

K-9 Supply Program



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NEWS FLASH – Dateline Iraq

This has been a very, very busy month for us! From November 1st to the 7th we have added four new kennels to our support project. Once again we have troops on the ground at Kirkuk and FOB Warrior. This is our first time to have handlers at Camp Cropper and Camp Bucca; that's right - 16 new handlers to the OD& P and K-9 Supply programs.

We are also continuing our support of three kennels at Camp Diamondback, Iraq, Manus AB, Kyrgyzstan, and Camp Lemonier, Africa. There are six personnel at those locations.

As of this month, unless I've read our records incorrectly, we have supported 16 kennels in the AOR (Area of Operation). When you think about what we have done in such a short period of time – you need to be very proud of yourselves for your efforts and support of our troops!

Our “Pups” have been deployed from the following bases over the last 15 months:

Charleston - SC	Langley - VA	Seymour Johnson - NC
Dyess - TX	Luke - AZ	Sheppard - TX
Edwards - CA	Mayport NAS - FL	Spangdahlem - GER
Elmendorf - AK	Moody - GA	Travis - CA
Fairchild - WA	Mountain Home - ID	Tyndall - FL
Grand Forks - ND	Nellis - NV	Warner Robins - GA
Holloman - NM	Patrick - FL	Whiteman - MO
Kadena - JPN	Peterson - CO	
Lackland - TX	Ramstein - GER	

With the 16 new troops coming on board in such a rapid pace, I'd just like to thank everyone for coming forward so quickly to help get them paired up and to keep the program running so smoothly. It's been a very busy time!

Our troops at Camp Cropper asked if we could help them out with Guardian Pet Cots and water buckets – I am proud to say, that the equipment was shipped in less than 24 hours and it was on the ground in less than 7 business days – “Them dogs ain't on concrete now”! Once again, our suppliers have just been great to us. MWDs (L) Python & (R) Sany – Oh yes, I think they like them!



Christmas Package Program Scheduled

The holidays are quickly descending on us. J. D. Jones (Udorn 69-70) has already started preparing a “Christmas Box” program – “Operation Dog Bone” – He plans on providing packages to be sent to the dogs of our troops. If you have any questions or if you would like to participate in this project, you can contact J. D. Jones at jones671@cox.net.

J. D. is in the process of contacting the Kennel Masters to narrow down exactly what they would like us to send and what is prohibited. Thanks J. D. for taking this project by the horns – so to speak!

Please contact JD direct - Please DO NOT contact me – it will just slow down the process!

Outside Donations!

Last week I received a message from a K-9 group in California. They were looking for ways to support our troops overseas and they went on the internet and started searching. Somehow, someway, they came upon the “Leatherman” site that told the story of “OD&P” and what we are doing for the troops. They contacted us and if everything goes as planned they will be donating to our program around the holidays.

Thanks also goes out to Peggy Finzgar for her efforts in spreading the word of “OD&P” – it looks like the Boardman, Ohio FOP is planning on making a donation as well – Way to go PEGGY!

How about a little information on some of our new troops?

A special thank you goes out to SSgt Trish Hascall (MWD Agar) and SSgt Chris Jones (MWD Sany) for their assistance in getting our programs going at Camp Cropper, Iraq. Trish and Chris are both returnees to the Old Dawg & Pups program.

Trish has been paired with Monty & Cathy Moore for some time now. Chris was my second pup. Many of you may remember Chris from the VSPA reunion at Moody AFB, Valdosta, Georgia, in 2005. He was the first dog team out for our demonstration. Both Monty and Cathy and I have had the pleasure of personally meeting our pups and their families – is this great or what?



**SSgt Chris Jones & Sany
Camp Cropper – Iraq**

**SSgt Trish Hascall & Agar
Camp Cropper – Iraq**

SrA Daniel McClain has helped us connect with the troops at FOB Warrior and he comes to us thanks to the efforts of TSgt Jon Sarabia (Whiteman AFB). Jon has completed several “tours” with us and I can proudly say that he was the reason that our K-9 Supply program was started in 2005. Jon was my first “Pup” when Monty Moore created the OD&P program and it was also due to his work that we were able to visit “Nemo’s” kennel area at Lackland – You all know what we have done there since that VSPA event in October of 2003.

Here is a photo of Dan and MWD Kevin and a weapons cache that the team discovered recently.



Kevin made the hit on these weapons – all were buried from 9” to 24-30” deep. The team had been on a 12 day mission - What a dog! Way to go dog team!

It’s a small world after all!

It has also come to our attention that TSgt Brian Hoglen and SSgt Matt Hemeon (both deployed from Lackland as the Kennel Master and Trainer at Kirkuk) are very familiar with our group. They have been present and met many of our handlers during the memorial dedications at Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Alabama, where we dedicated our first memorial to our dogs from Thailand. They were also present at Lackland when we dedicated the Nemo’s War Dog Heroes Memorial in November 2005. Both Brian and Matt are very interested in ensuring that their troops are well aware of their history – past, present, and future – TTSITA!

Speaking of a small world – Doc Hodges was just teamed up with SSgt Chris Jones from Camp Cropper. It just so happens that one of Doc’s work mates (who happens to be a handler back here in the states) is deployed with the Guard. Due to the “hook-up” of OD&P – Chris and Doc’s friend have met each other and are exchanging “handler stuff” – is that cool or what?

The world is getting smaller and the word on our group is really starting to spread.

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

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 **325** pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in Iraq from August 21, 2005 to November 15, 2006. Over seventy "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported over **seventy-three** K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

http://www.pbase.com/635thk9/old_dawgs

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

We have purchased and shipped **\$3,956.00** of supplies for the 15 kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is **\$7,742.00!**

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!

* The Leatherman "Surge" donation is valued at approximately **\$3,786.00**

- 60 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 41 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (30 Donated by Leatherman) *
- 46 Guardian Pet Beds
- 16 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
- 16 Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
- 13 VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated)
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 12 Doggles
- 12 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
- 8 K9 Bluelight Supplement (2 pound bags)
- 8 Muzzles
- 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
- 5 Classic HG Food Dishes
- 4 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
- 4 Large Kongs
- 3 100' Foot Water Hoses
- 3 Nozzles
- 3 24" Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees
- 3 20" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 12" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 5" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 2 Spray Bottles & Sprayers
- 1 Drink Mixes & Snacks (Large Box)

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