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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.

Cessna War Bird is back.



US Air Force Air Advisors of the 321st Air Expeditionary Wing marked an Advise, Train, Assist and Equip milestone recently, highlighting the success of their Iraqi Air Force counterparts following the second-ever Hellfire rocket launch from an Iraqi Air Force AC-208 Cessna Caravan. On Nov. 8, an Iraqi Air Force AC-208 Cessna Caravan aircrew fired a Hellfire missile at a target on the Aziziyah Training Range south of Baghdad, scoring a direct hit and destroying the target. Iraqi Airmen have trained continuously for the Hellfire mission, mastering the weapons load, target attack, and airmanship skills necessary to maintain proficiency since completing their first Hellfire

launch in 2009, which also resulted in a direct hit of a training target. US Army photo by Sergeant Brandon Bolick.

Read more:

http://www.longwarjournal.org/photos/2010/11/iraqi_air_force_fires_hellfire.php#ixzz161gLJeoj



'Green Ammo' Heads to Afghanistan

June 24, 2010
Army News Service

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. - The Army announced it has begun shipping its new 5.56mm cartridge, the M855A1 Enhanced Performance Round, to support warfighters in Afghanistan.

The new M855A1 round is sometimes referred to as "green ammo." (This is solid copper with steel penetrator, bullet weight is the same, they said)

The new round replaces the current M855 5.56mm cartridge that has been used by U.S. troops since the early 1980s.

The M855A1 resulted in a number of significant enhancements not found in the current round, officials said. They explained these include improved hard-target capability, more dependable, consistent performance at all distances, improved accuracy, reduced muzzle flash and a higher velocity.

During testing, the M855A1 performed better than current 7.62mm ball ammunition against certain types of targets, blurring the performance differences that previously separated the two rounds.

The projectile incorporates these improvements without adding weight or requiring additional training.

According to Lt. Col. Jeffrey K. Woods, the program's product manager, the projectile is "the best general purpose 5.56mm round ever produced."

Woods said its fielding represents the most significant advancement in general purpose small caliber ammunition in decades.

The Enhanced Performance Round contains an environmentally-friendly projectile that eliminates up to 2,000 tons of lead from the manufacturing process each year in direct support of Army commitment to environmental stewardship.

Army Working on Lightweight .50 cal



www.military.com/news/article/army-working-on-lightweight-50-cal.html

November 26, 2010
Military.com|by Christian Lowe

It's an iconic weapon whose guttural "thump-thump-thump" inspires confidence that whatever it's shooting at is going down – in a big way.

But for the first time since World War II, the Army is working on a fundamental redesign of the venerable M2 .50cal machine gun, cutting its weight in half, increasing its accuracy and making it a lot easier to shoot for Soldiers on the move.

Dubbed the XM806, the new version of the "Ma Duce" is being developed in response to the Army's concerns about the weight and mobility of the current M2. With a greater

emphasis on light infantry tactics since 9/11, officials wanted a weapon that can be as easily mounted on a Humvee as it can a hillside.

“It is designed to augment the M2 .50 caliber machine gun, but can also be used to replace the M2 in select operational locations,” the Program Executive Office for Soldier Weapons said in an email to Military.com. “The weapon is ideal for light infantry and special operations forces, as well as for vehicles demanding more lethality but lighter weight.”

Talk about taking a diet – the XM806 with its specially-designed tripod weighs a little over 60 lbs. That’s compared to the current M2 Heavy Barrel which comes in at a portly 120 lbs. But the General Dynamics-made XM806’s advantages go deeper than its waistline, Army officials say.

Waco Tops Best Military Retirement Spots

December 06, 2010
Military.com

USAA and Military.com announced today that Waco, Texas, heads the first-ever "Best Places for Military Retirement" list. USAA and Military.com commissioned a study to create the list to pinpoint places in the U.S. that offer a high quality of life and help maximize military retiree benefits as service members manage their "first retirement" from the armed forces and begin planning their "second retirement" from civilian life.

The remainder of the top 10 list includes:

2. Oklahoma City, Okla.
3. Austin, Texas
4. College Station, Texas (A&M ?)
5. Harrisburg, Pa.
6. San Angelo, Texas
7. Madison, Wis.
8. Pittsburgh, Pa.
9. New Orleans
10. Syracuse, N.Y.

** Proximity to a military base and a VA hospital or clinic, base amenities and state taxation on military pensions.

** Employment and education opportunities, including employment rates and presence of colleges and universities.

** General quality of life issues, such as affordability, housing costs, economic stability, crime rate, climate, health indicators, airport access, arts and culture and recreational activities.

This tracks with the Swamp Fox demographics study. More Swamp Fox live in Texas than any other state.

2011 Delta Bird Dog Reunion News

SAN ANTONIO BOOTS ON THE GROUND CREW:

199th

Don Nicholson

Gary Simon

Jim Strye

Anyone else in the San Antonio area who wants to help. Drop me an e-mail.

221st

Don Smith

Amador Marcha

Roy Talley

Russ Duffin

*Jump in and hang on. We're goin' for a ride.
Anybody barfs in my airplane gets to clean it up.*

Crew Chief

Letters to the editor

From: Bill Poor



Delta Birddog Reunion 2009 DVDs are available from Bill Poor. These are very well done indeed. Well worth the five bucks for shipping and material.

Contact Bill Poor at wtpoor@comcast.net

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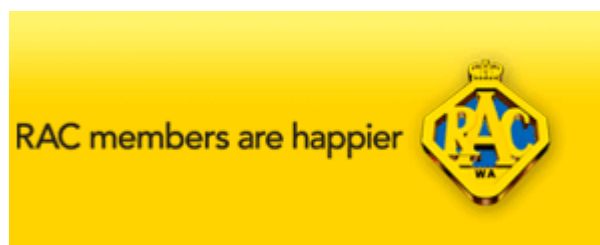
Attached is December Shot Gun Blast from 221st RAC.

Note the story about VAL 4 Black Pony OV-10 outfit.

PBRs, Sea Wolf, etc.

A friend Art Savard O5 (ret) Navy flew OV-10 out of Bin Thuy.

69-70 Feedback welcome.



Other RACs

21st RAC Web Site No Longer Available

73rd RAC see 74th RAC

74th RAC www.aloft74th.org

119th RAC www.219headhunters.com

The Oct 2011 Reunion will be held in BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA

183rd RAC www.183seahorse.org

184th RAC www.184rac.com
185th RAC www.angelfire.com/tx4/Pteradactyl185/index.html no info
199th RAC www.SwampFox199thRAC.com - San Antonio Oct 2011
203rd RAC no web site
220th RAC www.220raccatkiller.us.com new Home page www.catkillers.org -
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Mark your calendars!

You are all invited to the 220th Catkiller Reunion

July 11-15, 2012, Seattle, Washington

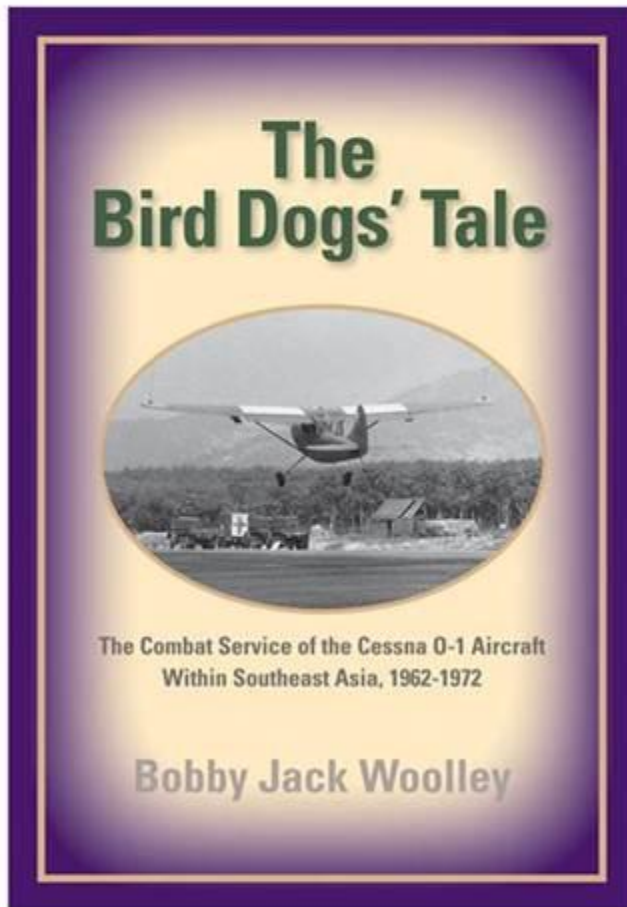
Registration information will be available in September, 2011

<http://www.catkillers.org/catcom4-quarter10.htm#reunion2012>

Norm MacPhee, Reunion Committee, catkiller2012@earthlink.net

221st RAC www.221st.org see above 199th

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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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You will need:

- 1 28 oz. bag of Ore-Ida Seasoned Tater Tots.
- 1 Can Hormel Chili No Beans
- 1 bag grated cheddar cheese
- 1 onion, chopped.

In a large mixing bowl toss the frozen Tater Tots, Chili and half the grated cheese till all the Tater Tots are coated.

Put that stuff in a suitable size casserole bowl.

Spread the chopped onions on top and the rest of the Cheddar on top of that for a crust.

Bake according to directions on the bag, 450 for approx. 25 min.

Serve with two Corn Dogs and yellow kid mustard.

A domestic beer for the adults.

Sorry, no picture. Kids got to it first.

WEB SITES of INTEREST



As part of the 60th Anniversary celebration, comic strip creator Mort Walker is donating several one-of-a-kind items to the **BEETLE BAILEY 60TH ANNIVERSARY MILITARY CHARITY AUCTION** which will benefit the USO and seven other military charities:

BEETLE BAILEY 60TH ANNIVERSARY “RETRO” STRIPS

A signed art portfolio of 15 color prints of the special two-week retrospective comic strip series surrounding the 60th anniversary on Sept. 4, 2010. The strips were chosen by fans from a gallery of 60 comics (from each of the decades of Beetle Bailey’s lifetime) that were posted online at BeetleBailey.com ([see them here](#)). The prints are presented in a portfolio of sleeved pages so that, if the successful auction bidder wishes, the prints may be removed and framed. The dimensions are 12-1/2” x 9-1/2”. Successful auction bidder will receive the portfolio with an accompanying certificate of authenticity.

<http://beetle.king-online.com>

Click on [see them here](#)

[EAA calendar](#)

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

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

[IBDA](#)

The IBDA magazine has been discontinued.
The Bark is now in pdf format see attached.



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Sam Givhan
Larry French
Curt Herrick
Ray Jennings
Jim McKee
Don Nicholson
Rick Shoup

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



www.ibdaweb.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

www.ibdaweb.com/picture_gallery.htm

SWAMP FOX NETWORK

Status quo – no new members

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

Site News

The Swamp Fox Web Site is still under reconstruction after computer problems.
Still a little to be done. Looks stable for now.

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

http://www.druid-consulting.com/news_letter.htm

Adobe Reader is available as a free download from Adobe.

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

Established June 6, 2002 D-Day!

THE FOX FAX WELCOMES CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS.

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.

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And this one too. SwampFox@Druid-Consulting.com

Cheers Y'all

(EOM)