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Ms. Sue Young
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Veterans Park Conservancy
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Dear Ms. Young:

Please accept my congratulations on the completion of the Womens Rose Garden in the National Veterans Park at the Pacific Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, now the Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System-West Los Angeles Healthcare Center.

The National Park Service recently completed a theme study of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers system because of its rich history of providing compassionate care for America's veterans over the span of three centuries. In partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, we also produced one of our online *Discover Our Shared Heritage* travel itineraries that encourages the public to learn about, visit, and explore the history of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers branches from their earliest conception to their role as modern Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.

As more visitors come to tour and appreciate the Pacific Branch, they will enjoy the Womens Rose Garden in the National Veterans Park and the rest of the historic medical center. Congratulations again, and thank you and your colleagues for your continuing stewardship of this important site.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull
Interim Keeper of the National Register
Of Historic Places