

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

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OVER ELEVEN YEARS SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS! MORE THAN 530 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED! 139 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported

More than \$149,832.00 of supplies shipped down range!

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting six (6) kennels and twenty-seven (27) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of August 15, 2016. September 2016 brings us to eleven years and two (2) 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.

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 Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS: TSgt Steven Lewis, Kennel Master, deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. Jon Hemp (TSN) supports TSgt Lewis.

SSgt Ryan Frederick & MWD Ares are deployed from the 460th SFS, Buckley AFB, Colorado and Bruce Bond (58th IPSD) supports the team.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS: SSgt Jordan Fuller & MWD Rocco are deployed from the 802nd SFS, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas and our newest OD&P Sponsor Jason Adams (Alpha Dog #15) supports the team.

SSgt Joseph Nault & MWD Ivar are deployed from the 45th SFS, Patrick AFB, Florida and David Priest (Korat) supports the team.

SrA Paul Little & MWD Jackson are deployed from the 27th SOSFS, Cannon AFB, New Mexico and Mike Fink (FoK) supports Team Jackson.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #4 – 879th ESFS: SSgt Matthew Lenegan & Kalo are deployed from the 99th SFS, Nellis AFB, Nevada. Mark Smoot (NKP) supports team Kalo.

Air For Paws – First Response Resuscitation Kits (New OD&P Partner) www.AirForPaws.com



It is our goal to provide lifesaving Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits to locations that support Military Working Dogs in the United States and around the world. We've shipped 420 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits, valued at \$42,000.00, to the 115 Military Working Dog detachments and treatment facilities in Southwest Asia, Europe, Africa, Pacific Commands, and stateside locations for MWD teams serving in the US Air Force, US Army, US Navy and the US Coast Guard.

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 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**

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 407th AEG/ESFS **NAS Fallon NAS Whidbev** Ft. Myer **RAF Lakenheath Ft. Eustis** Ft. Carson

380th ESFS **Ellsworth AFB** Laughlin AFB Whiteman AFB **Travis AFB Edwards AFB HO-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 820th COS Ft. Meade **Ft Campbell** 386th ESFS Det

386th 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. Rilev Ft. Sill **Peterson AFB**

879th 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 **386th ESFS HUB** Ft. Knox Ft. Polk **OD&P Stock**

Check out the article that has just been published on the history of "Air For Paws" https://issuu.com/jcljm/docs/gmhtoday_julyaug16_web/53?e=1325118/30000297

Heads At Ease Pillowcases



Sue Lamberson and "Heads At Ease" have re-upped to support our deployed troops as soon as they are in place during this deployment cycle. Their homemade pillowcases have been described as just being absolutely "awesome" and help to provide that hometown feeling for our deployed troops. Again we'd like to thank "Heads At Ease" for making sure our troops get a heads up on a good night's sleep. We'll get you guys on the list as soon as everyone gets settled in at their locations.



Yes, ANOTHER Generous Leatherman Donation to OD&P!

Our amazingly supportive friends at Leatherman have done it again, with another donation of top-notch gear for us to send directly overseas to our adopted dog handlers. We have been given more of the tough and incredibly versatile Leatherman Surge multi-tools, which have a suggested retail price of over a hundred bucks each. In addition, they donated some fantastic T7M super-bright LED LENSER flashlights.

The Surge has been the signature gift of the Old Dawgs & Pups program for more than ten years and are essential to our Pups in combat zones all over the world. Like all Leatherman multi-tools, the Surge is a durable combination of usefulness and portability; our Pups have reported using them for clearing jammed machine guns and repairing personal weapons, including the M4 carbine and M9 pistol, on hair-raising missions <u>outside</u> the wire.

Pups have also used them for everyday tasks including building a kennels from scratch. That's a lot of capability in a five-inch, 12 oz. package that can be hung on a belt or MOLLE gear, and it is definitely something we might have dreamed of during our tours to combat zones.



The flashlights are new models, heavier than what we have been given before but still small, lightweight, and with super bright LEDs. They have the unique LED Lenser focusing capabilities, plus great range and superior battery life. This new model is also big enough and rugged enough that you could feel confident using the cool glass-breaking tail, but it still weighs only a little over six ounces.



Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS



SSgt David Ferro & MWD Dasty completed a "high rise" training exercise recently. It's easy to see that the areas of responsibility are "high and wide" at some of our deployed locations. It's not a problem as you can clearly see on the right as Dasty is all over the "find" as SSgt Ferro prepares to pay Dasty for the find. Way to go Dasty! The team is deployed from the 55th SFS, Offutt AFB, Nebraska and Joe Palmer (Binh Thuy) supports the team.



SSgt Nicholas Bonello and MWD TToby are deployed from the 23rd SFS, Moody AFB, Georgia. OD&P sends our congratulations to SSgt Bonello for his selection to the rank of Technical Sergeant. Dixie Whitman (FoK) supports Team TToby during this deployment.

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



Hey this is a big time "haboob"! Thanks TSgt Steven Lewis for giving us a bird's eye view of what you guys have to put up with this time of year. Duck and cover? You bet you better find some cover. How would you like to look out your window and see this coming at you? N O T!



Left: SSgt Ryan Frederick & MWD Ares are geared up and ready to rock and roll! The team is deployed from the 460th SFS, Buckley AFB, Colorado, and Bruce Bond (58th IPSD) support the team.

Right: TSgt Kevin Davis & MWD Satie, much like SSgt Frederick and Ares took a moment before posting to send us this great photograph. The team is deployed from the 20th SFS, Shaw AFB, South Carolina. Team Satie is supported by Doc Hodges (Korat/Ubon).

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



After a hard days work; TSgt Kevin Davis & MWD Satie, found some time to chill. It's not hard to tell that Satie really likes to have her picture taken. She's all over this "selfie stuff". Enough of this action, Satie has decided to turn in for the night. She couldn't resist getting all dressed up for a good nights sleep. Team Satie is supported by Doc Hodges (Korat/Ubon).

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS

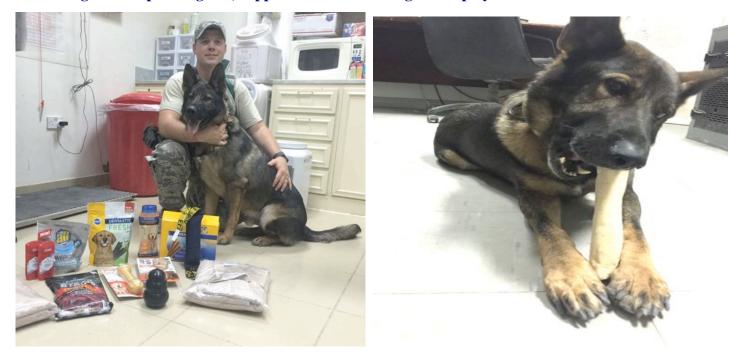


We'd like to welcome SrA Paul Little and MWD Jackson to Old Dawgs & Pups. The team is deployed from the 27th SOSFS, Cannon AFB, New Mexico and Mike Fink (FoK) supports the team during their first canine deployment. Jackson sure is looking good in those "RexSpecs" and boots – He's nearly geared in full battle rattle! Great looking dog team and we hope to see more photos in the coming months.

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



Selfies! Oh yes, we love selfies! That's SSgt Jordan Fuller & MWD Rocco in the photographs above. The team is deployed from the 802nd SFS, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. MSgt Jason Adams, our newest "Old Dawg" and Alpha Dog #15, supports the team during this deployment.



Everyone enjoys gifts from home. As we can see on the left, the team just received an awesome care package with personal items for Jordan and some very special "stuff" for Rocco. HB Care Packages, an organization that was formed in 2012 to support deployed troops, provided the packages.

It didn't take Rocco long to recognize and claim the articles from the shipment that are his. Something tells me that black kong is going to be the next target on Rocco's radar. That is one happy puppy!

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



MWD Lana, SSgt Mike Ruiz's partner takes a little break prior to shift gear up! On the right, Lana just heard the rattling sounds of leash and gear – time to go to work girl. She's high-speed low drag all the way.

The team is deployed from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona and Sean McKenna (USAF) supports the team during this deployment. Sean and Mike were kennel mates at D-M prior to Sean separating and joining OD&P as an "Old Dawg". This is one way to keep old friends together!



This is Mike's second tour with OD&P and Lana has previously deployed with our program also.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #4 – 879th ESFS



Here's what training looks like in very dark places! SSgt Matthew Lenegan and Kalo go through their paces during a training scenario. "Found that sucker – now lets get on to the next one" according to Kalo.



Well the works all done and now they have some time for a little bonding – a kong will sure take care of that situation and Kalo is all over it as expected. We'd like to welcome back SSgt Matthew Lenegan & Kalo for their second tour with OD&P. They were deployed with us in 2014 at another Southwest Asia location. They are deployed from the 99th SFS, Nellis AFB, Nevada and Mark Smooth (NKP) supports Team Kalo.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8 – 407th AEG/ESFS

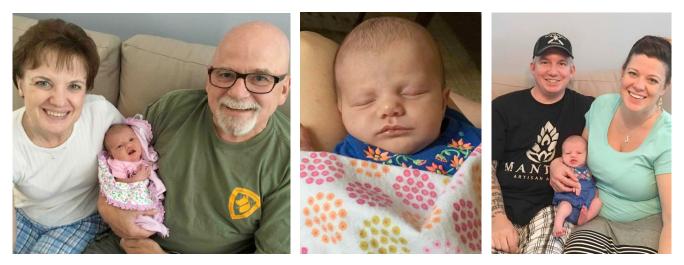


Sometimes you just have to take a minute and enjoy your partner. SrA Anthony Flores & MWD Tarzan did just that. The team is deployed from the 9th SFS, Beale AFB, California. On the right, Staff Sergeant Select Tony Flores proudly displays this promotion certificate and those "beautiful" stripes. Congratulations from all of us at OD&P Sarge – very well done.



SrA Flores needed a few things for his kennel, especially a water hose. Rich Vivio (U-Tapao) hooked him up with 100 foot to make sure he they had enough to cover the entire kennel area. He made sure the care package was stuffed with goodie just in case the guys were hit with a snack attack. Great Job Rich!

Other News concerning OD&P



We have a new dawg handler! Congratulations go out to Jim and Linda Stastny (Korat), on the birth of their grand daughter. This beautiful young lady, Evelynn Mae, is the daughter of Geoff and Krista (Jim and Linda's daughter) Dreaddy. Geoff was an Air Force Staff Sergeant who served in Iraq with a Red Horse unit. Evelynn Mae and her entire family are doing great!

Congratulations go out to our 2 pups that were recently selected for promotion to Staff Sergeant on August 25, 2016



Staff Sergeant	Deployed Location	Year	Sponsor(s)
Paul Little	Deployed Location # 2	2016	Mike Fink
Anthony Flores	Deployed Location # 8	2016	Rich Vivio

Way to go guys - Congratulations to all of our newest Staff Sergeants from all of us.



Lt. Col Erik Dutkiewicz presents SrA Paul Little with his certificate of promotion. On the right, Staff Sergeant (Select) Little proudly displays certificate of promotion. Mike Fink (FoK) supports Paul and his canine partner, Jackson during this deployment. The team is deployed from Cannon AFB, New Mexico.

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. 2016 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@gmail.com</u> http://www.rockymountaindawgsproject.org
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's 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"

September 22	Vance AFB/Tinker AFB Joint Feed - OK
September 24 – 25	Christopher Diaz Iron Dawg Competition – El Paso - TX
24-25 Sept	2016/4 th Annual Christopher Diaz Memorial War Dawg Weekend
	Guardian Angels Memorial, El Paso, Texas
15-16 October	2016 Michael Brodsky Memorial War Dawg Weekend (Pending)
	Dawgs Project and Rocky Mountain Dawgs Project
	Naval Base Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

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

At the time of this report we have 25 members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting 27 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 3,098 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to September 15, 2016. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported 139 kennels and 530 K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

We have purchased and shipped \$33,463.00 worth of supplies to 139 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 \$149,832.00 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

- 437 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 416 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 410 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits valued at \$41,000.00
- **392** Leatherman "Surge" Tools (165 donated by Leatherman)
 - The Leatherman "Surge"/MUTS/Flashlights/Knives/Toys donation is valued at \$71,949.00
- 203 * Leatherman Serac S3 Flashlights
- 148 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 110 * Leatherman M5 LED & T7M Lenser Flashlights
- **102** Alpha Dog Challenge Coins
- 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