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**MD HELICOPTERS ENHANCES MD 969 TWIN ATTACK HELICOPTER WITH  
7-SHOT COMMON LAUNCH TUBE (CLT) SYSTEM**

*The advanced CLT system from Systima Technologies enables rapid integration of a variety of precision guided munitions and sensors; Griffin Missiles and UAS are among the payloads to be offered*

**Mesa, Ariz., April 14, 2019** – [MD Helicopters, Inc.](#) (MDHI) will feature an enhanced combat aircraft – its **MD 969 Twin Attack Helicopter** – at the 2019 Army Aviation Mission Solutions Summit (formerly AAAA), April 14 – 16, 2019, at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Casino in Nashville, TN. First introduced just last month at the annual [HAI Heli-Expo](#) in Atlanta, Georgia, MDHI has enhanced the military capabilities of its twin engine MD 969 with the addition of a custom, 7-shot Common Launch Tube (CLT) System designed by Systima Technologies.

“Powerful, agile and elegant, the MD 969 is first and foremost an advanced twin-engine light attack helicopter that delivers impressive endurance, speed, maneuverability, and unmatched safety,” said Lynn Tilton, Chief Executive Officer for MD Helicopters, Inc. “With the integration of this innovative and adaptable Common Launch Tube System – a capability not currently offered on any light attack helicopter – the MD 969 will be a true force multiplier; creating the performance and capability benchmark for future twin-engine light attack helicopter advancements.”

Able to deploy a range of guided munitions, sensors and small UAS/UAVs, the MD 969 CLT System can be configured with up to 7 lightweight AGM-176 Griffin missiles, making it one of the deadliest, precision-strike attack helicopters in its class. Subsequent CLT payloads, including a range of munitions and tactical off-board sensors (TOBS), will further expand the operational profile of the MD 969 Twin Attack Helicopter.

“The CLT is part of a flexible, roll-on/roll-off launch system that is easily integrated into existing platforms,” said Tom Prenzlów, President, Systima Technologies, Inc. “The highly capable launcher has already allowed SOCOM forces to rapidly field a wide range of precision weapons and sensors necessary to support their people. We’re excited to be working with MD Helicopters to bring this level of mission flexibility to the MD 969 Twin Attack Helicopter.”

In addition to precision munitions like the Griffin, the Systima Common Launch Tube System will also allow MD 969 operators to launch ground sensors and sonobuoys, as examples, thereby expanding operational capabilities related to border patrol and piracy prevention. The ability to launch small UAS/UAV will provide increased situational awareness for both ground and air-based warfighters when line of sight is obstructed or on-board sensors are insufficient. This functionality will be a game-changer for light attack helicopter operations.

“I am proud of the rapid pace of our innovation which incorporated this adaptable launch capability into the MD 969 Twin Attack Helicopter,” Tilton continues. “Our focus on delivering the right aircraft to the battlefield in real time is the driving force behind our technology roadmap. With partners like Systema Technologies who share our commitment to serving the warfighter and our passion for delivering innovation and excellence, I am confident the next generation of MD Helicopters military aircraft will be as iconic and enduring as those that came before.”

Visitors to the upcoming Army Aviation Mission Solutions Summit (formerly AAAA) at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center, can learn more about the MD 969 Twin Attack Helicopter by visiting booth #3011, April 14 -16, 2019.

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### **About MD Helicopters, Inc.**

MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI), a woman-owned, small business, is a leading manufacturer of commercial, military, law enforcement and air-rescue helicopters. The MDHI family of rotorcraft is world renowned for its value, versatility and performance and includes the MD 969 Twin Attack Helicopter, the MD 530G Attack Helicopter, and the MD 530F Cayuse Warrior Light Scout Attack Helicopter, as well as a commercial fleet that features the twin-engine MD 902 Explorer, and the MD 600N, MD 520N, MD 500E and MD 530F single-engine airframes. The innovative NOTAR® system for anti-torque control with no tail rotor – a key feature of the MD 902, MD 969, MD 600N and MD 520N – is used exclusively by MD Helicopters to provide safer, quieter performance and confined-area access capability. For more information about MDHI, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#), or visit [www.mdhelicopters.com](http://www.mdhelicopters.com).

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