

# Exclusive speaker interviews with US Army Aviation Center & British Army released for Helicopter Technology CEE 2019

*SMi Group Reports: Senior military officials from the US Army Aviation Center and British Army are set to present at Helicopter Technology CEE in May.*

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, March 11, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SMi's 5th Annual [Helicopter Technology Central and Eastern Europe](#) conference is returning to Prague, Czech Republic on the 22nd-23rd May 2019 as Europe's leading regional event focused on helicopter technology.

Conference attendees will receive focused briefings over the course of two days on key topics of modernisation and readiness of regional rotary fleets, procurement goals, national security, operations and interoperability, platform and programme upgrades, and more.

For those interested in attending, there is a [£100 Early Bird discount](#) on bookings expiring on Friday 29th March 2019. Places can be reserved at <http://www.futurehelicopter.co.uk/einpress>

In the run up to the event, SMi Group caught up with Lieutenant Colonel Stein, SO1 FD Strat Plans, Cap AM, Capability Directorate, Army Headquarters, British Army, to get his thoughts and perspectives on the latest developments in helicopter technology, as well as the upcoming conference.

A snapshot of Lieutenant Colonel Stein's exclusive interview:

Q: What is your organisation doing to enhance helicopter operations?

A: "The full team delivers funded helicopter programmes, such as AH64E, and develops new programmes such as maintaining lift capability. The Concept and Strategy team 'over the horizon scan'. That means exploring new innovations via science and technology, research and experimentation, and interoperability opportunities. We also 'test' the aviation component of land-based operations to identify where capability improvements are required."

Q: What are the key areas for the development of military helicopter units?

A: "Increase in performance, payload, speed, range, availability and reduced maintenance.



The poster features the title "HELICOPTER TECHNOLOGY" in large white letters on a dark background, with "CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE" in blue below it. Two helicopters are shown in flight. At the bottom, it states "22 - 23 MAY 2019 | PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC" and the website "www.futurehelicopter.co.uk".

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Survivability, therefore platform protection and operating in degraded visual environments. Finally, for utility and attack variants their lethality; so maximising strike capability. This could mean not only rotary weapon systems but 'teaming' or 'integrating' with other assets in the digitised battlespace."

Lieutenant Colonel Stein will be presenting on day one of conference on "The mobilisation, modernisation and development of UK air manoeuvre capabilities" which will cover the following topics:

- Setting the context: Air Manoeuvre within Defence's Transformation
- Evaluating combat readiness, collective training and operational commitments
- Evolving Air Manoeuvre: Meeting the UK's Future Force Concepts
- Air Manoeuvre Modernisation: Key Themes

SMi Group also interviewed Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Kelly, 110th Army Aviation Brigade Operations Officer, US Army Aviation Center, to gain insight on his organisation, future challenges, key areas for development of military helicopters, and his role.

A snapshot of Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Kelly's exclusive interview:

Q: What is your organisation doing to enhance helicopter operations?

A: "The brigade is changing the culture of how we train within the Army by incorporating tactical scenario-based training to enforce and enhance an Aviator's knowledge in application of technical knowledge. We want our students to know and demonstrate more than just technical proficiency; instead, we want them to understand how to apply those technical aspects into tactical environment."

Q: How can networking with different nations improve capabilities?

A: "The U.S. Army partners with other nations on a daily basis. We have multiple exchange Instructor Pilots teaching on the flight line imparting their experiences while gaining the perspective from our school. Additionally, we train students from over 30 different nations in our courses. These students provide U.S. Soldiers a way to create friendships and different viewpoints on global military affairs that impact them for their entire career."

Delegates will be able to hear from Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Kelly on day one, speaking on "Maximising US Regional Support For Increased Interoperability And Training". The following topics will be covered:

- AH-64, CH-47 and UH-60G Pave Hawk usage against mounted and unmounted air systems
- Enhanced collaboration and interoperability with regional allies: working in conjunction with NATO allies during Aurora 17 and similar exercises
- Importance of international cooperation between rotary leaders in Central and Eastern Europe

The full speaker interviews and more content including the latest brochure, past attendees list, and other exclusive speaker interviews can be found on the DOWNLOADS section on the website at <http://www.futurehelicopter.co.uk/einpress>

Delegates at the conference in May will have the chance to hear the valuable perspectives and experiences of other regional senior military experts from the Czech Republic, Germany, Romania, UK, US, Sweden, Slovakia, NATO, Hungary, Joint Air Power Competence Centre, and more.

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