



Ground breaking ceremony for the Piasecki Helicopter Corp. Morton factory (Fall 1946)



Piasecki HRP-1 (1947) Piasecki XHJP-1 (HUP-1) (1948) Piasecki HRP-2 (1949) Piasecki H-21 (1953)



Piasecki YH-16 (1953) Vertol VZ-2 (1957) Vertol 107 prototype (1958)



Vertol YHC-1A (1959) Boeing Vertol 107-II (1961) Boeing Vertol YHC-1B/ YCH-47A (1961) Boeing Vertol HRB-1/ CH-46A (1962)



The first US Army/Boeing Vertol YHC-1B (later YCH-47A) Chinook is accepted at the Morton factory (April 1962)



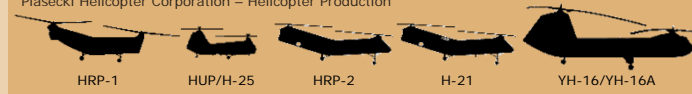
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### Event Summary:

Today marks the formal dedication of the AHS International Vertical Flight Heritage Site Plaque. This event coincides with the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ground breaking for the Morton factory in the fall of 1946 and the centennial year of The Boeing Company (1916).

### Agenda:

- 10:00 am Site Open to Guests, Visitors and Speakers
- 10:15 Welcome and Introductions, *A.J. Fiory, Boeing*
- 10:25 Remarks by Piasecki Aircraft Corp., *John Piasecki*
- 10:30 Remarks by Boeing, *Gary Baker*
- 10:35 Remarks by the UAW, *Chris Owens*
- 10:40 Keynote Remarks *US Congressman Pat Meehan*
- 10:50 Plaque Dedication/Unveiling by AHS International, *Mike Hirschberg*
- 10:55 Photographs with Speakers
- 11:00 Light Reception, *All*



# AHS International Vertical Flight Heritage Site Dedication Ceremony

Piasecki Helicopter Corp.  
 Vertol Aircraft Corp.  
 Boeing  
 “Morton” Site



Control tower from original factory remains on the building

June 17, 2016



## Vertical Flight Heritage Site

Piasecki /Vertol /Boeing “Morton” Site  
 Springfield, Pennsylvania

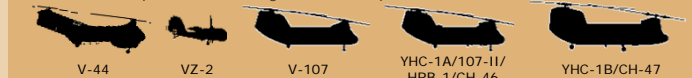
On this site, Frank Piasecki and the Piasecki Helicopter Corp. developed the world's first production tandem rotor helicopters in 1947, giving birth to what later became the Boeing Philadelphia site in nearby Ridley Township, as well as Piasecki Aircraft Corp.'s Essington facility.

The tandem rotor helicopter has demonstrated enduring design and utility, with the CH-46 Sea Knight and CH-47 Chinook continuing in service for more than 50 years and improved versions of the Chinook manufactured well into the 21st century.



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Special thanks to the Springfield, PA BJs Wholesale Club GM Donna Taylor and to Property Manager Media Real Estate Company, Executive VP Jeffrey Cadorette for their help and the use of this site for today's ceremony.





Piasecki Helicopter Corp. / Vertol Aircraft Corp. / Boeing Vertol  
**AHS Vertical Flight Heritage Site**  
 Experimental & Production Rotorcraft – Morton, Pennsylvania – 1947-1971



Piasecki HUPs and H-21s in production at Morton factory



Vertol Aircraft Corp. (1956)



Vertol 107 Prototype (1958)



YHC-1B and BV-107-II tandems under construction at Morton factory



Piasecki

HRP-1 flown by Frank Piasecki Piasecki HRP-2, XHUP-1 (HUP prototype) and HRP-1G Navy HUP-2 Retriever



Vertol VZ-2, world's first tilt-wing (1957)



US Army/Vertol YHC-1A /YCH-46C (1959)



Army H-21 Shawnee



USAF H-21 Workhorse



Vertol 44C (N74056) Executive Transport built for Russia, delivered in October 1960.



HRB-1 (CH-46A) first flight (1962)

YCH-47A Chinook testing



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10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PV-2 first flight, April 1953, F. Piasecki third from left.



Photo by Paul E. Weirich

USMC/Boeing Vertol CH-46A Sea Knights, CH-113s for Canada, HKP-4s for Sweden and US Army/CH-47A Chinook production at Morton, PA

Nearly 2000 transport helicopters were built at the Morton factory from 1947 to 1971



February 2, 1971, the final production model of the CH-46F Sea Knight is rolled out for the US Marine Corps at the Morton, PA factory