

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans



Ending Veteran Homelessness in Minnesota



Our Mission

To end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota

Our Vision

To provide assistance throughout Minnesota to Veterans and their families who are homeless or experiencing other life crises leading to homelessness

Message from Nathaniel Saltz, Program Director

To end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota, a critical first step is identifying each and every Veteran who is homeless in the State. While this may sound like a daunting task, we have been well on our way now for some time. The Homeless Veteran Registry, a statewide by-name list of Veterans known to be experiencing homelessness, serves not only as a database to track progress towards our goal, but as a tool to case plan and solution-mine for every Veteran on the list.

As other community systems of tracking and serving homeless individuals and families have come online within the past year, it has become particularly crucial to build bridges with our partners to ensure that any homeless Veteran appearing on a community list is

also on the Veteran Registry for access to Veteran-specific resources. A key goal for this fall is aligning systems and partnerships to improve our inflow tracking. This will ensure that every Veteran experiencing homelessness is receiving access to the services for housing, employment, and legal interventions that they are eligible for and need.



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EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Give to the Max Day 2018 is November 15th!!

Mark your calendars for one of our biggest fundraising events of the year! On Give to the Max Day, every gift made to MACV will be entered into additional prize drawings for a GiveMN Golden Ticket, which will be awarded as often as every 10 minutes. Your gift of \$10 or more could instantly turn into an extra \$500, \$1,000 or even \$10,000 for us! Help us reach our goal of \$30,000 in donations this year by [clicking here](#) and becoming part of the solution to ending Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.

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Upcoming Telethon Dates
December 5th
December 19th

This year, we are proud to once again collaborate with WCCO to host another fundraising telethon. Funds raised from the telethon will go towards serving Veterans in Minnesota who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Over the holiday season, this type of support from our community makes a special difference for our Vets to help them have a place to call home during the holiday season.



December 13th
Home for the Holidays Event

Home for the Holidays is a WCCO sponsored event in collaboration with MACV to provide a holiday meal to Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Key community partners will be onsite to provide wrap around services to Veterans and their families who attend. Last year, we served over 150 Veterans and their families and we look forward to continuing this service.



If you have questions about this event, please reach out to us at mac-v@mac-v.org. More event details will be posted on our [website](#) and [facebook](#).

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

We are pleased to announce the opening of our

second transitional home built in collaboration with BATC Housing First Foundation, Lennar Builders and trade partners. In addition to these key partners, we also want to extend a special thanks to the organizers of the Salute to Service Women Golf Classic who raised funds to furnish the home. This 5 bedroom transitional home will provide a safe environment for homeless women Veterans as they work on their housing plans towards self sufficiency. As they move out, we can move more women Veterans into the home so that this home will have a long legacy of service to our community and our Veterans.

As Jon Lovald, our Chief Operation Officer noted during the opening ceremony, we say 'thank you' often to our Veterans but what our homeless Veterans need is action. The construction of this home was built from the 'action' of our community.

If you are interested in helping MACV expand our transitional housing inventory, either through a home donation or other means, please don't hesitate to take action and reach out to us at mac-v@mac-v.org.



View the news coverage by clicking the buttons below

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Left to right:
President MN. Division at Lennar Bill Burgess
BATC-Housing First MN. Foundation Board
President Stephen Roche
MACV Chief Operating Officer Jon Lovald



Left to right:
Maplewood Mayor Nora Slawik
BATC-Housing First MN. Foundation Manager
Donnie Brown
MACV Chief Financial Officer Brian Peterson

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October 2018 Highlights

North Region

Koochiching County Veteran Octoberfest Fundraiser

A couple hundred people filled the Union Hall to support local area Veterans with a wonderful silent auction, food, beverages, and incredible live music. If you missed this event, check out some of the live video of one of our most passionate supporters, Margarite, who just turned 99 years old last week and played the harmonica during the musical jam session. [Click here to watch the video!](#)



MACV COMEDY DINNER SHOW

The MACV Comedy Dinner Show was a HUGE success! The event was held October 5th at Northern Lights Banquet and Ballroom in Milaca, MN. Comedian John DeBoer provided top notch entertainment to approximately 225 people in attendance! The event raised over \$10,000 that will be used to assist Veterans in need within Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Cass, Crow Wing, Todd, and Kanabec counties. We also want to send a special thank you to all our table sponsors, top donors, and of course our volunteers- without you this night would not have been possible!



North Office Employee Recognition

A special congratulations to our North Office Employment Specialist Mr. Shane Rubel who received an award from our VA partners which reads, *"Shane has provided support and resources to Veterans including clothing, housing assistance, and other resources to help them reach their vocational goals. Shane's dedication and commitment to the VA's mission is both motivating and empowering as it allows Veterans to focus on their recovery. On behalf of the St. Cloud VA Health Care System and the many Veterans you have positively affected, thank you for your steadfast devotion."* We are certainly proud to have such a great team here at MACV.

Interested in joining our team? You can find our job postings on the [Minnesota Council of Nonprofits website](#) or email us at mac-v@mac-v.org



St. Cloud VA Medical Center Director
Stephen Black and MACV Case Manager
Shane Rubel



Metro Region

EDINA REALTY FOUNDATION

What an amazing gift! Our wonderful friends at Edina Realty Foundation and the Realtors of Edina Realty raised over \$24,000 this year for Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. Thank you for donating your time and effort to help end Veteran homelessness across Minnesota. This gift will go a long way to keep Vets warm this winter.



Left to right:
Ed Kaiser, Edina Realty Foundation Board Director
Joleen McFadden, Edina Realty Foundation Executive Director
Jon Lovald, MACV Chief Operating Officer
Brian Peterson, MACV Chief Financial Officer
Kara Egan, Edina Realty Foundation Board Director
Greg Mason, Edina Realty Home Services CEO

2018 Stillwater Oktoberfest Fundraiser

The 2nd annual Oktoberfest Fundraiser kicked off this year at the Minnesota Army National Guard Stillwater Readiness Center. The fundraiser raised over

\$12,000 to help end homelessness for Minnesota Veterans. The event included a terrific silent auction, pull tabs, games, face painting, and delicious food donated by local area businesses. The mayor of Stillwater, Ted Kozlowski, spoke at the fundraiser followed by incredible music from Chris Snyder, John Gangl, Paul Mayasich and James Regan throughout the afternoon. MACV would like to extend a very special 'Thank You' to the sponsors/major donors, individual donors, business donors, and Donnamae Glass, Mike Seggelk, Brad Gilbert, and Kevin Tholen who were the core team of volunteers who made this event happen!



Attendees viewing the great silent auction items



Great music from the bands



Rebecca Carlson, David Nguyen, Nate Martineau, Donnamae Glass, Kevin Tholen, Mikaela Hunley, Nicole Paul

South Region

MANKATO STAND DOWN EVENT

The MACV Mankato Stand Down event occurred at the Verizon Wireless Center on Oct. 20th and was a huge success with 274 Veterans in attendance that were served by 45 vendors. Several Veterans in attendance were identified as homeless and are now being connected to community resources to help them back into housing. Onsite services such as free lunch, clothing, VA benefit information, legal assistance, housing and employment assistance, referrals, haircuts, public benefits and much more were provided.



Vendors and Veterans connecting at our Mankato Stand Down event



Veterans receiving free haircuts



To learn more about MACV and view our upcoming events, check us out



MACV team members: Mark Bullen, Ryan Frank, Guy Sing, Justin Larson, Sadie Rezac, Sue Worlds, Kevin Beichler, Mike Montalto

MEET OUR TEAM



Kelsey Dooley **North Region Employment Specialist**

My name is Kelsey Dooley and I have been with MACV for about a month now as the Northern Region's Employment Specialist. I received my bachelor's degree from SCSU in sociology and my master's from Hamline University in nonprofit management. Since moving to Duluth, I have worked in both the nonprofit and for-profit sectors but I was really drawn to the work done by MACV and was thrilled at the opportunity to be part of the mission. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and getting outside to enjoy all the beauty Northern MN has to offer.

Lisa Lauzon **North East Continuum of Care (NECoC)** **Case Manager**

My name is Lisa Lauzon and I am the new NECOC Case Manager for MACV in Duluth. I have a Social Work degree and 20 years of experience working with the disabled community in St. Louis County, including veterans with disabilities which is how I came to know MACV. I love living in Lakeside in Duluth just below Hawk's Ridge and I enjoy many of the

opportunities the area provides to get outside and be active –cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, fishing, camping, gardening, paddling on the “big lake” (Lake Superior) and you can often find kicking back and cooking outdoors over our campfire pit in Lakeside with my husband and two children.



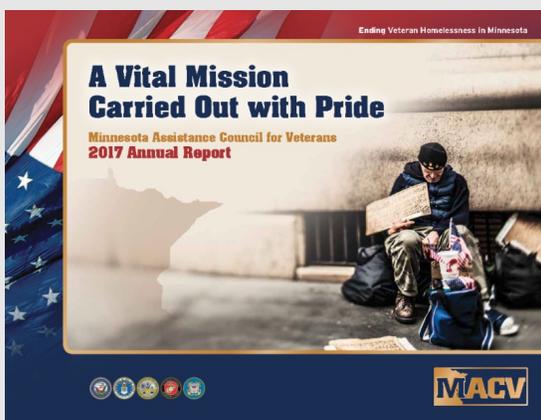
Luis Campero
North Region Employment Specialist

My Name is Luis Campero. I spent almost two years as an SSVF Case Manager with a partner agency, I love working with Veterans. I have a six year old daughter and in my spare time am active in the American Legion and the DAV.

Upcoming Legal Clinics



Please [click here](#) for full listing of Legal Clinics



2017 Annual Report

2017 was a year of remarkable growth both in internal infrastructure and external relationships. To learn more about our amazing year, please click the link below to view our Annual Report.

[View our 2017 Annual Report here](#)

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