



## Fact Sheet

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# ***A/MH-6M Little Bird Helicopters***

## **AH-6M Little Bird**

The AH-6M 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 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-6M is normally flown by two pilots.

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



## **AH-6M 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-6M Weapons Systems**

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

## **MH-6M Little Bird**

The MH-6M 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-6M is also used for reconnaissance missions.



## **MH-6M Mission Equipment**

- External Personnel System mounted on each side of the aircraft.
- Rapid configuration for fast rope and short tactical airborne operations.
- Systems to assist the crew in identifying enemy positions.

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