



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

SUFFOLK CHAPTER #11

Vietnam Memorial Lane
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April 25, 2002

Dear Sir/Madam,

Let it be known that the Officers and Board of Directors of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Suffolk County Chapter 11 are in full support of Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 Veterans Association Inc., their President, Alan J. Weiss, and their commitment to restore a UH-34D helicopter, which is well under way with much progress having been made already.

The UH-34D helicopter was used extensively in Korea and Vietnam and eventually throughout the world by all branches of our military for a wide variety of purposes. If individuals like Mr. Weiss did not take on projects such as this, so much of our military history would be forgotten. This would be tragic, these machines and events are a part of who we are and how we got here. I would urge anyone with a passion for our country, our military, and our history to contribute to this most worthwhile cause! To date, the VVA, Suffolk County Chapter 11 has donated \$500.

It is our understanding that once this helicopter is fully restored to its original condition, it will be used for educational purposes, as well as national holidays and air shows. Finally, when all restoration work has been completed, this UH-34D will serve as a living memorial to all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim McLaughlin".

Jim McLaughlin
Board of Directors Member