

# MOVING TOWARDS FUNCTIONAL ZERO



## Rare, Brief and Non-Recurring

MACV embraces the US Interagency Council on Homelessness vision to end Veteran homelessness. This objective is accompanied by criteria and benchmarks for communities that strive to achieve this goal. The goals for communities include: identifying all Veterans experiencing homelessness; providing shelter immediately to an unsheltered Veteran who wants it; providing service-intensive transitional housing only in limited instances; having the capacity to help Veterans swiftly move into permanent housing; and having the resources, plans and partnerships to assist Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the future.

## Minnesota Homeless Veteran Registry

MACV works closely with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs and the innovative Minnesota Homeless Veteran Registry. Veteran homelessness should be rare, brief and non-recurring, and the Minnesota Homeless Veteran Registry ensures that all partners are coordinated in our efforts. Ending Veteran homelessness requires addressing issues one Veteran at a time.



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## Continuums of Care

The Minnesota Homeless Veteran Registry has helped more than 1,800 people find long-term housing since December 2014. The West Central, Southwest, Northwest and Northeast Continuum of Care regions reached zero Veteran homelessness in 2017 and 2018. In 2019, the River Valley Continuum of Care region, which consists of 20 counties in southcentral and southeast Minnesota, became the fifth of ten Continuum of Care regions to make this declaration in Minnesota.



## From a Veteran: Michael Aune

Army Veteran Michael Aune left military service and became homeless, a condition exacerbated by pain killers. Through housing and treatment assistance with MACV, Michael has emerged as an involved example to other Veterans. Reflecting on what path his life might have taken if not for MACV, Michael said, "At my age, with my medical conditions, I would have died. MACV saved my life."