Sikorsky Completes Delivery Of New Presidential Helicopters

23 VH-92A® helicopters built in New York and Connecticut



Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin company, celebrated delivery of the 23rd and final VH-92A® Patriot® presidential helicopter to the U.S. Marine Corps in a recent ceremony. Photo courtesy: Lockheed Martin.

OWEGO, N.Y., Aug. 19, 2024 – The U.S. Marine Corps formally accepted the 23rd and final next-generation VH-92A presidential helicopter built by Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company (NYSE: LMT) in recent ceremonies here, marking a significant milestone for the company whose aircraft have flown every U.S. president since 1957.

“This delivery represents a significant milestone and new chapter in the rich, 67-year history of Marines providing helicopter transport of the president of the United States. The VH-92A Patriot® brings increased capabilities for this no-fail mission supporting the Commander-in-Chief around the world,” said Lieutenant General Bradford Gering, Deputy Commandant for Aviation. “Sikorsky’s contribution to Marine Aviation has enabled your United States Marine Corps to be a ready and lethal fighting force.”

The delivery demonstrates the success of the VH-92A helicopter program to design, build and deliver the program of record under budget and within the planned delivery schedule.

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Sikorsky: Continuing the Legacy

The VH-92A helicopter will transport the President and Vice President of the United States and other officials. Sikorsky brings unmatched experience and a proven track record to this mission having flown every president since 1957. The VH-92A, also called a “White Top” due to its notable white and green livery, will continue this legacy for decades to come.

“Once again, Sikorsky’s highly-skilled employees have shown their ability to innovate, manufacture and deliver these next-generation VH-92A presidential helicopters that will be operating worldwide in support of presidential missions well into the future,” said Richard Benton, Sikorsky vice president and general manager. “This milestone is a credit to our valued and long-lasting partnership with the Marine Corps as we provide a highly-tailored solution for the Marine Corps’ unique, critical mission.”

The VH-92A program ensures long-term affordability by utilizing the FAA certified Sikorsky S-92 aircraft, which is best-in-class for safety and reliability. The S-92 aircraft was modified at Sikorsky facilities in Owego, New York, and Stratford, Connecticut for the VH-92A mission based on government-defined requirements.

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