**Huey UH-1D   N.J.V.V.M**

**Vietnam  Service 1962-1975**

**The UH-1A Iroquois ARRIVED IN VIETNAM in 1958, originally assigned to  ARMY SPECIAL FORCES to MEDEVAC wounded ARVN soldiers.**

**BECAUSE OF THE LETTER DESIGNATION UH-1 THE IROQUOIS quickly became known as simply THE “HUEY”!**

**BELL HELICOPTER CO. began producing the Iroquois Helicopter in the 1950’s. Over time they were divided into two groups . Within these models were assigned a number and a letter.**

**The first group was named Bell 204**

**In this group there were models 1-A, 1-B & 1-C-. These choppers were small and  slow, the 1-A carried ONLY five troops, & produced  770 HP.  The last model in this group, the UH-1C held seven men and had 960HP. As their scope & purpose was expanded so did the Huey.**

**The second group: the Bell 205**

**Those in this group were much bigger & faster. Due to turbine engine developments, bigger rotors and more HP this group produced more speed and was much more versatile.**

**The UH-1D, which is the model on display at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, was much bigger : its cabin held 14 troops, and it was powered by a 1250 HP engine. It entered service in 1963 and flew till the end of the war…… and well beyond.**

**The last model used in Vietnam was the UH-1H. During the entire war BELL continued developments, based on Military need.  The 1H was their biggest, most advanced model with 1,400 HP, it had  the most speed & greatest agility.**

**The UH1-H was designed more to be a gunship, and it led the way for developing the first Huey as an attack helicopter.**

**During the Vietnam conflict, 7,013 UH-1’s served  and of these 3,305 were destroyed. From 1962 to 1975, Hueys flew over 7.5 million combat assault sorties, transported over 4.5 million troops, and evacuated more than 350,000 wounded .**

**Data taken from: THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT, ARMY WAR COLLEGE  &** [**HISTORY.COM**](http://HISTORY.COM)

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