

# UH-72A Lakota Dedication Ceremony



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Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
Three Affiliated Tribes  
EADS - North America

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United Tribes Technical College



The U.S. Army's tradition of providing its helicopters Native American names continues with the UH-72A Lakota. The Lakota is the Army's newest light utility helicopter and will replace the UH-1H Iroquois and OH-58 Kiowa helicopters. It is ideally suited for logistics and missions in support of homeland security, emergency response and medical evacuations.

The twin-engine aircraft features a glass cockpit with LCD displays, low-noise rotor blades, multi-functional navigation package and state-of-the-art communications package. The Lakota is fitted with a night vision goggle-compatible glass cockpit with active matrix liquid crystal displays and a Meghas avionics suite supplied by Thales US. The cockpit displays include the Thales centralized vehicle and engine management display (VEMD).

In celebration of the arrival of the Lakota helicopters in North Dakota, each of the helicopters will be blessed and assigned names. Naming the Lakota helicopters symbolizes the respect and partnership between the Native American Warriors honored by the aircraft and the Soldiers of the North Dakota National Guard that will operate the aircraft. Today, the two Lakota helicopters present will be blessed and named "Eagle" and "Turtle" respectively. The Eagle symbolizes spirituality and hope while the Turtle is honored as a protector and healer. These names perfectly reflect the life-saving missions of the Lakota helicopter.

#### Lakota Helicopter Quick Facts

- Crew 2 pilots & 1 crew chief
- Cruising Speed 140 knots (161 mph)
- Range 685 km (425 miles)
- Height 3.45 m (11ft 3in) X Length 13.03 m (42ft 9in)
- Main rotor diameter 11 m (36 ft)
- Engines (2 each) Turbomeca Arriel 1E2

# UH-72A Lakota Dedication Ceremony Program

Opening Remarks – Mr. Scott Davis, Master of Ceremonies  
Executive Director, N.D. Indian Affairs Commission

Posting of Colors – N.D. National Guard, Veteran Honor Guards

Invocation – Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Johnson

National Anthem (in Lakota) – Mrs. Wenelle Clown

Welcoming remarks

Special Guests Remarks

Governor Jack Dalrymple

Senator John Hoeven

Congressman Rick Berg

Maj. Gen. David A. Sprynczynatyk, N.D. Adjutant General

Dr. David M. Gipp, President, United Tribes Technical College

Remarks by Representatives of:

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

Spirit Lake Tribe

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Three Affiliated Tribes

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

Special Presentations

Benediction

Blessing of Aircraft (Mr. George Ironshield)

Honor Song

Closing Song

Ceremony Concludes

“Join us for a meal at the UTTC cafeteria”