

# Movies

## Entertaining 'Iron Eagle' shoots down reality

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Arab punks shoot down a U.S. F-16 and put the pilot on trial.

The United States, a helpless giant, can only sit on the sidelines and attempt to negotiate his release.

This part, at least, of "Iron Eagle"

(currently showing at the Plaza Four) is believable. After this our imagination is stretched beyond the point of no

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return.

Doug Masters, played by Jason Ged-

rich, is the son of the captured U.S. pilot. He is determined to free his father with or without the help of the government.

Doug, a high school senior, is quite a hotshot pilot himself, but even so, he's going to need some help for this caper. With this in mind he enlists the aid of Col. Chappy Sinclair, a retired fighter

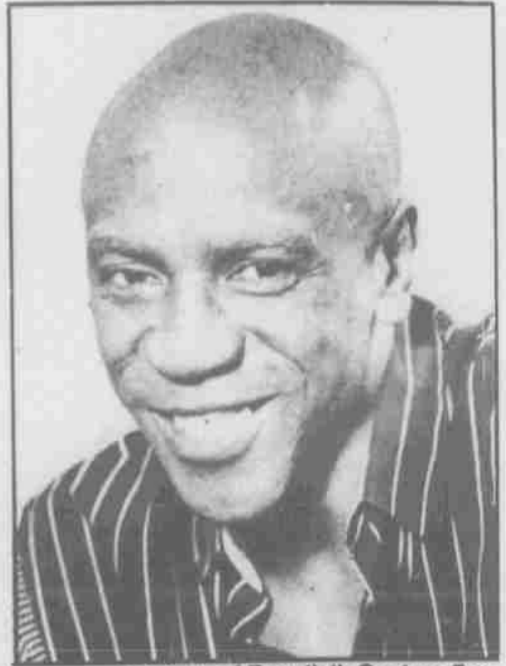
pilot played by Louis Gossett, Jr. Chappy may be retired, but he's still got the "eye of the tiger."

For logistical support, Doug calls on his high school chums. They rush around the air base, deftly arranging the details of the rescue operation. To make a long (120 minutes) film short, Doug and Chappy successfully complete their mission, leveling half the country and blowing the dastardly Arab leader out of the sky in the process.

Basically, "Iron Eagle" falls into the Rambo-Rocky IV mode, i.e. let's wave the flag and kick some ass. Audiences eat this kind of stuff up.

It's easy to see why. Movies have always given us what we can't have in real life, whether it's love or revenge, and "Iron Eagle" has plenty of the latter. Doug and Chappy succeed in their mission. We'd like to do the same thing to those "damn Libyans."

The danger in all of this is that people will confuse real life with the movies. People see a bunch of teenagers



Courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox  
Gossett

mount a rescue operation and wonder why the Air Force or the Marines can't do the same. And so once again the line between fact and fiction is blurred.

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