# NEWSLETTER



### In The News



## Apartment Building in South Minneapolis Opens for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

A partnership between Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans and Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs is expanding housing with a 17-unit apartment building in the middle of the Powderhorn neighborhood. Click here to read more!



### MACV recipient of 2022 Board of Governors Emmy

MACV is honored to have amazing partners that help us share dignified stories of the Veterans we serve. MACV, along with WCCO-TV, SnowGlobe Public Relations, and the Minnesota Twins received The Board of Governors Emmy Award for Home for the Holidays. You can learn about the night's highest award when you click here to read more!



### **A Permanent Home in Powderhorn**

Homes come in many different shapes and sizes. By the end of this year, 17 Veterans will call the powder-blue apartment complex that sits on the 3000 block of 14th Ave South in Minneapolis, theirs. Click here to read more!



## Minnesota National Guard's Court of Honor Induction Program Memorializes Ten at Camp Ripley

Family, friends, and service members gathered at the Gen. John W. Vessey Recreation Center on Camp Ripley near Little Falls, Minnesota, to honor ten individuals, inducting them into the Court of Honor on Oct. 2, 2022. Click here to read more!

### **Client Story**



### "This is the best neighborhood I ever lived in my whole life" -Herb, Vietnam Veteran

On a quiet street in Minneapolis, the neighborhood greeter and patroller can often be seen riding up and down the sidewalk on his motorized scooter. At 75 years old, Herb, a Vietnam War Veteran, feels blessed to be living in a permanent home. "This is the best neighborhood I ever lived in my whole life," he shared.

Herb spends his days looking out for others. He spends time chatting with the neighbors, mail carriers, and MACV staff who stop by his house. There is an accessory dwelling unit in his backyard, home to another Veteran, and Herb ensures he gets his mail. The VA hospital is right across the street, and Herb thanks the doctors and nurses he can see from his front porch.

When describing what he likes most about the neighborhood, Herb paused and said he "couldn't ask for better friendships around my house and in this neighborhood." It doesn't get much more neighborly than a self-described old-timer Vietnam War Veteran pulling out all stops for everyone around him. Click here to read more of Herb's story.

### **Feature Stories**

### Celebrating Veteran Housing in Minneapolis

Thank you to those who attended our Powderhorn Open House! We are thrilled to share MACV's newest initiative to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota. Decades of work have resulted in this moment, where we are more prepared than ever to serve the Veterans who have lived without a home for far too long. This building may look like any other apartment complex to passersby. However, the Powderhorn apartment building represents a cutting-edge movement to address long-term and recurring Veteran homelessness in the Twin Cities. Click here to learn more!





### MACV Attends 2022 Minnesota Council for Nonprofits Annual Conference

The MACV team was thrilled to join hundreds of nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers at the 2022 Minnesota Council For Nonprofits Annual Conference. The two-day event featured thought-provoking breakout sessions that allowed us all to network with other professionals in our field and learn together. Click here to learn more!

### MACV Presents on Innovative Housing Solutions

The 2022 Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless annual conference was two days of thought-provoking breakout sessions, networking time, and collaboration with over 600 individuals from across the state working to ensure every Minnesotan has a suitable place to call home. MACV is thrilled to be a part of the network of people and organizations collaborating and innovating to end homelessness thoughtfully in Minnesota. Click here to learn more!

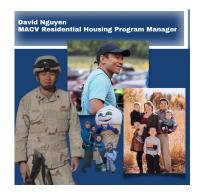


### **MACV** Employee Spotlight



We are featuring **Sadie Rezac!** Sadie is currently serving in the Minnesota Army National Guard and has been serving for 20 years. At MACV, she is the Regional Director for the South region and additionally is a lifetime member of the VFW and DAV! For her, one of the most rewarding parts of working for MACV is working alongside other staff who are "conducting amazing work day in and day out to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota. Those that served this great nation have sacrificed so much and should not have to worry about where they are going to lay their head at night or where their next meal is going to come from. They have done so much for us; it is our turn to sacrifice for them." Sadie, we thank you for your service to our country and to our community! To learn more about Sadie, click here.

We are featuring **David Nguyen**! David served active duty in the US Army's 82nd Airborne Division from 2001-2004 and in the Minnesota Army National Guard from 2005-2009. At MACV David is the Residential Housing Program Manager. For him one of the most rewarding parts of working for MACV is getting to "lead an amazing team to support the Veterans in our Residential Housing Program." David connected to MACV "while pursuing a Masters degree in Public and Non-Profit Administration, I was volunteering at another non-profit to help Veterans transitioning out of incarceration and back into the community. During my research, I was referring so many Veterans to MACV that one day, they reached out and offered me a job", he shared. To learn more about David, click here.



### **Partner Highlights**



### Handcrafted Furniture Helps Veteran Feel at Home

"Living here makes me feel safe, and this furniture in my room helps me make this house feel like a home" -Dan, Army Veteran

MACV is proud to connect Dan with **Wood-N-Hearts**. We are grateful for their partnership in providing stability and furnishings for Veterans like Dan, who made significant progress this year in finding a home and getting back on his feet. To learn more about Dan and Wood-N-Hearts, click here.

### Thank you, West Edge Investments!

Thank you, to Jacob, Jamie, Adam, and the rest of the **West Edge Investments** team for your continued support of MACV and our mission to end Veteran homelessness. Together, we are working diligently to prioritize affordable housing for Veterans to ensure they have access to quality residences. We believe that nobody who served our country should be without a home, and with partners like West Edge Investments, we are one step closer to achieving this goal. Click here to learn more!



### Volunteers

Thank you to the **Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs Debt Management Center** for coming out to volunteer with us. We appreciate your donated time and dedication to ending 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. We would love to know more about your individual or group skills.



**Volunteer Today!** 

### **Event Calendar**



Department of Minnesota American Legion Family Fall Conference

October 27th-October 29th, 2022

**Project Connect**October 27th, 2022

Objects of War: A Storytelling Circle

November 5th, 2022

2022 State of Minnesota Veterans Day Program

November 11th, 2022

**Honoring Veterans with Restorative Justice** 

November 11th, 2022

ChiliFest

November 19th, 2022

### **Donor Spotlight**



### **Built for Zero**

Our partnership with the Community Solutions' Built for Zero initiative continues to gain momentum in the fight to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota. BFZ uses a major award from the McKnight Foundation to fund specific projects like MACV's financial assistance to Veterans in Hennepin County which use proven methods for resolving homelessness and encouraging housing stability. Thank you, Built for Zero!

### **CenterPoint Energy Foundation**

This new funder approached MACV to focus on building supportive housing for Veterans. Months of conversation and mutual exploration led to this generous award just in time for our renovations to two of our recently acquired multiunit properties! Here's to many more years of fruitful collaboration, CenterPoint Energy. Thank you!



### Thank you to last month's donors

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### You Can Help End Veteran Homelessness

The seasons are changing and the end of the year draws near. Many Veterans need extra support for the months ahead.

MACV is focused on stabilizing Veterans facing a challenging stretch. We are also addressing the long-term economic impacts of the pandemic, which puts even more Veterans at risk of homelessness.



**Donate Today!** 

Our mailing address is: