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OVER TEN YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS! MORE THAN 495 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!

132 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported

More than \$143,241.00 of supplies shipped down range!

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This edit of "K-9 Supply" is dedicated to Ida "Marie" Zeak

It is with the deepest sympathy that we report the passing of Ida "Marie" Zeak, 75, of Cocoa, Florida, on February 8, 2014. We just learned of Marie's passing. Marie was one of our "original" sponsors of "Old Dawgs & Pups" in 2005. She shared sponsorship of our first pup, SSgt Jon Sarabia, at the 407th ESFS, Iraq, and also supported TSgt Matt Rebholz during his tour at Camp Diamondback, Iraq in 2006. She was a kind lady with a wonderful heart and spirit. Her support of our deployed MWD teams was tireless and she will be greatly missed and always remembered.

Hello everyone! We are currently supporting six (6) kennels and twenty-three (23) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of February 15, 2016. February 2016 brings us to ten 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 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 sixteen (16) new pups to introduce this month.

Pups arriving in the AOR

Undisclosed Location SW Asia #1: TSgt Kevin Nelson, Kennel Master, (Alpha Dog #23), is deployed from the 802nd SFS, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas: supported by Ernest Childers (Udorn).

SSgt Nicholas Simmons & MWD Fox are deployed from the 72^{nd} SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and they are supported by Bob Citrano (NKP).

Pups arriving in the AOR – Continued

Undisclosed Location SW Asia #1: - Continued: SrA Michael Castilleja & MWD JoJo are deployed from the 72nd SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and they are supported by Scotty Baker (Safeside).

TSgt Brandon Potts & MWD Mink are deployed from the 28th SFS, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, and they are sponsored by Dixie Whitman (FoK).

Undisclosed Location SW Asia #2: TSgt Jason Fields, Kennel Master, and now (Alpha Dog #22), is deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona and he is supported by Phil Carroll (Takhli/NKP) and Bill Cummings (U-Tapao).

TSgt Riley Marx, Trainer, deployed from the 18th SFS, Kadena Air Base, Japan. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) will support her during this tour.

SSgt Kyle Smith & MWD OOpey are deployed from the 633rd SFS, Jt. Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia and they are supported by Mark Smoot (NKP).

SSgt William Slifer & MWD Dio are deployed from the 87th SFS, Jt. Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey and they are supported by Don Graham (Tuy Hoa).

SSgt Jason Otten & MWD Ringo are deployed from the 42nd SFS, Maxwell AFB, Alabama and they are supported by Lonnie Beeson (U-Tapao).

SSgt Kristina Dennison & MWD Gina are deployed from the 4th SFS, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina and they are supported by Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB).

SSgt Brett Huff & MWD Guru are deployed from the 4th SFS, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina and they are supported by our newest Old Dawg John Probst (Don Muang).

SSgt Daniel Farmer & MWD Kitkat are deployed from the 18th SFS, Kadena Air Base, Japan, and they are supported by Bruce Bond (58th IPSD).

Undisclosed Location SW Asia #4: SSgt Krystle Draper & MWD Jop are deployed from the 49th SFS, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, and Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support team Jop.

SSgt Brian Claypool & MWD Cigan are deployed from the 20th SFS, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina and they are supported by Doc Hodges (Ubon/Korat). This is Cigan's third deployment with OD&P, once in 2014 and 2015 with Alpha Dog (#21) SSgt Jason Albrecht. Now that's an Alpha Dog!

SSgt Luis (Albert) Plata & MWD Foxo are deployed from the 47th SFS, Laughlin AFB, Texas and the team is supported by John & Carolyn Risse (Pleiku).

Undisclosed Location SW Asia #8: SSgt Jared Brown & MWD Body (this is Body's second tour with us) are deployed from the 436th SFS, Dover AFB, Delaware and they are supported by Bruce Bond (58 IPSD).



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 410 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits, valued at \$41,000.00, to the 113 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:

332 nd 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
Eielson AFB
Naval Sub Base New London
Osan AB
It. Base McGuire
011 2 112 0 111 0
NAS Pensacola
Jt. Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam
Ft. Leavenworth
Incirlik AB
Ft. Stewart

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
Yakota AB
407 th AEG/ESFS
NAS Fallon
NAS Whidbey
Ft. Myer
RAF Mildenhall
RAF Lakenheath
Ft. Eustis
Ft. Carson
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380 th 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
USCG – Seattle
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Ft. Irwin
Ft. Belvoir
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Ft. Meade
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Nellis AFB
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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 Orlean
USFOR-A
Ft. Riley
Ft. Sill

	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
	Holloman AFB
	Ft. Rucker
	Anderson AFB
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Team Shaw AFB

Air For Paws Fundraiser – Morgan Hills, California



If you are in the area, please stop by and say hello. One half of the proceeds for this event goes to Air For Paws and supports OD&P

Old Dawgs & Pups Fundraiser T-Shirt

We are exploring the possibility of creating an "Old Dawgs & Pups" T-Shirt to raise funds to purchase supplies for our troops down range. We haven't had a fundraiser since 2014 and it would be very helpful right now as troops continue to deploy and participate in our program.

Right now we are exploring a 50/50 cotton/poly blend short sleeve T-Shirt. Our plan is to price the shirt at \$20.00 per shirt (S-4XL) including shipping. The shirt will be "OD" Olive Drab with white or black lettering.



Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS



TSgt Kevin Nelson, Kennel Master, is deployed from the 802nd SFS, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland, was greeted by our VSPA friend, and Pease Greeter, Bud Owens (Binh Tuy), during a layover enroute to Southwest Asia. Thank you Bud and all of the Pease Greeters (they have met over 600 flights and have welcomed more than 170,000 troops since 2005) for the great job that you do for our troops! TSgt Nelson, one of our newest Alpha Dogs, is supported by Ernest Childers (Udorn) during this tour.





TSgt Kevin Nelson suits up TSgt Max Soto in preparation for a little "in-house" training with the troop that have recently arrived at this location. TSgt Nelson is deployed from the 802^{nd} SFS, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland and he is supported by Ernest Childers (Udorn). TSgt Nelson is one of our two newest Alpha Dogs, deploying three times with OD&P.

On the right SSgt Jahmal Hardy and Nero get in a little warm up before the training begins. Man, don't you guys just miss this drill? We're still pairing up troops at this location so stand by for incoming information on new pups next month.

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





Left: We'd like to introduce some of our newest teams; SSgt Nicholas Simmons & MWD Fox; deployed from the 72nd SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and they are supported by Bob Citrano (NKP).

Right: SSgt Michael Castilleja & MWD JoJo; deployed from the 72nd SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, are also "Boots on the Ground" (BOG). Scotty Baker (Safeside) supports Team JoJo.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS





SSgt Kimberly Harting and MWD Nero recently competed in their first 5K run event before heading back to the 45th SFS, Patrick AFB, Florida. As you can see, Nero just didn't want the fun to be over. He's bringing some of that sand back to the states – Kim will never get all of that out of his coat. SSgt Harting was our first time four-time deployer and the team just had a ball and we have the photographs to prove it. Team Nero is now stateside and enjoying some well-deserved leave time. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) supported them during their tour.

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



Left: SSgt Kyle Smith & MWD OOpey are deployed from the 633rd SFS, Jt. Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia and Mark Smoot (NKP) supports them. This is OOpey's second tour with OD&P.

Right: SSgt Adrian Mac & MWD GGreta taking a moment to share that special bond. "Who's your daddy"? That would be SSgt Mac of course! Great looking dog team having a little fun.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #3 – 380th ESFS



SSgt Kenten Yates and MWD PPixie and the handlers of the 380th ESFS recently completed a "demo" during the opening for their new kennels. This young lady, MWD PPixie, is starting to get a little reputation for her actions during training. High speed and low drag – just the way you want a MWD.

Here's how it goes: Identify the target; lock on to the target; survey down range; release on the object of her attention; attack and hold; receive praise. Looks like PPixie has all of the objectives covered. Good girl PPixie – Good GIRL!

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #3 – 380th ESFS – Continued

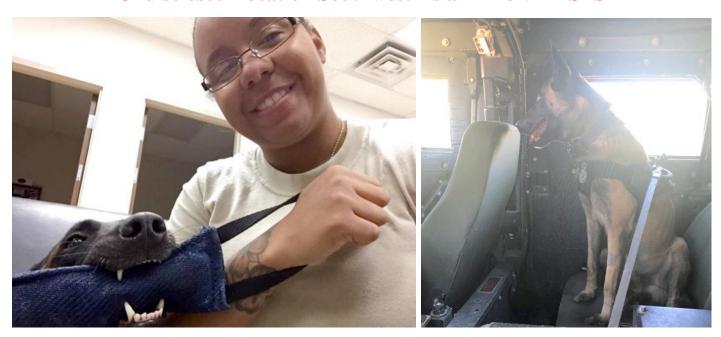




Sometimes officers don the bite suit and like everyone else – they hit the dirt! PPixie is not real choosy about who gets in on the action – but the results are always the same!

There's very little throttle control when she's working. On the right the end result is very predictable – "Another one bites the dust". The team is deployed from the 355^{th} SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, and Jon Hemp (TSN) supports them.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #4 – 879th ESFS



Left: SSgt Krystle Draper & MWD Jop, deployed from the 49th SFS, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, get in some "self imposed bite training" and a great deal of relaxation and bonding. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support Team Jop.

Right: MWD Jop had some first class treatment (and security) during their pre-deployment training. Not a chance of a "loose dog" flying around during this training mission. "Ladies and gentlemen, fasten your seat belt and return your tray tops to the upright position". Eyes front and always safety first! You can't go wrong following your training.

And ANOTHER Leatherman Donation to OD&P!

The super-supportive folks at Leatherman have done it again, with another donation of top-notch gear for us to send directly overseas to our adopted dog handlers. This time they blessed us with more of the tough and versatile Leatherman Surge multi-tools, which have a suggested retail price of over a hundred bucks each. In addition, they donated some fantastic P7.2 super-bright LED LENSER flashlights.

The Surge tools, our signature gift for more than ten years now, are greatly appreciated by our Pups and have been used for just about everything downrange. The Surge is a fantastic combination of tools and portability; our Pups have reported using them for clearing jammed vehicle- and helicopter-mounted M240B machine guns and repairing personal weapons including the M4 carbine and M9 pistol, on missions <u>outside</u> the wire. Other deployed Pups have reported using them for all the everyday tasks that you would use knives, pliers, wire cutters, a saw, scissors, can opener, bottle opener, file, or large or small standard or Phillips screwdrivers for - no matter where you are. That's a whole lot of capability in a five-inch, 12 oz. package that can be hung on a belt or MOLLE gear; something that would have been incredibly useful to all of us back during our deployments to Vietnam and Thailand.

The flashlights are a different model than Leatherman has gifted to the Old Dawgs & Pups program before, but like the other models this one is a tiny, lightweight, super bright LED light with unique focusing capabilities, great range and superior battery life. As they say on the Leatherman - LED LENSER website, "the perfect combination of size, power, reliability and easy-to-use operation." So, once again, as we've said many times before in the last ten years, and will likely say again: THANK YOU LEATHERMAN!

Distinguished Service Coin and Certificate



Congratulations to Scotty Baker (Safeside) on being awarded our Old Dawgs & Pups Distinguished Service Coin and Certificate. Scotty had qualified by supporting fifteen (15) deployed MWD teams. Not one to slow down, Scotty just re-upped for his sixteenth (16) team as he was just paired with SrA Michael Castilleja & MWD JoJo from Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. Congratulations Scotty and great job.

Special Thank You to our Supporters





We'd like to say a "special thank you" to Ron Aiello, and all of the supporters of the United States War Dogs Association, Inc., for stepping up to the plate to assist fifteen (15) U. S. Army teams at USFOR-A. Their request was just too large for us to handle and Ron and his people jumped all over the call for help. When you have a chance, please visit their website www.uswardogs.org YOU guys are awesome!

In addition, Air For Paws has provided fifteen (15) K-9 Air Resuscitation kits for these units.

Special Thank You to our Supporters - Continued

MWDTSA 1st 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 Nikki Rohrig and everyone associated with the Military Working Dog Team Support Association as they prepare to send first quarter packages down range to support our deployed troops. Along with troops from other services, they will be sending packages to Old Dawgs & Pups deployed troops again this quarter. There are troops at six (6) deployed kennel locations in southwest Asia that we support. This organization is a "CLASS ACT"! Please visit their website! More information will be in the upcoming editions of our newsletter.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY!

We're looking for U. S. Air Force Sentry & Patrol Dog handlers who have served at Dyess AFB, Texas?

The members of the 7th Security Forces Squadron, Military Working Dog Section, at Dyess AFB, Texas, are attempting to contact handlers from our era to assist them in obtaining information concerning the "Old" Sentry and Patrol cemetery at their base.

They are currently in the design phase of a new kennel facility that is to be constructed in the area that the Sentry and Patrol Dogs of Dyess may have been buried.

The handlers of the 7th are reaching out to our handlers to see if any of you might be able to provide any information concerning the burial location or if anyone knows if the MWDs of Dyess might have been moved or relocated to another location in the kennel area.

If anyone has photographs, knowledge, or information on the burial grounds at Dyess they would love to be contacted so the remains of these heroes might be located and moved to a place for a proper burial and memorial before construction begins and the ground might disturb the resting place of the Military Working dogs that served at Dyess.

There are no markings or headstones showing that would assist them in locating the burial area.

Please check for any old photographs or notes that you have tucked away from your tour at Dyess and lets try to preserve the history of the Sentry and Patrol dogs that "roamed" the 7th Security Forces Squadron grounds in Texas!

If you have any information that you think could assist them in this project, please contact TSgt Daren Marshall, MWD Trainer, at 325-696-2428 or daren.marshall@us.af.mil

No explanation needed!



We're going to do WHAT?

Feed the Dawgs Project 2016 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 - jonhemp@thedawgsproject.com

http://thedawgsproject.com

Rocky Mountain Dawgs (CO, NM, MO, & TX) Kevin Sonka – <u>kevinsonka@comcast.net</u>

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 jonhemp@thedawgsproject.com

Here is the Feed the Dawgs upcoming schedule for 2016 – Get Involved!

You can view photos from all of our events on Facebook at "The Dawgs Project"

12-13 March 2016 Keaton Coffey Memorial War Dawg Weekend

Yuma Marines, Yuma, AZ

19-20 March 2016 Adam Cann Memorial War Dawg Weekend

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA

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

At the time of this report we have 21 members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting 23 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 2,723 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to February 15, 2016. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported 132 kennels and 497 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 132 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 \$143,241.00 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

- 410 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits valued at \$41,000.00
- 347 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (150 donated by Leatherman)
 - The Leatherman "Surge"/MUTS/Flashlights/Knives/Toys donation is valued at \$69,024.00
- **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
- 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) 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
- 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