



# NEWSLETTER



## In the News



### Gov. Tim Walz Signs Comprehensive Veterans Bill

Governor Tim Walz signed into law a comprehensive Veterans bill that aims to move the state toward ending and preventing Veteran homelessness. The bill also provides around \$25 million in service bonuses to Veterans and Gold Star families and funds more than \$10 million for Veterans' homes and cemeteries. The bill also includes funding for enlistment incentives for service members in the Minnesota National Guard. [Read Full Story.](#)



### Home Depot Foundation and Volunteers

#### Renovate MACV Home

Minnesota Veterans and their families are loving the new updates to our supportive homes. The Home Depot Foundation and the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans repaired and updated one of our homes in South Minneapolis last month. Volunteers updated the plank flooring, mulch and landscape outside of the home. [Watch the video to learn more.](#)



## BCDC Breaks Ground in Rochester for Veterans

The Rochester community helped break ground on the Pentagon House project, which creates an affordable housing opportunity for Veterans. A garage at the Mayowood Acres Campus will be developed into 6 studio apartment units to help homeless or low-income vets get back on their feet. Bear Creek Development Center plans to have the units move-in ready by the end of this year or early next year. [Watch the video to learn more.](#)

## MACV Employee Spotlight

Air Force Veteran **Paul Pedersen** is one of MACV's most established staff members. As a Housing Stability Program Specialist based in Duluth, Pederson shares that he considers it a privilege to work with the MACV Northern team.

"We see people in all stages of crisis and meet them where they are at and do our best to help them," explains Pederson. "The most rewarding part about our mission is helping someone and hearing a sincere thank you!" Read Paul's full profile [here](#).



## Partner Highlights



Special recognition goes out this month to **Ashley Stai, Junior Auxiliary President**, of the American Legion of Minnesota. For her service project, she chose to support MACV by raising \$7,137 and collecting items to complete move-in kits for Veterans settling into their new homes.

She was also the special guest of AL Post 172 Commander Larry Fonder for this year's Veteran's Day on the Hill and was the youngest participant to meet with state legislators that day. Ashley continues to serve Veterans in her community and shares the work with her grandparents, Mary & Bill Kuperus. We are touched and amazed by the generosity and dedication she committed to support ending Veteran homelessness. Ashley is proof that our future is in good hands.

## 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.



**Volunteer Today!**

## Event Calendar

**Veterans Community Center Grand Opening- ETS**  
**25 May 2022**

**Murph Challenge**  
**30 May 2022**

**MACV Free Legal Clinic - Anoka**  
**02 June 2022**

**Free Dental for Veterans**  
**11 June 2022**

**Salute to Servicewomen Golf Classic**  
**21 June 2022**

**IGYSIX Benefit Ride**  
**09 July 2022**

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

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

## Donor Highlights



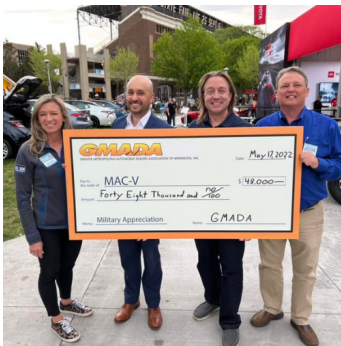
Community Solutions has partnered with MACV to roll out creative solutions for our Veterans to access long-term housing. Thanks for your support, Community Solutions!



[Operation Hat Trick](#), one of our steadiest supporters for MACV's work in northern Minnesota, has come through yet again for a seventh year of donating to our organization. Thanks for your faith in our work, Dot and team!



One of our newer funders, [White Castle Systems](#), has made another donation from their monthly round-up program. What a team, and what a commitment to our Veterans! Thanks again, White Castle.



Our hats off to the [Twin Cities Auto Show and GMADA](#) for their generosity and commitment to Veterans in Minnesota. We were blown away at the presentation of \$48,000 checks presented to MACV and DAV of MN. We are thankful to the GMADA dealers for helping generate the largest donation in the history of Military Appreciation Night.

**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  
Community Solutions

### **Donations over \$10,000**

Operation Hat Trick  
Sharon Bookin Household

### **Donations over \$1,000**

White Castle System  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Crow Wing Power Community Trust  
Martha Wren Household  
Minnesota State Bar Foundation  
James G. Lindell 1991 Trust  
Joyce Stensland Household  
Hoffer Family Fund  
VFW Post 494  
American Legion Post 44

### **Donations over \$100**

Robert G. Usselman Household  
Marsha Dale and William Hanson Household  
Dee Pierce Household  
Randee Ertz Household  
Ronald & Debra Schultz Household  
Katie Brooks Household  
Richard Martens Household  
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Douglas Rubio Household  
Elite Electrical Innovations LLC  
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Carol Kimmes  
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VFW Post No. 9433  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 207  
Krystal Hanson Household  
Darren Maturi Household  
Thomas Kivel Household  
Josephine Kleiber Household  
Jan Widmark Household  
Terrie Crosley Household  
St. Lukes Lutheran Church of Bloomington  
Bahram and Jane Mikrad Household  
Diane Bohlman Household  
VFW Post 1816  
Vicki Finlayson Household



## **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 the last two years.

Minnesota nonprofits are working hard to 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!**

