

What Are You Watching at 2200 Hours Each Friday?

Description

If I'm not there, the PVR is running...

Aviation buff? Curious about what air combat maneuvering (ACM) has been like over the ages? Do you love tactics, especially ones conducted at high speed and in three dimensions? Do you get "speed is life" or want to?

So, at 10PM each Friday night, you should be tuned to the ["History Channel for "Dogfights."](#)

Dogfights Image unknown

Using computer gaming simulations software, detailed graphical representations and interviews with some of the actual "players" in many historical air battles, it will give you a dose of detail to round out your comprehension of the "process" of dogfighting....

For the Naval Historians out there, the episode aired 12/22/06, titled "Death of the Japanese Navy" was a well done detailed description of [the Battle Off Samar in Oct, 1944](#). While the show is about air combat, they used the same techniques to tell the story of the clash between Adm Kurita's Central Force and Taffy 3 in the early hours of 10/25/1944 off of Leyte Gulf. Featured for much of the commentary was James Hornfisher, author of ["Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors"](#). The valiant aviators, who, in many cases with no more ordnance, continued to make passes at the overwhelming force is intermingled with the surface combat between destroyer escorts, destroyers (on the US side) and the battle force lead by IJN Yamato, other battleships, cruisers and destroyers of the Japanese fleet.

So...see about the Flying Tigers, aerial combat between "The Last Gunfighters" F-8 Crusaders and MiGs over Hanoi, Spads (not A-1s!) over the trenches, or the trials of the "Cactus Air Force."

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