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Hinesville getting new VA clinic in year

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The Department of Veterans Affairs plans to open four new community-based outpatient clinics in Georgia, including one in Liberty County, several state congressional members confirmed Thursday.

U.S. Sens. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., and Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., as well as U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., reported the clinics will be located in:

Hinesville, where Fort Stewart is located.

Brunswick.

Newnan, west of Atlanta.

Milledgeville, which is northeast of Macon.

The facilities are intended to enhance access to VA health care for veterans across the state.

"Our veterans deserve access to the very best medical care and services," said Chambliss, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "The announcement ... is great news for veterans in our state who have served our nation with honor."

Kingston added that the clinics have been in the works for a while.

"While we're still pushing to get clinics in Waycross and Camden County, this is certainly a day of celebration," he said. "These facilities will greatly improve the access to care for our veterans."

"With the ever-rising cost of gasoline, I cannot think of a better time to tell those who served so honorably that they won't have to drive so far to get help."

VA officials expect the facilities to be operational within the next 12 months.

They join the 10 VA community-based outpatient clinics that already operate in Georgia, including the one that serves Savannah on Middleground Road.

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