

# 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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(November 15, 2017)

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

**MORE THAN 575 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!**

**152 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 five (5) kennels and thirteen (13) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of November 15, 2017. November 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 six (6) new troops to 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 five locations in Southwest Asia.

**Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 332<sup>nd</sup> AEW/ESFS:** TSgt Kristopher Hall, Kennel Master, 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California, is back for his third (Alpha Dog) tour. Sean McKenna (USAF) and Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) will support him during this tour. Welcome back Kris!

TSgt Sean Jenkins & MWD Pieter are deployed from the 45<sup>th</sup> SFS, Patrick AFB, Florida. Mark Smoot (NKP will support Team Pieter during this tour.

SSgt Kevin McCray & MWD Pajk (PJ) are deployed from the 99<sup>th</sup> SFS, Nellis AFB, Nevada and Justin Kitts (USAF) will support Team PJ during this deployment.

**Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #12 – ASG KU DES:** SPC Raven Vignait & MWD Max are deployed from Ft. Hood, Texas and they are supported by our newest sponsor, Nikki Rohrig (MWDTSA).

SGT Travis Hawthorne & MWD Greco are deployed from Ft. Lewis, Washington. Skip Davis (48 IPSD) will support Team Greco during this deployment.

SPC Dakota Scott & MWD Levi are deployed from Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Bruce Bond (58 IPSD) will support Team Levi during this deployment



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

[www.AirForPaws.com](http://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  
 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 Whidbey  
 Ft. Myer  
 RAF Mildenhall  
 RAF Lakenheath  
 Ft. Eustis  
 Ft. Carson

380<sup>th</sup> ESFS  
 Ellsworth AFB  
 Laughlin AFB  
 Whiteman AFB  
 Travis AFB  
 Edwards AFB  
 HQ-ARCENT  
 MacDill AFB  
 Hansom AFB  
 Tyndall 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

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 Nellis AFB  
 Barksdale AFB  
 F E Warren AFB  
 USAF Academy  
 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. Riley  
 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



MWD Rita



MWD Tex

Starlight star bright – what will I see tonight (circa war in Iraq).

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



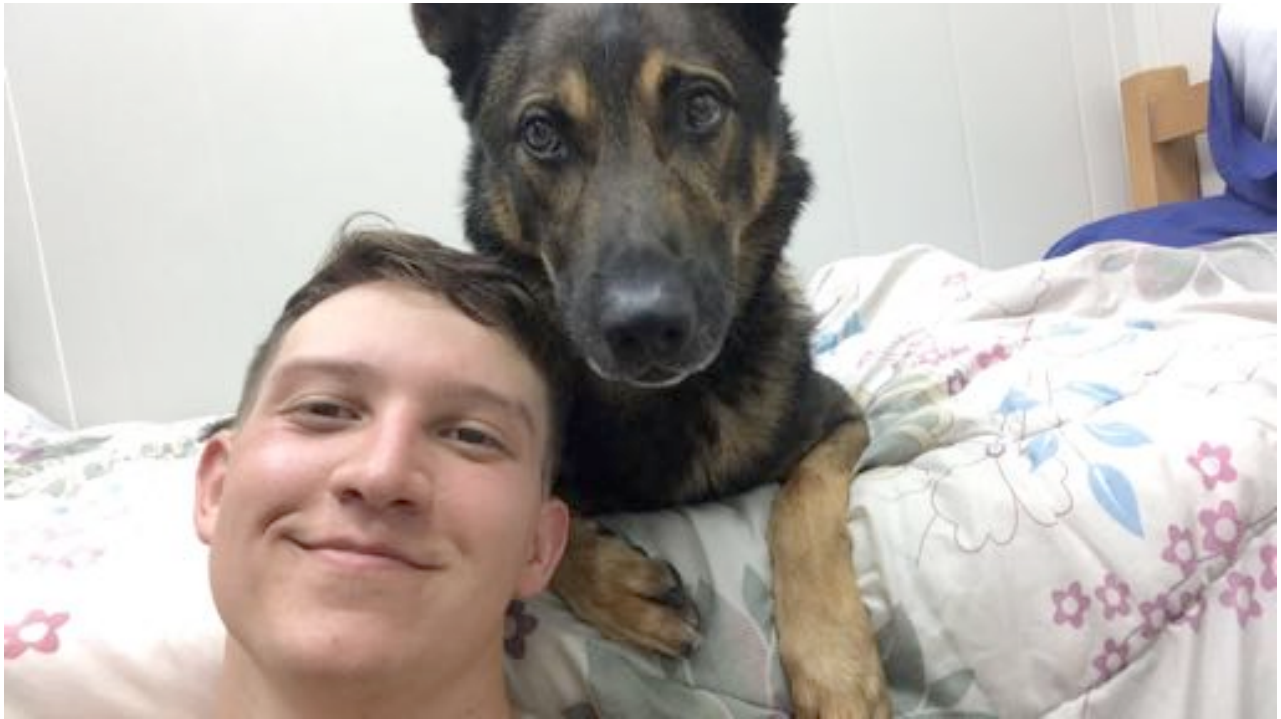
CMSgt Matt Reholz (Alpha Dog #2) and SMSgt Tracey Booth (Pup/Sponsor) recently went on a road trip and visited the kennels at the 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS. In the photograph above, (L-R) KM TSgt David MacDonald (Ben Jones/Alpha Dog #17), Chief Reholz, Trainer SSgt David Wells (Doc Hodges/Ubon & Korat), and SMSgt Booth spent a day with the “puppies and handlers”. Word has it that all had a great time. Thanks Chief and Senior for taking the time to spend with our pups. So glad you guys are still promoting our program.

On the stairs – (L-R) SrA Hurbis & MWD Cola; SSgt Ratchford & MWD Toki; SSgt Soto & MWD Tony; SSgt Stone & MWD Huge; and SSgt Farley & MWD Bady.



Team 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS following the 911 Ruck

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



**The boys just hanging out together! SrA Eric Sweat and Kato, deployed from 20<sup>th</sup> SFS, Shaw AFB, South Carolina, are just great buddies. It looks like Kato is really interest in something or he just likes “selfies”? Bruce Bond (58<sup>th</sup> IPSD) supports Team Kato during this deployment.**



**Kato is really not convinced that this medical procedure is exactly what he really expected. Kato picked up a few splinters during a search (he caught some good ones) so he got a shave and a haircut to make sure all of the splinters were removed. Regardless, a little down time never hurt anyone. No sweat, SrA Sweat will ensure that his partner is good to go and all will be great when he gets back to 100%.**

## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Continued Thailand Dog Handler Gifts arrive at the 386<sup>th</sup> ESFS



TSgt Michael Urquhart presents SrA Eric Sweat our OD&P “Signature” Thailand Handler gifts. The gifts included a Leatherman Surge, OD&P coin and patch and Allk9suff.com gear. SrA Sweat and his canine partner Kato are deployed from the 20<sup>th</sup> SFS, Shaw AFB, South Carolina, and the team is supported by Bruce Bond (58<sup>th</sup> IPSD) and TSgt Urquhart is deployed from McConnell AFB, Kansas, and Jay D. Jones (Korat) supports him during this deployment. SrA Sweat made sure to tell us that “The Leatherman is awesome (been needing a new one) and the patches and coin are great. Thank you for the support out here”.



TSgt Michael Urquhart (McConnell) and SSgt Myron McIntosh (Maxwell) present each other our OD&P “Signature” Thailand Handler gifts. Jay Jones (Udorn) supports TSgt Urquhart and Johnathan Green (MCPDK9) supports SSgt McIntosh. As usual, our troops really appreciate the Leatherman Surge, OD&P coins and patches and the Allk9suff.com gear. Thanks guys for your service also.

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

TSgt Kristopher Hall, Kennel Master, 9<sup>th</sup> SFS, Beale AFB, California, is back for his third (Alpha Dog) tour. Sean McKenna (USAF) and Bill Cummings (U-Tapao) will support him during this tour. Welcome back Alpha Dog! TSgt Hall and his troops have hit the ground running. Here he is with partner from 2015, MWD VVladimir. Welcome back Sarge. Ok back in the office for some of that KM work!



TSgt Sean Jenkins & MWD Pieter are deployed from the 45<sup>th</sup> SFS, Patrick AFB, Florida. They are getting settled in as the team takes in the surrounds. It looks like Pieter might have been digging for some of the “local dirt” – Check out that nose! Mark Smoot (NKP) supports the team during this tour.

These guys just look like they are having fun all of the time. The guys just hanging out and having fun! Something tells us that the forthcoming photographs from this team are going to be awesome. Standby for incoming – this should be fun.

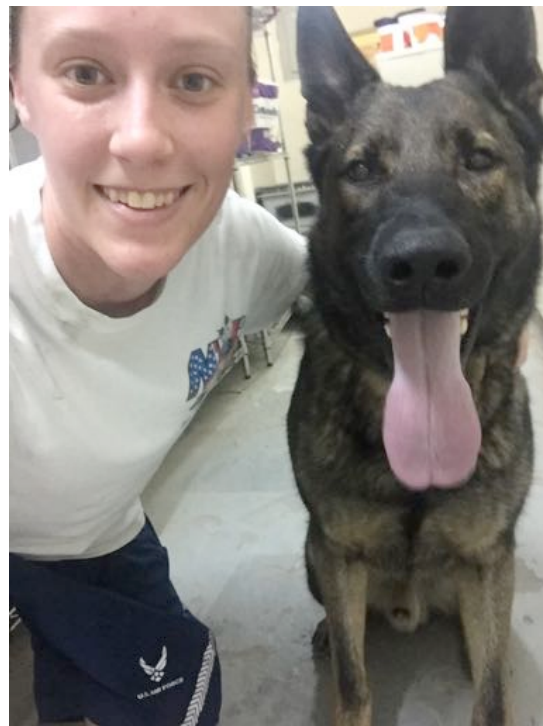
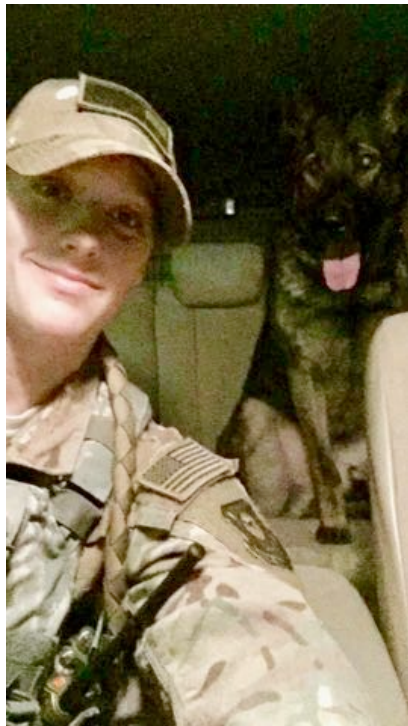


## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5 – 332<sup>nd</sup> AEW/ESFS - Continued



SSgt Kevin McCray and MWD Pajk (PJ) are now “Boots on the Ground” at this location. Team PJ is deployed from the 99<sup>th</sup> SFS, Nellis AFB, Nevada and Justin Kitts will support the team during their tour. This is “PJ’s” third tour with OD&P. He’s one of multiple Alpha Dog Dogs that we have supported.

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



SSgt Sage Taylor and MWD Aruba are keeping up the tradition of “Guardians of the Night” on the left. Team Aruba relaxes after participating in the 9/11 ruck. It must have been a Tuesday, that tongue is out and rolling. These guys are everywhere! Team Aruba is deployed from the 72<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. TSgt Alexandra Springman (USAF) supports SSgt Sage Taylor & MWD Aruba.

## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #12 – ASG KU DES – U. S. Army:



We have an new ARMY kennel and we're "Good To Go" (GTG) with our newest soldiers and their canine partners. On the left is SGT Travis Hawthorne & MWD Greco deployed from Ft. Lewis, Washington and Skip Davis (48<sup>th</sup> IPSD) will support Team Greco. On the right are SPC Raven Vignati and MWD Max who are deployed from Ft. Hood, deep in the heart of Texas. Our newest sponsor, Nicki Rohrig (MWD TSA), supports team Max and I think we're going to have to keep our eye on this team and sponsor. They are high speed – low drag!



You know it's going to be a great day when your partner searches you in case you're hiding any rewards! We'd like to introduce SPC Dakota Scott and MWD Levi. The team is deployed from Ft. Benning, Georgia, and Bruce Bond (58<sup>th</sup> IPSD) supports our newest "Soldier Dawgs".



## Other News concerning OD&P



**Congratulations to TSgt Alexandra Springman on her recent graduation from Military Training Instructor School at Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland. (L-R) TSgt Daniel Sayarot joined TSgt Springman for the ceremony. That's our new MTI, TSgt Springman in the center, and on the right TSgt Springman, TSgt Wendy (Montellese) Lewis (current KM at DMAFB), and TSgt Sayarot strike the MTI pose! All three are graduates of OD&P. Dave & Pat Broeker (U-Tapao) and Jon Hemp (TSN) have sponsored TSgt Springman, TSgt Montellese-Lewis was supported by Patsy Perrotto (NKP), and TSgt Sayarot by Jon Hemp (TSN). Congratulations TSgt Springman – we're very proud of you at OD&P.**



**Look who we ran into at the "Feed the Dawgs" event at Edwards AFB, California. Yup, that SSgt Angela Jones (Trainer at Vandenberg, AFB, California) who deployed from 99<sup>th</sup> SFS, Nellis AFB, Nevada in 2013 to Kuwait with MWD Chester. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) supported her and MWD Chester during their deployment. Chester is now retired and is assigned to Fort Living Room, California.**

## Other News concerning OD&P - Continued



Eric Johnson (Phan Rang), Ken Smerecki (U-Tapao & Pleiku) and Bob Citrano (NKP) showed our Old Dawgs & Pups “Colors” at the VSPA reunion in San Antonio. You guys make these shirts look great.

**Thank you for supporting our Old Dawgs & Pups troops!**

Thank you to MWD TSA, U. S. War Dogs, and VFW Post 7539, Bloomingdale, Illinois for the scheduled and delivered “Care Packages” to all of the kennels and K-9 troops that we support in Southwest Asia. You guys are just damn awesome. Thanks for your continued support.



**MWD TSA**  
MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAM SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

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FYI – Some of the packages from these organizations are already showing up at our deployed locations and the troops really appreciate all of the support. Thanks again MWD TSA, United States War Dogs Association, and the VFW Post 7539, Bloomingdale, Illinois. You guys are just awesome!

## **Feed the Dawgs Project 2017 Schedule**

*The Dawgs Project*

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



We're finishing up 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)

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

**This is the last "Feed the Dawgs" event for 2017. What a program. See you in the spring of 2018.**

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

**18 November Feed the Dawgs ~ Naval Base Ventura County, CA**

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

At the time of this report we have **12** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **13** handlers assigned to five (5) 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 November 15, 2017. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **152** kennels and **579** 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 **152** 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**