

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 EIGHT YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!
MORE THAN 390 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!
108 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported
More than \$92,823.00 of supplies shipped down range!
<http://www.war-stories.com/odap/ws-odap-index.htm>

Hello everyone! We are currently supporting five (5) kennels and twenty (20) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of March 15, 2014. March 2014 brings us to eight 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 Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait; Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates (UAE); An Undisclosed Location – Southwest Asia. We have two (2) new pups to introduce this month.

Pups heading home from the AOR

Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait: TSgt Jason Fields should be packing to head back to Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona – just in time for the “dry heat” to hit the area before our next edition.

SSgt Henry Edwards & MWD Blecki will be returning to sunny California and Vandenberg AFB.

SSgt Hazel Norotsky & MWD Judi are packing to head back to Kadena Air Base in the near future.

Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar: SSgt Sean King & MWD Arco will be pulling chocks soon and heading back to Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota – it’s still cold there!!!!

Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan: SSgt Ian Porter & MWD Lana should be heading to the Sonoran desert and Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona soon.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia: SSgt Jeremy Rice and MWD Kanjer are now back on the beaches on the gulf coast and Eglin AFB, Florida.

Pups arriving in the AOR

Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait: SrA Christopher Stitche & MWD Sam are deployed from the 42nd SFS, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The team is sponsored by Doug McCoy (47th IPSD).

Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar: MSgt James Chenoweth, Kennel Master, deployed from the 60th SFS, Travis AFB, California. He is support by Jon Hemp (TSN).

4th Infantry Division – Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan



MWD Dan and SrA Brandon Hinton check out the new Guardian Pet Cot that just arrived at Kandahar. The team is deployed from the 377th SFS, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico and Mike Regan (NKP) supports them. MWD Dan sure looks comfortable. Just like the old days – “Three hots and a cot”!



How in the world did we get them together – We had to bribe them! This is our “Kandahar Krew” – SSgt Ian Porter & MWD Lana, SrA Brandon Hinton & MWD Dan, and SSgt Tyler Wiseman. Jim Stewart (TSN), Mike Regan (NKP), and Justin Kitts (USFA) support them, respectively.

386th ESFS Ali Al Salem - “The Rock”, Kuwait



SrA Angela Jones and SSgt Timothy Fenderson are presented their Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon from the Command Staff at Ali Al Salem. SrA Angela Jones & MWD Chester are headed home and they were deployed from the 99th SFS, Nellis AFB, Nevada and Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB).

386th ESFS Ali Al Salem - “The Rock”, Kuwait – Continued



TSgt Jason Fields (Trainer) spends some quality training time with SSgt Timothy Fenderson and MWD Szarik. TSgt Fields is deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, and is supported by Phil Carroll (Takhli/NKP).



SSgt Henry Edwards and MWD Blecki take time out for a “final tune up” before heading back to Vandenberg AFB, California in the near future. Joel Burton (USAFR) supported the team.

379th ESFS - Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar



SSgt Sean King and the troops at Al Udeid Air Base performed a demo recently and as you can see there was a little “TSGB” and the Lt. Colonel on the right experienced. Not a good day for the colonel! From the look on the colonel’s face – he got the full-blown experience. SSgt Sean King and Arco are deployed from the 319th SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota and they are supported by Scotty Baker (Safeside).



SSgt Sean King, Major Hendricks, and a British Military Officer, take a moment to reflect the events of the day following the demonstration by the 379th ESFS MWD section. From the smiles on everyone’s faces it appears that the event was very successful. It’s always great to show your allies the capabilities of our Military Working Dog teams. Great job guys!

OD&P FUNDRAISER

The New OD&P Challenge Coin, Available for Purchase!

The image on the enamel side is from a photo of one of our own - it's Air Force Security Police Sgt Alexander Liverano and Sentry Dog Dante 632M on a Takhli RTAFB perimeter post during the war. They both served at Takhli and Nakhon Phanom in 1970-71. It's a 1¾ inch x 3.5mm coin.

How to purchase:

1. Make out a check payable to **Phil Carroll** for the correct amount.
2. Mail it to Phil at **P.O. Box 8, Gladstone, OR 97027**
3. Enclose a note saying how many coins you want, and giving Phil your full name and correct mailing address.
4. The coins will cost you \$20 for the first one, and \$15 for each additional coin on the same order. Feel free to add a donation to that amount if you like, we can put it to very good use.
5. Be quick, we have a limited number available for now.



Alpha Dog Coins and Certificate Presentations



OD&P Coordinator Bill Cummings presented SMSgt Matthew Rebolz with Alpha Dog Coin #2 at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico on February 17, 2014. SMSgt Rebolz was the “First Old Dawgs & Pups Kennel Master” and he deployed three times down range with us. He was supported in 2005 at Ali Air Base, Iraq by Ben Cox (U-Tapao) and Don Graham (Tuy Hoa); in 2006 at Camp Diamondback, Iraq by Rick Mattot (Korat) and Marie Zeak (FoK); and in 2008 at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait by Bill Cummings (U-Tapao). Congratulations Matt on your service and commitment to OD&P!

Alpha Dog Coins and Certificate Presentations - Continued



On February 18, 2014 Bill Cummings had the pleasure of presenting Alpha Dog Coin #14 to TSgt Daniel Wilson at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. TSgt Wilson was recognized for saving the life of MWD Dan (N689) at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in 2013. TSgt Wilson deployed twice with OD&P, first at FOB Warrior in 2009 and then again in 2013 at Bagram. Ernest Childers (Udorn) supported TSgt Wilson during both deployments. It was a great day at the 377th kennels – the command staff joined us at the presentation and then we visited their “Heritage Room” – a MUST SEE for all Vietnam era veterans. Congratulation TSgt Dan Wilson – you have proven yourself above and beyond as one of our heroes.



On March 1, 2014, SSgt Aaron Escalante, was presented Alpha Dog Coin #16 by Major Douglas Whitehead, Commander, 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. SSgt Escalante was recognized for completing three tours with OD&P. He was supported at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, by Kelly Bateman (Ubon) in 2010; in 2011 at FOB Shank, Afghanistan, by Bill Cummings (U-Tapao); and in 2013 at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar by Kelly Bateman (Ubon). Congratulations again SSgt Escalante for your service to our country and your commitment to Old Dawgs & Pups. SSgt Escalante is now moving on to train other MWD teams at the Regional Training Center in El Paso, Texas – He’ll do a great job!

Alpha Dog Coins and Certificate Presentations – Continued



TSgt Rafael Rhodes was presented Alpha Dog Coin #13 on March 4, 2014 by Major Sarah Babbitt, Commander of the 7th SFS, Dyess AFB, Texas. TSgt Rhodes was the recipient of the Purple Heart Medal and the Air Force Combat Action Medal at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in 2013. TSgt Rhodes communicated to us “ For the (Alpha Dog) Award that was presented to me, I have to say that it is an absolute honor. This is the most meaningful award to me because I was chosen by my peers. I was selected by those who paved the way for us young handlers to go out and do amazing things with the support of some amazing people from home! I can't tell you how honored and blessed I am to be considered for this and I want everyone to know that this is the most meaningful award that I have ever received. From the bottom of my heart, I can't thank you enough, all of you. Thank you for paving the way for us to carry on a great tradition and a brotherhood. I sincerely thank you and everyone for everything! I'm proud to be a part of this family!” TSgt Rhodes & MWD Nero were supported by Kelly Bateman (Ubon).



Captain Jason Stack, Commander 821st SFS, presents MSgt Andrew Esparza with Alpha Dog Coin #4 on March 7, 2014 at Thule Air Base, Greenland. MSgt Esparza was recognized for completing three tours with OD&P. MSgt Esparza was deployed as a Kennel Master to FOB Warrior, Iraq in 2008; Al Ueid Air Base, Qatar in 2009; and Manus Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan in 2011. Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) supported MSgt Esparza during all three deployments. Congratulations Drew – you did GOOD!

Alpha Dog Sponsor Coins and Certificate Presentations



At the first “Arizona Joint Feed the Dawgs” event at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, on March 1, 2014, Bill Cummings presented “Head Dawg” Jon Hemp an “Alpha Dog Sponsor” coin and certificate. Jon has sponsored fifteen (15) deployed MWD teams with Old Dawgs & Pups. We kinda’ knocked Jon off his step with the coin and certificate – and those who know Jon know that doing that is hard to do! From all of us - Congratulations Jon for all of your support and efforts on behalf of Old Dawgs & Pups.

A special get together in Tucson, Arizona!

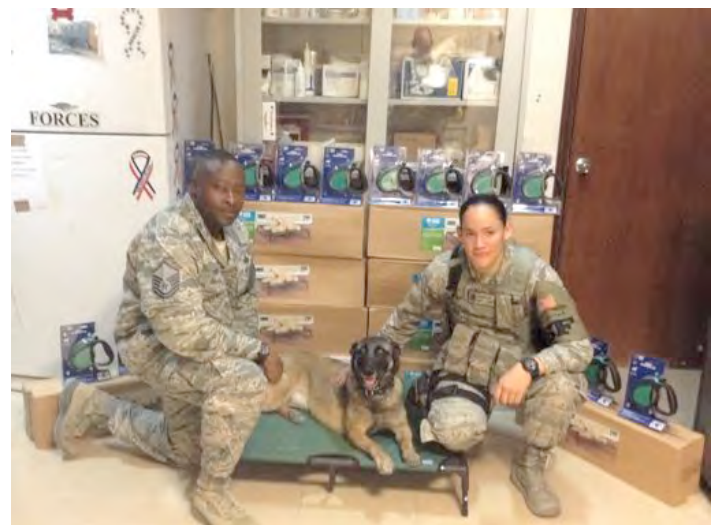


What a lunch special! TSgt Rafael Rhodes, SSgt Paris Carman, and Bill Cummings “broke bread” together in Tucson, Arizona recently. TSgt Rafael Rhodes was enroute to Creech Air Base, Nevada to start his new career at part of the K-9 cadre at the Regional Training Center at Creech. TSgt Rhodes and SSgt Carman served together and closed Camp Kujo at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in 2013. It was a great “Old Dawgs & Pups” get together – you can’t make this stuff up!

Professional & Palmer's Pharmacy fund supplies at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait



We'd like to thank Professional & Palmer's Pharmacies for shipping \$499.20 worth of supplies to our troops at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait. With the help of their patrons we were able to ship 15 Guardian Pet Cots and 15 Retractable leads for the personnel and canines at that location. U. S Army Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Domenic Sammarco and his "friends, patrons, and staff" have been raising funds to assist OUR troops.



Top – All of the supplies have arrived at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait – this should make life a little better!

Below Left – TSgt Jason Fields, MWD Judi, and SSgt Hazel Norotsky show off the supplies.

Below Right – MSgt Ben Jones and MWD Judi (doesn't she look comfortable), and SSgt Hazel Norotsky.

Anyone in the Stamford or Greenwich, Connecticut, area – make sure you stop in and say "Hello and Thanks" to these fantastic volunteers that have stepped up to help our deployed MWD teams!

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates MWD Dexter N809 Retires



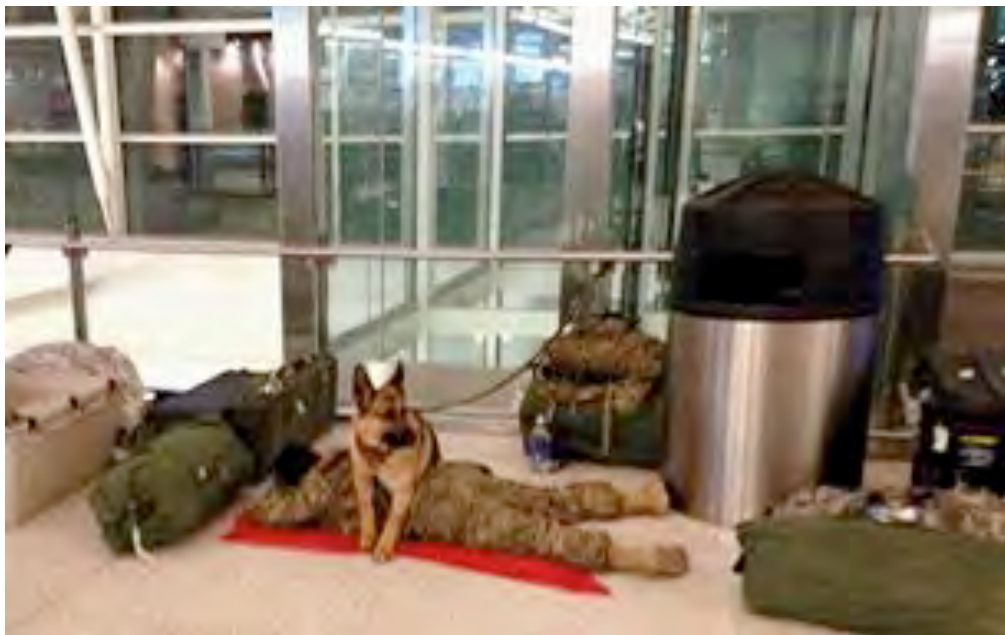
MWD Dexter (N809) was officially retired on February 19, 2014 at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona. SSgt Alexandra Springman, his last handler, officially adopted MWD Dexter at ceremony officiated by MSgt Kurt Lugar. Dexter and Springman last deployed at Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia in 2012. Major Douglas Whitehead presented the “retirement/adoption” citation on behalf of the 355th SFS and the United States Air Force. SSgt Alexandra Springman and MSgt Kurt Lugar were both supported during previous deployments by Dave Broker (U-Tapao). Dexter is now assigned to “Ft. Living Room” and enjoying his retirement! To view the full story <http://www.dm.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123401693>

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates – Continued Camp Kujo Sign!



SSgt Paris Carman, 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, presented Bill Cummings with the “remains” of the “Camp Kujo” sign from Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Yep – he drug it all the way home for OD&P! We supported Camp Kujo from 2009 to it’s closing in 2013 – is this as WOW moment or what? Thanks Paris from all of us at Old Dawgs & Pups – you guys close a great part of our history in Afghanistan.

No explanation needed – Loyalty!



Feed the Dawgs Project 2014 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 Dogs. 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.

2014 brings new adventures for *Feed the Dawgs* – They are expanding to **THREE** regions! Here are the contacts for the regions – if you are interested in participating in an event – just ping the POC and they will put you to work and make sure you share some quality time with the TROOPS!

Southwest Dawgs (CA, AZ, NV, & TX)

Jon Hemp - jmhemp@feedthedawgs.com
<http://thedawgsproject.com>

Rocky Mountain Dawgs (CO, NM, MO, & TX)

Kevin Sonka – kevinsonka@comcast.net
<http://www.rockymountaindawgsproject.org>

Northwest Dawgs Project (NV, UT, ID, & WA)

Frank Wehner – nwdawgs@fcwehner.com
<http://northwestdawgsproject.com>

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 2014 – Get Involved!

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

22 March

NAS Lemoore, CA

12 April

YPG IASK/MCAS Yuma @ Yuma Proving Ground, AZ

26 April

Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada

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

At the time of this report we have **19** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **20** handlers assigned to five (5) kennels in Southwest Asia.

Our K-9 Supply program has been coordinated and funded by the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program volunteers. The supporters are members of the VSPA, VDHA, and friends of K-9. A total of 2,106 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to March 15, 2014. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **108** kennels and **393** K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

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

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

We have purchased and shipped **\$26,389.00** worth of supplies to **108** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate and other noted major donations, our program has supplied at total of **\$92,823.00** to deployed Military Working Dog teams. Please note that this total does not reflect all of the "care packages" that have been sent directly by team sponsors and other organizations that we have been so fortunate to be involved with for this program.

Major List of Supplies Shipped by Old Dawgs & Pups

(For a complete list of supplies shipped contact Bill Cummings)

- 312 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (145 donated by Leatherman)
 - * The Leatherman "Surge"/MUTS/Flashlights/Knives/Toys donation is valued at **\$63,014.00**
- 287 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 266 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 163 * Leatherman Serac S3 Flashlights
- 120 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 102 Alpha Dog Challenge Coins
- 79 * Leatherman MUT Tools
- 75 * Leatherman Knives (Models: e33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
- 56 Kongs (Assorted sizes)
- 55 * Leatherman Wave Dog Toys
- 50 * Leatherman M5 LED Lenser Flashlights
- 46 Sponges
- 44 PSI Water Holes
- 44 Retractable Leashes (Pet Edge)
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 33 Kygen Port-A-Bowls
- 31 Doggles (10 Pairs 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 Classis 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
- 10 Heavy Duty Handled Pails – 9 Quart (Pet Edge)

- 10 **Stainless Steel – 3 Quart Dura-weight Bowls (Pet Edge)**
- 10 **Helping Udders Reward Toys (Helping Udders)**
- 9 **Hose Nozzles**
- 8 **K-9 Bluelight Supplement (2 pounds)**
- 8 **Cooling Wraps (Roshgo Corporation)**
- 8 **Cooldanna Cooling Mats (Roshgo Corporation)**
- 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)**
- 6 **20”/12” (3 each) Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes**
- 4 **Carabiners**
- 4 **5” 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 **130-Foot Enclosed Hose Reels**
- 2 *** Leatherman EOD MUT Tools**
- 1 **Large Patrol Harness**
- 1 **Medium Patrol Harness**
- 1 **Case Toilet Paper (30 Rolls)**
- 1 **Case Drink Mixes & Snacks**
- 1 **Syntek Hidden Sleeve (Ray Allen)**
- 1 **Armor Carrier Shoulder Pads**
- 1 **Molle Dump Pouch**