

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

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<http://www.war-stories.com/odap/ws-odap-index.htm> - "Old Dogs & Pups"

(11/15/2015)

This edition of K-9 Supply is dedicated to the memory of former United States Air Force Military Working Dog Handler, TSgt Angelo Reategui, 51st SFS, Osan Air Base, Korea. SSgt "Red Dragon" Reategui deployed with Old Dawgs and Pups in 2009 and 2011 at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. Dixie Whitman (MWDTSA) and Greg Gines (Ubon) supported him during his deployments.

9/30/2015 - OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Technical Sgt. Angelo Reategui assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron was discovered dead in a non-duty related incident on Sept. 29, 2015. The cause of death is currently under investigation. Additional information will be released as it becomes available. "Angelo was a tremendous person and an incredible defender. His loss will be felt across Osan, and the entire Korean peninsula," said Lt. Col. Christopher Neiman, 51st Security Forces Squadron commander. "As we mourn him, our thoughts and prayers are with the Reategui family during this difficult time." (Updated 9/30/2015 - by Staff Reports - 51st Fighter Wing)

"As many of you are likely aware by now, we tragically lost one of our former SAFESIDE members this past weekend--TSgt Angelo Reategui. Before he PCS'd to Korea, Angelo worked as a dog handler in the 824 for several years, then at the Group for 3 years as the Unit Deployment Manager (UDM) as well as in Stan Eval. For all of us who knew Reategui, he always had a tremendous positive attitude toward the mission, his family, his friends, and life itself. His attitude was highly infectious throughout the Group and he always had a smile. You could hear him laugh just about every time you walked into the building. He will be missed". (Col. Michael D. Ross, Sr., USAF – Cmdr., 820th BDG - Moody AFB, GA)



SSgt "Red Dragon" Reategui/JBB

SSgt Reategui & Tara K128

SSgt Angelo Reategui/JBB

May God watch over you Angelo – You paved the way and made such an impression on every handler you met. Your smile was always so infectious.

All of us that knew you will miss you so very much and we will always celebrate your life!

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OVER TEN YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!
MORE THAN 480 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!
128 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported

More than \$122,231.00 of supplies shipped down range!

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting seven (7) kennels and thirty-three (33) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of November 15, 2015. November 2015 brings us to ten years and four 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 names 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 six (6) new pups to introduce this month.

Pups arriving in the AOR

Undisclosed Location SW Asia #3 – 380th ESFS: SSgt Kenten Yates & MWD PPixie deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. John Hemp (TSN) will support the team during their deployment.

Undisclosed Location SW Asia #5 – 407th ESFS: TSgt Justin Gatti, Kennel Master, deployed from the 820th BDG, Moody AFB, Georgia. This is Justin's second tour with OD&P and Dixie Whitman (FoK) supports him again this tour. Welcome back Sarge!

SSgt Andres Tovar & MWD Diro are deployed from the 820th BDG, Moody AFB, Georgia. Our "newest" Old Dawg, Al Harmer (Korat/Bien Hoa), supports the team.

SrA John Coulter & MWD TTyrant are deployed from the 820th BDG, Moody AFB, Georgia. Mike Fink (FoK) supports the team.

SSgt Michael Hampton & MWD Taya are deployed from the 820th BDG, Moody AFB, Georgia. Jon and Michelle Sarabia (Alpha Dog) will be supporting the team this deployment.

SSgt Sean Phelan & MWD RRozen are deployed from the 820th BDG, Moody AFB, Georgia. Sean McKenna (USAF) will be supporting the team this deployment.

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



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 (US Air Force/US Army/US Navy) and treatment facilities in Southwest Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Pacific Commands and stateside:

332nd 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

379th 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

380th 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

386th 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

879th 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

Pending Shipments:

Eielson AFB
 Naval Sub Base New London
 Osan AB
 Jt. Base McGuire

Yakota AB
 407th AEG/ESFS
 NAS Fallon
 NAS Whidbey

USCG – Seattle
 Earle NWS
 NS Everett
 Ft. Irwin

USCG – Galveston
 Aviano AB
 Moody AFB
 JEB Little Creek

Holloman AFB
 Ft. Rucker
 Anderson AFB
 Ft. Benning



Team Mountain Home AFB



Team El Paso RTC

Team Jt. Base Lewis-McChord

Air For Paws – First Response Resuscitation Kits – Continued

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, Navy, and the Coast Guard 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 provide this equipment with Air For Paws.

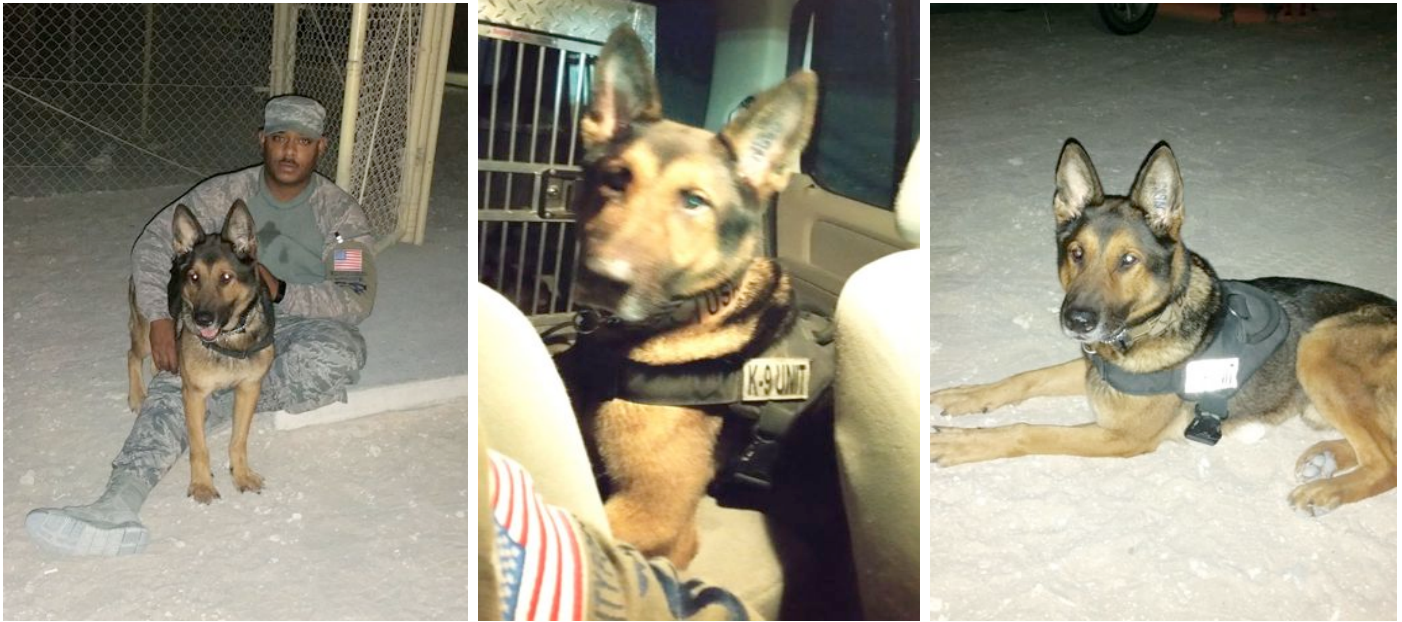


Team Beale AFB



Trainer Comments: “Thanks for providing us with these awesome kits! This is one piece of equipment you hope to never need but if you do it will be great to have. We were surprised at how effective the Dog masks were when it came to giving the rescue breaths and how much more effective the device would be over having to give the breaths manually. Thanks for keeping us in mind when you were distributing these and take care. Our handlers discussed the process on a live dog and what the difference would be between the stuffed animal and a real MWD”

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS



SSgt Dominique Singleton & MWD Astor shared these “quiet moments” with us recently. The team is deployed from the 9th SFS, Beale AFB, California, and Jon Hemp (TSN) supports the team.

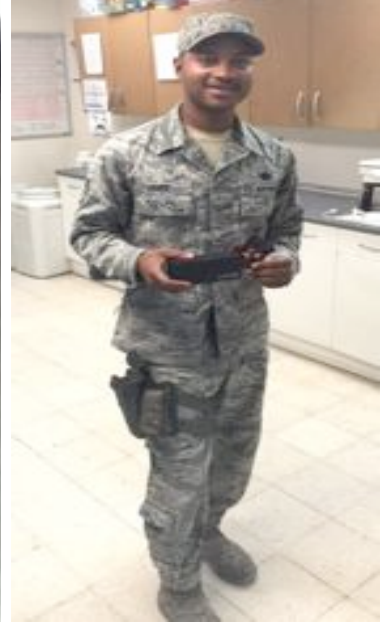
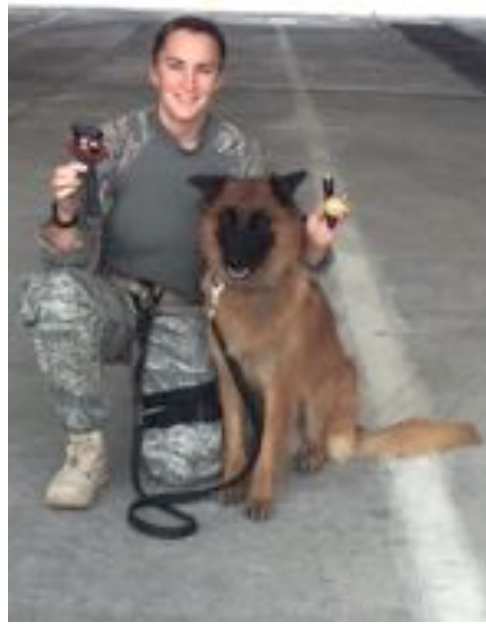
Thailand Handler Gifts arrive at the 379th ESFS

Our handlers at this “Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia” just received their Thailand Handler gifts that included a “Signature” Thailand Handler Leatherman Surge, a Thailand Handler challenge coin, and a Thailand Handler patch. Thanks TSgt Rufus Watson for distributing the gifts to your chargers.



SSgt Paul Gingras (Eielson AFB), SrA Dominique Singleton (Beale AFB), and SSgt Joshua Edelmann (Buckley AFB) show off their new hardware! Dale and Debbie Burton (U-Tapao), Jon Hemp (TSN) and John and Joan Smith (U-Tapao) support these troops, respectively.

**Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS – Continued
Thailand Handler Gifts arrive at the 379th ESFS**



SSgt Joshua Rettschlag (Mountain Home AFB) and SSgt Andrew Koch (Peterson AFB) team up to show their gifts. Rick Matott (Ubon) and Justin Kitts (Alpha Dog) support the two troops, respectively.

SSgt Taylor Song (Eielson AFB) and MWD WWill strike a pose with the Thailand Handler gifts. Dale and Debbie Burton (U-Tapao) support Team WWill.

SSgt Jerry Horn (Vandenberg AFB) sports quite the smile with his Thailand Handler gifts! Scotty Baker (Safeside) supports team Blecki.



SrA Scott Menadue & MWD Alf (Mountain Home AFB) take a break and open their Thailand Handler gifts. Charlie Wallace (Korat) supports the team during this deployment. (More on SrA Menadue later)

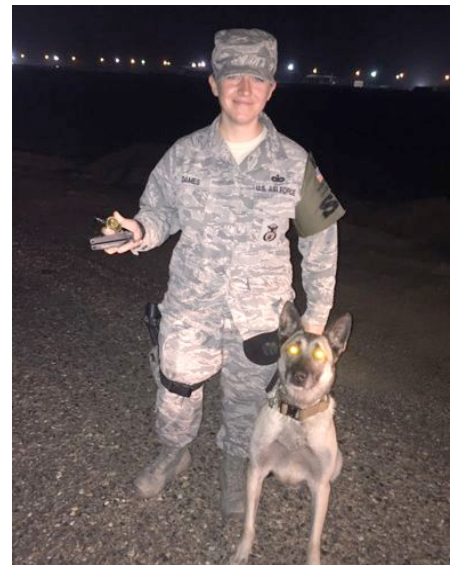
Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS



Thailand Handler gifts have arrived for the 386th ESFS troops! They include our signature Leatherman Surge, Leatherman M5 LED Lenser flashlight, a Thailand Handler challenge coin and patch. Thank you TSgt Mike Judy for coordinating and distributing the gifts to the troops that we support at your location.



SSgt Kurtis Buchawiecki & MWD FFrida (Luke AFB) and SSgt Jesse Aquino & MWD L Loren (Grand Forks AFB) with the gifts! Bob Curnick (NKP) and Bob Citrano (NKP) are their sponsors.



SSgt Justin Williams and Rocky (Peterson AFB) with their gifts and they later tried out the Leatherman M5 LED Lenser flashlight on post – works great! David Adams (Korat) supports the team.

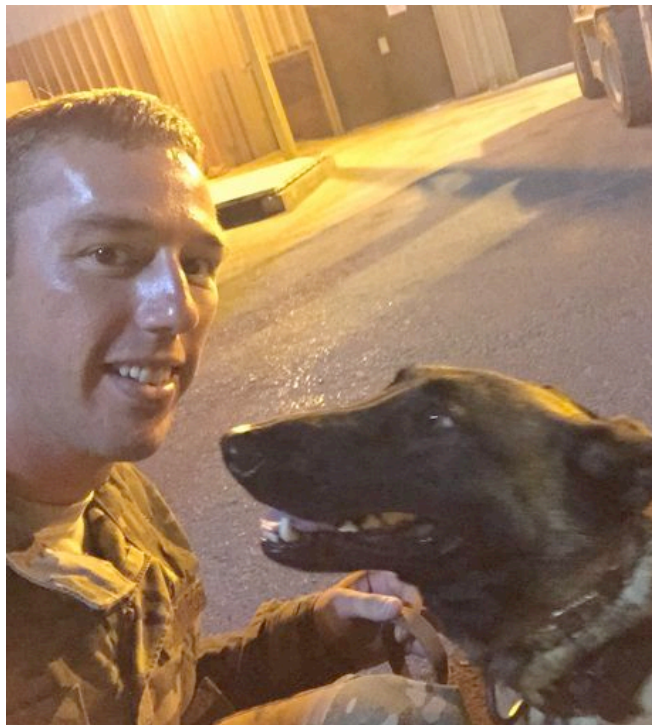
SSgt Tori Dames & MWD Arco received their gifts. The team is deployed from Grand Forks AFB and they are supported by Bill & Janice Cummings (U-Tapao).

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS – Continued



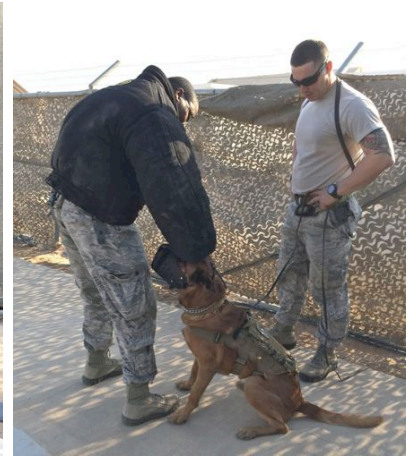
SSgt Kim Harting and Nero are deployed from the 45th SFS, Patrick AFB, Florida and she is our first “four time deplorer” and her first with MWD Nero. From what we here she has been staying very busy. She put together and lead the first ever Breast Cancer Walk at this location and it was a great success. They raised \$1700.00. She’s the VP of the E5-E-6 Council and is working on a 5K run to benefit disabled veterans.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #3 – 380th ESFS



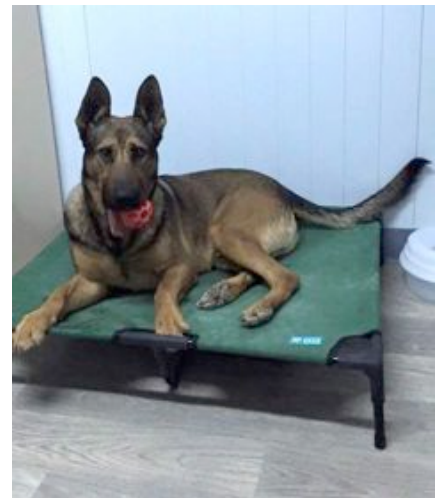
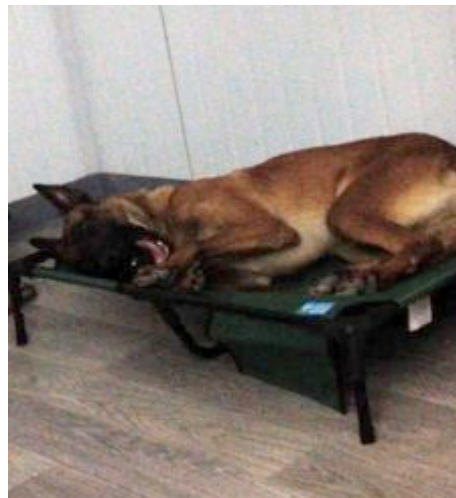
SSgt Kenten Yates & MWD PPixie are getting settled in on their first deployment (for both of them). The team is deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. John Hemp (TSN) will support the team during their deployment.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 407th AEG/ESFS



We just received a few “training” photos from the 407th. Our troops take a little break following a training session in the top photograph. In the center, just have to believe that this dog is ready at a moments notice to spring back into action. Right Center, SrA John Coulter and MWD TTyrant take a moment for some one on one time. Don’t you guys just miss those times?

We’d like to extend our congratulations to SSgt Select John Coulter. This is his first K-9 deployment. Also we’d like to extend a belated birthday wish to MWD TTyrant on his second birthday.



MWDs RRozen, TTyrant, and Diro get settled in on their new Guardian Pet Cots that have just arrived. Hey, it’s not home – but this isn’t bad! Thanks again to Tiffany Lemelin (Pet Edge) for all your help to help make these Military Working Dogs very comfortable in a deployed location.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8 – 332nd ESFS



SrA Alberto Sevilla shines his Thailand Handler gift Leatherman M5 Lenser flashlight on a “suspicious driver” – What? That’s MWD Edy – see what a little “light on the situation” can accomplish! The team is deployed from the 9th SFS, Beale AFB, California, and Rich Vivio (U-Tapao) supports them.



SSgt David Maestas and Rando stand tall with their signature Leatherman Surge, Leatherman M5 LED Lenser flashlight, a Thailand Handler challenge coin and patch. They are deployed from the 49th SFS, Holloman AFB, New Mexico and Jim Cox (Bien Hoa) supports the team during this deployment.

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



SrA Dominique Singleton 2015/379th ESFS
SrA John Coulter 2015/407th ESFS
SrA Steven Watkins 2014/380th ESFS

Sponsor – Jon Hemp
Sponsor – Mike Fink
Sponsor – Jim Stewart

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<http://www.mwdtsa.org>



MWDTSA 4th Quarter Packages

Once again, we'd like to extend a VERY BIG THANK YOU to Nikki Rohrig, Dixie Whitman, and everyone associated with the Military Working Dog Team Support Association for sending fourth quarter packages down range to support our deployed troops. They have sent 62 packages to seven deployed kennel locations in southwest Asia to support Old Dawgs & Pups troops again this quarter.



SSgt Buchawiecki & Ffrida, TSgt Judy, SSgt Ridenour & Yyoda, and SSgt Williams & Roky model the newest moisture wicking MWDTSA shirt. What a fine looking bunch of models – right?

**Old Dawgs & Pups Alpha Dog Coin and Certificate Presentation
SSgt Jason Albrecht – Shaw AFB, South Carolina**



Lt. Sarah Adkins, Flight Chief, 20th Security Forces Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, presented SSgt Jason Albrecht with his “Alpha Dog” Certificate and unique serial numbered Alpha Dog Coin #21 from Old Dawgs & Pups on October 15, 2015.

SSgt Albrecht completed three tours with Old Dawgs & Pups. Jason’s first deployment was at the 405th ESFS, Thumrait Air Base, in 2010 with MWD Marky (M338). His second tour with OD&P was completed in 2014 to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, with MWD Cigan, and finally he just completed his last tour in the USAF at Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia, again with MWD Cigan. Doc Hodges (Ubon & Korat) supported SSgt Albrecht on all three tours with our program. Thanks Doc for all your support for Jason.

Jason is currently on terminal leave and is making plans to be a personal trainer and is enrolling in college to pursue a degree in Nutritional Studies.

We recently received this message from Jason. “Thank you for all the support through all the deployments and everything. It sure does feel good to be done and stress free. You guys do some awesome work and give a lot of support. I am honored to have been part of the program. Thank you again.

From all of us at Old Dawgs & Pups, congratulations Jason for earning your Alpha Dog status with Old Dawgs & Pups. Good luck in whatever career path you choose dog man!

Olix Memorial Surge Recipients

In September we announced a special award that OD&P will be presenting and we have our first three recipients of the “Olix Surge”. We are very proud to announce the following honorees.



SrA Blake Wirth presents SSgt Sean Schwartz with his Olix Memorial Leatherman Surge. SSgt Schwartz promoted, planned, and completed a “Ruck March & B-B-Q” in 2014 at Al Udeid Air Base that contributed \$2,500.00 to OD&P. It was Sean’s way of “paying it forward” to other OD&P handlers.



SSgt Kimberly Harting and MWD Nero was presented her “Olix” as our first “Fourth Tour” troop. Kim is deployed from the 45th SFS, Patrick AFB, Florida. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support Team Nero.

SrA Scott Menadue (with MWD Alf) is deployed from the 366th SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. Scott was presented his “Olix” for his efforts involving the care and adoption of MWD Olix. It should be noted that SrA Menadue was also partnered with Olix during a deployment. Charlie Wallace (Korat) supports the team during this deployment.

Olix Memorial Surge Recipients - Continued

Criteria for the award are those individuals who have assisted our 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 450 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. A special thank you goes out to SSgt James Worley (Beale AFB) Olix's handler and who went on to adopt him for a life in Ft. Living Room. James donated the funds to cover the cost of providing these special 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 newsletters.

MWD Olix N152



Feed the Dawgs Project 2015

<http://www.thedawgsproject.com>

Feed the Dawgs 2015 Year Totals: 16 Events

Locations: McDill/VDHA Tampa, Camp Pendleton, MCAS Yuma/YPG, Buckley/Carson Denver, Rancho Kiwanis Kars 4 Kids, San Diego Region Joint at MCRD, Joint Northern at Beale, Mid-Atlantic Joint at Fort Lee, Desert Coastal Joint at Edwards, NAS Lemoore, Arizona Joint at Fort Huachuca, Christopher Diaz Memorial War Dawg Weekend El Paso, Nevada Joint/VSPA at Nellis, JBSA San Antonio, High Desert Joint at 29 Palms Marines.

Jon and his team travelled 23,269 miles in six (6) states (two trips to each state), and served 1390 steaks and more than 1000 assorted links of sausage! Approximately 1,490 service members and their family attended the events. 2016 events will kick off on 12th and 13th of March at Yuma Proving Grounds, AZ.

There is absolutely no question that the Old Dawgs and Patriots of The Dawgs Project have been blessed with an incredibly unique mission. On 7 November 2015 we concluded year #7 with our 203rd event since March 2008 . . . putting smiles on faces. To all whom have contributed to our cause . . . RAH! We won't be running out of bad guys any time soon, so we're quite prepared to "burner up n' hammer down" to make sure our Young Dawgs know with total confidence that they are appreciated and respected. All Patriots are welcome . . . any time, any place. Drive on!

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

Jon Hemp, Co-founder, The Dawgs Project

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

At the time of this report we have **32** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **33** handlers assigned to seven (7) 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 2,508 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to November 15, 2015. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **128** kennels and **481** 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 **\$29,797.00** worth of supplies to **128** 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 **\$122,231.00** 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
- 148 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