

# **“VETERANS REVOLUTION”**

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE**

*Old Veterans Guard*



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**A Veteran**

**“STAND DOWN”**

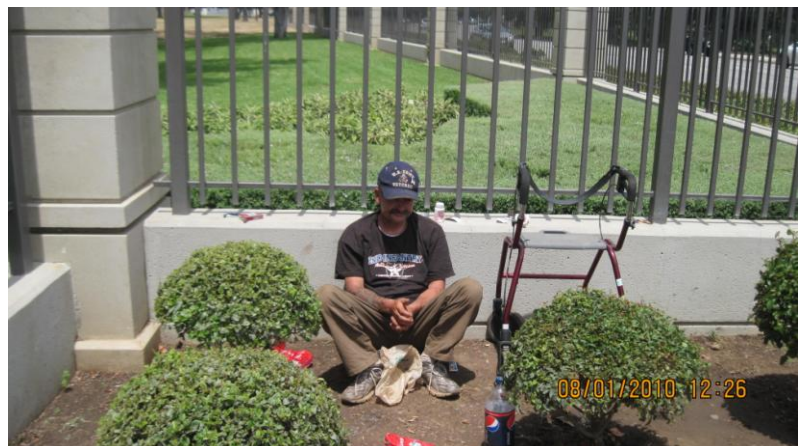
**On The “Grand Lawn” of the  
Los Angeles National Veterans Home**

# *Old Veterans Guard*

## **“HOMELESS EMERGENCY PLAN”**

**“Bring Our Homeless Veterans HOME”**

**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 “Grand Plan”**

### **Mr. President: Bring Veteran-MIA's Home With an Act of Congress**

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=5525>

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 an estimated 20,000 homeless Veterans in LA 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:

- **IMMEDIATELY:** Re-establish Sovereignty of the National Veterans Home by implementing Article V of the Veterans’ “Declaration of Enforcement” that will end the occupation of this property by both for-profit and non-profit corporations, special-interest groups and non-Veteran entities, by canceling any and all kind of leases and agreements that do not exclusively and solely benefit America’s Military Veterans.
- **IMMEDIATELY:** Replace top echelon VA administrative employees at the Los Angeles VA and hire a new staff that will include an Executive Director (Governor) for the National Home in accordance with Article VIII of the “Declaration of Enforcement.” He or she should be a professional administrator of proven successful leadership with uncompromising principles, and preferably an American Military Veteran, but more specifically, a retired Commanding General or Admiral.
- **IMMEDIATELY:** Post sentries at ingress and egress gates and allow only Veterans, Veteran patients and their families, VA employees and those on official Veteran business to enter these hallowed grounds, in accordance with Article XI of the “Declaration of Enforcement.”
- **IMMEDIATELY:** Build temporary shelter with a “Veterans Tent City” (Veteran “Stand Down”), followed by more private and sophisticated facilities with “Veterans Dome Villages” and “Colonies” 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.”
- **IMMEDIATELY:** The various 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., will be converted into safe parking for Veterans who currently live in their vans, campers and RVs.

# STAND UP FOR A VETERAN “STAND DOWN”



**A Veteran “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.

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## **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: A Way of Life for Brentwood



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



*Join The*

# VETERANS REVOLUTION

"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

*"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the  
sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country;  
but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and  
woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this  
consolation with us, that the harder the conflict,  
the more glorious the triumph."*

- Thomas Paine - "Crisis"  
December 23, 1776



# **SAVE OUR VETERANS' LAND**



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