

What Are You Watching at 2200 Hours Each Friday?

Description

If Iâ€™m not there, the PVR is runningâ€¦

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 â€œspeed is lifeâ€• or want to?

So, at 10PM each Friday night, you should be tuned to the [â€œHistory Channel for â€œDogfights.â€•](#)

Dogfights Image

Using computer gaming simulations software, detailed graphical representations and interviews with some of the actual â€œplayersâ€• in many historical air battles, it will give you a dose of detail to round out your comprehension of the â€œprocessâ€• of dogfightingâ€¦.

For the Naval Historians out there, the episode aired 12/22/06, titled â€œDeath of the Japanese Navyâ€• 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 Kuritaâ€™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 [â€œLast Stand of the Tin Can Sailorsâ€•](#). 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.

Soâ€¦see about the Flying Tigers, aerial combat between â€œThe Last Gunfightersâ€• F-8 Crusaders and MiGs over Hanoi, Spads (not A-1s!) over the trenches, or the trials of the â€œCactus Air Force.â€•

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