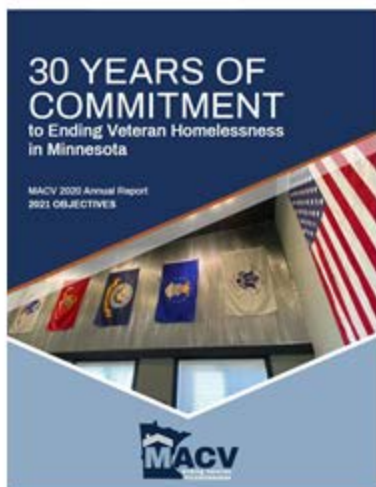




## MACV in the News

[Our 2020 Annual Report is ready to view online!](#)



We are excited to share our Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) 2020 annual report. As we continued the fight to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota, 2020 was unprecedented in terms of new challenges but also enhanced by the support shown by our donors and partners. This galvanized our commitment to serve the most vulnerable individuals in our society. We thank you for your generosity during such a demanding year. MACV approached the instability of 2020 firmly resolved to continue providing a safety net on which Veterans in crisis could depend. Staff transitioned to a remote work model in early March 2020; thanks to the diligence of MACV leadership, this transition resulted in a stable operating environment ever since. We created new initiatives which

build on the three service pillars MACV utilizes to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota: housing, employment, and legal assistance. You can read more about how we addressed the evolving needs of Minnesota's Veterans while staying true to our roots as a housing-focused basic needs agency through initiatives like Justice Involved Veterans, street outreach, and our hotel shelter program.

Our team grew by nearly a dozen staff members and we continued to grow or establish relationships with a variety of for- and non-profit partners throughout Minnesota. We also celebrated another region's declaration of a functional end to Veteran homelessness in Minnesota in 2020, with another region on track to officially declare this status in 2021. Your help makes this kind of growth possible, and we are deeply grateful for the unforeseen outpour of donor generosity during end-of-year campaigns like Home for the Holidays which far surpassed anything we could have imagined.

### Gifts over \$100 continued

THOMAS KIVEL Household  
Laurel Meyer Household  
Gary Schott Household  
June Hubbell Household  
Virginia Van De Water Household  
Debbie Petschl Household  
Patrick Rouleau Household  
Diane Leither Household  
Karla Wagner Household  
Mary Wood Household  
Nancy Hasz Household  
Sheryl Kasella Household  
Nancy Schmidt Household  
Rebecca Geragi Household  
Wayne Anderson Household  
Bob Spehar Household  
Cayton Household  
Karen Feller Household  
Kathleen M. & Larry Voigt Household  
Kevin and Rita Hamernick  
Charitable Fund Household  
Louise Stevens Household  
Rosanna Chambliss Household  
Rosemary Baker Household  
Tammara Koppin Household



We hope you enjoy looking through MACV's 2020 annual report and find it a fulfilling reminder of why we relentlessly pursue the end of Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.

[Link to 2020 Annual Report](#)

## Metro Transit Homeless Action Team (HAT)

### Joining forces to find our Veterans



Members of our MACV Metro Team have been spending the evening riding along with the Metro Transit Action Tag (HAT). Joining with the HAT, our case managers had the opportunity to observe the Twin Cities peace enforcement team deescalate crisis and provide support to the mover vulnerable in our community.

*"We can learn so much from them! Something that I was able to experience first hand was how some of our clients have been living prior or at entry of our programs. From the streets, bus/train, to shelter, seeing this in person really helped me grow professionally and personally, and it will continue to positively impact my growths! I look forward to going on more ride along in the future!" - Shelbe Robertson, Case Manager*



## All VAHC eligible Veterans

**All VAHC eligible Veterans can now get the COVID-19 vaccine through the VA (Minneapolis VA and CBOCs).**

To schedule: Call 612-467-1301 weekdays 7:30-4:00. Vets must already be enrolled in healthcare to schedule or [go online for appointment information here](#).

The link above also includes lots of useful info, including weekend and CBOC clinic info. There are

## March is Women's History Month

### Celebrating Women's History Month



Malcalisha Jefferson, MACV Veteran, served in the U.S. Army from 2005-2017. During her time in service, she was stationed in Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Korea, Afghanistan, and Iraq. She also served in the Army Reserves in Kansas and North Carolina. Thank you for your service, Malcalisha!

*- Malcalisha Jefferson, United States Army, 2005-2017*

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### Celebrating Women's History Month



Jessi Atherton, MACV Board of Directors member, served in the Michigan Army National Guard from 2002-2006. She initially joined in response to 9/11 and to gain stability in her life. Through her time in service, Jessi found structure, independence, determination, resiliency, and strength, and also gained a sense of pride and worthiness. She served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, and served as a logistics specialist, combat linguist, and M203 gunner. She believes that, "I wouldn't be where I am now if I hadn't joined and had the experiences I did from the Army." She continues to serve as a registered nurse in suicide prevention at the VA, as well as being a part of the board of directors at MACV, Minnesota DAV, and a facilitator for Warrior Writers.

*- Jessi Atherton, Michigan Army National Guard, 2002 - 2006*

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Find more stories highlighting women making a difference in a Veteran's life on our [Facebook page](#).

## Partner Spotlight

### Fredrikson & Byron Foundation



We are proud to be awarded a \$7,500 grant from the Fredrikson & Byron Foundation. Over the past 8 years, the foundation has supported our Vetlaw program with over \$45,000 to continue their work to provide legal services to Veterans.

In addition to their generous financial contributions in support of the Vetlaw program, our partners at Fredrikson &

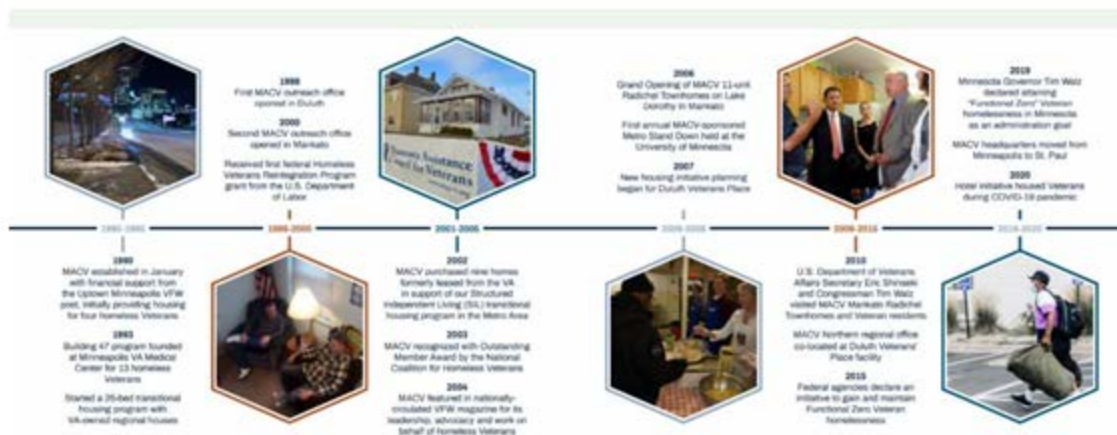


*Kind word from one of the families who received gifts provided by the Fredrikson & Byron Foundation: "I want to express my most sincere gratitude and am beyond grateful, thankful and there are not enough words to express how happy you made my family and me. We wish we could have given you all hugs and been able to tell you in person that you made Christmas so memorable. The past 1 ½ years have been extremely hard and emotional. You made the end of the year Great! Thank you so much!"*

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## Celebrating 30 Years of Success



The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans team of 63 people, over half of whom are Veterans themselves, is talented, diverse, and committed to ending Veteran homelessness. For thirty years, we have believed that no Veteran should be homeless, that homelessness is preventable and that we can end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.

## Upcoming Events

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

**Online Interviewing Skills:** Thursday (weekly), 1pm - [Request Invite](#)

**Ribbon Cutting North Minneapolis:** Wednesday, March 31 Time 1pm - [Request Invite](#)

**Lost Sanity Brewery Fundraiser:** Saturday, April 3, noon - [More Info](#)

**Running for Heroes 5K:** Sunday, May 16th, 8am - [Sign up](#)

**Salute to Service Women Golf Classic:** Tuesday, Jun. 22 - [Sign up now](#)

For more events, check out our [Upcoming Events](#) page at [www.mac-v.org](http://www.mac-v.org).

## Donor Spotlight



### Minnesota Masonic Charities

We extremely grateful to be awarded with a \$50,000 Mission Grant last month from the Minnesota Masonic Charities. It is an honor to receive this generous gift to continue our work to end Veteran homelessness.

Organizations like the Masonic Charities are longtime supporters of initiatives like ending Veteran homelessness, and we are grateful to the Masons who commit more than words of support to our cause. Thank you!

### Minnesota V4V

The Minnesota V4V Trust Fund believes that Veterans are an asset to our society. Over the past decade, V4V has been supporting MACV with the funds needed to help empower Veterans and provide solutions to housing and employment.

Thanks to everyone at V4V for challenging and providing Veteran organizations with the assets required for the highest quality of service.



## Kowalski's Market



Since 2015, Kowalski's Markets have made it possible for customers to round up their receipt and provide donations to MACV. These gifts have rounded up to just over \$8,000!

Thank you to everyone who took advantage of this little perk and to Kowalski's Market for supporting our mission and making it so simple to give.

## Thank You to Last Month's Donors

### Annual Gifts over \$50,000

National Guard Support Our Troops Fund  
Minnesota Masonic Charities

### Gifts over \$5,000

Hugh J. Andersen Foundation  
Fredrikson & Byron Foundation

### Gifts over \$1,000

VFW Post 1816  
Donna Wiiliainen Household  
Robert Bolstad Household  
Wayne Binfet Household

### Gifts over \$100

American Legion Auxiliary Post 0178  
Kowalski's Markets  
American Legion Post 0413  
CAF America C/O CyberGrants  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 0146  
Navigate Forward  
Greater Twin Cities United Way  
Jesse Nix Household  
Michael Pole Household  
Anne Simonet Household  
Neal & Elaine Bailey Charitable Gifting Account Household  
Neil Brede Household  
Sally Mortenson Household