



## In The News



### **Veterans pack Target Field for MACV's Winter Salute: "It's just a blessing"**

For nine years, MACV and WCCO have been working together to help Veterans find a Home for the Holidays.

No matter what branch of the military or where they served, Veterans all came together for MACV's and WCCO's Winter Salute at Target Field in Minneapolis. [Click here](#) to learn more!



### **Veteran Village opens in Eagan**

Veteran Village in Eagan is Minnesota's newest community designed to support Veterans rebuilding their lives. Ten residents have already moved in, and the remaining homes will be filled soon. [Click here](#) to learn more!



## WCCO Mid Morning presents "Home for the Holidays" 2025

During our Winter Salute, the WCCO Mid Morning Show, hosted by A.J. Hilton and Heather Brown, broadcast live from Target Field on December 10th! [Click here](#) to watch the full video capturing the event, interviews, and more!

### WCCO Home for the Holidays Client Stories



Ending Veteran Homelessness

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*Just having that space to be and not feel like the world is closing in on you, that is the best part of finally having a place. -Housed Army Veteran Stephanie*

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Ending Veteran Homelessness Brings Every Veteran Home For The Holidays

### MACV helps Iraq War Veteran find permanent housing

Many Veterans face anxiety and depression after returning home. For Stephanie Waddell, things didn't begin to turn around until she connected with MACV. [Click here](#) to watch her interview with WCCO & CBS News Minnesota's Reg Chapman to learn more about her journey home.

### A Veteran turned his life around with the help of MACV

MACV is dedicated to helping service members who have lost their way more than once. U.S. Navy Veteran Robert "Red" Burrow is a living example of perseverance.

[Click here](#) to watch his interview with WCCO & CBS News Minnesota's Reg Chapman to learn more about his journey home and work with the Recovery Community Network.



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*I'm on the other side of things and I refer people to MACV and I get to see how they help people and its just amazing. Veterans are absolutely blessed to have an organization like MACV. -Housed Navy Veteran Red*

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### Featured Stories



### How you can help make the season bright for Veterans

Our Chief Housing Officer, Sara Riegle, kicked off this year's Home For The Holidays campaign on WCCO & CBS News Minnesota mid-morning, sharing why housing options matter. Offering a range of housing types helps us meet Veterans where they are—and keep them housed long term. [Click here](#) to learn more!

### Mall of America hosts the WCCO Community Tree for Minnesota Veterans

Thank you to everyone who came out, shared an ornament, and helped kick off a season of hope and stability for Veterans across Minnesota. With great energy, music, and community, WCCO's Amelia Santaniello, Frank Vascellaro, Reg Chapman, and Chris Shaffer—along with MACV staff and VocalEssence's Singers of This Age—helped light up the WCCO Community Tree at Mall of America. [Click here](#) to watch!



## How a nonprofit is working to connect Vets with service dogs

Lenny, MACV's Veteran Village facility dog, joined Sam Daly of Believet and Jon Lovald on WCCO & CBS News Minnesota mid-morning. Believet is a key partner for MACV, helping Veterans rebuild their lives through connection, support, and stability. Together, they shared how housing and supportive companions, working side by side, help meet Veterans where they are and support long-term housing stability. [Click here](#) to learn more!

## Bring Every Veteran Home For The Holidays

Minnesota is making real progress toward making Veteran homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring—but tonight, more than 190 Veterans still have no place to call home, many sleeping in shelters, cars, or tents. Your doubled gift helps MACV provide housing and long-term support across all 87 counties.

Your gift helps Veterans across Minnesota come home for the holidays—and stay housed for the long term.



**Donate Now And Double Your Impact**

## Volunteer Highlights



### Community Tree Volunteers

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who showed up at Mall of America to welcome community members, share MACV's mission, and help collect ornaments for Veterans at WCCO & CBS News Minnesota's Community Tree. Your presence, warmth, and time made every drop-off feel meaningful.

### Friends Of Fredrikson

Thank you to the Friends of Fredrikson team for showing up for Veteran families this holiday season. Your generous gifts and thoughtfulness helped bring comfort and stability



to families who needed it most. We're grateful for your continued support and partnership.



## Giving Tree Program

We're grateful to the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce for helping provide fully decorated holiday trees and gifts to Veterans and their families this season. Thank you as well to the Excelsior Fire District for coordinating the Tree Program and making this meaningful support possible for MACV families.



## MACV Gift Program

A heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who stepped up to support MACV's Holiday Gift Program this year. Your time, care, and generosity helped ensure Veteran families felt seen and supported this season. We're deeply grateful for the way our community continues to show up.



## Event Calendar



### Share Your Event With Us!

Events happening in the military and homeless service provider communities are vital to us! [Click here](#) to view MACV's event calendar. If you would like to have your event added to our calendar, you can submit it for approval!

## Matching Gift Donor Spotlight



## The Leonard J. Mikulay Foundation

We warmly thank The Leonard J. Mikulay Foundation for their generous matching donation during our Home for the Holidays campaign. Their commitment has doubled the impact of each gift, providing invaluable support to Veterans across Minnesota this holiday season.

## Lennar Minnesota

We want to express our sincere gratitude to Lennar Minnesota. Their generous matching donation has amplified the impact of each contribution, making a significant difference in our mission to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota!



## James Stanton Foundation

We extend our deep gratitude to the James Stanton Foundation for their incredible generosity and steadfast support of MACV. Your commitment to our mission plays a vital role in helping us provide housing, stability, and hope to Veterans living in Minnesota. Thank you for making a meaningful difference in our state.

## David and Janis Larson Foundation

We're incredibly grateful to the David and Janis Larson Foundation for their support as a matching donor in MACV's Home for the Holidays campaign. Their generosity will make a significant impact in helping us connect Veterans with the support and resources needed to rebuild their lives in Minnesota.



## Thank you to last month's donors

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## You Can Help End Veteran Homelessness

MACV has over thirty 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!**

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