



**American Helicopter Society
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The F-35 Lightning II: A Program Update

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Guest Speaker: Erasmo Piñero Jr.

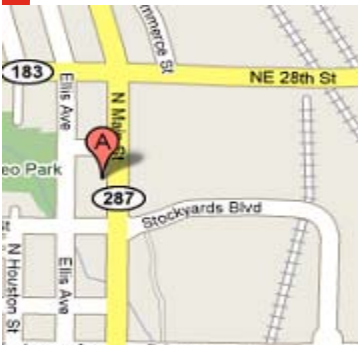
Systems Engineer, JSF Propulsion Integration



Erasmo Piñero Jr. was born in Cuba. He obtained his freedom from Communist oppression in 1974 and settled with his family in Tampa, Florida. After graduating from the University of Florida (UF) as an aeronautical engineer, he completed graduate studies at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida, obtaining a Masters Degree in Aeronautical Science.

Following graduation from UF, Erasmo joined the U.S. Navy. There he received officer training and earned the coveted "Wings of Gold" (Navigator). With seven years of military flying as a naval aviator (over 800 hours of flight time on a variety of naval aircraft and 160 carrier landings) and Space Defense Officer at the Naval Space Command, he started his career in vertical flight with Sikorsky Aircraft. While at Sikorsky, he worked on advanced helicopters such as the RAH-66 *Comanche* and S-76C plus. After being hired as a Test Engineer by Sikorsky's sister Division, Pratt & Whitney, he had an early role on the X-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) engine test program, including an assignment to Edwards AFB. At the end of the X-35 ground and flight test program, he transitioned to Pratt & Whitney's Advanced Engine Design Office, East Hartford, Connecticut.

Erasmo is currently working as a F-35 Propulsion Flight Test Engineer representing Vehicle Systems/Propulsion and Thermal Systems Group at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Fort Worth.



Location

Los Vaqueros Restaurant

2629 North Main

Fort Worth, Texas

Dinner Menu – Fajita Buffet

Social 6:00 PM
Speaker/Dinner 6:30 PM

Price: Members \$20.00
Member Guest \$15.00
Non-members \$30.00
Non-member Guest \$25.00

Tickets

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