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A/MH-6J LITTLE BIRD HELICOPTERS

AH-6J LITTLE BIRD

The **AH-6J Little Bird** is a highly modified version of the McDonnell Douglas 530 series commercial helicopter. The light attack aircraft has a single turbine engine and a dual flight control. It is primarily employed in close air support of ground troops, target destruction raids, and armed escort of other aircraft. The AH-6J normally is flown by two pilots.



AH-6J MISSION EQUIPMENT

- Communications equipment capable of secure operations including UHF and VHF modes. SATCOM is installed on some aircraft and available as an option on all aircraft.
- Forward Looking Infrared, or FLIR, is a controllable, infrared surveillance system that provides a TV video-type infrared image of terrain features and ground or airborne objects of interest. The FLIR is a passive system and detects long wavelength radiant IR energy emitted, naturally or artificially, by any object in daylight or darkness.

AH-6J WEAPONS SYSTEMS

- The AH-6J is capable of mounting a variety of weapons systems, including both M-134 miniguns and rocket pods.

MH-6J LITTLE BIRD

The **MH-6J Little Bird** is a single-engine light utility helicopter that has been modified to externally transport several combat troops and their equipment. It is capable of conducting infiltrations, exfiltrations, and combat assaults over a wide variety of terrain and environmental conditions. The MH-6J is also used for command and control and reconnaissance missions.



MH-6J MISSION EQUIPMENT

- The basic MH-6 configuration consists of the External Personnel System mounted on each side of the aircraft.
- The aircraft can be rapidly configured for fast-rope and STABO operations. Each aircraft is equipped with systems to assist the crew in identifying enemy positions.

DEPLOYABILITY

The Little Bird variants can be deployed on any Air Force transport aircraft. Both the AH-6 and MH-6 can be prepared for, transported and reconfigured for flight in a minimal amount of time.