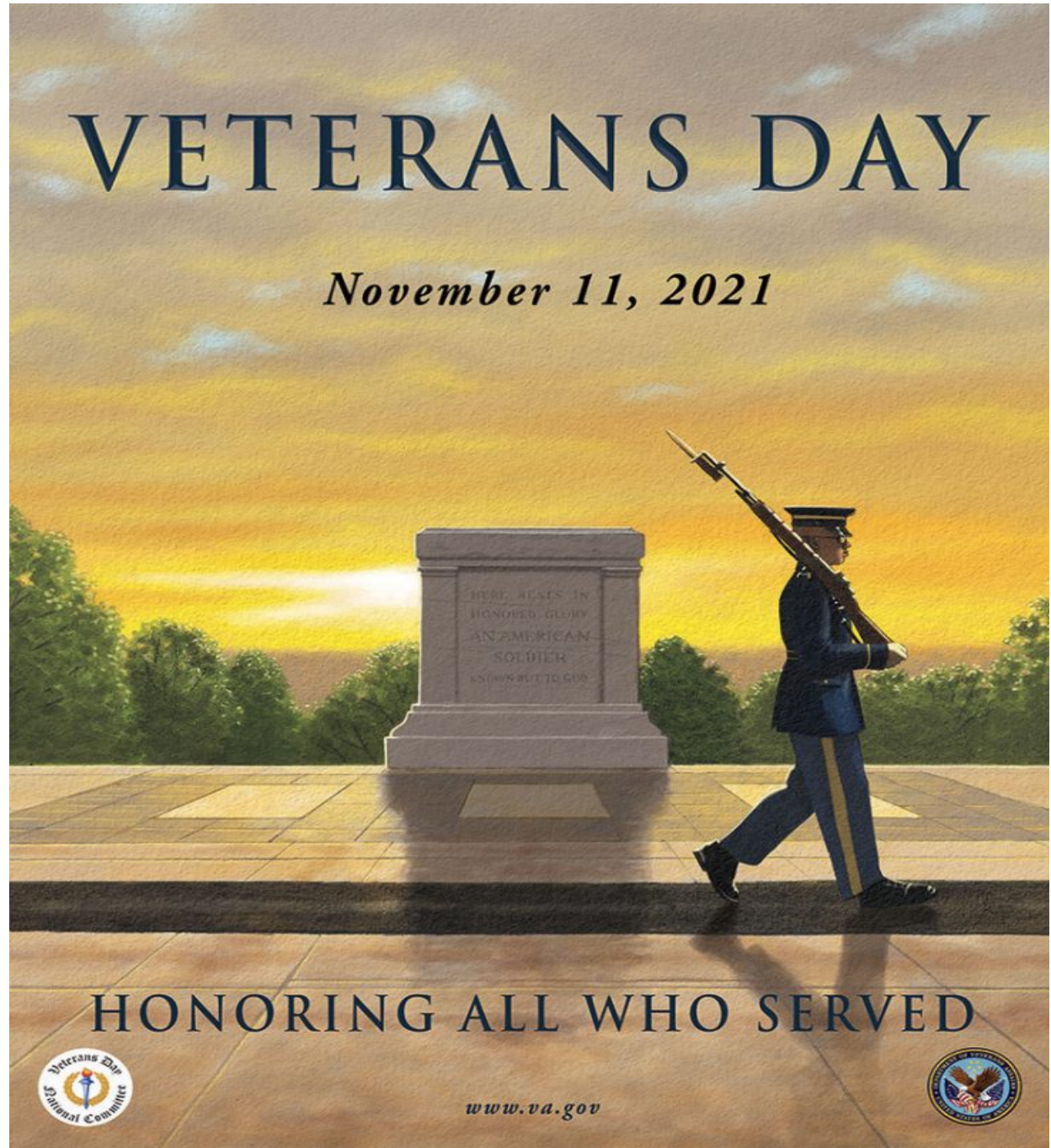


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The design idea for this year's poster contest theme, the Centennial Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, was taken from an illustration for a book called Twenty-One Steps.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was dedicated on Nov. 11, 1921, to make sure those who made the ultimate sacrifice but were not identified were never forgotten. Soldiers with the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, known as "The Old Guard," have volunteered to serve as Tomb Guards since 1948. They are selected through a rigorous process and undergo intensive training.

Here's how Tavares Although not a Veteran, Tavares is proud of his two cousins who served as Army officers, one in the infantry and the other in the Medical Corps.

"I have unlimited respect and admiration for all they have done for our country and our world," Tavares said.

### ***Nominate a Veteran for #VeteranOfTheDay***

Do you want to light up the face of a special Veteran? Have you been wondering how to tell your Veteran they are special to you? VA's #VeteranOfTheDay social media feature is an opportunity to highlight your Veteran and his/her service.

It's easy to nominate a Veteran. Visit our blog post about nominating to learn how to create the best submission.

### ***Veterans History Project***

This #VeteranOfTheDay profile was created with interviews submitted to the Veterans History Project. The project collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war Veterans so that future generations may hear directly from Veterans and better understand the realities of war. Find out more at <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>.

## **Women Veterans Honor Ceremony**

### **In-Person Event in the Cobb County, Georgia Area**

**When** Saturday, Nov 6, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

**Where** Jim Miller Park & Event Center 2245 Callaway Road Marietta, GA

**Cost** Free

**Registration**

**[Register](#)**

· **[Add to Calendar](#)**

· **[Share on Facebook](#)**

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The US Department of Veterans Affairs, Georgia Department of Veteran Services, and Cobb County Government invite you to join them as they honor female Veterans.

Four female Veterans who served in the armed forces during WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the most recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will share their experiences and memories while serving.

Also onsite will be:

- Veteran services providers
- COVID-19 vaccination clinic (click [HERE](#) to register for vaccine services)
- Cobb County Animal Services Pet Adoption Trailer (adoption fee waived for Veterans)

Doors open at 12:00pm EST and the event starts at 1:00pm EST.

For questions, call 770-528-3318

## How Veteran-Owned Small Businesses Can Access Federal Surplus Property



### Veteran-Owned Small Business Federal Surplus Property

**When** Thursday, Nov 4, 2021

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

**Cost** FREE

Veteran-owned small businesses (VOSB) can access federally owned personal property no longer in use through the General Services Administration's (GSA) Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program. The U.S. federal government enacted the Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act of 2018 on January 3, 2019. The National Association for State Agencies for Surplus Property (NASASP) has been working with the U.S. Small Business Administration and U.S. General Services Administration to finalize program operations and

requirements. NASASP member and **Surplus Property Manager** Elizabeth Cooper explains this important national, veteran-based opportunity. Cooper will cover:

- Eligibility
- How to identify property
- How to purchase
- Allowable uses
- Potential Pitfalls

## **Coming soon: Commissary groceries delivered to your doorstep**

It's a first for commissary customers, and it's all about convenience and access to the benefit.

Some commissary customers may be able to get their groceries delivered to their homes and offices by the end of the year.

Defense Commissary Agency Director Bill Moore said his goal is to pilot a commissary delivery program at “certain locations” by the end of the year, during a recent briefing at the American Logistics Association annual meeting. Moore wants to make it more convenient for customers to use their commissary benefit. Across the worldwide commissary system, customers saved an average 25 percent in 2020, compared to stores outside the gate.



Commissary officials are moving to take online ordering beyond the curbside delivery, to delivery of groceries to customers' homes and offices. Here, Tiara Edwards loads groceries in the vehicle of a customer who has ordered items through the Click2Go online program from the commissary at Fort Lee, Va. (Rick Brink/Defense Commissary Agency)

The commissary agency is currently conducting market research on delivery services, said commissary agency spokesman Kevin Robinson. That includes a Request for Information to

industry. Right now officials are in the research phase, so information about where the service would be available would come at a later date.

According to that RFI document, the plan is to eventually be able deliver groceries from all commissaries in the continental U.S; and deliveries will be made to customers both on the installation and off the installation.

The RFI asks for information about whether potential delivery providers are already able to start a delivery service from all stateside commissaries. If the provider could start the service at some CONUS commissaries, it asks for details on which stores; and it asks for information on which commissaries could get the delivery service within the next 12 months.

“The agency will analyze industry response to the RFI and other market research available to determine the best acquisition strategy for delivery services to DeCA patrons,” Robinson said. It’s a matter of convenience for customers, which is a primary goal, especially for young shoppers, Moore said, during the Oct. 20 briefing. “It’s especially important for single service members,” he said, noting that commissary officials have held some focus groups with single service members. “They’re telling us it’s not cool to shop there.

“I actually had a young private tell me he shopped there once, and didn’t have his mask on properly, and had to do pushups in the store. He said never again would he be in the commissary. So I know where he’s coming from,” Moore said. If that private could just order his groceries and enjoy the benefit from his barracks, Moore said, “I think he’d want to become a commissary shopper.”

Commissary employees don’t require pushups for an incorrect placement of a mask; that private encountered a higher-ranking service member who took that action.

At the end of September, commissary officials finished rolling out their online ordering/curbside pickup service at all their 236 stores worldwide. Moore, who took the helm of the commissary agency in August, 2020, stated early on that he wanted to speed up the rollout of the curbside pickup service known as [Click2Go](#). Because of the limitations of the previous initiative, it would have taken seven years to roll out worldwide. So commissary officials found an alternative system to provide the service.

The expansion of Click2Go came at a time when consumers around the world have been navigating the uncertainties of the COVID pandemic by turning more and more to internet shopping for food and other necessities. A number of commercial grocery stores in the U.S. began offering curbside pickup services during the pandemic. As commissary customers called for more Click2Go locations during the pandemic, officials ramped up their rollout.

Commissaries are indefinitely waiving the \$4.95 service fee for these orders, to encourage customers to try Click2Go.

The grocery deliveries may be helpful to other customers, such as the newly-eligible disabled veterans. During the pandemic, shoppers at many locations have struggled to get onto installations at times, because of base access restriction due to the pandemic.

Officials have also implemented online payment for Click2Go as locations have received their new cash register technology. About 70 percent of stores have that capability now, Moore said, adding that he expects all the remaining stores to have it by next Spring.

Over a decade ago, commissary officials dipped their toe in the water of home delivery, but the contractors' offerings were limited to items like pre-made gift baskets — not products like fruits and vegetables, meats, diapers, and the plethora of discounted items available in commissaries.



## Verse of the Day

***Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.***

**Philippians 2:12 KJV**

## Condolences:

**It's with a heavy heart that I inform you that our Brother Tony Hall a long time member of the Veterans for Christ, Inc. passed away Nov 1, 2021**

## **YOU TOO CAN BE A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS FOR CHRIST, INC.**

Sign up online to become an associate member. The annual associate membership of \$120.00 which can be used as a tax deduction for supporters. Registration fees can be paid online through our PayPal account. You will get a free VFC T-shirt with your associate membership. Your tax deductible membership fee will support the VFC mission.

All Honorably Discharged Veterans are welcome to come and observe the VFC; feel free to ask questions and learn more. If we don't know the answer we know someone who does. Please browse our web site [www.veteransforchristinc.org](http://www.veteransforchristinc.org). There you'll find information on many subjects of interest to veterans. You'll also find a Newsletter for your branch of service and links to Social Security and many other links with an abundance of information.

Our monthly meetings are on hold until the pandemic is cleared and a vaccine is developed. No meetings are being held at the Wesley Chapel Library at 2861 Wesley Chapel Rd., Decatur, Ga. Our meetings are the fourth Wednesday of every month and start at 6:30 (PM) for approximately one hour and a half, unless otherwise advertised. We will be respectful of your time.

Thank you for your interest in the VFC. We look forward to communicating and fellowshiping with you soon. We are looking for a corporate sponsor for our VFC Gerald Prince College Scholarship which is donated each September at our Anniversary Luncheon

"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, being men of courage, be strong." 1Cor 16:13

Sincerely,

*William A. Harris, Jr.*

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President, Veterans for Christ, Inc.

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## **Need to contact VA?**

[Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255](#) and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255

[Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838](#) or [Chat](#)

[White House VA Hotline: 1-855-948-2311](#)

## **Don't know what number to call?**

[1-800-MyVA411 \(800-698-2411\)](#) is never the wrong number