

# FOX FAX

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## *Stake Holders*

Swamp Fox coordinator 2012-15	Norm Wood Fox 11
Swamp Fox coordinator 2010-11	Ray "Doc" Jennings Fox 032A
Swamp Fox Coordinator 2007-9	Woody Barnes Fox 35
Swamp Fox Coordinator 2004-6	Bob Woolley - Fox 26
Treasurer	Dan Aldridge - Fox 56
Unit Historian	Charley Baker - Fox 46
Patch and Shirt Project	Gary Simon - Fox 16
Web Master / Commo Chief	Ray "Doc" Jennings - Fox 032A
IBDA Liaison	Sam Givhan Fox 31
Quad-A Liaison	Curt Herrick Fox 26

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**WEB SITE** [www.199thAvnCo.net](http://www.199thAvnCo.net)

For security reasons please direct inquiries to the Web Master

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*Goals:*

*To find as many of our old friends as possible **and get them talking to each other again.***

*To build as complete a history of the unit as possible and make it available to all the members.*

*To perpetrate reunions.*



**We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;  
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me  
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile,  
This day shall gentle his condition;  
And gentlemen now a-bed  
Shall think themselves accursed they were not here,  
And hold their manhoods cheap while any speaks  
That fought with us upon St. Crispin's Day.**

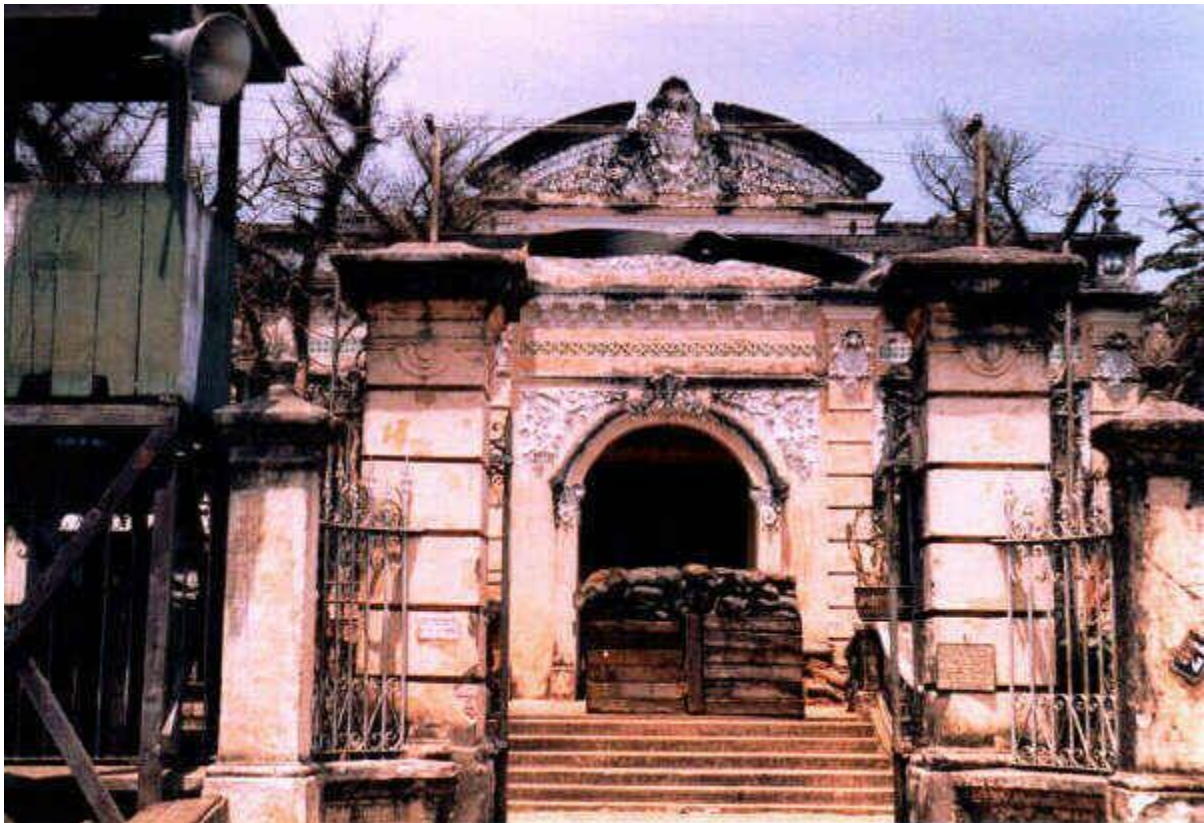
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*Henry V* is a [history play](#) by [William Shakespeare](#), believed to be written in approximately 1599.

The *St. Crispin's Day Speech* is a famous [motivational](#) speech from the play, delivered by Henry V before the battle ([act IV scene iii](#)). It is so called because 25 October is the feast day of [Saints Crispin and Crispinian](#). The speech itself names the day *Crispin Crispian*, in the passage



This is "The Grand Bungalow," advisory team (MACV) headquarters at Ban Me Thuot. This was Emperor Bao Dai's hunting lodge, Teddy Roosevelt came here for the tiger hunting. I understand that Bao Dai was the last emperor of Vietnam. 1966. From: <http://packrat.manzanitalab.com/Dunton/TGB.html> (I have been there. -ed)



Entrance to a French style building in Rach Gia.

There is an aircraft propeller mounted across the gate. David J. McGowan informs me that this was once a buddist temple, converted to house an Army Advisory group, Navy Seals and army personnel.

McGowan flew the O-1(1-19)Birdog on Recon mission from the Air Field next to the Rach Soi Base.

EMAIL: megowan[ at ]chesapeake.net from: <http://brownwater-navy.com/vietnam/Rachgia3.htm>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUhUPvInYOU>

## **Major Buang's Bird Dog landing on the USS Midway (29 April 1975)**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BG9n0GFFCkI>

## **Cessna L-19 Bird Dog Vietnam Demo**

**uploaded on Feb 14, 2012**

Cessna L-19/ O-1 Bird Dog Vietnam Airshow Demo. The mighty Bird Dogs flew in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts as liaison, artillery spotting, and forward air control (FAC) aircraft. Typically only armed with marking rockets, the bold Bird Dog pilots braved some of the most lethal combat zones in this dependable single engine Cessna. We try to honor their legacy by restoring and showcasing these magnificent aircraft in all of their original livery. For more information, please contact me at [honorflightfac@gmail.com](mailto:honorflightfac@gmail.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-C3fNU6oBI>

## **UAVs Suck: U.S. Army O-1 Bird Dog AFACs Call-In U.S. Navy 8" Cruiser Guns!**

**Uploaded on Apr 15, 2009**

You won't be seeing BS Predator UAVs doing this, either!

The Vietnam generation knew how to get 24/7/365 air surveillance and attack--how do you think we killed so many VC/NVA?

## Reunion News



Shotgun Memo 14-06-26

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### **McKenzie's Reunion Update**

**This is a short note to clarify my reunion plans for those of you that have not already been in touch.**

**We have a small group of the early Shotgunners who do not intend to participate in the planned "All Unit Reunion" scheduled for October 2015. This group would rather have a small reunion with like-minded Shotgunners and those Swamp**

**Fox members that have been a part of the Delta Birddog Reunion group for the past several years.**

**We have no ideas what your plans may be but, if you were planning on attending the "All Unit Reunion", you should do so. We are hoping that if you had no plans to go to Florida for the large reunion that you will consider joining with us in St. Louis.**

**The Chamber of Commerce has provided us with the dates most practical for a reunion in St. Louis during the month of September 2015 and we need to select a date and notify them as soon as possible so that they can contact hotels to obtain favorable rates for us. The dates that have been recommended are; starting **Thursday, Sep 10 to Sunday, Sep 13** or starting **Thursday, 24 Sep to Sunday, 27 Sep**. Either of these dates will leave you with plenty of time in the event you wish to attend both reunions.**

**I do need everyone that believes they might join with us in St. Louis to send an e-mail to me at [jnbmcken@gmail.com](mailto:jnbmcken@gmail.com) with their choice for the reunion date they would prefer. As always, majority rules so make sure you are included.**

**And, please remember, we (meaning me) are still looking for folks that are willing to use their talents and volunteer to help us make this (most probably our last) reunion a success.**

**Hooah!**

*Bob*

**Shotgun 36, 65-66**

## Letters to the editor

## Other RACs

21 <sup>st</sup> RAC	Web Site No Longer Available
73 <sup>rd</sup> AVN	<a href="http://www.73rdaviationcompany.org">www.73rdaviationcompany.org</a> (Airplane Surveillance)(Light)
74 <sup>th</sup> RAC	<a href="http://www.aloft74th.org">www.aloft74th.org</a>
119 <sup>th</sup> RAC	<a href="http://www.219headhunters.com">www.219headhunters.com</a>
183 <sup>rd</sup> RAC	<a href="http://www.183seahorse.org">www.183seahorse.org</a>
184 <sup>th</sup> RAC	<a href="http://www.184rac.com">www.184rac.com</a>
185 <sup>th</sup> RAC	<a href="http://www.angelfire.com/tx4/Pteradactyl185/index.html">www.angelfire.com/tx4/Pteradactyl185/index.html</a>
199 <sup>th</sup> RAC	<a href="http://www.199thAvnCo.net">www.199thAvnCo.net</a> <i>new</i>
203 <sup>rd</sup> RAC	<a href="http://www.203rdhawkeyes.net">www.203rdhawkeyes.net</a>
220 <sup>th</sup> RAC	<a href="http://www.catkillers.org">www.catkillers.org</a>
221 <sup>st</sup> RAC	<a href="http://www.221st.org">www.221st.org</a>

**In this website you will find information about the 2015 All Birddog Military Combat Unit Reunion to be held on the Florida Panhandle and the U.S. Army Birddog Unit Memorial to be dedicated at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.**

<http://www.L19birddog.com/>



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## [WEB SITE OF INTEREST](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=065ygnrsgw&index=6&list=PLD1ED61C14D0AC3BD>

**BAT 21 original trailer**

<http://brownwater-navy.com/vietnam/YRBM20v1.htm>

**Brown water Navy Vinh Long**



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijI3Zf2RvZw&index=8&list=PLD1ED61C14D0AC3BD>

## Black Ponies Squadron footage

This is footage from an old Super8 film camera in Vietnam shot by Ron Ballard and other members of the Black Ponies. This included a few shots of the crew on the ground to a couple of in air missions. The OV-10 Bronco was used by the Navy during the war for air to ground combat. (Ben Thuy)

[EAA calendar](#)

<http://www.eaa.org/events>

<http://www.eaa.org/airventure/> OSHKOSH

The IBDA Bark is attached. **Everybody gets the Bark. If you belong to IBDA you get an extra one for free.**

IBDA Store

<http://www.ibdawebsite.com/shop-ibda.html>

### **Swamp Fox IBDA members**

Charley Baker  
Woody Barnes  
Brian Bowling  
Rick Bozeman  
Rich Burns  
Sam Givhan  
Larry French  
Curt Herrick  
Ray Jennings  
Jim McKee  
Don Nicholson  
Dan Oates  
Cline Preble  
Rick Shoup  
Gary Simon  
Norm Wood  
Bobby Woolley

**Let me know if you are a member and I will add you to the list.**

**[www.ibdawebsite.com](http://www.ibdawebsite.com)**

**IBDA has been very supportive of Birddog Unit Reunions and deserves our thanks. We can show it by joining up. It's only a few bucks (\$30). Well worth it**

### **Web Site News**

Starting with this Fox Fax our newsletter will again be posted on the web site. I am confident the intruder has been vanquished and enough safe guards have been out in place. Web Site is still going to take a while. Lot of work left to do.

### **SWAMP FOX NETWORK**

**Welcome Home**

Status quo

call sign Fox ?? Means I don't have your call sign.  
Drop me an e-mail and I will fix that.

If you have a change of phone number, address or especially e-mail address.  
Let me know so we don't lose touch with you,

Thanks, editor

**NOTICE** If you have not sent us your mailing address and phone number please do so.

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We do not give this information out to anyone outside the Swamp Fox group.

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See the Fox Fax page.

Adobe Reader is available as a free down load from Adobe.

<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

**THE FOX FAX WELCOMES CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS.**

I try to keep it interesting. After ten years of the Fox Fax Bird Dog related articles are getting a little skinny.

If you have something to add to the Fox Fax, I need it before the fifth of the month.  
I try to publish the weekend following the fifth. Sometimes I am even on time.

Cheers Y'all

*Ray "Doc" Jennings*



[WebMaster](#)

**(EOM)**