



# 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

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*Program Executive Officer*



# Perspective

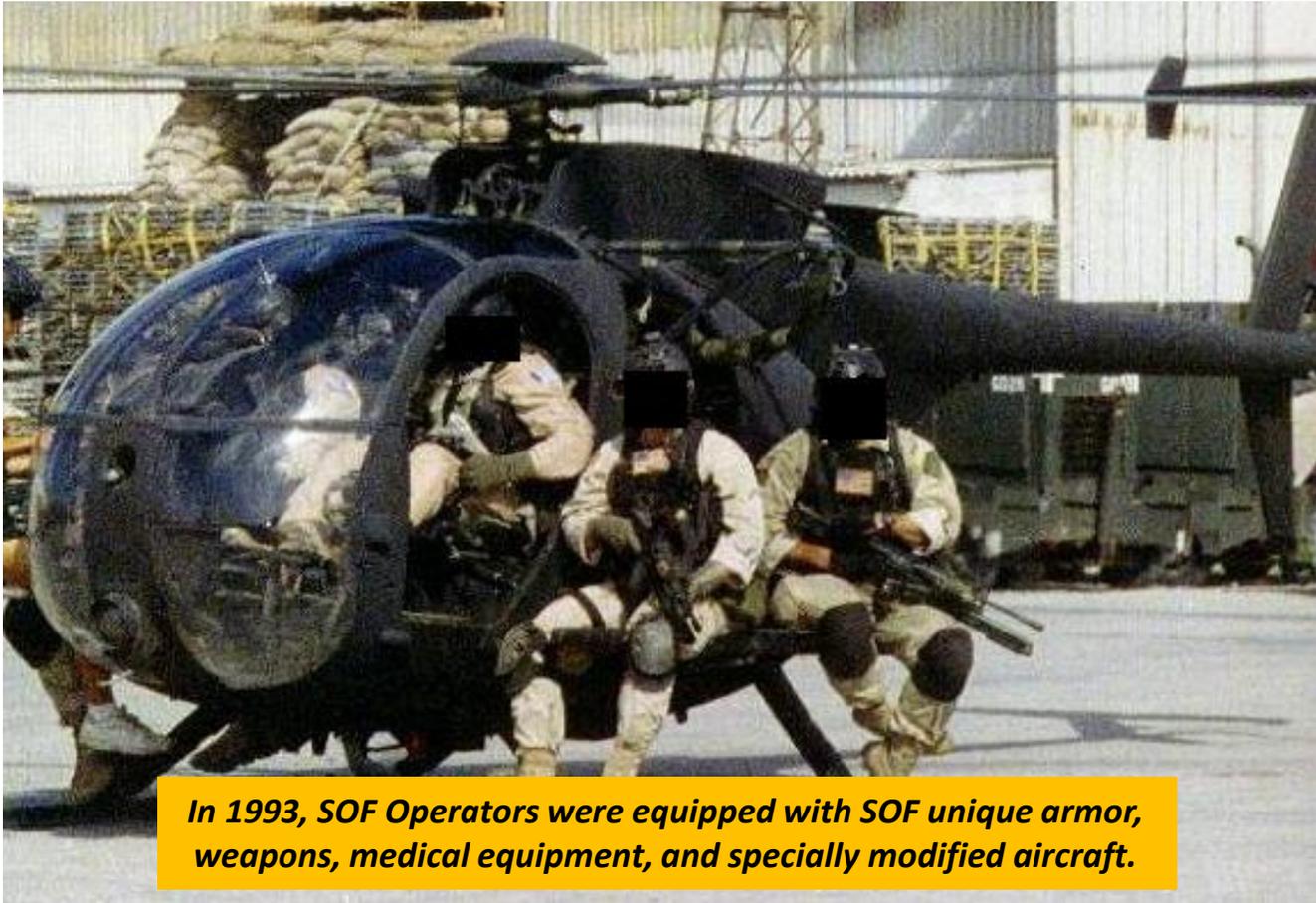


Photo # NH64472 LtCol. Doolittle & Capt. Mitchell with USAAF crews aboard USS Hornet, April 1942



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...shed outdated management practices and structures while integrating insights from business innovation.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

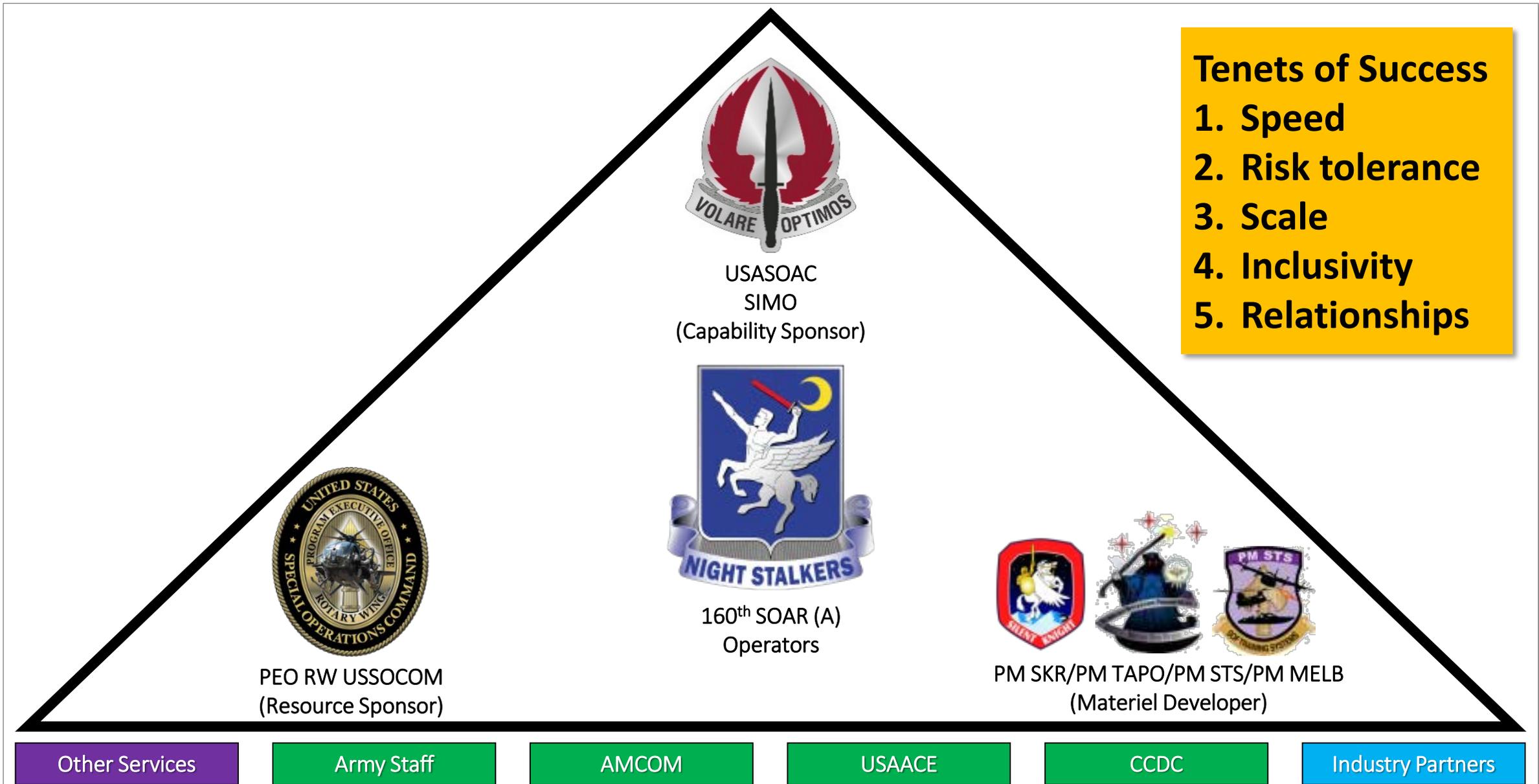


***Strategic resource sponsorship to recapitalize our fleet, increase lethality and survivability, and innovate for future threats. Relentlessly build the competitive advantage.***



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

# Rotary Wing Network



# 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



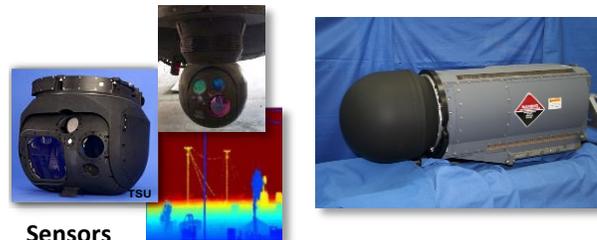
Active Aircraft Survivability Equipment



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



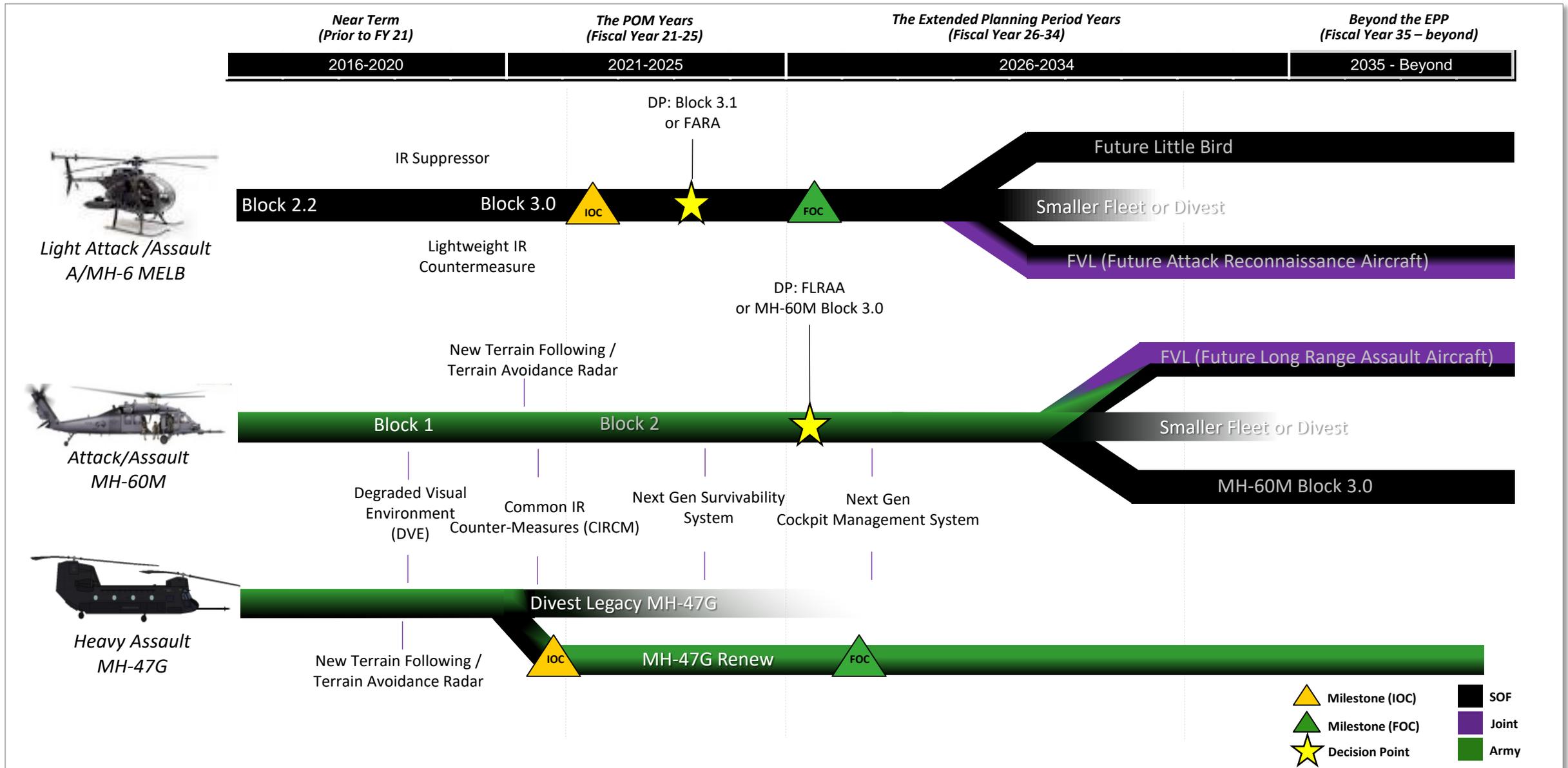
Training / Virtual Reality



Data Science

### Future Investments

# SOF Rotary Wing Platform Roadmap



# Mobility



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

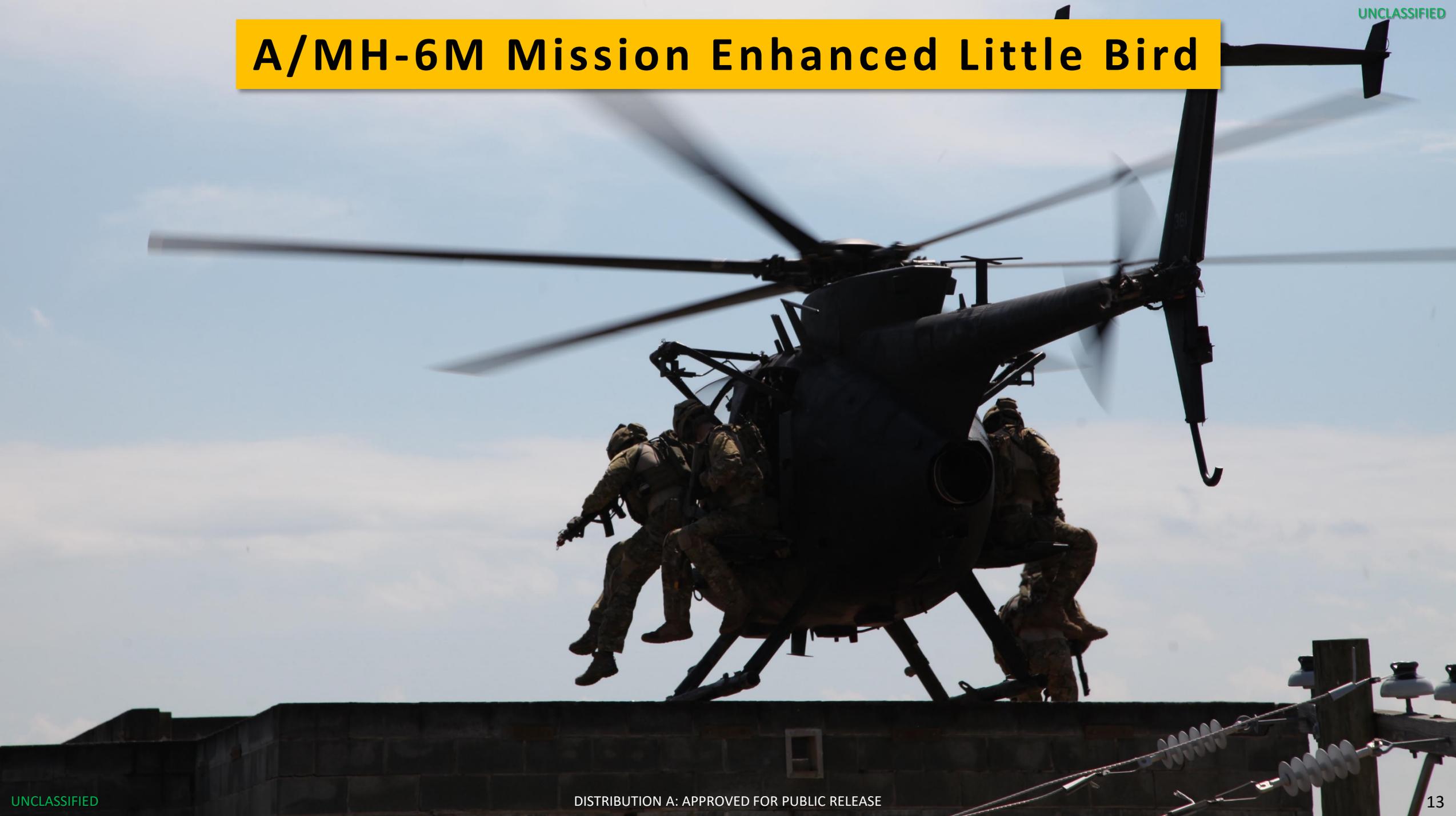


***MH-60M Blackhawk  
Block 1***



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

# A/MH-6M Mission Enhanced Little Bird



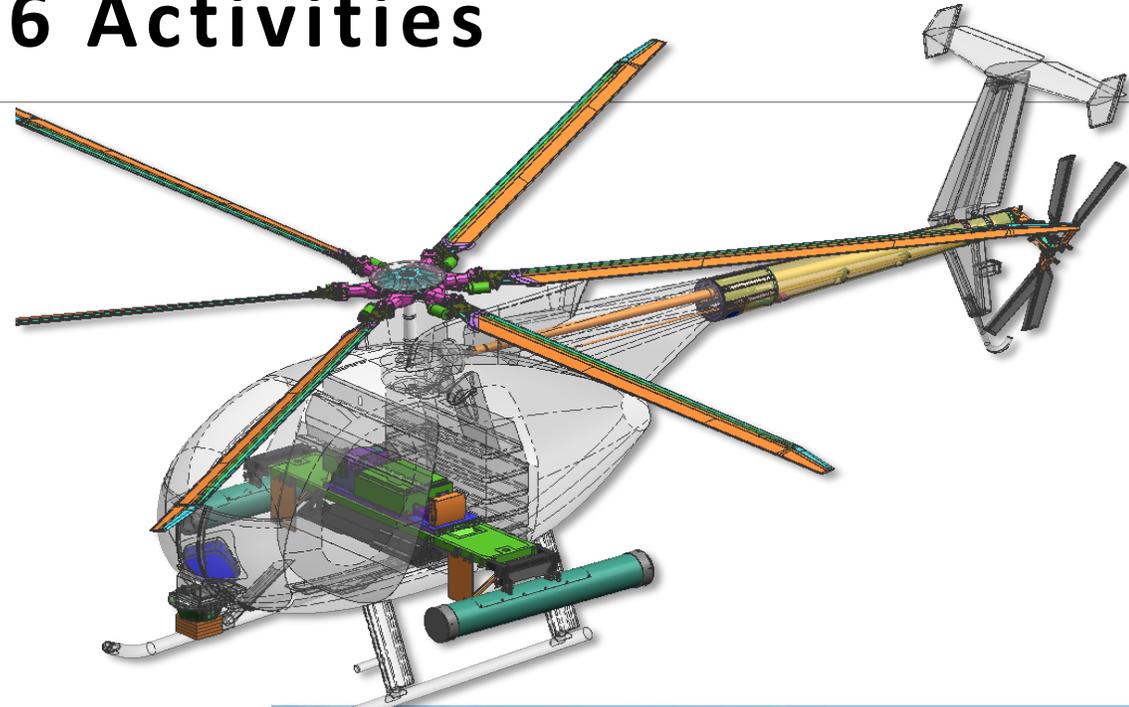
# A/MH-6 Activities

## Block 2.2 upgrade execution

- Improves crew safety

## Block 3.0 upgrade

- Improves safety margin
- Improves flight controls
- Improves cockpit



# MH-47G Chinook



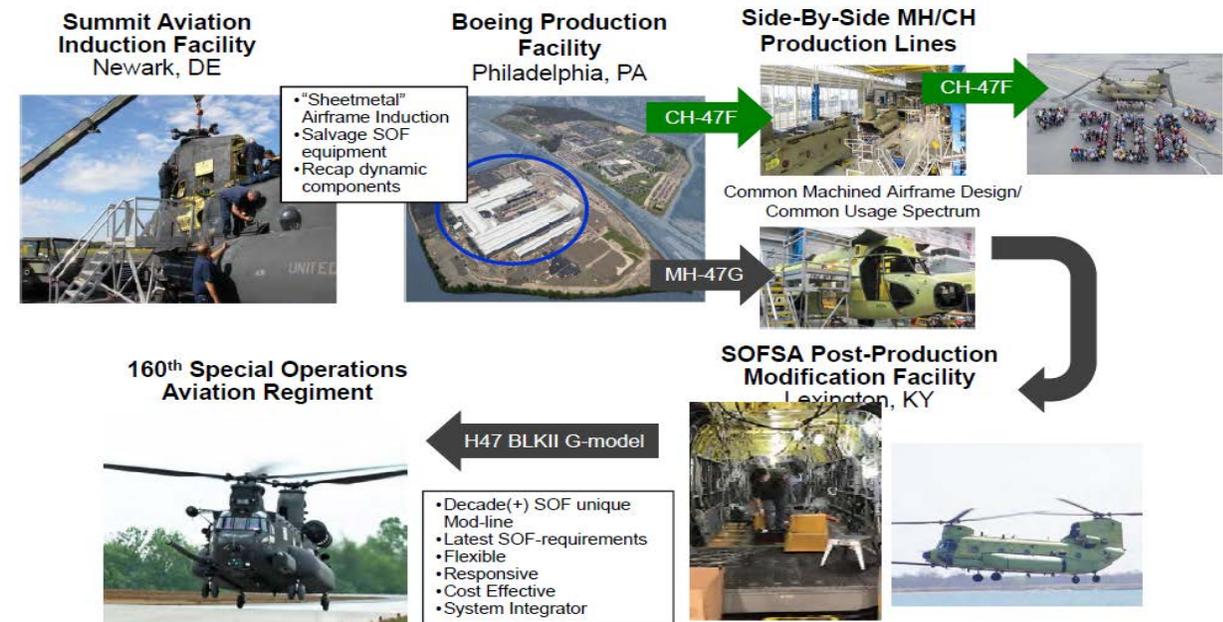
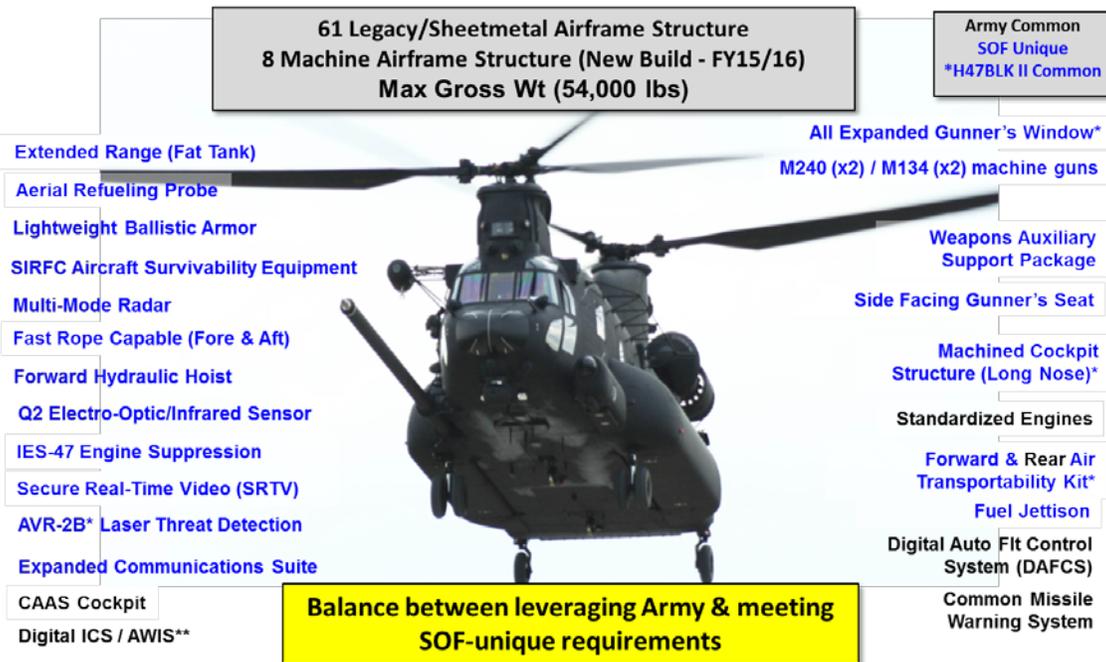
# MH-47G Activities

## 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)



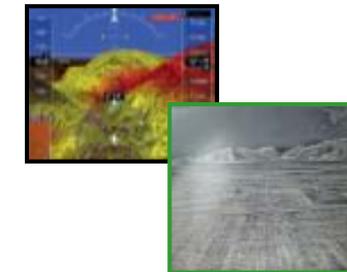
EO/IR Missile Threat (Detect  
and Decoy/Jam)



## 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

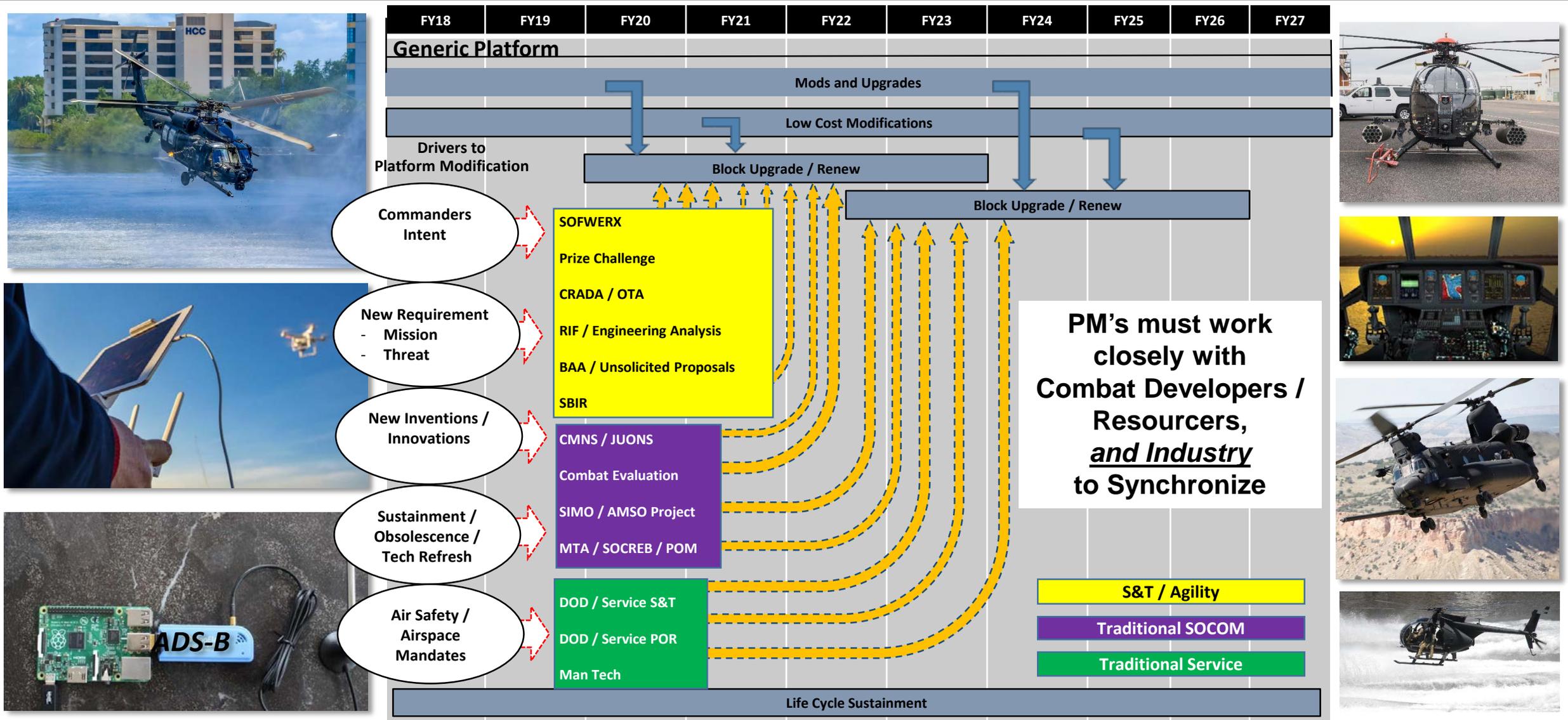
## ❖ Cross Cutting Technology Areas

- 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*

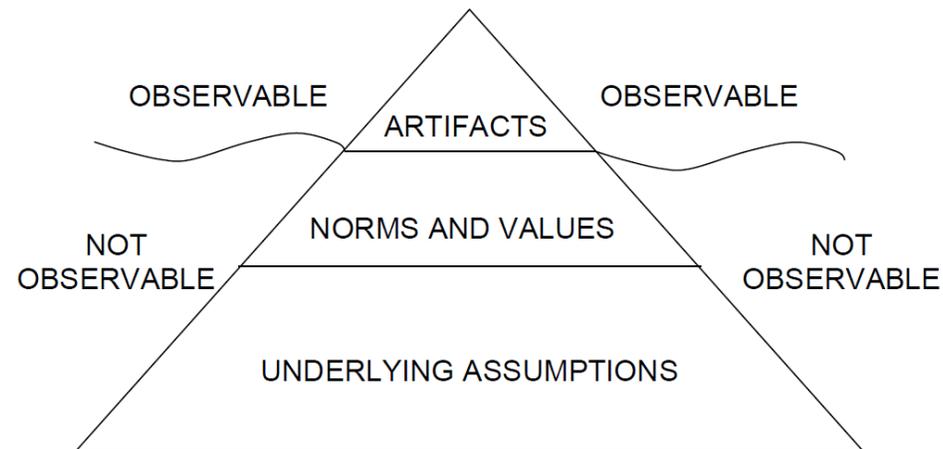
# Acquisition Tools Across the Life Cycle



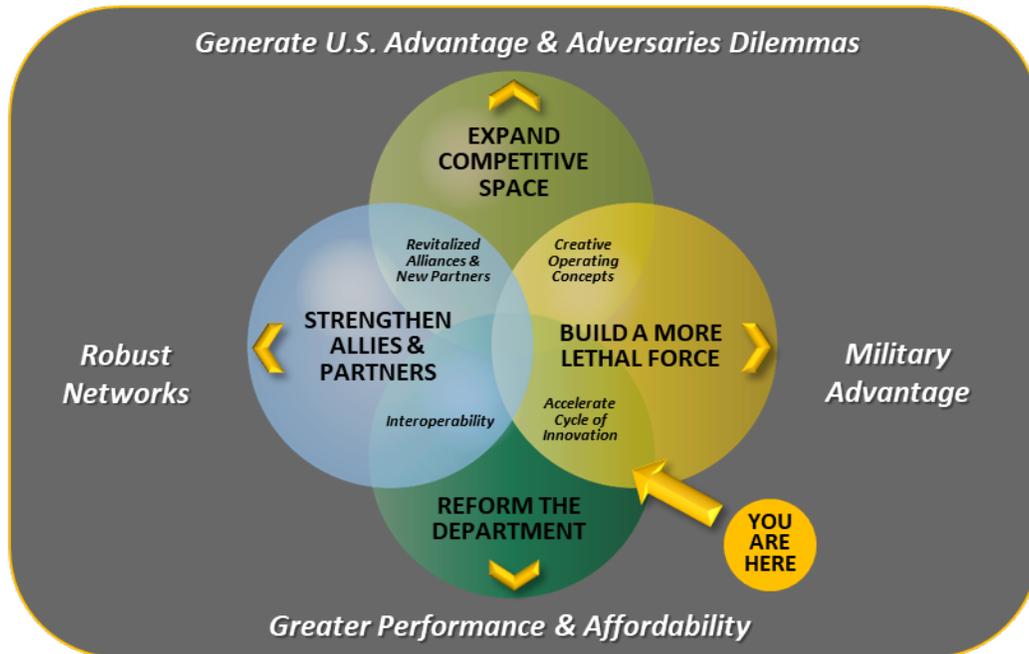
# Tenets of Success / Debunking Myths

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



- 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?

## 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?

# 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***

