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Subject: Department of Defense cancels the Commanche

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Ships aren't nearly used as they once were in WW2. I don't foresee any major naval battles in the future, especially with all the air transportation that is provided nowadays.

An airplane and a helicopter are totally separate things. We decrease the number of lives lost significantly with planes dropping all of their smart bombs, while with most helicopters the loss of life that is decreased isn't 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 too 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 reconnaissance mission than actually attacking the feedeyes 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 there and find them. I'm not trying to denounce the importance of attack helicopters in a war state, but I just do not think that the Commanche would've been an extremely wise use of our money. I'm pretty satisfied with the Apaches and Cobras dealings. As far as you stated with the Cobras 30+ year old airframe, it's 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. That's just my opinion though, you are right in your own way, and I'm right in mine! We're 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 you'll see one of the most formidable planes in the world.

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