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Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center seeking local volunteer drivers

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center, part of <u>VA Augusta Health</u> <u>Care System</u>, is seeking volunteers in the Columbia and Richmond counties area who are willing to help local Veterans by serving as drivers.

Emma Brown, VA Augusta's Hospital Service Coordinator, said volunteers would support the Disabled American Veterans Medical Transport Service which takes local Veterans to medical appointments in the Augusta area and operates five days each week. The van is generously provided by the local Disabled Veterans of American chapter.

"Volunteers can sign up to drive one day a month or more," said Brown. "VA Augusta is only as strong as the community that supports us, so we're grateful for anyone who can support us and our Veteran patients in this way."

Among the requirements for the drivers are a valid driver's license, a good driving record, passing a physical exam, the ability to conduct simple pre-operation vehicle checks, and attendance at a defensive driver training course provided by VA Augusta.

VA Augusta also provider volunteer drivers with free breakfast and lunch meal tickets during their time volunteering.

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer driver, please contact Emma Brown at (706) 733-0188 x27256.

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