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OLD DAWGS and PUPS

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

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(January 15, 2018)

OVER TWELVE YEARS SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!

MORE THAN 580 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 fourteen (14) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of January 15, 2018. January 2018 brings us to twelve years and six 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 (0) new troops to introduce this month.

Area of Operation Status - K-9 Teams leaving 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 #1 – 379th ESFS: TSgt David MacDonald, Kennel Master, is returning to Little Rock AFB, Arkansas.

SSgt David Wells, Trainer/Supervisor, is pack and heading home to Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS: TSgt Michael Urquhart, Kennel Master, should be back to the cold weather at McConnell AFB, Kansas.

SSgt Eric Sweat & MWD Kato are making plans for their return trip to Shaw AFB, South Carolina.

SSgt Myron McIntosh & MWD Iismael are heading home to Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8 – 407th AEG/ESFS: SSgt Sage Taylor & MWD Aruba should be back home to Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.



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 nd ESFS	379 th ESFS	380 th ESFS	386 th ESFS	879 th 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 th 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 th COS	USFOR-A	386 th 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 th ESFS Det	Peterson AFB	OD&P Stock



Courtesy Joe Doc Tetreault

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS



There is only one question here! Who wore it best? SSgt Eric Sweat or MWD Kato?

The troops at this location organized and participate in a “K9 recognition run/ruck”. They raised \$250.00 during the event and donated the funds to MWDTSA for all the packages they’ve sent out to them during their tour. Is this awesome or what?



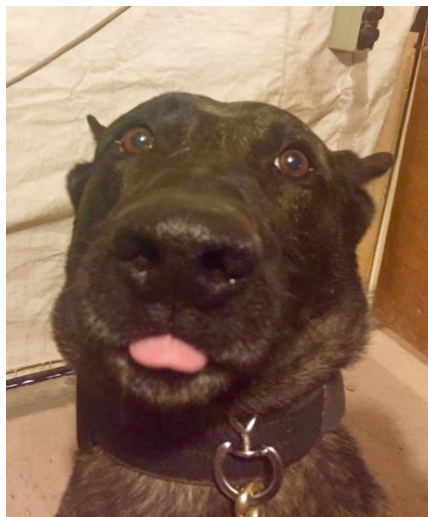
Can you think of a better way to end a “Run/Ruck” event than with a Military Working Dog “demo” for all of the participants who helped you raise money? NOPE! Thank you to all of the troops at the 386th ESFS K-9 for giving back and supporting the sponsors who supported you! What a great example of K-9 up and showing off your skills and talents for the other troops at this location.

SSgt Sweat & MWD Kato are heading back stateside as they end their tour in Southwest Asia.

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



TSgt Sean Jenkins recently raised his right hand and repeated the following “I, Sean Jenkins, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.” Congratulations TSgt Jenkins from all of us at OD&P for your commitment to protect our freedom.



One a less serious note, MWD Pieter took a few minutes to enjoy the holiday spirit and made sure his stocking was hung for the big night where everyone could find it. Making sure he had been a good boy, he decided to make sure Sean knew he was ready to be recognized as the great partner. In the center photograph, Pieter show his “Tongue out Tuesday” pose and on the right he showed off his balancing skills. The team is deployed from the 45th SFS, Patrice AFB, Florida and Mark Smoot (NKP) supports Team Pieter. Way to go guys – K-9 leads the way.

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

“OK, Who’s Kong is this? That certainly seems to be the question on MWD Nero’s mind. Team Nero is deployed from the 45th SFS, Patrick AFB, Florida and Bobbie Ohm, our newest “Old Dawg” and former pup will support the team during their deployment. This is definitely an example of zeroing in on the target. Times up Sarge, give Nero that %^(# Kong!



How about a little training time?



(Left) SSgt Kevin McCray having a little fun as he catches MWD VVladimir during a training session. SSgt McCray is deployed from the 99th SFS, Nellis AFB, Nevada and MSgt Justin Kitts (USAF) is his sponsor during his tour. On the right, SSgt McCray and his MWD Pajk (PJ) are ready for their turn for a little training and maybe some “decoy location time”. Eyes straight-ahead PJ, it looks like the good times are about to happen.

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



It was a great Christmas day for Team Aruba. First you pose next to the Christmas tree and then you go out for a little exercise. SSgt Sage Taylor & MWD Aruba finished up a 5K run on Christmas day and apparently Aruba felt he was more deserving of the T-shirt than SSgt Taylor. It sure didn't take Aruba long to claim the prize. Team Aruba is deployed from the 72nd SFS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. TSgt Alexandra Springman (USAF) supports SSgt Sage Taylor & MWD Aruba.



MWD Aruba takes a little time to check out the surroundings at this deployed location. It's always a great time for playing in a sand pile. It's been a great tour and hopefully soon the team will be back to their home location. A little leave, some catch up training then them back to work. Life is good!

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



SPC Raven Vignait & MWD Max, deployed from Ft. Hood, Texas, took a little time to relax after the holidays. Is this a “Hallmark moment” or what? Nikki Rohrig (MWDTSA) supports team Max.

Other News concerning OD&P



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of RMWD Figo (K345). Figo was born on 1 June 2005 and passed over the Rainbow Bridge on 7 January 2018. This hero spent his retirement years with the McKenna Family (Sean, Figo, Michaela, Nancy and Michael) in Massachusetts. Sean McKenna, Figo’s final partner, and his adopted dad expressed it very heart felt. “You touched all of us, from the Davis-Monthan AFB family to my own. It was an honor to be your handler”.

MWD Figo served three (3) tours in Southwest Asia: 2010 – 380th ESFS, Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE with SSgt Jose Valdez; 2011 – 355th ESFS, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan with SSgt Manuel Rodriguez, Jr.; 2012 – 64th ESFS, Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia, with SSgt Daniel Sayarot; and his final duty station at the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona with SSgt Sean McKenna. Brother Figo, rest peacefully, we got your six! Thank you for your service; you will always be remembered fondly and as a hero for ensuring the defense of our country.

Feed the Dawgs Project 2018 Schedule

The Dawgs Project

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



We're up and running for 2018! 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.

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

You can view photos from all of our events on Facebook at "The Dawgs Project". See you in the spring.

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

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Here is the Feed the Dawgs upcoming schedule for 2018 – Get Involved!

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**17 February 2018 19th Annual War Dog Memorial, March Air Field Museum
22550 Van Buren Blvd, March Air Reserve Base, CACA (invitational barbeque)**

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

At the time of this report we have **13** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **14** 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 January 15, 2018. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **152** kennels and **580** 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**