



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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Jerry E. Pierce  
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Dear Mr. Pierce,

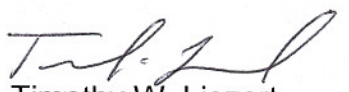
It is with great excitement and pleasure that I follow the creation of the Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park at Lake Nona. The memorial, to be located immediately adjacent to the new Orlando Veterans Affairs Medical Center currently under construction at Lake Nona, will truly be a focal point for our new medical center and the entire Medical City. It will honor those military men and women from Central Florida who left and did not return from their service to our country.

The memorial will also provide a powerful therapeutic benefit for many of our Veterans and their families who continue to struggle with the memories of those that they lost in the military. Our new medical center will provide outpatient, inpatient, and residential services to a large number of Veterans with physical and emotional scars from their time in service. Our current enrollment is approaching 90,000 Veterans and when the new medical center is in full operation is projected to see over 110,000 Veterans plus provide support to their families.

The memorial with its dignity and serenity will create the opportunity for powerful personal healing experiences for many of these Veterans, similar to that experienced by Veterans visiting the Vietnam War Memorial and other war memorials in Washington D.C. I expect that many of our Veterans and their families will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity given its well-situated location and visual presence. I fully expect the memorial to be a very important complement to our clinical services at Lake Nona.

We are honored and privileged to be associated with such a noble yet humbling remembrance of our nation's heroes.

Sincerely,

  
Timothy W. Liezert  
Medical Center Director