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Introduction

This research guide is a selective bibliography of resources discussing United States military working dogs and mascots. It is intended to help researchers find relevant books, articles, military publications, Web sites, and other resources about military working dogs. It also contains references to bills and laws designed to provide for the retirement, medical care, and adoption of military working dogs once their service is complete.

This guide is dedicated to military working dogs and their handlers.

Books: Where to Start?

Cry Havoc: The History of War Dogs by Nigel Allsopp

ISBN:9781742570969

Publication Date: 2011

This book begins with a history of military working dogs, including breeds used. It also contains a list of memorials commemorating military working dogs. The book then discusses the use of military working dogs by geographic region. Also included: photographs of handlers and military working dogs around the world.

Dogs and National Defense by Anna M. Waller, Contracting Officer, Office of the Quartermaster General, for the Purchase of Horses, Mules and Dogs

Publication Date: 1958

This book is a history of the use of dogs by the Office of the Quartermaster General. It provides numbers of dogs used, types of dogs used, procurement of dogs, and training. Also included: a list of members of the board of trustees for Dogs for Defense, Inc., a list of regional directors for Dogs for Defense, Inc., and a short bibliography.

The Dogs of War by Lisa Rogak ISBN:9781250009463

Publication Date: 2011-10-25

This book is an excellent place to start military working dog research. It contains stories of specific dogs interspersed with chapters that discuss topics, including: the history of military working dogs, the roles they play, training, gear used, veterinary care, life in combat zones, and post-military life. Also included: photographs of MWDs and their handlers.

The Quiet Americans: a History of Military Working Dogs by

Tracy L. Tracy L. English ISBN: 1499198361

Publication Date: 2014-04-20

This short book provides a summary of the use of military working dogs in the United States. Also included: photographs, ads for military working dogs, and the image of the 341st military working dog training squadron.

Soldier Dogs by Maria Goodavage ISBN: 9780525952787

Publication Date: 2012-03-15

The author begins by discussing stories of dogs and their handlers. She also discusses the tattooing process, special ops dogs, shopping for dogs in Europe, training, jobs of military working dog, their sense of smell, and the post-duty life of military working dogs. Also included: photographs of mwds and handlers.

War Dogs by Michael Lemish ISBN: 9781574880175

Publication Date: 1996-01-01

This is a well-written history of American military working dogs. Also included: photographs.

War Dogs: A history of loyalty and heroism by Michael G.

Lemish ISBN: 9781574882162

Publication Date: 2008

This detailed book focuses on military working dogs in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. It is an excellent place to begin research in this area. The author served as the official historian for the Vietnam Dog Handlers Association. Also included: photographs, a copy of an after-action report, and a sample World War II Canine Discharge Certificate.

Books: Training Military Working Dogs

Navy Seal Dogs: My Tale of Training Canines for Combat by

Mike Ritland ISBN: 9781250041821

Publication Date: 2013

The author focuses on his work training dogs for special operations forces teams in the military. He discusses the stories of several handlers and their canine partners. Also included: photographs of military working dogs and their handlers.

U. S. Military Working Dog Training Handbook by Department

of Defense; Department of Defense Staff ISBN: 9780762780327

Publication Date: 2012-10-30

This book by the Department of Defense contains thorough information on training military working dogs, including: behavior modification, legal aspects in detector dog use, kennel facilities, safety, and even administrative record keeping. Chapter 7 is "The Military Working Dog Program."

The War Animals by Robert E. Lubow ISBN: 0385114583

Publication Date: 1977

This book is written from a scientific standpoint. It discusses the manner in which animals were trained to aid in military operations. Chapters discuss the use of dogs to stalk intruders, detect mines and tunnels, detect drugs, and for body recovery.

Books: World War II

Always Faithful: A memoir of the marine dogs of WWII by

Captain William W. Putney ISBN: 0743201981

Publication Date: 2001

The author of this book was the Commanding Officer of the 3rd War Dog Platoon. He became the chief veterinarian of the War Dog Training School in Camp Lejeune. This book discusses the journey of marine dogs from training to the Battle of Guam and back to the U.S. It also discusses the creation of a detraining program for all marine war dogs, so they could return to civilian life. Also included: photographs, a copy of a clipping of an article from the author's hometown paper, and copies of documents from the war dog training school.

Diary of a War Dog Platoon by Wiley S. Isom

Publication Date: 1997

This book was authored by the Commander of the 45th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon. He used the daily reports of members of his platoon as primary source material for the book. Also included: a map of Okinawa, copies of orders, the text of newspaper articles, a copy of the instrument of surrender by Japan, a Fort Robinson chronology, and many photographs.

Dogs At War by Clayton G. Going

Publication Date: 1944

This book, written during World War II, provides a history of how dogs became involved in the war, how they were trained, and stories about specific dogs. Note that this book contains derogatory terms towards enemy soldiers. Also included: photographs of soldiers and military working dogs.

Dogs for Defense: American Dogs in the Second World War 1941-1945 by Fairfax Downey

Publication Date: 1955

This book was written by the organization that initiated the war dog program in the United States. It includes a history of Dogs for Defense, a list of breeds accepted into the program, the training process, stories of specific dogs, and a discussion of dogs used for convalescing soldiers. Also included: photographs, Certificate of Incorporation, Constitution, and Bylaws of Dogs for Defense, Inc., a bibliography, lists of officers, board of trustees, regional directors, and volunteers, copies of relevant letters, specifications for sentry dogs, enlistment application, a training pamphlet, cartoons, and copies of news articles.

Dogs for Democracy: The Story of America's Canine Heroes in the Global War by Thomas Yoseloff

Publication Date: 1944

This slim volume provides a brief history and description of the dogs used in World War II. It reads like a recruitment brochure. Also included: photographs and a copy of a certificate from the War Department given to owners of dogs accepted for the armed services.

Books: Vietnam

A Soldier's Best Friend by John C. Burnam ISBN: 078671137X

Publication Date: 2003-02-10

In this book, the author discusses his service and observations as a dog handler in Vietnam. Also included: photographs, a glossary, a discussion of Staff Sergeant Robert W. Hartsock, the only war dog handler to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor during Vietnam, a list of war dogs and war dog handlers killed in action.

Air Base Defense in the Republic of Vietnam 1961-1973 by

Roger P. Fox

Publication Date: 1979

Only a small portion of this book (pages 100-104) discuss the use of sentry dogs. There are two photographs included in this section.

Dog Tags of Courage by John C. Burnam ISBN: 1882897420

Publication Date: 2000-01-01

In this book, the author discusses his service and observations as a dog handler in Vietnam. Also included: a map of the primary areas where the author was stationed, photographs, a discussion of Staff Sergeant Robert W. Hartsock, the only war dog handler to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor during Vietnam, a list of war dogs and war dog handlers killed in action, and a glossary.

Forever Forward by Mike Lemish ISBN: 9780764333453

Publication Date: 2010-02-18

This book discusses the use of dog teams in Vietnam. In the final chapter, there is an excellent discussion of the events taking place after the war ended, including the formation of the Vietnam Dog Handler Association, memorial projects, and the laws discussing the disposition of military working dogs. Also included: photographs, a map, a list of handlers killed in action, and a list of dogs killed in action.

The History of the United States Army Veterinary Corps in Vietnam 1962-1973 by William H. H. Clark

Publication Date: 1991

A very detailed account of the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps assistance in Vietnam. Also included: photographs, maps, statistics, names of veterinary service unit commanders & senior staff officers, and veterinary corps officers serving in Vietnam

K-9 Soldiers by Paul B. Morgan ISBN: 9781555714956

Publication Date: 2004-01-01

The author discusses his interaction with dogs throughout his working life-from military training to post-military life. Also included: photographs.

War Dogs: America's Forgotten Heroes by Narrated by Martin Sheen

Publication Date: 1999

This 70 minute VHS video includes many interviews with Vietnam dog handlers. They discuss the bond they had with their dogs and the tragedy of having to leave their dogs behind.

Books: Specific Military Working Dogs & Mascots

Beyond the Call of Duty: Heart-warming Stories of Canine Devotion and Wartime Bravery by Isabel George ISBN:

0007371519

Publication Date: 2010

This book discusses five dogs. Two of those dogs accompanied American soldiers: Smoky and Sergeant Stubby. Also included: a short bibliography and photographs.

From Stray Dog to World War I Hero by Grant Hayter-Menzies; Pen Farthing (Foreword by); Paul E. Funk (Introduction by) ISBN: 9781612347219

Publication Date: 2015-11-01

This book discusses Rags, a military mascot from World War I. Also included: photographs and a bibliography.

Rags: The Story of a Dog Who Went to War by Jack Rohan

Publication Date: 1930

This book tells the story of Rags from his discovery by an American soldier in Paris to his work as a messenger during the war to his post-war life. Also included: photographs.

Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend by Susan Orlean ISBN: 9781439190142

Publication Date: 2011

Most of this book focuses on Rin Tin Tin's movie career, but the chapter "Foundlings" discusses his birth on a battlefield in France and other dogs in WWI. Also included: photographs and a selected list of sources.

Sergeant Rex: The Unbreakable Bond Between a Marine and His Military Working Dog by Mike Dowling and Damien Lewis

ISBN: 9781451635966

Publication Date: 2011

This autobiography details the author's experience as a military working dog handler in Iraq with his dog, Rex. As a result, there are many details about the use of military working dogs in combat. Also included: photographs and a list of marine corps MWD handlers and their dogs that were deployed to Iraq between March and September 2004.

Sergeant Stubby: How a Stray Dog and His Best Friend Helped Win World War I and Stole the Heart of a Nation by Ann

Bausum ISBN: 9781426213106

Publication Date: 2014

This is the story of Stubby and his human friend, James Robert Conroy, in WWI. The author takes readers through Stubby's life from the athletic fields of Yale to mascot in the 102nd Infantry, 26th Division to his preservation in the Smithsonian. Also included: photographs, an annotated list of medals and decorations on Stubby's uniform, a timeline, and a bibliography.

Books: Miscellaneous

Dogs of War by John M. Behan

Publication Date: 1946

This book contains extended quotes from soldiers discussing their experiences and observations of war dogs. There is also a brief section on training. The majority of the book, however, is comprised of photographs of war dogs and soldiers.

Fort Robinson and the American Century: 1900-1948 by Thomas R. Buecker ISBN: 0806136464

Publication Date: 2002

Chapter 5 of this book is a detailed history of war dog training in Fort Robinson, Nebraska. Fort Robinson was one of the two War Dog Reception and Training Centers in the United States in the early 1940's. Also included: lists of monthly dog strength and dogs received, issued, and returned to owners.

Trident K9 Warriors by Michael Ritland and Gary Brozek ISBN: 9781250024978

Publication Date: 2013

This book discusses military working dogs, their handlers, training, and missions. There is also a brief section on the history of dogs in the military. Author Ritland is a former member of SEAL Team 3, a trainer of working and protection dogs, and the founder of the Warrior Dog Foundation. Also included: photographs of the author, military working dogs, soldiers, and training.

Military Resources

Basic Field Manual: Dog team transportation (FM 25-6). Prepared under direction of the Chief of Infantry

Publication Date: 1941

This field manual begins with a chapter on sled dogs. This chapter discusses: messenger and courier dogs, when dogs should be used, the types of dogs used, ages of dogs used (training beginning at 6-8 months, hard work beginning no earlier than 16 months, and service ending at about 9 years of age), and hitches. Other chapters include: "Equipment," "Kennel Management," "Field Management," "Physiology and Hygiene," "Transportation of Dog Teams," and "Loads and Loading." Also included: tables, illustrations, and photographs.

Technical Manual: War dogs (TM 10-396) by War Department, Washington, D.C.

Publication Date: 1943

This manual from the War Department charges the Quartermaster General with the responsibility for all aspects of war dogs and personnel involved with war dogs. It discusses the care of military dogs, basic training, specialized training, and also a brief history of the use of military dogs. Also included: a training plan and a bibliography.

USAF Sentry Dog Program (AF Manual 125-5) by Department of the Air Force

Publication Date: November 1967, amended February 1968

This manual was designed to train handlers and supervisors in the use of sentry dogs. It includes sections on history, personnel, procurement and training of dogs, equipment, health and care of sentry dogs, and records maintenance. The manual contains photographs of techniques, training, and equipment. It also has drawings of the anatomy of dogs, an off limits sign, and the life cycles of hookworms, heart worms, and tapeworms. The manual also provides sample records.

Conference on Research to Expand the Usefulness of the Military Working Dog by Air Force Office of Scientific Research
ISBN: AFOSR: 70-2368TR

Publication Date: 1970

This resource contains a foreword, introductory remarks and ten papers presented at a conference held in 1970. The foreword provides a number of interesting facts, including: German Shepherds were considered the most suitable dogs for service, over 10,000 dogs were in service with the Department of Defense, with 2,000 being replaced each year, and the general public provided these dogs to the Air Force. The papers presented discuss various topics, such as: recruitment, training, and veterinary aspects. Also included: charts, photographs, some illustrations, and a list of attendees.

Selection of Dogs for Land Mine and Booby Trap Detection Training, Volume I, Final Technical Report by Daniel S. Mitchell

Publication Date: September 1976

"It is imperative that all dogs considered for enrollment in a land mine/booby trap detection training program be submitted to a thorough screening process prior to acceptance. Only those animals which meet the criteria herein specified are selected for formal training. Numerous physical and behavioral dimensions must be weighed during the course of selection, and, unfortunately, many aspects of the decision-making process remain largely subjective in nature." Quotation from abstract.

Training and Employment of Land Mine and Booby Trap Detector Dogs, Volume II, Final Technical Report by Daniel S. Mitchell

Publication Date: September 1976

"The present document is intended as a procedures manual and reference text to be used during the training of initially naive canines for land mine and booby trap detection service." Quotation from abstract. Also included: photographs, charts, and other figures.

User's Guide: Land Mine and Booby Trap Detector Dogs, Volume III, Final Technical Report by Daniel S. Mitchell

Publication Date: September 1976

"Its purpose is to provide a 'field-portable' summary of the important procedures and considerations involved in the deployment of land mine/booby trap detector dogs." Quotation from abstract. Also included are photographs, illustrations, and other figures.

USAF Military Working Dog (MWD) Program, AF Regulation 125-5

Publication Date: October 24, 1980

"This regulation gives the policies, procedures, and standards for setting up and maintaining the USAF MWD program." Quotation from title page. Although not visible in the copy reviewed, the table of contents indicates that additional materials are included in this regulation. These include an obedience course obstacles attachment and several figures, such as: sit position, fitting the muzzle, and dog returning to handler after search.

Military Police Working Dogs (FM 19-35) ISBN: 0873645383

Publication Date: 1989

This manual discusses patrol dogs, sentry dogs, and narcotics detector dogs. It contains practical information on each type of working dog, including: how to use the dogs, characteristics of the dogs, and training considerations. It also contains a chapter on in-service evaluation procedures and a chapter on records and forms. Also included: instructions on how to complete DA Form 2807-R and DA Form 3992-R and photographs.

The Role of Military Working Dogs in Low Intensity Conflict (AD-A224 049) by LTC William H. Thornton

Publication Date: February 1990

This is a CLIC paper (a publication sponsored by the Army-Air Force Center for Low Intensity Conflict). It provides a brief history of military working dogs and discusses their future potential in low intensity conflict.

Military Working Dogs (FM 3-19.17)

Publication Date: July 2005

"This FM addresses the current capabilities of the Military Police Working Dog Program as well as the potential for future applications." Quotation from preface. Also included: photographs, charts, and other figures.

Veterinary Health Services: Army Regulation 40-905

Publication Date: August 29, 2006

"This regulation prescribes policies, responsibilities, and procedures for the provision of veterinary health services." Quotation from page 1. Also included: management control evaluation checklist, tables, and a glossary.

A Review of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Procurement of Untrained Canines

by Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General ISBN: OIG-08-46

Publication Date: April 2008

This report was prepared at the request of members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security. The Office of the Inspector General reviewed the procurement of untrained canines and made recommendations in this report. Also includes: the methodology used, management comments to the draft report and major contributors to the report.

Commander's Guide to MWDs Handbook

by Center for Army Lessons Learned

Publication Date: 2009

"This handbook describes the types of MWDs that are currently available for tactical use; offers some tactics, techniques, and procedures for their use in common tactical missions; lays out many issues for the tactical commander to consider in the use of MWD teams; and suggests logistic support required for MWD use." Quotation from pages 1-2. Also included: photographs, charts, a checklist, and request forms.

DOD Military Working Dog (MWD) Program, Air Force Instruction 23-126, Army Regulation 700-81, OPNAVINST 5585.3A, MCO 10570.1A

Publication Date: December 13, 2011

This Inter-Service, Multi-Service Instruction establishes procedures governing the logistics aspects of the Department of Defense Military Working Dog Program. "It assigns responsibilities for budgeting, funding, accounting, procuring, distributing, redistributing and reporting of dogs and procedures to follow in submitting dog requirements and requisitions."

Quotation from page 1. Also included: glossary, sample kennel master memorandum, military working dog adoption suitability checklist, protocol for bite muzzle testing, bite muzzle test assessment form, disposition checklist, covenants not to sue, and an adoption application.

Military Working Dogs: Army Regulation 190-12

Publication Date: March 11, 2013

"This regulation establishes responsibilities, policies, and procedures for the direction, management, and control of the Army Military Working Dog Program, including the assignment and functions of military working dog teams. It prescribes the standards for selection and retention of handlers and military working dogs, training and employment of working dog teams, and use of force." Quotation from page i. Also included: instructions for filling out DA forms, disposition instructions for military working dogs, certification information, internal control evaluation checklist, and a glossary.

Air Force Instruction 31-121

Publication Date: October 17, 2012, incorporating Change 1 March 31, 2015

"This instruction prescribes responsibilities, policies, and procedures for the direction, management, and control of the AF MWD Program. It explains how MWDTs are used in non-combat and combat support missions including area security, law enforcement, and antiterrorism, to include narcotics and explosive detection." Quotation from page 6. Also included: a glossary, a sample civilian support release and reimbursement agreement, a list of European Union countries, and a list of favorable countries listed in Annex 2, Part C.

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Master's Theses

A Centralized Source of Information for the Military Working Dog Program by Major Denzil F. Frost

Publication Date: 1990

"The purpose of this study is to identify and describe sources of information and to collect available information on the working dog industry that may prove to be useful in designing a successful working dog program..." Quotation from page 3.

The Contributions of the American Military Working Dog in Vietnam by Lieutenant Commander Mary Kathleen Murray

Publication Date: 1998

"The purpose of this thesis is to examine the history of the MWD teams in Vietnam to determine the significance of their contributions to the conflict. It is hypothesized that environmental and human-driven factors detracted from the effectiveness of the MWD teams." Quotation from page 2.

Ground Dog Day: Lessons Don't Have to be Relearned in the Use of Dogs in Combat by Michael L. Hammerstrom

Publication Date: December 2005

"The purpose of this thesis is to determine whether lessons that have been learned could be applied to the current MWD program to enhance the effectiveness of using dogs in combat. The intent is not to convince the reader that every lesson or particular conclusion or recommendation presented is the final solution to creating a "perfect" MWD program. The aim, instead, is to offer a spectrum of options or alternative methods that may be of use to those involved in MWD programs and to suggest areas for further research and exploration." Quotation from page i.

United States Code

10 USC 994

Veterinary care for retired military working dogs.

10 USC 2583

Transfer and adoption of military working dogs.

10 USC 2410r

Contract working dogs: requirement to transfer animals to 341st Training Squadron after service life.

Public Laws

Public Law 105-27

This law amends the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to allow: "the donation of Federal law enforcement canines that are no longer needed for official purposes to individuals with experience handling canines in the performance of law enforcement duties."

Public Law 106-446

"To amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate the adoption of retired military working dogs by law enforcement agencies, former handlers of these dogs, and other persons capable of caring for these dogs."

Public Law 112-81

Section 351 allows for a military working dog to be adopted by certain family members of a handler who is killed in action or dies from wounds received in action.

Public Law 112-239

Section 371 of this Act is entitled "Military Working Dog Matters." It allows for the transfer of retired military working dogs to the 341st Training Squadron or to another location for adoption, if no suitable adoption is available at the military facility where the dog is located. It also allows the the Secretary of Defense to create a system to provide for the veterinary care of retired (adopted) military working dogs, but prohibits federal government funding for this purpose.

House Bills & Resolutions

H. R. 543

79th Congress

This bill was intended, "To provide for the gift of war dogs to the servicemen who trained them for their war tasks."

This bill proposed to add a subsection to the Surplus Property Act of 1944 to allow war dogs that have been declared as surplus to be donated to the veteran who trained them or, to other veterans.

H.R. 3687

79th Congress

This bill was intended, "To provide for the retraining and care of dogs which have served with the Army during World War II."

This bill proposed a "Commission for the Retraining and Care of War Dogs" to be composed of a commissioned officer of the Army (appointed by the Secretary of War) and two Congressmen (appointed by the President). This Commission would prepare and carry out plans for the "proper care and treatment" of WWI dogs. This would include transportation back to the United States and retraining. The Commission also was permitted to make necessary expenditures to carry out its functions. A paid employee would hand in reports that would be open to the public.

H.R. 19241

91st Congress

This bill was intended, "To provide for the humane disposition of military dogs."

This bill proposed that when military dogs were no longer needed or suitable for service outside of the United States, and was reasonably healthy, that they should be returned to the United States for retraining for military/law enforcement assignments or housed by a "suitable humane organization." These humane organizations were not barred from retraining these dogs for civilian life.

H. Res. 812**111th Congress**

This House Resolution recognizes the contributions of the military working dog program, honors active and retired military working dogs, and supports the adoption and care of retired military working dogs.

H.R. 4103**112th Congress**

This bill proposes to classify military working dogs as canine members of the Armed Forces, provides for adoption or retirement, directs the Secretary of Defense to establish and maintain a system for veterinary care for retired military dogs, requires the Secretary of Defense to recognize military working dogs that are killed in action or " perform an exceptionally meritorious or courageous act in service to the United States."

Code of Federal Regulations

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) used to contain United States Air Force Military Working Dog Program (or sentry dog, depending on the year) regulations, beginning in 1965. They were located at 32 CFR 930, et seq. In 1983, these regulations were removed as they were, "intended for internal guidance and has no applicability to the general public." (48 FR 15255). Contact a reference librarian, if you need assistance finding copies of these regulations.

Government Websites

Army Military Working Dog Handler

<https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/browse-career-and-job-categories/legal-and-law-enforcement/military-working-dog-handler.html>

This U.S. Army Web page assists those looking for a career or job as an army military working dog handler.

Department of Defense Military Working Dog Veterinary Service

<https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/animed/mwd/Pages/Dog-Services.aspx>

"The Department of Defense Military Working Dog Veterinary Service (DoDMWDVS) is a subordinate unit under the U.S. Army Public Health Command that is responsible for comprehensive veterinary care for all military working dogs (MWD) at the DOD Dog Center at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas, as well as providing referral services to working dogs world-wide. Additionally, the DODAWDVS provides care for Transportation Security Administration (TSA) dogs undergoing training as part of the National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program, also located at Lackland AFB." Quotation from Director's Message page as it appears on 8/10/16.

Department of Defense: Military Working Dogs via Internet Archives

<https://web.archive.org/web/20140414041825/http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2006/Working-Dogs/index.html>

Although this information is no longer active on the DoD Website, this link will lead viewers to the material archived on Internet Archive's Wayback Machine.

Fact Sheet about 341st Training Squadron

<http://www.37trw.af.mil/About/Fact-Sheets/Display/Article/670140/341st-training-squadron/>

This fact sheet provides the mission statement, vision, lineage, demographics and point of contact for the 341st training squadron at Lackland AFB.

Homeland Security: Explosive Detection Dog Teams

<https://www.dhs.gov/explosive-detection-canine-teams>

This page on the official site of the Department of Homeland Security briefly discusses explosive detection dog teams. It includes a section on strategic and preventative tactics and a section on history and training.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection: Canine Program

<https://www.cbp.gov/border-security/along-us-borders/canine-program>

This page on the official site of the Department of Homeland Security discusses the canine program at U.S. Customs and Border Protection. It also provides links to a canine overview, canine disciplines, and canine center history.

Non-government Websites

Penn Vet Working Dog Center

<http://www.vet.upenn.edu/research/centers-initiatives/penn-vet-working-dog-center>

"The Penn Vet Working Dog Center serves as a national research and development center for detection dogs." Quotation from the first paragraph of this page as it appears on June 15, 2017. This Web site provides additional links to pages, including those discussing their research, training and breeding, canine performance medicine.

Scientific Working Group on Dog and Orthogonal Detector Guidelines

<http://swgdog.fiu.edu>

"SWGDOG is a partnership of local, state, federal and international agencies including private vendors, law enforcement and first responders. We anticipate that establishing consensus based best practices for the use of detection teams will provide many benefits to local law enforcement and homeland security. Improving the consistency and performance of deployed teams and optimizing their combination with electronic detection devices will improve interdiction efforts as well as courtroom acceptance." Quotation from "About us" page as it appears on 8/10/16.

This American Life: 480 Animal Sacrifice

<https://www.thisamericanlife.org/480/animal-sacrifice>

In this podcast, Act One: Semper Fido, discusses the use of military working dogs in World War II. A transcript, streaming audio, and photographs are available.

U.S. Quartermaster Foundation

http://old.qmfound.com/War_Dogs.htm

This site contains a history of MWDs, articles, photographs and a bibliography.

U.S. War Dog Association

<http://www.uswardogs.org>

"The United States War Dogs Association, Inc. is a nonprofit organization of Former and Current US Military Dog Handlers and supporting members committed to promoting the long history of the Military Service Dogs, establishing permanent War Dog Memorials, and educating the public about the invaluable service of these canines to our country." Quotation from "About us" page as it appears on June 15, 2017. This site includes: a history of military working dogs, types of military working dogs, medical care programs, and adoptions.

US Air Force Police Alumni Association

<https://www.usafpolice.org/k-9.html>

This page discusses the military working dog program. It also contains photographs and videos.

Vietnam Dog Handler Association

<http://www.vdha.us>

The Vietnam Dog Handler Association has over 3,000 members. One of their original goals was to, "...never give up the search to re-unite veteran war dog handlers and honor the memory of their war dog partners." Quotation from the "About us" page as it appears on June 15, 2017. This Web site also contains a vast amount of information, including a list of war dogs and their dispositions, a list of war dog units, a memorial locator, and links to other sites.

War Dogs Reference Bibliography (U. S. Quartermaster Foundation)

<https://www.qmfound.com/article/war-dogs-reference-bibliography/>

"A resource page for books, magazine and newspaper articles on military dogs."