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(09/15/2015)

**OVER TEN YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!**  
**MORE THAN 475 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!**  
**126 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported**

**More than \$122,041.00 of supplies shipped down range!**

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting six (6) kennels and twenty-eight (28) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of September 15, 2015. September 2015 brings us to ten years and two month 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 four locations in Southwest Asia. We have fifteen (15) pups to introduce this month.

### **Pups arriving in the AOR**

**Undisclosed Location SW Asia #1 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS:** SSgt Joshua Edelmann & MWD Chico deployed from the 460<sup>th</sup> SFS, Buckley AFB, Colorado. John and Joan Smith supports this team.

SSgt Andrew Koch & MWD PPaul are deployed from the 21<sup>st</sup> SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado and they are supported by TSgt Justin Kitts (USAF).

SSgt Joshua Rettschlag & MWD Onur are deployed from the 366<sup>th</sup> SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho and Rick Matott (Ubon) supports the team.

SrA Dominique Singleton & MWD Astor are deployed from the 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California and Jon Hemp (TSN) supports the team. **CONGRATULATIONS on your selection for Staff Sergeant!**

SSgt Paul Gingras & MWD OOgre are deployed from the 354<sup>th</sup> SFS, Eielson AFB, Alaska and the team is supported by Dale and Debbie Burton (U-Tapao).

**Undisclosed Location SW Asia #2 – 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS:** SSgt Kurtis Buchawiecki & MWD FFrida deployed from the 56<sup>th</sup> SFS, Luke AFB, Arizona. Bob Curnick (NKP) supports the team.

SSgt Justin Ridenour & MWD YYoda, deployed from the 97<sup>th</sup> SFS, Altus AFB, Oklahoma. The team is supported by new "Old Dawg" Jim Hazelton (Korat).

## **Pups arriving in the AOR – Continued**

**Undisclosed Location SW Asia #2 – 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS - Continued:** SSgt Chad Coe & MWD Charone are deployed from the 87<sup>th</sup> SFS, Ramstein Air Base, Germany and the team is supported by Bob Sullivan (Phu Cat).

SSgt Jesse Aquino & MWD L Loren are deployed from the 319<sup>th</sup> SFS, Grand Forks, AFB, North Dakota and the team is supported by Bob Citrano (NKP).

SSgt Victoria “Tori” Dames & MWD Arco are deployed from the 319<sup>th</sup> SFS, Grand Forks, AFB, North Dakota and the team is supported by Bill & Janice Cummings (U-Tapao). *SSgt Dames is our 450<sup>th</sup> Air Force troop supported by OD&P.*

SSgt Justin Williams & MWD Roky are deployed from the 21<sup>st</sup> SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado and Dave Adams (Korat) supports them.

**Undisclosed Location SW Asia #7 – 332 ESFS:** TSgt Kristopher Hall & MWD VVladimir, deployed from the 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California. This is TSgt Hall’s second tour with OD&P. Rich Vivio (U-Tapao) supports the team.

SrA Alberto Sevilla & MWD Edy, deployed from the 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California. Rich Vivio (U-Tapao) supports the team.

SSgt David Maestas & MWD Rando, deployed from the 49<sup>th</sup> SFS, Holloman AFB, New Mexico. Jim Cox (Bien Hoa) supports Team Maestas.

SSgt Anthony Reschka & MWD Saman, deployed from the 30<sup>th</sup> SFS, Vandenberg AFB, California. Ken Smerecki (U-Tapao/Pleiku) supports the team.

**Congratulations to our pups who were recently selected for promotion to:  
Technical Sergeant:**



SSgt Matthew Byrnes

2014/380<sup>th</sup> ESFS



Sponsor – Bob Citrano

**Congratulations to our pups who were recently selected for promotion to  
Staff Sergeant:**

SrA Jeremy Allen

2013/386<sup>th</sup> ESFS

Sponsor – Doug McCoy

SrA Zachary Byerly

2014/379<sup>th</sup> ESFS

Sponsor – Mark Smoot

SrA Dominique Singleton

2015/379<sup>th</sup> ESFS

Sponsor – Jon Hemp

SrA Teofila Ochoa-Hudson

2014/386<sup>th</sup> ESFS

Sponsor – Joel Burton

SrA Ashley Wendler

2013/386<sup>th</sup> ESFS

Sponsor – Bill & Janice Cummings



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

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



It is our goal to provide **Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits** to all OCONUS/CONUS MWD installations. We've shipped **210** Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits, valued at **\$21,000.00**, to the **70** Military Working Dog installations (USAir Force/US Army/US Navy) and treatment facilities in Southwest Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Pacific Commands and stateside:

332<sup>nd</sup> ESFS

Davis-Monthan AFB

Seymour Johnson AFB

JBSA/Ft. Sam Houston

Hurlburt Field

Spangdahlem AB

Tinker AFB

AFSFL/Jt. Base Lackland

Mountain Home AFB

Wright Patterson AFB

Columbus AFB

Jt. Base Elmendorf

Jt. Base Lewis-McChord

Sheppard AFB

379<sup>th</sup> ESFS

Dyess AFB

JBSA/Lackland

Malmstrom AFB

Grand Forks AFB

Kirtland AFB

NAS Bahrain

Creech AFB

Altus AFB

Patrick AFB

McConnell AFB

Jt. Base Charleston

Keesler AFB

Ft. Huachuca

380<sup>th</sup> ESFS

Ellsworth AFB

Laughlin AFB

Whiteman AFB

Travis AFB

Edwards AFB

HQ-ARCENT

MacDill AFB

Peterson AFB

Tyndall AFB

Little Rock AFB

Goodfellow AFB

Robins AFB

Naval Base Ventura

386<sup>th</sup> ESFS

Nellis AFB

Barksdale AFB

F E Warren AFB

USAF Academy

Jt. Base Andrews

ACC/Langley AFB

Vance AFB

Hansom AFB

Cannon AFB

Minot AFB

Fairchild AFB

Jt. Base Langley

CNRSW San Diego

879<sup>th</sup> ESFS

Shaw AFB

Luke AFB

Kadena AB

Ramstein AB

Eglin AFB

RTC Ft. Bliss

Hill AFB

Offutt AFB

Scott AFB

Beale AFB

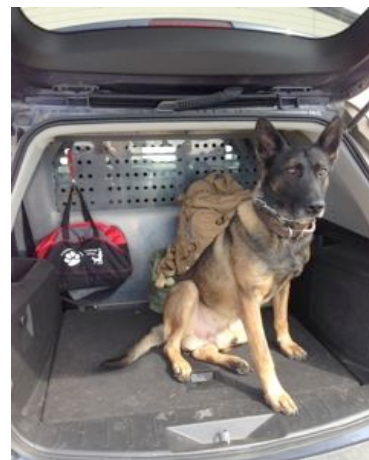
Buckley AFB

Dover AFB

Kennel/Hold



**Team Travis – SrA Wong/Bessy & Sra Izzard/Buk**



**Team Grand Forks**



**Team USAFA**



**Team Offutt Training**



**Team Goodfellow**

## Comments received concerning the Air For Paws Kits

US Army Veterinarian:

“The instructions for using the canine mask and Ambu bag and administering CPR were very good. Having the ability to hook up oxygen is an added benefit, however would only be practical for the working dogs in a clinic setting. This device would be very useful in the event a canine went unconscious and needed assistance breathing, due to a choking incident, possibly heat stroke, or overdose of anesthesia.”

Kennel Master:

“I would also like to add my thanks to all involved. The product itself works well and the instructional materials were easy to understand and accurate. The carrying case, leash and towel were nice touches too.

## Air For Paws – First Response Resuscitation Kits – Continued

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



Air For Paws has just advised us that an additional one hundred (100) kits are ready for distribution. We are in the process of contacting other DoD kennels to advise them of the availability. If you have contact with a kennel that is not on our list please have them contact Bill Cummings for information.

Each kit contains surgical grade Ambu bag, canine facemask, towel, snap and leash, instruction DVD, Air For Paw and Old Dawgs & Pups educational information, and a carrying case.



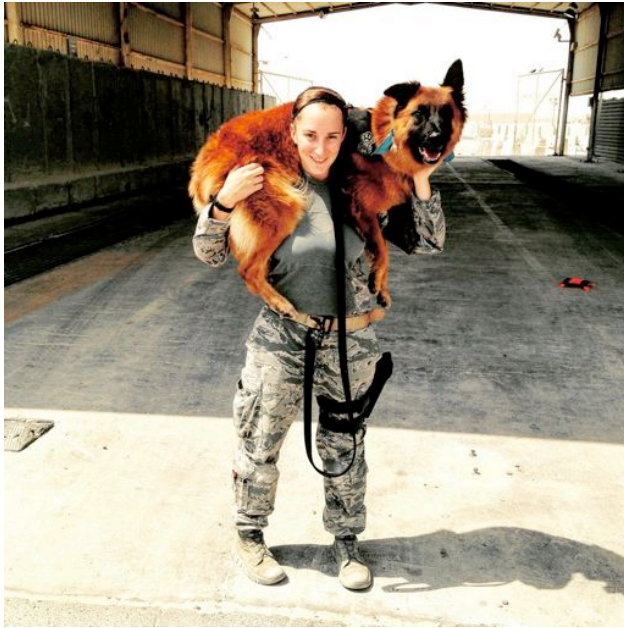
We are now making contact with United States Army and Navy MWD Kennels to inquire about their needs. If you have contacts for Kennel Masters at these installations please contact Bill Cummings with their information and we will continue to be out front in providing this equipment with Air For Paws.

*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**



**SSgt Taylor Song & MWD WWill, are deployed from 354<sup>th</sup> SFS, Eielson AFB, Alaska, and this is their first tour with OD&P. As you can see, WWill really likes the camera – he looks kinda’ cool in those shades doesn’t he? Debbie and Dale Burton (U-Tapao) support Team WWill.**



**SSgt Logan Fitzgerald and MWD Erik are deployed from the 99<sup>th</sup> SFS, Nellis AFB, Nevada and they are supported by Skip Davis (58<sup>th</sup> IPSD).**

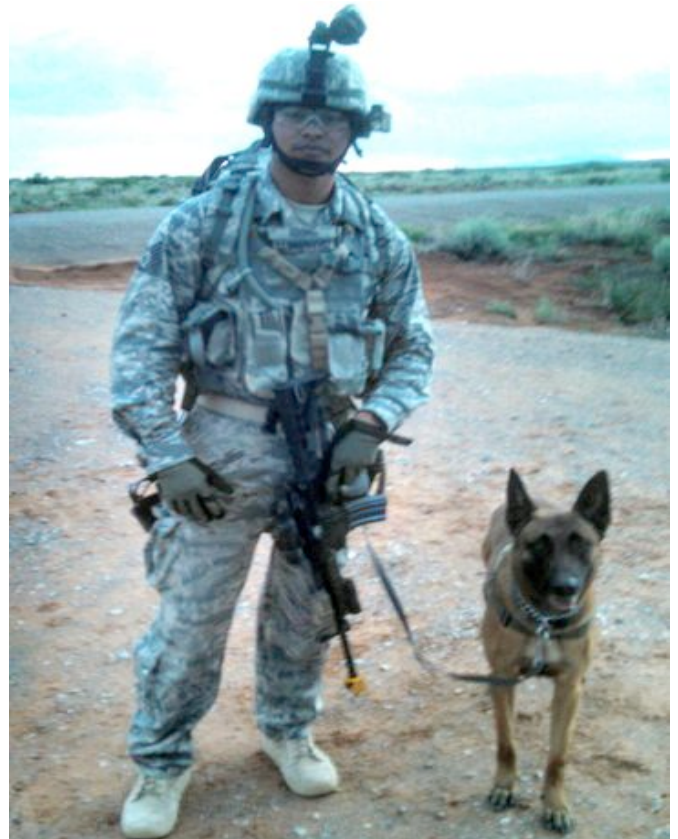
**SSgt Jerry Horn and MWD Blecki are deployed from the 30<sup>th</sup> SFS, Vandenberg AFB, California, and Scotty Baker (Safeside) supports the team.**



## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS



**MWD Ffrida shows off her 120-degree footwear that does a lot to help her control the heat in the sand box. It's this kind of equipment that allows our dogs to manage the extreme temperatures during deployment. MWD Ffrida and SSgt Kurtis Buchawiecki are deployed from the 56<sup>th</sup> SFS, Luke AFB, Arizona and Bob Curnick (NKP) supports them.**

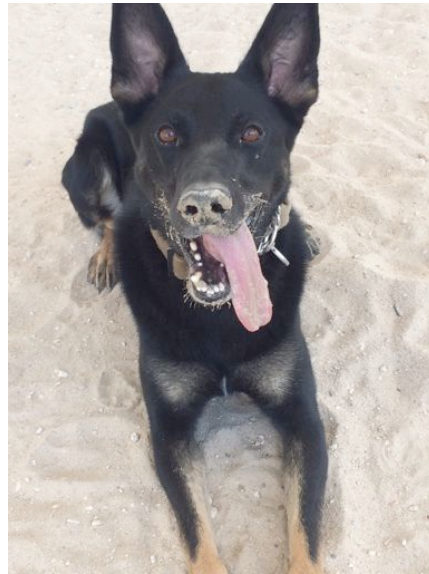
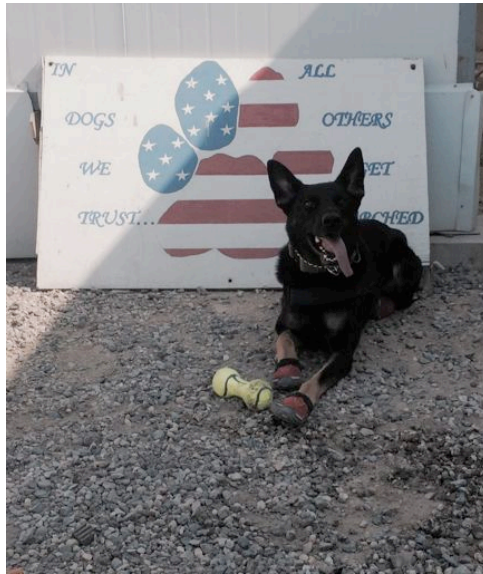


**Left: This photograph just makes you feel good. SSgt Tori Dames and MWD Arco, deployed from the 319<sup>th</sup> SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota, sure know how to show their colors. Just makes you proud doesn't it? Bill and Janice Cummings (U-Tapao) support Tori and Arco during this deployment. Team Arco is our 450<sup>th</sup> United States Air Force deployed MWD team.**

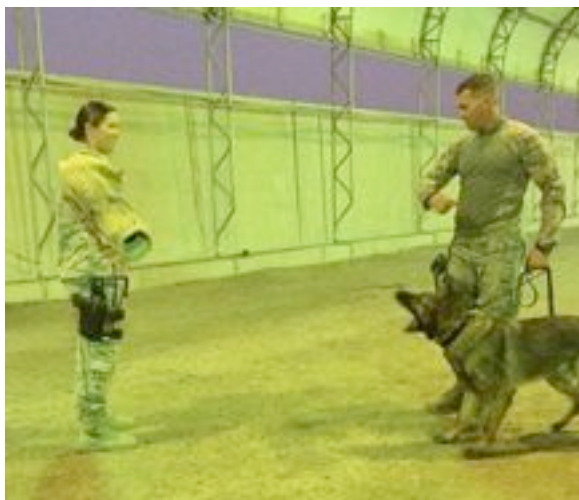
**Right: SSgt Jess Aquino and MWD L Loren, deployed from the 319<sup>th</sup> SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota, take a moment during training for this photograph. Bob Citrano (NKP) supports the team.**



## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS - Continued



MWD Nero, SSgt Kim Harting's partner, relaxes during a break. The team is deployed from the 45<sup>th</sup> SFS, Patrick AFB, Florida. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support the team.



SSgt Chad Coe and MWD Charone work out during a training exercise. After a good workout all it takes is a kong and a nap to gear you up for what comes next – ask Charone! The team is deployed from the 87<sup>th</sup> SFS, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Bob Sullivan (Phan Rang) supports them.

## Training for Air for Paws equipment that just arrived





## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Continued



The entire crew at the 386<sup>th</sup> completed hands on training with the Air For Paws equipment



SSgt Justin Williams and Rocky, deployed from the 21<sup>st</sup> SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado, take a moment to share a photograph with OD&P. David Adams (Korat) supports the team.



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



TSgt Justin Sonnier & MWD Pieter, deployed from the 45<sup>th</sup> SFS, Patrick AFB, get in some great training time. As you can see, MWD Pieter is at the point of the sword. On the right, the team hydrates during a break in the training. Joe Cooper (NKP) supports the team during their deployment.



One last question – Is it time to go to work again? MWD Pieter is ready to “Rock & Roll”.

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



SSgt David Maestas and MWD Rando, deployed from the 49<sup>th</sup> SFS, Holloman AFB, New Mexico. They are sponsored by Jim Cox (Bien Hoa). Looks like something has caught Rando’s attention. Good BOY!

## **New Honor/Achievement Award Remembers MWD Olix (N152)**

The Old Dawgs & Pups program has a new award to present to those who have helped this successful program in some extraordinary way, achieved some notable goal as a former or current K-9/MWD handler, or helped the greater cause of K-9 and military working dogs in general. The award will consist of a special certificate and one of a very few “Olix Surges,” pictured center, below. The Olix Surge is the same outstanding Leatherman Surge multi-tool that the OD&P program has presented to more than 340 troops. It has our usual “Thailand K-9” laser-engraved on one side (remembering the Thailand Dog Handlers who started the OD&P program) and “R.I.P Olix N152” laser-engraved on the other.



MWD Olix was the first dog handled by now-SSgt James Worley. Some lucky VSPA members met James at the 2009 VSPA reunion at Luke AFB in Phoenix, Arizona, just before he met Olix at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. James later adopted Olix and gave him a loving home until cancer took Olix in 2014. Old Dawgs & Pups supporters had donated enough funds to cover Olix’s cancer treatment, so James decided to find a way to pay his appreciation forward. He donated funds to cover the cost of producing and obtaining these tools after Olix passed away and donated them to the OD&P program to use however we determined would be the best way to memorialize a very special dog. Awards made to honor MWD Olix will be announced by OD&P in our newsletter.



(Above: James with VSPA in ‘09; deployed with Olix in ‘10; and home with his son Cael and Olix in ‘14.)



Old Dawgs & Pups presents the “Olix” surge.



## Alpha Dog Sponsor Coin Awarded

Congratulation Scotty Baker (Safeside) on earning your Alpha Dog Sponsor coin. With his sponsorship of SSgt Jerry Horn & MWD Blecki last month Scotty has supported fifteen (15) troops down range. Thank you Scotty for your continued support and commitment to Old Dawgs & Pups.



## MWDTSA 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Packages

MWDTSA *Military Working Dog Team Support Association, Inc.*- <http://www.mwdtsa.org>

Once again, we'd like to extend a VERY BIG THANK YOU to Dixie Whitman and Nikki Rohrig and everyone associated with the Military Working Dog Team Support Association for sending third quarter packages down range to support our deployed troops. They have sent 57 packages to six deployed kennel locations in southwest Asia to support Old Dawgs & Pups troops again this quarter.

## 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.* Czarina is a 15 inches high and 9 inches wide stuffed German Shepherd toy.

*She's house trained and requires minimal exercise – a hug now and then sure would be nice.*



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”

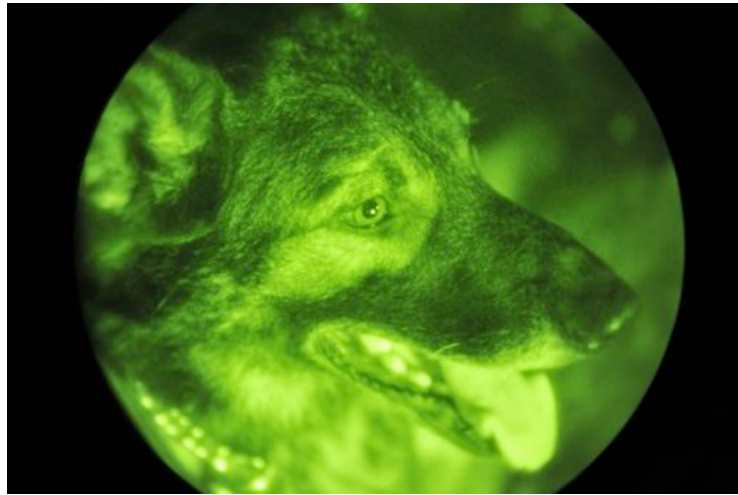
**These would make a great gift for your “favorite pup”!**

**There are ONLY a limited number of Czarina's available**

**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 including 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!**



## **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, OK, & 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!**

<b>26-27 September</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual USMC SSgt Christopher Diaz Memorial War Dawg Weekend at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas</b>
<b>10 October</b>	<b>Vance AFB Feed @ Vance AFB, Enid, Oklahoma</b>
<b>10 October</b>	<b>Joint VSPA/Nellis/Creech AFB @ Nellis AFB, N. Las Vegas, NV</b>
<b>24 October</b>	<b>High Desert Joint Feed – 29 Palms Wounded Warrior, PMO/K9, Barstow Depot, Ft. Irwin &amp; 29 Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, CA</b>



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

At the time of this report we have **30** members of the “Old Dawgs & Pups” program actively supporting **28** handlers assigned to six (6) 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 2,503 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to September 15, 2015. “Old Dawgs & Friends” have supported **126** kennels and **475** 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 **126** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman Corporation, Air For Paws, Inc., and other noted major donations; our program has supplied a total of **\$122,041.00** 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 **\$68,014.00**
- 287 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 266 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 203 \* Leatherman Serac S3 Flashlights
- 143 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 210 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits (Value **\$21,000.00**)
- 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