

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

The Department of Veterans Affairs

and

The Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office

with concurrence by

The East Tennessee State University

submitted to

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

regarding undertakings at

The Mountain Home Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Johnson City, Tennessee

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposes to undertake projects to construct an Ambulatory Clinic, a Warehouse and Laundry Facility, a new classroom and medical research building for East Tennessee State University (ETSU), and renovations to six historic buildings for nursing home care at the Mountain Home Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Johnson City, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Mountain Home, Tennessee has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as the Mountain Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers; and

WHEREAS, a full station Historic Preservation Plan for Mountain Home was finished in the early 1980's and an archeological survey was done in the late 1980's; and

WHEREAS, VA has determined that the project plans for demolition of Buildings #22, #24, #67, #70, #71, #76, #78, and #93, and construction of a new classroom and medical research building will adversely effect the Mountain Home Historic District; and

WHEREAS, VA has consulted with the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f) and its implementing regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800); and

WHEREAS, VA intends to use the provisions of this MOA to address applicable requirements of Section 110(a)(2) & (b) of NHPA, 16 U.S.C. 470h-2(b); and

NOW, THEREFORE, VA and the Tennessee SHPO agree that, upon acceptance of this MOA by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council), and upon VA's decision to proceed with the projects, VA shall ensure that the following stipulations are implemented in order to take into account their effects on the historic district:

STIPULATIONS

The VA will ensure that the following measures are carried out:

1. VA will have the Mountain Home Historic District, and specifically Buildings #22, #24, #67, #70, #71, #76, #78, and #93, recorded so that there will be a permanent record of their history and appearance. The buildings will be documented to the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) Level Three (3) in accordance with HABS standards. (National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20243, 202-343-9606). All documentation must be accepted by HABS for submission to the Library of Congress, and the SHPO notified of its acceptance, prior to the demolition or removal of the buildings. Copies of this documentation will be provided to the Tennessee SHPO and the VA Historic Preservation Office.

2. VA will have prepared the documents necessary to nominate and list the property, formerly the Mountain Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, on the National Register of Historic Places.

3. VA will have prepared and installed 3-4 Wayside Plaques around the campus. They will serve as an interpretive exhibit to educate the public about the Mountain Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and the Beaux Arts architecture. VA will consult with the SHPO on the style and content of the exhibits.

4. The VA will submit to the SHPO for review and comment the project plans and specifications at the Design Development and the final construction documents stages for all proposed construction undertakings at the VAMC Mountain Home. VA shall ensure that the designs of the projects are compatible with the historic and architectural qualities of the Mountain Home historic district and are consistent with the recommended approaches to new construction and rehabilitation set forth in the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*. The SHPO will have 30 days from receipt of the plans to provide VA with comments. If there are concerns that cannot be satisfactorily resolved between VA and the Tennessee SHPO, the project plans will be submitted to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for their review and comment in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.6.

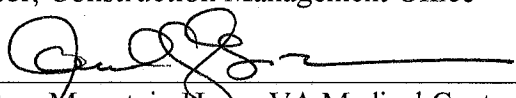
Execution of this Agreement by VA and the SHPO, concurrence by ETSU, its subsequent acceptance by the Council, and implementation of its terms, evidence that, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800, VA has afforded the SHPO and the Council an opportunity to comment on VA's demolition of eight historic buildings and the construction of new facilities as noted above, and VA has taken into account the effects on the VA Medical Center at Mountain Home, Tennessee, which is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:



Director, Construction Management Office

5-19-98
Date



Director, Mountain Home VA Medical Center

5/28/98
Date

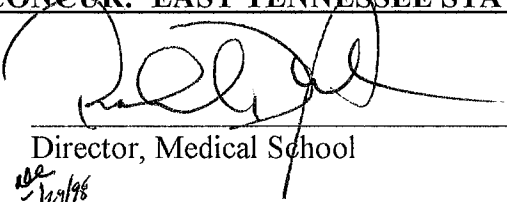
TENNESSEE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE:



State Historic Preservation Officer

6/23/98
Date


CONCUR: EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY:



Director, Medical School
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Date

ACCEPTED: ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

By: 

(for) Executive Director

Date: 8/12/98