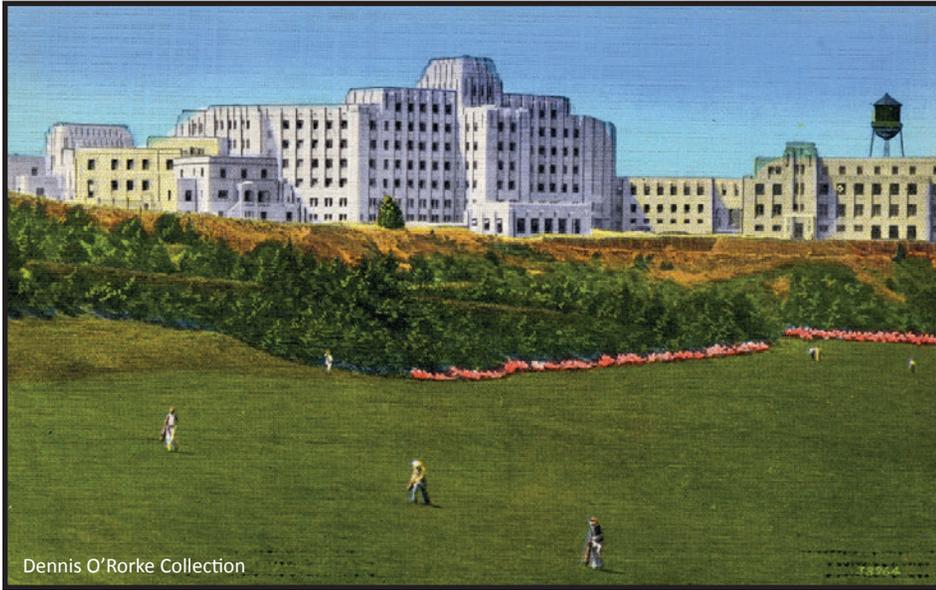


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Left: VA Medical Center viewed from Lincoln Park Golf Course, color postcard; *Right:* Aerial view of VA Medical Center complex, color postcard, ca. 1932-1966.

VA Medical Center

In 1932, the US Army deeded 29 acres of Fort Miley to the Veterans Administration for the new San Francisco VA Medical Center. Construction on the \$1.25 million project began in February 1933 and took almost two years to complete. Barracks, storage buildings, stables, the Officer's Club, and a mess hall of Fort Miley were demolished to make room for the VA's new 21 building complex. The VA Center was built in the Mayan Deco style popular in the 1930s that visually conveyed a message of strength, permanence, and efficiency. The Center was dedicated on 11 November 1934.

During WWII, all medical patients were evacuated from the building because of the Center's proximity to Fort Miley. The Center was reopened in 1946 and has been operational ever since. The Center has greatly expanded over the years. A three phase building modernization program began in 1963 and was completed in the 1990s. A \$35 million seismic upgrade was completed in 2008. Additional new buildings are proposed for completion between 2011 and 2023.

The VA Center also greatly expanded its services over the years. It now serves as the site of several treatment centers and clinics including the Epilepsy Center of Excellence, the Center for the Surgical Treatment of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders, the Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Integrated Care Clinic, and the 3D Imaging Laboratory.