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Why Army Aviation

“I knew wherever I was that you thought of me, and if I got in a tight place you would come – if alive.”

~ letter from GEN Sherman to GEN Grant, March 1864

Relentlessly focused on, and dedicated to, honoring a sacred trust with Commanders and Soldiers on the ground.

Are we ready to “Fight Tonight?”
Aviation Operating Picture

✓ The Aviation Environment
  • Increased global requirements – leveraged modernization for readiness
  • Fixed basing vs. Expeditionary
  • Near-peer reduction of technology gap
  • Today – we risk being outmanned, outgunned, and outdated

✓ Balancing Readiness, Modernization and Maintenance
  • Legacy Fleet optimization – preserve reach, protection and lethal advantages
  • Mid-term decisions – legacy Fleet and Future Vertical Lift
  • Aviation Sustainment Strategy and Conditions Based Maintenance
Aviation Maintenance – Moving Forward

Sustainment Strategy Objectives:
- Expeditionary Aviation Force
- Reduced Soldier Burden
- Improved Operational Availability
- Reduced Logistics Footprint
- Decreased Life Cycle Costs

Holistic Aviation Assessment Task Force
Study Report
Regaining Decisive Action Readiness
June 2016
How Industry Can Help

✓ Visibility of Tech Data
✓ Speed, Accuracy, Quality
✓ Strategic Depth in parts – can’t be just-in-time in all cases
✓ Assist to identify cost effective/flexible contract vehicles
✓ Self improvement of products
✓ Hold your Subs Accountable

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.

~ Socrates (469 B.C - 399 B.C.)