



NEWSLETTER



MACV Welcomes Michael Wickman as President and CEO



The MACV Board of Directors is pleased to announce Michael Wickman as its next President and Chief Executive Officer. Wickman brings more than 25 years of leadership experience across military, government, and community settings, including strategic planning, organizational leadership, governance, and partnership development.

Wickman succeeds retiring President and CEO Neal Loidolt and will lead MACV as the organization continues its statewide work to end Veteran homelessness. As President and CEO, he will oversee MACV's strategic direction, operations, partnerships, and continued efforts to help Veterans across Minnesota achieve long-term housing stability. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Featured Stories



Tribute Fest Rocks Duluth in Support of Minnesota Veterans

Music fans, Veterans, families, volunteers, and community members gathered at Bayfront Festival Park in Duluth for two days of live music and community—all in support of Veterans across Minnesota. Tribute Fest brings together rock tribute bands each year while raising awareness and funds to help address Veteran homelessness. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Support the MACV Running Team!

Team MACV is hitting the pavement during Twin Cities Marathon Weekend, with 40 runners coming together to raise funds in support of MACV's mission to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota. This year, MACV staff members [Jordyn Kromminga](#), [David Nguyen](#), and [Madison Strait](#) are among those taking on the miles for our mission. Show your support by making a donation and cheering on Jordyn, David, Madison, and the entire [Team MACV](#) as they make every mile count for Minnesota Veterans.



**Support Team
MACV!**



MACV Celebrates Military Appreciation Day at the Minnesota State Fair

The Minnesota State Fair celebrated its 15th annual Military Appreciation Day, bringing together Veterans, service members, military families, and organizations from across the state. MACV was proud to be part of the day at Dan Patch Park, connecting with Veterans, military families, and fairgoers. Visitors stopped by to meet our team, spin the wheel, and learn more about MACV's work helping Veterans rebuild their lives and find stability in communities throughout Minnesota. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Client Story



Housed Veteran Omari and the Journey Behind Gabella's Cookies

When Omari first connected with MACV, the Minnesota-born and raised Army Reserve Veteran had been living in his car for a year and a half. MACV helped him move into transitional housing and later connected him with permanent housing through HUD-VASH. In April 2026, Omari moved into Veteran Village in Eagan, where he found both stability and community. "I'm grateful to have stable housing," he said. "This is the most community I've felt compared to anywhere else I've lived in Minnesota." That stability has also given Omari more room to grow

Gabella’s Cookies, a business inspired by his daughters, Gabriella and Isabella. Today, Gabella’s Cookies has a storefront at Twin Cities Premium Outlets in Eagan, and Omari is focused on building something lasting for his family. “It feels good to build a business and have it be successful for my daughters,” he said. “I’m grateful for MACV.”

[Click here](#) to read more about Omari’s journey and how you can support Gabella’s Cookies.

Employee Spotlight



This month, we are featuring Kayla Larson, North Regional Director!

As North Regional Director, Kayla oversees MACV’s work across 43 counties in northern Minnesota, supporting regional teams and strengthening partnerships with communities, organizations, and service providers. A key part of her role is making sure staff have the resources and support they need while finding ways to make MACV’s services more visible and accessible to Veterans throughout the region. For Kayla, the most rewarding part of the work is seeing what can change when Veterans have the right support. She sees stable housing as a foundation that gives Veterans more opportunity to focus on employment, health, relationships, and other goals. She also values MACV’s broader approach of working alongside Veterans, communities, and partners to address the barriers that contribute to homelessness. [Click here](#) to learn more about Kayla!

Cheer on Team MACV!

Bring the energy to Twin Cities Marathon Weekend by volunteering with MACV in the Mission Mile Cheer Zone! Help us cheer on Team MACV runners, including our 40 incredible team members, as they make their way through the course. It is a fun way to be part of race weekend, connect with the MACV community, and make sure our runners hear us loud and clear as they pass through the Mission Mile.



Volunteer Today!

Event Calendar



4th Annual Yellow Ribbon Rib Fest
September 19th, 2026

Veterans Resource Fair & Claims Clinic
September 22nd, 2026

Veteran Benefit Review
September 24th, 2026

Invisible Wounds Project: Concert For a Cause
September 26th, 2026

Minnesota Veteran Suicide Prevention Summit
September 30th, 2026

Shelter From The Storm II
October 1st, 2026

Twin Cities Marathon Weekend
October 2nd-4th, 2026

Donor Spotlight

Edina Realty Foundation



A big thank you to the Edina Realty Foundation for its generous support of MACV. Their investment helps strengthen our work across Minnesota, connecting Veterans with housing and resources that create a foundation for long-term stability.

Tiny Footprint Coffee

We are grateful to Tiny Footprint Coffee for choosing to support Minnesota Veterans through MACV. Generous community partners make it possible for our teams to meet Veterans where they are and provide individualized services as they move toward greater housing stability.



Standard Heating & Air Conditioning



Thank you to Standard Heating & Air Conditioning for generously investing in MACV and the Veterans we serve. Strong community partnerships help MACV continue building pathways to stable housing and strengthening the systems that help Veterans remain housed.

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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.

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