

OLD DAWGS and PUPS Dog Handlers of the Vietnam War Supporting US Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan

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# OVER TEN YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS! MORE THAN 505 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED! 134 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported

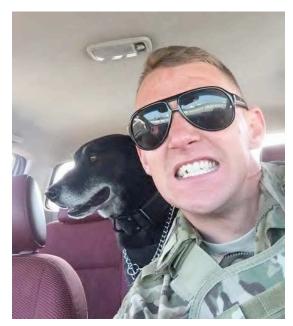
More than \$143,753.00 of supplies shipped down range!

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500<sup>th</sup> Pup Supported by *First* "OD&P" Pup



SSgt Sarabia & MWD Basco during their tour at Ali Air Base, Iraq – 2005



SSgt Phillip Mason & MWD Rudy currently "BOG" at Undisclosed Location # 2 - 2016

Jon Sarabia – Alpha Dog #1 (and his wife Michelle), the first "Pup" supported by the OD&P program, is now the sponsor of "Pup" #500, SSgt Phillip Mason & MWD Rudy; deployed from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. We've come a long way since 2005 – 500 troops supported down range!

Thanks everyone for making our program such a success for more than ten years. We'll be there when we bring home all of our troops!

Hello everyone! We are currently supporting seven (7) kennels and thirty-one (31) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of March 15, 2016. March 2016 brings us to ten years and eight 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 nine (9) new pups to introduce this month.

#### Pups rotating home from the AOR

**Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5:** SSgt Sean Phelan & MWD RRozen have returned home to the 820<sup>th</sup> BDG, Moody AFB, Georgia.

# **Pups arriving in the AOR**

**Undisclosed Location SW Asia #2:** SSgt Aaron Souza & MWD Jack are deployed from the 325<sup>th</sup> SFS, Tyndall AFB, Florida and they are supported by our newest sponsor and a "Pup" himself with OD&P, SMSgt Tracey Booth (USAF).

SrA Juan Salinas & MWD Ayila are deployed from the 18<sup>th</sup> SFS, Kadena Air Base, Japan; the team is supported by Joe Palmer (Binh Thuy).

SSgt Phillip Mason & MWD Rudy (our 500<sup>th</sup> troop) are deployed from the 87<sup>th</sup> SFS, Jt. Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey and they are supported by Jon & Michelle Sarabia (Alpha Dog #1). This is MWD Rudy's second tour with OD&P.

SSgt Austin Craven & MWD Ronni are deployed from the 4<sup>th</sup> SFS, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. The team is supported by (John & Joan Smith (U-Tapao).

**Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5:** SSgt Kyle Ingle & MWD Copy are deployed from the 820<sup>th</sup> BDG, Moody AFB, Georgia and Team Copy is supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK).

**Undisclosed Location SW Asia #6:** TSgt Joseph Stoltz, LNO, is deployed from 11<sup>th</sup> Security Support Squadron, Andrews AFB, Maryland and Jim Stastny (Korat) supports him during this tour.

SGT Ryan Miller & MWD JoJo (USMC-LNO) are deployed from the 1<sup>st</sup> L.E. Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California. Jon Hemp (TSN) supports the team during this deployment.

CPL Eric Gann & MWD Linda (USMC-LNO) are deployed from the 1<sup>st</sup> L.E. Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California. Jon Hemp (TSN) supports the team during this deployment.

SGT Eric Chavez-Hallett (USA-LNO) is deployed from the 17<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade, Las Vegas Readiness Center, Nevada and Skip Davis (48<sup>th</sup> IPSD) supports him during this tour.



#### 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 115 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<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 Eielson AFB Naval Sub Base New London Osan AB Jt. Base McGuire NAS Pensacola** Jt. Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam RAF Mildenhall **Ft. Leavenworth Incirlik AB** Ft. Stewart

379<sup>th</sup> ESFS **Dvess 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<sup>th</sup> AEG/ESFS **NAS Fallon NAS Whidbey** Ft. Myer **RAF Lakenheath** Ft. Eustis **Ft. Carson** 

380<sup>th</sup> ESFS **Ellsworth AFB** Laughlin AFB Whiteman AFB **Travis AFB Edwards AFB HQ-ARCENT MacDill AFB** Hansom AFB **Tvndall AFB** Little Rock AFB **Goodfellow AFB Robins AFB Naval Base Ventura USCG – Seattle Earle NWS NS Everett Ft. Irwin** Ft. Belvoir 820<sup>th</sup> COS Ft. Meade **Ft Campbell** 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS Det

386<sup>th</sup> ESFS Nellis AFB **Barksdale AFB** F E Warren AFB **USAF Academy Jt. Base Andrews ACC/Langley AFB** Vance AFB **Offutt 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 Orleans **USFOR-A** Ft. Riley Ft. Sill

879<sup>th</sup> ESFS Shaw AFB Luke AFB Kadena AB **Ramstein AB** Eglin AFB **RTC Ft. Bliss Hill AFB El Gorah** Scott AFB **Beale AFB Buckley AFB Dover AFB** Kennel/Hold Holloman AFB Ft. Rucker Anderson AFB **Ft. Benning** Ft. Lee 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS HUB Ft. Knox Ft. Polk





Team USFOR

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



Who is that behind those new RexSpecs? That's MWD Kitkat (SSgt Daniel Farmer's partner), on the left and Guru (SSgt Brett Huff's partner) on the right showing off our newest product shipped downrange to our troops. Bruce Bond (58<sup>th</sup> IPSD) and John Probst (Don Muang), support the teams, respectively. The troops are raving about this new product. There will be more information on the RexSpecs doggles in next months' newsletter.



Left: SSgt Daniel Farmer & MWD Kitkat are deployed from the 18<sup>th</sup> SFS, Kadena Air Base, Japan and Bruce Bond (58<sup>th</sup> IPSD) supports the team.

**Right:** SSgt Aaron Souza & MWD Jack are deployed from the 325<sup>th</sup> SFS, Tyndall AFB, Florida. One of our newest "Old Dawg" SMSgt Tracey Booth (USAF) supports the team.

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



As you can see MWD Guru is a lover! Above left, SSgt Brett Huff (Guru's handler deployed from Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina) just gives Guru a gigantic bear hug! Above right, Trainer TSgt Riley Marx, deployed from the 18<sup>th</sup> SFS, Kadena Air Base, Japan, gets in some "lovin" also with Guru! Poor Guru – he hardly gets any attention at all – WRONG! Thanks TSgt Marx for the great photos.

SSgt Huff & Guru are supported by new "Old Dawg" John Probst (Don Muang) and Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support TSgt Marx.

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



SSgt Kenten Yates & MWD PPixie took a moment to spend some time with Australian K-9 trooper, LAC McKay, at sunrise. Just taking a moment with friends – it doesn't get any better than this! Team PPixie is deployed from the 355<sup>th</sup> SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. Jon Hemp (TSN) supports them.

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



Hey – He ain't heavy, he's my brother! SSgt Brian Claypool & MWD Cigan are deployed from the 20<sup>th</sup> SFS, Shaw AFB, South Carolina and Team Cigan is supported by Doc Hodges (Ubon/Korat). This is Cigan's second tour with OD&P and SSgt Claypool's first tour. What a great looking dog team!



SSgt Krystle Draper & MWD Jop, deployed from the 49<sup>th</sup> SFS, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, teamed up to complete training. From the looks of the "lift" that Jop received – the training went very well. Just getting the job done and giving a good days work. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support Team Jop.

Our teams are getting settled in and we're expecting to see more of them in the coming months.

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



Our K-9 Unit at UDLSWA #5 was recognized as "Team of the Month" for February 2016.

Left to Right: SSgt John Coulter & TTyrant, SSgt Michael Hampton & Taya, TSgt Justin Gatti, 407<sup>th</sup> Unit Commander presents the award, SSgt Andres Tovar & Diro, and SSgt Kyle Ingle & Copy. Congratulation guys from all of us here at Old Dawgs & Pups – YOU make us proud and keep up the great work!



SSgt Michael Hampton & MWD Taya getting in some great training. Taya's got this completely covered from her "over watch" position – looks like first class seating to us!

Once the work was completed, Taya decided to just take a moment and "chilled for a while". Hey, it's not easy being a MWD and having to work all of the time! The team is supported by Jon & Michelle Sarabia (Alpha Dog #1).

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



SSgt John Coulter & MWD TTyrant proudly shows off their "Non-Commissioned Officer of the Month" certificate that was awarded for their efforts during the month of February 2016. Those are some pretty big smiles – "Job well done Team TTyrant" and congratulations for all of us at Old Dawgs & Pups. Mike Fink (F0K) supports the team during this deployment.

America's Got Talent – You bet! MWD Diro (SSgt Andres Tovar's partner) recently let everyone at this location know that he can sing! Diro took a position on the peak of the obstacle and "sang out" during a recent retreat ceremony. Great job Diro. Al Harmer (Korat/Bien Hoa) supports Team Diro.

# Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #6 – 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Detach



Our newest team includes our first Marines! TSgt Joseph Stoltz (center); is flanked by USMC handlers, Cpl. Eric Gann & MWD Linda (far left), US Army SGT Eric Chavez-Hallet, US Army SPC Janelle Radcliffe, and SGT Ryan Miller and MWD JoJo (far right). TSgt Stoltz is deployed from the 11<sup>th</sup> SSS, Jt. Base Andrews, Maryland and Jim Stastny (Korat) supports him. Skip Davis (48<sup>th</sup> IPSD) supports our SGT Chavez-Hallet. Our two Marines are deployed from 1<sup>st</sup> L.E. Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California, and Jon Hemp (TSN) supports them. Welcome aboard Marines and Semper Fi.

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



SSgt Jared Brown and MWD Body, deployed from the 436<sup>th</sup> SFS, Dover AFB, Delaware, just wanted to drop in and say hello. MWD Body is really excited to be in the photo and to say hello; and the team is rockin'& and rollin' at their new assignment. Bruce Bond (58<sup>th</sup> IPSD) supports the team.



SSgt Josey & MWD Crazy and MWD Max are kennel mates of SSgt Brown at this location

## **Special Thank You to our Supporters**



We'd like to say a "special thank you" to Ron Aiello, and all of the supporters of United States War Dogs Association, Inc., for stepping up to the plate to assist fifteen (15) U. S. Army teams at USFOR-A. All of the equipment they requested, including our Air For Paws kits, are on the ground. In addition, these troops have already completed their AFP training and the equipment is in the hands of the handlers. When you have a chance, please visit their website <u>www.uswardogs.org</u>

#### **Alpha Dog Coin Presentation**



TSgt David Bieck was presented Alpha Dog Coin (#20) and Certificate by Lt. Col. Benjamin Jacobson: Squadron Commander, 8<sup>th</sup> SFS (the famed "Wolfpack"), Kunsan Air Base, Korea, on February 18, 2016.

TSgt Bieck completed three tours with OD&P. First, then-SSgt Bieck and MWD Marco (L605) were deployed at Jt. Base Balad, Iraq in fall of 2009 with the 332<sup>nd</sup> ESFG where he was supported by Donald Shaw (NKP) and Janet Wise (FoK). In 2011, Joe Palmer (Binh Thuy) support SSgt Bieck and MWD Artis (J024) during their deployment to 455<sup>th</sup> ESFS, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. TSgt Bieck deployed to the 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS in 2014 as the Kennel Master, where Bob Sullivan (Phu Cat) supported him and he earned the title of "Alpha Dog".

In addition, TSgt Bieck is now a Master Sergeant Select and he should be sewing on stripes really soon.

From all of us at OD&P, congratulations on your retirement and earning your Alpha Dog status with Old Dawgs & Pups. Thank you also to all of the "Old Dawgs" who have supported TSgt Bieck along the way. It takes a team to support an Alpha Dog!



# **MWDTSA 1<sup>st</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 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.



Packages on the ground and smiles on the faces! Thanks MWDTSA for supporting our troops!



Mugs, hats, shirts, footballs, and all kinda' goodies - Awesome MWDTSA packages!

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates We have our 4<sup>th</sup> Senior Master Sergeant!



Congratulations SMSgt (Select) Paul Rasmussen! Then TSgt Rasmussen was deployed to FOB Warrior, Iraq in April of 2007 from the 48<sup>th</sup> SPS, RAF Lakenheath, England, as a Trainer. Phil Carroll (Takhli/NKP) and Rufus Leslie (Korat) supported him during his tour. Congratulations Sarge from all of us Old Dawgs & Pups! We're very proud of you and we know you are going to be an awesome Senior!



TSgt Paul Rasmussen (Trainer RAF Lakenheath) & TSgt Chris Beavers (Kennel Master) & MWD Arno Above right, TSgt Paul Rasmussen pulling training aids (Synthetic TNT) to plant for some joint training. Sometimes a guy "just has to have fun"! The fog of war needing some well deserved comedy relief!"

#### No explanation needed!



### 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> <u>http://www.rockymountaindawgsproject.org</u>
Northwest Dawgs Project (NV, UT, ID, & WA)	Frank Wehner – <u>nwdawgs@fcwehner.com</u> 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"

 19-20 March
2016 Adam Cann Memorial War Dawg Weekend Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA
2-3 April
2016 Sean Brazas Memorial War Dawg Weekend Dawgs Project and Rocky Mountain Dawgs Project Naval Base Norfolk/Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA

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

At the time of this report we have 27 members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting 31 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 2,733 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to March 15, 2016. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported 134 kennels and 506 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 \$30,309.00 worth of supplies to 134 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 \$143,753.00 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
- 203 \* Leatherman Serac S3 Flashlights
- 148 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 102 Alpha Dog Challenge Coins
- 95 \* 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) 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 RexSpecs Goggles
- 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