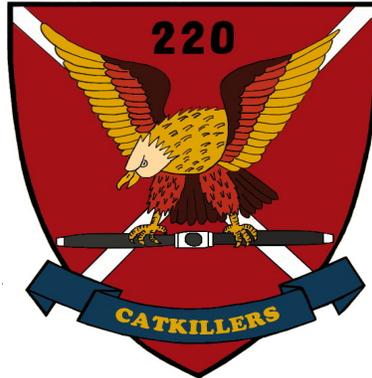


## Key West, Veterans Day Parade, 2025



### To All 220th RAC Members:

The 220th Reconnaissance Airplane Company (RAC) has been approved and will participate in the 2025 Veterans Day Parade in Key West, FL, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm. This will be the 4th Year that the 220th RAC has been in this parade.

We invite all former members of the 220th RAC to attend and participate — to include Observers, NCO's, and Officers.

The following narrative will be read to the audience at the parade reviewing stand:

*The 220<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Airplane Company (RAC) was a unit that flew the Army's O-1 Birdog aircraft out of Phu Bai, South Vietnam. The mission was to find and destroy enemy units and equipment. Primarily using Air Force jet fighters, Army artillery, and Navy ships like the USS New Jersey, which we attacked the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army units in northern area of South Vietnam to include the DMZ. The 220th RAC supported the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, the 108<sup>th</sup> Artillery Group, the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, as well as all south Vietnamese units in our area of operation (AO). Our unit flew up to 60 missions per day, 7 days a week. The 220<sup>th</sup> RAC received 3 Presidential Unit Citations.*

If you can participate in the parade please contact Carl Drechsel, on or before November 5<sup>th</sup>, via email [carldrechsel@comcast.net](mailto:carldrechsel@comcast.net) with the following information:

*First and Last Name, Rank, Time in Vietnam, Duty position  
Example: John Smith, SP5, 1966-1967, Crew Chief*

This is one of the major parades in the United States recognizing Veterans and we encourage all 220th RAC members and their family members to attend.

**PHU BAI is All Right!!**

**Carl Drechsel**