

## K-9 Supply Program



### ***THREE YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!***

Hello everyone! There has been a massive troop re-deployment at our five (5) kennels as many of our supported troops have rotated stateside! We are currently supporting (6) kennels and sixteen (16) deployed Air Force and Army teams as of August 15, 2008. Yesterday we picked up two additional personnel at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar – more on that later in the report. August 2008 brings us to **THREE YEARS** of operation for our “Old Dawgs & Pups and K-9 Supply” 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.

### **Area of Operation Status**

At last report, ten (10) of our Pups have rotated home or holding a boarding pass in their hand! TSgt Matt Rebholz (Ali Al Salem/Langley), SSgt James Parkis (Warrior/Moody), SrA Mark Bush (Warrior/Nellis), SSgt Stephanie Finch (Warrior/Holloman), SSgt Joshua Harrison (Warrior/Mt. Home), SSgt Shawn Lindblom (Camp Cropper/Fairchild), SSgt Kenneth Christmas (Camp Victory/Moody), SSgt Clayton Tebbetts (Camp Victory/Moody), SSgt Raymond Castro (Camp Victory/Kirtland) and SSgt Tanya Perez (Manas AB/ Cannon) thank you for being part of our program and for letting us be a part of your life.

### **SrA Mark Bush – FOB Warrior of the Week**

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, IRAQ -- Senior Airman Mark Bush, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron K-9 handler, and Chukky, a bomb detection K-9, perform an aggressive defensive measure at base supply here July 21. The team inspects nearly 424 vehicles and performs 24 ADM's a week. Airman Bush is deployed from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. and calls Chicago, Ill. home. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Randi Flaugh). SrA Bush was teamed with Ernie Childers during his deployment – Way to go Mark and Chukky!



## **New Kennel Master and Trainer at FOB Warrior**

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the new Kennel Master and Trainer at FOB Warrior. Many of you might recognize the new KM – you may remember him as SSgt Benjamin Jones. He was with us as a Staff Sergeant from Holloman AFB while deployed at Ali Air Base/407<sup>th</sup> ESFS IN 2006. Congratulations TSgt Ben Jones and welcome back. He is joined by SSgt Rufus Watson, Trainer, also from Holloman AFB. From what I've heard already – these guys are quite the pair!



**TSgt Benjamin Jones and SSgt Rufus Watson  
Holloman AFB, New Mexico**

## **He's Baaaaaaaack! Master Sergeant (Ret) Bob Kisner – Or should we say Mr. Bob Kisner?**

Well, we reported last month that MSgt Bob Kisner retired – what were we thinking? About four days ago Mr. Bob Kisner (Civilian Contractor) landed at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar to start a new job as a civilian trainer at the Air Base. From what I've heard, he hasn't even unpacked yet – but he's back in the “dog business”. As Bob told me in an e-mail a few weeks ago - “I needed one more go around with the dogs before I let it go”. Who would have thought, it's hard to keep a good K-9 man down.

Bob has promised us an additional prospective during his tour as a contractor. Is this great news or what? Welcome back Bob and we can't wait to hear from you once you get settled.

## **Lt. General Gary North, U. S. Air Forces Central and 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force Commander visits FOB Warrior Kennels**

**Tell me that the new Kennel Master and the new troops at FOB Warrior aren't getting some attention? TSgt Benjamin Jones just sent us this photo of their visit with General Gary North. Now that's the way to start a deployment!**



**SSgt Walter Lee and MWD Jess (Bolling AFB), SrA Ryan Wasson (Seymour-Johnson AFB), Lt. General Gary North, SSgt Rufus Watson (Holloman AFB), and Kennel Master Benjamin Jones (Holloman AFB) welcome the Central/9<sup>th</sup> Air Force Commander.**

### **Other News concerning OD&P Graduates!**

**We just received a message from SrA Kim Harting advising us that she has arrived at her new assignment in Honduras with the Joint Task Force Bravo. She said that the “digs are pretty good” and she is getting settled. She has a new dog, a mal by the name of Tommy. She describes Tommy as a “little sneaky and he likes to bite and come up the leash..... He did lick my hand the other day when they gave me a tour of the kennel tour..... I was told that lick might have been just a pre-taste” - only kidding!”**

**Kim has promised us more information and pictures when she gets settled in and working. Thanks Kim and we are looking forward to hearing from you very soon.**

## Other News concerning OD&P Graduates!

Many of you may remember SSgt John Grice when he was teamed with us during his deployment to Camp Cropper, Iraq. John returned to the states for some leave and then redeployed to Aviano Air Base, Italy, for a four year deployment. We just received this message from John.

“Hey Bill, How are things going? Just wanted to check in and see how you guys are doing. Well I got to Italy and really loved it there, so much that they decided to deploy me again (you just got to love the military - Ha Ha)! Well I got to Al Udeid AB Qatar about 10 days ago with my new puppy Fritz; he just turned 2 yrs old and is a big GS puppy. Everything is going well here so far and I hope you’re doing well.”

John has already met “Mr. Kisner” and we now have two graduates at Al Udeid. It sure is great when our pups stay in touch with us as they deploy throughout the world.

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

At the time of this report we have **26** members of the “Old Dawgs & Pups” program actively supporting **16** handlers assigned to **six** kennels in Southwest Asia.

Our K-9 Supply program has been coordinated and funded by the “Old Dawgs & Pups”. The supporters are members of the VSPA, VDHA, and friends of K-9. A total of 635 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in Iraq from August 21, 2005 to August 15, 2008. Over eighty-seven “Old Dawgs and Friends” have supported over **109** K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

[http://www.pbase.com/635thk9/old\\_dawgs](http://www.pbase.com/635thk9/old_dawgs)

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

We have purchased and shipped **\$7,658.00** of supplies for the 24 kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is **\$18,760.00!**

Please note that this figure does not include all the goodies some of you have sent directly, or which came from other organizations we've been involved with but who shipped their donations independently. **WAY TO GO K-9 SUPPLY!**

- 138 Leatherman “Surge” Tools (91) Donated by Leatherman) \*
- \* The Leatherman “Surge” donation is valued at approximately **\$11,102.00**
- 75 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 57 Guardian Pet Beds
- 40 Sponges
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 39 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 34 Kongs
- 22 Doggles (10 Pairs were donated)
- 19 VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 16 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
- 16 Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 12 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
- 10 Muzzles
- 8 K9 Bluelight Supplement (2 pound bags)
- 8 Kygen Port-A-Bowls

- 8 Cooling Wraps
- 8 PSI Water Holes
- 8 Cooldanna Cooling Mats
- 8 Sets of Flood Light Bulbs
- 7 Digital Thermometers
- 6 24" Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees
- 5 Classic HG Food Dishes
- 5 Nozzles
- 4 Large Kongs
- 3 100 Foot Water Hoses
- 3 20" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 12" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 5" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 Ceremonial K-9 Badges (Memorial)
- 2 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
- 2 50 Foot Water Hoses
- 2 Spray Bottles & Sprayers
- 2 150 Foot Enclosed Hose Reels
- 1 Drink Mixes & Snacks (Large Box)
- 1 Case Toilet Paper (30 Rolls)
- 1 Set of four Ruff Wear Bark'n Boots Grip Trex

*Note: Some of you may receive this twice. I apologize - it's a data base thing!*