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## W2705 WAR BIRDS (USA, 1989)

**Credits:** director, Ulli Lommel ; writers, Clifford B. Wellman, Ulli Lommel.

**Cast:** Jim Eldert, Timothy Hicks, Bill Brinsfield, Cully Holland, David Schroeder.

**Summary:** War film set in the contemporary Middle East. An obscure attempt to capitalize on the success of the film *Top gun*. Fighter pilot Billy Hawkins and several other mercenaries are hired by LTC Ronson (Brinsfield) to assist the CIA in building a covert air force in El Alahaim, a Middle East ally nation that is under attack by radicals. Ronson is a Vietnam vet.

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