LEONARDO CELEBRATES THE 100TH DELIVERY OF THE TH-73A THRASHER TO THE US NAVY

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Leonardo celebrated a significant milestone with the 100th delivery of the TH-73A Thrasher helicopter to United States Navy. In early 2020, the Navy selected the Leonardo TH-73A, an advanced Instrument Flight Rules rated version of the commercial AW119Kx, to replace its aging fleet of TH-57B/C Sea Rangers as the primary training helicopter to produce the next generation of rotary and tilt-rotor pilots for the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and selected allied nations.

Gian Piero Cutillo, Managing Director of Leonardo Helicopters commented: “We’re proud to continue to provide our contribution to the Navy as it aims at delivering the highest level of quality for their next generation naval aviators’ training. We’re committed to sustaining this capability with our technology to make sure our partners’ needs are met as frontline capabilities and operational requirements keep evolving.”

Clyde Woltman, Chief Executive Officer of Leonardo Helicopters U.S. said: “We are thrilled to deliver the 100th TH-73 to our esteemed U.S. Navy partners. This production milestone is a testament to all the collaboration and hard work between our organizations, and we remain

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focused on preparing for the fleet’s readiness for decades to come.”

The TH-73A Advanced Helicopter Training System represents a pivotal modernization in Navy helicopter training technology, shifting from analog to digital avionics, and is projected to serve the U.S. Navy through 2050 and beyond. This enhanced training capability will help maintain the highest standard of military flight training with current and relevant training platforms. The TH-73A will facilitate a higher quality and more proficient naval aviator who will be ready to meet the operational challenges faced in the fleet.

“The advanced capability of the TH-73 Thrasher is a great training addition for our warfighters,” said Vice Adm. Daniel Cheever, Commander Naval Air Forces. “This means our newest Naval Aviators arrive ready to preserve the peace, respond in crisis, and win in war.”

TH-73A’s advanced design, based on the IFR-certified variant of the commercial AW119Kx, sets it apart as the ideal selection for initial flight training with the capacity to support advanced operational maneuvers. The helicopter is powered by a robust Pratt & Whitney PT-6 engine and features dual safety and hydraulic systems, ensuring reliability and safety during all aspects of flight operations. With modern digital avionics provided by Genesys Aerosystems, the Thrasher excels in every maneuver within the Navy's training program and expanded the training syllabi, facilitating a seamless transition from fundamental flying activities to complex operational training.



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