



NEWSLETTER



February 2022

In The News

MatasCastillo elected Ramsey County Board Chair

MACV board member Trista MatasCastillo takes the gavel from Commissioner Toni Carter, who served as chair from 2020-2021. Commissioner Jim McDonough was named vice chair. MatasCastillo said her job as chair is to help the county manage and deliver on vision, values and priorities set by its board.

Since her time serving in two branches of the military, MatasCastillo has worked as a community organizer, policy leader, and consultant at several nonprofits including Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, MACV and the Minnesota Humanities Center. [Link to story](#)



Point-in-Time Count January 2022

Nearly 600,000 Americans are currently experiencing homelessness. That's twice the population of St. Paul. You might ask how professionals in the homeless service field determine this figure. As you might imagine, teams of supporters work together to count those experiencing homelessness during an annual event called a Place-in-Time (PIT) count. The PIT count helps providers like MACV ensure that we're not surprised by new statistics or influxes of new people needing supportive services. [Read more](#)



Service Providers Unite: Montevideo Job Fair

Last month, the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, Southwest Minnesota Careers and Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans joined forces to host a Jobs and Resource Fair at the Montevideo Community Center. The goal was to draw those seeking employment from throughout the area to meet with potential employers and learn more about what their companies offer. [Read the full story](#)



Ramsey County: Veterans Service Officers

In the fight to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota, MACV has several allies and partners willing to roll up their sleeves and do the hard work. Ramsey County Veterans Services is one of MACV's many counterparts which serve local Veterans with dignity, respect, and consistency. Veterans Service Officers (VSOs) advocate for Veterans and their benefits at the heart of their roles. Ramsey County alone is home to more than 25,000 Veterans. Every Veteran should connect with their VSO. [Read more.](#)



Client Story

His own Place. His own Space. JayDoo's Gratitude



JayDoo first contacted MACV as he was ending his time in corrections. A Veteran facing imminent homelessness once he got out, he knew he had to pursue every avenue to get help. So JayDoo made the call to the Justice-Involved Veterans team and hoped for the best. After a few phone meetings, JayDoo was approved for transitional housing and met MACV staff at his new transitional home in Minneapolis. Day one, MACV handed him the keys to his new home. [Read more.](#)

Valentines for Vets



Partner Highlights

Lennar's Commitment: Stable Housing for Veterans

The Lennar Foundation has committed \$300,000 to MACV this year for four housing projects throughout North Minneapolis. These new four-bedroom homes will include accessory dwelling units (ADU) to provide additional flexibility in housing options. These homes will help us provide a safe space for Veterans as they work with our staff to receive support and resources to move toward independent living. Since 2018, Lennar has completed five homes for MACV to use for transitional services. In that time, these homes have served 81 Veterans and family members. We are grateful to Lennar for their continued commitment to Minnesota's Veterans and our community.



Volunteering 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.



[Volunteer Today!](#)

Event Calendar

Virtual: Homeless Day on the Hill

March 9-11 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Veterans Resource Fair: Dodge Center

Dodge Center American Legion Post 384

March 26 from 2-7 p.m.

TEquity Services: Twin Cities

February 24 from 6-8 p.m.

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

Community Services

Folds of Honor: Serving the Families of Veterans

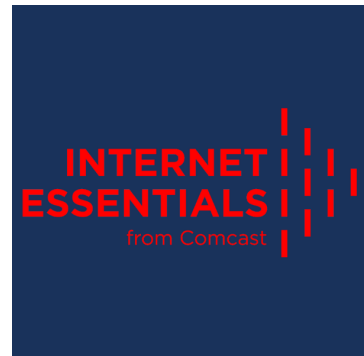
Folds of Honor serves the spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service members with scholarships. They ensure that military families receive the opportunity of K-12 or higher education. MACV is proud to highlight partners like Folds of Honor because of their dedicated service to the families of Americas Veterans.

[Visit their website or donate to their cause.](#)



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Comcast offers Internet Essentials at NO COST for people who qualify. Having internet today is a must, and if you've received a Pell grant, SNAP, Medicaid, housing assistance, or other social supportive services, you can receive free high-speed internet simply by applying. If this is something you want or need, visit InternetEssentials.com or call 1-855-846-8376 to make it happen. Additionally, you also can receive a new mobile line for \$15 a month. [Learn more here.](#)



Donor Spotlight

Synchrony Financial



Synchrony Financial has been a supporter of MACV for the past four years. Their corporate citizenship is a shining example. Their work to fight hunger, homelessness, and to expand access to education are some of the reasons we're proud to call them a partner. Last month they pledged \$3555.89 to help us end Veteran Homelessness in Minnesota, and we are very grateful. Thank you, Synchrony!



Disabled American Veterans

A big thank you to Department of Minnesota Disabled American Veterans, Ellsworth Fields, 1st Junior Vice Commander for the fantastic donations to MACV Southern Region. The donations and support you provide our community make a huge difference! MACV appreciates the steady support of DAV: the lives of our Veterans and their families are improved by your continued giving.

Thank you to last month's donors

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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.



Donate Today!

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