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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **VA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2012 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY VETERANS DAY PARADE**

LOS ANGELES – The Department of Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS) will be participating in the San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 11, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in support of veterans everywhere.

“GLA is pleased to participate in the 2012 San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade. We are here to honor our veterans, all the brave men and women who set aside their personal safety to defend and protect our nation,” said Donna Beiter, director, VAGLAHS.

“We are excited to announce our float’s theme this year which is, ‘Thank You Veterans’. The VA float will feature proud veterans and healthcare workers.” said Beiter. The 9th Annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade is a tradition which started in 2003 with members of the Los Angeles, Veterans Advisory Commission and in coordination with the community to establish a parade and pay tribute to America’s heroes—the veterans of our Armed Forces.

The procession begins at the corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and San Fernando Mission Boulevard, proceeding down Laurel Canyon for 1.1 miles.

This year’s Grand Marshal is Jorge A. Villegas, Deputy Chief Valley Bureau. He holds a Master’s Degree in Organizational Management from Azusa Pacific University. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California’s Delinquency Control Institute, the FBI National Academy, and the West Point Leadership Development Program, where he also has been an instructor.

VAGLAHS is the largest healthcare system within the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is one component of the VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network (VISN22) offering services to Veterans residing in Southern California and Southern Nevada. VAGLAHS consists of three ambulatory care centers, a tertiary care facility, and ten community based outpatient clinics. VAGLAHS serves Veterans residing throughout five counties: Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo. There are 1.4 million Veterans in the GLA service area.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the VAGLAHS public affairs office at (310) 268-3340.

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