Milestone C Decision Expected in Late May for Presidential Helicopter



Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1) runs test flights of the new VH-92A over the south lawn of the White House on Sept. 22, 2018, Washington D.C. The Navy is projected to reach Milestone C for the VH-92A in May. U.S. Marine Corps / Sgt. Hunter Helis

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. – The Navy expects to reach a Milestone C decision in late May for the VH-92A presidential transport helicopter. Such a decision would mark approval for the helicopter to enter low-rate initial production.

Speaking to an audience at the Navy League's Sea-Air-Space Expo in National Harbor, Maryland, Marine Maj. Gen Greg Masiello, the Navy's program executive officer for Air, ASW, Assault and Special Mission PEO (A), said the program team has three VH-92As, two of which it is running through Developmental Test, with the two alternating flights every other day.

Program officials have a meeting scheduled May 30 with James F. Geurts, assistant secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, who has the milestone decisional authority.

The Navy is developing the Lockheed Martin/Sikorsky VH-92A as a replacement for the VH-3D and VH-60N helicopters flown in support of the president and other high-level government officials by Marine Helicopter Squadron One.