

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
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(February 15, 2018)

OVER TWELVE YEARS SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!

MORE THAN 580 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!

154 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 ten (10) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of February 15, 2018. February 2018 brings us to twelve years and seven 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 two (2) 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 #1 – 379th ESFS: SrA Vanessa Soto & MWD VVenice are deployed from the 802nd SFS, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) will support Team VVenice during their deployment.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS: SrA Nicole Meyer & MWD Nido are deployed from the 23rd SFS, Moody AFB, Georgia. One of our newest "Old Dawgs" and former "Pup" TSgt Mary Boyer will support the team during their deployment.



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



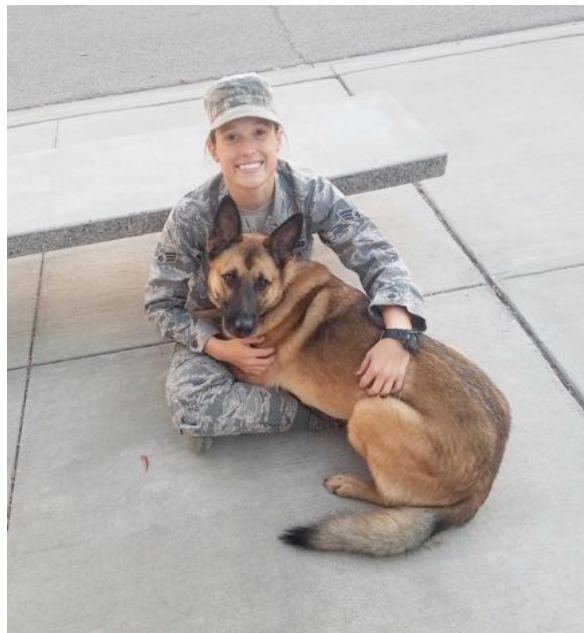
Courtesy Joe Doc Tetreault

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS



Some of us met SrA Vanessa Soto & MWD Venice at the VSPA reunion at Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland in October. We'd like to welcome them to our OD&P program. Team Venice is deployed from the 802nd SFS, Jt. Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) will support Team Venice during their deployment. The photographs were taken during their pre-deployment training. We've been assured that there are plenty more to come during their deployment. Awesome!

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS



We'd like to welcome SrA Nicole Meyer & MWD Nido, deployed from the 23rd SFS, Moody AFB, Georgia to OD&P. One of our newest "Old Dawgs" and former "Pup" TSgt Mary Boyer will support the team during their deployment. Welcome aboard Team Nido!

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



The Miami Dolphins cheerleaders stopped by during a USO tour and our troops at the 332nd AEW/ESFS pulled out all of the stops to show them how the military working dog program really works. SSgt Christopher Whelehan & MWD VVladimir, deployed from the 9th SFS, Beale AFB, California made sure that the cheerleaders got the full treatment during the visit. This young lady showed “no fear” as she took on VVladimir. They really are tough down in Miami. Those Dolphins are nothing to mess with on or off the field. That’s team VVladimir in the photographs at the top of the page preparing for the demo.

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



SSgt Jessica Blevins & MWD Mega, deployed from the 97th SFS, Altus AFB, Oklahoma, also helped out with the demonstration. Pretty good “selfie” wouldn’t you say? That’s Mega showing the colors and country pride in the middle, and Mega sure looks great in those goggles! Thanks Sarge for all your help.

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



According to SPC Raven Vignait, she swears that MWD Max is just “Not you when you’re hungry”! That low blood sugar has certainly effected all of us one time or another. 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

(M)Sgt James Colip trades in his SF badge for an Instructor badge!

TSgt James Colip recently completed cross training to be a Professional Military Education Instructor (8T000) following his return from his deployment last year with OD&P. As they say, "Up and onward". He was selected for hire at Inter-European Air Forces Academy while deployed and upon his return selected for MSgt first time around! While assigned to IEAFA he will be instructing/facilitating leadership courses for our European partners supporting 51 allied countries consisting of ranks from E-5 to O-4 with both in-residence and travelling courses across the European theater.

In 2017 James was deployed as the Kennel Master at the 386th ESFS from the 377th SFS, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. Bob Sullivan supported him during that deployment.

James was able to personally meet his sponsors, Bob and Sig Sullivan, during some free time while TDY to Alabama. While together they shared a few beers, numerous stories, and further cemented their OD&P relationship. This team is the example as to what OD&P is all about! James has decided to cross into the Old Dawg side and stepped into the sponsorship role as he has finally hung up his leash but cannot leave K9 behind.



This is how our program works!

Other News concerning OD&P - Continued



We just received a message from our only four time deployed “Pup” Kimmie Harting with some great news. “Hey there, I Just wanted to send you an update! Sorry it’s been so long! Being retired and I still seem too keep busy! My girl turned 13 today! So blessed to you all for all you’ve done and continue to do for her and all the other MWD’s! I truly don’t think she’d be here without your help and support. From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much! Kimmie and MWD Gina MWD Gina/L521.

Thank you for supporting our Old Dawgs & Pups troops!

Thank you to MWDTSA, U. S. War Dogs, and VFW Post 7539, Bloomingdale, Illinois for the “Care Packages” that are arriving 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.



Feed the Dawgs Project 2018 Schedule

The Dawgs Project

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



We've finished 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.

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".

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

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17 February 2018/19th Annual War Dog Memorial, March Air Field Museum
22550 Van Buren Blvd, March Air Reserve Base, CA. invitational barbeque

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 **10** 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 February 15, 2018. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **154** kennels and **582** K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

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Please review photographs, press releases, and more about our ongoing programs.

We have purchased and shipped **\$33,960.00** worth of supplies to **154** 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**