

15 DEC 1993

Captain C. O. Borgstrom, Jr. USN (ret.)

Dear Captain Borgstrom,

Enclosed is a letter dated 9 December 1993 from the Pensacola City Manager's Office requesting that the Mike model HUEY on display at the Wall South be removed due to numerous complaints that a war machine does not belong at the Wall. I attended the 9 December meeting at the City Manager's Office and explained that the HUEY was refurbished and presented by HC-16 to the Wall South Foundation and the community of Pensacola as a disestablishment gesture. Additionally, I explained that the aircraft was painted to represent all services (Army olive drab), and that Navy markings were used to represent a Vietnam War era HUEY from a Navy squadron since Pensacola is a Navy town and HC-16 is a Navy squadron.

Apparently, some people do not realize the significance of the helicopter in the Vietnam War. Countless lives were saved because injured soldiers and airmen could be transported to medical facilities rapidly by helicopter. The H-1 model helicopter is most associated with the Vietnam War and the type of helicopter that accomplished most of the lifesaving missions in that War. I believe that the H-1 is a fitting addition to the Vietnam Veterans Wall South Memorial for the above reasons. I told the City Manager what I thought and thought that perhaps you would like to state your opinion on the matter as well.

Very Respectfully,

*Alan W. Snyder*  
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*Thanks for lunch on Veterans Day.*