

Veterans

Declaration of Enforcement

The Los Angeles National Veterans Home



John P. Jones
(1829 – 1912)



Arcadia B. de Baker
(1825 – 1912)

*Dedicated With Great
Pride, Respect and Gratitude to*
John P. Jones and Arcadia B. de Baker
Benevolent Land Grantors of the Deed of 1888

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Manifesto of the Veterans, By the Veterans, and For the Veterans,

To Honor the Congressional Act of 1887,

and to Protect, Preserve and Defend the

Deed of 1888 and the Los Angeles National Veterans Home

WE, the Veterans of the United States Armed Forces, in order to form a more perfect National Home, establish justice, ensure tranquility, provide for the necessary shelter and healthcare, promote the general well-being of our fellow Veterans, and secure the blessings of respect for ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this “Declaration of Enforcement” for protecting and preserving the Land Grant Deed of 1888 and The Los Angeles National Veterans Home.

IN ACCORDANCE with the Congressional Act dated March 2, 1887, and the guiding principles and patriotic spirit of the legal Land Grant Deed dated March 3, 1888, which was unselfishly bequeathed and faithfully entrusted to the United States Government on behalf of America's Military Veterans, this “Declaration of Enforcement” shall protect and preserve in perpetuity, their exclusive and inviolable proprietary rights to the Los Angeles National Veterans Home, and said Declaration reconfirms and reestablishes the following:

THIRTEEN ARTICLES OF ENFORCEMENT



ARTICLE I. This Declaration faithfully and honorably protects, preserves and defends all land conveyed under and with the 1888 Land Grant Deed, and guarantees its uncompromising and unconditional preservation in perpetuity. Accordingly, this deeded land shall be permanently maintained under the same guiding principles and patriotic spirit that it was so generously donated by the Grantors, Arcadia B. de Baker and John P. Jones, which is to establish and permanently maintain a National Home to care for America's Military Veterans.

ARTICLE II. The Deeded land west of the 405 Freeway and north and south of Wilshire Boulevard shall be officially and respectfully called "The Los Angeles National Veterans Home," hereinafter referred to as the "Home." It is with full and absolute understanding that the Home shall be permanently maintained for the sole, specific, direct and unequivocal benefit of America's Military Veterans representing all official Branches of the United States Armed Forces.

ARTICLE III. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs, hereinafter referred to as the "VA," shall continue to be the authorized steward and fiduciary administrator for the Home. Correspondingly, the VA's responsibilities shall be to morally and faithfully honor the Congressional Act of 1887 and the guiding principles and patriotic spirit of the legal Deed of 1888, while simultaneously providing the most modern, highest quality of shelter, medical, rehabilitative and preventative healthcare services for America's Military Veterans, and further maintaining the highest quality of upkeep for the Home and its hallowed grounds.

ARTICLE IV. Specifically, the guiding principles and patriotic spirit of the legal Deed of 1888 and the moral purpose for which it was unselfishly bequeathed, are inviolable and non-negotiable. Accordingly, the Deed must be honored in perpetuity without compromise. Consequently, under no circumstances shall the VA, or any other government agency or entity of any nature or kind whatsoever, including but not necessarily limited to, any elected representative(s), hired or appointed employees, agents, consultants or officials of the federal, state or local government, lease, loan, share, exchange, trade, auction, sell, encumber, or otherwise reduce, diminish or dispose of any piece or parcel of this land and its improvements, including but not necessarily limited to, air, mineral and petroleum rights, to any non-Veteran or outside source(s) for any purpose(s) whatsoever. Absolutely no term or condition in this Declaration allows for the Deed of 1888 to be negotiated or infringed upon that would advantage any other parties other than for and toward 100% of the sole, specific, direct and unequivocal benefit of America's Military Veterans.

ARTICLE V. Any and all existing leases, sharing agreements, or any other arrangements of any nature or kind whatsoever, including but not necessarily limited to, land, building, air, mineral, petroleum, or any other considerations of any nature or kind whatsoever, which are now in effect or existence, or in the process of negotiation, that does not solely, specifically, directly and unequivocally benefit America's Military Veterans 100%, are null and void, and in violation of the guiding principles and patriotic spirit of the legal Deed of 1888, including the specific purpose for which this land was morally and unselfishly bequeathed. Consequently, any and all such leases, agreements, arrangements or considerations of any nature or kind whatsoever, shall be terminated forthwith and all rights and benefits shall fully and exclusively revert back under the stewardship of the VA and be permanently maintained to serve the healthcare needs, rehabilitative services and general benefits of America's Military Veterans. Any and all lessees or sharing agreement holders, including services, businesses, non-profit organizations or other occupants of any nature or kind whatsoever, that do not solely, specifically, directly and unequivocally benefit America's Military Veterans 100%, must unconditionally vacate the deeded property posthaste. This includes, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the Wadsworth and Brentwood Theaters, commercial office space, car and bus storage lots, laundry services, oil drilling and explorations, private school grounds and all public parks of any nature or kind, plus all other occupation and exploitations of the premises that violate the integrity and legacy of the Deed. In keeping with the guiding principles and patriotic spirit of the Deed of 1888, absolutely no term or condition in this Declaration allows for this hallowed land and appurtenances thereupon to be negotiated with any other parties whatsoever, other than for 100% of the sole, specific, direct and unequivocal benefit of America's Military Veterans.

ARTICLE VI. In accordance with the guiding principles and patriotic spirit of the Deed of 1888, the Home shall be permanently maintained as a safe haven of shelter and care, and must always be considered "Home" to all of America's Military Veterans. Accordingly, The Home must be continuously and readily available at all times for any individual Veteran of America's Armed Forces to be cordially welcomed with the immediate availability of safe shelter and/or professional and courteous medical and rehabilitative healthcare services and treatment. In accordance with the 1887 Act of Congress, there shall never be a "homeless Veteran," because this is the rightful and legal Home for any American Military Veteran who is in need of shelter, healthcare or rehabilitation.

ARTICLE VII. The United States Government and the VA shall never underfund the operating budget for the Home and it must permanently maintain a policy of mandatory funding in order to provide quality shelter, medical, rehabilitative and preventative healthcare facilities and services, including, but not necessarily limited to, providing quality upkeep throughout all of the land conveyed under the guiding principles and patriotic spirit of the legal Deed of 1888. It is imperative that the Home be permanently maintained with the most modern and highest quality of shelter, medical, and rehabilitation services in the world, which is a small token of gratitude for the world's greatest defenders of freedom and democracy.

ARTICLE VIII. Historically, particularly during its formative years and for decades following, the Home had an American Military Veteran who was also a professional Medical Doctor / Physician as its Chief Administrator, and was honorably and respectfully called "Governor." In keeping with this proud heritage and to ensure that a spirit of understanding, cooperation and camaraderie is always present, the Chief Administrator must, whenever possible, be an American Military Veteran and Medical Doctor / Physician of high moral and professional standards who is devoted to the needs of the Veterans-at-large, and the rank-and-file in particular, and is wholly dedicated to serving their best interests first and foremost. In addition, he or she must never be pre-empted or distracted with the wants and desires of surrounding communities, special interest groups, and/or commercial enterprise, nor bow to the passion and prejudice of political pressure and dictates when it comes to permanently maintaining quality shelter, healthcare, and rehabilitative services for America's Military Veterans, and providing quality upkeep of the Home and its hallowed grounds.

ARTICLE IX. As originally envisioned by the Grantors of the 1888 Land Deed, the legacy of the Home is that after Dutifully and Honorably serving our Country in the Military, disabled Veterans lived on these sacred and therapeutic grounds and became independent and self-sufficient while maintaining upkeep of the Home through farming, gardening, carpentry and other skilled trades that made them proud and productive individuals. The guiding model for the medical and rehabilitative services for today's American Military Veterans convalescing at the Home, where physically and mentally possible, must adhere to a policy that maintains similar self-sufficient programs and self-sustaining activities, that are holistic in nature and wholesome to the degree that patients will have the equal opportunity to learn a rewarding and gainful trade or profession, or how to become self-employed as an entrepreneur, while being respectfully rehabilitated. The VA shall immediately begin providing full therapeutic value by expanding upon, maintaining, and perpetuating the natural environment, the flora and fauna, and, the gainful inclusion of America's Military Veterans who are residents and/or patients in any and all restoration and maintenance projects at the Home and throughout the grounds. Whenever and wherever possible, America's Military Veterans must be hired and contracted over any other considerations of non-Veteran employees or contractors throughout all operations.

ARTICLE X. As steward for the Home, the VA, along with the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, hereinafter "VAGLAHS," shall work in a cooperative alliance with a Veterans Oversight Board, herein referred to as "VOB," and made up of local Military Veterans that shall be judiciously and evenly selected from independent Veterans-at-large, Veteran advocate organizations, and Veteran Service Organizations. Their responsibilities shall be to oversee, monitor, report and advise on the day-to-day operations at the Home, thereby ensuring that the guiding principles and spirit of the Deed are fully honored, and that the VA and VAGLAHS are providing permanent quality care and services for America's Military Veterans at the Home. The VOB shall have immediate, full and unencumbered access to the operating budget and its day-to-day expenditures to ensure that there is no waste, neglect, or fraud. In the event of unresolved issues that would upset the sanctity, quietude and general flow of rehabilitative efforts at the Home, the VOB will have direct and immediate reporting access to the offices of the Inspector General, and all Senators and Congresspersons whose responsibilities are extended for the stewardship and oversight of this hallowed land.

ARTICLE XI. In brief, the sanctity and integrity of the Home must never be compromised. This is historic and revered land with a century-old proud tradition and it must be perpetually honored, protected, preserved and maintained with the highest regard and the utmost of safety, dignity, respect and decorum. Accordingly, all public access and thoroughfares shall be immediately terminated and thereafter prohibited on and throughout the grounds of the Home, and nobody except America's Military Veterans, VA employees, and those on official Veterans business shall be authorized to enter these hallowed grounds. Correspondingly, a guardhouse shall be erected at each entry into the grounds and a sentinel or federal police shall be posted to monitor and facilitate ingress and egress of the Home.

ARTICLE XII. The Deeded land east of the 405 freeway shall be officially and respectfully called "The Los Angeles National Veterans Cemetery," herein referred to as the "Cemetery." Because of its full capacity, the Cemetery no longer accepts ground burials for America's Military Veterans. Therefore, in order to continue honoring the remains of America's Military Veterans, the VA shall design, develop and maintain a Veteran's Memorial Columbarium for ashes in cremation urns in a location of serenity, dignity and decorum. At no time shall any land at the Home ever be declared, "excess," as any such land shall be immediately converted into Cemetery burial plots. Accordingly, the VA shall diligently seek to expand the Cemetery burial grounds along with mausoleum entombment wherever possible, including all Deeded grounds west of the 405 Freeway, if any portions of that land are no longer occupied, or required for shelter, medical, rehabilitative or preventative healthcare services.

ARTICLE XIII. This Declaration of Enforcement shall supersede any and all previous Congressional Documents of Legislation pertaining to the interpretation of, and adherence to, the Congressional Act of 1887 and the Deed of 1888. Contrary to previous and ongoing misinterpretations, misconceptions and flagrant violations, the guiding principles and patriotic spirit of the legal Deed have always been, are now, and shall always remain, morally and patriotically inviolable. Furthermore, there shall be no other Congressional or Senatorial bills or pieces of legislation attached to this Veterans' Declaration, nor shall this Declaration be attached to any other Congressional or Senatorial bill or document for endorsement and enforcement. More specifically, this Declaration shall stand independent on its own merit with absolutely no conditions, compromises, provisions, modifications or amendments, except for implementing further considerations that will greatly improve and enhance the sole, specific, direct and unequivocal benefit of America's Military Veterans.

*So Declared on the Third Day of the Twelfth Month in the Year Two Thousand Seven,
In Honor of This Unified Alliance of Fellow Veterans of the United States Armed Forces:*

Robert L. Rosebrock – Francisco Juarez
Co-Directors, We the Veterans

Agreed

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