

HISTORY OF N888US

(Formerly U.S. Army helicopter 66-14401)

This helicopter was originally registered with tail number 66-14401 and was purchased by the U.S. Army in February 1968. The OH-6A saw combat in Vietnam with the 355 AVN and first took enemy fire on June 12, 1968 while on an armed reconnaissance mission. Despite damage to the fuel system, the helicopter continued flight and accomplished all mission objectives. 66-14401 sustained damage from additional combat incidents, having been shot down in July of 1968 and hit 9 times with small arms fire in January 1970.

The helicopter returned from Vietnam in 1973 and served out the rest of her military career in the National Guard.

She has been completely reconditioned in 2001 and received a standard category civilian registration, N888US.



INFORMATION ON U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER OH-6A

The Hughes OH-6A was designed for use as a military scout during the Vietnam War to meet the U.S. Army's need for an extremely maneuverable light observation helicopter. Initially fielded in Vietnam in early 1968, the Hughes OH-6A was used for command and control, observation, target acquisition, and reconnaissance.

The OH-6A Cayuse was quite effective when teamed with the AH-1G Cobra attack helicopter. The OH-6A would find targets by flying low, "trolling for fire" then marking the target with colored smoke to lead in a Cobra, to attack. The Cayuse could absorb an extensive amount of small arms fire and still bring the crew home safely.

Flying near the Vietnam-Cambodia border. (Photo: Bill Staffa)

DIRECTIONS

All helicopter rides take off from Schaumburg Airport, located approximately 10 miles West of O'Hare International Airport.

To Schaumburg Airport: Schaumburg Airport is located at 905 West Irving Park Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193.

From Chicago North Side: Take the Kennedy Expy (I-90) West to I-290/53 South to Thorndale Ave. West (soft right) onto the Elgin-O'Hare Expy.

From Chicago West/South Side: Take I-88 West or I-294 North to the I-290 extension (towards Rockford) to Thorndale Ave. West (left) onto the Elgin-O'Hare Expy.

From North/Northwest Suburbs: Take I-290/53 South to Thorndale Ave. West (soft right) onto the Elgin-O'Hare Expy.

From the South Suburbs: Take I-355 North onto the 290 extension to Thorndale Ave. West (left) onto the Elgin-O'Hare Expy.

Once on the Elgin-O'Hare Expy: Continue West to the Wright Blvd. exit. Turn South (left) on Wright and go past the second stoplight into the airport.

From Downtown Union Station: Metra / Milwaukee District West train. We can pick up at either Roselle or Schaumburg station and take you to and from the airport

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SPECIFICATIONS

Manufacturer: McDonnell Douglas (Hughes)

Type: Light Observation Helicopter (LOH)

Year: First Flight 1963

Crew: Two

Engine: Allison T63-5A turbo shaft, 252.5 shp

DIMENSIONS

Rotor Diameter: 26 ft. 4in.

Overall length: 30ft. 3.75in.

Height: 8ft. 1.5in.

Empty Weight: 1,229 lbs.

Max Takeoff Weight: 2,700 lb.

PERFORMANCE

Max range: 380 miles

Max speed: 150 mph (cruise) at sea level

Load/Armament: 4 equipped troops or 1,000 lb. of stores/cargo

NORTHWEST TOUR

1 – 3 passengers

This half hour ride takes you on a trip covering Woodfield Mall, beautiful Barrington Hills, the Fox River, and the Grand Victoria Casino. This ride is great for seeing the Fall colors in a way you never imagined.

DOWNTOWN TOUR

1 – 3 passengers

This ride over Downtown Chicago lets you experience the "Loop" in a way you will never forget! You will see the Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower), the John Hancock Building, Navy Pier, Millennium Park and the Chicago River up close and personal. Flight time approximately 45 minutes

INTRODUCTORY HELICOPTER RIDE

½ half or 1 hour

Take the controls and fly along with our experienced pilots for an introductory helicopter ride. You will also get an introduction into the operation of a helicopter and the theory of flight. This ride allows for one person to receive a flight lesson, although an extra passenger can ride along.

CHICAGOLAND MEGA TOUR

1 – 3 passengers

This ride gives you the total experience of Chicago! This trip takes you Downtown Chicago by Willis Tower, the John Hancock Building, Millennium Park, Navy Pier, North Lake Shore, over to Northwestern University, Ravinia, Lake Forest and the Northwest Suburbs, Barrington Hills, Arlington Park Racetrack and Woodfield Mall. Approximately 1 ½ hours.

LAKE GENEVA – April - October

1 – 3 passengers

Lunch/Dinner Flights from Schaumburg Airport to either Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. or Lake Lawn Lodge in Delevan, Wisconsin.

CHARTERS

Our helicopter is available for one way or round trip charters. Please visit our web site for more information on these and other commercial services.

NIGHT FLIGHT

An additional charge applies for flights originating after sunset or before sunrise services.

RATES

For up to date rate information please log on to our website at: www.amairservice.com

All prices are cash US Dollars. Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

All Tours/Rides originate from the Schaumburg Regional Airport.

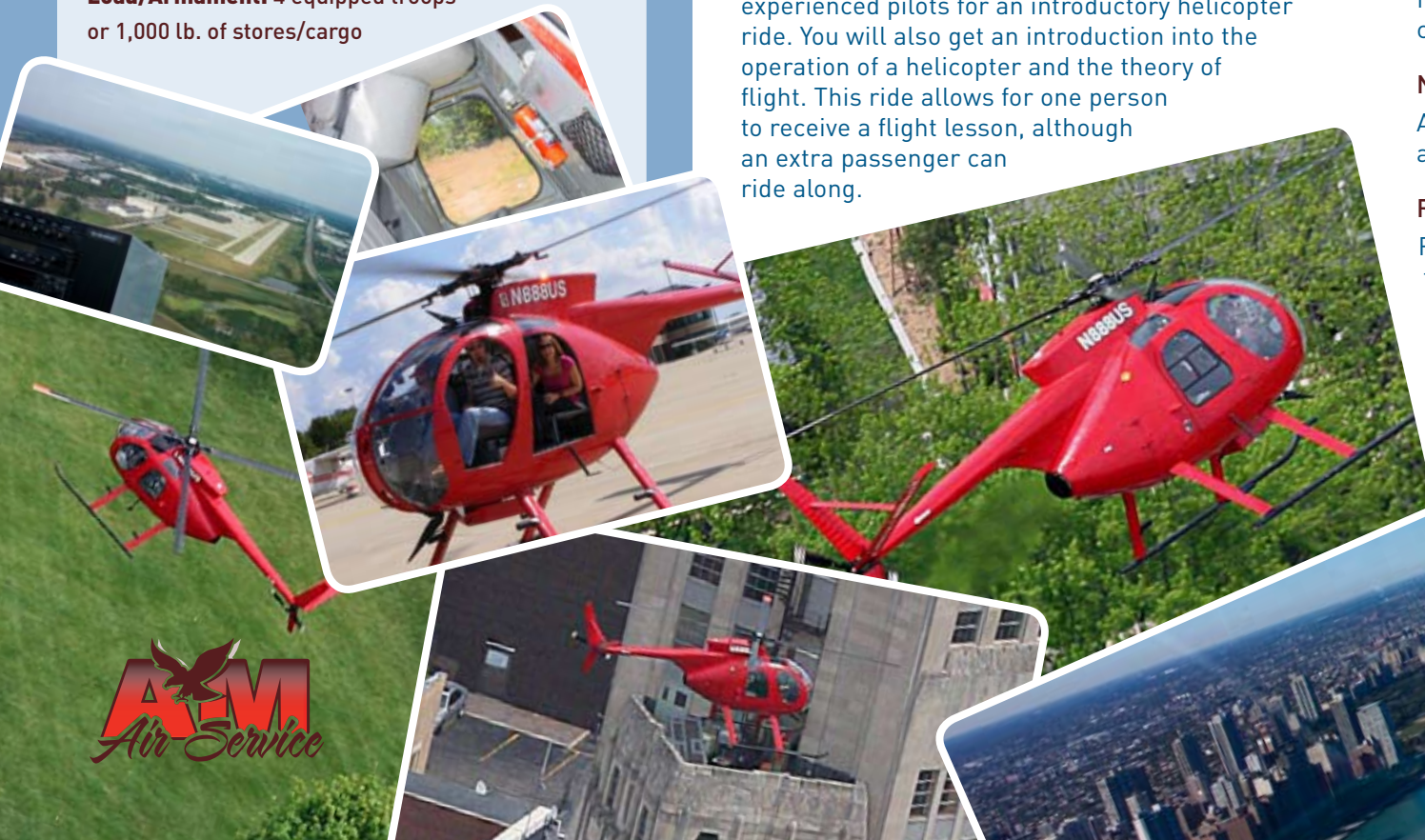
Children ages 5 – 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No children under 5 will be allowed.

Large carry-on bags are not permitted. Small camera bags and purses are permitted, at the discretion of the pilot. All bags are subject to search.

All prices are subject to change due to FAA restrictions and weather conditions.

Due to the volatile pricing of aviation fuel, a fuel surcharge may be added.

Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before scheduled departure.



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