

California Veterans Home, Yountville

During the Civil War, thousands of men from California volunteered to fight for the Union. By 1880, the veterans of the war were in their late forties or fifties. Many were living with disabilities and unable to find work.

The Grand Army of the Republic, the leading advocacy group for Civil War veterans, and the Mexican War Veterans of San Francisco, teamed up to establish a home for these men. They chose this site in

Yountville for its 910 acres of farmlands and oak groves where veterans could live, work, and enjoy the countryside.

Today, the Veterans Home in Yountville is the largest veterans' home in the United States. Nearly six thousand U.S. veterans are buried in its cemetery, 2,308 from the

Civil War. The home is listed as California Historical Landmark No. 828.

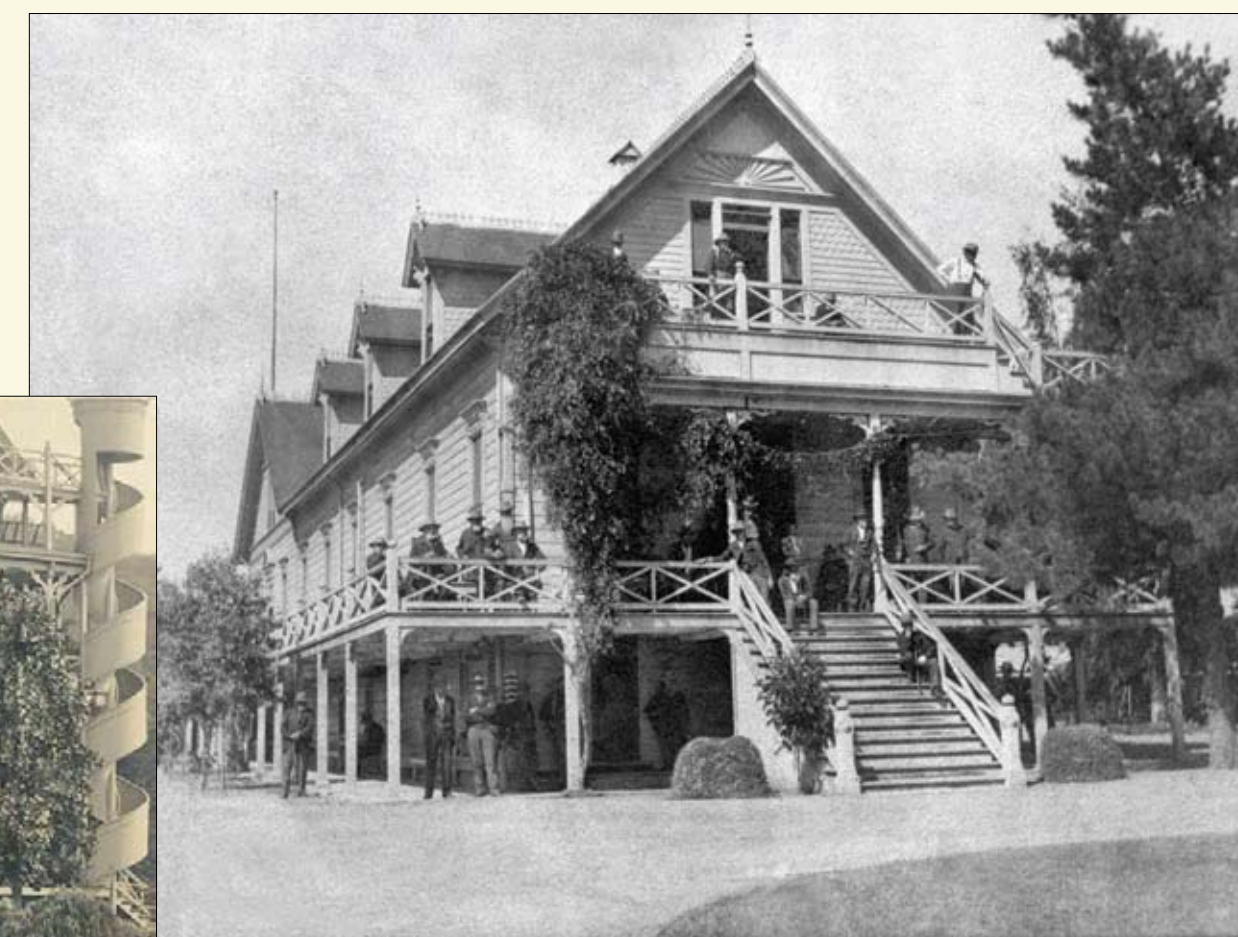


Aerial photo of Veterans Home today.

Historic Views of the Veterans Home, circa 1890s



First Buildings, 1886



Original Housing



Administration Building



Cemetery

Activity: Take a Sidetrip Up the Hill

The Vine Trail connects to a trail along California Drive so you can explore this historic spot. Visit art and history exhibits at the Napa Valley Museum; catch a performance at the Lincoln Theater; or wander the "Tree Walk" at the Veterans Home Arboretum.

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