



May 2025

## In The News



### Advocates warn proposed bill could increase Veteran homelessness in Minnesota

Minnesota is leading the way in solving Veteran homelessness. Now, proposed legislation could undo years of progress. We need your support to continue our mission!

"Send a note that says, 'Hey, we don't think the state of Minnesota should be abandoning homeless Veterans right now, find the money,'" says Neal Loidolt, MACV President & CEO. [Click here](#) to learn more!



### Veterans housing initiative breaks ground on 15th Minnesota home

A new housing opportunity in St. Paul is helping the ongoing effort to end Veteran homelessness. The effort is a partnership between Housing First Minnesota Foundation, homebuilder Lennar and Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV). The St. Paul site will feature a three-bedroom single family home and an accessible dwelling unit (ADU) in the backyard. [Click here](#) to learn more!

## Featured Stories



## Celebrating our volunteers: MACV's 2nd Annual Appreciation Event

We had a great time celebrating with you at MACV's 2nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event! In 2024, 940 volunteers from 44 organizations helped Veterans find stability and home—whether by assembling move-in kits, hosting fundraisers, or lending a hand where needed. We also honored some volunteers' incredible efforts with special awards, recognizing the heart and impact behind the work. [Click here](#) to learn more!

## Breaking ground on the 15th Housing For Heroes home

We broke ground on our 15th Housing for Heroes home, a future space for Veterans exiting homelessness in Ramsey County. This property marks a decisive moment: Ramsey County is the final county in Minnesota still working toward the effective end of Veteran homelessness. But this milestone isn't the finish line. It's the foundation. [Click here](#) to learn more!



## Client Story



### "What you guys (MACV) are doing is generational" -Housed Air Force Veteran Malcom

Malcolm and his kids became homeless during a difficult divorce. Everything changed when they moved into one of MACV's Housing for Heroes homes. "I could see the difference in my kids," he said.

After years of instability, Malcolm finally found safety and a fresh start in a home built just for Veterans like him. It wasn't just housing—it was hope. Malcolm's story shows what's possible when we commit to real solutions for Veteran homelessness. [Click here](#) to watch Malcom's full story in a video.

## Veteran Village Groundbreaking

## Invitation to VETERAN VILLAGE GROUNDBREAKING

Tuesday | May 20th, 2025 | 11:00am  
3930 Rahn Road Eagan, MN 55122



Join the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Housing First Minnesota Foundation, Lennar, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, and key project partners as we break ground on a new build project in Eagan aimed at providing supportive housing to Minnesota Veterans and their families.

Veteran Village will be the first multi-unit housing complex in the state specifically designed to support Veterans and their families served by MACV. The \$5.5 million project will consist of 22 homes and provide shelter for up to 36 veterans and their families who are experiencing housing instability.

**RSVP Now!**

## Employee Highlight



This month, we are featuring Sara Beebe! Sara holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a master's degree in Criminal Justice. While she is not a Veteran, her grandfather served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Before joining MACV, Sara spent many years with the Department of Corrections, where she witnessed firsthand the difficulty of leaving prison with no support. At MACV, Sara is a Justice Involved Veteran Case Manager. She works with Veterans who are incarcerated and need assistance re-entering the community. Sara finds witnessing a previously incarcerated Veteran getting a job or finding permanent housing to be the most rewarding part of her job. [Click here](#) to learn more about Sara!

## Volunteer For MACV



[Click here](#) to join Team MACV at the Twin Cities Marathon & 10-Mile! Every mile you run helps Veterans rebuild their lives in Minnesota. Your spot on the team comes with a commitment to fundraising, and we'll be with you every step of the way! Don't want to run? We have space for you in our official cheer zone!

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!**

## MACV's 3rd Annual Summer Salute



MACV's 3rd Annual Summer Salute hits CHS Field on June 10 — and you're invited.

This powerful resource event connects Veterans facing or experiencing homelessness with housing, healthcare, employment services, and more — all in one place.

Hosted with our partners Summer Salute is your chance to connect, refer, and make an impact. [Click here to sign up and learn more!](#)

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## Event Calendar



**Go Topless Jeep  
Event**

[May 17, 2025](#)

**Veteran Village  
Groundbreaking**

[May 20, 2025](#)

**19th Annual  
Minnesota Veterans  
Career Fair**

[May 21, 2025](#)

**Veterans Resource  
Fair**

[May 22, 2025](#)

**Kickoff to Summer  
At The Fair**

[May 22- 25, 2025](#)

**Free Haircuts for  
Veterans and Their  
Families at ETS**

[May 27, 2025](#)

**Veteran Legal  
Clinic**

[June 3, 2025](#)

**MACV's Summer  
Salute**

[June 10, 2025](#)

**Salute to  
Servicewomen Golf  
Classic**

[June 17, 2025](#)

**Donor Spotlight**





## Cargill

Thanks to the Cargill Salt employees in Savage, MN, for once again choosing MACV to receive a \$1,000 donation. We appreciate your continued support and partnership in our work to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.

## EchoChill

EchoChill, a student-run business from Minnesota State University, Mankato, selected MACV as their nonprofit partner through the IBE program. The team of 17 created and sold koozie tumblers and coasters, donating all profits to support our mission. Thank you, EchoChill, for your generosity and commitment to ending Veteran homelessness!



## Lake Minnetonka Triathlon Donors

Thank you to 360 Financial for inviting MACV to be part of the Lake Minnetonka Triathlon. Even though the event was canceled, event participants still raised \$1,130.97 to support Veterans rebuilding their lives in Minnesota. We appreciate your commitment and look forward to participating next year!

## Thank you to last month's donors

### Annual Donors over \$50,000

DAV National Foundation  
Lennar Foundation  
MidCountry Bank

### Donors Over \$10,000

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Bookin

### Donors Over \$5,000

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### Donors Over \$1,000

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### Donors Over \$500

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VFW Post 9433  
Martha A. Weisgram Household  
Wells Fargo Foundation  
Richard Wenner Household  
Jan Widmark Household

## 2025 Salute To Servicewomen Golf Classic



The Salute to Servicewomen Golf Classic is coming up! This tournament, happening on June 17th, 2025, is open to everyone—women, men, Veterans, and non-Veterans alike. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or simply looking to enjoy a day of camaraderie, your participation makes a difference. Proceeds from the event go towards supporting female Veterans served by MACV! [Click here](#) to sign up!

## You Can Help End Veteran Homelessness

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

Ready to make MACV part of your legacy? Contact us at [donate@mac-v.org](mailto:donate@mac-v.org) or download our [Legacy Guide](#) for more information on donating your stocks, bonds, or investments to MACV.



### Your Legacy with MACV!

Want to know more? Sign up to receive the [MACV Annual Report](#).



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