

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



<http://www.war-stories.com/odap/ws-odap-index.htm> - "Old Dogs & Pups"

(June - July - August 2018)

It's been a great thirteen-year ride.

With this edition of K-9 Supply our program will officially come to an end.

Effective August 14, 2018 "Old Dawgs & Pups" will cease operation. It's been an awesome program for all of our Vietnam era handlers, supporters, friends, and sponsors. We can't begin to thank everyone for making our program a success. Without you we could not have supported our deployed handlers.



As you have heard us say for many, many years

K-9 UP!

Old Dawgs & Pups

THIRTEEN YEARS SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!

583 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!

154 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported

More than \$167,211.00 of supplies shipped down range!

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting two (2) kennels and three (3) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of July 15, 2018. We will be closing the books officially on August 14, 2018 as our last teams for Southwest Asia return stateside. That will bring us to thirteen full year of operation for as “Old Dawgs & Pups” program. Once again, I’d just like to say thank you to all of you that have supported our awesome program and especially our troops and their canine partners. We are currently supporting troops at two (2) locations in Southwest Asia. We have no further troops to introduce.

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).

Area of Operation Status - K-9 Teams leaving the AOR

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS: SrA Vanessa Soto & MWD VVenice should be packing to return to JBSA-Lackland, Texas. They just aren’t going to catch a break on the heat and humidity stateside.

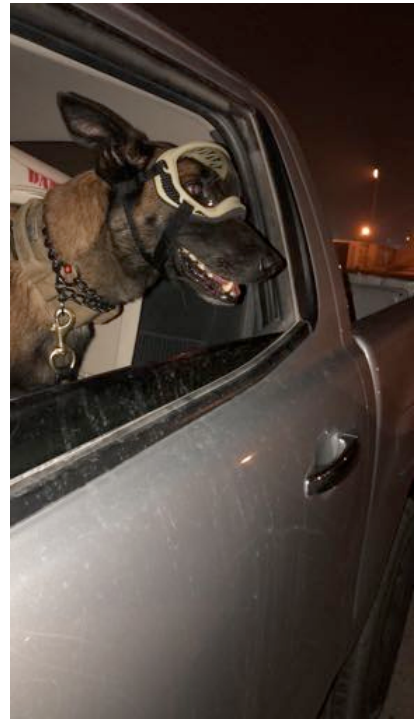
Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS: SSgt Kody Rowlett & MWD Frenky are heading back to the desert of Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona – MORE heat!

SrA Nicole Meyer & MWD Nido is getting ready to pull chocks and head back to the humidity and heat at Moody AFB, Georgia.

As we publish this 141st edition of K-9 Supply/Old Dawgs & Pups newsletter we’d like to salute the MWDs, MWD Handlers, Trainers, and Kennel Masters that have served so faithfully, with disregard of their own safety, world-wide in support of freedom for our country and all of the nations of the world. We thank you so much for your efforts. Way to go K-9!



Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379th ESFS



There are many faces of MWD VVenice – here are three! Sure got to love that face don't you?



During the recent celebration of “Police Week” MWD VVenice just wasn't up for the event. But, like always, K-9 led the way! Even without here partner, SSgt Vanessa Soto picked up the K-9 flag and proceeded to the front of the column to represent the “A” shred. Team VVenice is deployed from the 802nd SFS, JBSA – Lackland. Steve and Lise Gattis support the team while they are downrange.

Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #2 – 386th ESFS



Our Thailand Handler gifts have just arrived for our troopers at the 386th ESFS as their tour wraps up. SSgt Kody Rowlett & MWD Frenky and SrA Nicole Meyer & MWD Nido show off their gifts. The packages from OD&P included our “Signature” Leatherman Surge, an OD&P coin and patch. Kenten Yates (USAF) supports team Frenky and Mary Boyer (USAF) supports Team Nido.

Other News concerning OD&P - We have new Master Sergeants



TSgt Thomas Beers
TSgt Paris Carman

TSgt Brandon Johnson
TSgt John Kroll
TSgt Wendy Montellese
TSgt Matthew MacKenzie
TSgt Brandon Miller
TSgt Jeremy O’Dell
TSgt Todge Smith
TSgt William Taulbee
TSgt William Townsend
TSgt Dwight Veon
TSgt Justin Williams

2013/Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
2011/Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan
2013/Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan
2013/ Miawand District/Afghanistan
2013/Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan
2010/Jt. Base Balad, Iraq
2009/Jt. Base Balad, Iraq
2014/Al Dhafra/UAE
2010/Al Dhafra/UAE
2011/Jt. Base Balad, Iraq
2012/FOB Masum Ghar/Afghanistan
2016/Azraq - Jordan
2013/ Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait
2015/Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait

Sponsor – John Langley
Sponsor – Larry Zacker
Sponsor – Bill Cummings
Sponsor – Dixie Whitman
Sponsor – Joe Palmer
Sponsor – Patsy Perrotto
Sponsor – Karl Niemeyer
Sponsor – John & Carolyn Risse
Sponsor – Karl Niemeyer
Sponsor – Whitman/Smerecki
Sponsor – Ken Smerecki
Sponsor – Dixie Whitman
Sponsor – Bob Sullivan
Sponsor – Davis Adams

Thanks to Leatherman for all the support Making this a GREAT thirteen-year ride!



Our journey with the “Leatherman Tool Group” began in 2005, very shortly after Bill Cummings created Old Dogs & Pups. Searching for the perfect Christmas gift for my own adopted Pup, I realized that something I take for granted now would have been incredibly useful when I was in Thailand – a Leatherman tool. Doing a little comparison-shopping I discovered that the big, heavy-duty Surge tool would be the most versatile and durable tool for combat-zone duty. I sent one to my Pup, SSgt Dave Daniels, and he was super happy with the gift and its usefulness. A few phone calls and meetings later and we had official support from Leatherman. Then-CEO Jake Nichol turned us over to one of his marketing staffers, Juli Warner (a dog lover and true K-9 Believer), and we were off to an incredible start.

Since then we’ve been able to supply Leatherman Surges, Military Utility Tools (MUTs), folding knives and flashlights to hundreds of troops in today’s war zones. The tools have been used by our Pups to fix personal weapons, clear jammed machine guns, and help fix vehicles, all on missions outside the wire. They’ve also been useful in thousands of ways inside the wire, including building a kennel complex in Afghanistan. There is no way that our program could have afforded to send these gifts without Leatherman’s generous support.

We will not forget our gratitude to the Leatherman people for creating and manufacturing such innovative, useful and durable tools in the first place; and for their extreme generosity in allowing us to gift so many useful items to our American Military Working Dog teams in harm’s way.



Thank you to our special partners

Military Working Dog Team Support Association (MWDTSA)



It's been a great partnership! The MWDTSA and Old Dawgs & Pups have been partners since February of 2006 and what a great team it has been. Dixie Whitman (who later became the President of the organization) jumped up and supported SSgt Mike Long and MWD Rambo (J146) from the 822nd SFS, Moody AFB, Georgia, on February 3, 2006, while they were deployed at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. The MWDTSA has continued to provide support to this day. We believe that the first MWDTSA package mailing came in November of 2008. Our programs grew and we have been a force in the K-9 world.

In August of 2015 Nikki Rohrig, took over the reigns and they haven't missed a beat supporting troops with us for more than ten years. That, my friends is teamwork. Supporting both ends of the leash, identifying needs and getting equipment for troops and dogs downrange. That's a great program.

In addition, Board Member Allison Merrill found another way to serve. "Honor Boxes" were born in 2015. A close bond was formed and Allison wanted to be sure that MWDTSA was taking care of our retired MWDs also. The focus is on older working dogs. Go to www.mwdtsa.org for more info

Air For Paws – First Response Resuscitation Kits



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.

U. S. War Dogs Association, Inc.



Thanks Ron Aiello and everyone at the U. S. War Dog Association, Inc., for all of the support that you have extended to OD&P both downrange and stateside. Especially for all of the care packages and the special help for retired Military Working Dogs and their handlers. We'll also never forget how you helped us support the US Army team at Bagram Air Field. You were a lifesaver. For more information see www.uswardogs.org

AllStuffK9



ALL K9 Stuff was inspired by Active Duty K-9 Handlers and is currently run by the Wife of an Active Duty K-9 Handler. We are an independent small business and no federal endorsement is intended. All items for sale are sold for personal use only. You guys are awesome! For more information go to www.allk9stuff.com Thanks for all of the support you have provided for our deployed troops.

Veterans Groups & Corporations



We'd like to thank the following for their continued support and contributions to OD&P

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| Air Force Security Forces Association
(Billie Renfro Chapter Dallas – Fort Worth) | Dallas – Fort Worth, Texas |
| Air Force Security Forces Association
(Heartland Chapter) | Del City, Oklahoma |
| American Legion, Hurst-Eules-Bedford Post 379 | Bedford, Texas |
| American Legion, Post 341 | Union Lake, Michigan |
| Harris Methodist HEB Hospital | Bedford, Texas |
| Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6441
(and the Ladies Auxiliary) | Oldham-Cummings Post - Wimberley, Texas |
| Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7539
(Greater Rochester NY Chapter) | Bloomington, Illinois |
| Vietnam Dog Handler Association | |
| Vietnam Security Police Association | |
| Professional and Palmer Pharmacies | Stamford and Greenwich, Connecticut |
| Zweibrucken Alumni Association | Worldwide |
| 82nd Airborne Division Association | Rochester, New York |
| The Poss Boys (Don & Larry) | California |
| Carol Jeffcoat | Carol's K-9 Mission |



We could go on and on about this guy but here is the real skinny. Phil Carroll (NKP/Takhli) has been the backbone and muscle of our program since day one! He's done the heavy lifting with our sponsors and ensuring our "Thailand Handler Gifts" got downrange to our troops. Thank you Phil, it just wouldn't have been possible to hold OD&P together without you. You are in fact – "K-9 Up". Thank you for all of the hours, knowledge, and guidance to make this one of the best K-9 support programs ever.

Old Dawgs & Pups through the years 2005 – 2018



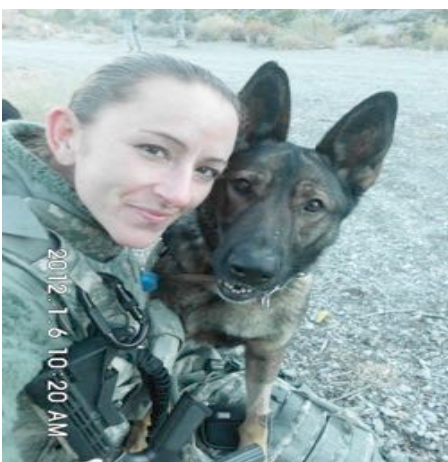
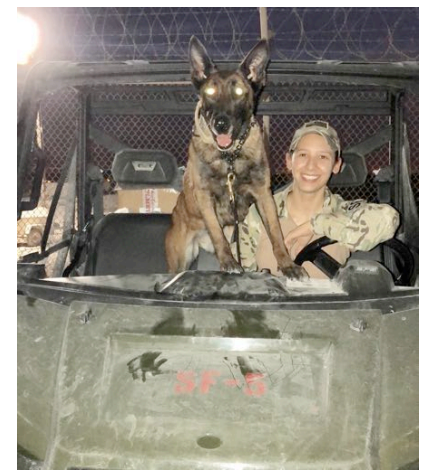
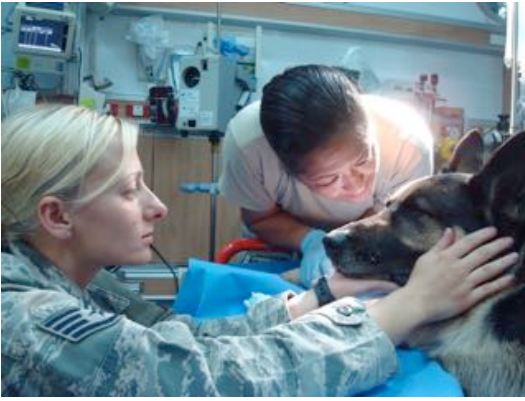
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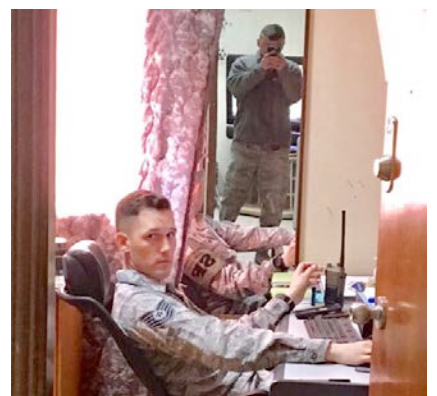
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100 Alpha Dawgs

Over thirteen years we have had the opportunity to identify one hundred individual handlers, sponsors, and organizations that have met the criteria of “Alpha Dawgs”. All of the 583 troops, sponsors, and organizations have made our program great. Here are a few examples that represent what we feel are truly “Alpha Dawgs”. Thanks to each and every one of you that show the true meaning of our program.



Congratulations for representing all of our Alphas!

Feed the Dawgs Project 2018 Schedule

The Dawgs Project

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



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)

Jon Hemp - jonhemp@thedawgsproject.com
<http://thedawgsproject.com>

11	August	Vandenberg AFB, & NAS Lemoore @ Vandenberg AFB, CA
8-9	September	Yuma, YPG War Dawg Weekend & Yuma Proving Ground, AZ
6	October	Davis-Monthan AFB, Ft. Huachuca, & Luke AFB, @ Davis-Monthan, AFB, AZ
27	October	Nellis AFB, Creech AFB, & NAS Fallon @ Nellis AFB, NV

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

At the time of this report we have **4** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **3** handlers assigned to two (2) 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 14, 2018. "Old Dawgs & Friends" have supported **154** kennels and **583** 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 **\$45,633.00** 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 **\$167,211.00** 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 \$42,000.00
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