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Tuskegee Veterans Administration Hospital in Macon County listed in the National Register

The Tuskegee Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuskegee, Macon County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 19, 2012. Tuskegee's VA Hospital complex is now known as the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System, East Campus. Constructed between 1922 and 1950, its 43 historic resources reflect the Colonial Revival and Classical Revival architectural styles

Constructed for black World War I veterans, it was unique as the only VA Hospital staffed by African Americans. As such, it promoted the development of black medical professionals. It was also the only VA hospital of this period to care for both tuberculosis patients and psychiatric patients. All other contemporary VA Hospitals were either general medical facilities or psychiatric units.

The Tuskegee Veterans Administration Hospital exemplifies a Second Generation VA Hospital. Constructed between 1919 and 1950, these hospital complexes represent the Federal government's commitment to caring for World War I veterans. The First Generation Veterans Homes operated as long-term residences and medical facilities for Union veterans of the Civil War. The Second Generation Hospitals focused on the rapid rehabilitation and healing of veterans. Modern medical facilities, therapies, medicines and surgery helped veterans to return to productive civilian lives. Later, these hospitals provided medical care for veterans' ailments unrelated to their service injuries or disabilities. Tuskegee's facility was one of 136 VA hospitals in 1950 and part of the country's largest network of hospital.

The **National Register of Historic Places** is the nation's official list of historic places worth preserving. It is a program of the National Park Service. The Alabama Historical Commission administers the program in Alabama.

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