



DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, September 20th, 2011

Program: **Looking back on 25 years of AHS**

Speaker: **Rhett Flater**
Former Executive Director, AHS International

Special Note: **Philadelphia Farewell to Rhett Flater**

Sponsor: 

Place: D'Ignazio's Towne House, 117 Veteran's Square, Media, PA 19063

Time: **Cocktails - 5:30 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm, Presentation - 7:30 pm**

Menu: Filet Mignon, Baked Flounder, Grilled Chicken w/ Lemon Herb Butter or Vegetarian Cannolloni

Registration: **Please RSVP as early as possible. Deadline Friday, September 16th Please!**

Members	\$25
Member + Spouse	\$45
Guests of AHS Members	\$30
Non-Members	\$35
Student Members	\$15

Reservations: **email: dinnermeetings@ahsphillypa.org Phone: 610-522-4973**

Please provide (1) first & last name (2) menu selection (3) registration type

If you need to cancel your reservation PLEASE do so by 10 AM the day of the meeting.

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About our speaker...

Morris E. (Rhett) Flater
Former Executive Director
AHS International – The Vertical Flight Society

M.E. Rhett Flater served as the Executive Director of AHS International, the world's premier professional technical society for the advancement of vertical flight technology, since 1991 through 2011. He represented the rotorcraft industry before the U.S. Congress and government agencies such as the Department of Defense, NASA, DARPA and the FAA. He was the publisher of all society publications, including *Vertiflite*, the *Journal of the American Helicopter Society*, and the *AHS Annual Forum Proceedings*. He also served as Executive Director of the Vertical Flight Foundation, the Society's educational arm. He is a founding member of the Executive Committee International Helicopter Safety Team (2006), an international effort to reduce helicopter accidents by 80 percent by 2016; and a founding member of the U.S. Vertical Lift Consortium (2010), which partners with the Department of Defense on improving vertical lift technology.

From 1986 through 1991, Flater was the President of HubExpress Airlines, a regional commuter airline offering scheduled helicopter service in eastern Massachusetts. He practiced law from 1973 through 1985 with national law firms in Augusta, Georgia; New York City; Richmond and Norfolk, VA. As a Marine Corps aviator (1966-1972), Flater served in Vietnam during 1967-68, where he gained combat experience as a flight leader for HMM-265, a medium lift helicopter assault squadron. He participated in major events, including the North Vietnamese 1968 Tet Offensive, the siege of Khe Sanh and the evacuation of Ngoc Tavak and Kham Duc near the Laotian border. He was awarded 34 Air Medals including two "single mission" Air Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V," and two Purple Hearts.

Flater holds a bachelor of arts degree from Tulane University, a juris doctor degree (J.D., *magna cum laude*) from Washington & Lee University, and a master of laws degree (LL.M.) in international and comparative law from Georgetown University Law Center. He is a member of two honors societies - the Order of the Coif and Omicron Delta Kappa. In 1998, he received Helicopter Association International's "Excellence in Communications" award and in 2004 the AHS Board of Directors presented him the Society's "Exceptional Service Award" in recognition of his successful efforts to promote a national plan for rotorcraft research and technology. He is an Honorary Fellow of the American Helicopter Society (2011), a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society (1995), and an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (2004).



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