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AeroVironment Unveils Four-Ounce Pocket DDL Secure Video and Data Receiver for Remote Access to Aerial Networks

- Provides remote access to video and data from Digital Data Link (DDL) - enabled aircraft
- USB interface offers easy integration with Android, iOS and Windows devices

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting - [AeroVironment, Inc.](#)** (NASDAQ: AVAV) today unveiled its new Pocket DDL™ secure digital video and data receiver. The four-ounce device enables remote viewing of video and data from AeroVironment small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) as well as from helicopters, airplanes, other unmanned aircraft and ground robots equipped with the company's Digital Data Link.



AeroVironment's four-ounce Pocket DDL™ is as small as a deck of playing cards but provides secure remote access to video and data from DDL-equipped helicopters, airplanes, unmanned aircraft and ground robots. (Photo: Business Wire)

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AeroVironment has delivered thousands of DDL-enabled unmanned aircraft systems. Each AeroVironment small unmanned air vehicle wirelessly transmits video and data to its operator via the company's standard hand-held ground control unit and to an optional additional observer through a remote viewing terminal. Pocket DDL now gives anyone in the area secure access to view the video and data generated by any aircraft equipped with the company's DDL on commercially available smart phones, tablets or virtually any USB equipped end-user display device.

"Small unmanned aircraft systems provide unprecedented situational awareness to their operators by virtue of their ease of use, low cost and aerial vantage point," said Roy Minson, AeroVironment senior vice president and general manager of the company's Unmanned Aircraft Systems business segment. "Pocket DDL is a valuable new connectivity tool, giving more people secure access to the critical information UAS can produce. This means that troops on the ground, rescuers responding to a disaster and farmers in the field can all receive and benefit from birds-eye video and remote sensing data."

Designed for simplicity and ease of use, Pocket DDL has no exterior buttons or displays and is completely controlled through an App. No bulky video equipment is required to receive critical video and data. Future Apps will enable Pocket DDL users to communicate and transfer data through DDL-enabled aircraft networks, gaining greater value from existing infrastructure.

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About AeroVironment's Family of Small UAS

[RQ-11B Raven®](#), [RQ-12 Wasp AE™](#), [RQ-20A Puma™](#) and [Shrike VTOL™](#) comprise AeroVironment's Family of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Operating with a [common ground control system \(GCS\)](#), this Family of Systems provides

increased capability to the warfighter that can give ground commanders the option of selecting the appropriate aircraft based on the type of mission to be performed. This increased capability has the potential to provide significant force protection and force multiplication benefits to small tactical units and security personnel. AeroVironment provides logistics services worldwide to ensure a consistently high level of operational readiness and provides mission services for customers requiring only the information its small UAS produce. AeroVironment has delivered thousands of new and replacement small unmanned air vehicles to customers within the United States and to more than twenty international governments.

The [Qube™ small UAS](#) tailored to search and rescue, first response, law enforcement and other public safety missions. Small enough to fit easily in the trunk of a car, the Qube system can be unpacked, assembled and ready for flight in less than five minutes, giving the operator a rapidly deployable eye in the sky at a fraction of the cost of manned aircraft and large unmanned aircraft.

About AeroVironment, Inc.

AeroVironment is a technology solutions provider that designs, develops, produces, operates and supports an advanced portfolio of [Unmanned Aircraft Systems](#) (UAS) and electric transportation solutions. Agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense and allied military services use the company's electric-powered, [hand-launched unmanned aircraft systems](#) extensively to provide situational awareness to tactical operating units through real-time, airborne reconnaissance, surveillance and communication. Multiple government agencies have helped to fund the development and demonstration of [Global Observer®](#), a hybrid-electric, stratospheric UAS designed to provide affordable, persistent reconnaissance and communication over any location on the globe. [Switchblade™](#) is a tactical missile system designed to provide a rapid, lethal, pinpoint precision strike capability with minimal collateral damage. AeroVironment's electric transportation solutions include a comprehensive suite of [electric vehicle \(EV\) charging systems, installation and data services](#) for consumers, automakers, utilities and government agencies, [power cycling and test systems](#) for EV developers and [industrial electric vehicle charging systems](#) for commercial fleets. More information about AeroVironment is available at www.avinc.com.

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