

The Aerospace & Defense Forum

Special Tour of Robinson Helicopter

South Bay Chapter
1:00-2:30pm: Tour
February 7 or 9, 2017

[Click here to attend on Feb 7](#)

[Click here to attend on Feb 9](#)

There is a limit of 12 attendees per tour. Both members and non-members must **register no less than 24 hours in advance of the tour starting, i.e., by 1pm Feb 6 or 1pm Feb 8**. No "walk-ins" are permitted on this tour.

A waitlist will be maintained for both tours. Generally you will have 24 hours to respond to notification of a waitlist opening.

Registration Fees

Free - A&D Forum member

Until January 24 members have exclusive access to registration.

\$30 - Non-member Early Bird

January 24 to January 31

\$40 - Non-member

After January 31 and before the close of registration (see above)

A&D Forum members get first chance to register until January 24. After January 24 registration for the tour is open to all.

A&D Forum tours tend to "sell out", so do not delay your registration. If the tour



A Special Tour of Robinson Helicopter

[Robinson Helicopter Company, Inc.](#)

Founded in 1973 by Frank Robinson, Robinson Helicopter employs approximately 1000 employees and is currently the world's leading manufacturer of civil helicopters. In addition, Robinson has a factory overhaul program for older aircraft and conducts monthly safety courses for helicopter flight instructors and maintenance technicians. A network of more than 400 service centers provide world-wide service and support.

"sells out", a wait list will be established. If you are on the wait list you will have 24 hours to register after being notified of an available ticket.

Anyone who RSVPs, and does not show up without notifying [Ivan](#) in advance will not be permitted to sign up for A&D Forum tours for a year.

You will receive multiple invitations, regardless of whether you have registered. **Please do not register more than once.**

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Robinson is an engineering company that places great emphasis on research and development. Robinson's latest model, the R66 Turbine, was FAA certified on 25 October 2010 and is Robinson's largest and most powerful helicopter. The R66, like its predecessors the R22 and R44, was designed to perform as well or better than its competitors but for a lot less money.

Research continues on the R22 and R44 models to enhance performance and further minimize maintenance. Some of the more recent developments include the pilot-side avionics console, air conditioning and LED technology for strobe and navigation lights. The R44 is offered in a variety of configurations, including the Clipper, outfitted with fixed or pop-out floats, the Police Helicopter, which is fully equipped for airborne law enforcement and the Newscopier specifically designed for high quality live television broadcasting.

Located in Southern California, Robinson's factory was designed and built for helicopter manufacturing. The facility is equipped with the latest state-of-the-art machinery, including CNC (computer numerically controlled) machining centers and CMM (coordinate measuring machines). To maintain the highest quality, most operations including welding, machining, assembly, painting and flight testing are performed at the Torrance facility. In 2010 Robinson added 133,000 sq feet of manufacturing space bringing the company's total manufacturing space to 617,000 sq feet.



About the Meeting

Before 12:45pm: Check-in and networking

1:00-2:30pm: Tour of Factory: In a group of 12, we will see the construction of helicopters from raw material to ready for flight test.

2:30pm: Thank you's and departure.

meeting for free. Almost all chapter presentations are recording and available to A&D Forum members on the website.

Los Angeles Chapter: "**Exploring the Back of the Business Card**", Ann Convery, Speak Your Business, January 20, 2017

San Diego Chapter: "**Maximizing Enterprise Value: It's Never Too Soon to Start**", Larry O'Toole, CEO, Sanders Industries Holdings, Inc., Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 5:30-7:45pm

Orange County Chapter: "**Increasing Cross-Border Commerce US-Mexico**", Tomas Sibaja, Executive President, Cluster Aeroespacial De Baja California, February 2, 2017

Arizona Chapter: "**Driving Ownership, Growth and a Successful Exit**", Bob Swelgin (former CEO of Smart Electronics), February 9, 2017

Dallas-Ft. Worth Chapter: "**The Anatomy of a Data Breach**", Tom Allen, CEO, Opango, Inc., February 9, 2017

Recently Posted Presentations on the A&D Forum Website

"**How 8A Companies Survive in the Federal Market**", Jonathan (Woody) Woodruff, President and CEO, ORSA Technologies LLC, Arizona Chapter, October 13, 2016

"**What Aerospace Suppliers Need to Know about Cloud Computing**", Aaron Johnson, Business Development Manager
Tribridge, & Gary Rubenstein, Managing Partner, Rubenstein / Justman Management Consultants, South Bay Chapter, October 13, 2016

"**Being an Entrepreneur and the SBIR Program**". Steve Harrington. CEO.

February 7 & 9, 2017 Meeting

- **Tours start promptly at 1:00pm. Please check in by 12:45pm. Late comers will not be admitted to the tour.**
- Attendees may park in Visitors' Parking near the main lobby (designated by blue awning).
- Attendees will meet in the main Lobby in Building # 1 under the blue awning,
- Please check-in on arrival at the Lobby.
- All attendees must be wearing close-toed shoes and long pants in order to attend the tour. No shorts or high heels allowed.
- Children under the age of 12 will NOT be allowed to attend the Robinson Helicopter Company tour.
- Photography is NOT allowed throughout the factory portion of the tour. Photography will only be permitted at the conclusion of the tour in the flight-test hangar.
- If you would like to order any accessories please place your order with the receptionist at the front desk prior to going on the tour to avoid delays. After the tour, attendees may acquire Robinson product and network in the main lobby.
- RHC is Handicap Accessible. Please let us know in advance of any attendee with mobility issues so arrangements may be made. The tour will not involve any stairs.
- The tour will last approximately 1 hour & fifteen minutes.
- Bring a business card - they will be duplicated and everyone will receive an e-mailed copy of all attendee's cards.
- There will not be any opportunity to distribute flyers and other material.
- As usual at A&D Forum meetings, introductions will be minimal - your name, company, industry, and a 5 word "elevator speech". We encourage you to be creative!
- You are welcome to stay around and network in the lobby after the tour.

Feel free to pass this invitation on to others you think would be interested.

Event Info

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017 OR
Thursday, February 9, 2017
12:30-12:45pm PST: Check-in and Networking
1:00-2:30pm PST: Tour
Robinson Helicopter Company
12901 Airport Drive
Torrance, California 90505**

South Bay Chapter Steering Committee

Flometrics, Orange County Chapter,
November 3, 2016

"Advanced Manufacturing Technology for Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter", Dr. Don Kinard, Senior Technical Fellow, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Production Operations, Dallas - Ft. Worth Chapter, November 17, 2016

"Where Science Gets Down to Business", Michael J. Gallo, President & CEO, Kelly Space & Technology, Los Angeles Chapter, November 18, 2016

"Positioning Your Company to Successfully Pursue Business Opportunities in Cybersecurity", Rear Admiral David H. Lewis, Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command; Gary Hayslip, Deputy Director, Chief Information Security Officer, City of San Diego, CA, & Justin Sollenne, Chief Financial Officer, iboss, San Diego Chapter, November 29, 2016

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