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if impressed with the seal of this office  
Date Dec. 11, 1970      Ray E. Lee Recorder  
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                                 State of California

This indenture made the third day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight, by and between John P. Jones and Arcadia B. de Baker, the parties of the first part and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers a corporation formed and now existing under the laws of the United States the parties of the second part.

Witnesseth, that whereas by an act of Congress approved March 2nd 1887, to provide for the location and erection of a branch home for disabled volunteer soldiers West of the Rocky Mountains, the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, were authorized, empowered and directed to locate, establish, construct and permanently maintain a branch of said National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, to be by such Board, located at such place in the States West of the Rocky Mountains as to said Board should appear most desirable and advantageous.

And whereas, the parties hereto of the first part in consideration that the party hereto of the second part should locate, establish, construct and permanently maintain a branch of said National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers on a site to be selected by its Board of Managers along the dividing line between the Ranchos San Jose de Buenos Ayres and San Vicente y Santa Monica offered to donate to the said party of the second part, three hundred acres of land, being a portion of said Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica belonging to them the said parties of the first part, on which to locate, establish, construct and permanently maintain such branch of said National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

And Whereas, the Board of Managers of said National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, in consideration of said offer have selected the land and premises hereinafter described for the purpose aforesaid and have notified the parties of the first part of such selection.

Now Therefore, in consideration of the premises and of the location, establishment, construction and permanent maintenance of a branch of said National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers on such tract of land so selected and of the benefits to accrue to the said parties of the first part, owners of the said Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica by such location have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto said party of the second part all the following described land and premises, situate lying and being in the County of Los Angeles, State of California and particularly bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the boundary line between the Ranchos San Vicente y Santa Monica and San Jose de Buenos Ayres distant 6044 feet Northerly from the corner post on the line between the said Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica and the Rancho La Ballona, which post is the common corner of the Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica and the Rancho San Jose de Buenos Ayres running from said point of beginning South  $34\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West 2780  $\frac{2}{10}$  feet to a stake being the Southwest corner of the tract herein conveyed, then North  $54\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East

2780 2/10 feet to a stake on the boundary line between the said Ranchos San Vicente y Santa Monica and San Jose de Buenos Ayres; South 35½° East along said boundary line 4385 feet to the place of beginning, containing three hundred (300) acres of land.

Together with all and singular, the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, to have and to hold the said land and promises, with appurtenances unto the said party Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to be thereon so located, established, constructed and permanently maintained.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

John P. Jones (Seal)  
By his attorney in fact, Walter Van Dyke (Seal)  
Arcadia B. de Baker (Seal)  
By her attorney in fact, Robt S. Baker (Seal)

State of California  
County of Los Angeles

On this 5th day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight before one Charles Worth, a Notary Public in and for said Los Angeles County, residing therein duly commissioned and sworn personally appeared Walter Van Dyke known to me to be the person described in and whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as the Attorney in fact of John P. Jones and the said Walter Van Dyke acknowledges to me that he subscribed the name of John P. Jones thereunto as principal and his own name as Attorney in fact.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in the City and County of Los Angeles the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Notarial Seal Charles Worth  
Notary Public

State of California  
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On this 5th day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight before one Charles Worth, a Notary Public in and for said Los Angeles County, residing therein duly commissioned and sworn personally appeared Robt S. Baker known to me to be the person described in and whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as the Attorney in fact of Arcadia B. de Baker and the said Robt S. Baker acknowledges to me that he subscribed the name of Arcadia B. de Baker thereunto as principal and his own name as Attorney in fact.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in the City and County of Los Angeles the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Notarial Seal Charles Worth  
Notary Public

A full true and correct copy of the original recorded at request of Grantee Mar. 10, 1888 at 17 min. past 12 N.

Frank A. Gibson County Recorder  
By Frank E. White Deputy

This is a true and certified copy of the record  
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August 13, 2015

Ms. Cynthia Keeffe  
Vice President  
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Dear Cynthia

As the information gathering portion of your project for the West Los Angeles Veterans Campus starts to come to a conclusion, let me just take one final opportunity to share with you the Veterans Park Conservancy's vision for the area in the triangle just north and east of the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and San Vicente Boulevard. This is the area where we have been planning and building for years, all with the collaboration and concurrence of the DVA.

This space is contiguous with Building 220, which has been designated as the Center for Integrated Health and Healing, and has been started to be used as such. In support of the therapeutic practices being used there, following a "holistic" path to healing mental health issues (for both homeless and non-homeless alike), the VPC spent some \$1.4 million raised entirely from the community to refurbish the "Historic Women's Rose Garden." This is an area that dates back over a half century and commemorates the service and sacrifices that women veterans made during World War II. This renewed space offers an environment of peacefulness and serenity that meshes perfectly with the efforts of the clinicians in Building 220. There they offer treatments much different than traditional western medicine, but which have proven to be highly successful in combating mental health problems, without the use of highly addictive drugs and so on.

Adjacent to the Rose Garden is a partially constructed (about 80% complete) structure, the Hollywood Canteen Healing Center (previously known as the Amphitheatre), which will further expand the use of alternative therapies important to the recuperative process. The Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System is on record in February, 2014, as looking forward to "... a host of programs that will use the new

Amphitheater as part of our healing process. These include creative writing and poetry groups, music and performance art modalities, patient education and many other opportunities for Veterans to heal outside of the confines of the clinical setting.” They further state “As you know, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System is one of five nationally recognized Centers of Innovation for Patient Centered Care, and the campus amenities VPC has made possible provide an ideal setting for these cutting-edge initiatives.” Over \$300,000 has been raised and spent on this project so far.

Continuing with its community-based efforts to provide for the healing and well-being of our veterans, VPC has proposed building a state-of-the-art running and walking track offering veterans alternative routes with varying levels of exercise. Additionally, the 2/3 mile loop would also feature unique weather-resistant exercise stations with innovative equipment such as stationary ellipticals and bicycles. The stations will be developed in partnership with the VA Patient-Centered Care Teams to ensure key physical rehabilitation needs are met. The track’s tree-framed views into our proposed “Fields of Glory” offer a beautiful and scenic exercise venue, while bermed perimeter landscaping shelters the track from the street.

The “Fields of Glory” would provide an expansive open grass area as a home for everything from veterans’ family and staff picnics to military ceremonies and green space for low-impact physical therapies. This serene reserve would provide an immensely appealing space for veterans to gather, relax and enjoy the tranquility, much in the same way the veterans at the original National Old Soldiers Home, Pacific Branch, did with the park area surrounding its barracks buildings.

A Sports Commons – opportunities for physical recreation, healing and camaraderie with fellow veterans would abound in this specialized sports zone. Accessible to all veterans, the Sports Commons would offer such amenities as a sand volleyball court, bocce ball and horseshoe courts and other areas for interactive play. Apart from the benefits of recreational sports therapy to help veterans with healing and reintegration processes, the Sports Commons could also be a home for a Veterans Sports League and other such programs.

And finally in this area, we see an historic promenade. This would be an area designed to invoke patriotic pride and ensure recognition and appreciation for our veterans’ sacrifices. A 10-foot walkway would be highlighted by inspirational engraved seating walls with quotes paying tribute to veterans. Shaded enclaves, framed by low hedges with bench seating, would create peaceful outdoor classrooms for discourse among the generations. A series of uplifting memorials could invoke a sense of pride and deepen our collective respect for those who allow us to live in freedom.

Our concept for these projects can be seen on our website [www.veteransoparkconservancy.org](http://www.veteransoparkconservancy.org).

Cynthia, I am sure you and your colleagues recognize the value and importance in each of the ideas I have outlined. They would be for the homeless. But they would also be for the more than 85,000 veterans who visit the West Los Angeles Campus each year, an estimated 25% of which have mental health issues. The DVA must be able “to walk and chew gum” at the same time in this very unique location.

Thank you very much for your time and attention and I look forward to future conversations with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Mack", written in a cursive style.

Curtis Mack  
Executive Director

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September 30, 2015

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Dear Cynthia,

As the time draws near for comment on the DVA North Campus to close, I want to add a few final thoughts.

Historic preservation and acknowledgement of the unique history of the WLA VA site has guided VPC in its relationship with the VA from its inception. The VPC Enhanced Sharing Agreement (ESA) has allowed VPC to preserve and renovate historic structures and uses on the WLA VA campus when funding for such purposes was not otherwise available.

A History Walk is one of the key features developed by Veterans Park Conservancy pursuant to its ESA. This Walk is intended to illustrate to veterans and the public alike the esteem VPC holds for those who have served their country, and acknowledgement of those who have supported them. The Walk would extend from Wadsworth Chapel on the east to San Vicente Boulevard on the west.

To further honor and preserve the unique history of the WLA VA campus, VPC entered into a Cooperative Historic Preservation Plan in November 17, 2010. Doug Pulak, Deputy Federal Preservation Officer from the National Park Service in Washington D.C., Jeffrey Blake and Ralph Tillman of the West LA VA, Sue Young, VPC Executive Director and Doug Wheeler, VPC Counsel worked out the details. Katherine Welch Howe, a prominent preservation consultant was also involved. The National Park Service encouraged development of the plan.

The VPC commissioned a study by Katherine Welch Howe entitled "Veterans History Walk, National Veterans Park". The resulting study was published in April 2011 and is enclosed as an exhibit with this comment. Attached also is a companion essay entitled "Veterans Administration and National Cemetery, A Walking Tour" by Evelyn Lager.

The Howe study lays out concepts for the composition of the Walk. The suggestions include pools, lawns, and groves of trees and inclusion of other natural materials. It also suggests that programs be developed using interactive communication associated with elements of the Walk. The study emphasizes that the Walk should lie within the designated historic site boundaries (National Register of Historic Places) within the WLA VA campus.

The historical aspects of what was originally known as the Pacific Branch of the National Home for Disabled Soldiers should be celebrated. It is one of only eleven such properties in the U.S., all of which are listed on the National Park Service website, each with its own historical background.

The Hollywood Canteen Health and Healing Plaza is an integral aspect of the history acknowledged in the Walk. The Hollywood Canteen provided entertainment for the troops and was part of the fabric of World War II history. It has been helping veterans ever since, right up to the present day.

Many have acknowledged VPC's historic preservation work. In a December 2011, letter from the National Park Service, the NPS acknowledges the work that the VPC had done in the Women's Rose Garden adding it would add to the pleasure of visiting the historic medical center. This letter is attached as an exhibit.

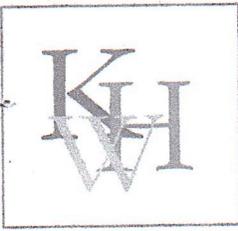
The VPC has also demonstrated its appreciation for the historic aspects of the property rights in many other ways. For example, it has funded an HSR (Historic Structures Report) on the Bob Hope Chapel in the National Cemetery for its renovation. It has also facilitated numerous conversations with both state and federal officials exploring the dos and dont's of historic renovation.

In conclusion, I just wanted to share these thoughts with you so you can see VPC's long commitment to the land, and more importantly, to those whom the land represents. Thank you and your team for all the efforts you are making on behalf of America's veterans.

Sincerely,



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**Veterans History Walk  
National Veterans Park  
April 6, 2011**

**Overview**

Veterans History Walk at the National Veterans Park will illuminate the accomplishments of United States Veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The History Walk will illustrate to veterans and to visitors the honor in which we hold our armed forces and those who support them. Elements of the History Walk will be integrated in the entire 16-acre Park site which occupies the area beginning at the Chapel on the East to San Vicente Boulevard on the West and Wilshire Boulevard on the South.

**Project Description**

KWH Associates, Inc. was engaged for a brief, limited assignment to provide suggestions for 3 scenarios for a Veterans History Walk. KWH was asked to provide conceptual, decision-making level suggestions for the Veteran Park Conservancy to consider. Due to time and financial constraints, KWH was not asked to review materials associated with the proposed National Veterans Park, or to research military or veteran history, or the history of the VA and this site. The VPC wished to first consider the concepts and present them to its board and supporters before proceeding into further development. This summary report provides notes for the board's further consideration.

These suggestions therefore are necessarily restricted and are provided as examples to help the VPC envision options. With this preliminary work, further research and programming will create a park of great inspiration. A broadly conceived Veterans History Walk presents an incomparable opportunity to give deeper meaning to the Los Angeles National Veterans Park.

**Veterans History Walk: 3 Scenarios**

The Veterans History Walk will combine the scenic beauty of landscape with the expressiveness of history to give a deeper meaning to the National Veterans Park. A walk through its paths will enrich the mind and spirit and provide an experience of how different ages can lend inspiration to one another and what Veterans' history can mean to us today.

The 3 Scenarios for the Veterans History Walk can be employed independently or, more powerfully, to reinforce each other. And can be implemented over time. A summary of the History Walk scenarios:

- 1. Veterans History Walk: Memory Garden:** The historic buildings and landscapes of the site are restored, revived and interpreted as integral parts of the Veterans National Park in order to commemorate the US Veterans, this site and the history, persons, and care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and its predecessors. Plantings and artifacts will complement the existing historic resources in order to provide the foundation for the National Veterans Park. A linear walk, The Veterans Promenade, will unite the park and will highlight historic events applicable to Veterans and the National Soldiers Home.
- 2. Veterans History Walk: Commemorative Garden Rooms:** A series of outdoor rooms will provide a contemplative experience, allowing veterans and visitors to focus on Veteran and VA history. The outdoor garden rooms will include illustrations, maps and artifacts that depict military service and veterans care. Veteran and VA History will be divided into several rooms that correspond to chronological development from 1860 to 2012.
- 3. Veterans History Walk: Interactive Timeline:** A highly interactive scenario using contemporary technology will allow the veteran and visitor to traverse the linear History Walk, stopping at interactive kiosks and stations to learn more about a particular time period or theme. The material will be drawn from all five Services, the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress and other sources. A way to contribute stories and experiences to the History Walk will be a component of the Interactive Timeline.