



# NDIA Delaware Valley Rotorcraft Conference

*Past, Present and Future of Military Rotorcraft*

Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## **Registration**

### **Continental Breakfast**

### **Presentation of the Colors**

### **Conference Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Roby Lentz, President NDIA Delaware Valley Chapter; Marco Di Gabriele, Conference Chair

### **History of Rotorcraft**

Fred W. Piasecki, CTO-COB Piasecki Aircraft Corp.

### **State Policies that Support the Aerospace Industry**

Jen Gilburg, Deputy Secretary of Technology and Entrepreneurship  
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

### **State of the Military Helicopter Production Programs**

BOEING – Heather McBryan, Vice President and Program Manager H-47 Cargo Programs  
LEONARDO – Andrew Gappy, Vice President Leonardo Helicopters USA Inc.  
BELL FLIGHT – Christopher Seymour, Vice President Strategic Pursuits

### **OUSD for Acquisition & Sustainment, Industrial Base Policy (IBP)**

IBP impacts on Defense Programs – Mr. Brain Burton, Senior Advisor

### **Break**

### **US Government Current and Future Rotorcraft Requirements**

NAVAIR PEO Aviation – BGen David Walsh

### **NATO Next Generation Rotorcraft Capability and US FVL**

NGRC Development Status and Path Forward – NSPA PM Cyril Heckel

### **Lunch and Museum Self Tour**

History of Rotorcraft – American Helicopter Museum

### **Rotorcraft Production Capacity in the NE Region**

DVIRC CEO, CONSULTING & ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH – Chris Scafario

### **Industry Future Development and R&D Plans**

LEONARDO – Jim McLaughlin, Director, Technology & Innovation Leonardo Helicopters Inc.  
BELL FLIGHT – Christopher Seymour, Vice President Strategic Pursuits  
LMCO SIKORSKY – Ershine “Ramsey” Bentley II, Director Advance Concepts Business Development

### **Rotorcraft Research in Academia**

Penn State Vertical Lift Research Center of Excellence - Dr. Edward Smith

### **Operator’s Perspective**

Colonel Timothy M. Zerbe, PA NG, State Army Aviation Officer (SAAO) - Chair SAAO Advisory Council

### **Closing Remarks** Marco Di Gabriele, Conference Chair