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Veteran Guardian Initiative

National Center for Warrior Independence

WLA VA Campus

Veteran Guardian Angels (VGA) was formed as a not for profit 501 (c) (3) in direct response to the President's Executive Order of May 9, 2025, to provide a plan to construct upwards of 6,000 new housing units on the WLA VA Campus as a National Center for Warrior Independence.

Veteran Guardian Angels is a mission-driven organization dedicated to honoring, protecting, and supporting veterans, both on campus and off-site. Our peer-to-peer experiences and activities ensure that no veteran stands alone during moments of vulnerability, change, or recovery.

Veteran Guardian Angel's Three Pillars of Services include Recovery, Jobs and Housing, within an integrated community environment.



I. Recovery

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services:

Veteran Guardian Angels works with recognized experts to provide veterans with a Full Continuum of Care for recovery and mental health services to help them rebuild their lives with confidence. These services will include comprehensive programs for addiction, PTSD, mental health, trauma, anxiety and other related issues. To begin the process of individual and community building, Veteran Guardian Angels is pioneering in providing weekly events to get veterans outside their rooms including supporting Softball and Pickleball tournaments, Gardening and Food distribution, Birding and vocational training. In joining with the Bandini Foundation on campus, Veteran Guardian Angels is supporting among other things, permanent Pickleball Courts on their Heroes Golf Center together with a children's playground and a food associated mini commissary.

II. Jobs

Job Training and Placement; Continuing Education:

Veteran Guardian Angels will assist veterans to secure job training and placement to provide them with new skills, increase their independence, and help them with their transition to the civilian community. We plan to facilitate access to jobs on the WLA VA campus itself and in off-site venues, as well through Veteran Guardian Angels member facilities and their staff. This is being coordinated with continuing education efforts with local providers and Veteran Guardian Angels' vendor associates.

III. Housing

The Homestead Community:

To provide housing for Los Angeles homeless veterans on the West LA VA Campus, Veteran Guardian Angels has presented an initial plan to develop the "Homestead Community" on the South Campus, consisting of 650 new units with an historic "craftsman look". This facility will include its own Food Court (serving 3 meals a day), full outdoor facilities and sustainable services to enhance recovery within the VA campus, and further to the outside community, as well as assisting veterans to reunite with their families. As part of the Homestead, Veteran Guardian Angels is planning to include a building to house families and prospectively VA staff members through a combination of other buildings.

North Campus Community Initiative:

In connection with the President's Executive Order, under Washington's Veteran Administration executive staff leadership, Veteran Guardian Angels has been invited to present a plan to utilize existing historic North Campus buildings to create a "community hub" similar to its Homestead Community concept as a basis of approving Veteran Guardian Angels plan to build it as Phase 1 of an integrated concept of upwards of 2,000 units on the South Campus, immediately adjacent to the VA Hospital Facility.



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Our People

Veteran Guardian Angels Board, affiliated members and donors include local long-time Los Angeles area residents who provide significant political and business expertise, education and recovery therapy practices experience, significant financial support and access to job placement. Inclusive in the Veteran Guardian Angels group are many military veterans, financial providers, private recovery leaders and legislative advocates.

Our Mission

Veteran Guardian Angels mission is to make a real difference to enable exceptional integrated health care, job training and placement while offering premium housing services to veterans at the WLA VA Center, under a vision, plan and community environment, with a strong peer-to-peer connection. Our primary goal is to bring confidence and independence to allow our veterans to be productive members of the community and their families - every day of their lives.

Our Purpose

To provide guardianship, dignity, and practical support to veterans through advocacy, stability-focused programs, and community-based care.

Our Values

Honor

We respect and recognize the sacrifice of their service. Veterans are treated with dignity, not charity as relevant community members.

Protection

We serve as advocates and guardians — standing between veterans and instability, isolation, or harm on a peer-to-peer basis.

Renewal

Our work supports recovery, reintegration, and forward momentum into civilian life and reuniting with their families.

Integrity

We operate with transparency, seriousness, and accountability worthy of the trust placed in us.



Executive Summary

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Veteran Guardian Angels hosts Pickleball Tournaments for WLA VA Veterans



Veteran Guardian Angels Founding Board Member Courts started hosting Pickleball Tournaments here in Santa Monica, California, with WLA VA Campus veterans that quickly grew in popularity from 10 to now 50 Campus veterans, enjoying a great team building community event, sunshine and peer-to-peer healing. A February 2026 ribbon cutting for new permanent Courts at the Heroes Golf Course faculty, in partnership with the Bandini Foundation, is currently under development.

