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WEB SITE www.199thAvnCo.net

For security reasons please direct inquiries to the Web Master

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

Reunion News

In addition to the all Bird Dog Reunion there is Delta Bird Dog Reunion in the planning stage. This will be an informal get together and just an all around good time. So you have a choice to attend either reunion or both.

Please contact Bob McKenzie below.



Shotgun Memo 14-06-26

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 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

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PBY story

Famous PBYs Role In WWII - All US Navy guys will love this one and hear our "Anchors Aweigh". ALL WWII enthusiasts will love this.

Best viewed in full hd screen, sound on.

<http://vimeo.com/99919462>

Restoring a Stearman PT 13D Kaydet

A Stearman PT-13D Kaydet was recently restored at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. This aircraft is now on display in the museum's World War II Gallery, where it will be used to represent flight training during the war as part of an expanded Tuskegee Airman exhibit. Visit: www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

<http://www.military.com/video/aircraft/military-aircraft/restoring-a-stearman-pt-13d-kaydet/3721354753001/>

B29 restoration

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/3680239915001/historic-b-29-bomber-to-hit-the-skies-again/#sp=show-clips>

Other RACs

21st RAC Web Site No Longer Available
73rd AVN www.73rdaviationcompany.org (Airplane
Surveillance)(Light)

74 th RAC	www.aloft74th.org
119 th RAC	www.219headhunters.com
183 rd RAC	www.183seahorse.org
184 th RAC	www.184rac.com
185 th RAC	www.angelfire.com/tx4/Pteradactyl185/index.html
199 th RAC	www.199thAvnCo.net <i>new</i>
203 rd RAC	www.203rdhawkeyes.net
220 th RAC	www.catkillers.org
221 st RAC	www.221st.org

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/>

Birddog Store

The Bird Dogs' Tale

by Bobby Jack Woolley (Swamp Fox 26 – editor)

The author has presented the combat service of the Bird Dog aircraft in a comprehensive manner that covers the ten-year period, 1962-1972. The intent is for *The Bird Dogs' Tale* to serve as a record of how O-1's service contributed to the overall combat effort that occurred in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam era.

Research concerning the disposition of each O-1 that served with Army, Air Force and Marine aviation units is presented. Brief histories of each O-1 aviation unit are also included. Of significance, an accounting of each service member who lost his life participating in its combat service is also recorded. The accounting of each aircraft and those who lost their lives to O-1 operations is an important and unusual content of a combat related book. *The Bird Dogs' Tale* is that story.

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WEB SITE OF INTEREST

Airplane Parachute – watch the whole thing.

<http://www.cirrusaircraft.com/innovation/?item=parachute>

Fascinating! You can spend hours on this virtual tour of the Air Force Museum, Dayton.

<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/virtualtour/index.asp>

Yes! That is a B36 indoors.

[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 (new)
Bobby Woolley

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

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.

**If your e-mail address quits working we have no way to get in touch.
We do not give this information out to anyone outside the Swamp Fox group.**

Note that the Fox Fax can be viewed in pdf format on the Swamp Fox web site. Adobe reader is required.

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](#)

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