

The Aerospace & Defense Forum

Special Tour of Robinson Helicopter

Los Angeles Chapter
September 20, 2013

[Click here to register to attend](#)

Both members and non-members must register **BEFORE September 19** to attend. No "walk-ins" are permitted on this tour.

Registration Fees

Free - A&D Forum member

Until September 5 members

have

exclusive access to registration.

\$30 - Non-member Early Bird

September 5 to September 12

\$40 - Non-member

September 13 to September 18

A&D Forum members get first chance to register until Sept 5. From Sept 5 on 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 "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



Presentations and Special Tour of Robinson Helicopter

**An Up-close and Personal Look at
a Local Success Story, and How They Did It**

**Guest Presenter: Kurt Robinson
Chairman and President**

[Robinson Helicopter Company, Inc.](#)

Founded in 1973 by Frank Robinson, Robinson Helicopter employs approximately 1000 employees and is currently

regardless of whether you have registered. **Please do not register more than once.**

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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.

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 Newscopter 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

7:00-7:30am · Check-in breakfast and networking

Other Upcoming A&D Forum Chapter Meetings

Sept 5: Tour of Aeroscraft, Tustin, CA,
Orange County Chapter

**Oct 3: Tour of Northrop Grumman
F/A-18 Manufacturing Line**, El
Segundo, CA, Orange County Chapter

Oct 8: "Dare Mighty Things", Lt. Gen
Gene Tattini, Deputy Director, Jet
Propulsion Laboratory, Arizona Chapter
(in Phoenix)

**Oct 18: "Additive Manufacturing in
Aerospace"**, Dr. Federico
Sciammarella, Asst. Professor, Northern
Illinois University, Los Angeles Chapter

Oct 22: "A Look Ahead in Defense",
Brad Feldmann, President & COO, and
Jay Thomas, EVP, CFO, Cubic
Corporation, San Diego Chapter

Recently Posted Presentations on the A&D Forum Website

**"Is Your A&D Company Part of the
\$500B CYBER Loss?"**, Cybersecurity
Panel, Orange County Chapter, August
1, 2013

"Doing Aviation Business in China",
David Conrad, Zodiac Aerospace, Los
Angeles Chapter, August 16, 2013

**"Kratos: A Transformation Success
Story"**, Ed Lake, Kratos Defense &
Security Solutions, San Diego Chapter,
August 20, 2013

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is a global aerospace and
defense leadership community of
over 700, providing opportunities
for sharing of information, current
events, and analysis, mutual
support and encouragement,
partnering. innovation. and

7:30-7:45am: Welcome and introductions
7:45: Kurt Robinson will speak on the history and future of
the company, as well as describing some of the automated
machines we will see.

8:30-9:45am: Tour of Factory: In 3 groups of 15 each, we
will see the construction of helicopters from raw material to
ready for flight test.

9:45-10:00am: Thank you's and departure.



Kurt Robinson has been with Robinson Helicopter
Company for 25+ years, and is currently the President.
Kurt was born in 1957 in Seattle, Washington. He went to
high school in California at Rolling Hills, and earned a BS
Economics at UC San Diego and an MBA and a Law
Degree from the University of San Diego. He is admitted to
the California Bar and has a Helicopter Commercial Pilot
rating.

Kurt is married to Laura and has two teenage children.

September 20, 2013 Meeting

- Park in front of the main lobby. Go to the main lobby,
where you will be directed to the meeting room.
- Please check-in on arrival at the meeting room.
- Attire is business casual. Comfortable clothes and shoes
highly recommended.
- Please let us know in advance of any attendee with

performance breakthroughs.

More information at

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mobility issues so arrangements may be made. The tour will not involve any stairs.

- A light continental breakfast will be available starting at 7:00AM.
- Bring a business card - they will be duplicated and everyone will get a copy of all attendee's cards.
- Flyers and other material may be placed on a table provided for that purpose in the meeting room. Please do not distribute anything during the meeting.
- Because of the large number of attendees, 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 after the meeting until 10am.

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

Event Info

Friday, September 20, 2013

7:00-7:30am PST: Check-in and Networking

7:30-10:00am PST: Meeting and Tour

Robinson Helicopter Company

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