

MACV NEWSLETTER



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In The News



VFW State Commander Selects MACV

MACV is proud to be selected for the Commander's Project by 2022-2023 VFW State Commander Dale Hooegeven and Auxiliary President Sonia Tatge! To learn more about the project and get an update from the Commander himself, read the article from the Official Publication of the Veterans of Foreign Wars- [Gopher Overseas' Volume 76, No. 2 click here!](#)



How MACV Is Working To End Veteran Homelessness

Military Appreciation Day at the State Fair, and special guest Jon Lovald, COO from MACV, joins WCCO live at the Fair to highlight the group's efforts. [Click here](#) to watch the video!



Tribute Fest Helps Raise Money For Local Veterans

The sound of live music filled the air at Bayfront for this year's Tribute Fest send-off. The two day concert brought out Veterans and community members to enjoy a festival that helps raise money for Veterans experiencing homelessness. To read more, [click here](#).

Feature Story

MACV Veteran Story: Pete

"Having a place to call home is great. It makes me feel human again" -Pete, housed Navy Veteran.

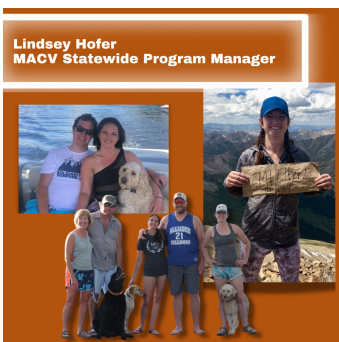
Prior to connecting with MACV housing case management at our office in Duluth, Pete was in and out of housing around the state and country. He waited for a Section 8 voucher but was unable to secure housing because of complications navigating the system alone. Then he found his case manager, Chris, through MACV, who placed him in transitional housing for stability while working with him and the MACV employment program.

After six weeks, the MACV Duluth housing team moved Pete out of transitional housing and into permanent housing. "When I moved in, the Duluth Elks and MACV supplied me with many household things, pillows, cleaning supplies, and additional items, and I am thankful for that." To read Pete's full story about his journey home, [click here](#).



"My advice to other Veterans who need help or are homeless is to reach out and ask for help and follow the resources. All the MACV staff have been supportive, friendly faces who have reached out to me and helped me along the way." Pete

MACV Employee Spotlight



Lindsey Hofer
MACV Statewide Program Manager

We are featuring **Lindsey Hofer!** Lindsey is the Statewide Program Manager for MACV, and she also serves on the Board of Directors for a St. Paul-based nonprofit, [Serving Those Serving](#). Lindsey has seen service time take a toll on her family members and feels called to help Veterans. She believes "housing is a human right, and Veterans deserve all the support we have to offer." Lindsey, we thank you for your service to our community. To learn more about Lindsey, [click here](#)!

We are featuring **Travis Spencer!** Travis is a MACV Residential Service Coordinator, and for him, one of the most rewarding parts of working at MACV is “the smile that you see when a Veteran or Veteran and their family moves into one of our houses.” Day-to-day interactions with the Veterans living in our transitional housing are Travis’ favorite part of the job. Travis has worked as a chemical dependency counselor for over 16 years. He shared, “Just being able to help people with moving forward in their life is something I love doing.” Travis, we thank you for your service to our community! To learn more about Travis, [click here!](#)



Partner Highlights

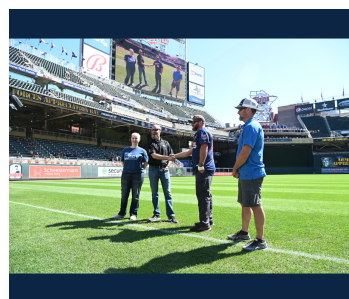
Female Veteran and Servicemember Retreat Provides Resources and Relaxation!



The third annual Southern Minnesota Women's Retreat, organized and run by Southern Beyond the Yellow Ribbon/Olmstead County and the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, was a success! Service providers, female Veterans, and female servicemembers gathered for a networking, de-stressing, and relaxing weekend. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Home Built for Veterans Celebrated at Minnesota Twins Game!

At the 9/11 Remembrance and 19th Annual Armed Forces Appreciation Day game, Lennar Minnesota handed over the key to the seventh of Lennar’s brand new homes for Veterans to MACV! [Click here](#) to learn more!



Volunteer with MACV

Thank you to Xcel Energy Minnesota for coming out to volunteer with us this past month on your Annual Day of Service. 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



**St. Cloud Technical
& Community
College
Veterans
Job/Internship Fair**
[September 26th, 2022](#)

**Minnesota
Coalition for the
Homeless Annual
Conference**

[September 29th-
September 30th](#)

**Minnesota Veteran
Suicide Prevention
and Awareness Day**

[October 1st, 2022](#)

**MACV Online
Auction Hosted by
Lavender Magazine
Ends**

[October 6th, 2022](#)

**St. Louis County
Health and Human
Services
Conference**

[October 12th-16th, 2022](#)

**St. Cloud Stand
Down Job Fair**

[October 20th, 2022](#)

**Department of
Minnesota
American Legion
Family Fall
Conference**

[October 27th-19th, 2022](#)

Donor Spotlight



Tee It Up For The Troops Golden Valley

Tee It Up for the Troops picked a beautiful day to host this year's annual golf tournament for the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans! Thank you to everyone that hit the links-making this one of our most successful summer fundraisers. Since 2011, Tee It Up For The Troops Golden Valley has raised over \$84,000. We are so grateful for the continued support!

Beyond The Yellow Ribbon of Chaska

Since the very first Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Chaska golf tournament benefitting MACV in 2018, they have raised over \$48,000 for Veterans experiencing homelessness. This year's tournament at Deer Run Golf Club was on a wonderful fall afternoon and was a completely sold-out tournament this year, and appearances from several Minnesota Vikings legends. The online auction goes until the 24th at noon. [Click here](#) to make your bids!





White Castle

White Castle raised over \$12,000 to help MACV! This donation is an incredible gift from their loyal customers rounding up a few cents each! We are grateful for this continued support from the General Managers and White Castle customers; it's support like this that helps us end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota!

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

Ameriprise
Synchrony Foundation

Donations over \$1,000

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 0251
Brad Biermann Household
Jerome J. and Ursula Choromanski Family Foundation
Fond Du Luth Casino
Fraternal Order of Eagles no. 269
Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary 269
Riverland Bank
Sherry Smith Household
VFW Post 6690
Wells Fargo Foundation

Donations over \$100

American Legion Post 0599 (3M)
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Beth Bednarek Household

Donations over \$100 cont'd

Corporate Wells Fargo Employee Giving
Terrie Crosley Household
DAV Auxiliary Unit 6
DAV Auxiliary Chapter 0010
Debby Evans Household
Kristi Fox Household
Fraternal Order of Eagles no. 269
Robert Graf Household
Margaret Hardet Household
Izzard for Douglas County
Amanda Kelting Household
Thomas Kivel Household
Josephine Kleiber Household
Taylor Maier Household
Darren Maturi Household
McGovern Household
Lynda & Steve Radzak Household
Krystel Russo Household
Mark A Schnuck Ann M Schnuck Household
Stock Tire Company
Erica G Strohl Household
Ed Sullivan Household
United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
VFW Post 1403
VFW Post 1816
VFW Post 1914
VFW Post 9433

You Can Help End Veteran Homelessness

Are you a federal employee or retiree? Join the 2022 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), donate to MACV #84275 today, and you can be the face of change!

Veterans need your help today. Do your part to end Veteran homelessness and donate to CFC before January 15th, 2023, by [clicking here](#) and selecting MACV to be your pledge recipient. Thank you for your support!



Donate Today!

