



*Old Veterans Guard*

# **ATTENTION:**

**“We the People of Los Angeles”**

## **Homeless Veteran “Humanitarian Relief Crusade”**

### **ACTION ALERT!**

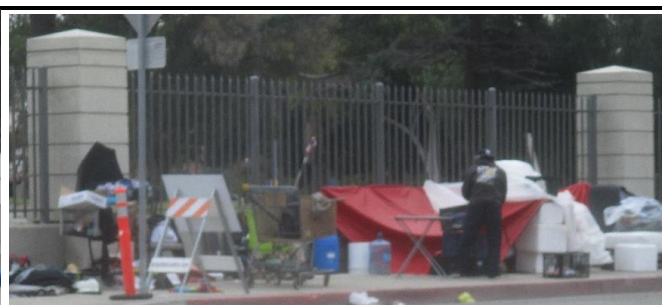
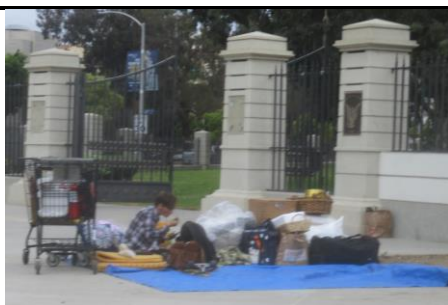
**★ “State-of-Emergency” ★ “Sanctuary Tent Village” ★**

## **“Bring Our Homeless Veterans HOME”**

Providing crisis shelter and healthcare for our war-injured and homeless U.S. Military Veterans at the Los Angeles VA’s National Veterans Home

### **JOIN L.A.’s “Operation Search & Rescue”**

**“NO HOMELESS VETERAN LEFT BEHIND IN LOS ANGELES”**



**U.S. Military Veterans living homeless and hungry on public walkway adjacent to the Los Angeles VA in our nation’s capital for homeless Veterans.**

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# DISABLED HOMELESS AND HUNGRY VETERANS LIVING DIRECTLY OUTSIDE THE LOS ANGELES VA



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# **A CALL TO ACTION!**

**“One person  
can make a difference,  
and everyone should try.”**

**There are  
risks and costs  
to a program of action.  
But they are far less  
than the long-range  
risks and costs of  
comfortable inaction.**

**JOHN F. KENNEDY  
35TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
WORLD-WAR II NAVY HERO**



## **ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS!**

On July 14, 2014, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti made a public promise to then First Lady Michelle Obama, personally guaranteeing her that he would end Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles by the end of 2015. Eric Garcetti is a U.S. Navy Reserve Veteran and still Mayor of our nation's capital for homeless Veterans. He remains "Missing in Action" and needs to be charged with "Dereliction of Duty."

On January 28, 2015, defendant Robert A. McDonald, then Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and wealthy attorney Ron Olson (not a Veteran) representing the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in a major lawsuit against the VA, engaged in private meetings and entered into a mutually-signed "Principles for a Partnership" settlement agreement involving nine non-Veteran real estate deals at the Los Angeles VA that were adjudicated in Federal Court as "*unauthorized by law and therefore void.*"

Correspondingly, both the Plaintiffs and Defendants mutually agreed and promised in writing that the settlement's #1 Objective was *... "to end veteran homelessness in Greater LA in 2015 and beyond."*

A major stipulation of the partnership's #1 Objective was: "*Relying on appropriate homelessness and mental health experts, develop a written veteran homelessness strategy and action plan for Greater LA no later than 2/13/2015.*" On February 13, 2015, two weeks after the settlement agreement was signed, the VA submitted its 16-page "Veterans Homeless Strategy and Action Plan for Greater Los Angeles."

Next, the VA sent a "homeless Veteran expert to Los Angeles" -- Vincent Kane -- who is not a Veteran, never been homeless and not from Los Angeles, but a traitorous rogue, fraud and ruse. Instead of ending Veteran homelessness in L.A., he was a "community organizer" holding more than 100 meetings with neighboring residents to ensure they got their "wants" at the expense of homeless Veterans' "needs."

The foregoing notwithstanding, it's more than five years since the "settlement agreement" was signed and Los Angeles is still our nation's capital for homeless Veterans while the lies and false promises continue as the VA and ACLU partnership shamefully breached their contractual promise and fiduciary duty.

As a result, Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles has increased since their mutually agreed-upon guarantee, while on the other hand, most of the unlawful occupants are still on VA property, contrary to the settlement agreement's promise for an "exit strategy."

Further compounding this appalling disgrace of Los Angeles being our nation's capital for homeless Veterans, Los Angeles paradoxically has the largest VA National Veterans Home property in the nation while this deeded and sacred land continues to be misappropriated for non-Veteran use, including a massive construction wall to build the public-use Purple Line subway.

U.S. Representative Ted Lieu is the public servant elected to ensure that the VA in his 33<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District will always honor and enforce the one and only legitimate "Master Plan" --- *the Deed 1888* -- and permanently maintain this sacred land as a National Home for disabled and disadvantaged Veterans.

To the contrary, Congressman Lieu made it very clear about his own beliefs regarding housing homeless Veterans at Los Angeles VA. *"... it neither makes sense nor is it the VA's objective to have the campus become the depository for large numbers of homeless veterans. He pointed out that housing is not in itself a solution."* (August 2015 Westside Regional Alliance of Councils meeting)

There it is in a nutshell. With more lies, broken promises and no logical solutions, is it any wonder that Los Angeles remains our nation's capital for homeless Veterans when entrusted public servants continue to dishonor the Deed of 1888 as well as the "Principles for a Partnership" settlement agreement?

This dishonest leadership continues to be their Modus Operandi as former Secretary McDonald, also a U.S. Military Veteran, not only lied about ending Veteran homelessness in Greater Los Angeles but lied about his own Military Service. At his January 28, 2015 press conference promising to end Veteran homelessness in L.A., he was asked by KNBC-4 reporter Patrick Healy about an emergency "tent city" and he responded: *"Maybe I'm not smart enough to know the answer."* McDonald should have been fired on the spot!

Instead of the partnership responsibly declaring Veteran homelessness in Greater Los Angeles to be in a "State of Emergency" and providing immediate safe shelter and necessary healthcare services on the VA grounds, their "action plan" was nothing more than verbose theories coupled with a deceptive scam to issue VASH-HUD "welfare checks" to homeless Veterans and warehousing them in cheap, ramshackle apartments in seedy neighborhoods run by slumlords far away from the Los Angeles VA and the neighboring elite of West LA.

The partnership's inhumane and irresponsible "action plan" further exacerbated the struggle of disabled and needy Veterans because they are still mentally and emotionally homeless as well as deprived of necessary healthcare. Congressman Lieu confirmed that when he declared: "housing is not in itself a solution."

What is Congressman Lieu's solution since the partnership's mutual and contractual promise *"to end veteran homelessness in Greater LA in 2015 and beyond"* was seriously breached?

He co-authored the "West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016," which incredulously and supposedly made the VA's illegal real estate deals "legal," and it did absolutely nothing *"to end veteran homelessness in Greater LA in 2015 and beyond."*

Instead, the VA's Office of Inspector General (VA OIG) issued an 120-page Report on September 28, 2018, exposing how the deceptive "leasing act" was counterfeit as there are now 11 illegal real estate deals that did not comply with either the WLA Leasing Act or other applicable federal laws. Furthermore, 14 non-VA entities were operating on the WLA campus with an expired agreement or no documented land use agreement. Following is a brief description of these agreements.

### **VA's Management of Land Use Under the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016**

<https://www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-18-00474-300.pdf>

On January 21, 2019, the Los Angeles Times published the following article that reinforces the VA OIG Report and further exposes the never-ending VA land misuse, particularly by the wealthy and private Brentwood School and UCLA:

### **Brentwood and UCLA Short Change Veterans at West LA VA**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-ucla-veteran-lease-20190121-story.html>

As evidenced, the VA failed to end Veteran homelessness as promised by acting more like a real estate agent to benefit the "wants" of wealthy and powerful non-Veteran entities than providing the "needs" of war-injured homeless Veterans.

Correspondingly, this fact is irrefutably confirmed in a Los Angeles Times "letter to the editor" submitted by Dr. Michael E Mahler, a physician at the Los Angeles VA: **All Nonveteran Groups Need to be Moved Off the West L.A. VA Campus**  
<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/readersreact/la-ol-le-west-la-va-campus-ucla-20190123-story.html>

Dr. Mahler declared: *"The VA and GLA need to get out of the land management business and should terminate or buy out all contracts with non-VA groups. The VA must also fund both healthcare and housing infrastructure to maintain GLA as the gem of the system."*

Make no mistake; Those two sentences are the most honest, ethical, moral and lawful ever coming out of the Los Angeles VA.

Indeed, the biggest land-fraud swindle in America must cease, posthaste, and so should all the fraudulent "non-profit" entities who promise to end Veteran homelessness by continuing to "launder and squander" well-intended donation money through ill-conceived bureaucratic theories, political pandering, hollow plans and self-serving profiteering.

It's time for honest and accountable planning and result-oriented action to prevail!

It's time to update the VA's promise and #1 Objective in their counterfeit 2015 settlement agreement to an honest and responsible Action Mission: *"We Absolutely Promise to Bring Our Homeless Veterans Home ... NOW!"*

Accordingly, the quickest and surest way toward reducing Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles is to offer each and every homeless Veteran a new beginning through a "Homeless Veteran Emergency Humanitarian Relief Crusade" established around a bona fide "Welcome Home Reception Center" on the Veterans Grand Lawn behind the front gates at the northeast corner of Wilshire & San Vicente Boulevards of the VA's National Veterans Home property, adjacent to the community of Brentwood.

Situated throughout the VA property will be a "Sanctuary Tent Village" to provide immediate and safe shelter for each homeless Veteran. Compatibly, there will be honorable, credible and competent volunteer teams that will go into each-and-every community of Los Angeles to *"Search and Rescue"* every homeless Veteran and bring them all "Home" to the VA grounds, reinforced with the steadfast and trustworthy Mission of *"No Homeless Veteran Left Behind in Los Angeles."*

The "Welcome Home Reception Center" will primarily feature a Hospitality Triage facility that will cordially and respectfully greet each homeless Veteran and provide him or her with immediate personalized health care evaluation, nutritional meals, hot showers, clean clothes and warm beds for them to safely rest and recuperate and, begin the inspirational and transitional process of recovering and starting anew.

The Hospitality Triage will be supervised by VA and local volunteer Medical Professionals performing physical and mental examinations to evaluate and determine the necessity of each Veteran's needs for proper healthcare and appropriate housing, including safe provisional accommodations in a dignified "Sanctuary Tent Village" compound on the VA grounds, which will be promptly and economically constructed through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Emergency Management Action (FEMA).

The Welcome Home Reception Center will offer Military pomp and ceremony highlighting the American Flag that Veterans pledged their lives to defend along with respective Armed Forces Flags, patriotic music, etc.

U.S. Military Veterans served with honor and pride, and each will be acknowledged and commended for their Military Service and recognized for the Branch in which they served (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard) and given corresponding Military Flags, T-shirts, baseball caps, coffee mugs, duffle bag, etc.

Veterans will be welcomed and assembled in accordance to gender and the Military Branch they served as well as when they served to provide fellowship and camaraderie, which will remove the feeling of being alone and struggling amidst a giant government bureaucracy of administrators, case managers, VA police and whatnot, but instead, belonging and unifying with fellow Veterans helping each other.

For relaxation as well as interim activity, there will be barbecue cookouts, competitive softball and flag-football games, horse shoe pitching, checkers and chess games, plus field marches throughout the VA compound, including cleaning up the overall VA grounds and tending to the landscape, etc., all to reinforce the trust and reliability of "teamwork" that is the core of U.S. Military Service.

Veterans will be independently evaluated to determine his or her essential needs for safe housing and healthcare. Some may need immediate medical attention and taken to the nearby VA Wadsworth Hospital. Others may need professional treatment for drug and alcohol dependency and will be assisted and directed accordingly. Professional Spiritual counseling will be readily available to any Veteran seeking comforting guidance in accordance with their beliefs.

Others may be counseled for new job employment and could be reintegrated into society as productive citizens. A few may have warrants for their arrest that need to be expunged and will be provided with legal counseling and assistance to reintegrate into society.

There are those who came to Los Angeles in pursuit of a dream that didn't work out and became homeless but would like to return to their families in another city or state. They will be counseled and provided with airline, train or bus transportation that is coordinated with their loved ones to ensure they will be properly greeted and cared for at their waiting destination.

There are a multitude of reasons why Veterans are homeless, and each is different and personal, and each must be addressed accordingly.

However, it is irresponsible, inhumane and immoral to give a disabled homeless Veteran a set of keys to a lonely and depressing apartment in a dilapidated neighborhood without trusted fellowship and immediate access to comprehensive healthcare.

A counterfeit roof over their head does not end their sense of homelessness, nor does it resolve why they are homeless. Out-of-sight-out-of-mind housing is not a solution for homeless Veterans, it is a problem of mindless bureaucrats.

It's time for the counterfeit authorities to stop the dishonest promises that only lead to more homelessness and more profiteering by the feckless self-serving non-profit organizations.

Instead, it's time to start anew with honest action through prudent and prompt planning backed up with an all-volunteer emergency-action team that will get positive and productive results.

This crusade should not be viewed as a mass movement for all but approached as an emergency humanitarian crisis motivated toward rescuing each-and-every homeless Veteran as an "individual."

In sum, nobody can guarantee ending Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles because the homeless cycle is endless, but for now we can end Los Angeles being our nation's capital for homeless Veterans. This will be accomplished by unifying "We the People" of Los Angeles with an honest and responsible Action-Mission: *"We Absolutely Promise to Bring Our Homeless Veterans Home ... NOW!"* coupled with the staunch reinforcement that there will be *"No Homeless Veteran Left Behind in Los Angeles."*

*"The price of inaction is far greater than the cost of making a mistake."* – Meister Eckhart

*"An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory."* – Ralph Waldo Emerson

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**TOGETHER,**  
**THEY FOUGHT AS A TEAM**  
**TO DEFEND OUR NATION'S**  
**FREEDOM ON FOREIGN SOIL...**



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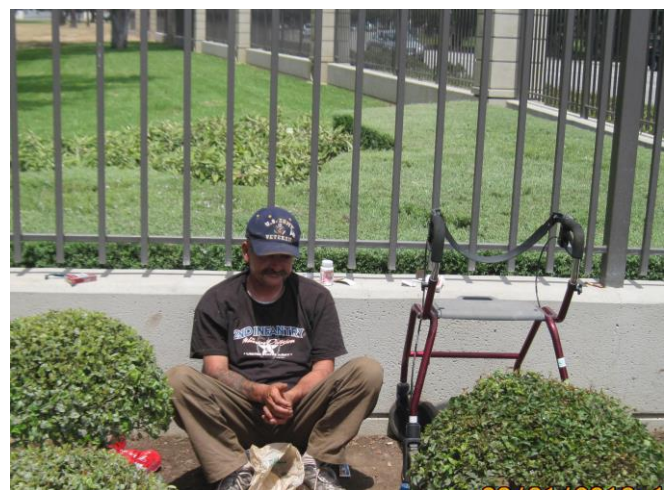
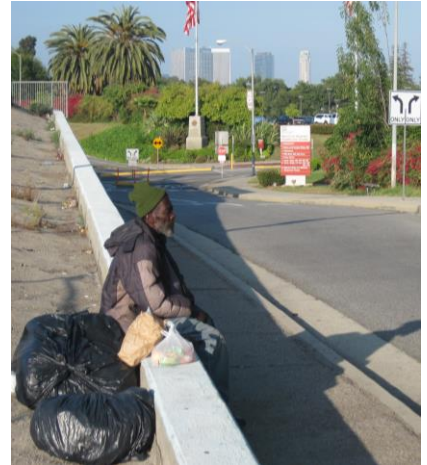
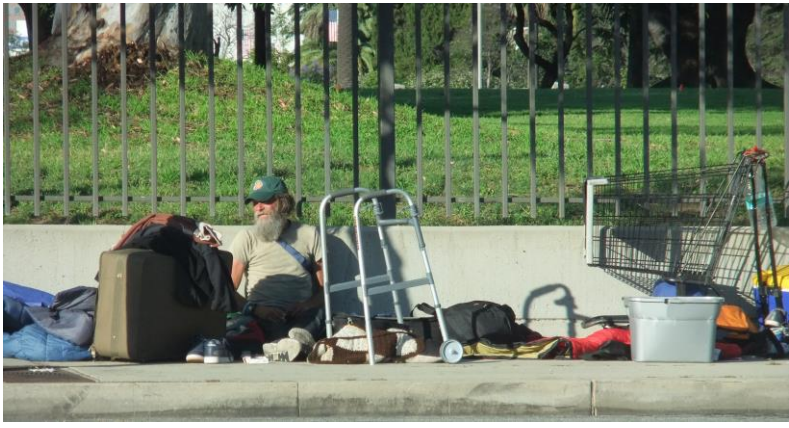
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# NOW, THEY FIGHT ALONE FOR THEIR OWN SURVIVAL ON AMERICAN SOIL!



**THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS VETERANS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING ON THE SIDEWALK DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE LOS ANGELES VA.**

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# **“Bring Our Homeless Veterans HOME”**

## **ACTION ALERT**

### **“Operation Search & Rescue”**

**“WE ABSOLUTELY PROMISE TO BRING OUR HOMELESS VETERANS HOME”**



**“NO HOMELESS VETERAN LEFT BEHIND”**

# **“EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN RELIEF CRUSADE”**

## **“WELCOME HOME RECEPTION CENTER”**

**Hospitality Triage  
Transitional Housing**

### **MISSION:**

**Enforce the VA’s #1 Objective in the 2015 Settlement Agreement**

### **LOCATION**

**Los Angeles National Veterans Home  
VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System  
11301 Wilshire Boulevard – Los Angeles, CA 90031**

### **VOLUNTEERS**

**Neighboring Residents, Businesses, Colleges & Universities,  
High Schools & Grade Schools, Faith-Based Organizations,**

### **GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**

**Federal Emergency Management Action (FEMA)  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
United States Armed Forces  
Department of Veterans Affairs**

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# **Homeless Veteran**

## **“Emergency Humanitarian Relief Crusade”**

**“BRING OUR HOMELESS VETERANS HOME”**

- **OPERATION SEARCH AND RESCUE**
- **WELCOME HOME RECEPTION CENTER**
- **HOSPITALITY TRIAGE**
- **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**

**Providing Provisional Housing and Benevolent Care  
at the Los Angeles National Veterans Home**

- **RESCUE** – Immediate safe residence for homeless U.S. Military Veterans;
- **REST and RECOVERY** – Transitional housing and quality healthcare;
- **REINFORCE** – Restore well-being and future livelihood through professional support and career training with Veterans building their lives back together;
- **REESTABLISH** – Re-entry into society as proud and productive American Citizens.

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## U.S. MILITARY VETERANS

# “WELCOME HOME RECEPTION CENTER”

ON THE GRAND LAWN – LOS ANGELES NATIONAL VETERANS HOME



Open 24-hours, seven days a week, and conveniently located behind the VA front gates at the Northeast corner of Wilshire and San Vicente Boulevards on the beautiful, tranquil and sacred Grand Lawn where Veterans from every War since the Civil War once walked.

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Homeless Veteran Rest and Recovery Residence

- **Welcome Home Housing** — Hospitality Triage – Welcome Home Reception Center on Grand Lawn at Los Angeles VA. Emergency safe residence, showers, meals, healthcare evaluation, etc.,
- **Convalescence Housing** – Immediate in-patient care and residence – VA Wadsworth Hospital
- **Temporary Housing** – Individual Tent residence on designated VA grounds – “Sanctuary Tent Village”
- **Modular Housing** – Small prefab residence on designated VA grounds – “Fellowship Colony”
- **Vehicle Housing** – Private cars, campers, RVs on designated VA parking lots
- **Apartment Housing** – Inner-City quality apartment residence, VASH-HUD Voucher assistance.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing** – New and modern National Veterans Home to be built on VA property.

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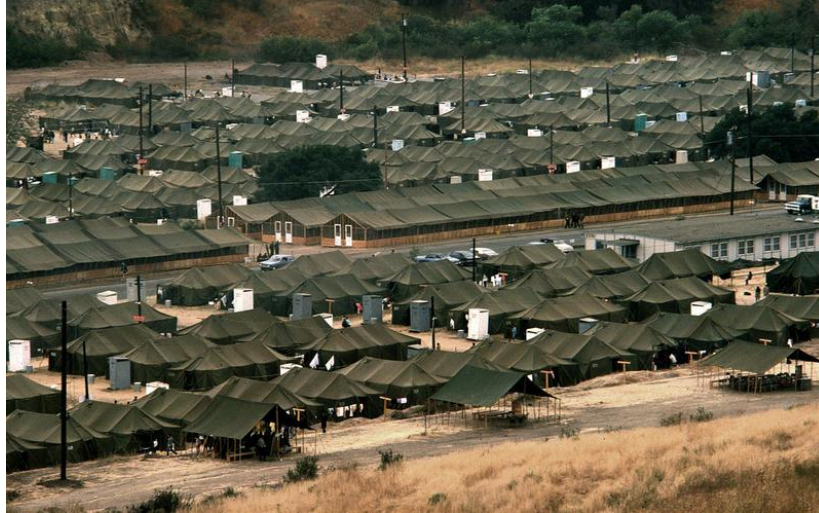


## *Old Veterans Guard*

May 25, 2014

# **HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR 145,000 VIETNAM REFUGEES**

**More than Four Decades Later and Thousands-upon-Thousands of Vietnam War Veterans Are Still Homeless**



## **1975 Vietnam Refugee Tent City**

**Immediate Low-Cost Temporary Housing – Camp Pendleton, CA**

By Robert L. Rosebrock

In 1975, after the fall of Saigon brought an end to the Vietnam War, our U.S. government welcomed 145,000 Vietnamese Refugees onto American soil and spent more than \$300 million to feed, clothe, shelter and re-settle them into our society.

At the Camp Pendleton Marine Base in Southern California, an estimated 900 Marines and civilians worked six days erecting more than 1,000 tents and Quonset huts that would provide 50,000 weary Refugees with safe care and a hopeful future.



**One of Eight Vietnamese Refugee Tent Cities at Camp Pendleton, 1975**

Most Refugees arrived without any money or personal possessions and very few spoke English. Nonetheless, they were compassionately sponsored by volunteer families, churches and corporations, and eventually assimilated into our American way of life. The vast majority became productive U.S. citizens, and many have become leaders in their communities.

In addition to this humanitarian gesture of good will, our government also provides shelter, beds, meals, TV, recreation and healthcare for hardened criminals in our local, state and federal prisons, and offers the same safe and comfortable living conditions for violent thug terrorists at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

On the other hand, disabled and homeless Veterans who selflessly defended our nation have been forgotten and dispossessed by our own government and forced to live alone, homeless and hungry, in back-alley squalor.

Incredulously, while the Vietnamese Refugees were welcomed into our country, America's Veterans who had fought to defend them in their native homeland were insulted, chastised and ostracized when they returned home to their own native country.

The fact that Vietnamese refugees were given immediate attention and support decades ago while thousands-upon-thousands of our elderly Vietnam War Veterans are still homeless and destitute throughout the U.S.A., is shameful beyond comprehension.



Veterans serving in the Vietnam and the post-Vietnam era have the greatest risk of becoming homeless, and most are now in their 60's, 70's and 80s, and many are in frail and declining health.

As a supposed moral and compassionate society, how can we allow the exclusively deeded property at the adjacent Los Angeles National Veterans Home to be leased for a public dog park, public community park, public golf course, public parking lots, private school grounds, collegiate baseball stadium, etc., while nearly 5,000 disabled and disadvantaged Veterans are homeless and fending for their lives on the dangerous streets of Los Angeles?

The answer is simple. *We can't!*

If our government was able to provide shelter and care for 145,000 Vietnam Refugees 38 years ago and helped them to become productive individuals, then surely we can do the same today for 5,000 of our banished Veterans who have been exiled from their rightful and legal Home by the same U.S. government, while more and more Iraqi and Afghanistan War Veterans are becoming homeless.

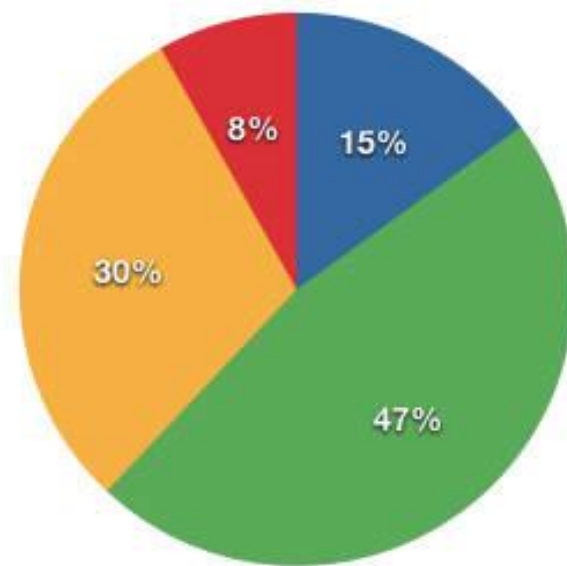
Tragically, some would be safer fighting with their military unit in a war zone than trying to survive alone on the crime-ridden streets of Los Angeles.

It is our duty to demand that the Department of Veterans Affairs accept full responsibility and take immediate action to build emergency provisional housing for homeless Veterans on the sacred property that was deeded in their behalf nearly 125 years ago.

On behalf of all disabled and homeless Veterans in Los Angeles, this is to duly charge the President of the United States and members of Congress to enforce the promise in the Deed of 1888 and bring our homeless Veterans "Home" so they can safely and peacefully heal from the war injuries they suffered while defending our own safety and peace.

Correspondingly, it is imperative that President Obama declare Los Angeles a State-of-Emergency and direct Congress to re-appropriate the \$20 million previously designated for fixing up the disgraceful asylum-looking, rat-infested Building 209 and re-designate the funds for the immediate establishment of provisional housing and benevolent care on these sacred grounds and provide all measure of humanitarian relief and reinforcement for thousands of disabled and disadvantaged homeless Veterans.

**Homeless Veterans By Era Served** (May, 2012)



- Homeless vets who served pre-Vietnam
- Homeless Vietnam war vets
- Iraq & Afghanistan vets who became homeless in past 5 years
- Homeless vets who served in other conflicts





# U.S. MILITARY VETERANS' "SANCTUARY TENT VILLAGE"

Immediate Temporary Residence

TO BE ESTABLISHED BY  
THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTION (FEMA)



Emergency Welcome Home Reception Center and Hospitality Triage on Grand Lawn



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## Fellowship Colony

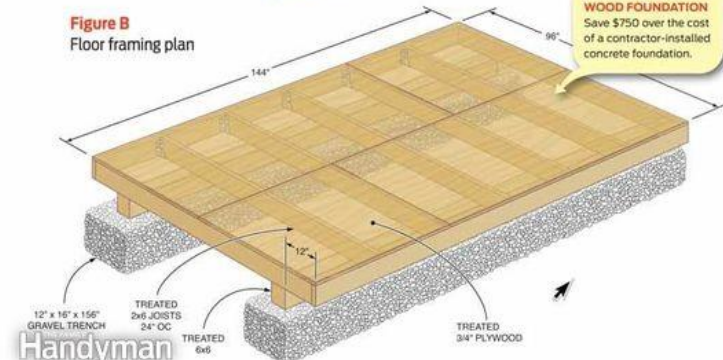
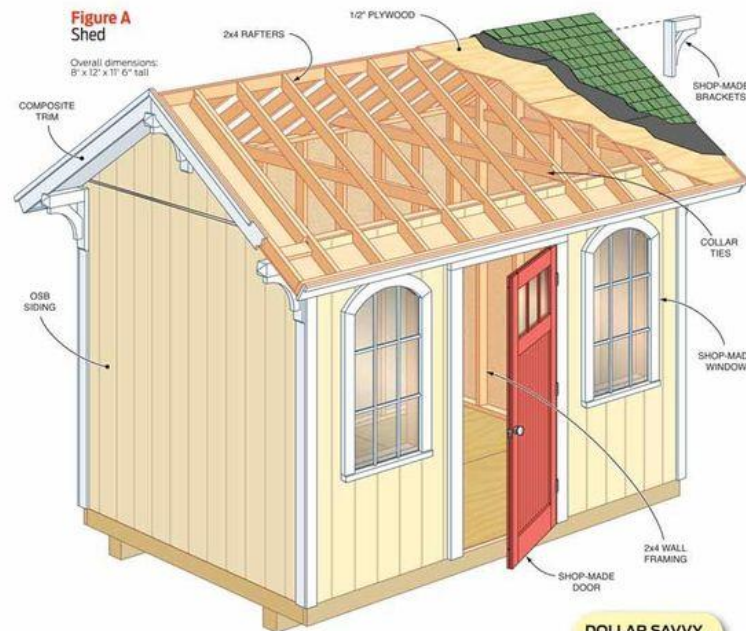


### Building Our Lives Back Together

#### FELLOW VETERANS WITH A MISSION

*"I believe that once we get our property back we can become self-supporting through our combined efforts towards generating revenue through our own labor. We can have the best farmers market in the city. We can develop many different homegrown businesses with our vast military training. We Veterans are a large trained force that when given a base of operation and a mission we can do countless things for the good of all mankind."*

**- Victor Owens, Homeless U.S. Marine Corps Veteran**



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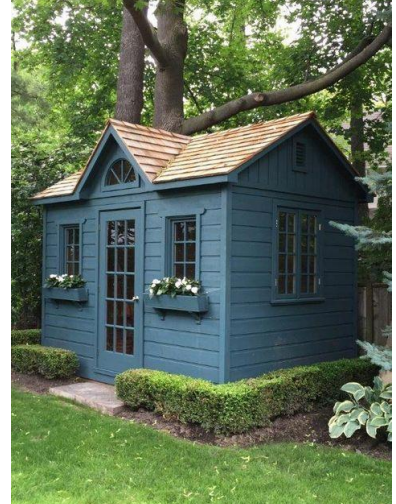


# Veterans Fellowship Colony



**Building Our Lives Back Together**

## **Modular Independent Housing**



Research and Conceptual Plan by the Old Veterans Guard



# **THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COALITION**

**— GENERAL MEETING —**

**JANUARY 3, 2015 — 10:00 AM**

**Hollywood Constituent Center  
6501 Fountain Avenue – Hollywood, CA**

On January 3, 2015, more than three weeks before the VA / ACLU mutually agreed and promised to end Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles by the end of 2015, Rafer Johnson, America's legendary 1960 Olympic Decathlon Champion, National Guard Veteran, Civil Rights leader and chairman of the Southern California Special Olympics, spoke before the 96-member Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and delivered a moving speech on behalf of the homeless Veterans in Los Angeles:

***“I believe everyone involved in ending the homelessness of our Veterans should have been and certainly by now should be acting in a State of Emergency. Los Angeles has the largest population of homeless Veterans in the nation. There have been pledges made to end Veterans' homelessness by the end of 2015. That isn't good enough. When there is an emergency it is imperative to respond immediately. Why aren't we using the nearly 400 acres of land at the West LA Veterans property to immediately provide temporary and or permanent housing for our homeless Veterans? There is a state of emergency here in Los Angeles and the time to act is now!”***

Mr. Johnson's calling for a “State of Emergency” resulted in an unanimous Resolution passed by (LANCC), below.

On the other hand, neither the Secretary of the VA nor the ACLU attorneys consulted with Mr. Johnson prior to, during or after the settlement agreement.

## **MOTION PRESENTED:**

**Los Angeles has the largest Homeless Veteran population in the Nation. Paradoxically, Los Angeles also has the largest VA Veterans Home property in the Nation.**

**Mayor Garcetti has pledged to end Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles by the end of 2015 without ever mentioning the utilization of nearly 400 acres of land at the West LA VA property as a solution.**

**The challenge to end Veteran homelessness in less than 12 months must require immediate provisional, temporary and permanent supportive housing and healthcare and that will only happen at the Los Angeles VA property where there's plenty of space and an existing VA Hospital.**

**The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) recognizes Los Angeles to be in a “state of emergency” for homeless Veterans and hereby requests that the Los Angeles City Council direct the City of Los Angeles with all of its resources and the Veterans Administration to unify and open a large-scale Crisis Humanitarian Relief Crusade on this land to immediately house and care for thousands upon thousands of disabled homeless Veterans**

## **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**



# “Veteran Homelessness in L.A. Has Dropped by 18 Percent”

May 31, 2018

89.3 KPCC – Southern California Public Radio

<< The latest homelessness figures are out from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority – and for veterans, there’s some good news. There are now 18 percent fewer homeless vets – 3,910, down from 4,800 in 2017, an 18 percent drop.

It’s a relief after the big spike in homeless veterans last year – when the number jumped 57 percent – that served as a wakeup call for elected officials and advocates in Los Angeles County.

“While there is still more work to do, the decrease signals that our strategies are working, bringing us a little bit closer to ending veteran homelessness in Los Angeles,” said Ann Brown. >>

**OUR COMMENT:** Ms. Brown proclaims: “Our strategies are working.”

Huh? Strategies? What strategies?

Ms. Brown states: “*A little bit closer.*” For the record, this is not a game of horseshoes or slow dancing – it’s a matter of life and death for our homeless U.S. Military Veterans.

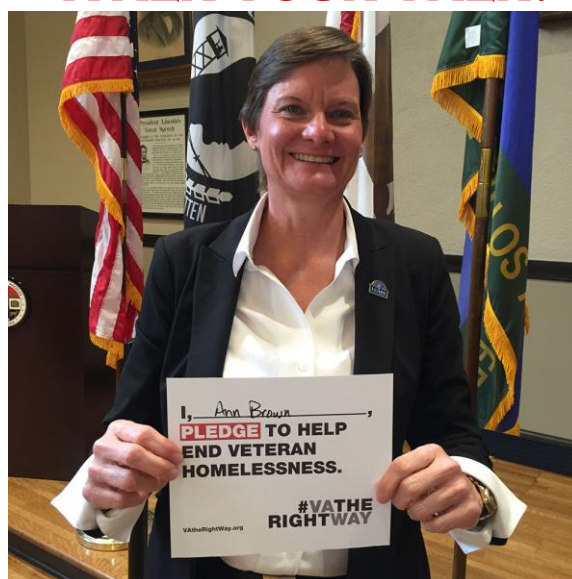
Moreover, how can these so-called homeless counts be anything more than a “guestimate” when the rules for “counting homelessness” in Los Angeles are: “*Counters are not to look directly at the homeless or engage them.*” The literature clearly states: “*Do not approach individuals and ask them if they are homeless.*”

The training literature also states, “*Observe and tally only.*” Moreover, the “homeless counters” cannot even ask if anyone is a Veteran, so how can there possibly be any serious “authority” to evaluate and report the truth on the number of homeless Veterans in Los Angeles?

Veteran homelessness has increased by more than 50%, but now it’s supposedly dropped by 18%. This is “fuzzy math” because even if it did decrease by 18%, after increasing 57%, it still has an increase of 39%.

Nevertheless, this purported decrease, if anything, more than likely accounts for those homeless Veterans who died of starvation, malnutrition, or other unhealthy conditions, were murdered or committed suicide, as there’s no justifiable decrease in Veteran homelessness because it just keeps increasing with no humanitarian help in sight. In fact, the homeless Veterans on the sidewalk directly outside the Los Angeles VA continues to increase.

**“WALK YOUR TALK!”**



**Ann Brown, past executive director of the Los Angeles VA made a big public promise ... and failed terribly.**

**Note:** Ann Brown was recently transferred from Los Angeles VA. She admitted under oath that one of her responsibilities when she arrived at the Los Angeles VA in 2016 was to end Veteran homelessness in L.A.

However, Ms. Brown refused to declare a “state of emergency” while defiantly declaring “*there will be no tent city on my campus.*” For the record, this is not a campus -- it’s a “Home.” Ann Brown was a complete failure, including her shamefully bowing to the pressure and demands of the neighboring wealthy and elite by aiding and abetting in defrauding disabled Veterans of their housing and care benefits guaranteed in the Deed of 1888.

**Question:** Will her replacement, Steven Braverman, a Medical Doctor and 30-year retired Colonel of the U.S. Army, declare a “State of Emergency” and support a “Sanctuary Tent Village” to finally honor and enforce the 2015 “Settlement Agreement” and #1 Objective with an honest and responsible “Action” Mission: “*We Absolutely Promise to Bring Our Homeless Veterans Home ... NOW,*” or will he follow the failed path of all his predecessors?





# **“VETERANS’ LIVES COUNT”**

**IF YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO COUNT A HOMELESS VETERAN,  
THEN YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO HELP A HOMELESS VETERAN.**

**JOIN L.A.’S**

## **“Operation Search & Rescue”**

**“WE ABSOLUTELY PROMISE TO BRING OUR HOMELESS VETERANS HOME”**



**“NO HOMELESS VETERAN LEFT BEHIND”**



### **SOLDIER’S CREED**

- I will never forget that I am an American Soldier.
- I will always place the mission first.
- I will never accept defeat.
- I will never quit.
- I will never leave a fallen comrade.

***“A Soldier’s Duty is Never Done.”***

**Colonel Edward N. Wellems  
Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff  
U.S. Army, Hawaii (USARHAW)  
HQ, Schofield Barracks, HI**

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*Old Veterans Guard*

### **MISSION:**

**“Save Our Veterans Land”**

**“Bring Our Homeless Veterans HOME”**

**“God Bless America and the Veterans Revolution!”**