



NEWSLETTER



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In The News



‘Veterans Village’ Planned in Rochester as Olmsted County Gifts Land to Nonprofit

An Olmsted County-owned lot is expected to be transferred to MACV through the county’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority to support the development of affordable housing for Veterans. The lot will be combined with two neighboring properties purchased by MACV to create space for up to 12 housing units, built by Lennar, for Veterans rebuilding their lives. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Featured Stories



SouthWest Metro Students Give Back to Veteran Village

Community spaces help create connection at Veteran Village, and thanks to students at SouthWest Metro Intermediate District 288, residents now have four new picnic tables to gather around. During their visit to Veteran Village in Eagan, students toured the property, met Veterans who live there, and saw firsthand how community-driven projects can make a meaningful impact.

The tables were built through the district's YouthBuild program, which combines hands-on learning with community service. [Click here](#) to learn more!

3rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event

It was a special evening at the Palmer Lake VFW as we gathered to celebrate the volunteers who help make MACV's mission possible. Volunteers are at the heart of ending Veteran homelessness, and in 2025, more than 700 people across Minnesota gave their time, energy, and compassion in support of Veterans served by MACV. [Click here](#) to learn more!



2026 Veterans Day On The Hill

More than 500 Veterans and advocates from across Minnesota descended on the State Capitol—bringing energy, urgency, and a clear message for action for this year's Veterans Day On The Hill! Hosted by the Minnesota Commanders' Task Force, the day progressed from early gatherings to a march up Capitol Hill, culminating in a powerful rally inside the rotunda. The message was unmistakable: honor past service and act now on the issues Veterans face. [Click here](#) to learn more!

13th Annual Salute to Service Golf Classic



The Salute to Servicewomen Golf Classic, coming up on June 11th, 2026, is about more than a day on the course. It's a community coming together to support women Veterans across Minnesota as they work toward stable housing and long-term stability. Everyone is welcome to participate, women, men, Veterans, non-Veterans, experienced golfers, and first-time players alike. Every registration, sponsorship, and donation helps create more pathways to stability for women Veterans served by MACV!

[Register Now!](#)

Client Story



"When I had the keys in my hand, it was overwhelming." -Housed Army Veteran Aaron

Army Veteran Aaron spent years living in vehicles across Minnesota while trying to rebuild stability in his life. With support from MACV and a HUD-VASH voucher through the VA, Aaron moved into Arlington House, MACV-owned and operated supportive housing for Veterans.

"MACV saved me right at the right time," Aaron said.

Today, Aaron is rebuilding stability, helping around the property, using the gym, and appreciating the simple things that come with having a place to call home. [Click here](#) to read Aaron's full story!

Employee Spotlight



“There are many factors that can lead a veteran to become homeless, including economic hardship, lack of support, and life-related challenges like PTSD or substance abuse. MACV provides many services to ensure we can support and house our Veterans.”

ALISA MENDEZ
MACV Financial Stability Coordinator

This month, we are featuring Alisa Mendez!

At MACV, Alisa is part of that work as a member of MACV's Financial Stability team, where she connects Veterans to Representative Payee services to help Veterans navigate financial challenges. Alisa was drawn to this field because of her desire to support Veterans and their families. Before joining the MACV team, Alisa worked in the healthcare field as a medical biller and medical claims auditor. That experience helped her build strong communication and problem-solving skills that she now uses every day to support Veterans with financial questions and difficult situations. [Click here](#) to learn more about Alisa!

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 Now!](#)

Event Calendar



Kickoff to Summer at the Fair

[May 21st-May 24th, 2026](#)

Salute to Servicewomen Golf Classic

[June 11th, 2026](#)

Mankato MoonDogs MACV Fundraiser

[June 12th, 2026](#)

MACV's Summer Salute

[June 23rd, 2026](#)

MACV's 4th Annual Summer Salute

Join us for MACV's Summer Salute on June 23rd at CHS Field, a one-day event dedicated to connecting homeless and at-risk Veterans with the services, resources, and

support.

Summer Salute brings together community partners, service providers, and volunteers in one centralized location, making it easier for Veterans to access housing support, healthcare resources, employment services, legal assistance, and other essential programs. The event is designed to reduce barriers, respond to immediate needs, and help Veterans take meaningful next steps toward safe, stable housing and long-term stability.

[Click here](#) to register and learn more!



Flyer Download!

Donor Spotlight



Wayzata American Legion Post 118

Thank you to Wayzata American Legion Post 118 for their generous donation in support of Veterans served by MACV. Community partners like Post 118 help strengthen pathways to stability for Veterans across Minnesota by supporting the housing, services, and resources needed to move forward.

North St Paul American Legion Auxiliary Unit 0039

Thank you to North St Paul American Legion Auxiliary Unit 0039 for their long-standing support of Veterans served by MACV. Their continued generosity and commitment have helped strengthen pathways toward stable housing and lasting support for Veterans across Minnesota. We're deeply grateful for partners who continue to show up for Veterans and our communities year after year.



River Hills Scheels

Thank you to SCHEELS for their generous support of Veterans served by MACV! Partnerships like this help expand access to the housing, resources, and support services Veterans need as they work toward lasting stability.

SCHEELS

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.

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

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