kongs (Assorted sizes)

54 * Leatherman MUT Tools

50 * Leatherman M5 LED Lenser Flashlights

46 Sponges

44 PSI Water Holes

40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads

33 Kygen Port-A-Bowls

30 * Leatherman Wave Toys

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)

22 Retractable Leashes (Pet Edge)

16 Cooling Vests & Extra Cooling 3acks (**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 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

7 Sets Ruff Wear Bark’n Boots Trex (Ray Allen & Ruff Wear

7 Retractable Leashes

4 Carabiners

4 5” Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes

6 20”/12” (3 each) Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes

3 100 Foot Water Hoses

3 Ceremonial K-9 Badges (Memorial)

2 Hose Reels – Wheeled Cart

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)