



In The News



MACV expanding housing to help unsheltered Veterans *and* teaching Veterans a new trade

MACV has good news to share about the impact of our supportive housing initiative targeting unsheltered Veterans. One such project, the reconstruction of Arlington House in St. Paul, involves apprentices from Carpenters Local Union 322. This team of professionals includes Veterans who are part of the Helmets to Hardhats program. This initiative aims to train military members to work in the trades. [Click here](#) to learn more!



MACV's CEO talks about the mission to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota

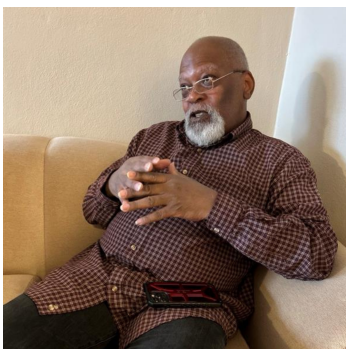
[Click here](#) to watch MACV CEO Neal Loidolt on WCCO mid-morning, explaining how we are on track to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota and how you can make an impact on the life of a Veteran looking for housing stability.



Minnesota Veterans attend outreach event in record numbers

More than 215 Veterans and 75 of their loved ones attended the Winter Salute on December 13, 2023, at Minnesota Twins ballpark Target Field in Minneapolis. More than 60 different organizations stepped up to help them, including MACV partner Patriotic Kenny. WCCO reporter and Gulf War Veteran Reg Chapman emceed the most impactful Winter Salute in seven years with MACV. [Click here](#) to watch a video of the event!

Featured Stories



How MACV helps Veterans over 55 find homes

Nearly 50% of those who find housing through Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans are over the age of 55. Navy Veteran Edward Neal, Jr. was living his dream. Then, in the blink of an eye, Neal was homeless and sleeping in his car. While at the VA, he learned about MACV. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Challenges faced by homeless Veterans in rural Minnesota

On January 11th, 2024, MACV COO Jon Lovald addressed the Democrats House Committee on Veterans' Affairs during a full oversight hearing titled "Rural Access: Is VA Meeting All Veterans Where They Live?". [Click here](#) to watch Jon speak about Veteran homelessness issues impacting Veterans living in rural Minnesota.



"We are all doing our best trying to get back on our feet again," MACV helps Navy Vet find housing after living in van for 2+ years

After living in his minivan for two years, Roy did what he says he should have done from the start: Call MACV. Now the Navy Veteran shares a four-bedroom home in South Minneapolis with three other Veterans – all housed by MACV. He can finally concentrate on the next chapter in his life now that he has a home. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Client Story



"MACV transformed my life by providing me with a second chance. They didn't just offer me assistance. They believed in me and helped me find an affordable apartment." -Housed National Guard Veteran Mark

Mark, a National Guard Veteran, found hope and assistance with MACV after losing his job, undergoing four surgeries, and facing eviction. With the support of his case manager, Hamdi, Mark now lives in an affordable apartment and is rebuilding his life. [Click here](#) to read his full story!

Employee Spotlight



This month we are featuring Shaun Riffe! Shaun served 25 years in the US Army. After leaving the military, he started a small business focused on employing Veterans. He was drawn to the way MACV connects with Veterans and employers with the goal of long-term stability. At MACV, Shaun is the Development Director. He finds having the unique opportunity to share the stories of the Veterans we serve and connect with people who want to help us achieve our mission to be the most rewarding part of working for MACV. [Click here](#) to learn more about Shaun!

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!](#)

Love pets? We have an incredible opportunity just for you. Support MACV's mission by providing temporary homes for adorable furry friends while their Veterans search for permanent housing. We're in need of dedicated volunteers to foster pets for MACV clients through The Bond Between. By opening your home to these pets, you'll not only shower them with love and care but also bring peace of mind to their Veteran owners. And guess what? The Bond Between will provide all the necessary supplies!

Are you ready to make a positive impact and be part of something truly special? Click the link below to update your contact information and join our interest list. Let's join forces and create a brighter future for these precious pets and their owners.

Volunteer Today!

Partner Highlights



Veterans helping Veterans

Arlington House in St. Paul is in the works, and we couldn't be happier to have skilled apprentices from Carpenters Local Union 322 and West Edge Investments on board for this important project. [Click here](#) to take an in-depth look at the project!

Event Calendar



Housing Assistance at ETS

[January 19th, 2024](#)

ETS Third Saturday Event

[January 20th, 2024](#)

11th Annual Soups for Troops

[January 27th, 2024](#)

2024 Point In Time Count

[January 24th, 2024](#)

BIPOC Expo

[February 10th, 2024](#)

LTC Jake Helgestad Fundraiser in support of MACV

[January 25th, 2024](#)

Donor Spotlight



Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans

[Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans](#) has generously donated \$20,000 to our cause. This significant contribution will greatly enhance our ability to help Minnesota's homeless veterans. We are deeply grateful for their support. Join us in thanking Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans for their outstanding commitment to improving the lives of our service members.

Schell's Brewery

\$10,000 was dedicated to helping veterans transition out of homelessness. We are incredibly grateful to Schell's Brewery for graciously hosting an incredible event that was filled with joy and cheer. [Carols for a Cause](#) proved to be a truly enjoyable night for attendees and performers alike.



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We want to express our deep gratitude to Community Solutions' Built for Zero initiative for their unwavering commitment and invaluable support. Their work and latest \$150,000 grant award is proof that ending Veteran homelessness is not just a dream, but an achievable reality.

Ellison Family Charitable Gift Fund, a Donor Advised Fund of Renaissance Charitable Foundation

We are delighted to share that MACV received a generous donation from the Ellison Family Charitable Gift Fund, a donor advised fund of Renaissance Charitable Foundation. This significant contribution will greatly enhance our projects and initiatives. Our deepest thanks to the Ellison family for their steadfast support. Your generosity fuels our mission!

Thank you!



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Zawadski Homes

\$948,409 for Veterans rebuilding their lives in Minnesota!



The campaign generated 698 online donations and 438 mail donations. We couldn't have done it without WCCO and your generous support!



You can help end Veteran homelessness

MACV has over thirty years of experience connecting with former service members across Minnesota. We use a variety of creative approaches to address the needs of individual Veterans experiencing housing instability or homelessness.

Supporting MACV empowers Veterans living in Minnesota, resulting in advocacy and assistance for Veterans starting a new chapter of their lives.

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

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