

# 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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(October 15, 2017)

**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 four (4) kennels and thirteen (13) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of October 15, 2017. October 2017 brings us to twelve years and three 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. We are currently supporting troops at seven locations in Southwest Asia. We have no new troops to introduce this month but we have two new kennels in the forecast.

### **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 four locations in Southwest Asia.



**Stand by for incoming troops in November!**

# 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

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



How's this for a self-help project? Our troops at this location found a little "turf" for their training yard. From what we hear "A lot of self-help work went into the ground prep and laying of the turf to improve training conditions at the kennels". K-9 still being K-9 after all these years! GTG guys.

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



It looks like our K-9 officers from the Montgomery County Police Department (Maryland) K-9 Section have already swung into action with a gigantic care package downrange to SSgt Myron McIntosh & MWD Iismael. Team Iismael are deployed from the 42<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Way to go K-9 supporting K-9. Old school all the way. On the right, MCPD Officer Chris Jordan Harper is honored during the Washington Nationals First Responder Day. Man, this teaming is awesome.

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

We have new troops on the ground and we should have them paired up by the next newsletter. We also have a “big surprise” for one of those troops!

**Some things just never change!**



Remember these guys? It was just spotted at a MWD kennel near you. Oh those were the days.



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



MWD Aruba knows if you're not first you're last! 9/11 ruck with K-9 leading the way!



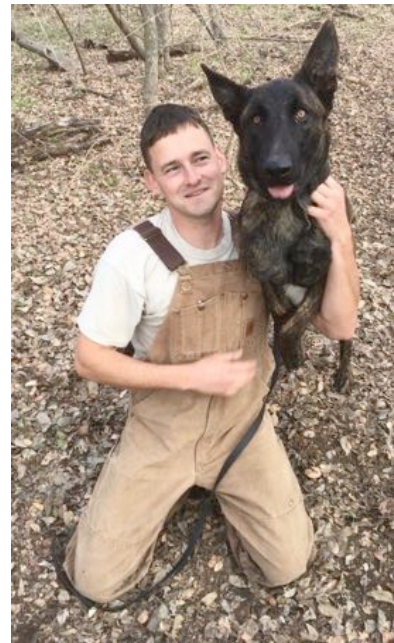
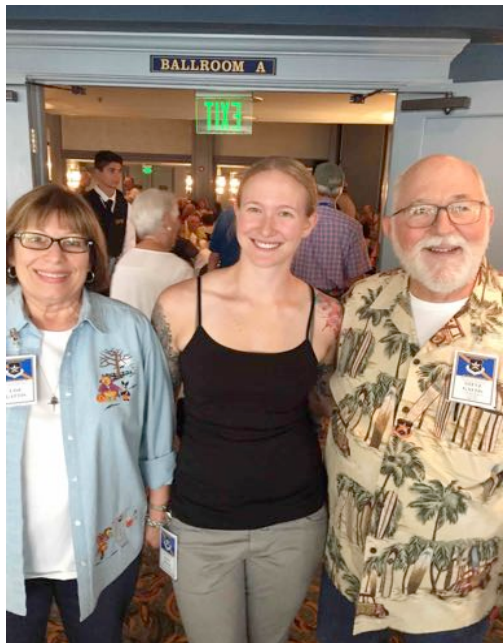
Left - MWD Aruba ready for duty! Any questions? Right – Aruba just making sure all is in order.

Team Aruba is deployed from the 72<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. SSgt Sage Taylor & MWD Aruba are supported by TSgt Alexandra Springman (USAF).



## Other News concerning OD&P

The Old Dawgs just had a blast at the Vietnam Security Police Association reunion held at Jt. Base San Antonio - Lackland, Texas and here's are some of the troops we saw. A few photographs of troops we have supported over the years. What a great feeling it was to finally meet the great troops. We had troops all over Lackland at the 802<sup>nd</sup> Security Forces Squadron and the 341<sup>st</sup> Training Squadron. Dogs, we had dogs everywhere you looked – it was such a pleasure to meet all of our troops.



Left to Right: (Left) Lise Gattis/TSgt Mary Boyer/Steve Gattis (Steve & Lise Gattis), (Center) SSgt Steve Watkins (Joe Palmer), Mary Boyer (Gattis'), and Bill Cummings, and (Right) SSgt David Cope (John & Carolyn Risse) at the 341<sup>st</sup> Training Squadron – training dogs!



Left to Right: (Left) TSgt Nick Lewis & Katie Lewis (Davis Priest), (Center) MSgt Pablo Martinez (Phil Carroll/Bill Cummings), (Right) SSgt Kyle Tredway (Jay D. Jones).

Socializing, dog training, field training, enjoying the VSPA reunion and banquet – our Old Dawgs and our Pups just did it all. Thanks again TSgt Lewis and the members of the 802<sup>nd</sup> SFS for doing such a great job putting up with us old guys for a week. What a great time for everyone involved.



## Other News concerning OD&P - Continued



We caught this group and grabbed a photograph at a “Red Patch” ceremony for TSgt Stephanie Pecovsky #50 at the 341<sup>st</sup> Training Squadron on Lackland. TSgt Victor Sanz (Jon Hemp), TSgt Ian Porter (Jim & Nancy Stewart/Ernest Childers), Bill Cummings, MSgt Steven Kaun (Charlie Blood), and MSgt Casey Ouellette (David Priest). If you ever get the opportunity to attend an event like this – GO!



Everywhere you looked on the dog side of the base at Lackland we kept running into our “Pups”. On the left SSgt Tyler Wiseman (MSgt Justin Kitts) was working with new dog handlers. Center - MSgt John Grice (Jim Stastny & Bill Cummings) was certifying new dogs, and finally 802<sup>nd</sup> SFS Trainer, TSgt Sharif DeLarge (Ernie Childers) was like bad money – He was all over the place with his hair on fire “doing 70 in a 40” to make sure our reunion guests were taken care of completely! Thanks Sarge.



## Other News concerning OD&P – Continued



It's banquet time for the VSPA reunion. Left – Top to bottom rows: Janice Cummings, TSgt Daniel Sayarot (Jon Hemp), and Bill Cummings. TSgt Alexander Springman (Dave & Pat Broeker and Jon Hemp) and TSgt Victor Sanz (Jon Hemp) joined our group for dinner and they won all the prizes.

On the right TSgt Daniel Sayarot and TSgt Alexandra Springman had the opportunity to meet Robert Throneburg (377<sup>th</sup> SPS) and Sentry Dog Nemo's handler. Robert enjoyed bridging the gap between our Vietnam era and the handlers of today.



It was a Davis-Monthan Air Force Base mini-reunion also! On the left TSgt Paris Carman (Larry Zacker) joined in the celebration at TSgt Daniel Sayarot's graduation ceremony. The two served together at DMAFB, Arizona. On the right Janice and Bill Cummings enjoyed the reunion with TSgt Alexandra Springman. She is completing her training as a MTI (Military Training Instructor) at Lackland. They might want to change the name to Jt. Base San Antonio – Davis-Monthan.

## Other News concerning OD&P – Continued



He's come a long way – it big time now! TSgt Daniel Sayarot recently completed his training to qualify as a MTI (Military Training Instructor) and he will now have the careers of young airmen in his hands. Lets look back a little to 2012 when SrA Sayarot & MWD Figo (now retired) were deployed to the 64<sup>th</sup> ESFS, Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia during his first K-9 deployment and his introduction to OD&P. John Hemp (TSN) supported Team Figo down range after they met at a Feed the Dawgs event at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. Trust us, TSgt Sayarot is high-speed low drag. SSgt Sean McKenna, who also deployed with OD&P (2014), has adopted MWD Figo (K345) and they are both enjoying life in Massachusetts. Congratulations Dan from all of us at Old Dawgs & Pups!

### Thought you'd like to know - just for conversation!

We know that many of you have heard of the DoD Small Breed Program (DDD SB). We're not sure if you have every seen one of these awesome canines. On a recent trip to Naval Base San Diego, California, we ran into a real honest to goodness K-9 legion. Here's MWD Crash and this is one fantastic member of the K-9 world doing his job each and every day with his handler Master-At-Arms McCullah.



MWD Crash is also known to be an escape artist, if you see him patrolling the station by himself call 911! These dogs are used for searching in confined spaces where they are needed. They are just awesome.



## 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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<http://thedawgsproject.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](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"**

28 October Feed the Dawgs ~ NAS Lemoore, CA  
4 November Feed the Dawgs ~ Edward AFB, CA – War Dawg Memorial Pavilion Dedication

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

At the time of this report we have **11** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **13** handlers assigned to four (4) 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 October 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**