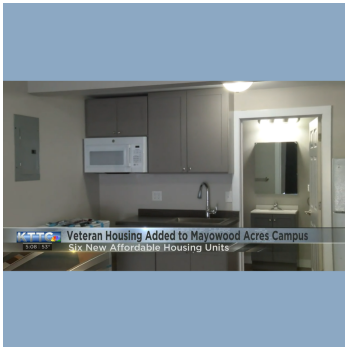




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In The News



Affordable Veteran Housing Opens in Southwest Rochester

Affordable housing can be difficult to come by in Rochester, especially for Veterans trying to get back on their feet. Rochester's Bear Creek Development Center has converted an old garage into six new and modern housing units for Veterans and given it the name of the "Pentagon House." Bear Creek Development Center partnered with MACV. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Governor Walz Signs Housing, Veterans Omnibus Bills Into Law

The Housing Finance and Policy omnibus bill includes \$1 billion for state-based housing vouchers, home construction, pathways to homeownership, and other housing assistance. The governor also signed the Veterans and Military Affairs finance omnibus bill, which he and lawmakers say will move the state closer to ending Veteran homelessness. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Feature Stories



Visit New Veteran-Owned Coffee Shop Trinity House Coffee

"You can't just be in business. You have to have a why. My why is we are giving back to the community and helping rebuild St. Paul." -Housed Army Veteran and Small Business Owner Gerry Exom

[Click here](#) to get a taste of premium Organic African coffee, fresh pastries, and a unique atmosphere at Trinity House Coffee. Meet Gerry Exom, the proud Veteran owner, and learn why Ms. Eileen visits daily!



2023 National Coalition For Homeless Veterans Conference

MACV's Sara Riegle, Colleen Salinas, Nathaniel Saltz, and Amanda Hooper presented on best practices and community collaboration to end Veteran homelessness at the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans conference in Washington, D.C. This year's conference theme was Building a Better Future, and MACV was proud to be a part of the largest gathering of community-based service providers working with Veterans. [Click here](#) to learn more!



Celebrating the Start of Summer at the Fair

This event was an opportunity to indulge in classic and unique State Fair food favorites, enjoy live music, activities and attractions, shop, and so much more. But stopping by our table was an opportunity to give back to our community, support local businesses and initiatives, and help Veterans experiencing homelessness in Minnesota. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Client Story



"My life has changed 100% because of MACV. A year ago, I wouldn't have been able to imagine myself where I am now." - Housed Air Force Veteran Chris

Chris found stability and support at MACV's Building 47. From there, he was able to stabilize himself and set a strong foundation for moving into his new home and his journey back to school. [Click here](#) to read the full story!

Partner Highlight: Wood-N-Hearts

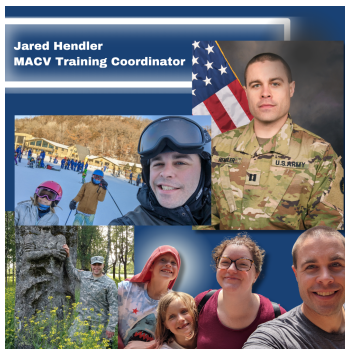


MACV Partners with Wood-N-Hearts to Provide Stability for Veterans

"I am so grateful for MACV and Wood-N-Hearts for changing my life." - Housed Air Force Veteran John

John worked closely with his MACV case manager, who was able to help him find an affordable place and assist him with making his house feel like home. John also furnished his new home with a generous furniture gift, thanks to Wood-N-Hearts. The nonprofit's mission is to provide furniture to Veterans rebuilding their lives, just like John. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Employee Spotlight



This month we are featuring Jared Hendler!

Jared currently serves in the Minnesota National Guard and has since 2009. He has always worked in human services or community corrections over the last 12 years. At MACV, Jared is the Training Coordinator who focuses on internally supporting the MACV team. Outside of MACV and drilling with the MNARNG, he enjoys spending time with his wonderful wife, Frances, two children, Maxwell and Lydia, and dog, Macey.

Jared, we thank you for your service to our country and our community! [Click here](#) to learn more!

Volunteer for Pets of MACV Vets



FOSTER PETS FOR MACV VETS

Help support a Veteran by temporarily providing a loving home for their pet, while MACV works to find a permanent housing solution.



[JOIN OUR INTEREST LIST NOW!](#)

Calling all animal lovers! Join us in providing a temporary home for some furry friends while their Veterans find permanent housing. We need volunteers to foster MACV clients' pets through Secondhand Hounds. Not only will you give these animals a loving home, but you'll also bring peace of mind to their Veteran owners. And don't worry about supplies -

Secondhand Hounds has you covered!

Click the link below to update your contact info and join our interest list. Let's make a difference together for these precious pets and their owners.

Volunteer Today!

Event Calendar



**The 2nd Annual
Minnesota
Statewide
Juneteenth
Celebration**
June 17th, 2023

**Salute To
Servicewomen
Golf Tournament**
June 20th, 2023

**Twin Cities Pride
Festival**
June 24th-25th, 2023

**IGYSIX Benefit
Ride**
July 8th, 2023

**Mankato Veteran
and
Servicemember
Resource Event**
July 8th, 2023

Donor Spotlight



Department of Minnesota Veterans of Foreign Wars

\$100,000 raised to support Veterans living in Minnesota!

Thank you, Commander Dale Hoogeveen, along with all the local VFW and VFW auxiliary groups that contributed to the commanders project. We appreciate your support as we work to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota!

Thank you to last month's donors

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