

## North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System

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### **NEW VIDEO! North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System Celebrates a Century of Service at the Lake City VA Medical Center**



Watch history unfold as we celebrate 100 years of service to our Nation's heroes at the Lake City VA Medical Center: [here](#).

**About the Lake City VA Medical Center:** What is now the Lake City Medical Center was the original site of the Florida Agricultural College. In 1920, the site was purchased by the U.S. government and after extensive renovations, the first patient was admitted on December 6, 1920. It was named the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital No. 63. On August 9, 1921, the Veterans Bureau was created to care for returning World War I Veterans, and the transition from Public Health to the Veterans Bureau Hospital began. This transition was completed in 1924 when the Lake City VA Hospital began its proud tradition of caring for our nation's veterans. The Lake City VA Hospital officially became the Lake City VA Medical Center in 1978. It expanded its mission to include long term and geriatric care for veterans with the completion of a 120-bed Nursing Home Care Unit in 1985 which was expanded to 240 beds in 1995. In

March of 2000, a 12,600 square-foot addition was completed on top of the existing Outpatient Clinic for primary care services. The turn of the century and the new millennium came with major growth for the Lake City VA Medical Center with the addition of the Lake City VA Commerce Clinic in October 2018, Veterans now have access to 6 primary care teams, 16 patient exam rooms, laboratory services, pharmacy counseling, mental health services, and Whole Health coaching, all conveniently located in one clinic. From humble beginnings to being a part of the largest health system in the world, Lake City VA Medical Center has left a significant mark on the Lake City community and the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System. From the very first patient in 1920 to being a part of a health system that treats over 140,000 Veterans annually -- we are proud of the growth and resilience that Lake City VA Medical Center has demonstrated in the past century.

*"...to care for him who shall have borne the battle  
and his widow, and his orphan..."*

**- President Abraham Lincoln**



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The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System is one of the nation's leading VA healthcare systems, employing more than 5,600 medical professionals and support staff dedicated to providing high quality care to Veterans residing throughout north Florida and south Georgia. The organization operates fifteen facilities to include two medical centers located in Gainesville and Lake City, and clinics located throughout a 50-county catchment area.

To learn more about the facilities and services offered by the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, please visit [www.northflorida.va.gov](http://www.northflorida.va.gov) or "like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VANFSG>, or follow us on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/VANFSG/>

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