



Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, 1826 Veterans Blvd., Dublin, GA 31021

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## **Carl Vinson VA observes Patriot Day with annual ceremony**

*Dublin, Ga.* – The Carl Vinson VA Medical Center hosted its annual Patriot Day and Day of Service and Remembrance ceremony Friday, Sept. 11 at its main flagpole to honor the memory of those who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The event also honored first responders who assisted in the aftermath of the tragedy.

After a welcome from VA Communications Director Dr. Frank Jordan, Dublin VA Police officers Lt. Donovan Kight, Lt. Steven Cady, Officer Timothy Metzdorf, and Officer Dwane Moyer raised and ceremonially lowered the U.S. flag in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11.

Chaplain Constance Arthur of VA Chaplain Services then offered an invocation emphasizing the enduring spirit of American resilience.

VA nurse manager Tamika Delice sang a rousing version of the National Anthem that drew enthusiastic applause from those assembled, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) chief Keith Griffin.

In her remarks, executive medical center director Chandra Miller, a U.S. Air Force veteran, underscored Americans resilience in the face of historic challenges.

“On September 11, 2001, our nation did not falter, and we did not succumb to fear. On this and every Patriot Day, we will not forget. Our nation is not defined by geography, but by the spirit of unity that brings us together and sustains us in our most trying moments and greatest triumphs. Being an American is a mindset that personifies the ideal of *e pluribus unum*—‘out of many, one.’ As I look at all of you gathered here today, my heart is full, knowing that despite the tragic events of September 11, we have not been bowed or broken. We have only grown stronger. That is the spirit of America—the spirit that sustains us.”

The ceremony was closed out with a moment of silence in remembrance of those who passed away on 9/11.

Anyone interested in events, programs, or services offered at the Dublin VA are encouraged to visit the medical center’s Facebook page at “Dublin VA Medical Center.”

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Photo caption:

- 1) Dublin VA Police present the national colors
- 2) VA director Miller addresses Patriot Day attendees
- 3) Patriot Day ceremony at Dublin VA

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