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## **US Aviation Group and U.S. Air Force Shine at 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Flight Training Summit**

The 15th annual Military Flight Training Summit was held last week at the Novotel Hotel, in London England where the world's military flight training community converged to discuss military fixed and rotary wing training requirements, capabilities and technologies. The annual meeting brought together over 250 Chiefs of Staff, Commanders of Air Training, Heads of Procurement, and industry executives from across the globe to discuss the challenges, strategies, and success in shaping military flight training for the next generation.

Corporate sponsors included: US Aviation Group, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, and other international contracting organizations engaged in training and developing war-fighters for the United States Air Force and allied nations.

Brigadier General Andrew "Sparky" Croft, the Director of Plans, Programs, Requirements, and Assessments for the US Air Force ( AETC ) Air Education and Training Command at Randolph AFB, Texas began the main conference by discussing the 5th generation training requirements for the United States Air Force. General Croft discussed the importance of developing pilot skills for a higher proficiency in multi-tasking, data management, and situational awareness. Other changes on the pilot cadet training horizon addressed by General Croft were an increased focus on (RPA's) Remote Piloted Aircraft and replacing (IFS) Initial Flight Screening with ( IFT) Initial Flight Training.

Following the General's presentation, JR Starch, Chief Operating Officer for US Aviation Group spoke on: Optimizing The Benefits of International Training Initiatives. Mr. Starch then sat on the interactive discussion panel with other industry experts where they engaged military officials and industry executives in a lively discussion regarding: The Future of Cost Effective High Level Training. "I enjoyed the summit and welcomed the opportunity to showcase our capabilities as a premier international flight training organization," said JR Starch, " US Aviation is poised to become an even stronger player in the international military flight training community. We received a strong response from our partner nations and I'm pleased we are leading the charge."

Industry partners with display booths on hand to discuss training capability, proficiency, and core competencies were: US Aviation Group, Lockheed Martin, Textron Aviation, Northrop Grumman, Tactical Air Support, and nine other DoD (Department of Defense) & International contracting agencies. AFSAT ( United States Air Force Security Assistance Training ) Training Program Manager, Robin Kaiser and Chief Development Officer and Executive VP, of US Aviation Group, Mark Taylor were available to promote the recently awarded ( MAFT) Multi-Aircraft Flight Training Contract designed to train (IMS) International Military Students from over 140 allied countries.

"The Multi-Aircraft Flight Training Contract enables us to train international military students from around the world on various fixed-wing platforms up to, and including, fast-jet, transport / tanker, and helicopter systems," said Mark Taylor. "We are excited about this opportunity to work with Wyle Inc. - Aerospace Division and AFSAT to protect our nation's interests and those of our allied nations. We anticipate our first MAFT task order very soon." US Aviation Group and others are able to provide initial qualifications, recurrent training and seasoning training for clients that meet Federal Aviation Part 141 and Part 142 training criteria.

All allied nations interested in scheduling training are encouraged to make training requests through (SCO) Security Cooperation Office at the applicable US Embassy. The SCO will work with AFSAT Country Managers in programming and scheduling of training. For more information contact: AFSAT, 100 H Street East, Suite 5, Joint Base San Antonio Randolph 78150-4418 Telephone 1-210-652-3244 or email [Robin.Kaiser@us.af.mil](mailto:Robin.Kaiser@us.af.mil). For more information on US Aviation Group or Chickatay Inc. please contact Mark Taylor at [mtaylor@usaviation.aero](mailto:mtaylor@usaviation.aero) or visit our websites at [www.usaviationacademy.com](http://www.usaviationacademy.com) and [www.chickatay.com](http://www.chickatay.com)