

We are like two armies: The Cast and The Crew.
Each army has different dynamics and views.

Movie-making is war. On the battlefield movie-making is controlled chaos. The Movie hides from the camera like an enemy not wanting to be caught. The Cast, from the front, drives The Movie into the eye of the camera; The Crew drives it from behind. At the direction of the Director, we all wrestle The Movie into the camera until the movie gives us its unconditional surrender.

Clearly, only by working together does The Movie get made. Success will come from mutual respect and covering each other like wingmen while we storm The Movie into the camera.

Yes, we are two armies of specialists against a common enemy. The Movie will conspire to defeat us by setting us against ourselves. But together we are smarter than The Movie!

Oh, and any Cast who thinks the Crew is just "standing around" should haul some lights, schelp some cords, unpack and repack the gear. Any Crew who thinks acting is easy should try saying the same lines over and over and over and over in front of everybody else, all of whom are conveniently reading from the script.