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(03/15/2015)

OVER NINE YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!
MORE THAN 445 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!
119 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported
More than \$95,919.00 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-six (26) deployed Air Force, Army, and Navy teams as of March 15, 2015. March 2015 brings us to nine years and seven 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

Due to the worldwide security issues and concerns for safeguarding our troops, we will not be listing the name of the bases, squadrons, or countries, in which our troops are deployed. All locations will be listed as "Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia" (UDL). We are currently supporting troops at five locations in Southwest Asia. We have six (6) new pups to introduce this month.

Pups arriving in the AOR

Undisclosed Location #1 Southwest Asia: TSgt Andrew Rodriguez, Kennel Master, deployed from the 11th SSPTS, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. TSgt Rodriguez is supported by Bruce Bond (58th IPSD).

SSgt Timothy Garrett & MWD Tze are deployed from the 628th SFS, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. SSgt Garrett is pulling double duty as a Trainer also. The team is supported by Doc Hodges (Korat/Ubon).

Undisclosed Location #4 Southwest Asia: TSgt Jacob Utley, Kennel Master, is deployed from the 88th SFS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and he is supported by Bob Curnick (NKP).

SSgt Jeffrey Hill & MWD Semmi are deployed from the 325th SFS, Tyndall AFB, Florida. This is Team Semmi's second deployment with OD&P and they are once again supported by Christi Cryer (FoK) and Chuck Rogers (TSN).

Undisclosed Location #5 Southwest Asia: TSgt Thomas Myers, Kennel Master, deployed from the 72nd SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, supported by Jon Hemp (TSN).

SSgt Jordan Capela & MWD Sjem are deployed from the 11th SSPTS, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. Team Sjem is supported by David Priest (Korat).

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1

Ruff Ruck & B-B-Q raises \$2,500.00 for Old Dawgs & Pups (Follow up)

The “Ruff Ruck and BBQ” sponsored by the 379th ESFS Military Working Dog Section, was completed on January 3, 2015. More than 50 troops and a “bunch of MWD teams” led the way and participated in the “Ruck”. Our K-9 Coordinator, SSgt Sean Schwartz, has “rolled back to the world” and back at work at Joint Base McGuire, New Jersey. We received these photographs and information once he got home.

SSgt Sean Schwartz and the troops raised \$2,500.00 for our “Old Dawgs & Pups” Program. These guys just “paid it forward” for handlers that will follow them down range. Here are a few photographs taken during the prize portion of the event. These are “our kinda’ dog handlers”.

SSgt Sean Schwartz has asked us to thank the Vietnam Dog Handler Association for providing 12 “Challenge Coins”, 12 VDHA hats, and 12 VDHA belt buckles for the first, second, and third place teams, and a VDHA portfolio for SSgt Schwartz. AWESOME – VDHA – Just AWESOME!

A special “Thank You” also goes out to President John Langley (Tan Son Nhut) and Mr. GO TO GUY – Life Member Dave Broeker (U-Tapao) for all of their efforts to help make this event such a success. The VDHA showed our young troops that all of our handlers in this association support them while they are deployed down range and defend this great country on K-9 assignments across the globe.

John Homa (Korat) donated an Air Police Prototype Badge that everyone tried to win – great prize John.

Remington Outdoor Company/Dublin Dogs provided 3 Dog Collars and Lights and \$30.00 Fit Card for 1st Place team. Thanks VDHA Life Member Ken Smerecki (Pleiku/U-Tapao) for the “hook up”! Thanks also TSgt Justin Kitts for donating a copy of “War Dogs, Tales of Canine Heroism, History, and Love”, the McKenna family for two Base Exchange gift certificates. Thanks also to the MWDTSA for T-Shirts, Kongs, and other gifts for the canine participants and their partners.



Left: SSgt Sean Schwartz presents VDHA Belt buckles to the members of the winning teams. Right: He presented VDHA hats to the members of the first place team. Below VDHA hats go the second place team and third place teams receive their VDHA Challenge coins.



Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 - Continued

SrA Katrice Acevedo and MWD Errol - 2015



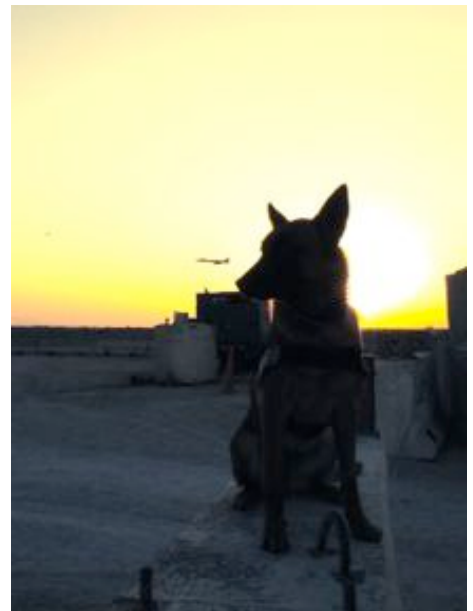
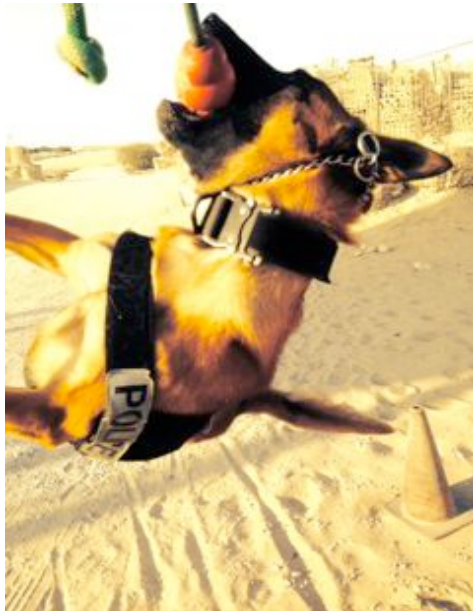
SrA Katrice Acevedo and MWD Errol, deployed from the 55th SFS, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, share a ride and some bonding time in a HMMV at RTC. Jay D. and Lynda Jones (Udorn) support the team. This is the teams' first deployment together and it sure looks like it's off to a great start. Great looking dog team.



SrA Acevedo and Errol take a few minutes for some downtime during live fire training prior to their deployment. As you can see, this team spends a lot of time together – isn't that a wonderful thing? On the right, the team patrols the mean streets of Offutt AFB. Bonding doesn't appear to be an issue for this team. The team has been together since September 2014 and it sure looks like a great start for this team.

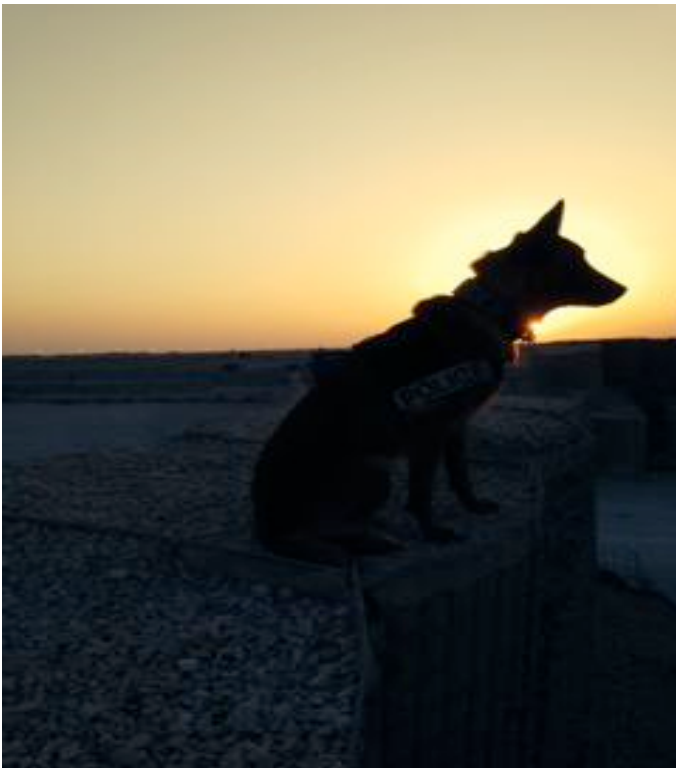
OK, it's 2015 – it wouldn't be right not to have a "Selfie"! It looks to us that Errol has a future in the movies after his career as a Military Working Dog is over – who wouldn't want to see that face?

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 - Continued



Sometimes a dog just has to have fun! You know the life of a Military Working Dog isn't all work and no play. MWD Ttilly, SSgt Jonathan Calo's canine partner, just likes to be a "dog" now and then.

Ttilly enjoys looking over the surrounding area of their duty station; and everyone knows that this kong is there just to make sure that Ttilly is grounded – or in this case – airborne! Above right, Ttilly enjoys a sunset. Wouldn't you just love to be able to know what this dog is thinking?

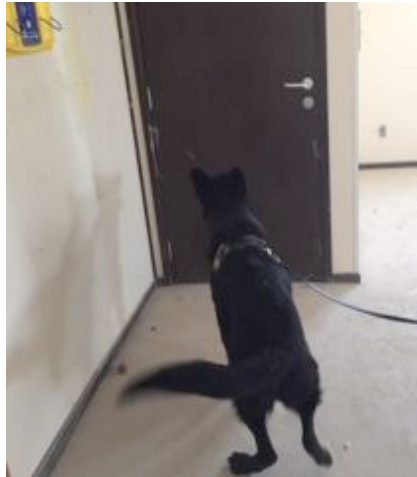
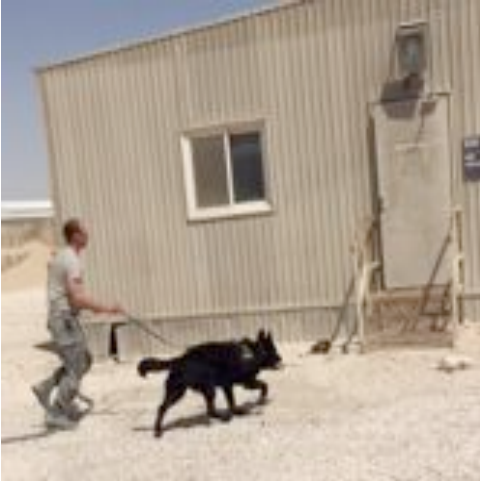


OK, one last look at the sunset and enjoy the life of a "dog". Ttilly has been known to "just chill out" now and then. We understand that this relaxing down position is a way to see just how this dog can enjoy some down time.

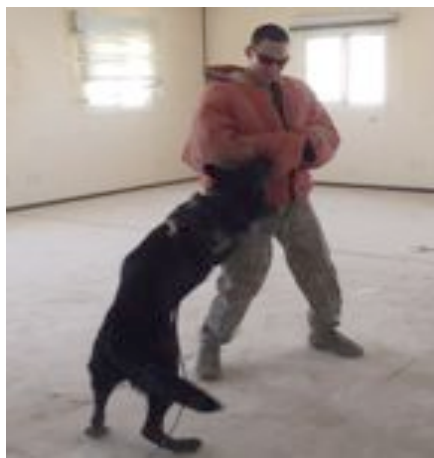
SSgt Calo and Ttilly are deployed from Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. The team is supported by Christi Cryer (FoK) and Chuck Rogers (TSN). This is one laid back MWD!

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 - Continued

You know, “You play like you practice” and this is the case at this training day.



SrA Joshua Griffith & MWD Satin, deployed from Scott AFB, Illinois, kick off the training problem.

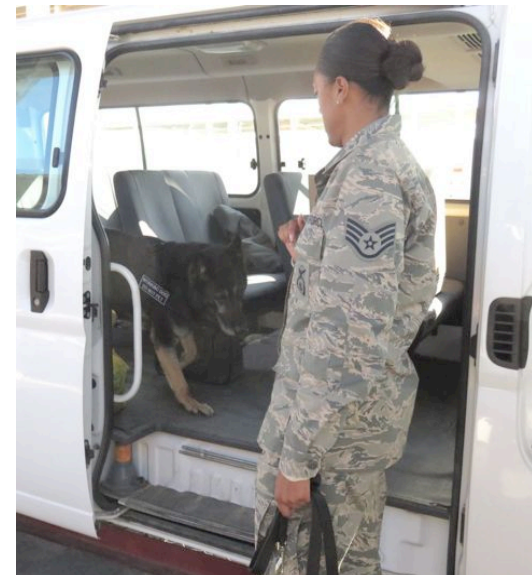
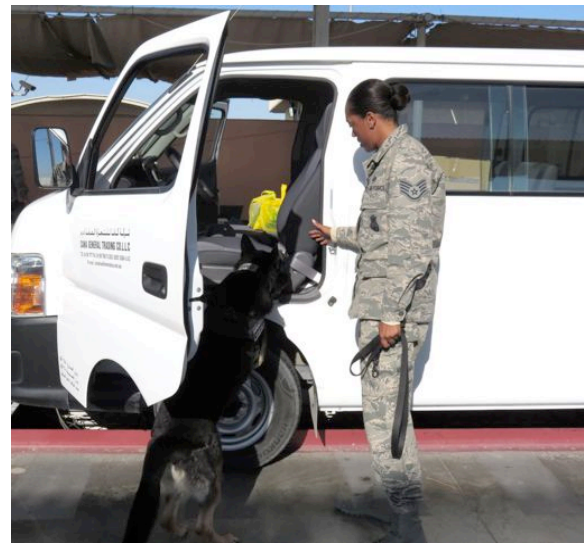
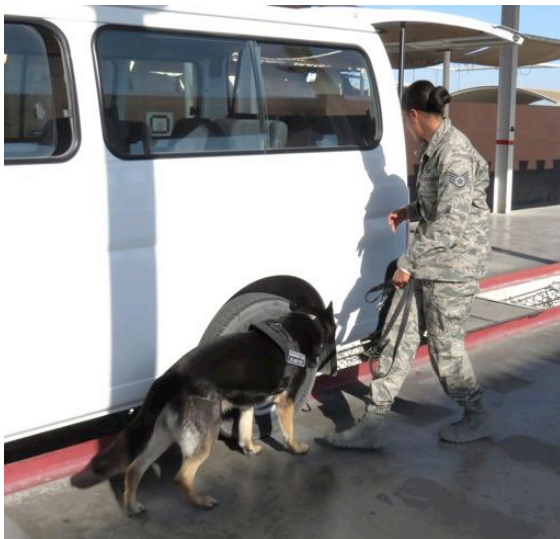


Satin secures the suspect and then takes on another aggressor – Awesome!



TSgt Andrew Rodriguez and SSgt Timothy Garrett put SSgt Jonathan Calo and Ttilly through the test and they came through with “flying” colors. TSgt Andrew Rodriguez & SSgt Timothy Garrett are supported by Bruce Bond (58th IPSP) and Rick Matott (Ubon), respectively. SSgt Jonathan Calo and Ttilly are supported by Christi Cryer (FoK) & Chuck Rogers (TSN). Great training day! Way to stay sharp guy and ready to roll.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #3



We had a chance to “go along” with SSgt Latisha Langley and MWD Lama during some training and a little of her workday. As you see, no grass grows under this team’s feet. Work, work, work! Pat and Dave Broeker (U-Tapao) support the team. Again, congratulations SSgt Langley.

It sure is easy to see that Lama loves her job – that nose is just everywhere – don’t you just love it?

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #3 – Continued



Some days just aren't as much fun as others. As you can see, being a Trainer has a few drawbacks now and then. Yes, it sure did leave a mark! SSgt Matt Byrnes bares it all in a little "show and tell" session.



Speaking of fun? Just to show you how multi-talented some of our troops are, SSgt Byrnes honored us with some of the "K-9 art" that he creates on his time off. It's true – this Trainer can do more than just take a bite. Thanks for sharing Sarge. SSgt Byrnes is deployed from the 319th SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota and Bob Citrano (Nakhom Phanom (NKP) supports him during this deployment.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #4



Left to Right: SSgt Jason McCarthy, SSgt Jacob Utley, SSgt Ryan Wiese, and SSgt Gil Lundgren enjoy a little down time enjoying the local sites. These troops are sponsored by Sean McKenna (USAF), Bob Curnick (NKP), Bob Sullivan Phu Cat), and Mike Direcks (Korat), respectively.



SSgt Gil Lundgren, accompanied by his canine partner Carla, were recently recognized as the “Warrior of the Week” at their deployment assignment. The team is deployed from the 52nd SFS, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany and they are support by Mike Direcks (Korat). Great job guys – Just a damn great job!

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5



SSgt Alexandra Springman/Emor
Deployed from 355th SFS
Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
Supported by Jon Hemp
Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam



SSgt Lucas Tripp/Bak
Deployed from the 11th SSPTS
Andrews AFB, MD
Supported by Jim Stastny
Korat RTAB, Thailand



SSgt Brandon Gerrins/Vivi
Deployed from the 11th SSPTS
Andrews AFB, MD
Supported by Doug McCoy
47th IPSD, Vietnam



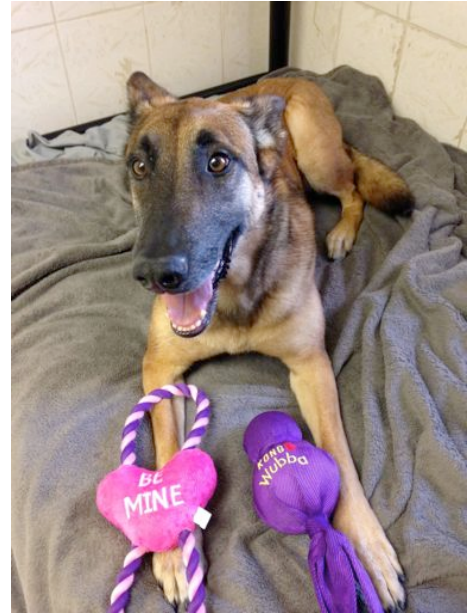
Left: SSgt Robert Beaudoin (Trainer) deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona (Bill Cummings – U-Tapao RTAB, Thailand) and TSgt Thomas Myers, Deployed from the 72nd SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, supported by Jon Hemp (TSN).



Right: SSgt Jordan Capela and MWD Sjem, deployed from the 11th SSPTS, Andrews AFB, Maryland. David Priest (Korat RTAB, Thailand) supports the team.

We'd like to thank this crew for taking to the time to get these fantastic photographs for us.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #7



SrA Andrew Woodard and MWD PPrada were photographed during a break on a mission. Upon returning, guess who got “busted” for taking over the “sack”? So what are you going to do with a dog that works this hard? Of course, reward that hero with some toys! Way to go SrA Woodard – Way to go! The team is deployed from 99th SFS, Nellis AFB, and TSgt Justin Kitts (USAFA) supports them.

MWDTSA - Military Working Dog Team Support Association, Inc.

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<http://www.mwdtsa.org>



Once again, we'd like to extend a VERY BIG THANK YOU to Dixie Whitman and everyone associated with the Military Working Dog Team Support Association who has sent “A Night at the Movies – 1st Quarter Care Packages” down range to support our deployed troops. This organization is a “CLASS ACT”! Please visit their website! They sent out 91 packages to deployed MWD teams worldwide; and forty (40) were sent to seven (7) locations downrange supported by OD&P. Fantastic job MWDTSA!

The care packages were filled with a cornucopia of goodies, including: KONGS, Natural Balance dog food samples, Indigo Smokehouse Strips, Earthbath Grooming wipes, Popcorn cones, Movie Ticket and Movie Star dog cookies designed and made just for MWDTSA specifically for the care packages by D.O.G. Bakery, gold star and paw print decorated ‘swag bags’, ProNutz yogurt and chocolate covered pistachios, Australian Licorice and MWDTSA travel mugs paired with hot chocolate mix packets.

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates

USAF First Sergeant Academy Commandants Award CMSgt Eric E. Williams Commandant's Award



First Sergeant Kurt Lugar, twice deployed and supported by Old Dawgs & Pups, was presented the CMSgt Eric E. Williams Commandant's Award, at the First Sergeant Academy, Gunter Annex, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama on February 13, 2015.

This award is presented to the student who, in the First Sergeants Academy/Commandant's judgment, made the most significant contribution to the overall success of the class. The selection criteria for this award are based on an initial peer nomination by flight members and an interview with the FSA/CO. One student from each Total Force flight is nominated based on peer leadership points.

First Sergeant Kurt Lugar is now assigned to 355th Maintenance Group (MXG), Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. Dale and Debbie Burton (U-Tapao) and David Adams (Korat) sponsored SSgt Lugar while deployed to Camp Bucca, Iraq in 2007. Another deployment to Iraq, this time at Sather Air Base; TSgt Lugar was sponsored by Dave and Pat Broeker (U-Tapao).

From all of us at Old Dawgs & Pups – Way to go DOG HANDLER! We're very proud of you Kurt.



Other News concerning OD&P Graduates – Continued



I have a question for everyone? Who takes a retired MWD that has never been north of Texas, and spent his entire career in Arizona, to Massachusetts in the winter? That would be newly separated SSgt Sean McKenna (now Mr. McKenna) from Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. This is Figo's first winter in BASSTON (Boston) and from the look on that face – just not real sure he is a big fan of the northeast winters - we're just saying! Thanks Sean for "enlisting" in Old Dawgs and Pups as our newest sponsor. Didn't we buy you guys a set of "booties" while you were deployed Sean? You might want to find them.

Feed the Dawgs Project 2015 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 2015 – Get Involved!
You can view photos from all of our events on Facebook at "The Dawgs Project"

21-22	March	War Dawg Weekend @ Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA
11	April	Hill AFB, UT
18	April	Yuma Joint Feed – YPG-IASK Yuma, Border Patrol @ Yuma PG, AZ

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

At the time of this report we have **26** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **26** 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 2,189 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to March 15, 2015. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **119** kennels and **446** 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 **\$26,885.00** worth of supplies to **119** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman Corporation and other noted major donations; our program has supplied a total of **\$95,919.00** 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

312	Leatherman “Surge” Tools (145 donated by Leatherman)
	• The Leatherman “Surge”/MUTS/Flashlights/Knives/Toys donation is valued at \$65,614.00
287	Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
266	Thailand Historical Base Patches
163	* Leatherman Serac S3 Flashlights
133	Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
102	Alpha Dog Challenge Coins
90	* Leatherman M5 LED Lenser Flashlights
79	* Leatherman MUT Tools
75	* Leatherman Knives (Models: e33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
56	Kongs (Assorted sizes)
55	* Leatherman Wave Dog Toys
54	Retractable Leashes (Pet Edge)
46	Sponges
44	PSI Water Holes
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)
20	160 oz Stainless Steel Bowls (Pet Edge)
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)
8	Cooldanna Cooling Mats (Roshgo)
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**