



# NEWSLETTER



## In The News

### **St. Louis County succeeds against homelessness among veterans**



St. Louis County has effectively ended homelessness among Veterans, Gov. Tim Walz announced in Duluth on Thursday. Courtney Cochran, who coordinates the effort for St. Louis County, said a list of 30 Veterans needing homes in 2019 has shrunk to three, and housing for that remaining number is being finalized. "We know there will always be more," she said, but Thursday's declaration means the county is placing Veterans in permanent housing within an average of three months, and that episodes of homelessness are rare and brief. [Read Full Article](#)

## Ribbon Cutting and Ground Breaking Celebration in Minneapolis



Since 2017, the partnership between [Housing First Minnesota](#) and [Lennar Minnesota](#) has constructed over 20,000 square feet of housing for Minnesota Veterans. Through this partnership, we built dignified quality housing for local nonprofits and Veterans at a fraction of the cost. Together we can all strive to do our part to tackle homelessness in Minnesota. [Check out our newest home in Minneapolis!](#)

## MACV Employee Spotlight

This week we are featuring **Sammy Maida**. Sammy is the Saint Louis County Housing Case Manager, which has him serving Veterans located all over the largest county (by land area) in Minnesota.

Sammy served over 14 years in the Minnesota and Wisconsin Air National Guard, as well as in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. He has also served as a member of the USAF Honor Guard.

[Read Sammy's Full Profile Here!](#)

Sammy, we thank you for your service to our country and local community.



## Volunteer with MACV

Summer weather is the perfect time to update our homes for Veterans. Local realtors and members of [Edina Realty Foundation](#) are helping us maintain, paint, and provide much needed updates to our Stillwater home. Edina Realty Foundation has provided over \$300,000 and countless volunteer hours over the past 10 years in order to give back to Minnesota Veterans and support of our mission.

[Check out all the photos from this group on Facebook!](#)



**Volunteer Today!**

## Partner Highlights

MACV thanks **Kim Larson**, a longtime MACV supporter, who recently teamed up with her colleagues at Fairway Mortgage to make a \$1500 donation to our organization! Ms. Larson is a Co-Branch Manager who specializes in underwriting mortgages for Veterans. In addition to her own work, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation and its local real estate professionals are passionate about giving back to the community. Associated REALTORS donate a portion of their commission to any charity of the client's preference. If clients do not pick a charity, the REALTOR® sends donations to MACV on their customer's behalf.

Ms. Larson and her colleagues presented MACV staff with the donation at a REALTOR conference on June 8. While the original donation was remarkably generous on its own, conference presenter American Warrior Initiative spontaneously decided to match the donation on the spot! All in all, MACV benefitted from \$3,000 in flexible funding to support our Veterans!

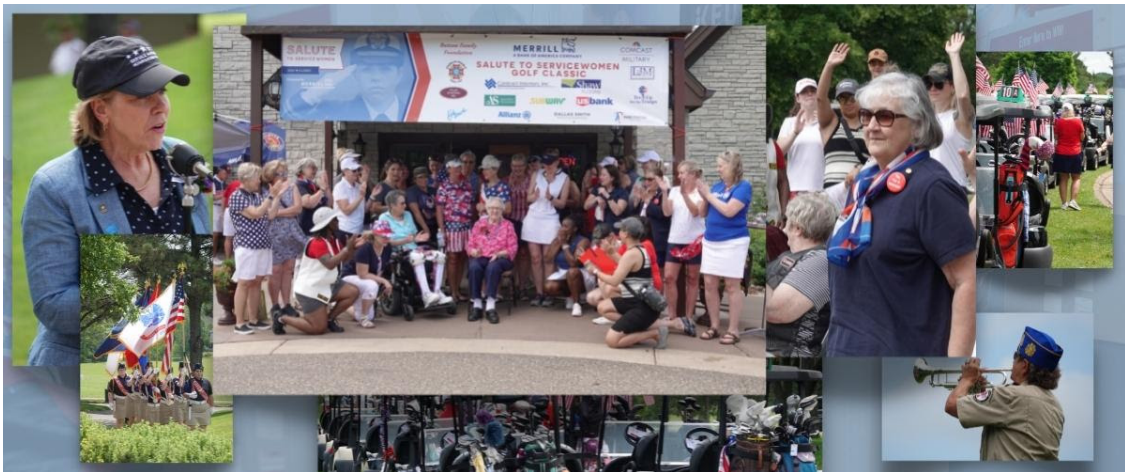
Special thanks to both the Fairway team and American Warrior Initiative for their generosity. To find out more about these two supporters, please visit the websites for [Kim Larson](#) and [AWI](#).





## Salute to Service Women Golf Classic

Another perfect Minnesota day for the 2022 [Salute to Service Women Golf Classic](#)! This annual event is hosted by women Veterans for women Veterans. Hosted at Prestwick Golf Club in Woodbury, MN, they continue to raise support for the unique needs of women Veterans and their families. Funds raised each year cover the transitional expenses from homelessness through stable housing, furnishing new housing units including MACV's innovative Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and single-family homes used by female Veterans. These funds also supply move-in kits. We are honored to have the powerful and determined team of volunteers provides these resources year after year.



## Event Calendar



**Mankato Veteran and Servicemembers Resource Event**  
17 July 2022

**Twin Cities Pride Festival**  
25 June 2022 - 26 June 2022

**Operation Zero Motorcycle Show**  
09 July 2022

**IGYSIX Benefit Ride**  
09 July 2022

**The Valor Cup 2022**  
28 July 2022

**22 and 2 No More Benefit Ride**  
31 July 2022

**MN National Guard Youth Camp Golf Charity**  
10 August 2022

**Local Heroes Day**  
18 August 2022

**Tee It Up for the Troops Mankato**  
29 August 2022

[See All Events!](#)

## Donor Spotlight



The **Ramsey County Bar Foundation** has given MACV's Vetlaw program \$17,500 for its services in the Ramsey County area. Their latest donation of \$1,000 comes after a year without Vetlaw clinics, and in the midst of our relaunch and expansion of this critical initiative to its regular workflow. Thanks to the Ramsey County Bar Foundation for their vote of confidence in our services!



**Wells Fargo Foundation** has donated more than \$310,000 to MACV since 2010. This funder is one of our steadiest supporters in terms of both grants, donations from individual branches, and sponsorships for MACV events. The latest Foundation grant helps us cover costs for acquiring a property to house Veterans exiting homelessness, filling a critical service gap for Veterans with complex barriers to housing stability. Thanks for your faith in MACV's work!



Special thanks to **American Veterans Group (AVG)**, a wealth management company which [donates 25% of their profits back](#) to Veterans organizations. MACV received a sizeable first time donation in May from AVG, directly impacting our capacity to serve Veterans in need. Thanks for your support!

**Thank you to last month's donors**



**Annual Donors over \$50,000**

Lennar Foundation  
Edina Realty Foundation  
Minnesota National Guard  
AMVETS Post 1  
Minnesota Masonic Charities  
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**Donations over \$10,000**

American Veterans Group  
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**Donations over \$1,000**

Ramsey County Bar Foundation  
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**Donations over \$100**

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**Donations over \$100 cont'd.**

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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.

**Are you a Veteran in need or  
know a Veteran that needs  
help?**

**612-726-1327**  
**Share our number.**



**Donate Today!**

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