

## ICYMI: Veterans Affairs Secretary Doug Collins visits Carl Vinson VA Medical Center

**Dublin, GA** – Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Doug Collins on Monday, April 14, toured the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center with Representatives Rick Allen and Austin Scott. During the visit, the group met with Veterans, facility leaders and VA employees. The Secretary's visit marks the first time a VA secretary has visited the Carl Vinson VAMC in 15 years.



“Under President Trump, VA is putting Veterans first. That starts by having honest conversations like the ones we had in Dublin this week. I appreciated the opportunity to hear from local Veterans and staff, whose feedback will help us make VA work better for Veterans, families, caregivers and survivors,” **said VA Secretary Doug Collins.**

“Secretary Collins is committed to reforming the VA to better serve our nation’s veterans and I am grateful that he took the time to visit the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin. We had productive and thoughtful conversations with the current leadership team, veterans, and staff about needed improvements at the facility to ensure that those who have selflessly served our country receive the high-quality care they have earned. Our veterans in the 12th District and across the state should feel confident that they have a partner and tireless advocate in Secretary Collins, and I will continue to work in lockstep with the administration to achieve our shared mission of excellence at the VA,” **said Congressman Rick W. Allen (GA-12).**

“I appreciate my long-time friend, Secretary Collins, visiting the Dublin VA Hospital this week. Secretary Collins is a good man, and I’m confident that veterans’ health care will improve under his leadership in Georgia and nationally,” **said Congressman Austin Scott (GA-08),**

Successful VA accomplishments and milestones reached during the second Trump Administration so far include:

- [Phasing out treatment for gender dysphoria](#) and directing all savings to helping paralyzed Veterans and amputees.
- [Processing record numbers of disability claims](#) and reaching one million disability claims processed for FY25 on Feb. 20, faster than at any point in history.
- [Accelerating the deployment](#) of its integrated electronic health record system, after the program was nearly dormant for almost two years under the Biden Administration.
- [Ending DEI at the department](#), reversing the divisive Biden-era policies and stopping more than \$14 million in DEI spending.
- [Ending the Biden Administration's telework and remote work policies](#), ordering thousands of VA employees back to the office.
- [Redirecting hundreds of millions](#) from non-mission-critical efforts to health care, benefits and services that directly support VA beneficiaries.



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