NEWSLETTER

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Featured Stories

National Volunteer Appreciation Month

Volunteer Appreciation Month!

In 2025, more than 700 volunteers gave their time and energy with MACV, greeting Veterans at the Winter Salute, hosting National Night Out gatherings at our properties, assembling move-in kits, and showing up in many other ways that help Veterans feel welcomed and supported. Their care and commitment make a lasting difference for the Veterans we serve. We hope many of you will also join us at our upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Event as we take time to celebrate the impact you make possible!

Community Partners Help Launch Rochester Veterans Pantry

MACV has opened a Veterans Pantry inside its Rochester office to support low-income Veterans in the community, including those living at Ultima House. The pantry provides basic food and household items, serving about 3 Veterans each week. Community partners, including The Landing MN, VFW Post 1215, Sons of the American Legion – Squadron 92, and the Elks Club, have helped spread the word and contribute donations. Their support helps ensure

low-income Veterans in Rochester have access to everyday essentials and stay connected to MACV services. Click here to learn more!

Client Story

"It was my best birthday yet," said Army Veteran Lucas after turning 33 this month. After leaving the military, Lucas spent years moving across the country and struggling with substance use and mental health before connecting with the VA and eventually MACV's Building 47 supportive housing program. There, with the support of MACV staff and a community of fellow Veterans, Lucas focused on recovery, paid down debt, improved his credit, and earned a peer support certification. Today, he's living in his own apartment in Minneapolis. Click here to read Lucas's full story!

Employee Spotlight

This month, we are featuring Peg Jarzynski, a Housing Stability Case Manager at MACV who works closely with Veterans to help them secure housing and connect with the services they need to move forward. With a family deeply connected to military service, Peg was drawn to MACV for the opportunity to give back to Veterans and support their path to stability. "Ending Veteran homelessness is so incredibly important," she said. "Knowing that I am helping them is such an honor." Click here to learn more about Peg!

13th Annual Salute To Servicewomen Golf Classic

Registration is open for the 13th Annual Salute to Servicewomen Charity Golf Classic, now hosted at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids. Organized by a dedicated volunteer golf committee, the day brings together Veterans, community members, and supporters to raise funds that help women Veterans move from homelessness into stable housing. In 2025, the tournament raised more than $65,000 to support costs such as rent assistance, move-in expenses, and furnishings for female Veterans starting fresh. MACV and the committee are currently seeking sponsors, golfers, and silent auction items—we hope you can join us for this incredible event. Click here to get involved!

Event Calendar

MACV's Volunteer Appreciation Event
April 23rd, 2026

Veterans Day On The Hill
April 23rd, 2026

Revitalizing Veterans' Dreams Grand Opening Event
April 25th, 2026

People of Color Career Fair
April 28th, 2026

Veterans Resource Fair & Claims Clinic
May 12th, 2026

20th Annual Minnesota Veterans Career Fair
May 20th, 2026

Run for a Cause: Join Team MACV!

Team MACV is officially partnering with Twin Cities In Motion, and we want you on our roster. If you have been thinking about running, now is the time to lace up for a mission. We have guaranteed spots available for the Marathon and 10 Mile races. New this year, you can also represent Team MACV in the Half Marathon!

Every mile you run and every dollar you raise directly supports our goal of ending Veteran homelessness!

Sign Up Today!

Donor Spotlight

Hastings American Legion Auxiliary Unit 47

Thank you to Hastings American Legion Auxiliary Unit 47 for your continued support of MACV. Your generosity helps ensure Veterans across Minnesota have access to stable housing and the services they need to move forward.

Meysembourg Family Charitable Fund

Thank you to the Meysembourg Family Charitable Fund for your generous support of MACV. Gifts like yours help make it possible for Veterans across Minnesota to access stable housing and the support they need to rebuild their lives.

American Legion Post No. 0092

We appreciate American Legion Post No. 0092 for standing with MACV and helping advance our work with Veterans in southern Minnesota. Their support helps ensure that local Veterans can connect with housing resources and the assistance they need to regain stability.

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 or download our Legacy Guide for more information on donating your stocks, bonds, or investments to MACV.

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