**MACV NEWSLETTER -July 2021** 



### **Eviction moratorium off-ramp announced**

The statewide eviction moratorium due to nonpayment of rent is coming to a close. Phasing out this protection potentially opens a new phase of crisis for Veterans across Minnesota.

MACV is committed to supporting Veterans recovering from the pandemic's economic impacts head-on. If you or a loved one needs help, reach out to us <a href="here">here</a>. For those interested in supporting Veterans facing homelessness, please consider donating <a href="here">here</a>.



#### MACV in the news

# MACV secures major funding from U.S. Department of Labor

The U.S. Department of Labor announced the recipients of Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program funding for 2021-22. MACV, the only organization awarded this vital employment services funding in Minnesota, received \$378,750.



Link to Story



# **American Legion Post 39 Auxiliary goes** above and beyond

Longtime MACV supporters American Legion Post 39 Auxiliary Unit recently discussed their important work creating move-in kits for MACV Veterans. Find out more about the Auxiliary in Minnesota Legionnaire's June newsletter, page 15!

Link to story

#### In remembrance

#### **Bob Anderson**

Bob began working as a MACV employee in September 2018. He immediately made a difference in our clients' employment journeys by translating Veterans' skills into resumes, business cards and digital networking. He helped over 200 Veterans find meaningful employment over the past 3 years before passing away on May 25.



We will miss Bob for years to come, and invite you to read more about his remarkable life below.

#### **Bob Anderson Obituary**



## **Rick Ballintine**

Former MACV Board Member Rick Ballintine passed away on June 19. His family has requested that donations be made to MACV.

We thank the Ballintine family for thinking of us during such a difficult time, and extend our condolences to Rick's loved ones. MACV will always be grateful for the leadership shown by Rick and his commitment to serving Veterans.

#### Rick Ballintine obituary

#### Volunteer with MACV

Volunteering with MACV connects you with our vibrant community while contributing to the end of Veteran homelessness in Minnesota. If you would like to volunteer or receive notifications of potential opportunities, click the link to update your contact information and complete a short survey to let us know more about your individual or group skills.



Sign up to volunteer

### MACV acquires donated property in Stillwater area



MACV is thrilled to announce our first-ever property acquisition in the Stillwater area! Donated by siblings Brian and Brianna DeFore from their late father's estate, we want to recognize the many individuals who facilitated this exciting development over the last few months.

Brian DeFore first learned about MACV after posting a question on a local community forum about donating a house to a Veteran in the Stillwater area. Ted Head, who knew of MACV through his involvement in a local Beyond the Yellow Ribbon chapter and employment at Ecolab, reached out to "make sure [DeFore] was for real" since the opportunity seemed too good to be true. After confirming that this was a legitimate opportunity, Head connected DeFore to MACV Chief Financial Officer Brian Peterson.

Transferring ownership of a property via donation is a long and complicated process, and MACV benefitted from the commitment and expertise of several Edina Realty staff to make the transaction happen. Edina Realty Title President Brad Fisher helped review and record the documents needed to complete the transfer because "whatever we can do to help MACV, we'll do."

Attitudes like those shown by these stakeholders can truly move mountains, making a complex and intimidating process run as smoothly as possible. We are blown away by the

generosity and patience shown by Ted Head, Brian and Brianna DeFore, Brad Fisher, and David Brandell over the past 6+ months. To learn more about the remarkable team which came together for this process, check out the full article here!

### Letter from a young MACV supporter

Thank you so much for letting my family come and visit you at your office! I never thought having a lemonade stand would lead to getting interviewed and seeing just about the nicest person there is! I hope you know this, but you change so many lives, and you make them one billion times better! I really, truly appreciate all you do and have done for my family, and those and their families around you.

> Sincerely, Olivia L. Williams Age 11







## **MACV:** Back in the community

Sometimes the best way to tell MACV's story is through fewer words and more pictures. We hope you enjoy learning what our staff, stakeholders and Veterans have accomplished in the last month. We know one thing for sure: MACV is loving summertime, and hopes you are too!

### 2021 Salute to Servicewomen Golf Classic









## Minnesota V4V Annual Boat Cruise for MACV









## **Upcoming events**

Eagle Group Virtual Job Meeting: Tuesdays (weekly), 5pm - Join Online

Online Interviewing Skills: Thursday (weekly), 1pm - Request Invite

CareerForce Veterans Virtual Career Fair: Thursday, July 29, 1-3pm - Registration

The Wall That Heals in Rice: Aug. 19-22 - Event Page

**Tribute Fest**: Aug. 26-28 - Bayfront Festival Park, Duluth- <u>Tickets</u>

Military Appreciation Day at MN State Fair: Tuesday, August 31 - More info

**Golf Tournament at Deer Run**: Wednesday, Sept. 1 - Registration

**Tee It Up for the Troops**: Monday, Sept. 13 - Sign Up

Traveling Vietnam Wall in Mankato: Sept. 29-Oct. 3 More Info

**Edina Realty Night Light Gala**: Friday, Nov. 5 - <u>Link to Foundation</u>

For more events, check out our **Upcoming Events** page at www.mac-v.org.

# **Donor spotlight**



White Castle Systems, Inc.

As part of a competition with other White Castle franchises, local White Castle stores generated donations for MACV as part of their round-up program. The group raised more than \$20,000 for MACV programs and services over a course of a few weeks, presenting the check to MACV in June! Our whole team is blown away by this group's commitment to serve their community and give back to local Veterans. We are beyond grateful for the support shown by White Castle staff, and can't wait to build on this partnership. Thank you!

#### **U.S. Bank**

U.S. Bank generously supported the Salute to Servicewomen Golf Classic with a \$2,500 donation. The event, which benefits women Veterans served by MACV, has received contributions from U.S. Bank for several years. Thank you for your steadfast support!





#### **DAV Chapter 37**

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 37, located in Rochester and affiliated with Mayo Clinic, donated \$1,000 to support our Rochester resource fair in July. This chapter is a first-time donor for MACV, and we appreciate their generosity as we get back into the community!

#### **Forest Lake Lions Club**



MACV is thrilled to receive a surprise donation from the Forest Lake Lions Club. Their contribution of \$1,000 helps us serve Veterans in the Forest Lake area, and we appreciate the remarkable support shown by this group. Thank you!



#### **Hennepin County Bar Foundation**

Our friends over at HCBF have donated to MACV's Vetlaw program since its establishment ten years ago. Most recently, we received a \$5,000 grant for serving Hennepin County residents, and appreciate steady support from partners like HCBF. Thank you for your continued generosity!

#### **American Legion Post 599 - 3M**



AL Post 599 has donated food to MACV's Maplewood transitional housing property for years, with their most recent delivery valued at \$500. Our residents and staff thank you for this unique donation from such a great group!

### Thank you to last month's donors

#### Annual Gifts over \$50,000

**Bob Woodruff Foundation** National Guard Support Our Troops Fund Minnesota Masonic Charities

#### Gifts over \$100

Greg Mohwinkel Household J.P. Pawluk Household Thomas Kivel Household

City of Duluth

Gifts over \$5,000

White Castle Systems, Inc.

Hennepin County Bar Foundation

Gifts over \$1,000

DAV Chapter 37

David Michaelson Household

Allen Thompson Household

U.S. Bank

Lions Forest Lake Club

**Butzow Family Foundation** 

Ronald & Debra Schulz Household

S.H. Engen Household

Darren Maturi Household

Gene Sandler Household

Leona Stevens Household

Fleet Reserve Association, Viking Branch

Julie and Mark Switzer Household

Vicky Kline Household

Zachary Headrick Household

Minnesota Veterans Home



## You can help end Veteran homelessness

Hope is on the horizon. Many of us are looking to the months ahead with hope for renewing the parts of life we put on hold for the past year.

Minnesota nonprofits and schools are working hard to help keep us healthy, meet basic needs, and gather around common goals, interests, and experiences. They are also addressing the long-term economic impacts of the pandemic, which puts even more Veterans at-risk of homelessness.



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