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MWDTSA touches the lives of dogs and people near and far. This month, our Kennel Talk articles once again reach from coast to coast and across the world; stretching up the East coast via Florida and Georgia, to California, with stops in Virginia and Michigan. On from California, a brief stop is made in Korea.

Subscribe to see where we connect next month!

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U.S. Marine Cpl. William Perkins, acting as a simulated suspect wrestles with a military working dog during controlled aggression training in the Central Command area of operations.

Off the Leash: LE Detachment Conducts Controlled Aggression Training

Story and photos by Cpl. Carson Gramley

U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND -- Marines and working dogs with Law Enforcement Detachment, Command Element, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response -Central Command, conducted controlled aggression training in the U.S. Central Command area of operations, Dec. 28, 2014.

The training is intended to teach the working dogs to maintain a certain level of restraint and precision when they have to attack a target. The dogs are trained to attack only under necessary circumstances and with a level of

force appropriate to the situation.

"Controlled aggression is being able to use that dog's natural ability to bite, [and training] them to use that to apprehend somebody," said Cpl. Jacob Buck, a military working dog handler with LED, CE, SPMAGTF-CR-CC.

Buck explained how a dog's bite can save lives. For instance when on a patrol entering a compound and a suspect starts to run, dog handlers can send the dog to apprehend them, sparing Marines loaded down with gear

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from chasing them, said Buck.

However, bite training and tactics aren't the only skills these dogs have to offer.

Military working dogs can be trained in a number of different special skills, to include explosives detection, drugs and narcotics detection, and human tracking.

"Instead of having Marines possibly in harm's way and finding explosives on their own, we can find it first," said Sgt. Samuel Harris, kennel master with LED, CE, SPMAGTF-CR-CC. "It's better to have one Marine and a dog at the explosive than five Marines standing around it, possibly tripping it."

The handlers expressed the important effect that explosive detection dogs can have on the mission.

"At this point in time, with the kind of war we've been fighting, explosive training is the most important thing. That's the unknown, and if we can find the unknown and continue to do that maybe we can save lives," said Harris.

Harris said the relationship between a working dog and their handler is much like the relationship a senior Marine would have with a junior Marine.

"You have to have patience, you can't just tell a dog what to do and it just goes and does it. You have to take the steps to train it properly to do what you want it to do," said Harris.

Buck said aside from the mentorship and training, it's nice to just have a dog around.

"My favorite part of being a dog handler is the fact of having a dog around," said Buck. "You can be having a bad day or something like that, and the minute you see these dogs, it doesn't matter if you were just there five minutes ago or away for a month, they're so happy to see you."

Military working dogs and their handlers continue to train every day so they can continue to save lives and accomplish the mission at hand.



Right:

Top and Middle: Marine Corps working dogs Max and Akim chase and attempt to apprehend a simulated target in the Central Command area of operations.

Bottom: Marine working dog Akim waits patiently for the command to attack during a training session.

My Life as an MP

By Alexis Scott

[Editor's note: Until recently, all Army K9 handlers had to first prove their worth in the Army by training and working as MPs. Alexis Scott is a former MP from Fort Benning who became close with the MWD group there after her retirement. MWD TSA met her at the retirement of MWD Arka, who was adopted by Alexis (our 2015 calendar includes a photo from that day for the August featured photo). Alexis is a proud veteran with riveting stories of her action-packed time as an MP. We hope to include more from Alexis in future issues of this newsletter.]

Let's see, where do I begin? Well, I'm not exactly certain, but I am Staff Sergeant Alexis Scott, US Army MP. I was medically retired from the Army on the TDRL (Temporary Disability Retirement List) as of 29 Nov 2012. I was removed from the TDRL and officially became permanently retired on 14 May 2014. Long before becoming an MP, I began my career as a Paralegal Specialist in the Army Reserve while still in college and graduate school. After graduating college in 1995 with my military Enlisted Termination of Service (ETS) date approaching, I NEVER thought that I would ever come back to the military, EVER! I was glad to be done because I found it unchallenging. Therefore, I had a six year break in service from 1995 to 2001.

It was the terrorist attacks of 9-11-2001 that sparked a fire in me to march right to my local recruiter's office and give up my career as a high school English Teacher and volunteer to go fight. I actually had a lengthy debate with my recruiter because I specifically requested to be a Combat MP and go immediately downrange to fight. My recruiter asked me if I was crazy and I told him, nope, just pissed and ready to go fight. He actually tried to talk me out of it, if you can believe it. I would not listen to him or anyone else and felt sure this was what I wanted and needed to do.

There are different functions and Military Occupation Specialties (MOS) within the MP Corp: Correction, Criminal Investigations (CID), K9, MPs that lead Law and Order (LNO) on Post, and finally Combat officers attached to Brigades or Divisions. Combat Military Police supervise or provide support to the battlefield in a wide range of operations, including law and order, area security, internment & resettlement, maneuver & mobility, and lastly police intelligence. I was a Combat MP. During MP School we were trained in the functions and duties of all these operations. After re-enlisting and training, I spent a few years at Fort Meade, MD with the 80th MP Brigade and never deployed. It wasn't until 2006 that I got my first orders to deploy. I must be crazy because I was excited and ready to go. I had just barely two or three weeks to get all of my personal effects in order and then be prepared to be gone for 18 months.

I'm not going to go into details about my deploy-



Two Military Working Dogs, Fons and Arka retired from service with the 209th Military Police Detachment Friday, July 6, 2012 at the Fort Benning Military Police Kennels.

Above: Staff Sgt. Alexis Scott with Arka, a German Shepherd Dog. (Photo by: Ashley Cross/MCoE PAO Photographer)

Below (Left to Right): Staff Sgt. Alexis Scott with Arka, and Staff Sgt. James Tolley adopted Fons, a Belgian Malinois.



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ment that I do not really want to share with the world - too personal, too turbulent, too deep of a loss and far too painful. Despite the challenges, there were fun times and some happy memories with friends and family while I was down range. It's not all bad all of the time, but you do have to ALWAYS be ready for all hell to break loose at any given moment and never get so relaxed or complacent that you forget where you are and find yourself in a terrible situation.

I even recall one morning around 0200 hours or so the sirens going off after being bombed again and a hail of gunshots being fired from God knows where. I saw a guy, a fellow soldier, running in his battle gear, but he did not have on any pants, just his white boxer underwear with little red hearts on them and his socks and boots! Even before this incident, I never slept without my uniform on or without my weapons literally right in my sleeping bag with me on top of my bunk.

Bottom line, being an MP to me was so much fun. I enjoyed the thrill and challenge of combat and all of the physically challenging things we were required to do. I loved shooting the MK-19 grenade launcher, the SAW (Squad Automatic Weapon), tossing grenades to blow things up or ignite fires, and old school scaling buildings to clear and secure! I ran track and played volleyball in college so all of the running and rucking was a piece of cake to me. It was fun to see how many of the men I could beat then watch the looks on their faces! Being a female in a job that is male dominated was not a problem for me. I was the type of female soldier who showed up and proved myself to the guys. That was always critical because I never wanted to be labeled a cry baby, a wimp, or the girlie girl that needed the guys to help me carry my own load! No sir, no ma'am, no ham no turkey...not me! I was a kick butt, take charge, and take names kind of soldier and later Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO). I was trained well and I was trained old school...on the spot corrections and keep pushing. More next time...



Photos on this page are from Alexis Scott's personal collection.

Veterans Day with Kylee and K

by Nikki Rohrig



Above: A display in the library, announcing the event to the public; library patrons were encouraged to sign a card to be included in our care packages.

Below: Jonathan and Jodi answer questions with Kylee by their side.



The Washington County Library in Abingdon, VA was happy to invite MWD TSA to participate in their Veteran's Day event again last November. For the second year, we partnered together to educate the public about military working dogs.

The morning was started off with a Q&A session with Jonathan and Jodi Jackson. They were both military working dog handlers with the Army and they were happy to come back to Abingdon to visit! It wouldn't be a true dog event without a dog, so the Jacksons brought back their gorgeous Dutch Shepherd, Kylee. She is always the star of the show and the kids loved seeing her. Kylee is such a sweet dog and a couple library staff members tried, unsuccessfully, to kidnap her and take her home. Dutch shepherds are used quite a bit in the military and the attendees loved being able to see a working dog breed that isn't so common in households.

MWD TSA was able to schedule a phone in interview with the author of Top Dog, Maria Goodavage. Top Dog was just released a couple of weeks before this event, and I found out the day before our event that the book had already become a New York Times bestseller! Maria spoke briefly about her interest in military working dogs and, of course, the star of the book, Lucca. Mama Lucca is somewhat of a military working dog legend and we're happy to say that we loved Lucca before she became famous. MWD TSA supported Lucca and her handlers with care packages while they were deployed. Maria was lucky enough to live with Lucca for a bit while doing research for Top Dog. It was an honor to have the author of such a great book available to ask questions. Thank you again, Maria, for calling in to be part of our event!

While the adults were listening to Maria, the kids were ushered off to the children's department to make cards to send to members of the military who are deployed. These cards will be used in our first quarter care packages. Kid artwork is always one of the items we get the most feedback about; I'm sure it reminds them a bit of home.

The grand finale for the day was a visit from "K", a gorgeous Belgian Malinois working with the Washington County Sheriff's Department. K is a narcotics detection K9 and as expected, has a very high work drive. Like the Dutch Shepherd, the Malinois is commonly used in the military and again, not really a household pet. K's handler, Sheriff Deputy Travis Turner, brought along some goodies for K to sniff out. Travis planted five different boxes outside, one of which had a drug odor hidden inside. Much to the annoyance of K, Deputy Travis answered questions from the public before the sniffing exercise began. K was bouncing around, eager to get the show on the road so he could have his reward. What is K's reward, you ask? If you guessed a KONG, you would be

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wrong. K works for a rolled up white towel. Whatever it takes to get the job done, right? Travis had the reward tucked in his back pocket while he was answering questions and K knew it. Ever the anxious Mal, K was ready to get the show on the road so he did what any good working dog would do to get his prize... annoy his handler. K bounced around enough that Travis finally gave in and gave him the "seek" command. K barreled down the grass sniffing each box quickly but carefully. K didn't make it past box 3 before he sat down and looked straight up at his dad. Travis wanted to make sure that K finished the task, so he asked K to "seek" the other two boxes. K did what he was asked and then went right back to box number 3, gave it a quick sniff and plopped his butt down on the grass. At that moment, Travis grabbed the rolled up towel from his back pocket and threw it up in the air. It only took a split second for K to jump up and grab it and then he pranced away with his tail and head held high. Good boy, K, your job here is done.

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." One of our most important jobs with MWD TSA is public education and we are always eager to answer questions and hopefully change your world, one military working dog at a time.

For more information about MWD Lucca, visit our "heroes" tab at mwdtsa.org. Don't forget to read about Jonathan and his black lab, Toby. They're heroes in our book too!

Below, Left and Right: The morning was started off with a Q&A session with Jonathan and Jodi Jackson. They were both military working dog handlers with the Army and they were happy to come back to Abingdon to visit! It wouldn't be a true dog event without a dog, so the Jacksons brought back their gorgeous Dutch Shepherd, Kylee.



Above: Deputy K with his handler, Travis: K was bouncing around, eager to get the show on the road so he could have his reward.

Below: Kylee with her handlers. Kylee is wearing a tactical vest. This is common for military dogs to wear while on a mission.



Q1 Care Packages – “A Night at the Movies”

by Jan Slotar

I've been really busy and having a lot of fun, putting together the Q1 “swag bags” which will be packed and mailed on Saturday, January 31, 2015. I have a few items so far, including dog treats and “movie” candy, with a couple of surprises, to be revealed, later.

While we wait for those “Opening Night” surprises, here are some movie trivia questions:

Who plays Gretel in the 2013 movie “Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters”?

- A) Jennifer Jason Leigh
- B) Jena Malone
- C) Gemma Arterton
- D) Jennifer Connelly

George Lucas decided on the “name” R2D2, in the movie “Star Wars”, when he was mixing the soundtrack for “American Graffiti”. Sound designer Walter Murch asked him for “R2D2”, which is “Reel 2, Dialog 2”.

- A) True

- B) False

The three prop sharks built for the movie “Jaws” were nicknamed “Bruce”, after Steven Spielberg’s lawyer, Bruce Ramier.

- A) True
- B) False

The warp core scenes on the Enterprise, in the movie “Star Trek: Into Darkness” were filmed where?

- A) Budweiser Brewery, Van Nuys, Calif.
- B) National Ignition Facility, Livermore, Calif.
- C) Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, Calif.



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Right (from top):
Handler treats (top) and dog treats (second from top) donated by Animal Hospital of Thousand Oaks and their clients; canine dental treats donated by Petropolis; KONGs from KONGs for K9s partner, Ma & Paws Bakery;

Left: Coffee donated by Caribou Coffee.



MWD TSA relies on the generosity of our donors, without whom we would be unable to make the care packages to the MWDs and their handlers happen. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following companies and individuals who gave recent donations:

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Second Annual Poinsettia Sale

by Allison Merrill, owner of SunDog Kennel



SunDog Kennel hosted its Second Annual Poinsettia Sale to benefit MWD TSA. The Poinsettia's Sale was in conjunction with Plant Masters.

(<http://plant-masters.com>)

All the staff at Plant Masters were wonderful. They helped pack and load all the plants, even though this was during their busy season, so I could get them delivered.

I reached my goal, and one hundred plants were sold.

Even more touching, as plant sales seemed to lag with our later winter arrival, and it seemed that few were in the holiday spirit, I reached out to ask if people wanted to buy a plant that would then be donated to local nursing homes and area veterans. I got a great response.

I spent one whole day delivering about 80% of the plants to those who bought for themselves, and those plants being donated. Everyone seemed to get into the holiday spirit that day. One of the buyers was Kerri Collier and her pup Rosco. She is the owner of Great Lakes Pet

SunDog Kennel hosted the Second Annual Poinsettia Sale as a fundraiser for MWD TSA.

Top: Plant Masters supplied the poinsettias.

Right: Allison Merrill, owner of SunDog Kennel.



Right: Michael Fitzpatrick, a 100% disabled Vietnam era veteran, was shocked and happy when he was presented with a poinsettia plant.



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Above: Zippy, Resident Dog at Orchard Creek Supportive Care.

Memorial, and she bought many plants for gifts for her friends & family.

Another Plant Buyer, who I am hoping to do MWD TSA Events with in the future, is Christine Stalonsburg, owner of Cherry Wings Realty. Christine described her company's philosophy: "Although we service all residential, commercial and leasing needs that clients have, our passion focuses on 'Serving Those Who Serve'. Through Hero Rewards Program, we are able to give back to our Military, Fire, Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Personnel who are buying, selling or leasing a home. Our agents give back 25% of their commission to their Hero clients as a CASH BACK gift or a credit to their closing costs."

Vickie Hays, mother of local war hero SGT Justin Hansen, KIA in Afghanistan also bought a plant to honor her son.

A big Thank You to my SunDog Clients who bought plants for themselves or to be donated! They are the reason the plant sale was so successful and they brought joy to others. I delivered plants to Orchard Creek Supportive Care and brought tears to many eyes. For the sake of patient confidentiality, we couldn't take any photos there, so we used Zippy, their Therapy Dog.

I also delivered plants to local veterans. One (pictured) and I had a great conversation. He was both shocked and happy that I was donating a plant to him. He kept asking if he could buy it Every time I said it was donated, his smile got bigger and bigger. We talked about dogs because he is a German Shepherd lover, as am I.



Above: All the staff members at Plant Masters were wonderful. They helped pack and load all the plants, even though this was during their busy season. Jan (L) and Tara (R) of Plant Masters with Allison's dog, Zen.

Below: Kerri Collier, of Great Lakes Pet Memorial, and her dog Rosco.



Caribou Coffee: Canine Coffee Corner

by Dixie Whitman

One of the best days of the year is when I get to pick up Caribou Coffee donations for our care packages. The joy is both professional, because I know that our dog handlers are soon going to be enjoying some yummy gourmet coffee, and personal, because my van smells absolutely heavenly for the few days of transporting and packing at home, and then mailing at the post office.

This is the fourth year that Caribou Coffee and their customers have donated their fine Reindeer blend during the holiday season. In addition to the quantity received for the care packages, we were gifted with donations of an additional 174 packages of coffee. To that end, we tried to partner the coffee up with locations that were in the northern tier of bases so that it could be used for warmth and comfort to those handlers who were battling long nights patrolling in frigid temperatures.

When I reached out to Minot, ND which is just a mere 50 miles from the Canadian border, the trainer sent me this response: "The former trainer told me all about your organization and we are grateful that you have the Minot handlers and dogs in your thoughts. Sometimes we are forgotten about due to the distance and remote location that we live in."

"With that being said we would love some coffee. This morning the temperature was -20 not including the wind-chill, so coffee would be very helpful."

Minot is not the only base receiving this Caribou Coffee. We are also shipping Reindeer Coffee from Caribou Coffee to Alaska, Germany, Korea, Washington, Colorado and more.

Caribou Coffee's website says, "Reindeer Blend is a luscious, decadent coffee with hints of caramel and spice. A



Top: Jacqui Sands, manager of one of Caribou Coffee's Atlanta locations, served as our coordinator and rounded up donations of coffee from several locations.

Below: Jerry Whitman and Jacqui Sands pose with some of the donated coffees after toting and packing the van with 284 packages of coffee. What a wonderful gift!

Bottom Left: Caribou Coffee donation is their famous holiday treat 'Reindeer Blend'.



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very serious coffee with a playful name. Our passion for coffee drives us to improve this holiday favorite year after year."

"Our coffee buyers travel the globe for the best beans to ensure Reindeer Blend is the taste of the season. Then our expert Roastmasters blend aged Sumatra with beans from Indonesia and Colombia to achieve a perfect taste for this holiday essential. "

Thanks again to our wonderful donor partner, Caribou Coffee. If you happen to live in an area where they are located, stop by for a great cup of coffee. Their coffee is also sold online and at local grocery stores. Be sure to check out their website for more information on how you can rein in some Reindeer coffee.

www.cariboucoffee.com



The shipments of Caribou coffee are already being received. Amongst the recipients are:

Top Left: Navy Handler from NWS Earle in NJ; as the winter storms approach, the handlers are really happy to see the coffee.

Top Right: MWD Rony stationed at an Army base in Korea.

Right: SSgt del Valle and Rosso T206 based at Fairchild AFB in Washington State.

Bottom Right: Handlers at Minot AFB, ND, just a few miles short of the Canadian border.

Below: Handlers at Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs.



National Geographic February Issue Cover Story

Editor's Note: The February issue of National Geographic cover story focuses on healing soldiers.

The Invisible War on the Brain takes a close look at the signature injury of the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars—traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) caused by the shock waves from explosions. TBIs have left hundreds of thousands of U.S. veterans with life-altering and sometimes debilitating conditions, the treatment of which can be extremely complicated.

Many Military Working Dog handlers have suffered from these injuries.

Below is an excerpt from the article with some of the images from photographer Lynn Johnson's Revealing the Trauma of War which depicts veterans who have taken part in a unique program at Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

The full feature is available at: nationalgeographic.com.

The Invisible War on the Brain by Caroline Alexander

Brain trauma from blast force is the signature injury of the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns, afflicting hundreds of thousands of U.S. combat personnel. Although unseen, the damage strikes deeply into a soldier's mind and psyche.

INSIDE THE PROTECTIVE BUNKER I waited with the explosives team, fingers wedged firmly in my ears. Outside, shot number 52, trailing a 20-foot length of yellow-and-green-striped detonating cord, was securely taped to the wall of a one-room plywood building with a steel fire door. There was a countdown from five, a low "pow," and a dull thump in the center of my chest. The thump is the hallmark of blast. "You feel the thump," one team member told me. "I've been in blast events where we're actually hundreds or even thousands of feet away, and I still feel that thump."

The mystery of what that thump does had brought me to a World War II bombing range some 40 miles southeast of Denver. Back then it was used to test half-ton ordnance; now it serves to study controlled explosives used by soldiers to blast holes through walls and doors in combat areas—standard practice in modern warfare. The eventual objective of these tests is to discover what that blast thump does to the human brain.



Top: Cover of the February issue of National Geographic.
Graphic courtesy of National Geographic.



Left:
Army Staff Sgt. Perry Hopman. Iraq 2006-08

Wearing his mask—half patriotic, half death's-head—Hopman confronts the battery of medications he takes daily for blast-force injuries he sustained while treating soldiers as a flight medic. "I know my name, but I don't know the man who used to back up that name ... I never thought I would have to set a reminder to take a shower, you know. I'm 39 years old. I've got to set a reminder to take medicine, set a reminder to do anything... My daughter, she's only four, so this is the only dad she's ever known, whereas my son knew me before."

From the February issue of National Geographic magazine:
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MWDTSA Volunteers Step Up To The Challenge

Last month, MWDTSA challenged Kennel Talk readers in an article entitled Picture Yourself as a MWDTSA

Volunteer: New Year - New You. The response to our challenge was robust; with new volunteers offering their time and talents, and long-time volunteers 'picturing' themselves. Here are just a few of the members of MWDTSA's volunteer team.

Far Right: New volunteer Linda Standard will be working on hands on projects, such as T Shirt inventory, packing care packages.

Right: Jerry is a long-time volunteer. He helps out in more ways than we could possibly list.

Below: Courtney Griffin is another long time volunteer. She works on T-shirts, packing and base visits. She has volunteered to help with the MWDTSA Face-book page.



Right: Kathy Declet-Reed's back. She is a new volunteer who hails from a base in Korea. Kathy will be working with the Volunteer Management Team. She wasn't aware of the request for the "Picture Yourself" photos when she had this one taken, but it certainly fits.



Answers to quiz on page 7:

- 1 - Gemma Arterton
- 2 - True
- 3 - True
- 4 - National Ignition Facility, Livermore, Calif. - note - all three locations listed are actually in the movie

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From the Archives



The MP Corp has a long history in the US. Military Working Dogs have been a part of the Corp over much of this time.

Above: An MP K-9 Unit during World War II .

Photo courtesy of the National Archives.

A Short History of the Military Police Corp From 1778 to 1949

The Military Police Corps can trace its history back to the American Revolution, when George Washington requested that the office of Provost Marshal be created to deal with disciplinary issues. From 1778 to 1783, the Provost Marshal was responsible for soldiers under custody; for punishments; for the enforcement of order within the Continental Army.

During the Civil War, a similar Office was formed to maintain law and order at garrison areas, while other units served on the front lines. This was discontinued as the Union Army disbanded.

During World War I, a Corps of specially trained soldiers was needed to handle the massive numbers of prisoners of war and to control the movement of troops and supplies. The Military Police Training Department was established. Following the war, the establishment of a permanent Military Police Corps was proposed. Congress allowed for the permanent organization of Army military police units in the National Defense Act Amendment of 1920.

During World War II, Military Police schools were established. Military Police soldiers performed many roles: moving traffic along the Burma Road; supporting amphibious operations on Normandy beachheads; and managing prisoners of war from Italy to the South Pacific.

In 1949, the Defense Department reorganized the Army and plans were developed to disband the Military Police Corps. However, the Army Reorganization Act allowed the Corps to survive, as a separate branch of the Army.