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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 \$150,032.00 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. October 2016 brings us to eleven years and three (3) 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 no new pups to introduce this month.

#### Pups departing the AOR

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 332<sup>nd</sup> AEW/ESFS: TSgt Jesse Hall, SSgt Kyle Ingle & MWD Copy, SSgt Anthony Friday & MWD QQuake, SSgt Nick Chung & MWD Diyi, and SSgt Brandon Wainscott & MWD Herkules, will be returning to the 820<sup>th</sup> BDG, Moody AFB, Georgia before our next newsletter.



## **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.

332 <sup>nd</sup> ESFS	379 <sup>th</sup> ESFS	380 <sup>th</sup> ESFS	386 <sup>th</sup> ESFS	879 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>HQ-ARCENT</b>	ACC/Langley AFB	<b>RTC Ft. Bliss</b>
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	<b>Buckley AFB</b>
Jt. Base Lewis-McChord	Keesler AFB	Robins AFB	Jt. Base Langley	Dover AFB
Sheppard AFB	Ft. Huachuca	Naval Base Ventura	<b>CNRSW San Diego</b>	Kennel/Hold
Eielson AFB	Yakota AB	USCG – Seattle	<b>USCG – Galveston</b>	<b>Holloman AFB</b>
Naval Sub Base New London	407 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> COS	USFOR-A	386 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> ESFS Det	Peterson AFB	OD&P Stock

Check out the article that has just been published on the history of "Air For Paws" <a href="https://issuu.com/jcljm/docs/gmhtoday\_julyaug16\_web/53?e=1325118/30000297">https://issuu.com/jcljm/docs/gmhtoday\_julyaug16\_web/53?e=1325118/30000297</a>

#### OLD DAWGS & PUPS SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE



The shirts are a Jerzee 50/50 cotton/poly blend T-Shirt. They are \$20.00 per shirt (S-4XL) including shipping. The shirt is pictured above. They fit and feel great. Contact Bill Cummings for order information. Due to quantities needed for orders – once they are gone – they are GONE!

## **Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS**



SSgt Tyler Sexton & MWD Nido are deployed from the 23<sup>rd</sup> SFS, Moody AFB, Georgia. On the right Sexton & MWD Nido, along with SSgt Nicholas Bonello & MWD TToby, also from Moody show off the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter MWDTSA packages that just arrived. Dixie Whitman (FoK) supports both teams.



Left: SSgt Kevin Saicheck, Trainer, is deployed from the 375<sup>th</sup> SFS Scott AFB, Illinois, and Tracy Booth (USAF) supports SSgt Saicheck. The two served together years ago at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. From the look on his face it appears that "There better be some training going on here somewhere"!

Right: SSgt Adam Klockziem & MWD Tedy completed the 1.5-mile National POW/MIA Memorial run. Once again, K-9 led the way! The team is deployed from the 354<sup>th</sup> SFS, Eielson AFB, Alaska, and Rick Matott (Ubon) supports the team during this deployment.

## **Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Continued**



SSgt Jeremy Brown & MWD Grim are deployed from the 647<sup>th</sup> SFS, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii and Scotty Baker (Safeside) supports the team during this deployment.

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

## Are you ready for some football?



Left: SrA Paul Little & MWD Jackson are both big Boise State football fans and they are very proud to show their colors. With their support on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the BSU Broncos won their season opener against the Washington State Cougars on the blue turf of their home stadium by a score of 31-28. The team is deployed from the 27<sup>th</sup> SOSFS, Cannon AFB, New Mexico and Mike Fink (FoK) supports the team.

Right: We're not exactly sure how SSgt Sharif DeLarge's partner, MWD Luigi roots for, but it sure looks like their home opener didn't go that well. From the looks of that football, MWD Luigi was NOT pleased at all with the outcome! Shall we call incomplete, unnecessary roughness, or delay of game on this one? Team Luigi is deployed from the 802<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland and Ernest Childers (Udorn) supports them during this deployment.

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





TSgt Esther Standridge leads by example! On the right, TSgt Standridge lead the charge during the National Stair Climb for fallen Firefighters. The section created a K-9 team and climbed 28 flights of stairs at the Kuwait Air Control Tower taking "tags" with the picture of a fallen fireman. The team consisted of (left to right) SSgt Donald Weaver, SSgt Sharif DeLarge, SrA Travis Counts, TSgt Esther Standridge, SrA Frances Hopfer, and SrA Paul Little.

TSgt Standridge is deployed from the 27<sup>th</sup> SOSFS Cannon AFB, New Mexico, and Joel Burton (USAF) supports her. Way to go team 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS K-9.





Members of the unit received a Whey Power protein gift from Body Building.com to make sure they are prepared for their workout sessions. SrA Paul Little & Jackson and SrA Travis Counts & Ares showed their appreciation and represented the kennels for the gift.

SrA Counts conducting water training with MWD Ares at the installation pool. As you can see MWD Ares was not too fond of the water. They are allowed to utilize the pool on certain nights before the pool is cleaned. This allows for training and a little well deserved recreation.

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





SSgt Jordan Fuller & MWD Rocco are quite the team. As always, MWD Rocco loves to make a "fashion statement" with his RexSpecs gear. Jason Adams (Alpha Dog #15) supports the team deployed from the 802<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. All dressed up and plenty of places to go – GO Rocco.





Left: You know, sometimes training is just exhausting and you just need a little breather. That's SSgt Joseph Nault and MWD Ivar on the left grabbing a little piece of ground before training continues. The team is deployed from the 45<sup>th</sup> SFS, Patrick AFB, Florida and David Priest (Korat) supports the team.

Right: Full "battle rattle" is the name of the game. That's SSgt Sharif DeLarge and MWD Luigi geared up and ready to rock and roll. Desert sure makes for a challenging environment doesn't it? The team is deployed from the 802<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, and Ernest Childers (Udorn) supports the team during this deployment.

## **Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #4 – 879<sup>th</sup> ESFS**





Left: "Paperwork, paperwork!" We're sure that's what TSgt Carl Wolf, Kennel Master at this location is thinking. Kinda' sure that he's thinking "Wouldn't it be nice to just be a handler again?" TSgt Wolf was a member of the first team that OD&P supported back in 2006 at Ali Air Base, Iraq. He is deployed from Robins AFB, Georgia, and Jon & Michelle Sarabia (Alpha Dog #1) support him. Jon and Carl were kennelmates during this 2006 deployment. Welcome back Sarge!

Right: "He ain't heavy, he's my brother" seems to be what SSgt Brian Claypool is hinting. MWD Cigan was having a bad day and his partner was just offering a little comfort. That's what a good handler does. The team is deployed from the 20<sup>th</sup> SFS, Shaw AFB, and Doc Hodges (Ubon/Korat) supports the team.

## MWDTSA 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Packages – They've landed!



SUPPORTING BOTH ENDS OF THE LEASH SINCE 2006

# 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 for the third quarter packages that they sent down range to support our deployed troops. Along with troops from other services, they have sent packages to Old Dawgs & Pups deployed troops again this quarter. There are troops at six (6) deployed kennel locations in southwest Asia that are supported. This organization is a "CLASS ACT"! Please visit their website! More information will be in the upcoming editions of our newsletter.

## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 332<sup>nd</sup> AEW/ESFS Military Working Dog Team Support Association Packages Arrived





SSgt Nick Chung & MWD Diyi and SSgt Tony Friday and MWD QQuake), deployed from the 820<sup>th</sup> Base Defense Group (BDG), Moody Air Base, Georgia show off the incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter care packages that just arrived from the Military Working Dog Team Support Association (MWDTSA). Phil Mercil (Phu Cat) and Ken Smerecki (U-Tapao/Pleiku), respectively, supports these teams.





SSgt Brandon Wainscott & MWD Herkules and SSgt Kyle Ingle & MWD Copy, also from the 820<sup>th</sup> BDG, Moody AFB, Georgia show off their gifts. Bob Citrano (NKP) and Dixie Whitman (FoK) support the teams. The packages had a "pirate" theme, including patches for the dogs' eyes – COOL!

Thanks again Nikki Rohrig, and all the members and supporters of the MWDTSA, for supporting our troops in your wonderful program again this quarter. YOU GUYS ARE AWESOME.

# $Undisclosed\ Location\ Southwest\ Asia\ \#8-407^{th}\ AEG/ESFS$



Always ready to go – and always prepared. The  $407^{th}$  AEG/ESFS conducted some "serious" combat canine medical training recently and all hands were on deck. Preparedness saves canine and human lives.

## Other News concerning OD&P





Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) had a great weekend in El Paso, Texas, while attending the 2016 Christopher Diaz Memorial War Dawg Weekend, Feed the Dawgs event. While the weekend events centered on honoring SSgt Christopher Diaz, Bill was able to catch up with two "Pups" from previous deployments.

Above left, SSgt Aaron Escalante (Cadre at El Paso RTC and Alpha Dog #16) and SSgt Jason McCarthy (who had previously deployed to the 879th ESFS in 2015), who was supported by Sean McKenna (MSP), joined Bill Cummings for a photo at the "Feed". Above right, SSgt Escalante presented tactical training and other procedure reviews during his class instruction to out bound handlers. He did GOOD!

Bill was also fortunate enough to spend some quality time with Jon Hemp (The Dawgs Project) and Ron Aiello (U. S. War Dogs). A few adult beverages, plenty of laughs, and a lot of talk about Dogs & Dawgs!





Bill Cummings, on behalf of Old Dawgs & Pups, would like to express our sincere appreciation to TSgt John Whisman, SSgt Aaron Escalante, SSgt Devin Tiger, and the rest of the cadre for allowing us the opportunity to speak to the U. S. Air Force and U. S. Navy troops attending this training. Our program, along with the working relationships we have with the MWDTSA, US War Dogs, and Air For Paws, was presented to the troops so they know what support they have to look forward to going down range during their deployment. Bill also coined the youngest handler from each service and it was a great honor on both ends. A few Vietnam era and modern day stories were exchanged – NICE!

We are very excited to be able to "hook up" with the young sailors heading down range; it's been a long time since we supported Navy personnel. We're looking forward to having them back in the fold.

The cadre is part of the Det-3 AFSFC Security Forces Ground Combat Readiness Training Center known as Desert Defender, Fort Bliss, Texas.

## 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 – kevinsonka@gmail.com

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'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"

15-16 October 2016 Michael Brodsky Memorial War Dawg Weekend (Pending)

Dawgs Project and Rocky Mountain Dawgs Project

Naval Base Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

October 28 Quantico Iron Dawg Competition – VA

October 30 Marine Corps Marathon – Stand Tall on the Blue Mile - VA

## 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 October 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:

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 \$33,663.00 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 \$150,032.00 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)
- \* Leatherman M5 LED & T7M Lenser Flashlights
- 102 Alpha Dog Challenge Coins
- **\* 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 RexSpecs Goggles
- 10 Heavy Duty Handled Pails 9 Ouart (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