

KEEP 'EM FLYING

WARBIRDS

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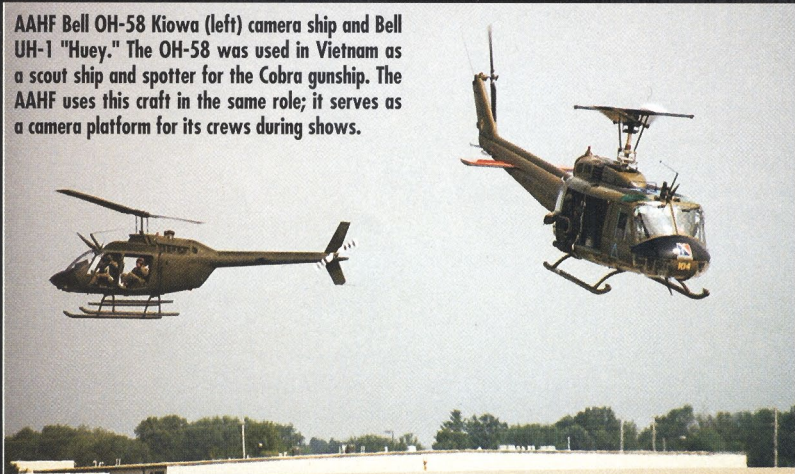


The Army Aviation Heritage Foundation's Bell AH-1 Cobra which, along with its "brethren," staged a breathtaking demonstration of Vietnam operations.

The magnificent display by the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation at AirVenture featured a unique and growing portion of the warbird movement—helicopters. We've had 'copters (don't call them "choppers" to a rotary wing pilot!) grace the warbird ramp at Oshkosh in previous years, but never before have we had the numbers and the variety of types featured in 2000. The Vietnam era was truly represented by these birds!

helicopters

AAHF Bell OH-58 Kiowa (left) camera ship and Bell UH-1 "Huey." The OH-58 was used in Vietnam as a scout ship and spotter for the Cobra gunship. The AAHF uses this craft in the same role; it serves as a camera platform for its crews during shows.



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Albert Crawford's Hiller HTE-2 helicopter. The Navy acquired 16 of these light helicopters in the early 1950s; both the U.S. Army and the Navy used the helicopter in Korea. Some were also pressed into service in Vietnam until retirement in 1971.

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AAHF Hughes OH-6 Loach.