



SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Accelerating SOF Innovation

**Program Executive Office
Rotary Wing**



Schedule of Presentations

**Day 1 – Tuesday
21 May 2019**

**1330 - 1530
PEO RW
Strategic Overview**

**1600 - 1630
PEO One-on-One Sessions**

**Day 2 – Wednesday
22 May 2019**

**1330 - 1500
Abbreviated PEO Overview
Rotary Wing PM Panel**

**1530 – 1600
PEO One-on-One Sessions**

STRATEGIC OVERVIEW PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE ROTARY WING

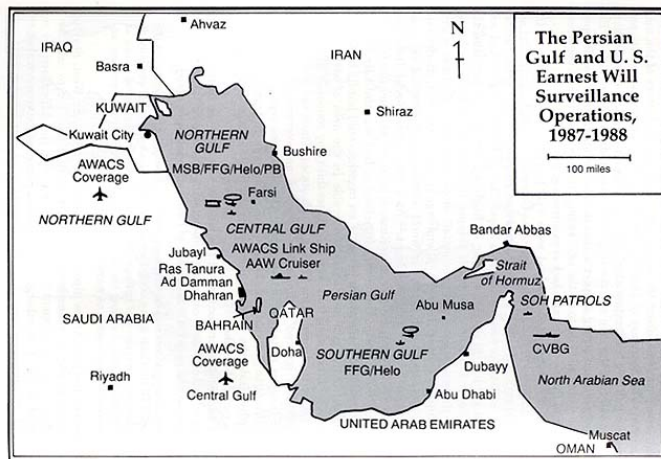
COL David Phillips
Program Executive Officer



Perspective



Photo # NH 64472 LtCol. Doolittle & Capt. Mitchell with USAF crews aboard USS Hornet, April 1942



OH-58 on Hercules.



History Still Matters

In September 1991 the SOCOM Deputy for Acquisitions office was created. The Mission Enhanced Little Bird became the office's first program of record. Today, SOF AT&L and PEO Rotary Wing continues to push the capability envelope for the A/MH-6, MH-47, MH-60, and other aircraft systems.



In 1993, SOF Operators were equipped with SOF unique armor, weapons, medical equipment, and specially modified aircraft.

The max gross weight of the A/MH-6 has increased from 2400 lbs (-6A), to 3550 lbs (-6C), to 3950 lbs (-6J), to 4700 lbs (-6M), to 4700+ lbs (-6M Blk 3).



National Defense Strategy – Why We Are Here

First, Rebuilding Military Readiness as we Build a more Lethal Joint Force;

...strike diverse targets inside adversary air and missile defense networks to destroy mobile power-projection platforms.

...a competitive approach to force development and a consistent, multiyear investment to restore warfighting readiness and field a lethal force.

Second, Strengthening Alliances as we Attract new Partners;

...train to high-end combat missions in our alliance, bilateral, and multinational exercises.

...expand access to outside expertise, and devise new public-private partnerships to work with small companies, start-ups, and universities.

Third, Reforming the Department's Business Practices for Greater Performance and Affordability.

...shed outdated management practices and structures while integrating insights from business innovation.

...explore streamlined, non-traditional pathways to bring critical skills into service.

Requires a Government and Industry Partnership

Program Executive Office Rotary Wing

Mission: Rapid and focused acquisition, research and development, and life-cycle logistics support to the operators of the USASOAC—160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment which provides SOF rotary wing capability to the joint force.



Sustain current operations, preserve and grow readiness.



Strategic resource sponsorship to recapitalize our fleet, increase lethality and survivability, and innovate for future threats. Relentlessly build the competitive advantage.



Support and sustain the people and program offices, while preserving our force and family.

Rotary Wing Network

Tenets of Success

1. Speed
2. Risk tolerance
3. Scale
4. Inclusivity
5. Relationships



USASOAC
SIMO
(Capability Sponsor)



160th SOAR (A)
Operators



PEO RW USSOCOM
(Resource Sponsor)



PM SKR/PM TAPO/PM STS/PM MELB
(Materiel Developer)

Other Services

Army Staff

AMCOM

USAACE

CCDC

Industry Partners

Program Executive Office Rotary Wing (RW)

MOBILITY



A/MH-6 Light Attack/Assault



Medium Assault MH-60



Heavy Assault MH-47

Airframe Recapitalization

MISSION EQUIPMENT



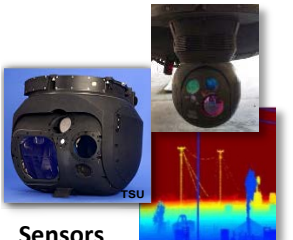
Active Aircraft Survivability Equipment



Passive Aircraft Survivability Equipment



Avionics



Sensors



Common Hardware and Software

TRAINING SYSTEMS



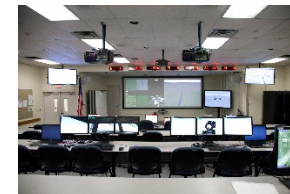
A/MH-6M (Little Bird) CMS



MH-47G CMS



MH-60M CMS



Mission Rehearsal Exercise Training System (MRETS)



Stimulated vs Simulated

S&T



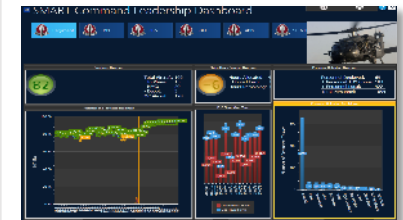
Army JMR Tech Demonstrators



Next Generation Mobility



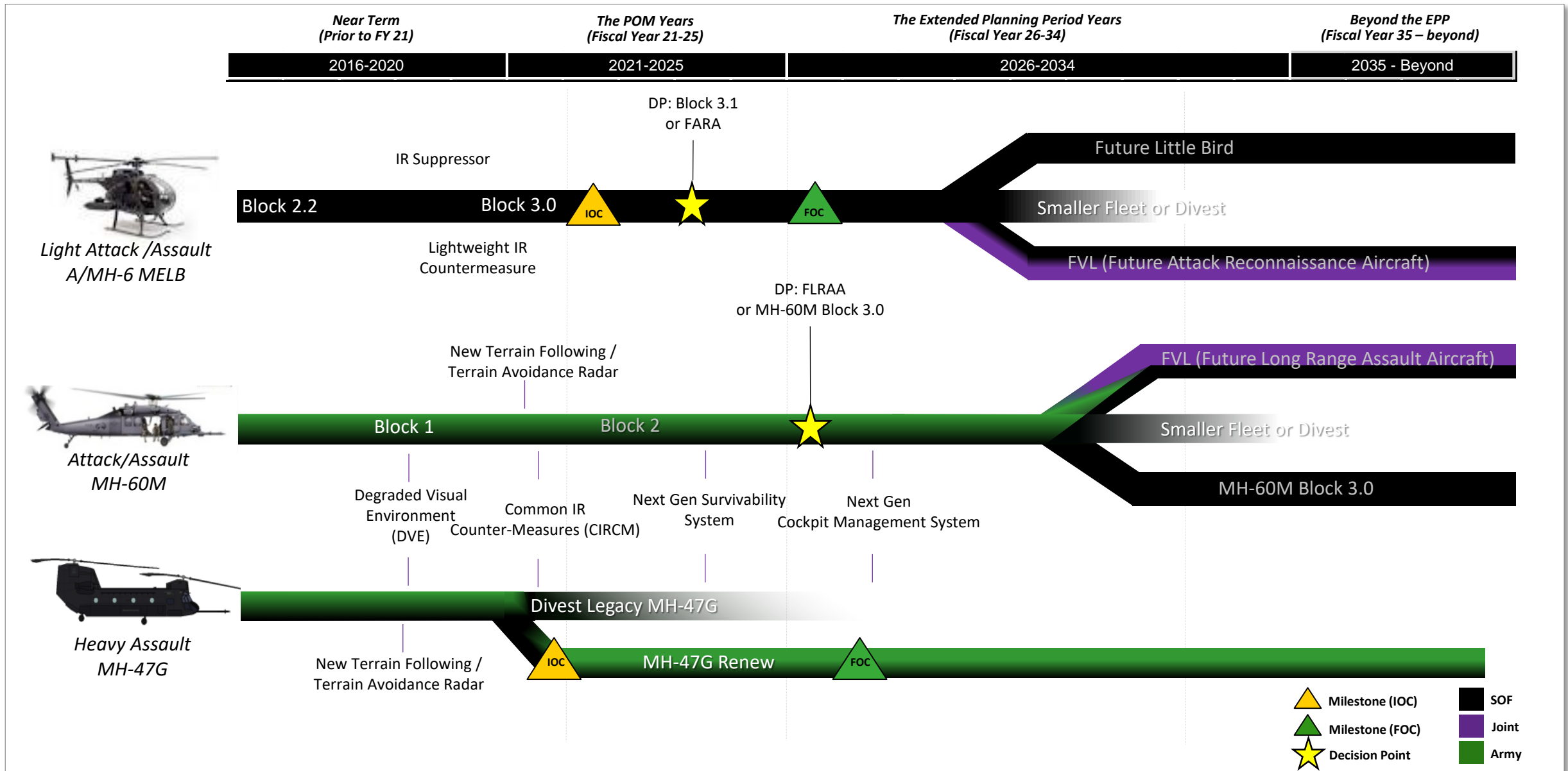
Training / Virtual Reality



Data Science

Future Investments

SOF Rotary Wing Platform Roadmap



Mobility



***A/MH-6M Mission Enhanced Little Bird
Block 3***

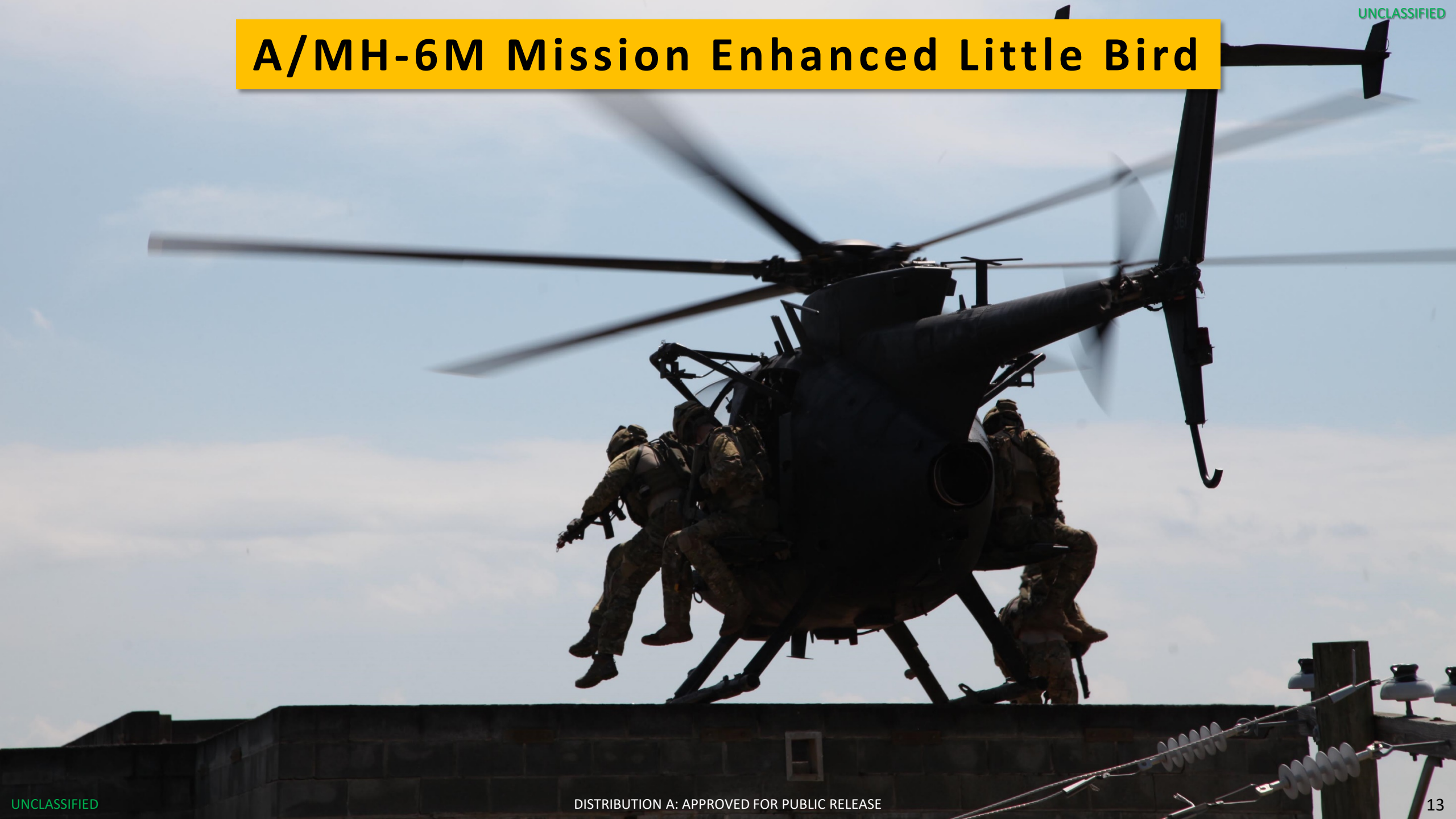


***MH-60M Blackhawk
Block 1***



***MH-47G Chinook
Renew Program***

A/MH-6M Mission Enhanced Little Bird



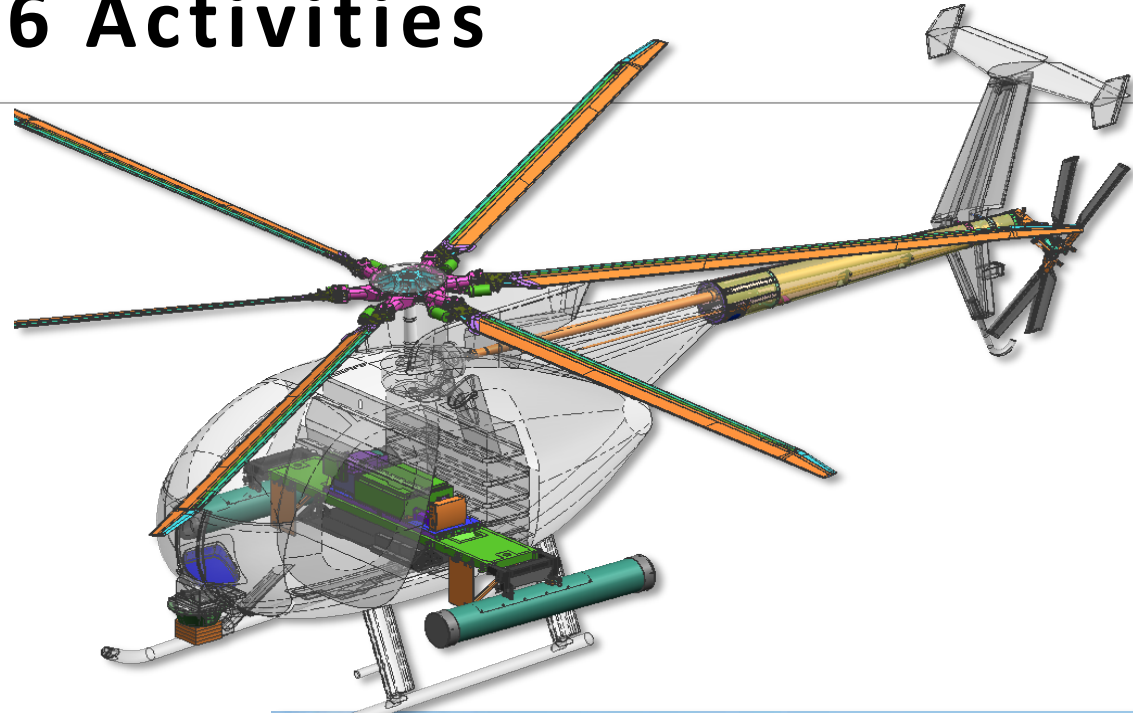
A/MH-6 Activities

Block 2.2 upgrade execution

- Improves crew safety

Block 3.0 upgrade

- Improves safety margin
- Improves flight controls
- Improves cockpit



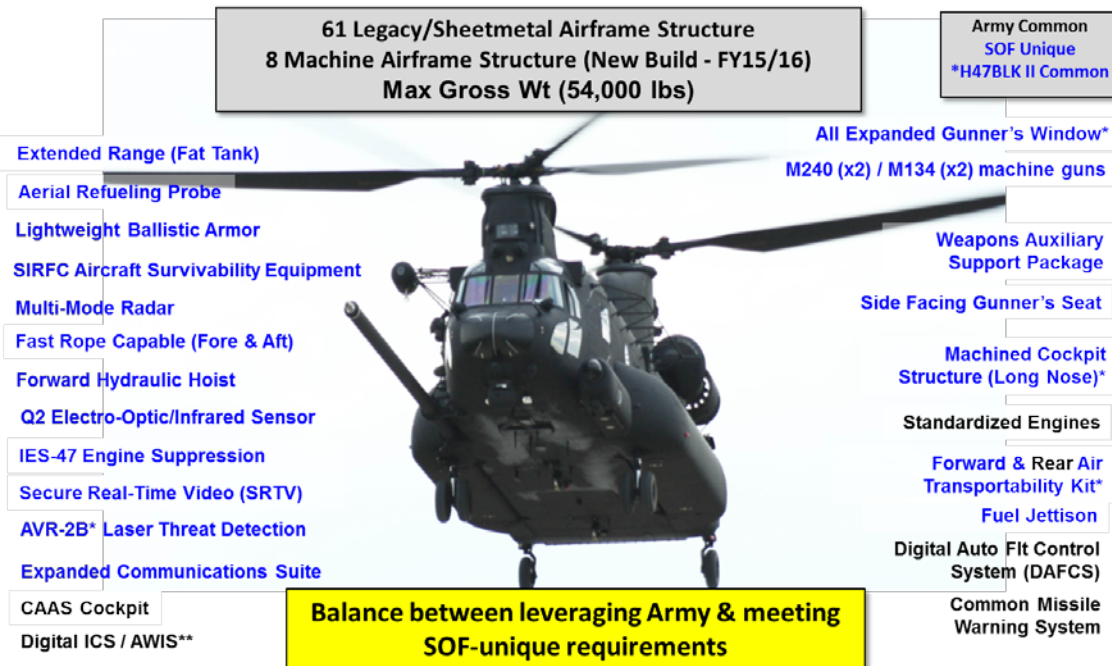
MH-47G Chinook



MH-47G Activities

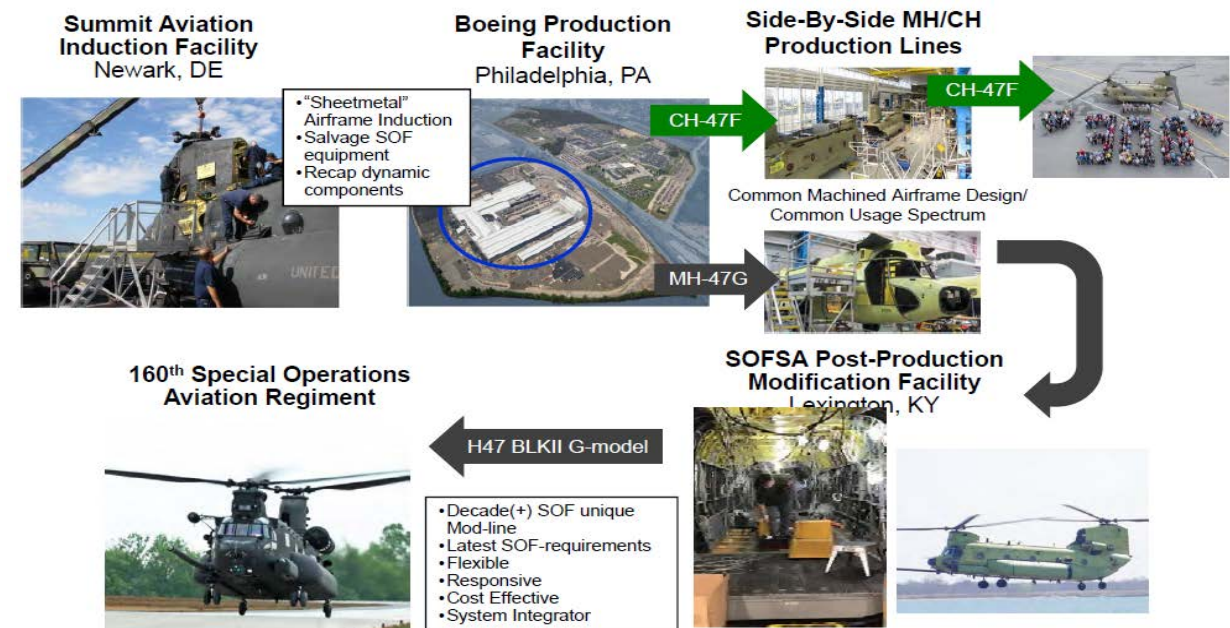
Block II Renew

- Modernization and Recap program for the remaining legacy airframes
- Executed in collaboration with the Army



Development efforts

- Advanced Parallel Actuator System (APAS)
- Engine Barrier Filter



MH-60M Blackhawk

MH-60M Activities

Block 1.0 upgrade execution

- **Greater directional control**
- **Tactical Mission Networking**
- **Degraded Visual Environment**
- **DC Powered Mini-gun System**
- **Sustaining engineering**



Mission Equipment Activities

Aircraft Survivability Equipment:

- IR Countermeasure Development
- RF Countermeasure Improvements
- Ballistic Protection

Direct Fire Threat
(Detect and Locate)



Radar Threat
(Receive and Jam)



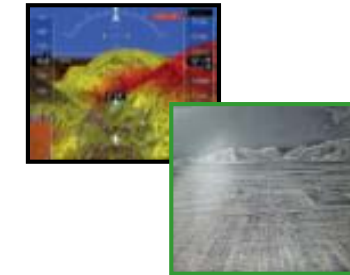
EO/IR Missile Threat (Detect
and Decoy/Jam)



Sensors and Weapons:

- Degraded Visual Environment Development
- Improved RW Electro Optical Sensor (IRES)
- New Terrain Following / Terrain Avoidance Radar

Degraded Visual Environment



Avionics:

- Tactical Mission Network Integration
- Mission Processor Upgrades

Sustainment:

- Sustain operational availability
- Control sustainment costs of mission equipment



Ground Force
Software Compatible



GOTS/COTS
Material Solution

Moving map with other
Friendly icons shown



Live video with location of
Video shown on imagery

SOF Modernization

❖ Capability Focus Areas

- Human Interface
- Next-Generation Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance (ISR) / Tactically Relevant Situational Awareness
- Network & Data Management
- Next-Generation Effects/Precision Strike

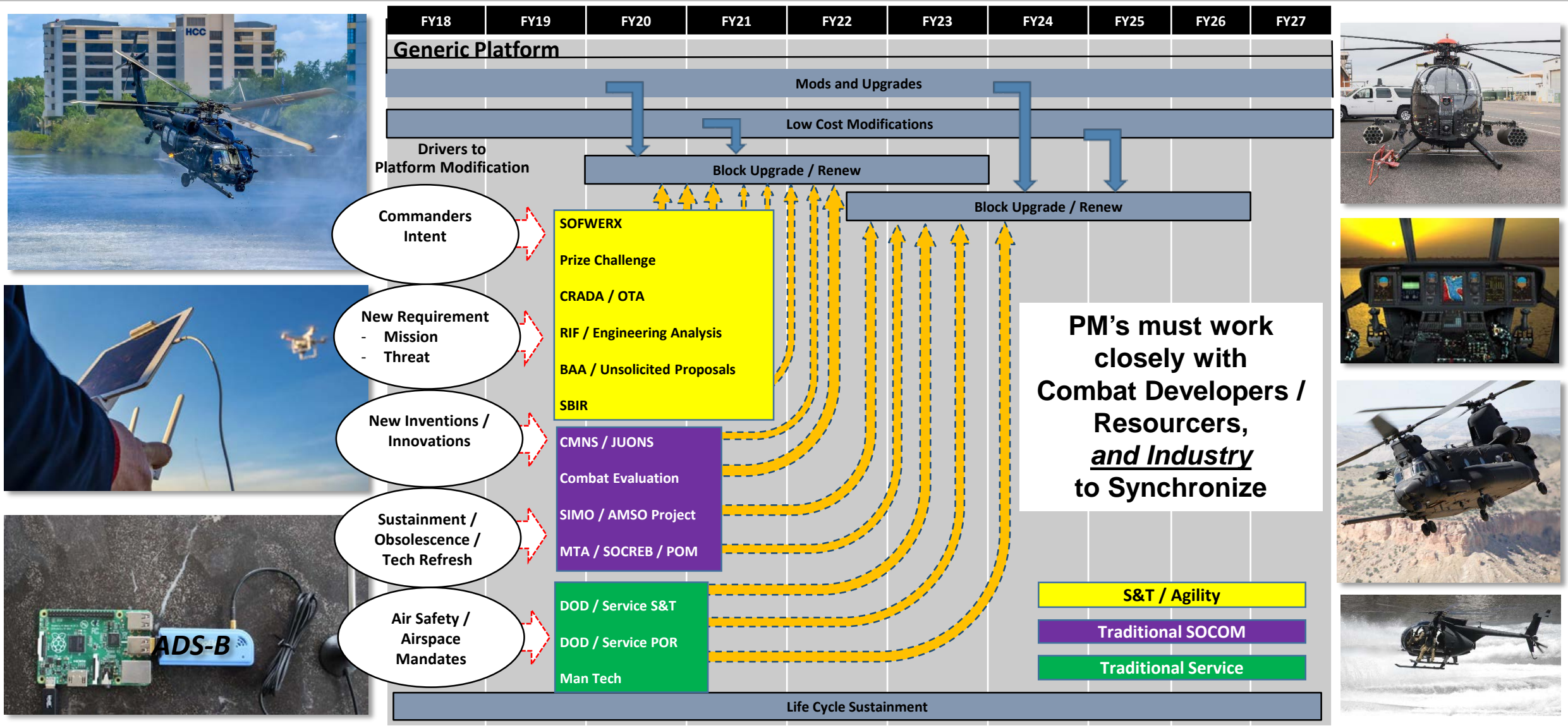
❖ Cross Cutting Technology Areas

- Hyper-Enabled Operator
- Next-Generation Mobility

Rotary Wing Interest Areas:

- *Mission Simulation and Training*
- *RF Convergence*
- *Next Generation Cockpit*
- *Total Situational Awareness*
- *Assured Communications*
- *Robust Survivability*
- *Optimal Manning*
- *Rotor Speed Efficiency*
- *High Efficiency Power Sources*

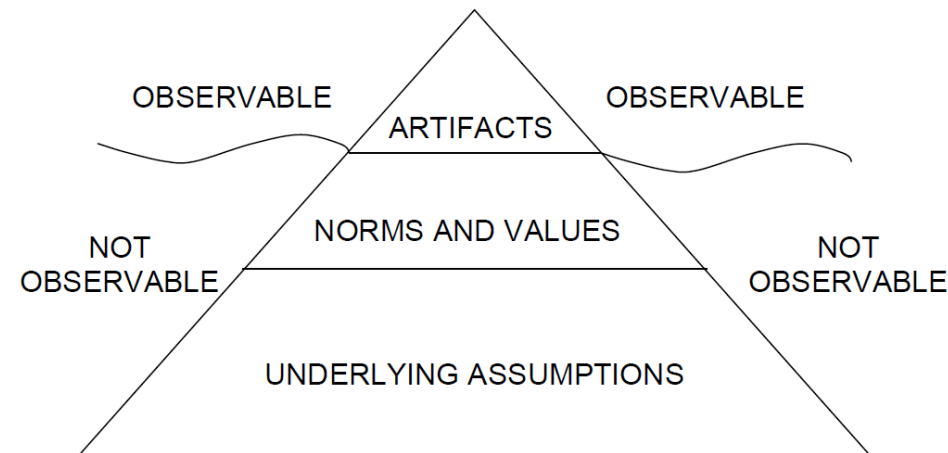
Acquisition Tools Across the Life Cycle



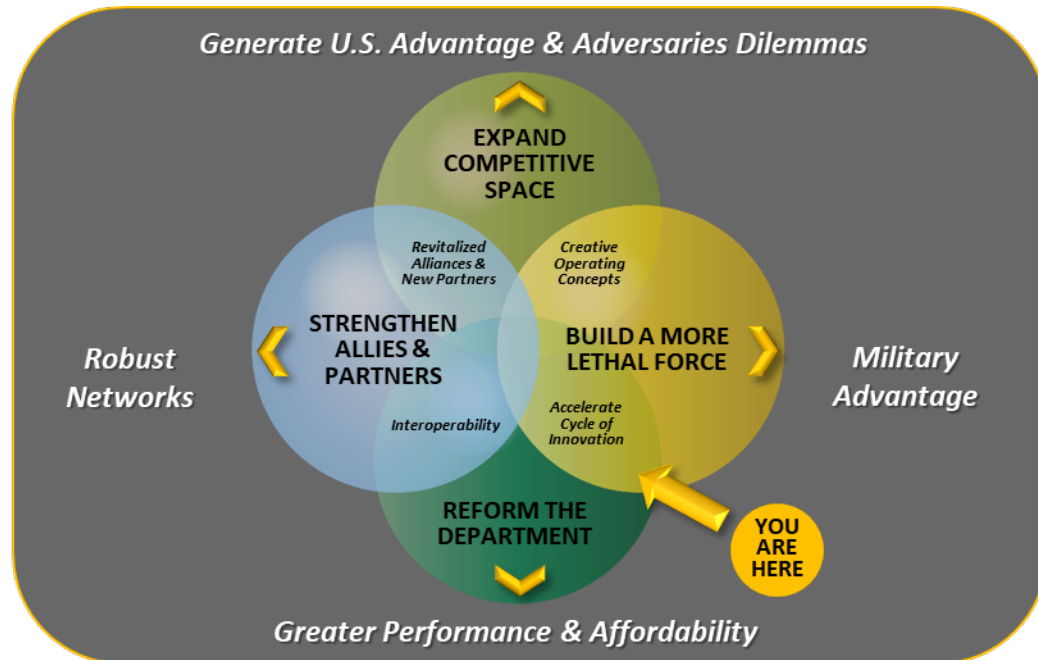
Tenets of Success / Debunking Myths

1. Speed
2. Risk tolerance
3. Scale
4. Inclusivity
5. Relationships

1. Big programs
2. No requirements
3. Different funding
4. No testing
5. Always Successful



We Need Creative Solutions from Industry



What Congress and DoD authorized

Middle Tier Acquisition (MTA)
Other Transaction Agreements (OTA)
Cooperative Research & Development Agreements (CRADA)
Empowered/Decentralized Decision Authority

What can Industry do?

Contract response timelines?
Pricing timelines?
Levels of oversight?

- Decrease “flash-to-bang” time on delivering systems to the Warfighter
- Increase speed of responding to RFPs
- Reduce unproductive portions of procurement lead-time
- Reduce lead times for weapon system procurement
- Offer ways to hyper-enable aircrews and operators
- Integrate federated, complementary systems to aid in rapid, decisive decision-making
- Explore future RW capabilities; support FVL development
- How can we make what we have more effective?

Near-Term Opportunities

Upcoming SOFWERX Events

<https://www.sofwerx.org/aviation/>



Special Operations Forces Aviation Systems Trainers - Enhancements (SOFAST-E II) Industry Day

June / July 2019

<https://www.fbo.gov/>



“We’ve been fortunate to have an amazingly consistent leadership philosophy for the last 20 years: Clearly communicate your expectations for risk management and empower the team to make decisions at the appropriate level.”

***James H. Smith, U.S. Special Operations Command
Acquisition Executive, February 2018***

