

# THAILAND DOG HANDLERS

USAF Dog Handlers Who Defended Front-Line Combat Air Bases In Thailand Throughout The Vietnam War

## OLD DAWGS and PUPS

Dog Handlers of the Vietnam War Supporting US Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan

Sponsored by Thailand Dog Handlers at combat Air Bases during the Vietnam War



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(August 15, 2017)

**This issue of K-9 Supply/Old Dawgs & Pups Newsletter is dedicated to MWD Aron (R467) who was lost to the Military Working Dog world on July 17, 2017. U. S. Navy MA2 Sean Ayong was Aron partner at a deployed location in Southwest Asia. We are so sorry to hear of this loss. Thank you Aron for your service, dedication, and loyalty to our nation.**



**"Honestly don't know how or what to say. An entire part of me was ripped away today and I can't explain what you meant to me. You helped me through the hardest time of my life and gave me something to look forward to every day for the past year. I love you and I miss you with everything I have. You were the best partner and friend and I don't know what I'll do with out you thank you. Goodbye Aron RIP" (MA2 Sean Ayong's tribute to his partner).**

**MWD ARON R467 EOW: 07/17/17 MA2 Sean Ayong (USN).**

**Jon Hemp (TSN) supported MA2 Sean Ayong and MWD Aron**

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

**MORE THAN 570 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!**

***150 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported***

**More than \$154,539.00 of supplies shipped down range!**

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting seven (7) kennels and thirty-two (36) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of August 15, 2017. August 2017 brings us to twelve years and one month 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. We are currently supporting troops at seven locations in Southwest Asia. We have four new pups introduce this month.

### **Area of Operation Status - K-9 Teams Arriving in the AOR**

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 six locations in Southwest Asia.

**Undisclosed Location #1 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS:** TSgt David MacDonald, Kennel Master, deployed from the 19<sup>th</sup> SFS, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. Ben Jones (Alpha Dog # 17), one of our newest Old Dawgs supports him during this deployment.

SSgt David Wells, Trainer, deployed from the 42<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Doc Hodges (Korat/Ubon) will be supporting SSgt Wells during this deployment.

**Undisclosed Location #2 – 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS:** SrA Eric Sweat & MWD Kato are deployed from the 20<sup>th</sup> SFS, Shaw AFB, South Carolina and Bruce Bond (58 IPSD) supports them during this tour.

**Undisclosed Location #8 – 407<sup>th</sup> AEG/ESFS:** SSgt Sage Taylor & MWD Aruba are deployed from the 72<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and TSgt Alexandra Springman (USAF) supports them during their tour. TSgt Springman is one our newest Old Dawg – She deployed twice with OD&P – Welcome aboard both of you!

Our kennels are in transition and we expect to have more troops enrolled in our program and more photographs to share as they come on board during August. They are now just getting settled in at their deployed locations and they are just plenty busy!





# Air For Paws – First Response Resuscitation Kits (OD&P Partner)



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	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 <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



**OK, we got the cardboard box shredded and the electrical work on the fan is covered!**

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



The 379th MSG Commander recognized SSgt Amadio Apilado as the 3K Outstanding Performer for the January 2017. Congratulations Sarge from all of us at Old Dawgs & Pups. You did a great job and representing the 8<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, Beale AFB, California and your kennelmates and were always the “point of the sword” during your deployment. Great job! Rich Vivio (U-Tapao) supported him during his tour.



SSgt Steven Watkins just had a wonderful homecoming! There sure are a lot of smiles as our K-9 troop returned home to his family. Thanks Sarge for allowing us to share this moment with you and your family. SSgt Watkins is deployed from the 366<sup>th</sup> SFS, Mountain Home AFB and Joe Palmer (Binh Thuy) supported him during his second tour with Old Dawgs & Pups. Welcome home!



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



SSgt David Wells (Trainer) works out SrA O’Toole and MWD OOpey during a training exercise at this location. Our troops are just getting settled in and SSgt Wells just about has them in shape for the deployment. SSgt Wells is deployed from the 42<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Maxwell AFB, Alabama and Doc Hodges (Korat/Ubon) supports him during this deployment.

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



MWD Zero, SSgt Sean King’s partner, takes a final look around the desert as their tour comes to a close. On the right, you can almost hear MWD Zero saying, “ Ok, lets get our bags packed, we’re outta here”! The team was deployed from the 319<sup>th</sup> SFS Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota and Mike Diercks (Korat) supported Sean during his second deployment with OD&P.

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



It doesn't get much better than getting home, getting on your Harley with a family member and hitting the road. SSgt Sean King has filled in all the boxes and is now well into enjoying his family and friends back in "the world".

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



Sometimes awards arrive just a little late. We'd like to congratulate SSgt Zachary Byerly on his selection as the 4<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron 2016 Outstanding Flight Level NCO of the Year from Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. Mark Smoot (NKP) supports Zach during his second tour with OD&P.



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



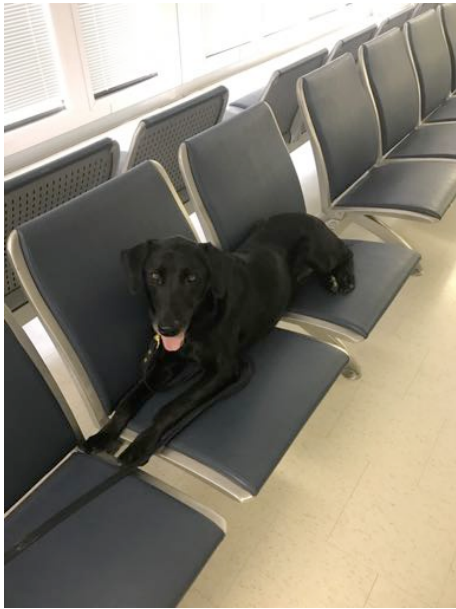
**You can always tell when it's time to rotate home! MA2 Cory Coraggio & MWD Scamp spending some time bonding and kickin' back before getting ready for their going home packing. Scamp sure is styling in those sunglasses. Bill & Janice Cummings (U-Tapao) supported Team Scamp during this deployment.**



**Scamp has the cooler protected and is just chillin' waiting for her relief.**



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



The first leg of their trip home included a stop at the terminal. Then a little exercise (first time that they've seen grass in quite a while) on their first stop for MWD Scamp and MA2 Cory Coraggio.



OK, we're on the plane and ready to roll. What's this? Oh no, we got "palletized" for another short hop!



Settling in for a little computer time and then "finally" it's naptime until we touch down in the world. It's been a great deployment, but it's time to get home. As you can see, these are "first class accommodations" for our troops going to and coming from the AOR. After three stops and about seven days and a seven-hour car ride the team arrived stateside. Great job you two. Anchors away!



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



We'd like to introduce SSgt Sage Taylor & MWD Aruba – 72<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. TSgt Alexandra Springman, one of our newest Old Dawgs (USAF) supports Team Aruba downrange.

## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #9 – CENTCOM MWD PM



MSgt Joshua Hicks made it home on August 4<sup>th</sup> and had a great homecoming with his wife Casey (and his Mustang convertible). Thanks Sarge for all of the help you gave OD&P during this deployment. It was great having you for a second tour. Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) supported Josh during his second tour. We're not sure but this might be Joshua's last K-9 deployment – what a shame. He's a dog man's dog man!

## Other News concerning OD&P

### We have new “Pup” Technical Sergeants



SSgt Jesse Aquino  
SSgt Dustin Cain  
SSgt Anthony Cruz  
SSgt Victoria Dames  
SSgt Krystle Draper  
SSgt Jeremy Hayes  
SSgt Sean Phelan  
SSgt Andres Tovar  
SSgt Kyle Tredway

2015/Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait  
2013/Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait  
2014/Ai Udeid Air Base, Qatar  
2015/Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait  
2016/Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia  
2012/Ai Udeid Air Base, Qatar  
2015/Undisclosed Location SW Asia  
2015/Undisclosed Location SW Asia  
2010/Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait  
2012/Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait

Sponsor – Bob Citrano  
Sponsor – Mike Nelson  
Sponsor – Dixie Whitman  
Sponsor – Bill Cummings  
Sponsor – Steve & Lise Gattis  
Sponsor – Doc Hodges  
Sponsor – Sean McKenna  
Sponsor – Al Harmer  
Sponsor – Jay D. Jones  
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### (M)Sgt Mary Boyer reenlistment ceremony



(M)Sgt Mary Boyer takes the oath of office during her reenlistment ceremony at the “Incline”, Manitou Springs, Colorado, on August 9<sup>th</sup>. 1Lt. Cooper Emmons of the 90<sup>th</sup> SPTS, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyoming, officiated the ceremony. Mary and her partner MWD Tomy were deployed with OD&P at Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan, in 2011 and Steve and List Gattis (CRB) supported them during the deployment.

**Congratulations from all of us at Old Dawgs & Pups!**



## 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"**

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|----|-----------|--|
| 30 | September | 5th Annual Christopher Diaz Memorial War Dawg Weekend, El Paso, TX                           |
| 1  | October   | 5th Annual Christopher Diaz Memorial War Dawg Weekend, El Paso, TX                           |
| 7  | October   | Feed the Dawgs ~ Beale Joint Northern Regional (Beale AFB, Coasties SFO, and Travis AFB), CA |
| 28 | October   | Feed the Dawgs ~ NAS Lemoore, CA   |

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

At the time of this report we have **32** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **36** 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 3,256 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to August 15, 2017. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **150** kennels and **570** 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 **150** 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 **\$154,539.00** 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)
- 422 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (**195 donated by Leatherman**)
  - The Leatherman "Surge"/MUTS/Flashlights/Knives/Toys donation is valued at **\$75,309.00**
- 416 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 410 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits valued at **\$41,000.00**
- 203 \* Leatherman Serac S3 Flashlights
- 156 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 120 K-9 Patches/Decals and other AllK9Stuff and AllPoliceStuff (Gifts to Handlers) (**\$850.00**)
- 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**