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Tuscaloosa Veterans Administration Hospital Historic District in Tuscaloosa County listed in the National Register

The Tuscaloosa Veterans Administration Hospital Historic District in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 7, 2012. Now known as the Tuscaloosa Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the hospital complex consists of 34 resources. The historic buildings and structures date from the 1930s and 1940s and reflect Colonial Revival and Classical Revival styles.

The Tuscaloosa Veterans Administration Hospital Historic District is a good example of a Second Generation VA Hospital. Constructed between 1919 and 1950, these hospitals represent the Federal government's commitment to caring for World War I veterans.

The First Generation Veterans Homes provided Civil War Union veterans with long-term residences and medical facilities. The Second Generation Hospitals focused on rapid rehabilitation and healing. Modern medical facilities, therapies, medicines and surgery helped veterans return to productive civilian lives. Later these hospitals started providing medical care for veterans' ailments unrelated to their service injuries or disabilities.

The **National Register of Historic Places** is a program of the National Park Service and is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The Alabama Historical Commission administers the program in Alabama.

For more information about the National Register of Historic Places, visit:
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