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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 \$132,231.00 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 December 15, 2015. December 2015 brings us to ten years and five 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 no new pups to introduce this month.

#### **Pups heading home from the AOR**

Undisclosed Location SW Asia #6: MSgt John Pillarella is heading stateside to rejoin the 355<sup>th</sup> SFS at Luke AFB, Arizona.

What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight - it's the size of the fight in the dog.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Posted on a cadets' door at the USAF Academy

## Christmas (and every other Holiday) Wishes from an Old Dawg!

My PTSD Service Dog Rimfire and I want to wish all you Pups, wherever you are, the merriest Christmas possible. If you celebrate a different holiday this time of year I wish you the best one of those possible. I've been incredibly fortunate to be involved with the Old Dawgs & Pups Program, and the Vietnam Security Police Association. Through them I've met a few of you Pups, and supported a few, and felt blessed by what I've seen in you and learned from each and every one of you. I hope you're lucky enough to have this much fun when you're an Old Dawg, some day far in the future.

Phil Carroll (Takhli/Nakhon Phanom) - Co-Coordinator - Old Dawgs & Pups



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

www.AirForPaws.com







It is our goal to provide Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits to all OCONUS/CONUS MWD installations. We've shipped 310 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits, valued at \$31,000.00, to the 95 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:

379 <sup>th</sup> ESFS
Dyess AFB
JBSA/Lackland
<b>Malmstrom AFB</b>
<b>Grand Forks AFB</b>
Kirtland AFB
NAS Bahrain
Creech AFB
Altus AFB
Patrick AFB
McConnell AFB
Jt. Base Charleston
Keesler AFB
Ft. Huachuca
Yakota AB
407 <sup>th</sup> AEG/ESFS
NAS Fallon
NAS Whidbey
Ft. Myer

380 <sup>th</sup> ESFS
Ellsworth AFB
Laughlin AFB
Whiteman AFB
Travis AFB
<b>Edwards AFB</b>
<b>HQ-ARCENT</b>
MacDill AFB
Peterson AFB
Tyndall AFB
Little Rock AFB
Goodfellow AFB
Robins AFB
<b>Naval Base Ventura</b>
USCG – Seattle
Earle NWS
NS Everett
Ft. Irwin
Ft. Belvoir

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
USCG - Galveston
Aviano AB
Moody AFB
JEB Little Creek
NAS JRV New Orlea

**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 **Holloman AFB** Ft. Rucker Anderson AFB Ft. Benning ans Ft. Lee

879th ESFS





**Team Luke AFB** 

Team Jt. Base SA - Lackland

Shipments to new units and locations will start in 2016. Thanks Air For Paws for your commitment and caring to make this program so successful. In ten months, Air For Paws and Old Dawgs & Pups have shipped 310 Units to 95 locations worldwide. We will attack the USMC during 2016 – Semper Fi! It's going to be a great year and we're ready to roll!

## Air For Paws – First Response Resuscitation Kits – Continued www.AirForPaws.com



Air For Paws has just advised us that an additional one hundred (100 and more if needed) kits are ready for distribution in 2016. 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 have shipped to all USAF kennels that have responded to our program. We are currently working with the US Navy, US Coast Guard, and US Army kennels. Once those services are completed we will "attack" the Marine Corps! 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.



If you are interested in obtaining a copy of our new poster please contact Bill Cummings and it will be provided to you at no cost.

## **Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS**





Above left, SrA Dominique Singleton & MWD Astor search high and low during a recent training session at this location. The team is deployed from the 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California, and Jon Hemp (TSN) supports them. SSgt Alvarez & MWD Pajk "worked out" on a volunteer in full bite suit.



SSgt Joshua Rettschlag & MWD Onur, are deployed from the 366th SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and they are supported by TSgt Justin Kitts (USAFA). Is Onur a "poster child" or what? On the right Team Onur shows off the "care package" they just received.



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







SSgt Kim Harting and MWD Nero are just having a ball during the holiday season – even if they are deployed. In the center photo, Nero got his first taste of Thanksgiving. On the right, well we really don't have to caption this photo – Nero is one happy puppy! He just loves Christmas – and if you don't believe it just look at that face – "Toys, toys, toys are just everywhere" according to Nero. SSgt Kim Harting and Nero are deployed from the 45<sup>th</sup> SFS, Patrick AFB, Florida. Steve & Lise Gattis (CRB) support them. SSgt Harting planned and coordinated at veteran's charity Neon 5K through the E-5/E-6 Council and they raised over \$500.00 and donated the proceeds to a DAV chapter of nearly 200 disable veterans. Way to go Sarge!

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







SSgt Kenten Yates and MWD PPixie heading for a training session at this location. As you can see, PPixie took on the task immediately! Heeling, attacking, and just relaxing. The life of a Military Working Dog. It just doesn't get any better than this. This is the team's first deployment and from what we hear they are learning volumes for the peers and other allied forces.

SSgt Yates and PPixie are deployed from the 355<sup>th</sup> SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. Jon Hemp (TSN) support Team PPixie. SSgt Yates and Jon met at the Arizona Jt. Regional Feed the Dawgs event held at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, in September prior to the team leaving for their deployment.

## **Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #4 – 879th ESFS**





TSgt Justin Sonnier & MWD Pieter just received their Thailand Handler gifts that included a "Signature" Thailand Handler Leatherman Surge, a Thailand Handler challenge coin, and a Thailand Handler patch. TSgt Justin Sonnier & Pieter are deployed from the 45<sup>th</sup> SFS, Patrick AFB, FL and Joe Cooper (NKP) supports the team during this deployment. On the right, we had a minor shipping problem! When Phil Carroll, our Logistic MAN, was packing the THG packages, he had a little help from his dog Rimfire. According to Phil "Rim started eating the instruction sheet for the Leatherman flashlight while I was packing up the box, so I took a pic of Rim looking guilty with the box and included it in the email to Justin". All is well, Rimfire repacked the box and it got down range in great condition.

## **Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 407<sup>th</sup> AEG/ESFS**





Top Left: Mike Fink "Care Package" to SrA John Coulter and his kennel mates. "The toys are courtesy of Jolly Pets, a locally owned dog toy company. They sent me two cases of toys for the deployed teams. They are great supporters of our law enforcement dog teams and we are happy about the chance to support the military dog teams" according to Mike. Great job and thanks Jolly Pets.

Top Right: Jon and Michelle Sarabia shipped this package SSgt Michael Hampton and his 407<sup>th</sup> kennelmates. Members of the Great Rivers Working Dog Club, collected items for the package also. Word got around about the donations and it just exploded. The contributions filled a footlocker and two priority mailer boxes. Donations were provided by: Ray McCarty, Gellar Jewelry, Jennifer Pursely, Jake Kinsley, Bree Cooper, Dr. and Mrs. Reutlinger (the good Doc is Retired Army), Taylor Updike, Maren Jones, and Jon and Michelle Sarabia. Along with these donations, The Combat Canines, the Doc's Foundation also sent items for the kennel. Don't you just love this kind of spirit and support for our deployed troops?

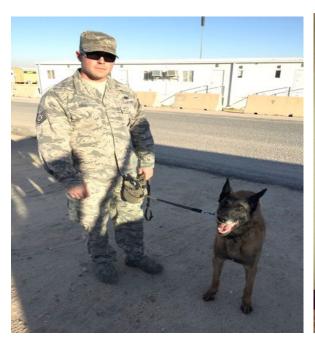
## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 407<sup>th</sup> AEG/ESFS - Continued

Our handlers at this location just received their Thailand Handler gifts that included a "Signature" Thailand Handler Leatherman Surge, a Thailand Handler challenge coin, and a Thailand Handler patch. These guys know how to "Rock n' Roll" and you can see below – they put the tools to work right away.



Are these Leatherman tools awesome or what? You know K-9 troops – they can make chicken soup out of chicken poop with the right tools! It's great to see they are putting their gifts to good use.

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





TSgt Kristopher Hall and MWD Vladimir share some quality time. On the right, MWD Edy (SrA Alberto Sevilla's partner) settles in for a nap as he prepares for Santa. We understand that Edy really loves Christmas! Both teams are deployed from 9<sup>th</sup> SPS, Beale AFB, California, and they are supported by Rich Vivio (U-Tapao).

#### "Point of the Spear" Product testing for 2016 – Rex Spec K9

Our "Point of the Spear" project for 2016 will be to obtain and distribute Military Working Dog "Goggles" to our troops to protect their partners' eyes while exposed to the haboobs (sand storms) in Southwest Asia. We are currently working with "RexSpecsK9", an American made product and company, for testing and pricing.

So far we have tested them in the Arizona desert and we are sending a sample down range for testing after the first of the year. We have spoken with the company several times and they are committed to providing the best available protective equipment for our Military Working Dogs.

Our testing will be focusing on the way the goggles fit all types of dogs and the clear and a smoked lens that will best provide the vision requirement for our deployed canines.

To review their products go to www.rexspecs.com, info@rexspecs.com, Instagram, or Facebook.







## Old Dawgs & Pups Alpha Dog Coin and Certificate Presentation TSgt Bryan Klein– Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona





Captain Kimberly Guest, Operations Officer, SMSgt Irwin Sealy (S/3 Superintendent), SMSgt Jason Tranfaglia (S/4 Superintendent), and Kennel Master TSgt Jason Fields, 355<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, presented TSgt Bryan Klein with his "Alpha Dog" Certificate (above) and unique serial numbered Alpha Dog Coin #19 (below) from Old Dawgs & Pups on November 19, 2015, at the DMAFB, Military Working Dog kennel on November 19, 2015.

SSgt Klein completed three tours with Old Dawgs & Pups. Bryan's first deployment was at the 332 ESFG, Joint Base Balad, Iraq, with MWD Benny, (M078 now retired) in 2010. His second tour with OD&P was completed in 2010 at the 455<sup>th</sup> ESFS, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, again with MWD Benny. In 2014 SSgt Klein and his new K-9 partner, MWD Bruno, deployed with JTF-Bravo, Honduras. Peggy Finzgar (FoK) supported Bryan during the 2010 and 2012 tours and Mike Fink (FoK) came on board to support Team Bruno in 2014. Congratulations Bryan on promotion to Technical Sergeant on November 1, 2015. Way to go ALPHA DOG!

Congratulations Bryan, from all of us at OD&P for earning your Alpha Dog status.

## No explanation needed!



## 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 2,608 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to December 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 \$132,331.00 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
- 310 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits valued at \$31,00.00)
- **287** Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- **266** Thailand Historical Base Patches
- **\* Leatherman Serac S3 Flashlights**
- 148 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 102 Alpha Dog Challenge Coins
- **\* Leatherman M5 LED Lenser Flashlights**
- \* Leatherman MUT Tools

- \* Leatherman Knives (Models: e33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
- **Retractable Leashes (Pet Edge)**
- **Kongs (Assorted sizes)**
- \* 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
- 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) valued at \$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 Carabineers
- 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
- **\* 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