

## 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 Neal Loidolt, President & CEO

I am excited to report that 2018 was a very good year. Internally, we have implemented new systems to improve and streamline case management, resource allocation, and property management. With the introduction of Salesforce, our reporting accuracy is significantly improved, and our processing timelines and error rate significantly reduced. Thanks to all members of the MACV team and our partners for your energy and professionalism throughout this process. Externally, we continue to expand our network of partners willing to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota. With the addition of new partners like WCCO, the Minnesota Twins, and the Minnesota Lynx, we are reaching audiences previously untouched or unaware of the Veteran homelessness issue. By informing the general public through these partnerships, we educate those willing to learn and multiply our efforts with the

support of local communities. More local awareness has increased our Stand Down participation and created more opportunities to contact more Veterans in need of our services. Ending Veteran homelessness is truly a team effort and I feel so very fortunate for the passion and dedication of so many people involved in this mission. No American Veteran should be homeless because no American should be homeless. If we can't solve Veteran homelessness, we will not solve homelessness overall. Thank you for working to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.



Best Regards,

*Neal Loidolt*

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### FUNDRAISING PHONE BANK DECEMBER 5TH AND DECEMBER 9TH

Tune into WCCO Channel 4 at the following times and call in to make a donation. Your life-changing gift will help a homeless Veteran and their family finally be home for the holidays.

- 6:00 am-7:00 am
- 9:00 am- 10:00 am
- 12:00 pm-12:30 pm

- 5:00 pm- 5:30 pm
- 6:00 pm-6:30 pm
- 10:00 pm-10:30 pm

(Times are the same for both dates)





This year, **key community partners have joined MACV to provide matches.** What does this mean? It means even a **small donation from you can be doubled to help a Veteran and their family in need.** Help us to make a difference-when you see the number on the screen, call in to make a donation.

### **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 supportive 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](mailto:mac-v@mac-v.org)  
More event details will be posted on our [website](#) and [facebook](#).*

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## **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

### **Operation Hat Trick**

This month, we would like to extend a



special thanks to KBJR6 TV in Duluth along with Operation Hat Trick, and Mackenzie Joyce, an alum from the University of New Hampshire, and a former Field Hockey player for their continued donation and support. This November, their fundraising efforts generated \$10,000 for our Duluth area Veterans. Their actions are an example of how our community can come together to combat and end Veteran homelessness. On behalf of our team at MACV, and the Veterans we serve, thank you.

*Want to join our cause? Consider doing a fundraiser to benefit Veterans in Minnesota who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Reach out to us at [mac-v@mac-v.org](mailto:mac-v@mac-v.org)*

## The Spirit of Minnesota Tribute Bell

The “Spirit of Minnesota Tribute Bell” is being cast at the Verdin Bell Company in Ohio. The bell will be unveiled in Minnesota in December in Minneapolis. The bell was cast with the melted-down military medals, dog tags and coins donated by Minnesotans, and will be displayed by MACV at future military and Veteran events.

Stay tuned for more info to come on this amazing project.





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**THE SPIRIT OF MINNESOTA**  
TRIBUTE BELL



**Live Bell Casting**

Nov. 27	Nov. 28
10AM	11AM
2018 4PM	4PM

(Eastern Standard Time)

[youtube.com/verdin1842](https://youtube.com/verdin1842)

You're invited to "tune in" to Verdin's YouTube page ....  
and watch us live stream the casting of the Spirit of  
Minnesota Tribute Bell made possible by Wells Fargo.

[Tribute Bell Update Video](#)



## November 2018 Highlights

### North Region

#### Duluth Veterans Cemetery



At 2pm on November 11th, 2018 the Keeney family helped raise the flag for the first time at the new Duluth Veterans Cemetery. On this cold, snowy November day we not only got to remember those that have sacrificed their all to this wonderful nation, but the Duluth community took part in the first burial in the brand new Veterans Cemetery, and laid to rest one of our own - Vietnam Veteran and former MACV Regional Director-Durbin Keeney. For those that had the privilege to work with or know Durbin, he was a bulldog and was the kind of advocate any Veteran would want on his or her side. He never took no for an answer. Representing MACV at the service were Northern Regional Leader Kevin Beicher and Northern Programs and Outreach Manager Paul Pedersen.



### Metro Region

#### Keys to Progress Auto Giveaway

This year MACV was once again honored to be the recipient of a donated vehicle from the Progressive Keys to Progress program. The vehicle will be used to support our case managers and front line staff to get to critical meetings in the community, serve our Veterans, and overall aid the organization in our mission to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota. Because we serve Veterans throughout the state, this vehicle will go a long way in making sure we can do our job. This donation was made possible through the efforts of the National Auto Body Council, Progressive Insurance, and was rebuilt courtesy of Abra Auto Body Repair who did an incredible job with the



vehicle.



*From left to right:*

- Neil Strube, National Repair Compliance Manager
- Noah Metzger, General Manager, Abra Savage, MN
- Dan Larson, MN District Manager
- Jay Bornhorst, MN Market Vice President
- Amy McCallister, Business Development Manager
- David Nguyen, MACV Operations Manager
- Lori Nelson, Customer Service Representative, Abra Burnsville, MN
- Steve Schmitt, General Manager, Abra Apple Valley, MN
- Ken Lanier, Abra Central Region Sr. Vice President
- Ed Jones, General Manager, Abra Burnsville, MN

**tapping  
PARTY**

**Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**

Rock Bottom is teaming up with  
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans to  
Tap a new brew, New Beginnings IPA.

### **Rock Bottom Brewery Tapping Party- Minneapolis**

This hugely successful event drew crowds of people to Rock Bottom Brewery on Wednesday November 7th to tap a new brew, New Beginnings. 15% of all sales on tapping day went to benefit MACV as well as 25 cents from every pint.

Thank you to the hardworking team at Rock Bottom Brewery in Minneapolis, this was a terrific event!

***Interested in doing a fundraiser for  
MACV?***

***Reach out to us at [mac-v@mac-v.org](mailto:mac-v@mac-v.org)***

### **Pints for a Purpose-Tin Whiskers St. Paul**

Whats better than drinking great beer?  
The answer is drinking beer to support a great cause in your community. This first time ever event occurred at the Tin



Whiskers Brewing Company in St. Paul and we hope to do it again next year.

**PINTS FOR A PURPOSE**  
**NOV 8TH // 4-10PM**

**MACV**

\$1 from every pint, bottle, & growler sold will help end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.

## South Region



### 3rd Annual Chilifest

On November 17th, the South Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon hosted its 3rd annual Chilifest from 11am to 2pm at the Morson-Ario-Strand VFW Post 950. The event included a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, dart tournament, and face-painting.

Members of our MACV team joined the event to raise awareness of our mission and of course, to have the best Chili in the world.

Photographed from left to right: Chayton Frank, Ryan Frank and Michael Rezac

### Incredible Donation Story

This young lady Hannah from New Prague High School had to do a community service project for her American Civics class. She choose to put out donation boxes in the community and what was donated was given to Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. We received 7 boxes of items ranging from clothing for both men and women, bags, hygiene products, hats, and gloves. It is amazing what this young lady did for MACV and we are so grateful for individuals like Hannah that help make a difference in someone's life!!



From left to right: Sadie Rezac and Hannah

## Upcoming Legal Clinics





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