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The Mission

“Bring Our Homeless Veterans HOME”

Los Angeles National Veterans Home

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"HOMELESS EMERGENCY PLAN"

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**Veterans Are Locked Out of Their
Los Angeles National Veterans Home**



Homeless Veterans outside their Los Angeles National Veterans Home.



OPEN THESE GATES!



“Bring Our Homeless Veterans HOME”

HOMELESS EMERGENCY PLAN

Phase I of the “Veterans Grand Plan”

As a result of the malfeasance and dereliction of duty by ranking bureaucrats at the Department of Veterans Affairs in West Los Angeles, there are now an estimated 20,000 homeless Veterans in Los Angeles County, even though this is their lawful and legally deeded “Home.”

This disrespectful and disgraceful treatment must cease, posthaste! On behalf of all fellow Veterans, particularly our Disabled and homeless Veterans, the Old Veterans Guard is calling for the following action by General Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs:



- **IMMEDIATELY** Replace top echelon VA administrative employees at the Los Angeles VA and hire a new staff that will include an Executive Director for the National Veterans Home. He or she shall be a professional administrator of proven successful leadership with uncompromising principles, and preferably a retired Commanding General or Admiral who can comfortably interact with America’s Military Veterans.

NO PUBLIC PARK ON VETERANS LAND!



SUE YOUNG is a Brentwood homeowner activist and “open-space” extremist who has long sought to convert the hallowed land at the Los Angeles National Veterans Home into a public park for “*the enjoyment of the entire community.*”

Ms. Young is the executive director of a Brentwood homeowner group that is a private non-profit corporation operating as Veterans Park Conservancy, which is not a Veterans organization by any stretch. Correspondingly, Ms. Young, who is not a Veteran, and her associates obtained an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs to build a public community park on a 16-acre parcel of Veterans land known as the “Grand Lawn.”

The above rendering is her group’s unilateral vision for Veterans property that was deeded in 1888 “*to be permanently maintained as a National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.*”

The privileged long-term lease is rent-free, even though this parcel is estimated to be worth nearly \$1 billion dollars and the Los Angeles VA healthcare facility is seriously underfunded. In spite of this being a lawfully and legally deeded “Home” for America’s Veterans, 20,000 Veterans remain homeless on the dangerous streets of Los Angeles.

Ms. Young’s unilateral plan is to eventually convert Veterans land into a “Central Park West,” which she says “will be a shrine and a memorial” to “honor our veterans,” thus dubbed “Veterans Memorial Park.”

Let there be no misunderstanding; there’s already a Los Angeles National Cemetery on 85 acres of the originally deeded land that memorializes nearly 85,000 Veterans interred there, including 14 recipients of the Medal of Honor.

To the contrary, living Veterans do not need to be “memorialized” or “honored” at the National Veterans Home. Simply put, this is a sacred refuge of quietude for Veterans to heal from their military injuries, and Veterans who have healthcare and sheltering needs must be accommodated and provided for accordingly.

There’s absolutely nothing in the Act of 1877 or the Deed of 1888 that allows anyone to designate any land for a public park, open space, commercial use, or any other purpose whatsoever, other than for the direct benefit of America’s Disabled and homeless Veterans.

Please support the “Veterans Grand Plan” to restore the lawful, legal and revered grandeur of the National Veterans Home and help bring an end to Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles.

STAND UP FOR A VETERAN “STAND DOWN”

- **BUILD TEMPORARY SHELTER** with a “Veterans Tent City” followed by more private and sophisticated facilities with “Veterans Dome Villages” on the 16-acre Grand Lawn, the Front Lawn of the “Governor’s Mansion,” the Vets Garden, MacArthur Field, etc., and begin to directly bring all homeless Veterans “Home.”



This is the San Diego “STAND DOWN” - Organized by Vietnam Veterans of San Diego

The notion of building a public community park on Veterans property while thousands of Veterans remain homeless is simply unimaginable and unacceptable for a society that should be grateful for those who pledged their lives to defend the freedom and safety of all others. Accordingly, members of neighboring communities need to unite and work together to help end Veteran homelessness, not prolong it.

Thus, the Old Veterans Guard is calling for unification and harmony with the Veterans Service Organizations, neighboring communities, businesses, restaurants, supermarkets, hospitals, doctors, dentists, churches, synagogues and other places of worship, and all other organizations whose mission is to help those who need help, particularly America's Military Veterans who are Disabled and / or homeless.

What is the Mission:

A vital segment of the Veterans Grand Plan is a “Homeless Emergency Plan” to provide immediate shelter for homeless Veterans by implementing a Veteran “Stand Down” like the one successfully organized by the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego, and many other communities across America.

Following is an overview taken from their website: <http://www.vvsd.net/standdown.htm>

What is a Stand Down?

In times of war, exhausted combat units requiring time to rest and recover were removed from the battlefields to a place of relative security and safety. Today, Stand Down refers to a community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 200,000 homeless veterans "combat" life on the streets.

A hand up, not a handout philosophy of Stand Down is carried out through the work of thousands of volunteers and numerous organizations throughout the nation.

What happens at a Stand Down?

Hundreds of homeless veterans are provided with a wide range of necessities and will be open to all homeless veterans who want help.

They will be greeted with respect and open arms

- They will be offered breakfast and coffee and fresh fruit
- Picture IDs will be made for those who need them
- The VA and EDD will assist with registration
- Tents will be assigned with tent leaders who are there to assist them in accessing services

Their immediate physical needs will be addressed.

- A visit to the clothing tent
- Showers
- Barbers
- Medical
- Dental

There are the many other services:

- Homeless court
- Counseling
- Veterans benefits
- Employment and job counseling services
- Acupuncture and massage therapy
- Recovery providers
- Shelters
- Chaplains services
- 12-step meetings for everyone

And last but not least ...

Meals prepared by VFW, American Legion, VVSD, Kiwanis, and supported by the Lions Clubs, Rotary and local food distributors.

Perhaps most important of all is the feeling of safety. For the first time in possibly days, weeks or even months our homeless brothers and sisters can leave their possessions in the care of others and rest.

Stand Down is a place of miracles. Lives are changed and lives are saved. The founders of Stand Down had a dream. They made it a reality, one which continues to offer a true stand down for all homeless veterans.

Bring Our Homeless Veterans “HOME”

There should never be a “homeless” Veteran in Los Angeles because they already have a “Home.”

This is a serious and respectful request to all Fellow Veterans and Friends of Veterans to join together and show America that Los Angeles truly cares about the safety and well-being of our Military Veterans.

It’s time to finally take care of those who have taken care of us, so join together and help organize a long-overdue Veteran “Stand Down” for the thousands of homeless Veterans living on the dangerous streets of Los Angeles.

Remember, you can’t say you support our Troops without supporting our Veterans, because today’s Troops are tomorrow’s Veterans.

“VETERANS TENT CITY”

Immediate Temporary Shelter - Phase I

In 1975, from April through October, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base situated north of San Diego, welcomed, sheltered, fed and clothed more than 50,000 Refugees from Vietnam after the fall of Saigon.

Most of the Refugees arrived without personal possessions and they did not speak English. Nonetheless, they were sponsored by volunteer families, churches and corporations throughout Southern California and were readily assimilated into our society. Moreover, the vast majority eventually became productive U.S. citizens as well as leaders in their communities.



One of Eight Tent Cities at Camp Pendleton, 1975

An estimated 900 Marines and civilians worked six days erecting more than 1,000 tents and Quonset huts at Camp Pendleton, and subsequently helped thousands of Vietnamese Refugees become part of America's unparalleled way of life.

That was 35 years ago. And lest we've conveniently forgotten, while the Vietnamese Refugees were welcomed to America, Vietnam War Veterans who had fought to defend their native country were insulted and denigrated when they returned to their own native country.

The fact that Vietnamese Refugees were given immediate attention and support while some of our Veterans are still homeless is shameful beyond comparison. Surely, we can now accomplish something equal, if not better, for America's homeless Veterans.

As a supposed moral and compassionate society, how can we allow Veterans land at the National Veterans Home to be leased for ... a dog park, public parking lots, carnivals, public golf, public community park, used car storage, etc., while an estimated 20,000 Veterans are homeless. The answer is simple. We can't!

Thus, a modern-day “Veterans Tent City” shall become Phase I of the “Grand Plan” and serve as temporary shelter until transitional “Dome Villages” can be built, and eventually the construction of the “Veterans Grand Home” with new Resident Towers and Dining Halls.

Tents Are a Way of Life for the Brentwood Community



A multitude of tents, trailers, trucks and toilets at the annual, non-Veteran "Celebrity Carnival" held on the Grand Lawn at the Los Angeles National Veterans Home



More tents, trucks and toilets at 5K / 10K races and a Farmers Market on the streets of Brentwood

PROVIDE SAFE PARKING FOR VEHICLE-BOUND HOMELESS VETERANS

CONVERT SEVERAL PAVED PARCELS OF VETERANS LAND that are now leased to Enterprise Car Rental for storing used cars, a parking lot to shuttle Getty Museum attendees back and forth, the Laidlaw Bus parking lot, UCLA's baseball parking lot, etc., into safe parking for Veterans who currently live in their cars, vans, campers and RVs.

STOP THE MISAPPROPRIATION OF VETERANS' PROPERTY



Enterprise car rental with hundreds of cars stored on Veterans property while more cars are being delivered to store at the car rental storage lot. Note in the photo on the right there's an office tower in the background.

That's Senator Dianne Feinstein's L.A. office. She's a big supporter of the public park on Veterans' property, as is Cong. Henry Waxman.



Scores of Laidlaw Shool Buses – not for Veteran use while another huge public parking Parcel on Veterans property is used for Shuttle Bus Rides to the Getty Museum.

Veterans Who Live in their RV's and Campers are Considered “Visual Blight” to Sue Young

Brentwood Community Council Newsletter

September, 2006 Meeting

BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS A “NO PARKING” ZONE ON SAN VICENTE ADJACENT TO THE VETERANS NATIONAL PARK

“The BCC voted to write to County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky stating Council's support to look into the possibility of a “no parking” zone on San Vicente from Wilshire Boulevard to Eisenhower, in front of Los Angeles National Veterans Park.

The VA land is situated on County unincorporated property. The Council took action after hearing a presentation by Veterans Park Conservancy Executive Director Sue Young about the visual blight created by recreational vehicles and campers parked on San Vicente Boulevard in front of the newly improved park.

Ms. Young requested the “no parking” zone for aesthetic reasons, so that the public would have an unobscured view of the National Veterans Park site in a dignified setting befitting the landmark property.”



The Legacy of Sue Young and Henry Waxman



While Sue Young used her political manipulation to ban overnight parking of RVs and campers that targeted Veterans who live in them, the number of homeless Veterans sleeping on the sidewalk has subsequently increased.

The campers are gone because self-righteous Sue Young, who is paid \$125,000 per year, considered Veterans living in their vehicles to be “visual blight” and a distraction from her majestic wrought iron fence. She used her cabal’s wealth and power to pressure Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky to essentially prohibit vans, campers and RVs from parking overnight on San Vicente Boulevard adjacent to Ms. Young’s pretentious fence that was partially built with \$1 million of Veterans healthcare money.



"We know there is a homeless problem out there, but the Veterans Administration property is not the place to solve it."

Sue Young, president of the Brentwood Homeowners Assn.
(Los Angeles Times - March 17, 1988)

"The 30th Congressional District includes the West L.A. VA, which is the largest VA facility in the nation, and it is located in Los Angeles County, which has more homeless Veterans than any other county in the nation."

Congressman Henry A. Waxman, D-Los Angeles
("Strawberry Gazette, September, 2010")

Mr. Waxman is the U.S. Representative for California's 30th Congressional District and the primary public servant entrusted to oversee and protect the largest VA in the nation.

Stop “Visual Blight” on Veterans’ Sacred Land



**V.A. Secretary Eric Shinseki must permanently ban
Sue Young from parking her white Mercedes-Benz
with vanity plates expressing her covetous
passion for Veteran's sacred property.**



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"It is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government,
and to provide new guards for their future security."

Declaration of Independence, 1776



"Every generation needs a new revolution."

- Thomas Jefferson

SUPPORT VETERANS' “HOMELESS EMERGENCY PLAN”

“Bring Our Homeless Veterans HOME”



*“To remain silent when they should protest,
makes cowards of men.*

- Thomas Jefferson

God Bless America and the Veterans Revolution

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