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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.*

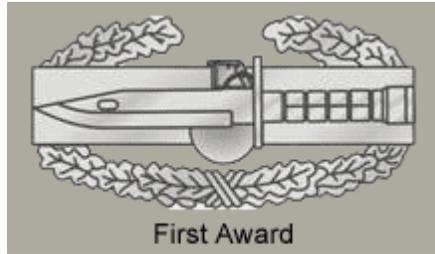


**We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;  
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me  
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile,  
This day shall gentle his condition;  
And gentlemen now a-bed  
Shall think themselves accursed they were not here,  
And hold their manhoods cheap while any speaks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



From: <http://www.army.mil/symbols/CombatBadges/action.html>

## **Combat Action Badge Information**

Chief of Staff of the Army GEN Peter Schoomaker awards some of the first Combat Action Badges to Soldiers in the Washington DC area at a Pentagon ceremony on June 29th. Photos by Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess.

### **DESCRIPTION**

A silver badge 2 inches (5.08cm) in width overall consisting of an oak wreath supporting a rectangle bearing a bayonet surmounting a grenade, all silver. Stars are added at the top to indicate subsequent awards; one star for the second award, two stars for the third award and three stars for the fourth award.

### **II. SYMBOLISM**

In keeping with the spirit of the Warrior Ethos, the Combat Action Badge provides special recognition to Soldiers who personally engage the enemy, or are engaged by the enemy during combat operations. The bayonet and grenade are associated with active combat. The oak wreath symbolizes strength and loyalty.

### **III. AWARD ELIGIBILITY**

The Combat Action Badge (CAB) may be awarded by any commander delegated authority by the Secretary of the Army during wartime or the CG, U.S. Army Human Resources Command and will be announced in permanent orders.

1. The requirements for award of the CAB are Branch and MOS immaterial. Assignment to a Combat Arms unit or a unit organized to conduct close or offensive combat operations, or performing offensive combat operations is not required to qualify for the CAB. However, it is not intended to award all soldiers who serve in a combat zone or imminent danger area.
2. Specific Eligibility Requirements:
  - a. May be awarded to any soldier.
  - b. Soldier must be performing assigned duties in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay is authorized.
  - c. Soldier must be personally present and actively engaging or being engaged

- by the enemy, and performing satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed rules of engagement.
- d. Soldier must not be assigned/attached to a unit that would qualify the soldier for the CIB/CMB.
  3. May be awarded to members from the other U.S. Armed Forces and foreign soldiers assigned to a U.S. Army unit, provided they meet the above criteria.
  4. Award of the CAB is authorized from 18 September 2001 to a date to be determined. Award for qualifying service in any previous conflict is not authorized.
  5. Subsequent awards:
    - a. Only one CAB may be awarded during a qualifying period.
    - b. Second and third awards of the CAB for subsequent qualifying periods will be indicated by superimposing one and two stars respectively, centered at the top of the badge between the points of the oak wreath.
  6. **Retroactive awards for the CAB are not authorized prior to 18 September 2001**, applications (to include supporting documentation) for retroactive awards of the CAB will be forwarded through the first two star general in the chain of command to CG, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471.
  7. Wear policy is contained in Army Regulation 670-1.
  8. Soldiers may be awarded the CIB, CMB and CAB for the same qualifying period, provided the criteria for each badge is met. However, subsequent awards of the same badge within the same qualifying period are not authorized.

#### IV. DATE APPROVED

On 2 May 2005, the Chief of Staff, Army, approved the creation of the CAB to provide special recognition to soldiers who personally engage, or are engaged by the enemy. HQDA Letter 600-05-1, dated 3 June 2005, announced the establishment of the Combat Action Badge.

## [‘Old Ironsides’ Now Ready for Virtual Touring](#)

by [Bryant Jordan](#) on February 6, 2015



America's oldest warship afloat is headed into dry dock next month at the Charlestown Navy

Yard in Boston, but Google Maps and the U.S. [Navy](#) have made it possible for everyone to digitally visit the USS Constitution.

Just as Google made it possible to zip virtually up and down city streets almost anywhere in the world, it can now put you on and below deck of “[Old Ironsides](#) (video),” the still-commissioned Navy warship that made a name for itself in campaigns against the French, North African pirates and the British.

Cmdr. Sean Kearns, commander of the historic ship, called the timing of Google’s mapping ideal because preparation for the Constitution’s restoration had not yet begun. [\[Continue reading...\]](#)

Read more: <http://defensetech.org/#ixzz3RHFbpENt>  
Defense.org

## Letters to the Editor

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## Reunion News

In this website you will  
find information about the -  
***2015 All Birddog Military Combat Unit Reunion***  
**(October 8-11, 2015)**  
**U.S. Army Birddog Unit Memorial**  
**(Friday October 9, 2015 Dedication Ft. Rucker,**  
**Alabama)**  
<http://www.119birddog.com/>

## **2015 DELTA BIRDDOG REUNION**

St. Lewis, Mo.

**Sept 10-13 2015**

This will be an informal reunion of the 199th RAC and 221<sup>st</sup> RAC still in the planning stage. More information as I receive it. (Doc)  
Reunion coordinator Bob McKenzie (221<sup>st</sup>)

[http://www.199thavnco.net/Page%20files/reunion\\_2015.htm](http://www.199thavnco.net/Page%20files/reunion_2015.htm)

### 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.

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# Army Aviation News

<http://www.army.mil/aviation/news/index.html>



## 100 Years

“From their humble beginnings working alongside the Wright Brothers, Army aviators have been pioneers in aviation and they have played a key role in forming and shaping Army doctrine and tactics on the battlefield.

As we celebrate the first 100 years of Army aviation, this site is designed to give a glimpse into the birth and growth of the that community as we showcase the men, equipment, missions and conflicts that helped shape us into who we are today.

Today, modern Army aviators perform a multitude of complex missions from patrolling the skies over modern battlefields while piloting unmanned aerial vehicles from remote locations to dominating the modern battlefield in the middle of the day or during the dark of night.”

## WEB SITE OF INTEREST



<http://raider.sikorsky.com/index.asp>

## Sikorsky S-97 Raider Attack Helicopter Unveiled

<http://www.military.com/video/aircraft/helicopters/sikorsky-s-97-raider-attack-helicopter-unveiled/3819690487001/>

## Sikorsky S-97 Starts Bladed Ground Runs

<http://www.military.com/video/aircraft/helicopters/sikorsky-s-97-starts-bladed-ground-runs/4034351475001/>

retro view:



AH56 Cheyenne

In 1966, the Army awarded Lockheed a contract for ten AH-56 prototypes. The AH-56's maiden flight took place on 21 September 1967. In January 1968, the Army awarded Lockheed a production contract, based on flight testing progress. A fatal crash and technical problems affecting performance put Cheyenne development behind schedule, resulting in the cancellation of the production contract on 19 May 1969.<sup>[1]</sup> Development of the Cheyenne continued in the hope that the helicopter would eventually enter service. (Re: Technical problems like the rotor coming in contact with the fuselage therefore wrecking the whole damn thing! Ed)

By March 1968, the AH-56 had established a [flight envelope](#) of 170 knots (196 mph, 315 km/h) in forward flight, 25 knots (29 mph, 46 km/h) sideways, and 20 knots (23 mph, 37 km/h) rearwards.<sup>1</sup>

On 9 August 1972, the Army canceled the Cheyenne program. Controversy with the [United States Air Force](#) over the Cheyenne's role in combat<sup>[2]</sup> as well as the political climate regarding military acquisition programs had caused the Army to amend the service's attack helicopter requirements in favor of a twin-engined conventional helicopter, viewed as less technical and more survivable.<sup>[3]</sup> The Army announced a new program for an [Advanced Attack Helicopter](#) (AAH) on 17 August 1972,<sup>[4]</sup> which led to the development of the [AH-64 Apache](#).

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Then there is the AH56 Cheyenne that was canceled.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVYwPFzY-DI>

### [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.**

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Rick Bozeman  
Rich Burns  
Sam Givhan  
Larry French  
Curt Herrick  
Ray Jennings  
Jim McKee  
Kevin Kirby (new)  
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 Birdog 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

Fox Fax newsletter will again be posted on the web site.

## 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.**

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See the Fox Fax page.

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

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**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.**

## A plane flying in the 1930s

In the early 1930's, a farmer and his wife went to a fair. The farmer was fascinated by the airplanes and asked a pilot how much a ride would cost.

"\$10 for 3 minutes," replied the pilot. "That's too much," said the farmer.

The pilot thought for a second and then said, "I'll make you a deal. If you and your wife ride for 3 minutes without uttering a sound, the ride will be free. But if you make a sound, you'll have to pay \$10."

The farmer and his wife agreed and went for a wild ride. After they landed, the pilot said to the farmer, "I want to congratulate you for not making a sound. You are a brave man."

"Maybe so," said the farmer, "But I gotta tell ya, I almost screamed when my wife fell out."

**Cheers Y'all**

*Ray "Doc" Jennings*



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