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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

OPINION:

Watching Iraq fall apart is like watching Vietnam fall apart the exact same way all over again. ARVIN wouldn't fight then and Iraqi Army won't fight now for the exact same reasons. Lack of leadership. Religious conflict between French Catholic elite (officers, etc.) and Buddhist majority, Shiite vs Sunni. Our restrictive ROE to the point of strangling the effort. Sanctuary for the enemy on the other side of the border. Shut off funding for S. Vietnam Military, shut off funding for the Iraqi military. Micromanagement by the White House political hacks. "They can't bomb an outhouse unless I say so", LBJ. Nation building didn't work then and it still doesn't work, etc, etc, etc. Lessons learned and forgotten.

Truman (D) pulled the troops back when we were winning because the casualties looked bad in the press for the next election. LBJ (D) did the exact same thing for the exact same reason in 1968. I suspect Bush (R) did the same thing till Iraq got out of control and hence the "surge".

Our House Divided?

Truman (D) got us into Korea, Ike (R) ran on ending it. Ike won.

LBJ (D) got us into Vietnam, Nixon (R) ran on ending it. Nixon won.

Bush (R) got us into Iraq and Afghanistan. Obama (D) ran on ending it. Obama won.

That's two wars for Ds and two wars for Rs. Judging by history if we must have a war better to get it over with before the next Presidential election. Pulling back the troops violates the rules of the 'Long War". Turns winning into a long drawn out meat grinder.

More ...

There is no political will to tell the truth about the "Long War" (Tsun Tzu, The art of war http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Art_of_War). We didn't start this fire. It's been going on since before there was a United States. Before Saladin kicked the Crusaders out of Jerusalem in 1187. Before we sent the Marines to the shores of Tripoli (Libya) in 1801. Before Gordon in Khartoum (Sudan) 1884. Before the end of WW1 when the European colonialists divided the middle east among themselves, not us. WW2, invading Japan could have been an unbearable Long War.

How long is a Long War? Other cultures could be a hundred years. Here? Longer than one four year election cycle.

Wiki: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Khartoum

"The **Battle of Khartoum**, **Siege of Khartoum** or **Fall of Khartoum** was the conquest of Egyptian held [Khartoum](#) by the [Mahdist](#) forces led by [Muhammad Ahmad](#). Egypt had held the city for some time prior, but the siege that the Mahdists engineered and carried out from March 13, 1884, to January 26, 1885 was enough to wrest control away from the Egyptian administration. After a ten-month siege, when the Mahdists finally broke into the city, the entire garrison of Egyptian soldiers was killed along with 4,000 Sudanese civilians.(and Gordon)

Wiki: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahdi> (The Twelfth Imam) Is what Shiite and Sunni hate each other over. They think each other are heretics.

How the PRESS and various and sundry political ignoramuses could be surprised by the brutality of ISIS is a mystery to me. Either they are stupid or lazy or just don't want to know.

RE:

SVBIED footage from Alepo 2014. Gives some idea what the Iraqi Army was running from. Why they need anti-tank weapons to fight ISIS in 2015. Skip the first three minutes.

<http://www.military.com/video/operations-and-strategy/improvised-weapons/svbied-attack-kind-hospital/3236747430001/>

from Wiki

The **Mongol military tactics and organization** enabled the [Mongol Empire](#) to conquer nearly all of continental Asia, the Middle East and parts of eastern Europe.

The original foundation of that system was an extension of the nomadic lifestyle of the Mongols. Other elements were invented by Genghis Khan, his generals, and his successors. Technologies useful to attack fortifications were adapted from other cultures, and foreign technical experts integrated into the command structures.

For the larger part of the 13th century, the Mongols lost only a few battles using that system, and always returned to turn the result around in their favor. In many cases, they won against significantly larger opposing armies. Their first defeat in the West came in 1223 at the [Battle of Samara Bend](#) by the hands of the [Volga Bulgars](#). The second one was at the [Battle of Ain Jalut](#) in 1260, against the first army which had been specifically trained to use their own tactics against them.^{[1][2][3]} But again they would return over 40 years later and defeat the Egyptian Mamluks at the [Battle of Wadi al-Khazandar](#) in 1299 and annex Syria, Palestine as well as Gaza. The Mongols suffered defeats in attempted [invasions of Vietnam](#) and [Japan](#). But while the empire became divided around the same time, its combined size and influence remained largely intact for more than another hundred years

Psychological warfare and deception

Main article: [Total war and the Mongol Empire](#)



Drawing of Mongols outside [Vladimir](#) presumably demanding submission before its sacking.

The Mongols used [psychological warfare](#) successfully in many of their battles, especially in terms of spreading terror and fear to towns and cities. They often offered an opportunity for the

enemy to surrender and pay [tribute](#), instead of having their city ransacked and destroyed. They knew that sedentary populations were not free to flee danger as were nomad populations, and that the destruction of their cities was the worst loss a sedentary population could experience. When cities accepted the offer, they were spared, but were required to support the conquering Mongol army with manpower, supplies, and other services.

If the offer was refused, however, the Mongols would invade and destroy the city or town, but allow a few civilians to flee and spread terror by reporting their loss. These reports were an essential tool to incite fear in others. However, both sides often had a similar if differently motivated interest in overstating the enormity of the reported events: the Mongols' reputation would increase and the townspeople could use their reports of terror to raise an army. For that reason, specific data (e.g. casualty figures) given in contemporary sources needs to be evaluated carefully.

As Mongols started conquering other people, they recruited the male nomads to their armies if they only surrendered, particularly the [Turks](#), [Armenians](#), [Georgians](#) and others, willingly or under a threat to be destroyed otherwise. Therefore, as they expanded into other areas, their troop numbers increased as other people were included in their conquests, such as during the [Battle of Baghdad](#), which included many diverse people fighting under Mongol lordship.

However, the Mongols were never able to gain long-term loyalty from the settled peoples that they conquered. ¹

Excerpts from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongol_military_tactics_and_organization

This is the opinion of Ray Jennings and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Swamp Fox Organization. (ed)

Letters to the Editor

From Sam Givhan

Digging thru some of my stuff I found this reminder of how tough the old O-470-11 was. It ran real rough but made it back with enough oil not to do major damage.



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.l19birddog.com/>

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/>

2015 Delta Birddog Reunion

St. Lewis, Mo.

Sept 10-13 2015

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

http://www.199thavnco.net/Page%20files/reunion_2015.htm

The Crowne Plaza Hotel (where we will be staying) is located directly across from the majestic Gateway Arch.

More than 200 years ago, Lewis and Clark set out on their great journey. Today, the Gateway Arch stands as the iconic monument symbolizing the westward expansion of the United States. If you've never seen the grandeur of this architectural wonder or the breathtaking views of St. Louis from 630 feet in the air, now is your chance.

Your journey begins with a step back in time as you walk through exhibits depicting the history of St. Louis and the Gateway Arch. Next, a short tram ride will transport you 630 feet up where an awe-inspiring view awaits.

Witness the breathtaking construction of the Arch in the award-winning documentary, "Monument to the Dream at the Tucker Theatre. Or, view a high-adventure on a four-story screen, complete with THX sound at the Odyssey Theatre.

Various shops offer a wide selection of souvenirs, period-authentic snacks, and apparel and educational gifts.

This year will be the 50th anniversary of the vision of renowned architect Eero Saarinen. We'll be there as the city celebrates.....join us.

Bob

Shotgun 36

Several of our comrades-in-arms have reserved their rooms for our reunion . . . consider making yours as well, it costs nothing to do and should circumstances dictate there is no charge to cancel if done 48 hours prior to your arrival date.

Reunion notes that you may have overlooked:

1. With your room reservation you get a free breakfast and free indoor parking.
2. So that we can remain as a unit without the need to

Other RACs

- 21st RAC Web Site No Longer Available
73rd AVN www.73rdaviationcompany.org (Airplane
Surveillance)(Light)
74th RAC www.aloft74th.org
119th RAC www.219headhunters.com
183rd RAC www.183seahorse.org
184th RAC www.184rac.com

185th RAC www.angelfire.com/tx4/Pteradactyl185/index.html

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<http://www.baslerturbo.com/aviators-video.html>

Turbo Gooney Bird

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



US Air Force

- **Base: Hurlburt Field, FL**
- **Purpose: Training**



US Department of State

- Base: Afghanistan
- Purpose: General Transport

Bush Pilot: Reflections on a Canadian Myth

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ull2qAzQh9U

The Giants - flying boats

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y22F9O3A0EM

We didn't start the fire

www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDPnsTRAvIM

Charlie Wilson's War dvd

http://www.amazon.com/Charlie-Wilsons-War-Widescreen-Hanks/dp/B0013XZ2QK/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1433866624&sr=8-1&keywords=dvd+charlie+wilson%27s+war

Grave yard of empires? The Afghans didn't beat the Russians. We did. US money and arms beat the Russians. It was a humanitarian disaster. Something had to be done about it. The Russians went into Afghanistan to stop the spread of Radical Islam and drugs into the Soviet Union. The Russians were winning. They were killing Afghans wholesale. Nobody needs another country of rocks. We didn't. It turned back to crap from whence it came and not vary far to turn either.

9th Company (Russian) dvd – hard to find in English

http://www.amazon.com/9th-Company-Alexei-Chadov/dp/B003OXGW5M/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1433867006&sr=8-1&keywords=9th+company+russian

[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>

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Gary Simon
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Bobby Woolley

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

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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

SWAMP FOX NETWORK

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Status quo

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Thanks, editor

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

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I try to keep it interesting. After twelve 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



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