"Defiant", a Today Unique Helicopter in the World

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Results

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Defiant is a further extrapolation of Sikorsky's X2 technology demonstrator, which pioneered its unique configuration. The S-97 Raider, an armed reconnaissance coaxial-rotor compound helicopter that the company also derived from the X2 concept and has helped further inform the development of the SB1, has been flying for years now and two prototypes are currently in testing. Lockheed Martin has since purchased Sikorsky, but it continues to operate under that name and as a separate business unit.

The Defiant and the Valor are set to go head to head as part of the Army's Joint Multi-Role (JMR) technology demonstration program. The service had hoped to begin these flight tests in December 2017 but pushed its timeline back due to the delays with the SB1.

The Army plans to use the results from JMR to help better understand and define the Future Vertical Lift (FVL) program requirements. The SB>1 and V-280, or refined versions of these designs, will be heading for a brawl over the "medium" portion of that project, which aims to replace hundreds of UH-60 Black Hawks and AH-64 Apaches. The Sikorsky-Boeing team plans to pitch the Defiant as a successor to the Black Hawks and has shown a companion gunship design as the Apache replacement.

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