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(03/15/2017)

**OVER ELEVEN YEARS SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!**

**MORE THAN 559 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!**

**145 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported**

**More than \$150,329.00 of supplies shipped down range!**

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting six (6) kennels and twenty-nine (29) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of March 15, 2017. March 2017 brings us to eleven years and eight (8) 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 three (3) new pups to introduce this month.

### **Pups arriving in the AOR**

**Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS:** SSgt Sean "Cameron" McFadden & MWD DC are deployed from the 56<sup>th</sup> SFS, Luke AFB, Arizona and an old "56er" Karl Niemeyer (NKP) will support the team during this deployment.

**Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8 – 407<sup>th</sup> AEG/ESFS:** SSgt Meredith Jordan & MWD Duke are deployed from the 72<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and Joel Burton (USAF) support the team.

SrA Omar Araujo & MWD Sirius are deployed from the 72<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and Scotty Baker (Safeside) will support the team.

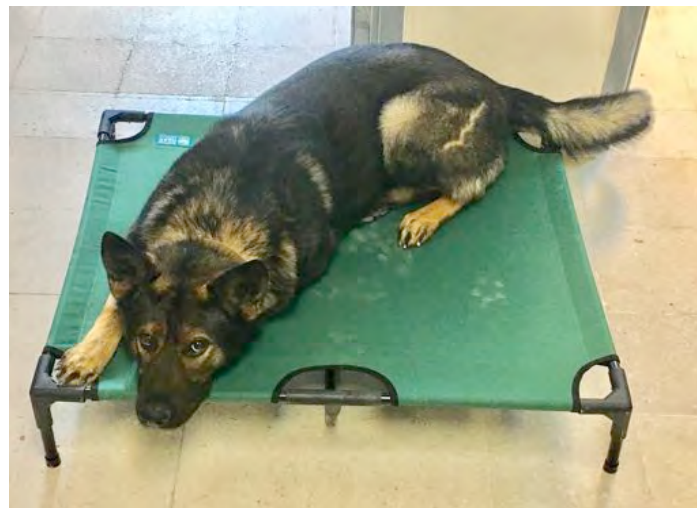
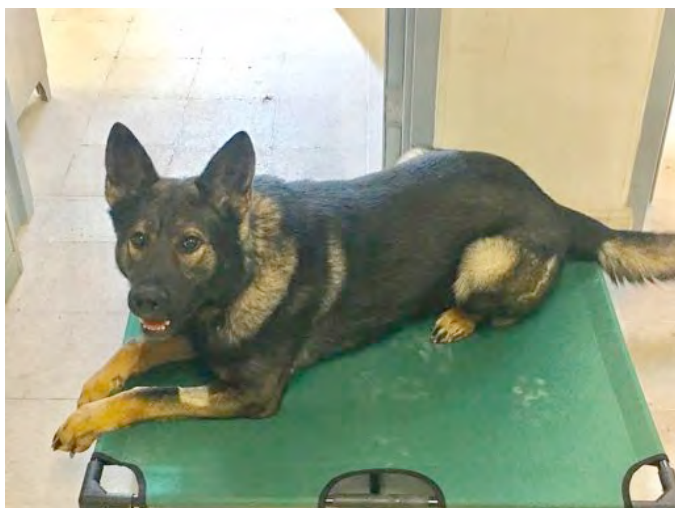


## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS



**Left:** SSgt Steven Watkins & MWD Onix are deployed from the 366<sup>th</sup> SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho and Joe Palmer (Binh Thuy) supports the team. This is SSgt King's second tour with OD&P. Sure is nice to have you back Sarge and we are looking forward to seeing more photographs of you and Onix.

**Right:** We'd like to welcome SrA Stephen Sanchez & MWD Edy to our program. Look at that face on that beautiful GSD! The team is deployed from the 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California and Mike Nelson (Udorn) supports Team Edy during their deployment.



Eight (8) Guardian Pet Cots have just arrived at the 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS. MWD Jimo gave the equipment a test ride and it sure looks like we have a “heads down” for a comfortable evening sleep coming up very quickly. Hopefully we can keep hips off the concrete and assist in providing comfort for the MWDs at this location.

We've shipped 156 of these cots down range since 2005 with the help of Pet Edge, Beverly, Massachusetts. A special thank you goes out to Tiffany Lemelin for all of her help and commitment to our program.

Please take the time to visit their website [www.petedge.com](http://www.petedge.com) for any of your pet needs. They have been our partners for more than eleven years. They offer great products and awesome pricing.



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



**Left:** TSgt Jacop Parker, Kennel Master, presents Top Dog Award for February 2017 to SSgt Steven Watkins and Onix. SSgt Watkins was also identified at the Squadron NCO “Hard Charger” of the month. SSgt Watkins is deployed from the 366<sup>th</sup> SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho and Joe Palmer (Binh Thuy) supports him during this tour.

**Right:** SrA Stephen Sanchez & MWD Edy, SrA Noah Medor & MWD Gray, and SSgt Watkins and Onix recently completed a 5K run at this location. Hey, that’s how K-9 rolls! SrA Sanchez is deployed from the 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California, and is supported by Mike Nelson (Udorn) and SrA Medor is deployed from the 21<sup>st</sup> SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado and is supported by Sean McKenna (MSP).

### “Pup/Old Dawg” SMSgt Tracey Booth Reenlists



**L-R:** SSgt Glover & MWD Pprada/R517, MSgt Justin Kitts “Pup/Old Dawg”, Lt. Co. Michael Borders/379<sup>th</sup> ESFS/CC (previously 56<sup>th</sup> SFS CC), SMSgt Tracey Booth “Pup/Old Dawg”, TSgt Jacob Parker/Kennel Master, and SrA Noah Medor & MWD Grey/T557 assist in the reenlistment ceremony of SMSgt Tracey Booth at this Undisclosed Location.

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

### “Pup/Old Dawg” SMSgt Tracey Booth Reenlists - Continued



**Top – L-R: SrA Kaleb Sermaeno & MWD Ben/W421, SSgt Dustin Braddy & MWD Jimo/X009, SSgt Timothy Glover & MWD Pprada/R517, SrA Noah Medor & MWD Grey/T557, SSgt Christopher Kench & MWD Beta/T254, SrA Miguel Bravo-Padin & MWD Cajun/W579, Lt Col Michael Borders and SMSgt Tracey Booth. SMSgt Booth salutes his Commander following his reenlistment oath. Awesome!**



**SSgt Timothy Glover & MWD Pprada/R517 and SrA Noah Medor & MWD Grey/T557 present double trouble for SMSgt Tracey Booth. What could be better than catching two MWDs during your reenlistment? We sure can't think of a better way to solidify your career path!**

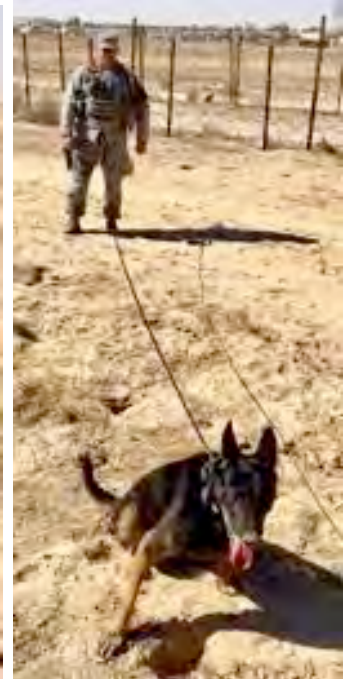


## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS



**Left: SSgt Danny Sanchez & MWD Rrudy are deployed from the 21<sup>st</sup> SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado and Phil Mendoza (USAF) supports Team Rrudy. How about that set of “Camos”. Cool or what?**

**Right: SSgt Tyler Shears & MWD Chico are deployed from the 460<sup>th</sup> SFS, Buckley AFB, Colorado and Jeff Besserglick (USAF) supports the team.**



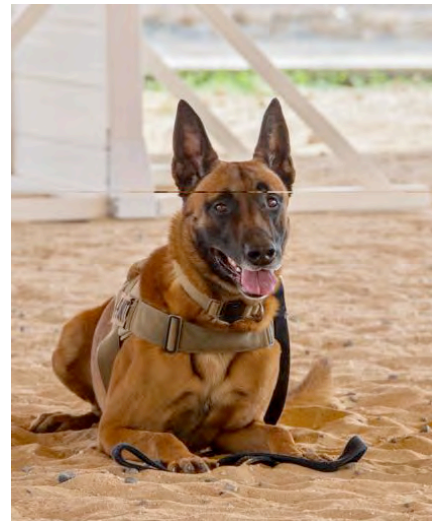
**SrA Jesus (Tony) Amaya & MWD Dingo hit the ground running as they checked out their new surrounds with a “practice run/training problem”. No problems here, Dingo is spot on during the exercise. The team is deployed from the 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California, and Martin Ratkowski (AFG), one of our newest “Old Dawgs” supports the team. Welcome aboard Tony and Martin.**



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



**You can run, but you can't hide. That's SrA Sara Yandell's partner, MWD Lloren, showing everyone how an apprehension goes DOWN! What a great take down. Oh, almost forgot, that's SSgt Sean McFadden on the bad end of the bargain. A picture can say a thousand words. How fast do you think SSgt McFadden is say "Can someone get this dog off of me?" SrA Yandell & Lloren are deployed from the 319<sup>th</sup> SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota and Bob Citrano (NKP) supports them.**



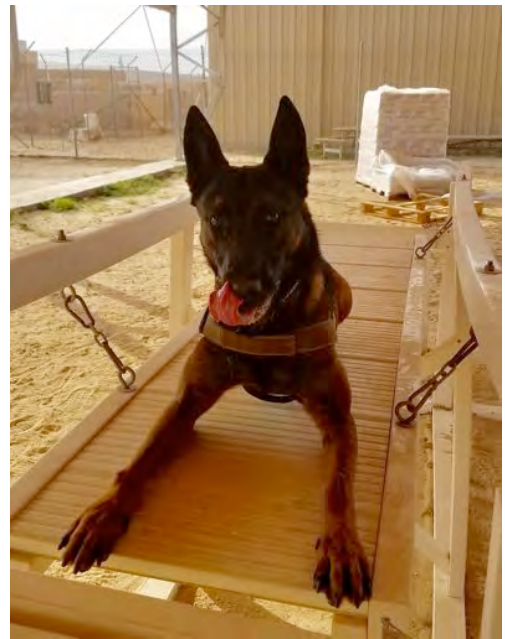
**"He's secure, we got control of him"! And the star of the show – MWD Lloren.**



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



OK let's go up top and see what's up there. That's exactly what SSgt Sean "Cameron" McFadden and MWD DC did. Up, up, and away. No problem here for Team "DC"! The team is deployed from the 56<sup>th</sup> SFS, Luke AFB, Arizona and Karl Niemeyer (NKP) an Old "56er" himself supports the team.



SSgt Sean King & MWD Zero stuck a few poses for us for this edition. In the center, they show the colors of their squadron, and on the right MWD Zero show how to transverse the bridge obstacle. SSgt King and his partner, MWD Zero are deployed from the 319<sup>th</sup> SFS, Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota and Mike Diercks supports Team Zero.





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



SSgt Joshua Rettschlag & MWD Onur joined in on the fun a “demo” for our Canadian allies. On the left, it’s “Ready, set” for Onur. As you might imagine, Onur had no problem with the next part of the situation – “GO”! From what we hear Onur had a little taste of our neighbors from up north in just a few seconds. Team Onur is deployed from the 366<sup>th</sup> SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and Rick Matott (Ubon) supports the team.



Left: Not one to miss out on activities, SSgt Tyler Shears & MWD Chico prepares to challenge decoy SSgt Brandon Andrews as the “demo” continued. Team Chico is deployed from the 460<sup>th</sup> SFS, Buckley AFB, Colorado and Jeff Besserglick (USAF) supports the team.

Right: SrA Adam Robinson & MWD Yyoda head out for some additional training following the exercise. The team is deployed from the 97<sup>th</sup> SFS, Altus AFB and Phil Marcil (Phu Cat) supports the team.



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



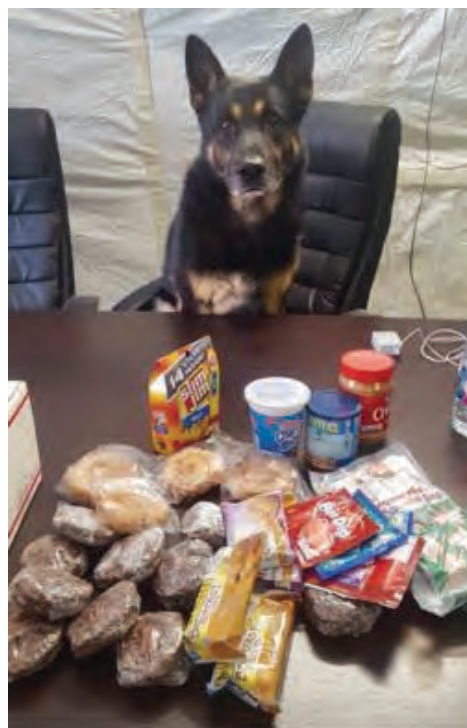
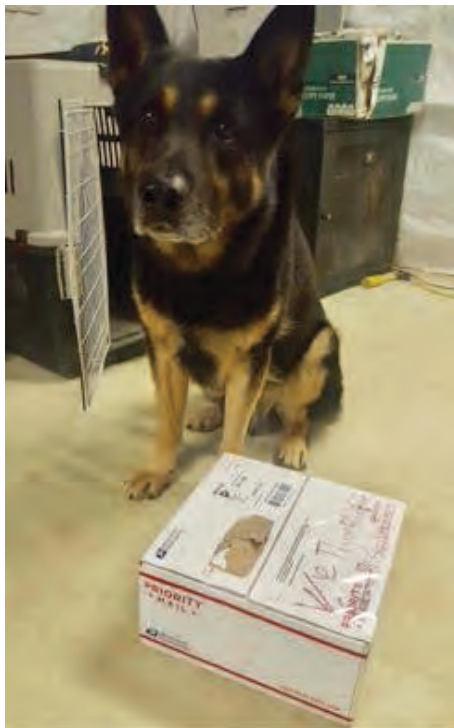
**SrA Kristen Kaltenbach & MWD Miko showcased their skills and capabilities during a base wide end of tour demonstration. Team Miko is deployed from the 4th SFS, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina and Bob Citrano (NKP) supports them during their tour.**



**MWD Tessa, SSgt Zachary Byerly's partner, just put on an awesome example of launch and hold. The team also deployed from the 4<sup>th</sup> SFS and Mark Smoot (NKP) supports the team. Great job guys!**

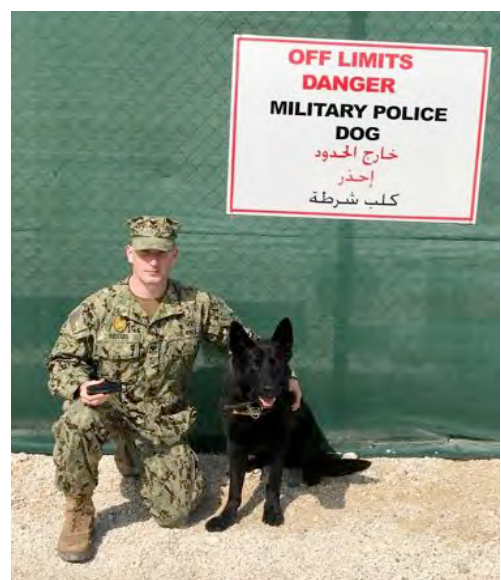


## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 332<sup>nd</sup> AEW/ESFS – Continued



MWD Beci, SrA Armando Monreal's partner, got up close and personal with the Valentine Day's package that Christi Cryer (FoK) sent them for the holiday. There are plenty of goodies for Beci and SrA Monreal to share for sure. The team is deployed from the 49<sup>th</sup> SFS, Holloman AFB, New Mexico. Way to go Christi, we are sure the team really appreciated the "love" from home!

## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #7 – U. S. Navy Thailand Handler Gifts



Our Navy "Sea Dogs" took some time to show off their Leatherman "Surges" that just arrived. MA 3 Cory Coraggio & MWD Scamp (NSSF Navy Submarine Base, New London, Groton, CT.), MA2 Sean Ayong & MWD Aron (Naval Base San Diego, CA) and MA1 Darryn Fiscus & MWD Oliver (Jt. Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI) wanted to let us know that the "Signature" Leatherman "Surges" can get the job done with no problem at all. It's going to be a piece of equipment that they will add to their everyday gear. Like they say – "Always be prepared" – Looks like me made that possible with our gifts.



## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #7 – U. S. Navy - Continued Thailand Handler Gifts



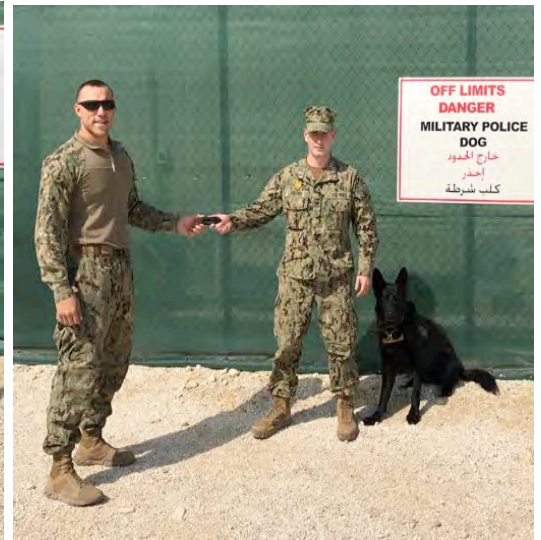
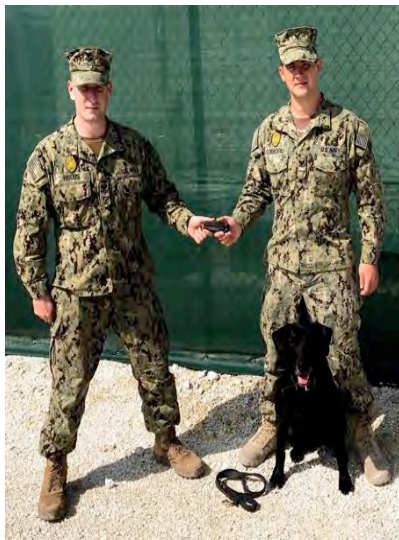
**MA3 Coraggio & Scamp  
Bill & Janice Cummings (U-Tapao)**



**MA2 Sean Ayoung & Aron  
Jon Hemp (TSN)**



**MA1 Darryn Fiscus & Oliver  
Don Graham (Tuy Hoa)**



Our “Signature” Thailand Handler gifts, consisting of a Leatherman Surge and Thailand Handler coins and patches have arrived and our Navy troops found to make the presentation special. They did it right! Each of the of handlers presented the gifts to each other. (Left) MA1 Fiscus presented to MA3 Coraggio & Scamp; (Center) MA3 Coraggio present to MA2 Ayoung & Aron, and (Right) MA2 Ayoung present to MA1 Fiscus & Oliver. These troops are just awesome and we really love having a Navy kennel to support.

MA3 Cory Coraggio sent along this message along with these photographs concerning our gifts:

“Here are photos of us presenting our awesome (Leatherman) multi tools that are amazing and work perfectly. They’re easy movable of each tool and the sand does not affect any of the performance. We all love the weight nice the perfect kind of heavy. The durability of the multi tool (Surge) is incredible overall and just n amazing tool. We love it so much thank you for them!!!!!!!!!!!!”



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



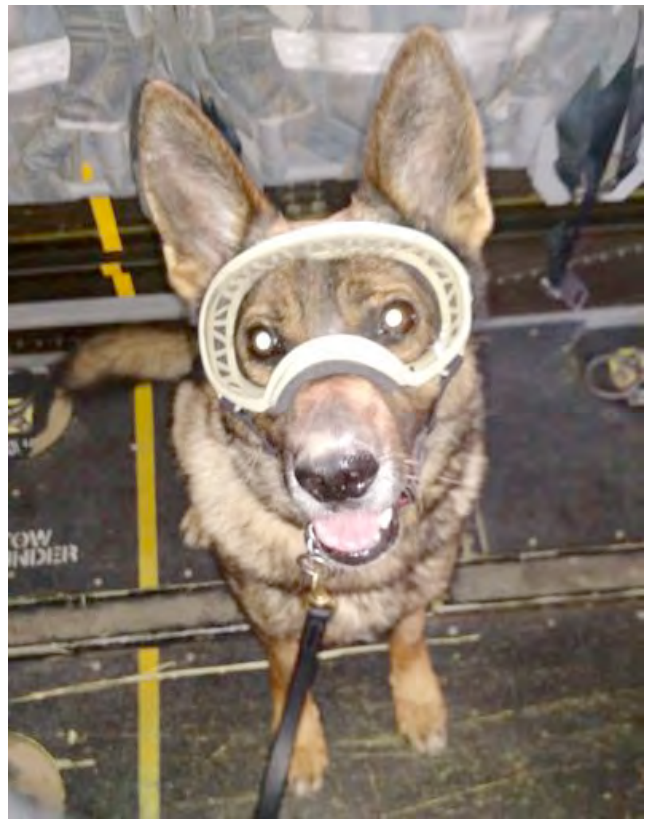
We'd like to welcome SSgt Meredith Jordan & MWD Duke to OD&P. The team is deployed from 72<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and Joel Burton (USAF) supports the team. As you can see, Duke likes to get out in the elements. What more could you want than a dog with a pair of RexSpecs and a Planet Dog Orbee just full of mud? That's product testing at it's best. That's Duke's all cleaned up on the right.



SrA Omar Araujo & MWD Syrius are deployed from the 72<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and Scotty Baker (Safeside) will support the team. Welcome to Old Dawgs & Pups Team Syrius!



## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8 – 407<sup>th</sup> AEG/ESFS – Continued



Sometimes you just need a nap! That's MWD Egon, SrA Carlton Isaacson's partner, taking advantage of a "warm, comfortable cot". Hey, the life of a MWD isn't always easy. On the right Egon shows off his new pair of RexSpecs. This dog knows two speeds – "Rest and Full Speed Ahead" – that's time management at it's best. The team is deployed from the 72<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, and Skip Davis (48 IPSD) support Team Egon.



It's time to show some good old-fashioned Military Working Dog patriotism and a little Security Forces "Swag"! That's MWD Gina next to our flag on the left. In the center, Gina dons the symbol of our career field – EVERY MWD looks great in a beret! On the right SSgt Chelsea Boe & MWD Gina share a little up close and personal time. The team is deployed from the 21<sup>st</sup> SFS, Peterson AFB, Colorado. Scotty Baker (Safeside) supports the team.



## Other News concerning OD&P

### Alpha Dog Coin and Certificate Presentation

Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) and Sean McKenna (Old Dawg/MSP) presented TSgt Jason Fields with his “Alpha Dog” Certificate and unique serial numbered Coin #22 from Old Dawgs & Pups on March 1, 2017 at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona during his retirement ceremony. TSgt Fields completed three tours with OD&P. First, then-SSgt Jones and his MWD Eddy (E049) were deployed at Ali Air Base, Iraq with the 407<sup>th</sup> AEG/ESFS in 2006. Phil Carroll (Takhli/NKP) and Don Graham (Tuy Hoa) supported him during this deployment. TSgt Fields deployed to Ali Al Salem with the 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS in Kuwait as the Kennel Master in 2013. Phil Carroll (Takhli/NKP) supported him during that deployment. TSgt Fields’ third deployment took him back to the 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait in 2016 as the Kennel Master. Phil Carroll (Takhli/NKP) and Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) supported Jason during his final tour. From all of us at OD&P, congratulations on your retirement and earning your Alpha Dog status with Old Dawgs & Pups. Good luck on your retirement dog man!





## Other News concerning OD&P – Continued



**Congratulations to TSgt Daniel Sayarot (and his partner, MWD Jimy) who sewed on that new Technical Sergeant stripe on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Dan deployed with OD&P in October of 2012 to Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia, with now retired MWD Figo and was supported by Jon Hemp (TSN). TSgt Sayarot is heading for Lackland AFB, Texas, as a “TF” in July. Good luck and congratulations from all of us at OD&P.**

**Old “Pup” Sean McKenna (now with the Massachusetts State Police), newly promoted TSgt Alexandra Springman, herself an old “Pup” (Kennel Master at the 355<sup>th</sup> SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona), and Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) took a minute together and shared some old times at TSgt Jason Fields’ (Alpha Dog #22) retirement on March 1, 2017. David Priest supported Sean during his tour at Al Dhafra, UAE, in 2014. TSgt Springman has competed two tours with OD&P and has been supported by Dave & Pat Broeker (2012 Eskan Village) and Jon Hemp (2015 Thumrait & an Undisclosed Location).**



**Sean McKenna & Retired MWD Figo and TSgt Alexandra Springman & Retired MWD Dexter just received their MWDTSA “Honor Box 13”. These boxes are awesome! We’d like to thank the MWDTSA for once again supporting our canine heroes even when they retire. Then SSgt McKenna & MWD Figo deployed to Southwest Asia with OD&P and they have been supported by David Priest (Korat) and Dave & Pat Broeker and Jon Hemp (TSN).**

**Please visit MWDTSA’s website for more information on this great organization: [www.mwdtsa.org](http://www.mwdtsa.org)**



## Other News concerning OD&P – Continued

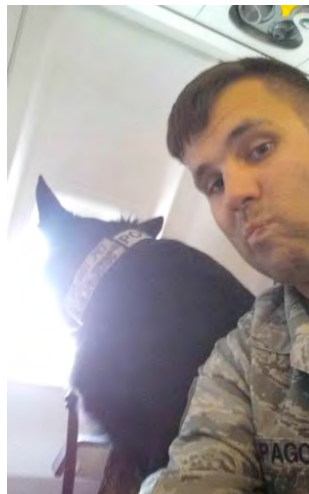


It is with great pleasure that we announce that two of our “Pups” have been recognized as “Master Military Working Dog Trainers” at the 341<sup>st</sup> Training Squadron, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland. The mission of the 341st Training Squadron is to provide trained military working dogs and handlers for the Department of Defense, other government agencies and allies through training, logistical, veterinary support and research and development for security efforts worldwide. Both “Master Trainers” PCS’d from the 355<sup>th</sup> SFS, MWD Section, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

TSgt Ian Porter and TSgt Paris Carman are graduates of our program. TSgt Porter deployed to FOB Shank, Afghanistan in 2011 with MWD Bruno and Ernest Childers (Udorn) supported the team. In 2013 TSgt Porter & MWD Lana deployed again to Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan; Jim Stewart (TSN) supported them. TSgt Paris Carman & MWD Diesel deployed to Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan in 2011 and then again in 2013 he deployed to Bagram Air Field (Mad Dog Kennel), Afghanistan as the Trainer/Supervisor. Larry Zacker (U-Tapao) and Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) support him, respectfully.

From all of us at OD&P - Congratulations, on a job so very well done. You have made us proud.

## No Explanation Needed



Look who got the window seat all the way home! (SSgt Corey Alpago & MWD Ilay – 2014)



## Feed the Dawgs Project 2017 Schedule

### *The Dawgs Project*

<http://thedawgsproject.com/index.html>



We're kicking off 2017! 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.

**Southwest Dawgs (CA, AZ, NV, & TX)**

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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](mailto:jonhemp@thedawgsproject.com)

Here is the Feed the Dawgs upcoming schedule for 2017 – Get Involved!

**You can view photos from all of our events on Facebook at "The Dawgs Project"**

18	March	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Harbor Dr. @ Vandergrift Blvd., Camp Pendleton, CA (Feed the Dawgs)
19	March	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton - Iron Dawg Competition, CA
14	April	Feed the Dawgs/Diaz Drive Dedication - MCAGCC 29 Palms, CA
22	April	Feed the Dawgs ~ Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ - Yuma Marines, Luke AFB, and US Army Fort Huachuca @ Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ

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

At the time of this report we have **28** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **29** 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 3,106 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to March 15, 2017. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **145** kennels and **559** 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 **\$33,960.00** worth of supplies to **145** 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 **\$150,329.00** 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.