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September 9, 2002

Mr. Allan Weiss Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 Veteran's Association P.O. Box 429 Cutchogue, NY 11935

Dear Allan:

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my continued support for Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 Veteran's Association's noble effort to restore a Vietnam era UH-34D helicopter to its former operational condition. This project is a valuable one on several levels.

Once completed, the helicopter will serve as an interactive history display for current and future generations to view and learn about an 'old' technology in an age of hi-tech creations. As for the men and women who served their country during those trying times, the helicopter will serve as a reminder that their efforts and sacrifices have not been forgotten.

I am certain, that by now, you have put to good use the \$9,700 grant I was able to obtain for the Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 Veteran's Association, Inc. to restore that piece of our military history. Such an undertaking is no small task but, as Marines, we know how to get the job done despite the challenges.

The continued efforts by your organization to restore of this helicopter is on target.

Semper Fi,

Michael J. (

County Legislator, First District

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