A Louisiana native and business graduate of the University of Louisiana, Gonsoulin makes his home in Sugar Land, Texas.

He began his career in 1965, working his way to executive management positions with established companies in the oil and gas service sector. In 1976, he founded his own company, Sea Mar, Inc., a marine transportation firm which he built and operated as CEO for more than 22 years. He ultimately sold the firm in 1998 and operated it for Nabors Industries until 2001.

In September 2001, he purchased a controlling interest in Petroleum Helicopters, Inc. (PHI), assuming the titles and active roles as Chairman and CEO of PHI, positions which he currently maintains.

PHI, Inc. is one of the world’s leading helicopter services companies. Known industry wide for the relentless pursuit of safe, reliable helicopter transportation, PHI offers services to the offshore Oil and Gas, onshore mining, International, Air Medical, and Technical Services industries.

The company is considered to be an industry leader in maintenance, technology, and overall operations. The overhaul and maintenance facility base in Lafayette, LA is considered by many to be the premier facility in the world because of its technology and experienced staff.

Currently, PHI provides service to the Healthcare industry through its Air Medical Group. Since its inception in 1981, PHI Air Medical Group has grown from one medically equipped helicopter to over 60 helicopters with state of the art medical interiors. The current customer list spans the United States and includes many premier health care organizations.

As the offshore oil and gas industry moves further out into the Gulf of Mexico, the air medical industry gets more advanced and as international arenas open, PHI plans to be able to meet the needs of customers in any location. PHI provides customers with the safest, most reliable helicopter transportation in the world. As the industry progresses into the 21st century, PHI is primed for any challenge.