NEWSLETTER

In The News

MACV raises $1 million thanks to WCCO viewers

Over nine years of partnership with WCCO & CBS News Minnesota and the Minnesota Twins, the Home for the Holidays campaign has raised more than $5.9 million to support Veterans across our state. This year alone, WCCO viewers came together to raise $1,014,988, helping connect Veterans in every corner of Minnesota to safe housing and the ongoing support they need to stay housed. We’re grateful for a partnership and a Veteran community that continues to make long-term stability possible. Click here to learn more!

Making a difference in the lives of Veterans

MACV President and CEO Neal Loidolt joined WCCO & CBS News Minnesota Mid-Morning to discuss how community support helps Veterans rebuild their lives. Every gift given to MACV helps create long-term stability for a Veteran. Neal shared how donations support safe housing and services that help Veterans move forward well beyond the immediate moment. Click here to watch the interview!

Featured Stories

Built Together: Inside the Veteran Village Ribbon Cutting

Thank you to everyone who bundled up with us on December 3, 2025, for the Veteran Village ribbon cutting in Eagan. The cold didn't stop this community from showing up and that mattered. Built through partnership between MACV, Housing First Minnesota Foundation, Lennar, and Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Veteran Village now offers 22 units of trauma-informed housing for Veterans exiting homelessness. This milestone reflects what's possible when urgency, trust, and shared responsibility come together—and when Minnesota keeps showing up for long-term stability. Click here to learn more and watch a recap of the event!

How MACV partners with Metro Transit to provide resources to Veterans in Twin Cities

MACV works with community partners to find Veterans needing support, including Metro Transit, to help ensure every Veteran has a place to call home. On cold winter nights, Metro Transit's Homeless Action Team helps identify unsheltered Veterans and connect them to MACV. As Officer Katherine Kompelien shared with WCCO & CBS News Minnesota, "Everybody has a story." This partnership is a critical lifeline for Veterans who might otherwise go unseen. Click here to watch the story from Reg Chapman to learn how this work continues carrying forward the legacy of Lt. Rodriguez.

Client Stories

After his partner died, MACV helped this Veteran get back to doing what he loves

MACV is here for Veterans when life takes an unexpected turn. Army Veteran Robert Lee Evans knows that firsthand. After serving in the Army, Robert experienced a setback. Like many Veterans, asking for help didn't come easily. But with support from MACV, he found stability and a way forward. Click here to watch Robert's interview with WCCO & CBS News Minnesota's Reg Chapman to hear his story.

"Working with MACV, I felt like I was back in service when the Army of MACV deployed to help me." -Housed Army Veteran Lisa

Lisa is a Minnesota-born Army Veteran who spent years living with PTSD while continuing to show up for others. When she faced eviction, she knew she needed more than

temporary help she needed stability. After being connected to Veteran Village, Lisa moved from a hotel into her own home just before Thanksgiving.

With stable housing and ongoing support, Lisa is rebuilding on her own terms with dignity, support, and a place to call home. Click here to read Lisa's full story.

MACV helped one Veteran help himself

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans doesn't quit trying to help service members — even when a veteran gives up on themselves. Army Veteran John Vincent Doran had several chances to change his situation, but chose to live on the street. A traumatic incident finally forced him to accept help from MACV. Click here to watch John's interview with WCCO & CBS News Minnesota's Reg Chapman to hear his story.

Employee Spotlight

This month, we're featuring Rebecca Carlson, who has been part of the MACV team for 13 years and now serves as Senior Finance Coordinator. Rebecca came to MACV after working in private security and emergency services, drawn to a mission that felt personal her brother is a Marine, and several family members have served. Her path eventually led her to MACV, where she's proud to be part of an organization that has never lost focus on what Veterans need.

Outside of work, she stays connected to the military community through volunteer and board service, enjoys the outdoors, traveling, gardening, and spending time with her husband Brent and family and as a bonus, the entire metro office benefits from Rebecca being a wonderful baker. Click here to learn more about Rebecca!

Volunteer with MACV

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!

Event Calendar

2026 Point In Time Count
January 28th, 2026

Free Dental Clinic for Veterans
January 30th, 2026

Soups for Troops
January 31st, 2026

Housing Assistance at ETS
February 13th, 2026

Donor Spotlight

Northland Foundation

Thank you to the Northland Foundation for investing in housing stability and support for Veterans across Greater Minnesota. Their commitment helps ensure people can access safe housing and the services that follow no matter where they live. We're grateful for their continued partnership and belief in solutions that last.

Principal Minnesota

Thank you to Jeff Riegle and Principal Financial for standing with MACV and helping move our work forward. Their support strengthens long-term housing stability for Veterans across Minnesota and reinforces what's possible when community partners stay engaged.

Moses G. and Julie M. Smith Foundation

Thank you to the Moses G. and Julie M. Smith Foundation for their continued support of housing stability for Veterans across Minnesota. Their investment helps make sure people can access safe housing and the services needed to stay housed.

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