



NEWSLETTER



Featured Stories



National Night Out Brings Veteran Village Together

From the cookout to the conversations, National Night Out brought residents, volunteers, and community members together at Veteran Village. Over food, lawn games, time with Lenny, and plenty of conversation, neighbors strengthened relationships and made new connections. These moments help build a community where Veterans feel welcomed, valued, and connected. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Ninth Annual Vets on the Lake

125 Veterans from across the Twin Ports hit Lake Superior for the ninth annual Vets on the Lake. Hosted by the Western Lake Superior Trolling Association in partnership with MACV and Douglas County Veteran Services, the event paired Veterans with volunteer captains aboard 50 boats for a day of fishing, connection, and community. The day wrapped up with a fish fry and time together on shore, continuing a tradition that brings Veterans together year after year. [Click here](#) to learn more!



Client Story



"MACV has helped me and my children tremendously, and they've taken a lot of weight off my shoulders during a very difficult, stressful time. "- Housed Navy Veteran Kenya

When Navy Veteran Kenya first connected with MACV, she and her daughter had been living in a hotel, and as her family later grew, MACV worked alongside her through housing subsidies, financial assistance, moving costs, beds for her children, and other resources that helped her family maintain stability. With more breathing room in her budget, Kenya strengthened her credit, continued her education, worked, saved money, and stayed focused on the goal she had set from the beginning: owning a home. Years of determination and careful planning paid off when Kenya recently purchased her first home using a VA loan, moving her family from housing instability toward homeownership and greater financial independence. [Click here](#) to read Kenya's full story!

Employee Spotlight



This month, we are featuring Chris "Topher" Hvinden!

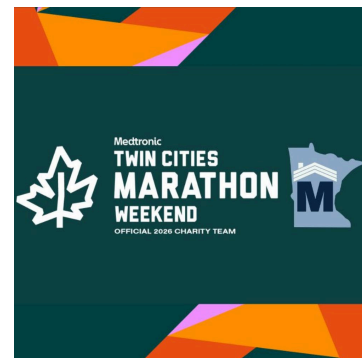
As a frontline advocate, Chris meets Veterans where they are throughout the Metro, connecting them with housing, resources, and services. His work takes him into the community, from streets and shelters to hospitals and outreach events.

Chris also brings personal experience to his role. After his military service, he experienced homelessness and eventually connected with MACV as a client. Seeing MACV staff work alongside Veterans at Building 47 inspired his path toward serving fellow Veterans. [Click here](#) to learn more about Chris!

Last Call To Join The 2026 Team MACV!

Guaranteed Team MACV race entries are almost gone! Whether you're chasing a personal best, taking on your first race, or ready for a new challenge, now is the time to join the team and put your miles toward ending Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.

Join Team MACV for the Marathon, 10 Mile, or new this year, the Half Marathon. You'll receive a guaranteed race entry, fundraising support, and the opportunity to help



Veterans across Minnesota build stable futures. Don't wait.

[Secure your spot on Team MACV today!](#)

Legal Clinics for Low-Income Veterans Are Back!



[Download The Flyer!](#)

MACV is hosting a Free Legal Clinic for Low-Income Veterans on Thursday, September 10, 2026, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Attorneys, MACV staff, County Veteran Service Officers, and child support officers will be available throughout the day to assist and advise Veterans on their legal issues. Free consultations will be available in areas including landlord/tenant law, family law, criminal law, VA benefits, employment law, tax law, and more. No estate planning information or advice will be given at this clinic; direct questions to MACV's Vetlaw intake line at 651-200-4750.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Event Calendar



**10th Annual Tee It Up For The Troops-
The Club At Golden Valley**

[August 24th, 2026](#)

**2026 Veteran's
Resource Fair**

[August 28th, 2026](#)

**The Tribute Fest
2026**

[August 28th-August 29th,
2026](#)

**Military
Appreciation Day At
The State Fair**

[September 1st, 2026](#)

**Free Legal Clinic
for Low-Income
Veterans**

[September 10th, 2026](#)

**7th Annual Salute
The Troops Military
Appreciation Day At
The Farm**

[September 12th, 2026](#)

**Annual Joint
Retiree
Appreciation Day**

[September 12th, 2026](#)

**Veterans Resource
Fair & Claims
Clinic**

[September 22nd, 2026](#)

**Shelter From The
Storm II**

[October 1st, 2026](#)

Donor Spotlight



The Walser Foundation

A huge thank you to Walser Automotive Group, Walser Toyota, and every customer who chose to Shop for a Cause. Your support is creating new opportunities, removing barriers, and helping end Veteran homelessness. Thank you for making every purchase count!

Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy-BizRecycling

Thank you to Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy's BizRecycling program for supporting improvements at one of our properties. This funding will improve safety, reduce illegal dumping, and strengthen recycling efforts, creating a cleaner, more welcoming environment and allowing Veterans to have a more dignified place to call home.



Fond-du-Luth Casino

Thank you to Fond-du-Luth Casino for your continued support of MACV and our mission. Your partnership is helping Veterans in the Duluth area and across the state access stable housing, critical resources, and the support they need to build long-term 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.

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

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