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"VETERANS STANDING UP FOR EACH OTHER"

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THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH!

OK folks! I received this letter today from Bob Rosebrock, the veteran who has been leading the fight to stop the giveaway of VA land, dedicated in perpetuity for the sole use veterans 130 years ago.

The VA has given or leased parts of the land to a Brentwood private school, the Wadsworth Theater, Enterprise Rent-a-car, other commercial enterprises, and has most recently given a long-term, renewable lease to the city of Brentwood to use 16 acres of the property for a public park.

Yesterday, and not for the first time, the VA let the Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric AIDS Foundation use the area for a \$1000-a-pop charity event. Now we all support the Elizabeth Glazer Foundation – it is a worthy cause. But I wonder how many of the 23,000 homeless vets in Los Angeles were invited?

We are not against any legitimate charity. But in a city the size of Los Angeles, is this the only place to have the event? Do the veterans who are residents of the West LA VA facility have to put up with carnival noises that rob them of their Sunday afternoon, while this function emphasizes how they are excluded from normal society in ever-so-upper-crust Brentwood?

The larger question is why isn't Congressman Henry Waxman, in whose district this facility falls, out there defending the veterans, their property, and their rights? How can a Congressman who has done so much good for others ignore our veterans? Why won't he even respond to their requests for assistance in preserving this sacred land? Is it that the "others" – and not the veterans – are those ultra-wealthy celebrities who fund his campaigns? It is beginning to seem so, and that's shameful.

So here is Bob's letter in its entirety:

The VA's Own Tiananmen Square

Fellow Veterans and Friends of Veterans:

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=7210>

In regard to this link, last November the West LA VA federal police threatened me with arrest for taking a picture "of government property." Yesterday, I apparently broke the law again as I took photos of the Hollywood paparazzi (attached) climbing on the outside of the VA's fence to take pictures of the celebrities that attended the event.

Yesterday's carnival extravaganza was presented and sponsored by Disney, and promotional information stated they were thrilled to announce that Miley Cyrus would perform at "A Time for Heroes!" The event included carnival games, family activities, music, and food from Los Angeles restaurants.

One would think that when a celebrity fundraiser is being presented by Disney on Veterans land with a theme of "A Time for Heroes," that it would probably be about honoring America's best-known heroes, our active-duty Military and our Veterans of the Military. Well, think again.

More than 90 Entertainment and Sports Celebrities attended the fundraiser and there didn't appear to be any known Veterans on the "celebrity list."

A brief list of some of the entertainment celebrities included Sharon Stone, Cloris Leachman, Henry Winkler, Joe Pesci, Tom Arnold, Billy Ray Cyrus, and sports celebrities include Matt Leinart, Bruce Jenner, Shawn Johnson and Rodney Peete.

PAPARAZZI PRIVILEGES

As indicated, last November the West LA VA federal police threatened me with arrest for taking a picture "of government property" on the "outside." Yesterday, I apparently broke the law again as I took photos of the Hollywood paparazzi climbing on the outside of the VA's fence to take pictures of the celebrities inside that attended the event.

This is the same fence area that Veterans hung the "We Support Our Troops" banner on and were ordered to remove said banner. This is the same fence I was told not to photograph. Nonetheless, these new photos that we now have show a VA federal police patrol car in the background and they completely ignored the paparazzi on the fence.



Lest we've already forgotten, a couple of years ago a fellow Veteran, Keith Jeffreys, was on Veterans land taking photos of the LA Times business expo and was arrested for trespassing and resisting arrest. He was found non-guilty of trespassing but guilty of resisting arrest. How could he be resisting arrest for something that he was not guilty of?

Yet the paparazzi, non-Veterans with \$15,000 cameras are not charged with trespassing on the fence and taking photos of Veterans property inside for commercial profit.

Yesterday, when three of us went inside on the Veterans property to photograph the celebratory event, the VA federal police denied us from doing so, even though I showed my American Legion Press Pass. The local TV news trucks and media were everywhere and treated like royalty. The VA police and an asset management bureaucrat videotaped us, me in particular, and treated us like criminals and second-class citizens. We left on our own accord as we are peaceful in our pursuit to protect this land and enforce the Deed.

Nonetheless, some of yesterday's photos of the paparazzi climbing on the "outside" of fence will show a VA federal police patrol car on the "inside" of the fence and they completely ignored the paparazzi. At our previous Sunday Rally a week ago, the VA police sat in their parked patrol car "inside" the fence and observed us on the "outside" of the fence (we protest on city / county sidewalk adjacent to the VA).

Yet yesterday, they completely ignored the paparazzi climbing on the VA fence just a few feet away that were photographing celebrities on the inside. Is it any wonder that \$200,000 was embezzled from the Veterans golf course when they cannot detect real basic crimes right under their nose?

It is shameful the way Veterans are treated on their own land. It is sacrilegious the way VA bureaucrats abuse and misuse Veterans land for amusement and entertainment for the benefit of the general public.

America is now engaged in two wars, we have 20,000 homeless Veterans in Los Angeles because there are no adequate healthcare facilities to treat PTSD and other mental and emotional injuries from the ravages of war and Disney and Hollywood celebrities are holding an amusement carnival and picnic fundraiser on the sacred grounds of the National Veterans Home, and on their "Grand Lawn." Why?

Secretary Shinseki needs to come out to Los Angeles and stop all of this before it becomes a very, very serious embarrassment to him and President Obama.

He must take immediate action and get rid of all the abuse and embezzlement of Veterans land and their assets. He needs to immediately terminate Donna Beiter, the executive director, and Ralph Tillman, the director of asset management, Captain Ron Mathis, chief of VA police, along with all the other VA bureaucrats who have facilitated these behind-the-scene-deals that violate this sacred national trust.

Robert Rosebrock
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Just so you can see how many veterans enjoyed the function, following is a sampling from the first two pages of 76,500 hits on Google for "A Time for Heroes Celebrity Carnival 2009".

The "Heroes" in the title had absolutely nothing to do with the heroes in the West LA VA facility.

<http://popvine.com/hills-girls-and-celebrity-parents-make-time-to-be-heroes>

<http://www.prphotos.com/store/category.cgi?category=search&query=^events.sql&q2=20th%20Annual%20%22A%20Time%20For%20Heroes%22%20Celebrity%20Carnival%20-%20Arrivals>

<http://www.bastardly.com/2009-kristin-cavallari-a-time-for-heroes-celebrity-carnival-0608>

http://nachofoto.com/gallery/Shenae_Grimes_Carnival_Charity_Chick-1

<http://www.celebrity-gossip.net/celebrities/hollywood/selena-gomez-celebrity-carnival-chick-214409/>

<http://www.celebrity-gossip.net/celebrities/hollywood/lauren-conrad-celebrity-carnival-cutie-214389/>

<http://www.juicyuk.com/2009/06/time-for-heroes-celebrity-carnival.html>

<http://www.fanpop.com/spots/miley-cyrus/images/6597452>

<http://www.popsugar.com/3267768>

http://www.theinsider.com/photos/950960_Mischa_Barton_A_Time_For_Heroes_Celebrity_Carnival

<http://heart-miley.com/gallery-updates/a-time-for-heroes-celebrity-carnival/>

<http://blog.80millionmoviesfree.com/celebrity/miley-cyrus-attends-a-time-for-heroes-celebrity-carnival>

<http://hipcelebrity.blogspot.com/2009/06/heidi-klum-at-time-for-heroes-celebrity.html>

<http://popvine.com/stars-shine-the-20th-anniversary-a-time-for-heroes-celebrity-carnival>

<http://www.apimages.com/Search.aspx?st=det&sort=date&id=Time%20for%20Heroes%20Celebrity%20Carnival&showact=events&prds=10002&intv=3d&sh=1010&kwstyle=and&adte=1244477903&pagez=20&>

You could even have won a pair of the \$1000/head tickets at <http://www.popsugar.com/3097738>, although you may have had to prove that you were **NOT** a veteran.

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