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Posted by [hareman](#) on Mon, 23 Feb 2004 23:50:07 GMT

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<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4352277/>

Short sighted fucks

I bet if it was being built by Halliburton that it wouldn't have been canceled

I am embarrassed to admit I work for the gov'mint

First the Crusader now the Commanche are the F22 and the JSF next?

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Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Mon, 23 Feb 2004 23:53:42 GMT

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They're cancelling the Comanche, not the Apache.

Personally, I thought the Comanche was really cool, but I guess it didn't have enough of a purpose to make it that much better than the Apache.

Or they didn't give the government enough "insurance".

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 00:03:38 GMT

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<http://www.avroarrow.org/AvroArrow/factualarrow.html>

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Well the commanche wouldve been a great addition to our arsenal, but with the Apache and Cobras its purpose would not nearly be as useful. With the new UAV's being flown and updated with armor and ammo, the helicopter is eventually going to become less and less of a combat support tool. It will prolly always remain at large in transportation. But, think about it, you got a

multi million dollar 'copter being fire at by RPGs and small arms during combat, one simple bullet can take that chopper down. I say we perfect the Apache and Cobra, then move onto another attack helicopter if they feel the need too. I still wouldve loved to see it put in combat situations, but sadly the cost of this bad boy was far more then its combat worth possibly couldve been!

By the way, the F-22 and JSF will more then likely NOT be cancelled, simply due to the fact that future wars are going to heavily depend on air sorties, as does our current wars. In about 10 years, an F-16 isn't going to dominate our competitors aircrafts. Irregardless of how skillfull our pilots are, 10 years of old technology vs 10 years of new technology and at least a somewhat skillfull pilot = danger. Anyway, dont sweat it, its prolly just a massive cover up so the commies think we cancelled it!

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The Cobras are insome cases using airframes that are almost 30+ years old. The Commanche is needed if nothing else than to validate new technology. The F22 could be Axed simply for the reasons as you gave with the commanche. Why is it needed when The F15 is still so much more superior.

We saw the Seawolf class cancelled because of the success of the Los Angeles sub class. And so we have no replacement in the production pipline to replace the early Los Angeles that we have already retired and the Viginia class is 10 years from deployment in any signifincant numbers as only four have been ordered.

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Ships arent nearly used as they once where in WW2. I dont foresee any major naval battles in the future, especially with all the air transportation that is provided now adays.

An airplane and a helicopter are totally seperate things. We decrease the number of lives lost significantly with planes dropping all of their smart bombs, while with most helicopters the lost of life that is decreased isnt nearly as high. The reason is that we lose a lot more of our troops in crashes. The helicopters that are deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan are not doing to hot. Most of the Cobra attack pilots could barely find their target due to the dastardly sandstorms. The convoy on RCT-7 and RCT-1 which held the 1st 2nd and 3rd Marine divisions were attacked by their own friendly fire. The attack helicopters over in Iraq were providing a lot more of a reconaissance mission then actually attacking the feedeyean that were held up behind civilians and popping out of corners to fire a stray RPG or AK. The copters plain and simply could not fire back, because of the civilian casualties that would occur. Instead they would just fly around that target area until the Marines could get in their and find them. Im not trying to denounce the importance of attack helicopters in a war state, but I just do not think that the Commanche wouldve been an extremely wise use of our money. Im pretty satisfied with the Apaches and Cobras dealings. As far as you

stated with the Cobras 30+ year old airframe, its been touched up here and there, just think about what could be done upgrading that beast even more? Save a lot more money, and get about the same results. Thats just my opinion though, you are right in your own way, and Im right in mine! Were both right!

The F-15 will not be superior to the final build of the F-22. Plain and simple. Give the F-22 a couple of D' and E' versions and youll see one of the most formidable planes in the world.

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Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 02:36:23 GMT
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sigh

war and sports.. that all everyone cares about.. how about spending the shit loads of money they waste on this on other things..

i dunno what.. but im sure we need like a cure for cancer more than helicopters or a new footbal staduim

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Read the US Constitution before saying that.

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Id rather spend our money on war, rather then a cure for cancer. Why? We have private parties spending money and doing research on cancer. Cuz we all know that having a cure for cancer will stop another 9-11. Im sorry, but id rather have the greatest military in the world and be able to defend and liberate others, rather then just curing. And before you say a smart remark about cancer, let me fill you in my uncle and grandmothe both have cancer. Both very serious. I know various others that are close to me as well with cancer, some not so serious. While it needs to be cured ASAP, spending all of our money distinctly on that isnt going to defend our liberties to do that research. But like I said, thats what private funding is for.

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That was a truly amazing piece of work. I did a project on that for my history teacher.

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Quote:Even though the Comanche is dead, Army officials said they would ask the defense industry to propose plans to build a new armed reconnaissance aircraft. Lt. Gen. Richard Cody said no details are available except that an Army study determined a need for 368 new armed scout helicopters.

Let's hope they have the foresight to incorporate elements of the Comanche into whatever new project comes down the pipe. That particular chopper was too good and too expensive to simply throw the whole concept out. For those of us who enjoy simulators, however, the Comanche is still alive and kicking.

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Unfortunately, the current interceptor variant of the Eagle, the F-15C(as opposed to the two-seat attack variant, F-15E), is outperformed by the Raptor. The F-15 Remains the FASTEST operational fighter (top speed of about mach 2.5), but the F-22 has better endurance, being able to achieve supersonic speeds without the need for fuel-inefficient afterburners. The F-22 is also much stealthier, not only incorporating elements of the F-177 and B-2 aircraft, but also using all internal hardpoints. The Eagle is a 30 year old design, and it is remarkable that it remains the worlds best fighter, with a record to prove it- not a single F-15 has been shot down in combat to my knowledge. The F-22 is simply the better aircraft (this coming from a complete F-15 junkie), and just as the F-15 replaced the F-4 as the Air Force's top fighter, the F-22 will replace the F-15.

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Posted by [Ferhago](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 03:59:03 GMT

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As far as im concerned it would be neat to see some sleek smooth looking aircraft for the new millenium. But who knows maybe other countries are developing their own weapons in secret. If the time comes to fight and we find out we should have been trying to improve our technology when someone else brings out a superior vehicle what will we do then.

Ah well im just speculating

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Posted by [cowmisfit](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 11:27:59 GMT

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That sucks. I read it yesterday when i got home from school. They could have been way more useful than the apache and cobra in my mind, could be fitted with almost every missile in our arsenal, its weapons fold up into its side and come out when needed which makes for eaisier flying through some tight spots (and one really fucking cool look) It can fly compltely backwards, sideways and ever other which way. But i read on comcast the reason is because A:)cost to much, and B:) dont wanna put all money into it because of the armys want to use less manned aircraft and start developing unmanned fighters, bombers. I dont htink a machine will be able to fight as good as one of our piolets in an dog fight but they think they can so i have faith in them.

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Posted by [Deactivated](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 13:02:56 GMT

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I belive the next generation chopper is going to be a blend of the Apache and the Comanche.

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Posted by [K9Trooper](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 17:18:37 GMT

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The Commanche has been in development since 1983. That's 20 years folks. The chopter was a nice concept, but it wasn't going to go in to production until 2010. Making it a 30-year process if all went right. To long, too much money. It took only 12 years for the F-117A to go from concept to squadron (1974-1986 Was going to be used against Libya in Apr 1986).

This move will show contractors that dragging their feet to get more money will not work anymore.

<http://www.f-117a.com/Javaframe.html>

Cutting this project freed up a shit load of money for the army.

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Posted by [hareman](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 17:33:34 GMT

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Funny thought since Reagan started it. I don't think a Bush would kill a project that Reagan started and not him.

Think about it. This is an election year. Bush is cutting money from an area that is not showing any real results other than a money pit. The project will not die completely. Watch, it will get revived in 3 years when GW gets re-elected.

Remember the SR-71 was retired during an election year, only to be reactivated on a limited basis 3 years later.

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Posted by [hareman](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 17:50:34 GMT

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Yeah well 'shrub' as he is known around here is also doing stuff that his daddy wouldn't have either.

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20 years to develop one helo?

Are you sure you want to say this was a bad idea?

8 billion dollars, and 20 years, and still no helo.

If I did my job that poorly I would be fired too.

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Posted by [hareman](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 18:01:01 GMT

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No there are at least half a dozen prototypes and if you think that is bad you should read the book on the development of the Bradley Fighting vehicle lmao

The Pentagon Wars: Reformers Challenge the Old Guard

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Considering a Nimitz class Aircraftcarrier cost 5 Billion, and carries 85 combat ready aircraft, with

full 5000 member crew complement, and projects far more forward deployed firepower than a flock of copters, I would say the American public has been taken for a ride.

<http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/factfile/ships/ship-cv.html>

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Posted by [DragonFg](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 18:41:18 GMT

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DBB I am pretty impressed by the knowledge you have, as well as many other people here.

I am a fighter airplane nut so if you don't want to hear a bunch of jibber jabber you might as well stop reading now.

I hate to see the Commanche go, but it is done. I don't know very much about it except it has greater flying capabilities than the Apache or Cobra, and it incorporates stealth. Of course you might consider the UAVs being made that can be used for recon the same way. Plus, the Apache has superior firepower, not limited by the useage of internal weapons bay. So I understand why the RAH-66 is being cancelled.

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In comparing the F-15 and the F-22 we find than the F-15 has a greater top speed (Mach 2.5) than the F-22 (Mach 1.78). However, if you're talking about cruising speed the F-15 is sub-Mach 1, while the F-22 can cuise at Mach 1.58. But there is one big advantage the F-22 has that no other country emulate, stealth. The F-22 is the only true stleath fighter. It can shoot down enemy planes without the enemy knowing they are there.

The X-35 JSF will be the strike aircraft of tomorrow. The F-22 is more capable than the JSF in almost every way, except the JSF has a MUCH lower price tag. It will be used by the the Air Force, the Marines, and the Navy.

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Whoa!

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Whoa!

OOOOHHHH! So that's what Quebec keeps trying to succeed from! Silly me understands now.
:rolleyes:

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Succeed? Don't you mean secede?

On Topic: Canada has a MILITARY? Does their Navy consist of scuttled WWII ships too?

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Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Tue, 24 Feb 2004 22:16:05 GMT
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STFU PURITAN SPANISH FAGMO. [Plain Stupidity..]
YOU FIGHT WITH BOWS AND POISON DARTS! [Plain Stupidity again..]

Oh, and Kirby...Don't be a smacktard kthanksbi, now back to your silly underwater trips.

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Posted by [Ferhago](#) on Wed, 25 Feb 2004 00:38:03 GMT
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Why would canada need a military? Weren't the canadians only in like one war? And when was the last time you heard about canada on the news?

When the world goes to war and kills each other canada will be watching us an laughing

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Posted by [hareman](#) on Wed, 25 Feb 2004 01:14:44 GMT
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Ummmm where do you think most of the tech advances come from?

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Posted by [martes86](#) on Wed, 25 Feb 2004 01:19:21 GMT
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As far as I'm concerned, most of the tech advances, come from the laboratories (public or not), then they can have a military application or not, it depends on how far can the project go. It's not necessary that investigations have to come out of military projects.

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Posted by [hareman](#) on Wed, 25 Feb 2004 01:25:03 GMT
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Close your eyes to what advnces have come about from military requirements. :rolleyes:

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Ca mon guys keep the Canada bashing to a minimum.

Warranto has a good point. That bird had quite a punch. They never got to test it to the max either....

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Posted by [martes86](#) on Wed, 25 Feb 2004 01:33:20 GMT
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For example: mother cells implantation to repair internal damaged organs...
And most of the medical investigations. And the discovering of the radioactive materials emissions wasn't initially thought as a mass weapon. Americans used that initial knowledge for their atom bombs as well as Germans in WW2.

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Posted by [DBB](#) on Wed, 25 Feb 2004 02:19:11 GMT
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Everythign comes down to surviability. If you dont have a military to defend yourself with high tech weapons, then your not going to survive. When will you tree hugging hippies learn this? :rolleyes:

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ummm i like tree hugging hippies especially if they are really hot

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There was an interesting program, I think during the 80's, that proposed a massive update to the F-15 design- it would have incorporated forward canards for additional maneuverability, as well as a thrust nozzle type very similar to the one on the F-22(able to be angled up and down). That variant, of which several prototypes were produced, had a much shorter takeoff run, higher fuel efficiency, and was a massive improvement over the current C and E variants. The program was, of course, scrapped due to its projected cost, but it would have brought the F-15 up to par with the F-22's performance(all except for stealth) without the need for a whole new airframe(and at least a decade or two earlier).

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pfff.. n00b.

Just because our dozen ships (a few actually in the water), 2-3 squadrons of f-18's, our few remaining functioning seakings, and our primary forces off doing the majority of the worlds peacekeeping doesn't compare to your military doesn't mean we haven't burned down the whitehouse before!

(ignore the numerous edits.. stupid italisies didn't go where I wanted them to)

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I disagree. What would you say is a bigger issue than homeland defense? You have to remember what we learned from 9-11, that there are people out there who hate us for whatever reason, and would sacrifice themselves to kill as many of us as possible. We need power to maintain stability. Once we are secure enough then we can worry about other things.

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Maybee if you were on fire, you MIGHT be.....

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Quote:Couldnt agree more!

Ditto. Good training goes hand in hand with quality, up-to-date equipment. Lose either, and your military becomes less effective. Every so often, our military hardware needs to be updated so that it can beat anything it might come up against in combat. That way, we don't have to suffer casualties due to outdated technology.

Also, it's the old "he who has the biggest gun makes the rules" line- we want to be the ones that have the biggest gun, so that we don't get picked on by other nations. A huge part of security comes straight out of a fear of what could be done to you as a consequence of your actions- if you see that your opponent has a weapon that is most assuredly going to kick the living crap out of you if you attack them, you'll probably think twice about it. Thus, even if they are never used in combat, shiny new war machines make this country a safer place.
