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(06/15/2015)

**OVER NINE YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!**  
**MORE THAN 450 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!**  
**121 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported**

**More than \$109,807.00 of supplies shipped down range!**

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting five (5) kennels and thirty (30) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of June 15, 2015. June 2015 brings us to nine 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**

Due to the worldwide security issues and concerns for safeguarding our troops, we will not be listing the name of the bases 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.

### **Pups arriving in the AOR & Pups rotating home from the AOR**

No Pups arriving in the AOR or rotating stateside from the AOR at this time

### **Military Working Dogs No Longer Classified as Equipment (June 1, 2015)**

Effective June 1, 2015, Military Working Dogs (MWDs) are NO LONGER classified as "equipment"! In accordance with DoD MWD Program regulatory guidance (AFI 31-126, dtd 20150601) MWDs have been declassified as "equipment items" for the first time since the inception of the U. S. War Dog Program in 1942 (almost 73 years). Due to the continued hard work, tenacity, and efforts of "Dog Men/Woman" in our past and present, who were willing to "fight the good fight" it can proudly be said that after all these years the voices of so many who have served in the MWD career field as a chosen profession have been heard, answered, and subsequently acted upon.

Changes in the DoD MWD Expendability, Recoverability, and Reparability Code (ERRC) have mandated that our dogs are no longer considered equipment. The changes outline the process for access and use of the Working Dog Management System (WDMS). This enhances the disposition and adoption process for MWDs. MWDs are sensitive high value assets with assigned NSNs to identify capabilities; however they are not referred to as equipment since they require continuous training to maintain that capability. **A great day for the Military Working Dog community and a great day in MWD History!**

## Air For Paws – First Response Resuscitation Kits (New OD&P Partner)

[www.AirForPaws.com](http://www.AirForPaws.com)



### We are now providing Kits for Stateside MWD Kennels also!

It is our goal to provide **Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits** to all OCONUS/CONUS MWD installations.

We've shipped 110 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits, valued at **\$11,000.00**, to the 38 Military Working Dog installations and treatment facilities in Southwest Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Pacific Commands and stateside:

379<sup>th</sup> ESFS  
Davis-Monthan AFB  
Seymour Johnson AFB  
JBSA/Ft. Sam Houston  
Hurlburt Field  
Spangdahlem AB  
Tinker AFB  
AFSFL/JBSA

380<sup>th</sup> ESFS  
Dyess AFB  
JBSA/Lackland  
Malmstrom AFB  
Grand Forks AFB  
Kirtland AFB  
NAS Bahrain  
Creech AFB

332<sup>nd</sup> ESFS  
Ellsworth AFB  
Laughlin AFB  
Whiteman AFB  
Travis AFB  
Edwards AFB  
HQ-ARCENT  
Kennel/Hold

879<sup>th</sup> ESFS  
Nellis AFB  
Barksdale AFB  
F E Warren AFB  
USAF Academy  
JB Andrews  
ACC/Langley AFB  
Beale AFB  
Shaw AFB  
Luke AFB  
Kadena AB  
Ramstein AB  
Eglin AFB  
RTC El Paso



Left: Terry Moriyama and her team at Air For Paws have prepared and shipped 110 Kits to 38 locations worldwide! This is one awesome organization and a great partner for Old Dawgs & Pups.

Right: "Team D-M" - SSgt Kenten Yates and Vet Tech SGT Gaudrault (U. S. Army) train with the Air For Paws equipment at the 355<sup>th</sup> SFS Military Working Dog kennels at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

*We are now shipping kits stateside and to other installations (and other service branches) that contacted us to provide this equipment to MWD kennels where the need has been identified. Please pass this information along to any MWD Kennel that you have contact with and have them contact Old Dawgs & Pups for the Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits.*

**For further information concerning AFP Resuscitation Kits contact:**

**Bill Cummings    Old Dawgs & Pups    [usafbrutus@comcast.net](mailto:usafbrutus@comcast.net)**



## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS



Above Left: Members of the 379<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron share a laugh with Airmen during their vehicle and weapons display May 12, 2015, at Memorial Plaza on Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. The 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS held other various events during National Police Week consisting of an opening ceremony, a fallen officer memorial 5K run, and a "Defender Challenge" (USAF photo – TSgt Douglas). MSgt Jason Adams (OD&P Alpha Dog & Graduate), SSgt Jonathan Calo and MWD Tilly, and SSgt Robert Beaudoin spoke with the ACC "Top Cop" during Police Week activities. The conversation centered on life in the military, family and lots of K9 stuff according to SSgt Calo. Christi Cryer & Chuck Rogers (TSN) and Bill Cummings support SSgt Calo and SSgt Beaudoin, respectively.

### Police Week Program May 2015 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS

MSgt Jason A. Adams, an Old Dawgs & Pups Graduate (and Alpha Dog #15) coordinated the Police Week Program at the 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS, Al Udeid Air Base and has submitted this report concerning the event:

"The gifts received from Pete Piazza, John Probst (AFSFA), Dave Broeker (VDHA), Greg Cain, Sheila Gervase-Cain, and Van and Joyce Digby (VSPA) were a huge hit and made a major difference in the success of National Police Week here at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to cancel the ruck march and the retreat service, however we were still able to hold our opening ceremony, 5K Memorial run, police equipment/weapons/vehicle display and MWD demo, and the Defender's Challenge.

We decided to use the donated gifts as prizes for the top finishers of the 5K run. And as you can see from the photos, we had a fantastic turn out! Thank you all for the donations, and thank you for your support to all of Defenders down range. Many of us will begin rotating back to the US in June and July, and thanks to you we have "left our mark" on this rotation. Enclosed are several photos from the week. I wish we could have gotten more of our presentation of the prizes, but the run was held at night and I'm not the best photographer! Again, thank you all!"

The AFSFA donated AFSFA Ball Caps, Coffee Mugs and Coasters, Ballpoint (HGN) pens with lights; the VDHA donated K-9 Lapel Pins, Ball Caps, Challenge Coins, and a beautiful Leather VDHA Organizer (for MSgt Adams for all his hard work); the VSPA donated Ball Caps, Mini Security Forces Badges, and Sisterhood Pins; and Pete Piazza made a really nice financial donations to prizes! Old Dawgs & Pups would also like to thank each organization and Pete for their generous donation and support for our troops at the 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS. You guys are awesome!



## Police Week Program May 2015 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Continued



### VSPA – VDHA – AFSFA Prizes and “Top Winners” of the 5K run



Left: SSgt Tim Garrett, MWD Tze, SSgt Robert Beaudoin, Chief McCalla, SSgt Jonathan Calo and MWD Tilly. On the right, SSgt Calo prepares for the decoy duties as SSgt Garret and MWD Tze “prepare for the fight”. Great job to all of the Defenders for making this a fantastic event!



## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Continued



SSgt Jonathan Calo and MWD Ttilly were recently “forward deployed” to an Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia. The only good part was that the team got a great helicopter ride! Everyone knows that MWDs love helicopters. On the left, Ttilly looks very comfortable. In the center, Ttilly looks extremely comfortable. On the right, Team Ttilly takes a break at an ECP at their new location. Chuck Rogers (TSN) and Christi Cryer (FoK) and her family support the team.

### Packages sent down range by MWDTSA

## MWDTSA *Military Working Dog Team Support Association, Inc.*

A tax-exempt organization under IRS code section 501(c)(3). All donations are tax-deductible.

<http://www.mwdtsa.org>



Head, neck, and ears inside the MWDTSA packages that just arrived! That’s SSgt Duncan and MWD Graig checking out the “suspicious packages”. “They’re OK - All clear” according to MWD Graig. SSgt Timothy Garrett, and SSgt Jonathan Calo have “geared up” MWD Tze with the Military Working Dog Team Support Association hat and apparel. Thanks again Dixie Whitman and the MWDTSA – you guys are awesome to our troops – Again!

## **Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #3 – 380<sup>th</sup> ESFS**



**MWD Bad, partner of SSgt Alexander Baron, deployed from the 4<sup>th</sup> SFS, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina; Mike Fink (FoK) supports them. Who's in charge of this area? Looks Bad to us!**



**It's Saturday – it must be bath time? All lathered up and no place to go. With temperatures well over 100 degrees, MWD Ricsi doesn't really mind getting a little soaped up and washed down. What a welcomed relief in the heat of Southwest Asia. SSgt Tommy Duncan and MWD Ricsi are deployed from the 19<sup>th</sup> SFS, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, and Jon and Michelle Sarabia (USAF Ret.) support Team Ricsi.**



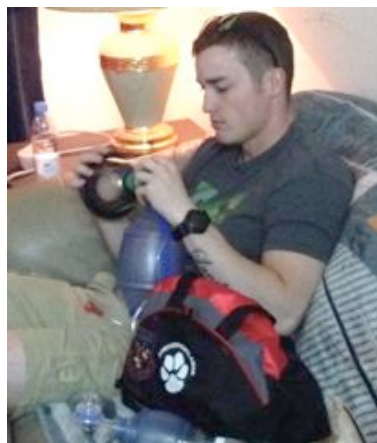
## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #4 – 879<sup>th</sup> ESFS



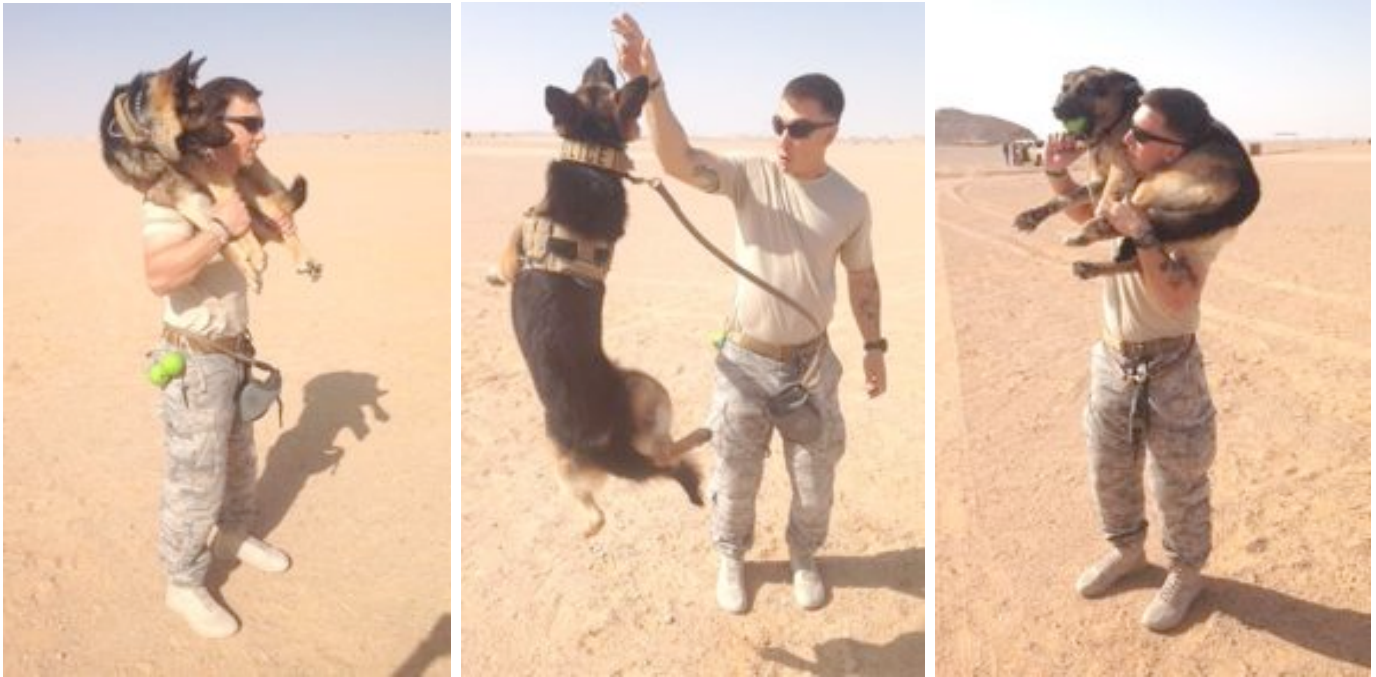
**SSgt Ryan Wiese and MWD Blitz deploy during a vehicle apprehension. “Oh, yes you are coming out of this vehicle” and MWD Blitz makes sure his job is completed successfully. The team is deployed from the 52nd SFS, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany and Bob Sullivan (Phu Cat) supports them. Great job guys!**



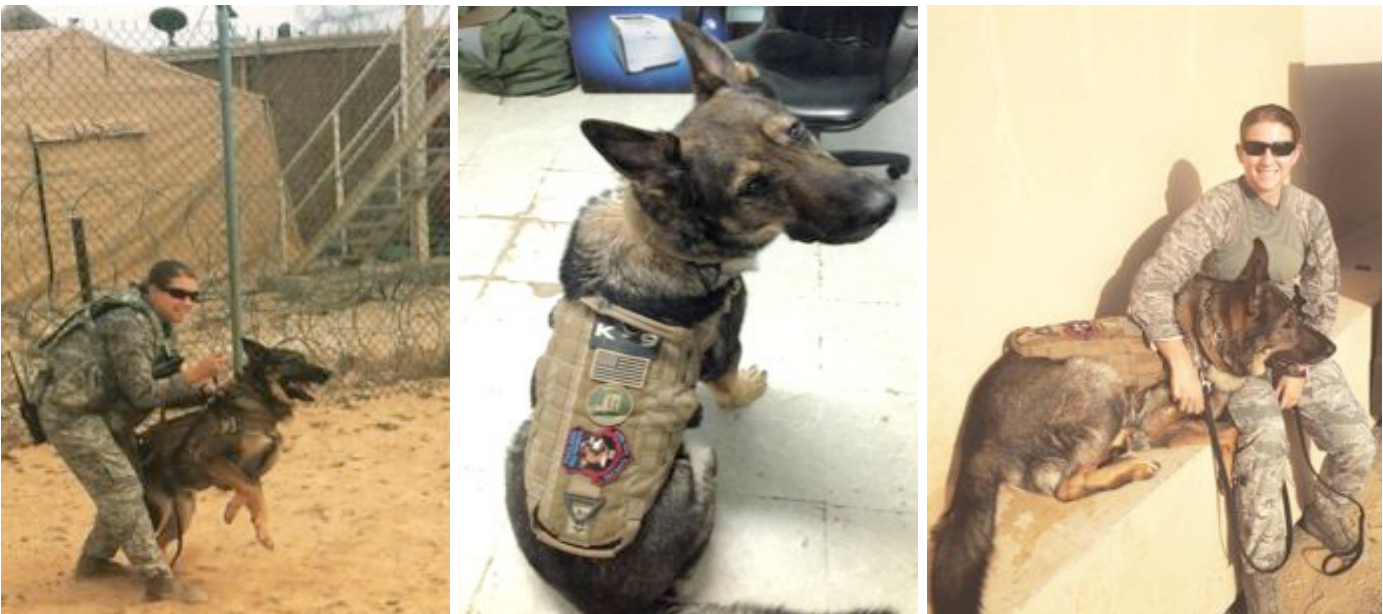
**The team at the 879<sup>th</sup> ESFS recently received training on the “Air For Paws” equipment. Captain Magee, SSgt Jason McCarthy, SSgt Gil Lundgren, and trainer Jeff Cottle go over the equipment and procedures to properly use the equipment. On the right, MWD Blitz is cared for during a “Mock” breathing exercise by his handler SSgt Ryan Wiese. Below, SSgt Lundgren takes a moment to closely examine the equipment.**



## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8 – 332<sup>nd</sup> ESFS



Sometimes a dog just has to have fun! SSgt Lucas Tripp and MWD Bak spend some quality time together. There's a whole lotta' fun happening here! The team is deployed from the 11<sup>th</sup> SSPTS, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland and Jim Stastny (Korat) supports them. Don't you just miss these days?



Well everyone is now settled in at their new digs at the 332<sup>nd</sup> ESFS and the mission and training is back on schedule. These guys have earned some “frequent flyer miles” during this deployment.

Above, SSgt Alexandra Springman and MWD Emor work out during a training problem. From what we can see, Emor is on point for the exercise. In the center, Emor shows how you “fly your colors” (Notice the Thailand Handler and Military Working Dog Team Support Association patches on his harness) while on patrol at his deployed location. Emor sure makes those colors look GOOD!

On the right, Emor and SSgt Springman take a break following their shift. One fine looking dog team wouldn't you say? The team is deployed from the 355<sup>th</sup> SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona. Jon Hemp (Tan Son Nhut) supports the team during their deployment.



## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8 – 332<sup>nd</sup> ESFS – Continued



MWD ViVi just taking in the sights. Can you believe the color of this dog? She looks like one of those photographs that come with a wallet – absolutely beautiful. MWD ViVi and her partner, SSgt Brandon Gerrins, are deployed from the 11<sup>th</sup> SSPTS, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland and Doug McCoy (45<sup>th</sup> IPSD) supports the team. How about those patches on the harness? These guys got it all going on over there.



OK, here's the plan Sarge – we do another month or so and then we're out of here! Do we need to start packing? I can get my leash, food and water pan, and you get your stuff. This sounds like a plan!

## Other News concerning OD&P Graduates

**Congratulations go out to our pups that were recently selected for promotion to Technical Sergeant on June 9, 2015**



<u>Staff Sergeant</u>	<u>Deployed Location</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
Joshua Aleprete	Jt. Base Balad, Iraq	2010	Jim Stastny
Felipe Alvarado	Jt. Base Balad, Iraq	2009	Jon Hemp
Shiloh Bell	Jt. Base Balad, Iraq	2009	Ron Carlton
Daniel Canitz	Bagram, Afghanistan	2010	Jim Coggins
Mark Chojnacki	Al Udeid, Qatar	2013	Ernie Childers
Travis Dulworth	Jt. Base Balad, Iraq	2011	Jay D. Jones
	FOB Masum Ghar, Afghanistan	2012	Jay D. Jones
Brandon Johnson	Miawand District, Afghanistan	2013	Dixie Whitman
Bryan Klein	Jt. Base Balad, Iraq	2010	Peggy Finzgar
	Bagram, Afghanistan	2012	Peggy Finzgar
	Honduras	2014	Mike Fink
John Kroll	Bagram, Afghanistan	2013	Joe Palmer
Teri Messina	Bagram, Afghanistan	2010	Hemp/Gattis
Donald Nachand	Ali Al Salem, Kuwait	2014	Joe Cooper
Steven Owen	Bagram, Afghanistan	2013	Carl Niemeyer
Ian Porter	4 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. (USA), Afghanistan	2013	Jim Stewart
	FOB Shank, Afghanistan	2011	Ernie Childers
Allison Price	Undisclosed Location SW Asia	2010	Matott/Curnick
Cal Rogers	Undisclosed Location SW Asia	2012	Dixie Whitman
Stephen Salassi	Al Udeid, Qatar	2013	Jim Stastny
Jon Torocaloyeropoulos	Bagram, Afghanistan	2011	Smith/Whitman
Charles Wilder	FOB Delta, Iraq	2009	Gunter/Gannon
Otto Yan	Bagram, Afghanistan	2012	Neal/Brusseau



**Left: TSgt Paris Carman and MSgt Drew O'Dell nail on TSgt Ian Porter's new TSgt stripes.  
 Right: TSgt Jason Fields and Bill Cummings nail on TSgt Bryan Klein's new TSgt stripes.  
 All enlisted troops are graduates of our Old Dawgs & Pups program. A great day for OD&P!**



# Professional Pharmacy K-9 “CZARINA” Promotion

Our friends at Professional and Palmer Pharmacies have donated 40 “CZARINAs” to assist Old Dawgs & Pups in our efforts to support deployed MWD teams. *All proceeds from the sales will go to support Old Dawgs & Pups projects.* The fundraiser can support two deployed kennels for needs as they arise.

## Meet CZARINA!

*Czarina* is a 15 inches high and 9 inches wide stuffed German Shepherd toy who’s looking for a home!



You can **PURCHASE** your own “CZARINA” for **\$40.00** each including shipping  
She comes with an “OD” collar and a “Canine Guardian - Courage \* Honor \* Loyalty pin”

**These would make a great gift for your “favorite pup”!**

**There are ONLY 40 Czarina’s available! First Come – First Served!**

**CHECK PAYABLE TO: PRO PHARMACY COMMUNITY FUND (\$40.00)**

**SEND CHECK TO: Professional Pharmacy, 32 Strawberry Hill Court, Stamford, CT 06902**

**INCLUDE: YOUR NAME & COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS included Zip Code!**

Professional & Palmer Pharmacy has provided more than \$1,500.00 support to three of our deployed kennels in 2014-2015. They have supplied 38 Guardian Pet Cots, 33 retractable leashes, and 28 feed and water containers. In addition, they have assisted with medical needs for several retired MWDs when other means have failed. These are great people who truly understand our canine needs and have stepped up to assist us without question. **There is a limited supply available for this fundraiser!**

**No explanation needed!**



**You know I'm going in there! Police Dog Kolbe (Mike Fink's Patrol Partner)**

## **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.

2015 brings new adventures for *Feed the Dawgs* – They have expanded 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 - [jonhemp@thedawgsproject.com](mailto:jonhemp@thedawgsproject.com)  
<http://thedawgsproject.com>**

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

**Kevin Sonka – [kevinsonka@comcast.net](mailto:kevinsonka@comcast.net)  
<http://www.rockymountaindawgsproject.org>**

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

**Frank Wehner – [nwdawgs@fcwehner.com](mailto: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](mailto: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"**

**20 June  
18-19 July**

**Fairchild AFB, WA**

**2015 Fort Lee Feed/1<sup>st</sup> Annual Northeast Joint Regional Iron DAWG Competition  
@ Fort Lee, Virginia (Joint Host/Dawgs Project) (All Branches)**



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

At the time of this report we have **22** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **21** 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 2,363 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to June 15, 2015. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **121** kennels and **450** 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 **\$29,607.00** worth of supplies to **121** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman Corporation and other noted major donations; our program has supplied a total of **\$109,807.00** 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

- 342 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
- 143 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 110 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits (Value **\$11,000.00**)
- 102 Alpha Dog Challenge Coins
- 90 \* Leatherman M5 LED Lenser Flashlights
- 79 \* Leatherman MUT Tools
- 75 \* Leatherman Knives (Models: e33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
- 62 Retractable Leashes (Pet Edge)
- 56 Kongs (Assorted sizes)
- 55 \* Leatherman Wave Dog Toys
- 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)
- 20 Flat Sided Stainless Steel Water Pails (Pet Edge)
- 20 Bucket Clips (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 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)
7	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