

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 536 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED! 141 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-five (24) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of December 15, 2016. December 2016 brings us to eleven years and five (5) 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 one (1) new pup to introduce this month.

#### Pups arriving in the AOR

**Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #7 – U. S. Navy:** MA1 Darryn Fiscus & MWD Oliver deployed from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Don Graham (Tuy Hoa) supports the team.

# **Old Dawgs & Pups T-Shirts**

# **4-2X Large Remaining**

NO more are available when these are gone.

**Contact Bill Cummings @ <u>usafbrutus@comcast.net</u> for information.** 

#### 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 **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 **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<sup>th</sup> AEG/ESFS **NAS Fallon NAS Whidbev** Ft. Myer **RAF Lakenheath Ft. Eustis** Ft. Carson

380<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Academv 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** 

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 **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" are in the process of shipping homemade pillowcases to our deployed MWD handlers. Their homemade pillowcases have been described as just being "awesome". Again, we'd like to thank "Heads At Ease" for making sure our troops get good nights sleep.

They are shipping 279 pillowcases to 13 deployed locations.



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



The cast of Captain America just visited our troops during a USO tour at this location on December 6, 2016. If you check the back row, SMSgt Tracey Booth, (Old Dawg and once a pup and the current sponsor of SSgt Kevin Saicheck – that's him center photo) also joined our crew for the USO visit.

\*According to The USO troupe -- actors Scarlett Johansson and Chris Evans; Olympic Gold Medalist Maya DiRado, NBA legend Ray Allen, Country Music star Craig Campbell and Mentalist Jim Karol -visited with units and service members at the base before taking the stage. (\* Jim Garamone/DoD News/Defense Media)



**Olympic Gold Medalist Maya DiRado with our troops** 

# Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Continued Thailand Signature Gifts have arrived!



SSgt David Ferro & MWD Dasty just received their OD&P "Signature" Thailand Handler gifts that included a Leatherman Surge, OD&P coin and patch. On the right, the team also received a great care package from Joe Palmer (Binh Thuy) and VFW Post 7539, Bloomingdale, Illinois. It's been a great week for Team Dasty! We're not sure who has the largest smile? David or Dasty – Awesome!



SSgt Jeremy Brown and MWD Grim also received their Thailand Handler gifts and took a minute to send us these great photographs and a awesome thank you note. The team is deployed from the 647<sup>th</sup> SFS, Jt. Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam AFB, Hawaii and Scotty Baker (Safeside) supports the team.

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



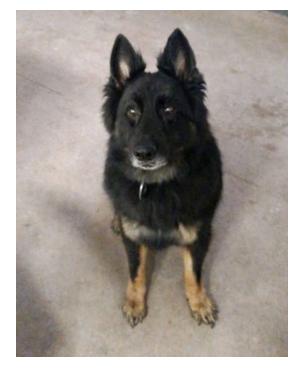
TSgt Kevin Davis and MWD Satie with their Thailand Handler gifts and a beautiful shot of Satie all decked out for the holidays. That patch sure looks good on that harness Sarge!



Team Satie participated in water apprehension drills. OK, this might be training, but it sure looks like a whole lotta' fun! Who would have thought there would be a tennis ball involved in the end for a reward? From her history Satie loves tennis balls.

The team is deployed from 20<sup>th</sup> SFS, Shaw AFB, South Caroline and Doc Hodges supports Team Satie.

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



Ok, this photo just doesn't need a caption. Look at that face. That's MWD Ares – He's the partner of SSgt Ryan Frederick. The team is deployed from 460<sup>th</sup> SFS, Buckley AFB, Colorado and Bruce Bond (58<sup>th</sup> IPSD) supports Team Ares.



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

TSgt Esther Standridge just received her OD&P "Signature" Gifts that included a Leatherman Surge, OD&P coin and patch. It also appears that the "locals" approved of the gifts! On the right, MWD Luigi (SSgt Sharif DeLarge's MWD) shows off their gifts that they received. TSgt Standridge is deployed from the 27<sup>th</sup> SOSFS, Cannon AFB, New Mexico and is supported by Joel Burton (USAF). Team Luigi is deployed from the 802<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland and Ernest Childers (Udorn) supports them.

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



SrA Paul Little's dog Jackson took charge of the Thailand Handler Gifts sent downrange to team. They are deployed from the 27<sup>th</sup> SOSFS, Cannon AFB, New Mexico and is supported by Mike Fink (FoK). As always, the grifts included a Leatherman Surge, OD&P coin and patch.

On the right, the Base commander at Undisclosed Location #2 coined MWD Jackson and SrA Little. The team was recognized for being December's 'Rock Solid Warrior'. Super job Team Jackson and keep up the great work. A Commander's coin is a big deal guys – a big deal.



Talk about a care package! Once again, SrA Little's sponsor, Mike Fink (FoK) came through with a gigantic "care package" this holiday season. Mike and his friends are known for putting together awesome packages for the troops that he has supported. Way to go Mike!

How about Jackson's new tie? He's looking pretty handsome – all ready to step out for the evening!

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



Guess who received an early Christmas present? MWD Kalo that's who! According to SSgt Matthew Lenegan, MWD Kalo, has really been getting into the Christmas spirit. He sure sports that hat pretty well. The team is deployed from the 99<sup>th</sup> SFS, Nellis AFB, Nevada. Mark Smoot (NKP) supports them.

# Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 332<sup>nd</sup> AEW/ESFS



Isn't it nice when the care packages start coming in from home? It sure looks like Beci is very pleased with his gifts from Christi Cryer and Chuck Rodgers (TSN). SrA Armando Monreal & MWD Beci, deployed from the 49<sup>th</sup> SFS, Holloman AFB, New Mexico. Christi Cryer and Chuck Rodgers (TSN) supports team Beci.

#### Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #7 – U. S. Navy



With their shift over MA3 Cory Coraggio & MWD Scamp take a break before they secure for the evening. But of course, the first order of business is a little playtime for MWD Scamp and then a little "loving". Ok, now down to some serious business, "OK, dad, this is my ball – be the ball, be the ball". The team is deployed from the NSSF Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut, and the team is supported by Bill & Janice Cummings (U-Tapao).



We'd like to welcome our newest pup to OD&P. MA1 Darryn Fiscus & MWD Oliver deployed from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. It sure is nice to have the U.S. Navy Master-At- Arms "represented" again in our program; it's been a long time since we had sailors on board. Don Graham (Tuy Hoa) supports the team. Both pup and sponsor hail from the great state of Pennsylvania.

#### Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #7 – U. S. Navy



Master-At-Arms 2 (MA2) Sean Ayoung & MWD Aron share some team time during a recent duty shift. The team is deployed from Naval Base San Diego, California, and Jon Hemp (TSN) supports Team Aron.

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



SrA Anthony Flores (Team Tarzan) is presented his OD&P "Signature" Gifts that included a Leatherman Surge, OD&P coin and patch. Almost forgot, TSgt Jacob Utley received his gifts also! SrA Flores is deployed from the 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California and Rich Vivio (U-Tapao) supports him during this tour. TSgt Utley is deployed from the 88<sup>th</sup> SFS, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, and Bob Curnick supports him during his second tour with OD&P.

On the right, SrA Flores gives MWD Tarzan a lift following a long duty shift. No problem bud!

# Other News concerning OD&P Old Dawgs & Pups first Chief Master Sergeant!



It is our great pleasure to announce that SMSgt Matthew Rebholz was selected for the rank of Chief Master Sergeant on December 8, 2016. Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, James A. Cody, presented Chief Select Rebholz with his promotion certificate at the Pentagon, in Washington, D. C.

Matt was the Kennel Master of the first group of troops supported by Old Dawgs & Pups on August 18, 2005, at the 407<sup>th</sup> AEG/ESFS, Ali Air Base, Iraq. He was deployed from the 1<sup>st</sup> SFS, Langley AFB, Virginia. Ben Cox (TSN) and Don Graham (Tuy Hoa) supported him during this tour.

Matt deployed again with OD&P in August of 2006 at Camp Diamondback, Iraq where Rick Matott (Korat) and Marie Zeak (FoK) support him during his second tour. In February 2008 TSgt Rebholz deployed to Ali Al Salem, Kuwait and Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) supported him during his third tour. This tour qualified Matt as our second Alpha Dog. He was presented his Alpha Dog Coin and Certificate on February 18, 2014 at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico by Bill Cummings.



Congratulations Matt from all of us at Old Dawgs & Pups – Our first Chief. You have made us very proud! This "Ole Dawg Handler" has made a mark on the career field and the "A" shred.

#### **Other News concerning OD&P**



It was a great day for Team Figo. First they received their OD&P T-Shirt and then a trip to see Santa. "Old Dawg" Sean McKenna and "Retired MWD Dawg" Figo give a "thumbs up" for their new OD&P T-Shirt. The team supports SSgt Mike Ruiz and MWD Lana, their old kennelmates during their downrange deployment. Sean you just rocked that shirt!

#### **Other News concerning OD&P – Continued**



TSgt Kevin Nelson (Alpha Dog #23) reenlisted on October 29, 2016. The ceremony was officiated by his brother, Kannibal, a United States Naval Officer, in Corpus Christi, Texas. TSgt Nelson currently has served more that seventeen years and this is his final enlistment heading to retirement.

#### **Our Newest Master Sergeant!**



Bill Cummings and 1st Lt. Steffon Batts "pinned on" MSgt Justin Kitts' (Alpha Dog #10) Master Sergeant stripes at a ceremony held at the 99<sup>th</sup> SFS, Nellis AFB, on November 30, 2016. We have to admit, MSgt Kitts can take a punch! Congratulations Justin from all of us at Old Dawgs & Pups.

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

Ernest Childers (Udorn) presented TSgt Kevin Nelson (802<sup>nd</sup> SFS) his Alpha Dog Coin (#23) on November 14, 2006 at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. TSgt Nelson completed three tours with OD&P. First, then-SSgt Nelson was deployed to FOB Warrior, Iraq (506<sup>th</sup> ESFS) from the 75<sup>th</sup> SFS, Hill AFB, Utah and John and Joan Smith supported him (U-Tapao). Out the door once again in 2012 from the 3<sup>rd</sup> SFS, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, he was deployed to the 455<sup>th</sup> ESFS, Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan as the Kennel Master; Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) supported him during this tour.

In January of 2016, TSgt Nelson was deployed to 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, once again as the Kennel Master. He deployed from the 802<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland; and Ernest Childers (Udorn) during his Alpha Dog tour. From all of us at OD&P, congratulations on earning your Alpha Dog status with Old Dawgs & Pups. Way to go Sarge!

# Thanks for your contribution to Old Dawgs & Pups

#### S\*M\*A\*R\*T (Special Military Active and Retired Travel) Club



We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the S\*M\*A\*R\*T club for their very generous donation to Old Dawgs & Pups. A thanks also goes out to Mike Regan (NKP) for being our tip of the sword for this donation. The Regan's are always promoting our program wherever they travel. Thanks again Texas for all your support for our troops downrange.

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

At the time of this report we have 23 members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting 24 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 December 15, 2016. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported 141 kennels and 536 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 141 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)
- 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