



United States Army

Letterman General Hospital, California

The Letterman Army Hospital — established around 1898 and redesignated as the Letterman Army Medical Center (LAMC) in 1969 — was a U.S. Army facility located on the Presidio of San Francisco in San Francisco, California.

Military Corner

The hospital, built in 1898 and named in 1911 for Major Jonathan Letterman, MD (1824–1872), was featured in every US foreign conflict in the 20th century and remained in service until the army base was decommissioned in 1995. Due to its location on the West Coast, the hospital often served as a key stateside point in support of American wars in the Pacific. In 1945, the hospital received more than 73,000 patients from the Pacific Theater. Towards the end of the war, a small stockade for Italian and German prisoners was established at Letterman; these POW's provided labor for the hospital during their brief internment. During the Vietnam War, the hospital received wounded American soldiers returning to the mainland.

The building was decommissioned in 1994 when the base was transferred to the National Park Service and was demolished in 2002. In 2005, Lucasfilm opened the Letterman Digital Arts Center on the site of the old hospital.

