



# Los Alamitos Post 716

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Vincent "Woody" Collins and I am the Post Commander of American Legion Post 716 in Los Alamitos CA. The purpose of this letter is to express support for the establishment of a dog park and war dog memorial along the former Pacific Electric right of way through the city of Garden Grove.

I spoke to Craig Durfey concerning his effort to have a full-service dog park and war dog memorial in the vicinity of a bike/walking trail that is currently under construction in Garden Grove. We would like to fully support Mr. Durfey's efforts and the project. Military K-9's, often called "war dogs", have a long history with our military services of all branches.

They were in the trenches of World War I, the mine fields of World War II, and on the front lines in Korea. Over 4,000 military dogs were used in Vietnam on search-and-destroy missions, for sentry duty and for mine and explosive detection. It is estimated that each dog saved more than 150 lives.