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VA and Middle GA Food Bank to Distribute Food Donations to Veterans

Dublin, GA – The Carl Vinson VA Medical Center is pleased to announce a joint event with the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank, Macon, GA, to provide food items for local veterans. The event is scheduled for Feb. 24, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at buildings 34/35 on the Dublin VAMC campus. Donations will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

"During this public health and economic crisis, I'm inspired with the Dublin VAMC employees, Middle Georgia Community Food Bank, and the selfless volunteers who go above and beyond so that Veterans can receive wholesome, nutritious food," said Medical Center Director David L. Whitmer, FACHE. "Working with our community partners to help our Veterans in need is consistent with our mission to serve those who have borne the battle and their families. This also brings great satisfaction to our employees and volunteers helping those Veterans and active duty service members who need assistance to feed their families."

This will be the fourth food giveaway hosted by the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center and sponsored by the Middle Georgia Community Food Banks. At the first three food giveaways, approximately 1,000 boxes of food were distributed to Veterans in need.

"We were so blessed that the Middle Georgia Community Food Banks supplied us with a wide variety of groceries to give to our Veterans," U.S. Air Force Veteran and Chief of Voluntary Services Keith Griffin said. "Each Veterans received fresh fruit and vegetables, canned goods, eggs, an assortment of frozen meat, a gallon of milk and other items such as Girl Scout Cookies."

Due to COVID and to maintain social distancing, this will be a drive-through event to ensure the safety of participants and staff. Veterans should enter the Dublin VAMC grounds from Highway 80, Veterans Boulevard. VA staff and volunteers will be on hand to provide directions.

Recipients will need to show proof of veteran status, such as veteran ID card, retired military ID card, or Veterans Health ID card issued by VA to receive a donation. Eligible veterans also will be asked to complete a short form for the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank for their records.

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