

Fort Worth, Texas (December 18, 2018) – [Bell Helicopter](#), a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, and Team Valor marked the anniversary of the [V-280 Valor's](#) first flight by continuing to prove the aircraft's performance and technical maturity. As part of the U.S. Army led [Joint Multi-Role Technology Demonstrator \(JMR-TD\)](#) program, the V-280 demonstrates that close collaboration between government and industry can deliver transformational speed, range and agility in vertical lift, in a fast and sustainable process.

"I am proud of the team's remarkable accomplishments during the first year of flight. By working with the government, we continue to prove the V-280 is the agile aircraft that our military needs now."

– President and CEO Mitch Snyder

In nearly 85 hours of flight and more than 180 rotor turn hours, some V-280 flight testing milestones are:

- Forward flight at 250 knots true airspeed
- In-flight transitions between cruise mode and vertical takeoff and landing
- 50-degree banked turns at 200 knots indicated airspeed
- 4,500 feet per minute rate of climb and sustained flight at 11,500 feet altitude
- Single flight ferry flight of over 370 miles
- Demonstrated low and high-speed agility with fly-by-wire controls

The V-280 continues to expand the envelope in flight testing and expects to complete all the key performance parameters in the coming months, including additional low-speed agility tests and full cruise speed in forward flight.

"This anniversary is an important milestone as we provide options for the U.S. Army to meet its vision for a modernized force in the near future and regain overmatch in vertical lift. We are prepared to field a suitable, affordable and sustainable aircraft to meet that accelerated timeframe."

– Vince Tobin, executive vice president for military business at Bell

With twice the speed and range of existing helicopters, the Bell V-280 Valor is digitally-designed to provide decisive battlefield advantages with superior agility, payload, and reliability that will vastly increase warfighter survivability and lethality.

To see updates on the V-280 Valor and learn more on the capabilities, please visit <https://www.bellflight.com/military/bell-v-280>, and follow us on [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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We are pioneers. We were the first to break the sound barrier and to certify a commercial helicopter. We were aboard NASA's first lunar mission and brought advanced tiltrotor systems to market. Today, we're defining the future of on-demand mobility.

Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas – as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Textron Inc., – we have strategic locations around the globe. And with nearly one quarter of our workforce having served, helping our military achieve their missions is a passion of ours.

Above all, our breakthrough innovations deliver exceptional experiences to our customers. Efficiently. Reliably. And always, with safety at the forefront.

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