Five Sikorsky Aircraft Lift Off in Inaugural Flights

Five programs at Sikorsky Aircraft reached new heights – literally – as each helicopter program flew first flights. The milestone flights included the X2 TECHNOLOGY™ Demonstrator, the UH-60M Upgrade BLACK HAWK helicopter, the HH-60M MEDEVAC helicopter, the International Maritime S-70B helicopter and the Armed BLACK HAWK helicopter.

The successful flights continue the tradition of technological innovation established by company founder Igor Sikorsky.

X2 Demonstrator: A Team Effort

Kevin Bredenbeck, Director of Test & Evaluation and Chief Test Pilot, said Sikorsky employees should be proud of what they have accomplished. Bredenbeck piloted the X2 TECHNOLOGY Demonstrator on Aug. 27 as it took its first flight at Sikorsky’s Schweizer Aircraft facility in Horseheads, N.Y.

The flight culminated four years of design, development, and testing. Bredenbeck maneuvered the aircraft through a series of moves including hover, forward flight, and hover turns during the 48-minute test flight.

“Today’s achievement is the result of dedicated efforts by the entire X2 TECHNOLOGY Demonstrator Program Team,” said James Kagdis, Program Manager, Advanced Programs. “It is proof of the complete commitment by Sikorsky Aircraft to this program and to the exploration of innovation in aviation. We look forward to expanding the flight envelope for this Demonstrator and will continue to conduct market analysis to determine the next steps for this important program.”

The X2 TECHNOLOGY Demonstrator is designed to establish that a helicopter can cruise comfortably at 250 knots, while retaining such desirable helicopter attributes as excellent low-speed handling, efficient hovering, and safe autorotation, combined with a seamless and simple transition to high speed.
International Maritime S-70B Helicopter

Several hours after the X2 TECHNOLOGY™ Demonstrator was tucked back into the hangar at the Schweizer Aircraft facility, the International Maritime S-70B helicopter successfully completed its first flight test at the Military Derivative Completion Center (MDCC), also located at Sikorsky’s Schweizer Aircraft.

This first flight occurred approximately two years after groundbreaking for the MDCC. The MDCC was established to manufacture and fly multiple non-standard configurations for international aircraft sales, both foreign military sales (FMS) and direct commercial sales (DCS), and to maintain a capability for rapid prototyping. This is in support of Stratford’s production focus on building high volume “green,” or standard, aircraft configurations.

Sikorsky Test Pilots Glen Campbell and Gerry Briggs conducted the acceptance test flight that lasted two hours. This milestone culminated more than three years of airframe design and software development in this latest evolution of the S-70B helicopter. This aircraft is the first of 23 S-70B helicopters currently under contract to international customers.

Armed BLACK HAWK Takes Flight

The first flight test of the Armed BLACK HAWK (ABH) Demonstrator helicopter, also known as the BATTLEHAWK™ helicopter, took place at the Elbit Systems’ Cyclone facility in Israel, Sept. 9.

The production BATTLEHAWK helicopter will come equipped with a full suite of armed reconnaissance and attack capabilities, including an integrated helmet display and weapons options that include missiles, rockets, fixed forward and turret guns, either as a new-build aircraft or as a kit that can be retrofitted onto existing BLACK HAWK helicopter platforms. The BATTLEHAWK helicopter will provide medium-lift capability and firepower that cannot be duplicated by current dedicated utility or attack platforms. The aircraft can be used in either combat or peace time, including for troop transport, search and rescue, and disaster relief. In the modern battlefield, the BATTLEHAWK combines unique capabilities of advanced attack and accurate weapons delivery with deployment of fast reaction teams.

The ABH Demonstrator program is a cooperative effort between Sikorsky Aircraft and the government of Israel in conjunction with Elbit Systems, Ltd. The program’s purpose is to produce an armed demonstrator for an evaluation by the Israeli Air Force.

Fly-By-Wire Success

Rounding out the week, the UH-60M Upgrade BLACK HAWK helicopter successfully completed its first flight on Aug. 29 at Sikorsky’s West Palm Beach facility in Florida. During the 60-minute test flight, Sikorsky Chief Test Pilots Mike Skaggs and Steve Sildor maneuvered the aircraft through a variety of exercises using the aircraft’s fly-by-wire (FBW) flight control system.

The FBW flight control system electronically links the controls inside the cockpit with the exterior actuators, the movement of which enable the aircraft to maneuver where and how the pilot intends. Eliminating the traditional mechanical linkage saves weight, reduces maintenance costs, adds capability and improves performance. The UH-60M Upgrade is currently the only FBW rotary wing aircraft in flight test development within the Department of the Army.

U.S. Army Col. L. Neil Thurgood, Utility Helicopter Project Manager for the U.S. PEO Aviation office, said, “(The) first flight of the UH-60M Upgrade aircraft, with fly-by-wire technology, represents the next step in providing the U.S. military the best capability to execute its mission. This aircraft contains dramatic technological advances, yet retains and improves on the proven design of the world’s most capable and robust utility helicopter.”

A week earlier, the first production HH-60M MEDEVAC aircraft flew for the first time on August 20, 2008 in Stratford, Conn. “This is a significant milestone for this aircraft and what it represents in terms of life-saving mission capability,” said Steve Flood, HH-60M MEDEVAC Program Manager.

The HH-60 MEDEVAC is the most advanced combat MEDEVAC helicopter in the world, sharing all of the performance improvements incorporated into the BLACK HAWK “M” series helicopter.

Stratford Observes HH-60M Flight

On Aug. 12, Sikorsky delivered the HH-60M aircraft to the Army National Guard. With a MEDEVAC helicopter serving as the backdrop, more than 200 Sikorsky employees gathered in the Stratford Military Aircraft Hangar to commemorate the delivery.

Government Programs Vice President Scott Starrett opened the ceremony and was accompanied by Col. Garrett Jensen, Chief of Aviation and Safety, National Guard Bureau, and Col. L. Neil Thurgood, U.S. Army Project Manager for Utility Helicopters.

Col. Thurgood praised Sikorsky employees and thanked them for their continued commitment to excellence and quality. “Each one of you is just as much a part of the fight as any soldier serving overseas. Your mission is to deliver a dependable product, which you continue to provide each and every time. On behalf of each soldier, I thank you. Continue the great work.”

In a separate ceremony held Sept. 21 in Baltimore, Md., the aircraft was presented to the Army National Guard.

A Banner Day for the Guard

Tom Nicolett, Sikorsky Director of National Guard Business Development, presents a banner to Major Gen. Mike Dubie, the Adjutant General of the Vermont National Guard. The banner was signed by Sikorsky employees who designed and built the HH-60M helicopter.
Thirty years after the first UH-60A helicopter was delivered to the 101st Airborne Division, the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment was officially recognized as the U.S. Army’s First Unit Equipped with the latest UH-60M helicopter at a ceremony at Fort Campbell’s Sabre Airfield on Aug. 21.

The UH-60M provides increased capability for the U.S. Army to include a new, fully digitized cockpit, digital map and integrated vehicle health management system (IVHMS). The 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment has been training with the UH-60M helicopter since December in preparation for deployment, and has logged more than 2,700 hours in their aircraft.

“This is a great aircraft which significantly reduces the pilot’s workload and better supports the soldiers on the ground,” said LTC James Benson, the Battalion Commander.

“We at Sikorsky take great pride in our work. We understand that building and fielding this technology is all about supporting and protecting the soldiers who will depend on these helicopters to keep them safe and deliver them from harm’s way,” said Sikorsky President Jeffrey P. Pino.

The 11th MH-60R helicopter has been delivered to U.S. Navy Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron Seven One (HSM-71) Raptors in Carrier Strike Group-3. The July 26 delivery brought the squadron to its full complement of aircraft. The HSM-71 Raptors are scheduled to deploy with the U.S.S. John C. Stennis aircraft carrier strike group next year.

The MH-60R SEAHAWK® helicopter – the newest aircraft in the U.S. Navy fleet – is the world’s most capable naval helicopter. It replaces the Navy’s current fleet of SH-60B and SH-60F SEAHAWK helicopters.

Anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare are the primary functions of the MH-60R helicopter. Aircraft capabilities also include search and rescue, naval gunfire support, communications relay, vertical replenishment, logistics support, personnel transport, and medical evacuation.

The first two HH-60L MEDEVAC helicopters were delivered June 7 to A Company, 5-159th Aviation Regiment “Ghostriders” stationed in Clearwater, Fla. Four additional aircraft are expected to be delivered in the near future.

Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, the Commanding General and Chief of the Army Reserve, hosted the delivery ceremony, which was attended by U.S. Rep. C. W. “Bill” Young of the 10th Congressional District of Florida, as well as several former pilots from the last Army Reserve MEDEVAC unit, deactivated some 20 years ago.

Lt. Gen. Stultz and Young were instrumental in the allocation of these helicopters to the 5-159th Aviation Regiment and in the overall expansion of MEDEVAC capability in the Army Reserve.

As a follow-up to the delivery event, Lt. Gen. Stultz visited Sikorsky headquarters in Stratford, Conn., on June 10 to tour the facility and receive an update on the BLACK HAWK helicopter program. Lt. Gen. Stultz spent most of his time touring the HH-60M and UH-60M helicopter production lines.

Stultz interacted with and complimented the production team on its dedication and support to the Army.
The Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) presented Keystone Helicopter with the 2008 Large Employer of the Year Award for the company’s leadership in employing veterans.

The government contract award recognizes employers that have outstanding policies and achievements in hiring veterans. Pennsylvania VFW State Junior Vice Commander Ben Mastridge presented the award on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Senate. Veterans are represented in every department within the company and at all organizational levels, including the senior management team.

USMC Visit to SAC

Lt. Gen. George J. Trautman III, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), made his introductory visit to Stratford, Conn., on Aug. 7. During the visit he toured the Stratford main facility and received program briefings on the VH-3/60 Presidential and CH-53K Heavy Lift Helicopter Programs, both of which are critical to current and future USMC helicopter operations and readiness.

VFW Honors Keystone

The Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) presented Keystone Helicopter with the 2008 Large Employer of the Year Award for the company’s leadership in employing veterans.

Under Secretary Visit

Sikorsky was honored with a visit by John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, in July. Young advises the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense on all matters relating to the Department of Defense Acquisition System. He previously was Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition.

Young toured the Engineering Development and Test labs and received a full review of the Heavy Lift Development Center and the U.S. Marine Corps CH-53K Development Program.

Wall of Honor Unveiled

Scott Starrett, Vice President, Government Programs, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 3 to inaugurate Sikorsky’s new Wall of Honor. The Wall lists the names of Sikorsky employees who have served in the military. It is located in the Stratford facility. Sikorsky employees representing each branch of the military participated in the ceremony. More than 20 percent, or 2,773, of Sikorsky’s U.S.-based employees are military veterans.
H-53 Helicopter Inducted into U.S.A.F. Museum

A battle-proven and time-tested Sikorsky Aircraft H-53 helicopter that accomplished Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) and other demanding missions during the past several decades has been inducted into the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

Aircraft tail number 68-10357 was inducted into the museum on July 7. It operated for 38 years, often surmounting great odds to bring its crews home safely. The aircraft served as the command and control helicopter in the rescue attempt of American prisoners from the Son Tay prison camp in North Vietnam in 1970. It completed its final mission on March 28, 2008, in Iraq.

“Even with the retirement of aircraft 68-10357 and the remaining Air Force contingent of CH-53 helicopters, more than 360 H-53 variants will remain flying, still proudly serving the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, as well as the armed forces of Germany, Japan, and Israel,” said Mark Cherry, Vice President, Marine Corps Programs for Sikorsky. “We are proud of the fact that we are writing the next chapter in the legacy of the CH-53 platform, with the CH-53K helicopter.”

The CH-53 helicopter and its variants, the HH-53 Jolly Green Giant and the MH-53 PAVE LOW, came into service in 1967 and since then have served in some of the toughest missions. In addition to combat search and rescue, these missions include armed assault, heavy-lift and troop transport. Sikorsky is currently developing the next generation heavy-lift, the CH-53K helicopter, for the U.S. Marine Corps, and also has introduced the H-92 SUPERHAWK helicopter, which is currently competing for the U.S. Air Force’s Combat Search and Rescue platform.

“The H-92 helicopter is the culmination of all we’ve learned about combat search and rescue technology since World War II, which comprises an immense amount of knowledge and experience,” said John Pacelli, Vice President and Business Acquisition Manager for CSAR-X.

During the induction ceremony, Lt. Gen. Donny Wurster, Commander of the Air Force Special Operations Command and former MH-53 helicopter pilot, said, “The H-53 fleet has logged countless combat hours, flown in every contingency in the last 40 years and met the needs of national objectives time and time again.”

He added, “The machines have seen a couple of generations of these people come and go, and always they remain ... the enduring posture to respond to the nation’s call when needed.”

The H-53 helicopter and its variants were used extensively during the last four decades to perform special operations and rescue of combat personnel. From the recovery of prisoners of war and downed airmen during the Vietnam War to the daring missions performed during Operation Desert Storm, including the first successful combat rescue of a downed pilot, the aircraft have repeatedly proven their capability.

“Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation has the longest and most successful record of any helicopter company in history when it comes to combat search and rescue, starting in 1944 with the R-4 aircraft and continuing with the H-53 family,” said Mike Farage, Director of Air Force Programs for Sikorsky Aircraft. “We are proud that the Air Force has recognized this legacy with the induction of this aircraft.”

H-92™ Demonstrator on World Tour

A year ago, Sikorsky S-92™ development Aircraft #4 was waiting to be called back into service. Some people thought that after successfully completing several demonstrator tours, the aircraft would remain in the West Palm Beach Development Test Center to support additional development initiatives.

When the call came, Sikorsky’s S-92 Helicopter Program Team and West Palm Beach Development Flight Center responded, transforming the aircraft to meet the expectations of search and rescue (SAR) and utility operators around the world. Suppliers such as L3 Wescam, Lifeport, Fischer, Honeywell, Northern Airborne Technology and Spectrolab Illumination Systems also played a key role in re-configuration of the aircraft by providing their systems and technology.

After months of careful planning and hard work, Aircraft #4 was converted into the H-92™ SUPERHAWK™ demonstrator aircraft. The reconfigured aircraft was outfitted with the latest combat SAR equipment, including dual rescue hoists, an automated flight control system with auto-hover capability, medical litter kits, side-facing troop seats, a 50-inch sliding door, and other features.

The updated features make the H-92 helicopter an attractive solution in many international markets. Countries across Europe, the Middle East and Asia have expressed interest in aircraft like the H-92 helicopter to serve SAR, utility, security and maritime missions.

To meet the increasing demand for these platforms worldwide, Sikorsky launched an international demonstration tour for the H-92 SUPERHAWK. The aircraft debuted at the 2008 Farnborough Air Show in July and successfully completed demonstrations in Belgium, Germany and Denmark in the weeks that followed.

The H-92 SUPERHAWK demonstrator will make several more stops in Europe, the Middle East and Asia through 2008 and 2009 so customers can experience this multi-mission, highly capable helicopter for themselves.

Contact your local Sikorsky sales representative for more information on the H-92 helicopter demo tour.
Members of the Huntsville Sikorsky Team attended the Inaugural Roll-Out Ceremony of the Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) for the Army National Guard in Tupelo, Miss., on June 7. Sikorsky’s Helicopter Support Incorporated (HSI) Team will provide Hybrid CLS support for the unit, which ultimately will receive eight aircraft. Pictured above: Brig. Gen. Timothy Crosby, PEO Aviation; Andrea Bugar, American Eurocopter VP for Military Programs; John Burke, EADS Program Manager for LUH; and Forrest B. Hendrick, HSI Program Manager for LUH CLS.

Field Service Representatives (FSR) from around the globe gathered at the Mohegan Sun for the annual Sikorsky Aerospace Maintenance Conference in August. The six-day conference is an opportunity for all the FSR’s to unite to discuss issues, and to share and generate ideas for better customer support in the field. The 76 representatives also received in-depth training on current model systems on the newer model S-92®, UH-60M and MH-60R/S helicopters to include HVAC and avionic sub-systems.

Combat Flight Hour Award Program Manager Shay Collins in the Fort Rucker Government Business Development office recently received an Airborne flag signed by soldiers in the 5-101st AVN stationed in Afghanistan. The flag as well as a T-shirt, coin and patch were sent to Collins by Aviation Safety Officer CW3 Eric Coller to thank her for the combat awards and other promotional materials she sends to them in the field.

Sikorsky Aircraft and SSSI presented a signed BLACK HAWK helicopter poster to members of VFW Post 970 in appreciation of their hospitality to employees recently assigned to the Beeville, Texas area. Pictured left to right: Program Manager M. Esquibel Egypt, Post Commander Frank Gonzales, Manufacturing Supervisor J.C. Connor, Engineer J.P. Wilhelm, Site Supervisor R. Finch, and S. Johnson.

Sikorsky was one of the sponsors of the “Salute to the Military” event at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach, Fla., over the Labor Day holiday weekend, hosting a buffet dinner and dive-in movie night at the resort’s pool. The resort hosted 300 active duty military families from all five services. Participants dined as they watched the 2007 block-buster movie “Transformers,” which features a Sikorsky MH-53M helicopter as the “transformer” character Blackout. More than 500 military personnel and their family members attended the dinner. The following day, the Sikorsky West Palm Beach Test Facility performed a fly-by with an UH-60 BLACK HAWK helicopter.

Schweizer Aircraft and UAW Local 1752 conducted Troop Ride 2008 on July 12. The Sikorsky Tribute Motorcycle, designed by Orange County Choppers, led more than 600 motorcycles on the 110-mile ride through the scenic Finger Lakes region of New York State. The event raised $8,000, enough to send more than 300 care packages to U.S. troops overseas. Above, members of NY Guard, Company C, 1st Bn., 21st Fg., 68th Bde pose with the Sikorsky Tribute Motorcycle.

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 769 was decommissioned on Aug. 2, in a ceremony attended by LGMG Brig. Gen. Bircher as well as many prior “Road Hogs.” The squadron started flying the Sikorsky H-34 helicopter in 1959. It transitioned to the CH-53A aircraft in 1971, the RH-53D in 1980, and finally to the CH-53E in 1990.

Sikorsky supported the 2008 West Point Engineering Expo at The United States Military Academy at West Point on Sept. 5. Government Business Development team members Mike Mudd and Andy Keith fielded questions from civil and mechanical engineering cadets about helicopter design, BLACK HAWK helicopters and how to become a Sikorsky engineer.

Many cadets expressed interest in the new UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopter. A popular item among the cadets was the “cutaway” poster detailing the major components and systems on the latest BLACK HAWK aircraft.
Rescues

U.S. Navy Rescues Sick Hiker from Jungles of Papua New Guinea

The crew of the Naval hospital ship USNS Mercy recently came to the rescue of a woman from Australia who fell ill while vacationing in Papua New Guinea.

The woman who was from Melbourne, was hiking in the Owen Stanley Mountain Range as part of the Kokoda Spirit tour group when she unexpectedly became ill with seizures.

The U.S. Embassy in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea placed the request for medical evacuation of the hiker. An MH-60S KNIGHTHAWK helicopter immediately departed off the flight deck of the Mercy. After a demanding flight with low visibility, the aircraft landed on a small patch of land 6,000 feet high in the mountains.

The patient was transported back to the ship and admitted to the intensive care unit. Within 24 hours, her condition improved from critical to stable. Upon receiving treatment, the hiker expressed her thanks for the crew’s quick response.

New Mexico National Guard BLACK HAWK Crew Rescues Dolly Flood Victims

When Tropical Storm Dolly hit New Mexico on July 27, it brought heavy rains, severe flooding and damage, but the 1/171st General Aviation Support Battalion New Mexico Army National Guard was ready to spring into action. The Guard responded to a call to rescue a group of stranded campers and to rescue personnel from rising flood waters in Ruidoso, N.M.

The crew of Lobo 599 Capt. Daniel Purcell, PI CW2 Chuck Boehler, Flight Medic SFC Greg Homes, and Crew Chief SSG Ian Weiger, with its UH-60A BLACK HAWK helicopter, rescued 57 women, children, and elderly adults. Its missions included 32 night rescues requiring night vision goggles. That day the crew set a new state record for the most hoist rescues using night vision goggles.

The following day, the crew hoisted 49 more victims to safety. During the two days of flying rescue missions, the Lobo 599 crew rescued 106 victims, once again setting a state record.

In August, Sikorsky proudly recognized each member of the Lobo 599 crew with a Winged S Rescue Award for using Sikorsky aircraft in humanitarian efforts.

To learn more about the Winged S Rescue Award or complete an application, visit the Customer Awards page on the Sikorsky Web site (www.Sikorsky.com).

Combat Flight Hour Award Program Reaches Milestone

In February, Sikorsky introduced the Combat Flight Hour Award to acknowledge and honor aviators, pilots and aircrew members who fly Sikorsky-built aircraft in officially recognized combat zones.

Six months later, in an award ceremony at the Soldier Service Center in Fort Rucker, Ala., the 1,000th Combat Flight Hour Award was presented to the pilots and crew members of the 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment.

“It is an honor and privilege to present these awards on behalf of the Sikorsky team,” said Sikorsky Manager of Government Business Development Dan Stewart. “The missions you have flown and the support you provide to the soldiers on the ground have saved countless lives, and we are grateful for what you do to defend our country.”

Shay Collins, the Combat Flight Hour Award Program Manager, said she is pleased with the response from the field. “It is an honor to recognize the men and women who repeatedly and bravely risk their lives fighting for freedom for all,” Collins said.

The combat award recognizes individuals who have participated in U.S. combat operations. Any Sikorsky pilot or crew member who has served in combat operations supported by the U.S. Government is eligible for this award. Awards are given for attainment of 500 hours, 1,000 hours and 1,500 hours.

To nominate a soldier for a Sikorsky award, please visit www.Sikorsky.com and click on the Customer Awards link at the bottom left side of the page. Sikorsky regularly distributes Combat Flight Hour Awards, Flight Hour Awards, Rescue Awards and Superior Maintenance Awards.
Final Briefing

U.S. Government Business Development Recertified as ACE GOLD Cell
Submitted by: Mike Mudd, Government Business Development

The U.S. Government Business Development (GBD) cell achieved another major milestone on June 24 when Joe Haddock, Vice President of Government Marketing, and his team were recertified as an ACE Gold Cell. This is the second time the GBD office has been recognized as a “best in class” cell since the inception of the Achieving Competitive Excellence (ACE) operating and management system.

ACE is Sikorsky’s and United Technologies’ daily operating system designed to improve performance, standardize processes, and provide maximum benefit to Sikorsky by delighting our customers.

The GBD office received consistently high market feedback scores and comments indicating that each member of the team is highly engaged with customers. Specific examples of recent GBD initiatives to support its customers include establishment of the Combat Flight Hour award and the Welcome Home Ceremony activities.

Sikorsky Aerospace Services’ HSI Supplies Robertson Fuel Tanks to Colombian Air Force

Helicopter Support Inc. (HSI), a Sikorsky Aerospace Services company, has received a contract to provide 12 extended-range aircraft fuel tanks to the Colombian Air Force for installation on Bell Huey II helicopters.

Robertson Aviation LLC manufactures the tanks, and HSI serves as a distributor to Robertson’s non-U.S. Government customers for rotorcraft built by Sikorsky and other selected helicopter variants, including the Huey II model.

HSI signed the distribution agreement in January 2008 with Robertson, based in Tempe, Ariz., a world leader in design, development and production of crashworthy, extended-range fuel systems for aircraft, primarily helicopters.

“This sale is noteworthy because it marks the first for our new arrangement with Robertson Aviation, and because it reflects the rapid expansion of Sikorsky Aerospace Services’ portfolio of global solutions,” said Adam Schierholz, Business Development and Strategic Planning Manager for Sikorsky Aerospace Services. “We continue to increase our capacity to support aircraft made by more manufacturers and to do so with parts and equipment made by still other producers. In the aircraft aftermarket business, we are becoming the line that connects all the dots.”

Loud and Clear

On July 22, Sikorsky Aircraft surveyed subscribers of Frontlines (FL) to better understand how they feel about the content and design of the newsletter. A total of 107 responses was received.

Here is what respondents said:

• 75% of respondents read FL every quarter
• 83% of respondents were satisfied or more than satisfied with the content in the newsletter
• 87% of respondents were satisfied or more than satisfied with the design of the newsletter

The results also show that readers are most interested in Sikorsky’s advancing technologies (e.g. X2 and fly-by-wire), stories from the field, UH-60M helicopter program updates, rescue stories, and helicopter deliveries. FL will work to include more stories on these topics.

If you would like to share your feedback with us, please feel free to send an e-mail to marketing@sikorsky.com.

This document contains forward-looking statements concerning future business opportunities. Actual results may differ materially from those projected as a result of certain risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to changes in government procurement priorities and practices or in the number of aircraft to be built; challenges in the design, development, production and support of advanced technologies; as well as other risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to those detailed from time to time in United Technologies Corporation’s Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

Parting Shot

Skillful!

At the 2008 International Aerospace Exhibition at the International Airport Jose Maria Cordova, in Rio Negro, Colombia, two BLACK HAWK “ARPIA” helicopters impressed the crowd with precision controlled aerial maneuvers. This photo was taken by an 11-year-old spectator at the show.