



MINNESOTA ASSISTANCE COUNCIL FOR VETERANS
SERVING VETERANS THROUGHOUT MINNESOTA

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Pat Jeukens
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Thanks is
not enough!
See you soon.
-Tally

Dear Pat,

I just wanted to express my sincere gratitude for your recent and generous donations of close to 200 hygiene bags and all of the Birthday Bags for our veterans who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. These items mean so much to the veterans and their families that we assist. These bags are being distributed to all 3 of my regional offices and last year we helped veterans in almost 70 of the 87 counties in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. MACV has served more than 5,300 veterans (and their families) in crisis throughout Minnesota for 19 years including those who are experiencing homelessness. Each month more than 500 contacts for service assistance are made to MACV offices. In addition to our administrative location in St. Paul, MACV operates three regional offices located in Minneapolis, Duluth and Mankato. MACV is the only organization of its kind in the state dedicated to serving the needs of veterans. The organization's vision is to be an enthusiastic, proactive champion and national leader creating and supporting alliances and partnerships to assist veterans who are threatened with or experiencing homelessness.

MACV is dedicated to honoring the service of all veterans. Today, along with the current economic hardships, we are faced with new challenges as unaddressed medical and mental health issues such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) are on the increase as veterans continue to return home from Afghanistan and Iraq. The number of female veterans requiring our assistance is also on the rise.

I look forward to continuing the special relationship we have with the Qwest Pioneers. What we have is a passion for the cause, to serve those that first served us. Together we will continue to assist these veterans who need our help. Every community in this state has veterans in it and service personnel continue to deploy and continue to return home, beginning their journey of reintegration, and the challenges that entails. From WWII veterans to Iraq, the services we provide continue to be needed. And MACV is there and right beside us are the Pioneers!

I am always touched by the generosity of our donors. Please let all of your volunteers know how much this is appreciated. Thank you for helping us bring these veterans all the way home!

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Vitalis', written in a cursive style.

Kathleen Vitalis
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