

Sikorsky Honors S-92® Helicopter Operators For 2019 Search & Rescue Missions



(L to R) Senior executives Dan Miller, Bristow, Hank Williams, Cougar Helicopters and Miguel Carrasco, CHC, were recognized by Sergei Sikorsky, Audrey Brady, Sikorsky VP, Commercial Systems and Services and John Rudy, Sikorsky Director, Oil & Gas Services

ANAHEIM, Calif., Jan. 28, 2020 – Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin company (NYSE: LMT), today recognized Bristow, CHC, and Cougar Helicopters for their life-saving mission capability using the workhorse S-92® Search and Rescue (SAR) helicopter. Audrey Brady, Sikorsky VP, Commercial Systems and Services and Sergei Sikorsky, son of company founder Igor Sikorsky, thanked Bristow, CHC, and Cougar executives in a ceremony at the 2020 Helicopter Association International Heli-Expo here.

In 2019, Bristow, CHC, and Cougar were responsible for a total of more than 2,700 SAR missions resulting in more than 1,700 lives saved. Bristow operates the aircraft for the U.K. Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) for Her Majesty's Coastguard. The S-92 was involved in almost 65 percent of its sorties in 2019; 72 percent of all people rescued by Coastguard aircraft were saved by crews operating a Sikorsky S-92.

In addition, Bristow Americas completed 26 SAR sorties using the S-92 in the Gulf of Mexico. In Norway, Bristow used the S-92 for all SAR and Medevac missions in 2019. In total, 62 SAR and ambulance flights were performed in the Ekofisk area as well as the Barents Sea.

CHC SAR operations experience extremely high dispatch availability rates; the Irish Coast Guard currently flies at nearly 98 percent reliability. One of CHC's most notable rescues of the year lasted into the early morning hours of March 24, after a large cruise ship off the coast of Norway experienced an engine failure. Three S-92 aircraft were involved in the rescue mission, and 466 people were safely rescued. To date, this is the largest helicopter rescue at sea.

"The recognition for our SAR missions belongs to our pilots, flight crews, mechanics and all the other team members that work tirelessly to ensure safe and reliable transport and dispatch reliability," said Miguel Carrasco, CHC's senior vice president, Operations and Supply Chain. "I am honored to accept the award on behalf of the great team at CHC."

Cougar Helicopters, the first rotorcraft company in North America to utilize the S-92 in a SAR capacity, flew more than 350 SAR sorties this year, totaling nearly 570 flight hours. Cougar has been the recipient of 35 Sikorsky Winged-S Rescue Awards since 2008 and boasts a 20-minute SAR response time in the northeastern Atlantic.

The Sikorsky S-92 has flown more than 1.6 million total flight hours, predominantly for civil search and rescue operations and for operators serving the worldwide offshore oil and gas industry. The S-92 currently operates in 25 countries and is the industry standard for safety and reliability. Thirteen nations, including the U.S., have selected the S-92 helicopter for their head of state missions.

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Headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that employs approximately 110,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services.

About Bristow Group

Bristow Group Inc. is the world's leading industrial aviation service provider offering helicopter transportation, search and rescue (SAR) and aircraft support services to

government and civil organizations worldwide. Bristow's strategically located global fleet supports operations in the North Sea, Nigeria and the U.S. Gulf of Mexico; as well as in most of the other major offshore oil and gas producing regions of the world, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, Guyana and Trinidad. Bristow provides SAR services to the private sector worldwide and to the public sector for all of the U.K. on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. To learn more, visit our website at www.bristowgroup.com.

About CHC

CHC Helicopter, celebrating 70 years of safety, innovation and service, is a global leader in enabling customers to go further, do more and come home safely, including oil and gas companies, government search-and-rescue agencies and organizations requiring helicopter maintenance, repair and overhaul services.

About Cougar Helicopters

Safety and Service – No Compromise: Cougar Helicopters provides offshore transportation to the oil and gas industry and search & rescue services with a fleet of Sikorsky S92 aircraft. Celebrating 35 years of aviation in 2019, Cougar is headquartered in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador with a second base of operations in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Visit www.cougar.ca for additional information.

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