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*Philadelphia Chapter of the American Helicopter Society and
The Greater Philadelphia Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics
and Astronautics*

JOINT DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, January 8th, 2008

Program: “World Helicopter Market: Trends and Forces 2008”

Speaker: **Mr. Rhett Flater**
AHS Executive Director

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Place: **D’Ignazio’s Towne House Restaurant,
117 Veterans Square, Media, PA 19063**

Time: **Cocktails - 5:30 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm, Presentation - 7:15 pm**

Menu: **Filet Mignon, Chicken Marsala, Eggplant Parmigiana**

Registration: **Deadline Friday January 4th, 2008 Please!**

AHS-AIAA Members and Guests*	\$ 20.00
Non-Members	\$ 26.00
AHS-AIAA Student Members	\$ 10.00
AHS-AIAA Member Couples	\$ 35.00

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If you need to cancel your reservation please do so by 10 AM.

About our speaker

M.E. Rhett Flater is the Executive Director of AHS International, the world's premier professional technical society for the advancement of vertical flight technology. He represents the rotorcraft industry before the U. S. Congress and government agencies such as the Department of Defense, NASA, DARPA and the FAA. He is the publisher of all society publications, including *Vertiflite*, the *Journal of the American Helicopter Society*, and the *AHS Annual Forum Proceedings*. He also serves as Executive Director of the Vertical Flight Foundation, the Society's educational arm. 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 New York City, Richmond and Norfolk, VA. As a Marine aviator (1966-1973), Flater served in Vietnam during 1967-68, where he gained combat experience as Assistant Squadron Operations Officer for HMM-265, a Marine Corps medium lift helicopter assault squadron. Participating in major battles such as the siege of Con Thien, the 1968 Tet Offensive, the defense of Khe Sanh and the evacuation of Kham Duc, he was awarded 34 Air Medals including two "single mission" Air Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal 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, and in 1995 was elected to become a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. In 1998, he received Helicopter Association International's "Excellence in Communications" award. In 2004, the AHS Board of Directors presented him the Society's "Exceptional Service Award" in recognition of his efforts to promote national rotorcraft research and technology during the period 2000 – 2004.

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