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(4/15/2016)

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 \$144,773.00 of supplies shipped down range!

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting seven (7) kennels and thirty-one (31) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of April 15, 2016. April 2016 brings us to ten years and nine 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 rotating home from the AOR

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5: TSgt Justin Gatti, SSgt Michael Hampton & MWD Taya, SSgt Andres Tovar & MWD Diro, and SSgt John Coulter & MWD TTyrant should be packing to head back to the 820th BDG, Moody AFB, Georgia.

Undisclosed Location SW Asia #3: SSgt Kenton Yates and MWD PPixie will be heading back to the desert to home station Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona



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 nd ESFS	379 th ESFS	380 th ESFS	386 th ESFS	879 th ESFS
Davis-Monthan AFB	Dyess AFB	Ellsworth AFB	Nellis AFB	Shaw AFB
Seymour Johnson AFB	JBSA/Lackland	Laughlin AFB	Barksdale AFB	Luke AFB
JBSA/Ft. Sam Houston	Malmstrom AFB	Whiteman AFB	F E Warren AFB	Kadena AB
Hurlburt Field	Grand Forks AFB	Travis AFB	USAF Academy	Ramstein AB
Spangdahlem AB	Kirtland AFB	Edwards AFB	Jt. Base Andrews	Eglin AFB
Tinker AFB	NAS Bahrain	HQ-ARCENT	ACC/Langley AFB	RTC Ft. Bliss
AFSFL/Jt. Base Lackland	Creech AFB	MacDill AFB	Vance AFB	Hill AFB
Mountain Home AFB	Altus AFB	Hansom AFB	Offutt AFB	El Gorah
Wright Patterson AFB	Patrick AFB	Tyndall AFB	Cannon AFB	Scott AFB
Columbus AFB	McConnell AFB	Little Rock AFB	Minot AFB	Beale AFB
Jt. Base Elmendorf	Jt. Base Charleston	Goodfellow AFB	Fairchild AFB	Buckley AFB
Jt. Base Lewis-McChord	Keesler AFB	Robins AFB	Jt. Base Langley	Dover AFB
Sheppard AFB	Ft. Huachuca	Naval Base Ventura	CNRSW San Diego	Kennel/Hold
Eielson AFB	Yakota AB	USCG – Seattle	USCG – Galveston	Holloman AFB
Naval Sub Base New London	407 th AEG/ESFS	Earle NWS	Aviano AB	Ft. Rucker
Osan AB	NAS Fallon	NS Everett	Moody AFB	Anderson AFB
Jt. Base McGuire	NAS Whidbey	Ft. Irwin	JEB Little Creek	Ft. Benning
NAS Pensacola	Ft. Myer	Ft. Belvoir	NAS JRV New Orleans	Ft. Lee
Jt. Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam	RAF Mildenhall	820 th COS	USFOR-A	386 th ESFS HUB
Ft. Leavenworth	RAF Lakenheath	Ft. Meade	Ft. Riley	Ft. Knox
Incirlik AB	Ft. Eustis	Ft. Campbell	Ft. Sill	Ft. Polk
Ft. Stewart	Ft. Carson	386 th ESFS Det	Peterson AFB	OD&P Stock

Heads At Ease - (New OD&P Partner)



We have partnered with “Heads At Ease” an organization that makes individual pillowcases and mails them to deployed military personnel serving worldwide. They are based in Tucson, Arizona. Sue Lamberson is their founder (A proud mom of a Navy veteran!). They have made and mailed pillowcases for deployed Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard deplorers since June 2008. Counting the 100 they are mailing to our troops, they have provided nearly 67,000 hand made pillowcases. Their YTD totals for 2016 are 3,089 items distributed. More information forthcoming concerning this project will be in the May newsletter! Looks like a good project for our troops.

Check out their site at www.navyformoms.com/group/heads

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS



The NFL Miami Dolphins Cheerleaders visited the troops! As you can clearly see, this is a moral builder! MWDs and NFL cheerleaders – it just doesn't get any better than this when you are away from home.



It's been busy for our troops. Next came Josh Gracin and the Gravel Kings to entertain the troops. It just sounds like home! Thanks to our Kennel Master, Kevin Nelson, with his troops and their guests.



MWDs Rocky and Bruno enjoying toys from home! Everyone is in on the fun!

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS



Here's our "point of the sword" at UDLSA #2 – That's TSgt Riley Marx (Trainer) on the left and TSgt Jason Fields (Kennel Master), and they have things very much under control – day and night! TSgt Marx is deployed from the 18th SFS, Kadena Air Base, Japan. Steve & Lise Gattis (CRB) supports her.

TSgt Fields, our twenty second (22nd) Alpha Dog, is deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona and Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) and Phil Carroll (Takhli/NKP) support this "Old Dawg" as they affectionately called TSgt Fields. As you will see, these two are being kept very busy presenting the new RexSpecs equipment to the handlers at this location.

That's MWD Kitkat, SSgt Daniel Farmer's partner, modeling the new eye protection. That's one well-protected dog. Haboobs don't scare this Military Working Dog now. More information on our inventory product will be shown on the next few pages!



L - R: TSgt Jason Fields presents RexSpecs to each of his troops – they were a hit for what we heard!

SSgt Austin Craven (MWD Ronnie) deployed from the 4th SFS, Seymour Johnson

SSgt Daniel Farmer (MWD Kitkat) deployed from 18th SFS, Kadena (Bond/58th IPSD)

SrA Juan Salinas (MWD) Ayila) deployed from the 18th SFS, Kadena (Palmer/Binh Thuy)

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



SSgt William Slifer (MWD Dio) deployed from the 87th SFS, Joint Base McGuire (Graham/Tuy Hoa)
SSgt Aaron Souza (MWD) deployed from the 325th SFS, Tyndall (Booth/USAF)
SSgt Brett Huff (MWD) deployed from the 4th SFS, Seymour Johnson (Probst/Don Muang)



SSgt Jason Otten (MWD Ringo) deployed from the 42nd SFS, Maxwell (Beeson/U-Tapao)
SSgt Phillip Mason & Rudy deployed from the 87th SFS, Joint Base McGuire (Sarabia/Alpha Dog #1)
SSgt Kyle Smith (MWD OOpey) deployed from the 633rd SFS, Jt. Base Langley (Smooth/NKP)



SSgt Kristina Dennison (MWD Gina) deployed from the 4th SFS, Seymour Johnson (Gattis/CRB)

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



Ringo



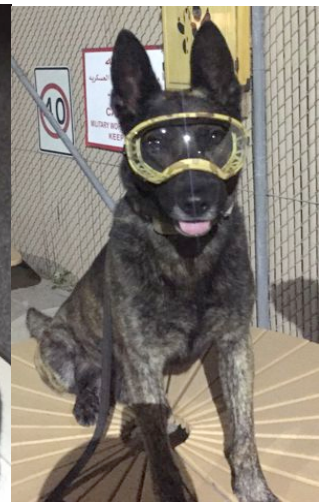
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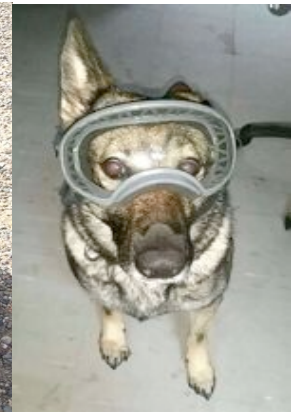
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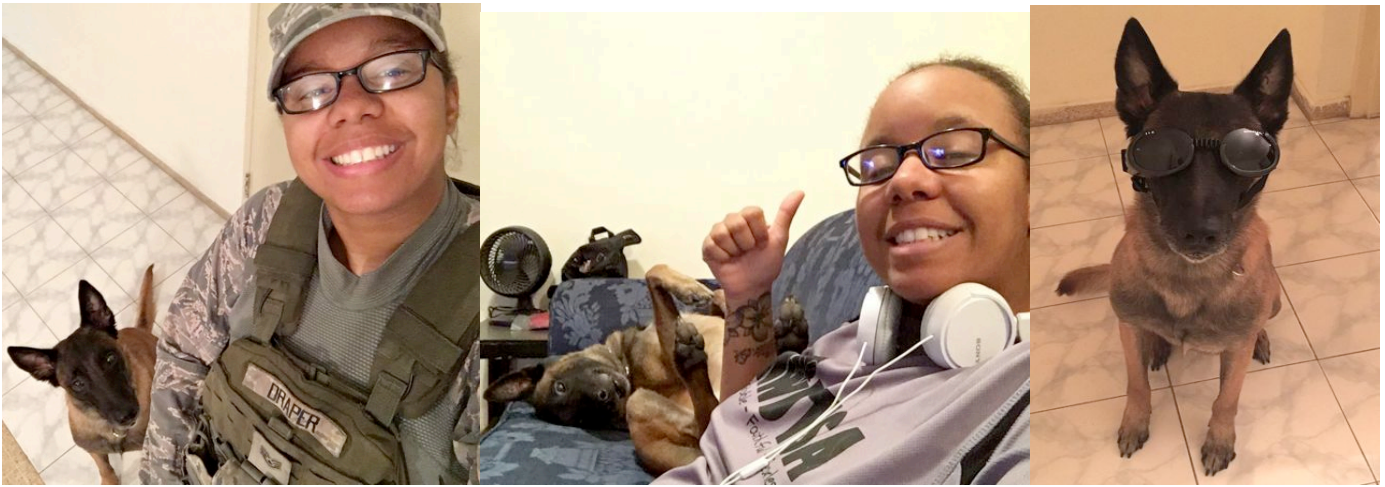


Gina



Happiness is having your toy! SSgt Austin Craven and MWD Ronnie are one great looking dog team. Look at that (or should we say those) faces? The team is deployed from the 4th SFS, Seymour Johnson AFB. Taking a break is part of deployment tours!

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #4 – 879th ESFS



SSgt Krystle Draper & MWD Jop, deployed from the 49th SFS, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, working and relaxing. Happiness is a warm puppy! On the right Jop is “doggled up” and ready to roll! What haboobs? We got a job to do! Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) support Team Jop.

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



It’s “Haboob” season in Southwest Asia!

Tents are absolutely no match for the winds that sweep this area. During a recent “haboobs” this tent and several others were taken out during a “routine fast moving storm”. Our troops routinely have to work in these conditions and that is the reason we send doggles and RexSpecs downrange. See page 9 for more information on this protective equipment for our deployed canines.

Another point. Hey guys, doesn’t it kinda’ make you miss the monsoon season? NOT! Our guys just regroup and set everything back up to continue operations. It’s all in a days work in the desert.

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



Left: SSgt John Coulter & TTyrant hanging out and relaxing prior to their departure for home. Happiness is a “warm puppy”. Mike Fink (FoK) supported Team TTyrant.

Right: SSgt Anthony Friday and MWD QQuake work out some kinks after flying halfway around the world to their new assignment. We hope to hear more from this team in the very near future.

Special Thank You to our Supporters



THE UNITED STATES WAR DOGS ASSOCIATION, INC.
HONORING OUR NATION'S WAR DOGS AND THEIR HANDLERS: PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

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 one of our pups in obtaining a canine wheelchair and medication for one of our retired Military Working Dogs. These guys are awesome. When you have a chance, please visit their website www.uswardogs.org YOU guys are awesome!



USWD carts for Retired Military Working Dogs is a new program to further assist our Retired MWDs in need of further support. USWD set up a RX program to cover prescription drugs for our K-9 heroes. Now they have taken the program on step further to provide Dog Wheelchairs when needed by these heroes. Thanks again from OD&P for stepping up to assist our pups and their heroes once again. Please visit their site if you are in need of assistance for a retired Military Working Dog.

RexSpecs – Jackson Hole, Wyoming - Our newest MWD supplier



RexSpecs are now in our inventory! Thanks to everyone at RexSpecs for providing such a great product and for assisting us with great pricing. They have arrived just in time for the upcoming haboobs that are soon to hit the area. Nothing but rave reviews for this equipment and the dogs are very comfortable wearing the new style eye protection. Looks like we have a winner here! We have big plans at Old Dawgs & Pups for the product and RexSpecs is ALL IN on helping us provide eye protection for our deployed military working dogs. For more information on this great company and MWD team supporter go to: Rex Specs K9 www.rexspecs.com / info@rexspecs.com or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/rexspecs)

A Special Thanks!



We'd like to thank the friends, patrons, and the staff of **Professional and Palmer pharmacies of Stamford and Greenwich, Connecticut**, for providing the funding for the ten (10) pairs of RexSpecs via their Community Service Fund. Once again they have stepped forward to support our deployed MWD teams! The Community Service fund has provided more than \$2,500.00 for 113 pieces of equipment to support Old Dawgs & Pups and our deployed Military Working Dog teams since February 2014. Thanks guys from all of us at OD&P! We just couldn't do it without supporters like YOU!



MWD Rudy (SSgt Phillip Mason's partner), RexSpecs on the ground, and MWD Jack (SSgt Aaron Souza's partner) model the new Rex Specs. As you can see, these dogs love this equipment. They offer great protection to their eyes and the fit is said to be unbelievable. Great equipment – just great!

Alpha Dog #5 Certificate & Coin Presentation



Phil Carroll (Old Dawgs & Pups Co-Coordinator – Takhli/NKP) and Rimfire, presented Brandi Danti with her “Alpha Dog” Certificate and unique serial numbered Alpha Dog Coin #5 from Old Dawgs & Pups on March 8, 2016. Brandi completed three tours with Old Dawgs & Pups. Brandi’s first and second deployments (2009 and 2010) with her partner, MWD Argo (M118), were completed at the 379th ESFS, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

Brandi was promoted to Technical Sergeant and deployed with us a third time in 2012 at the 405th ESFS, an Undisclosed Location in Southwest Asia. This deployment earned her the OD&P Alpha Dog Coin. During this tour, Brandi served as the Unit’s Trainer. Brandi deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and Hurlburt Field, Florida. Mike Diercks (Korat) supported Brandi during each of her three tours.

Brandi separated from the USAF in 2013 and is currently pursuing a degree in Graphic Design, at Washington State University, Good luck in your new career and always remember the “Old Dawgs” will always be there to support you!



Other News concerning OD&P Graduates



It is our great pleasure to announce that Sean McKenna, Old Dawgs & Pups (Class of 2014), who deployed to the 380th ESFS, with his MWD Mushe, graduated from the Massachusetts State Police Academy on April 1, 2016. Trooper McKenna now begins a career in law enforcement with the “First” State Law Enforcement agency in the United States. Something tells us he might just spend some time looking around for a MSP canine slot in the future. David Priest (Korat) supported SSgt McKenna during his deployment. Congratulations from all of us Old Dawgs. Good luck – stay safe.



No explanation needed!

A thank you message from a fellow “Dawg Handler”

I am a USAF veteran handler/trainer and would like to pass a message on to our current generation of handlers that are doing such great things.

To all of you Young Dawgs out there, you know, the ones still holding the leash and wearing the uniform of your preferred branch of our outstanding military.

First of all, thank you for your service and for continuing the great and proud heritage of our Military Working Dog Program. We Old Dawgs spent our time on the leash and are very proud of all that you have accomplished and the lives you save on a daily basis.

Just getting in to the Military Working Dog Program is a challenge, much less making it through the training and learning that you come second to your partner. As you serve, take a minute here and there to study your heritage, to find out about all of the men and women that walked post before you. There are some great stories out there, and you are a part of this small family.

The handlers of the Second World War started this program and laid the foundation for what would become K-9. They too saved a great number of lives in their missions and lost brothers and dogs to the enemy. They and the handlers of the Korean War are our grandfathers, and after so many years there are not many of them left.

The Vietnam War is where our program really blossomed and if you are lucky enough to meet one of these handlers, either on line or in person, take the time to listen to them. Many of them are leading the charge in supporting your generation today. They own the trademark on what is modern K-9.

Again, Thank You for your Service. I have heard of the lives that you are saving and the sacrifices that you are making. Our nation owes you and your generation a great amount of gratitude. Thank you for carrying the water as we enjoy our everyday lives.

Be Well, Be Safe, Be Proud! To The Dawgs!

Curtis Hendel – USAF 1985-1991

(Served at Osan Air Base, Korea, and DTS Lackland, Texas)



MWD Ero 245J



SSgt Curtis Hendel/MWD Ero – Osan Air Base, Korea (1986-88)

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 – kevinsonka@comcast.net
<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"

30 April/1 May **2016/2nd Annual David Sonka Memorial War Dawg Weekend**
Rocky Mountain Dawgs Project
Buckley Air Force Base, Denver, CO

April 30 /May 1 **USMC CPL David M Sonka Iron Dawg Competition @ Buckley AFB, Aurora, CO**
May 30 **Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade – Truck & Trailer display**

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 2,748 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to April 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 **\$31,329.00** 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 **\$144,773.00** 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
357	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**