

# A New Kind of Conflict

## The Gulf War and The War on Terrorism

The late 20th Century and into the 21st Century to today the United States has participated in a series of conflicts ranging from traditional warfare (The Gulf War August 1990 through February 1991) to campaigns often fought against terrorist forces throughout the world (The War on Terror Sept. 11, 2001 to today).

The men and women of Stratford were among the thousands of U.S. military members to deploy during these actions.



As in the Vietnam War many of the U.S. Armed Forces depend on helicopters for mobility. Chief among these aircraft during both conflicts and through today is the

Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk manufactured by Stratford's Sikorsky Aircraft. Named after the Native American war leader Black Hawk, the UH-60A entered service with the U.S. Army in 1979. Black Hawks have served in combat during conflicts in Grenada, Panama, Iraq, Somalia, the Balkans, Afghanistan, and other areas in the Middle East.

Additionally, members of the 192nd Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Stratford, have deployed to Iraqi and Afghanistan during these conflicts.