

Senators Betzold, Vickerman, Metzen, Skoglund and Dille introduced--
S.F. No. 658: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming.

1 A bill for an act

2 relating to military affairs; proposing an amendment
3 to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to
4 article XI; creating a military assistance trust fund;
5 authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; proposing
6 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 190.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

8 ARTICLE 1

9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

10 Section 1. [CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.]

11 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to
12 the people. If the amendment is adopted, a section will be
13 added to article XI to read:

14 Sec. 15. The military assistance trust fund is established
15 in the state treasury to provide assistance to residents who are
16 members of the military. The trust fund shall consist of those
17 funds designated to the trust fund by law. Whenever authorized
18 and on the terms fixed by law, the state may transfer money and
19 pledge the public credit to provide money for the purposes of
20 this section. Money deposited in the trust fund established
21 pursuant to this section is inviolate and constitutes a
22 permanent and perpetual trust fund. The interest earned from
23 investment of the corpus of the trust fund shall be annually
24 credited by the commissioner of finance not later than June 30
25 of each year into a separate account within the state treasury
26 and distributed as provided by law.

1 Sec. 2. [SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.]

2 The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at
3 the 2006 general election. The question submitted shall be:

4 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to establish a
5 military assistance trust fund to provide assistance to
6 residents who are members of the military, including pledging
7 public credit to provide money for the trust fund?

8 Yes

9 No"

10 ARTICLE 2

11 STATUTORY CHANGES

12 Section 1. [190.20] [USES OF TRUST FUND; APPROPRIATION;
13 RULEMAKING.]

14 (a) Money deposited in the military assistance trust fund,
15 created under article XI, section 15, of the Minnesota
16 Constitution, must be transmitted to the State Board of
17 Investment for credit to the trust fund and invested by the
18 State Board of Investment so as to obtain the highest return
19 possible consistent with the preservation of the corpus.

20 (b) The investment income from the military assistance
21 trust fund is appropriated to the adjutant general to alleviate
22 financial hardships faced by:

23 (1) any member of the Minnesota National Guard or a reserve
24 unit that is based in Minnesota who has been called to active
25 duty or active state service;

26 (2) any Minnesota resident who is a member of a military
27 reserve unit that is not based in Minnesota, if the member is
28 called to active duty;

29 (3) any other Minnesota resident performing active duty
30 service for any branch of the military of the United States; and

31 (4) members of the immediate family of a person identified
32 in clauses (1) to (3). For purposes of this clause, "immediate
33 family" means the spouse and each child and, if they are
34 dependents of the member of the military, the parents,
35 grandparents, siblings, stepchildren, and adult children of the
36 member of the military.

1 (c) The interest income earned from the military assistance
2 trust fund must only be used as a last resort to assist eligible
3 military personnel and families dealing with financial hardship
4 resulting from the military member's active duty status and must
5 not be used to supplant any other private or public funds to the
6 extent funds are available.

7 (d) The adjutant general must adopt rules to establish
8 eligibility requirements for assistance under this section. In
9 developing rules, the adjutant general shall consult with
10 military support groups including, but not limited to, the
11 family assistance fund and family assistance centers.

12 Sec. 2. [190.21] [ANNUAL REPORT.]

13 (a) By January 15 of each year, the adjutant general shall
14 provide a report to the governor and the senate and house
15 committees with jurisdiction over military affairs policy and
16 finance specifying:

17 (1) the total amount of interest income earned from the
18 military assistance trust fund during the preceding fiscal year;

19 (2) the total amount of assistance provided from the
20 interest income earned from the military assistance trust fund;
21 and

22 (3) the amount of assistance provided from the interest
23 income earned from the military assistance trust fund by branch
24 of service, regular or reserve duty classification, amounts of
25 individual assistance provided, the reasons that qualified a
26 member of the military or the member's family for assistance,
27 and the balance remaining within the interest income account for
28 future disbursements.

29 (b) The adjutant general may request assistance from the
30 State Board of Investment to prepare the annual report required
31 by this section.

32 Sec. 3. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

33 This article is effective November 15, 2006, if the
34 constitutional amendment proposed in article 1 is adopted by the
35 voters.

Senators Betzold, Vickerman, Metzen, Skoglund and Dille introduced--
S.F. No. 659: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming.

1 A bill for an act

2 relating to military affairs; creating a military
3 assistance trust fund and specifying uses of the fund;
4 authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; proposing
5 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 190.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

7 Section 1. [190.19] [MILITARY ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND.]

8 (a) The military assistance trust fund is established in
9 the state treasury. The trust fund consists of those funds
10 designated to the trust fund by law.

11 (b) Money deposited in the trust fund established in
12 paragraph (a) is inviolate and constitutes a permanent and
13 perpetual trust fund. Money designated to the trust fund must
14 be transmitted to the State Board of Investment for credit to
15 the trust fund and invested by the State Board of Investment so
16 as to obtain the highest return possible consistent with the
17 preservation of the corpus. The interest earned from investment
18 of the corpus of the trust fund must be credited by the
19 commissioner of finance not later than June 30 of each year into
20 a separate account within the state treasury and distributed as
21 provided in section 190.20.

22 Sec. 2. [190.20] [USES OF TRUST FUND; APPROPRIATION;
23 RULEMAKING.]

24 (a) The investment income from the military assistance
25 trust fund created by section 190.19 is appropriated to the

1 adjutant general to alleviate financial hardships faced by:

2 (1) any member of the Minnesota National Guard or a reserve
3 unit that is based in Minnesota who has been called to active
4 duty or active state service;

5 (2) any Minnesota resident who is a member of a military
6 reserve unit that is not based in Minnesota, if the member is
7 called to active duty;

8 (3) any other Minnesota resident performing active duty
9 service for any branch of the military of the United States; and

10 (4) members of the immediate family of a person identified
11 in clauses (1) to (3). For purposes of this clause, "immediate
12 family" means the spouse and each child and, if they are
13 dependents of the member of the military, the parents,
14 grandparents, siblings, stepchildren, and adult children of the
15 member of the military.

16 (b) The interest income earned from the military assistance
17 trust fund must only be used as a last resort to assist eligible
18 military personnel and families dealing with financial hardship
19 resulting from the military member's active duty status and must
20 not be used to supplant any other private or public funds to the
21 extent funds are available.

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23 eligibility requirements for assistance under this section. In
24 developing rules, the adjutant general shall consult with
25 military support groups including, but not limited to, the
26 family assistance fund and family assistance centers.

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29 provide a report to the governor and the senate and house
30 committees with jurisdiction over military affairs policy and
31 finance specifying:

32 (1) the total amount of interest income earned from the
33 military assistance trust fund during the preceding fiscal year;

34 (2) the total amount of assistance provided from the
35 interest income earned from the military assistance trust fund;
36 and

1 (3) the amount of assistance provided from the interest
2 income earned from the military assistance trust fund by branch
3 of service, regular or reserve duty classification, amounts of
4 individual assistance provided, the reasons that qualified a
5 member of the military or the member's family for assistance,
6 and the balance remaining within the interest income account for
7 future disbursements.

8 (b) The adjutant general may request assistance from the
9 State Board of Investment to prepare the annual report required
10 by this section.

11 Sec. 4. [TRANSFER.]

12 By July 1, 2005, the commissioner of finance shall transfer
13 \$..... from the general fund to the military assistance trust
14 fund.

Senators Vickerman and Sparks introduced--

S.F. No. 1863: Referred to the Committee on Finance.

1 A bill for an act

2 relating to veterans; appropriating money for grants
3 to an assisted living and rehabilitation services
4 provider.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

6 Section 1. [SERVICE TO VETERANS; APPROPRIATIONS.]

7 \$500,000 for fiscal year 2006 and \$500,000 for fiscal year
8 2007 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
9 of veterans affairs for grants to the Minnesota Assistance
10 Council for Veterans to provide transitional housing, permanent
11 housing, case management, living skills, and supportive services
12 to veterans and their families motivated toward positive
13 lifestyle changes.

14 [EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective July 1, 2005.



Senate File 1863

Aithured by Senator Jim Vickerman

Hearing time & date **Wednesday at 9 AM 4/13/2005**

Capitol Room 107

State Government Budget Division

Chair: Kiscaden

Ranking minority member : Michel

Chaudhary

Cohen

Larson

Metzen

Ranum

Reiter

Senjem

Vickerman

Accountability from MACV to funding organization:

- Copy of quarterly report to MN. Dept. Of Veterans Affairs
- Reports to VA, HUD, DOL-VETS, DOL-ETA also single point audit

"They once served us" Letters from the field

- Letters from participants in our program/constituents

2003 and 2004-- Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans OUTCOMES

\$2.8 Million total spent on 945 veterans and their families

38,000 plus bed days and supportive services provided

Employment income produced from this group is **\$6,893,796**

Service Connections & Pensions income secured for this group is:

\$4,675,728

Social Security income secured for this group is: **\$1,934,016**

Wilder Survey for Veterans experiencing homelessness in Minnesota and our housing stock

- Needs for upcoming veterans/prevention less costly than full blown homelessness....
- Must have collaboration between Federal and State VA, Vets homes, County Veterans services officers and other non profits and state agencies.

History Highlights

January 1992: Started with 1 house. Capacity: Four (4) homeless veterans.
July 1993: Bldg. 47 converted to 13 beds. Accepted a (Homeless Chronically Mentally Ill) HCMI contract with the Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program with the Minneapolis VA Medical Center

- August 1993:** Provide leadership & direction for the 1st Minnesota Stand Down "93" – A Homeless Veterans: out-reach / Prevention Program. Continued participation
- October 1993:** Accepted 2 VA regional houses that accommodate (6) homeless veterans.
- November 1993:** Accepted 2 VA regional houses that accommodate (8) homeless veterans.
- November 1993:** Incentive Work Therapy Program with the VA Medical Center implemented
- February 1994:** Testified at the Hearing before the Committee on Veterans Affairs; United States Senate, 103rd. Congress, 2nd. Session. One of two homeless programs in the US to testify before Chairman, **Senator John D. Rockefeller IV.**
- August 1994:** Accepted 2 VA regional houses that accommodate (6) homeless veterans.
- September 1994:** Hosted American Legion 75th Anniversary picnic for National Officers
- May 1995:** Begin Occupational Therapy collaboration College of St. Catherine
- July 1995:** Participated in NAACP National Conference as panelists
- March 1996:** Participative collaboration with Alliance Apt. project for 124 permanent Sober (SRO) housing units of which 29 units are for homeless veterans.
- October 1996:** Accepted 1 VA regional house that accommodates three (3) *female* veterans
- January 1997:** Begin Compensated Work Therapy program/vocational training with the VA
- April 1997:** Groundbreaking for *Alliance Apartments* project for 124 permanent sober (SRO) housing units of which 29 units are for homeless veterans.
- May 1997:** Testified: Senator Wellstone's Senate Veterans' Health Care Field Hearings
- May 1997:** Accepted 1 VA regional house for (4) homeless *female* veterans.
- April 1998:** Open our 1st out state outreach office in Duluth. Veterans Outreach North
- May 1999:** Collaboration with LZ Hope in Grand Rapids as an outreach site. This operation stopped its services and went out of business.
- March 2000:** Open our 2nd outreach office in Mankato. Veterans Outreach South.
- January 2001:** Accepted/leased one 1 house in St. Cloud from VA Regional Office
- July 2001:** Testify at the 107th Session on the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs on The "Homeless veterans Assistance Act, Senate File 739": Senator Wellstone
- December 2001:** Senator Wellstone secures a DOL EAR-MARK Grant for us to use to start a Program named VETLAW for \$ 500,000.00
- February 2002:** Purchase the 9 houses we leased from the VA Regional Office
- May 2002:** Awarded the "2002 Bruce Vento Distinguished Service Award" from the National & Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless
- May 2003:** Awarded: "2003 Outstanding Member Award" from the National Coalition For Homeless Veterans
- November 2004:** Southern Minnesota Veterans Estates, 11 units for disabled vets ok'd

In the year 2000 we started looking at using a process called "Enhanced Use Lease" that the VA has nation-wide for their properties. We wanted to build 218 units of permanent housing on the VA Campus in Minneapolis and 120 units of transitional and permanent housing on the St. Cloud VA Campus. We would use VA land for these projects.

We had the support of Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation who suggested we work with Community Housing Development Corporation and their teams for this project. We did that. We were able to secure through legislation \$462,000.000 to MHFA in 2001 to be used for development of this project. It is viewed as one project in two locations. The name of this project is "Veterans and Community Housing Initiative". In the bonding year of 2002 we were able to secure \$16.2 million dollars for this project, money directed to MHFA for this use. This project is designed for veterans and non-veteran single adults, permanent, sober housing. Construction is scheduled to start by the summer of 2004. Today the number of housing units for Minneapolis is a 140 and 60 unit for St. Cloud.



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January 20, 2005

Re: MNDVA grant to Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans
2nd Quarter Report (October 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004)

From a total grant perspective, of the \$425,000 awarded, as of December 31, 2004, a total of \$226,960.71 has been drawn down. This represents 53.4% of the total \$425,000. Each of the regions have been budgeted so that the funding lasts thru the entire grant period of June 30, 2005. We are following fairly closely to these internal budgets. However, there are veterans that are being turned away. But as we know, if the program dollars are increased we can always find homeless veterans that need our assistance. I still think the budget is the more even-handed approach, as this will maintain some level of funding throughout the entire grant period.

In the order they are attached I have included the following items:

- Grant overview and detail management reports of expenses to date
- Client list of new/open veterans served this quarter
- VOM Regional report and surveys
- VON Regional report and surveys
- VOS Regional report and surveys

Again, there are many wonderful survey comments. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any of this information. Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

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OUR MISSION IS: To provide/coordinate preventive, transitional and permanent housing and supportive services for veterans who are experiencing homelessness or who are in danger of becoming homeless and who are motivated towards positive change.

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Mini Grant Assistance Council for Veterans MDVA Jul04-Jun05 Lifetime Budget

Expense Data Through: 01/16/2004			Revenue Data Through: 01/16/2005						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> ↓ Grant Balances run vertical Account Balances run horizontal → </div>	Grant	Grant Lifetime	Grant Lifetime	Grant Lifetime	Grant	Grant	Grant	Grant	
	Lifetime Budget	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004	Lifetime Actual TOTAL	Lifetime Actual TOTAL	Lifetime Balance	Lifetime \$ Over Budget	Lifetime % Of Budget
Income	425,000.00	0.00	0.00		226,960.71	226,960.71	198,039.29	0.00	53.40%
40000 - MDVA4 Jul04-Jun05	425,000.00	0.00	0.00		226,960.71	226,960.71	198,039.29	0.00	53.40%
Expenses	425,000.00	0.00	0.00		197,174.86	197,174.86	227,826.16	0.00	46.39%
Administrative Expenses, Total	63,750.00	0.00	0.00		10,679.82	10,679.82	53,070.18	0.00	16.75%
Indirect Administrative	63,750.00	0.00	0.00		10,381.44	10,381.44	53,368.56	0.00	16.28%
Program Administration Expenses, Total	89,250.00	0.00	0.00		32,031.95	32,031.95	57,218.05	0.00	35.89%
Programming Expenses, Total	272,000.00	0.00	0.00		154,463.08	154,463.08	117,536.92	0.00	56.79%
Programming Expenses, Sub-Total	42,000.00	0.00	0.00		55,917.40	55,917.40	-13,917.40	13,917.40	133.14%
HCHV Contract Programming, Sub-Total	230,000.00	0.00	0.00		98,545.68	98,545.68	131,454.32	0.00	42.85%
Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00		29,786.86	29,786.86	-29,786.86	0.00	

Minn. Assistance Council for Veterans MDVA. 04-Jun05 Lifetime Budget

Expense Data Through: 01/16/2004			Revenue Data Through: 01/16/2005						
Grant Balances run vertical ↓	Account Balances run horizontal →	Grant	Grant Lifetime	Grant Lifetime	Grant Lifetime	Grant	Grant	Grant	Grant
		Lifetime Budget	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual YTD 2004	Lifetime Actual TOTAL	Lifetime Balance	Lifetime \$ Over Budget	Lifetime % Of Budget
Income		425,000.00	0.00	0.00	226,960.71	226,960.71	198,039.29	0.00	63.40%
40000 - MDVA4 Jul04-Jun05		425,000.00	0.00	0.00	226,960.71	226,960.71	198,039.29	0.00	53.40%
Expenses		425,000.00	0.00	0.00	197,174.85	197,174.85	227,925.15	0.00	48.39%
MDVA4 Admin Expenses Income		63,750.00	0.00	0.00	31,875.00	31,875.00	31,875.00	0.00	50.00%
Administrative Expenses, Total		63,750.00	0.00	0.00	10,679.82	10,679.82	53,070.18	0.00	16.75%
Personnel Salaries, Sub-total		0.00	0.00	0.00	201.75	201.75	-201.75	201.75	No Budget
Personnel Salaries		0.00	0.00	0.00	190.26	190.26	-190.26	190.26	No Budget
Personnel Comp. Paid Taxes		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	No Budget
Personnel Benefits		0.00	0.00	0.00	11.49	11.49	-11.49	11.49	No Budget
Supplies		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	No Budget
Other		0.00	0.00	0.00	96.63	96.63	-96.63	0.00	No Budget
Indirect Administrative		63,750.00	0.00	0.00	10,381.44	10,381.44	53,368.56	10,381.44	16.28%
MDVA4 Admin Expenses Sub-Total Balance		0.00	0.00	0.00	21,195.18	21,195.18	-21,195.18	0.00	
MDVA4 Prg Adm Expenses Income		89,250.00	0.00	0.00	44,625.00	44,625.00	44,625.00	0.00	50.00%
Program Administration Expenses, Total		89,250.00	0.00	0.00	32,031.95	32,031.95	57,218.05	0.00	35.89%
Personnel Salaries, Sub-total		0.00	0.00	0.00	30,112.86	30,112.86	-30,112.86	30,112.86	No Budget
Personnel Salaries		0.00	0.00	0.00	23,803.69	23,803.69	-23,803.69	23,803.69	No Budget
Personnel Comp. Paid Taxes		0.00	0.00	0.00	2,058.17	2,058.17	-2,058.17	2,058.17	No Budget
Personnel Benefits		0.00	0.00	0.00	4,251.00	4,251.00	-4,251.00	4,251.00	No Budget
Supplies		0.00	0.00	0.00	28.07	28.07	-28.07	28.07	No Budget
Training/Stipends		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	No Budget
Travel		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	No Budget
Rent		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,875.18	1,875.18	-1,875.16	1,875.16	No Budget
Utilities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	No Budget
Other		89,250.00	0.00	0.00	15.86	15.86	68,234.14	0.00	0.02%
MDVA4 Prg Adm Expenses Sub-Total Balance		0.00	0.00	0.00	12,593.05	12,593.05	-12,593.05	0.00	

Mini Assistance Council for Veterans MDVA .104-Jun05 Lifetime Budget

Expense Data Through: 01/16/2004			Revenue Data Through: 01/16/2005						
Grant Balances run vertical ↓	Account Balances run horizontal →	Grant	Grant Lifetime	Grant Lifetime	Grant Lifetime	Grant	Grant	Grant	Grant
		Lifetime Budget	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual YTD 2004	Lifetime Actual TOTAL	Lifetime Balance	Lifetime \$ Over Budget	Lifetime % Of Budget
Programming Expenses, Total		272,000.00	0.00	0.00	154,463.08	154,463.08	117,536.92	0.00	58.79%
MDVA4 Programming Expenses Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	51,915.03	51,915.03	-51,915.03	51,915.03	No Budget
Programming Expenses, Sub-Total		42,000.00	0.00	0.00	55,917.40	55,917.40	-13,917.40	13,917.40	133.14%
Housing		32,250.00	0.00	0.00	52,699.19	52,699.19	-20,449.19	20,449.19	163.41%
Residential Programs		1,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00%
Food		1,850.00	0.00	0.00	151.01	151.01	1,698.99	0.00	8.16%
Repairs (Vehicles & Houses)		1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Supplies		700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00%
Utilities		2,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,527.10	1,527.10	472.90	0.00	78.36%
Transportation		700.00	0.00	0.00	540.00	540.00	160.00	0.00	77.14%
Social Events		1,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00%
Other		700.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.10	1,000.10	-300.10	300.10	142.87%
MDVA4 Prg Expenses Sub-Total Balance		-42,000.00	0.00	0.00	-4,002.37	-4,002.37	-37,997.63	-37,997.63	
HCHV4 Contract Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	98,545.68	98,545.68	-98,545.68	98,545.68	No Budget
HCHV4 Contract Programming, Sub-Total		230,000.00	0.00	0.00	98,545.68	98,545.68	131,454.32	0.00	42.85%
HCHV4 Contract - VOM		115,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,700.75	50,700.75	64,299.25	0.00	44.09%
HCHV4 Contract - VON		80,500.00	0.00	0.00	28,013.21	28,013.21	52,486.79	0.00	34.80%
HCHV4 Contract - VOS		34,500.00	0.00	0.00	19,831.72	19,831.72	14,668.28	0.00	57.48%
HCHV4 Contract - Other		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	No Budget
HCHV4 Contract Sub-Total Balance		-230,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-230,000.00	-98,545.68	
Balance		0.00	0.00	0.00	29,785.86	29,785.86	-29,785.86	0.00	

Willie L.	C	02/11/56	MNDVA	47	4/8/2004	
Douglas G.	AA	07/28/58	MNDVA	47	5/21/2004	11/23/2004
Leon	C	12/17/54	MNDVA	47	6/8/2004	
Jon V.	AA/C	07/19/73	MNDVA	47	6/14/2004	11/5/2004
Vincent	C/HISP	04/27/47	MNDVA	47	7/1/2004	11/23/2004
Darren M.	C	08/15/61	MNDVA	47	7/7/2004	10/6/2004
Ronald	C	04/29/55	MNDVA	47	8/2/2004	12/10/2004
Larry D.			MNDVA	47	8/27/2004	
William R.	AA	01/03/57	MNDVA	47	9/17/2004	
William B.	C	02/23/57	MNDVA	47	9/24/2004	
Thomas P.	AA	07/25/54	MNDVA	47	10/5/2004	
Kurt E.	C	10/07/52	MNDVA	47	10/7/2004	
David	C	12/15/57	MNDVA	47	10/21/2004	
Kirby G.	AA	11/25/59	MNDVA	47	11/1/2004	
Thomas	NA	10/27/57	MNDVA	47	11/17/2004	1/5/2005
Roy	C	04/20/51	MNDVA	47	12/21/2004	1/5/2005
Neal	C	08/12/53	MNDVA	47	12/21/2004	
Henry	AA	05/31/62	MNDVA	1109	6/30/2004	
Henry	AA	09/17/53		1109	10/21/2004	10/26/2004
Robert	AA	12/23/59	MNDVA	1109	10/29/2004	
Craig	AA	06/14/52	MNDVA	3660	5/16/2003	
James	C	08/29/53	MNDVA	3660	9/9/2004	
Arthur Jr.	C	03/21/52	MNDVA	4226	1/14/2004	
Roosevelt	AA	12/03/53	MNDVA	4226	7/2/2004	10/31/2004
David R.	AA	11/19/47	MNDVA	4308	9/16/2004	10/1/2004
Selman L.	C	02/04/54	MNDVA	4308	9/24/2004	
Darren M.	AA	04/18/56	MNDVA	4308	12/6/2004	
Robert J.	C	04/29/55	MNDVA	4308	12/10/2004	
Jerry L.	C	07/03/57	MNDVA	4632	9/17/2004	10/25/2004
Brian L.	C	04/18/53	MNDVA	4632	10/20/2004	
Peter	C	01/16/54	MNDVA	4632	10/29/2004	
John R.	AA	06/20/45	MNDVA	4653	4/1/2004	10/18/2004
Ronald L.	C	08/18/49	MNDVA	4653	5/17/2004	11/8/2004
John K.	AA	07/02/64	MNDVA	5521	10/20/2004	
Glenn E.	AA	09/24/49	MNDVA	5521	10/20/2004	
	C	06/02/56	MNDVA	5612	8/31/2004	

Robert P.	C	04/27/47	MNDVA	5612	11/23/2004	12/14/2004
Lonnie G.	C	10/30/60	MNDVA	01	11/19/2004	12/9/2004
Michael J.	C	09/24/66	MNDVA	6301	11/29/2004	
Amy L.	C	10/01/59	MNDVA	6301	12/17/2004	
Stanley		04/25/53	MNDVA	Metro	8/19/2004	
Elroy		02/12/65		Metro	10/4/2004	
Damon K.		12/06/51	MNDVA	Metro	11/15/2004	
Nadine J.	C	11/02/59	MNDVA	VOM	7/1/2004	
Ron L. Jr.	C	10/22/62	MNDVA	VOM	8/2/2004	10/1/2004
Carl F.	C	10/15/65	MNDVA	VOM	8/9/2004	
Kenneth D.	C	02/21/54	MNDVA	VOM	8/20/2004	10/30/2004
Sedgwick D.	AA	08/24/55	MNDVA	VOM	8/20/2004	
Michael A.	AA	09/06/62	MNDVA	VOM	8/20/2004	
Ronald A.	AA	12/09/56	MNDVA	VOM	8/23/2004	
Harold	C	07/27/46		VOM	8/30/2004	
Kenneth W.	AA	05/03/46	MNDVA	VOM	8/31/2004	
Ronald L.	AA	05/23/62	MNDVA	VOM	8/31/2004	
John R.	AA	07/02/64	MNDVA	VOM	9/1/2004	10/19/2004
Gregory E	C	07/19/55	MNDVA	VOM	9/1/2004	
Yvonne A.	C	11/22/57	MNDVA	VOM	9/3/2004	
Rahn V.	AA	04/03/54	MNDVA	VOM	9/7/2004	
Todd A.	NA	10/11/48	MNDVA	VOM	9/8/2004	
Bruce D.	C	09/07/61	MNDVA	VOM	9/8/2004	
Charles T.	C	12/10/49	MNDVA	VOM	9/10/2004	
Donald	AA	01/22/68	MNDVA	VOM	9/15/2004	
Robert E.		11/08/50		VOM	9/16/2004	
Floyd P	AA	04/06/47	MNDVA	VOM	9/16/2004	
Charles A.	C	10/06/49	MNDVA	VOM	9/20/2004	
Ulysses	C	01/17/55	MNDVA	VOM	9/22/2004	
Sharol D.		07/18/60		VOM	9/23/2004	
George E.	C	08/09/51	MNDVA	VOM	9/23/2004	
Dewitt	AA	12/17/55	MNDVA	VOM	9/24/2004	
Michael E.	AA	01/21/51	MNDVA	VOM	9/28/2004	11/1/2004
Richard	C	08/22/47	MNDVA	VOM	9/28/2004	
Roosevelt Jr.		08/01/49		VOM	9/29/2004	
	AA	07/07/45	MNDVA	VOM	10/1/2004	

Hayward C.	AA	03/26/59	MNDVA	VOM	10/1/2004	
Diane		08/08/64	MNDVA	VOM	10/5/2004	
Martin J.	C	07/03/54	MNDVA	VOM	10/7/2004	
Curtis L.	AA	09/18/60	MNDVA	VOM	10/7/2004	
Larry L.	AA	09/15/60	MNDVA	VOM	10/8/2004	
Roilandas	AA	03/26/81	MNDVA	VOM	10/13/2004	
Robert Lee	C	02/28/57	MNDVA	VOM	10/13/2004	
Janice L.	AA	05/15/54	MNDVA	VOM	10/15/2004	
James	AA	05/19/58	MNDVA	VOM	10/18/2004	
William R.	AA	07/06/49	MNDVA	VOM	10/20/2004	
Dennis L.	C	03/31/48	MNDVA	VOM	10/21/2004	
Jeffrey A.	C	09/29/62	MNDVA	VOM	10/21/2004	
Sherwood		07/09/58	MNDVA	VOM	10/23/2004	11/8/2004
Donna L.	C	12/06/56	MNDVA	VOM	10/27/2004	
Susan K.	C	02/03/60	MNDVA	VOM	10/27/2004	
William J.	C	06/01/59	MNDVA	VOM	11/2/2004	
Robert C.	C	01/18/71	MNDVA	VOM	11/2/2004	
Magio C.	C	08/16/72	MNDVA	VOM	11/5/2004	
Darryl L	AA	12/20/64	MNDVA	VOM	11/9/2004	
Stanley	AA	11/27/55	MNDVA	VOM	11/12/2004	
Sherwood	AA	07/09/58	MNDVA	VOM	11/12/2004	
Gil M	C	09/17/68	MNDVA	VOM	11/15/2004	
Brian E	AA	10/18/46	MNDVA	VOM	11/17/2004	
Corey M.	C	01/03/77	MNDVA	VOM	11/18/2004	
Richard F.	C	02/12/50	MNDVA	VOM	11/22/2004	
Terrald D.	AA	01/29/62	MNDVA	VOM	11/22/2004	
Michael S.	AA	11/01/56	MNDVA	VOM	11/23/2004	
Kenneth	AA	02/11/61	MNDVA	VOM	11/23/2004	
Donald	AA	12/27/60	MNDVA	VOM	11/24/2004	
Earl M.	C	09/03/46		VOM	11/26/2004	
Lt. J. D. Jr.	AA	03/09/52	MNDVA	VOM	11/26/2004	
Charles	AA	03/19/29	MNDVA	VOM	11/26/2004	
Wesley	HIS	02/23/50	MNDVA	VOM	12/1/2004	
Michael	His	01/09/52	MNDVA	VOM	12/1/2004	
Edward	AA	10/04/54	MNDVA	VOM	12/1/2004	

	A.	09/29/59	MNDVA	VOM	12/6/2004	
Richard T.	AA	07/28/48	MNDVA	VOM	12/7/2004	
Rodney J.	AA	12/22/54	MNDVA	VOM	12/7/2004	
Jeffrey D.	C	06/03/56	MNDVA	VOM	12/7/2004	
Bartholomew A.	AA	06/21/44	MNDVA	VOM	12/8/2004	
James	AA	08/16/63	MNDVA	VOM	12/8/2004	
James H.	AA	12/07/57	MNDVA	VOM	12/10/2004	
Herbert E. Jr.	AA	05/11/58	MNDVA	VOM	12/10/2004	
Barry T.	AA	08/26/58	MNDVA	VOM	12/14/2004	
Willie	AA	09/22/55	MNDVA	VOM	12/16/2004	
Jerome M.	C	05/06/43	MNDVA	VOM	12/20/2004	12/27/2004
Patrick M.	C	12/07/52	MNDVA	VOM	12/21/2004	
Richard P.	C	12/26/67	MNDVA	VOM	12/22/2004	
Charles	C	04/25/54	MNDVA	VOM	12/23/2004	
Gerald A.	C	11/29/46	MNDVA	VOM	12/27/2004	
David E.	AA	12/02/04	MNDVA	VOM	12/27/2004	
Tyrese L.		06/09/69		VOM	12/29/2004	
Marshall D.	AA		MNDVA	VOM	12/29/2004	
Cathleen M.	C	04/11/67	MNDVA	VON	1/1/2004	
Howard		08/24/48	MNDVA	VON	1/16/2004	
Everett C.	C	04/28/49	MNDVA	VON	2/5/2004	
Eugene B.	NA	12/23/49	MNDVA	VON	3/24/2004	
James E.	C	07/08/52	MNDVA	VON	4/28/2004	
Wayne S.	C	05/19/50	MNDVA	VON	5/24/2004	11/19/2004
Brenda L.	C	11/08/66	MNDVA	VON	6/7/2004	
Larry		01/30/49		VON	6/8/2004	10/30/2004
Anthony L.	AA	04/25/67	MNDVA	VON	6/22/2004	
Michael A.	C	06/27/53	MNDVA	VON	7/1/2004	
Terry J.	C	08/05/58	MNDVA	VON	7/7/2004	11/5/2004
Earl G.	AA	11/04/70	MNDVA	VON	7/9/2004	12/15/2004
Markjohn		12/10/62	MNDVA	VON	8/18/2004	
Ray A.	C	02/23/50	MNDVA	VON	9/2/2004	
Bradley	C	08/20/61		VON	9/9/2004	10/30/2004
Walter S.	NA	01/14/53	MNDVA	VON	9/9/2004	
Ronald W.	C	09/13/04	MNDVA	VON	9/13/2004	10/30/2004

David R.	C	11/24/55	MNDVA	VON	9/14/2004	10/30/2004
Robert L. Jr.	C	11/24/55	MNDVA	VON	9/14/2004	
Reinold D.	C	09/16/58	MNDVA	VON	9/17/2004	10/8/2004
Timothy L.	C	07/29/48	MNDVA	VON	9/22/2004	
Terry D.	C	10/04/58	MNDVA	VON	9/24/2004	10/30/2004
Thomas J.	C	12/28/67	MNDVA	VON	9/27/2004	11/15/2004
Arthur B.	C	04/26/48	MNDVA	VON	9/28/2004	
David	AA	07/17/47	MNDVA	VON	9/29/2004	11/15/2004
Frank	AA	09/17/48	MNDVA	VON	10/1/2004	11/15/2004
Edmund J.	NA	06/11/48	MNDVA	VON	10/6/2004	11/15/2004
Albert P.	C	04/13/61	MNDVA	VON	10/14/2004	11/30/2004
Donald G.	C	01/27/42	MNDVA	VON	10/15/2004	10/19/2004
Michael A.	C	02/18/55	MNDVA	VON	10/15/2004	10/22/2004
Kenny A.	C	02/06/46	MNDVA	VON	10/18/2004	11/15/2004
Kevin A.	C	10/23/58	MNDVA	VON	10/19/2004	11/15/2004
Miles D.	C	04/12/56	MNDVA	VON	10/19/2004	12/15/2004
Chad A.	AA	04/12/56	MNDVA	VON	10/19/2004	
Martinez	C	05/31/71	MNDVA	VON	10/25/2004	11/5/2004
Todd M.		07/26/53		VON	10/29/2004	
David G.	C	12/31/64	MNDVA	VON	11/1/2004	
William	C	10/14/52	MNDVA	VON	11/9/2004	11/30/2004
John P.		01/05/63		VON	11/29/2004	
Dennis P.	C	12/17/48	MNDVA	VON	11/29/2004	
Nevin L.	C	08/10/63	MNDVA	VON	12/1/2004	
David A.	C	11/05/67	MNDVA	VON	12/6/2004	
David A.	C	06/04/64	MNDVA	VON	12/9/2004	
Lon Michael	C	08/03/58	MNDVA	VOS	10/6/2004	
Kevin J.	C	10/03/68	MNDVA	VOS	10/8/2004	
Ronald J.	C	11/01/52	MNDVA	VOS	10/14/2004	
Michael S.	C	05/04/57	MNDVA	VOS	10/15/2004	
Marshall D.	C	09/24/62	MNDVA	VOS	10/22/2004	
Donald J.	C	02/17/47	MNDVA	VOS	12/1/2004	
Stephen E.	C	05/26/50	MNDVA	VOS	12/3/2004	
Dwight S.	C	02/08/67	MNDVA	VOS	12/3/2004	
Robert P.	C	08/20/60	MNDVA	VOS	12/9/2004	
	C	04/09/52	MNDVA	VOS	12/13/2004	

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Grant & Per Diem: On track financially. This is the grant that covers the beds in Building 47. Our first year review will be next April. Activity highlights include a fishing trip October 8th and 9th at Fishers Resort at Mille Lacs done in conjunction with the Vet Center. I also have started a monthly 'cooking' afternoon at 47. Sometimes we make cookies or brownies. In November, we made apple crisp. VFW Post 5555 also made a cash donation that paid for a Thanksgiving Feast held at Building 47 and any residents of the SIL houses that didn't have family plans were invited to attend.

HVRP (Homeless Veterans Re-integration Program Grant): We have completed the first quarter of our 2nd year of funding with this grant and also completed a 90-day follow-up of the previous year's funding. We attempted to contact all veterans served by this grant for the first funding year, which ended June 30, 2004. Those who participated in the phone interview received a bus pass or gas card (\$10 value). Approximately 20 veterans were interviewed (also representing about 20% of those served). Of that number, 5 now own a home. For this quarter report, the case managers submitted bios of some of the veterans this grant is serving. I have these as a handout for your review. A weekly job club held at the VA open to MACV and VA IT/CWT clients has been a huge success. The Job Club is a supportive and educational intervention program in collaboration with the VA Hospital Work Therapy Program. Veterans are required to participate with the support of the case manager at MACV and also the Veterans Administration Hospital. The MACV Job Club coordinators have had speakers come on a regular basis to talk to the clients about various barriers to employment. 8 of our clients were just hired as permanent PT employees at the VA. We continue to coordinate and outreach on location at Alliance Apartments, Dorothy Day Center, and Union Gospel Mission. We have also had meetings with our counterparts at Turning Point and the Minneapolis Veterans Home. We also work closely with Voc Rehab and the Workforce Center. We also had a four-hour Ethics Training course for all staff. Two of the HVRP case managers attended a great course for two-days titled "The Four Cornerstones of Financial Literacy: Training for Coaches and Caseworkers taught by St. John's University.

MN Dept. of VA State Grant: This grant is on track financially. During this time frame, 128 veterans were served. We also survey all clients who receive services under this grant. Attached are bios of a few of these 128 veterans.

SIL Housing (Structured Independent Living): We have 26 transitional beds in these 9 houses (one in St. Cloud). Clients can stay in this housing for up to two years as they stabilize their employment and savings accounts. We charge a program fee of \$330/month per veteran that includes housing and all utilities paid. Veterans in this housing must comply with a set of rules and guidelines including attendance of two 12-step meetings every week and participating in a variety of MACV functions. The houses have just had all the furnaces checked for winter and the client housing committee has been meeting and painting the interior of the houses made possible by a paint donation from Valspar.

Vetlaw: The MACV VETLAW program has begun a review/evaluation process conducted by a consultant acquired through our MAP relationship. The final report regarding this review should be available by Feb 1, 2005. MACV staff have been interviewed and 7 of our clients are scheduled for individual interviews this week.

Kathleen Vitalis
Chief Operating Officer

Curtis W.

Subject: Curtis is a 44-year-old African American male Marine Corp veteran who was referred to MACV by a recovery friend familiar with MACV. He was in imminent danger of becoming homeless and was unemployed.

Observation/Assessment: When Curtis was first screened he appeared ready to present to potential employers. He was well groomed and possessed proper attire, articulate and highly motivated, but needed guidance with his job search, resume building and housing. It was assessed that Curtis was in need of a structured job-seeking plan, development of a resume and rental assistance to remove the obstacle of potential homelessness.

Plan: Curtis was enrolled in the MnDVA on 10-07-04. He was given rental assistance, clothing voucher, enrolled in the Living Skills Program to include Looking for Work, Managing Money to provide basic skills for getting and maintaining employment, He participated in the Job Club where he was given employment referrals, provided case management, created a structured job search schedule, and applied for a minimum of 10 new jobs per week. Curtis secured employment thru a temporary service; he was later hired on at Trendex as a full-time employee making \$10.00 per hour.

Craig L.

Subject: Craig is a 51-year-old, male, Caucasian, Army Veteran, who was self-referral following completion of a residential drug/alcohol program at St. Cloud V.A. He is currently employed but in imminent danger of becoming homeless unless he secures housing, he had been living with his daughter but is unable to continue to reside with her.

Observation/Assessment: Craig appeared highly motivated to continue his program of sobriety, that if he could find a structured transitional housing program, supportive of his recovery program he be able to maintain his employment and work on his recovery issues.

Plan: He was screened and found appropriate and placed in a Structured Independent Living house thus creating a supportive, sober living environment and allowing him to maintain his employment, He will have weekly session with his case manager, required to attend 12-step meetings and weekly contact with his recovery sponsor. He was referred to Vet Law to deal with past legal issues that are potential barriers to both promotions at his present employer and competitive employment at other companies.

Roilandes R

Subject: Roilandes is a 23-year-old African American female Navy veteran who was referred to MACV by the Hennepin County CVSO. The veteran was homeless and living with family with her two children aged four and two. Roilandes was unemployed when first interviewed by MACV.

Observation/Assessment: When the veteran first interviewed she was highly emotional and feeling hopeless and desperate. The veteran seemed motivated towards finding employment yet appeared to at a loss of how to go about it. Roilandes reports that she has not had problems with drugs or alcohol. The veteran was assessed and it was determined that she was in need of assistance with housing and the development of a structured job seeking plan. She was enrolled into MACV on 10/13/2004.

Plan: Roilandes located housing and was provided thirty days by MACV. She was also enrolled in the MACV job club. The veterans housing was condemned by the county, and she moved back in with family. Through his involvement in MACV, the veteran has engaged in an active job hunt. After observing her motivation, Roilandes was enrolled by MACV into InFlight Career Services, Inc. flight attendant training program. She graduated and has been invited to attend a job fair for top graduates. She continues to work with MACV and InFlight representatives to find employment in the aviation field, and has high hopes of being employed by the end of January, 2005.

Darren F.

Subject: Darren is a 49 year old, single, Caucasian male, Army veteran who was homeless and participating in a VAMC Psychiatric program when he was referred to MACV by Health Care for Homeless Veterans at the VAMC.

Observation/Assessment: Darren was screened and found appropriate and placed into Bldg. 47. The veteran appeared motivated towards making positive changes when he entered, but had a long history of alcohol relapse which had cost him his job as a mail carrier after 17 years. While in Bldg. 47 he accessed the DAV for clothing, CVSO for dental/optical, received bus cards and basic hygiene items. He attended programming at the VAMC, Minneapolis, for his mental and physical health issues and he became an active participant in MACV programming which includes Living Skills, Recovery Dynamics, Computer Lab, and working with the Job Developer constructing his resume and learning basic job hunting and interviewing skills. Darren worked diligently to increase his employability by developing a sober lifestyle.

Plan: Darren completed the IWT portion of Veterans Industries and was screened by Veterans Industries and accepted placement into the full time CWT program. Since entering this CWT, Darren has accessed and been accepted at a local Junior College where he will complete the required academics for licensure as a Certified Nursing Assistant. The veterans' training is being funded through the HVRP grant. He has transitioned into a SIL residence and has gotten a strong start on removing the barriers that contributed to his homelessness and taking strides towards his goal of finding full time employment in health care.

Jeffrey G

Subject: Jeff is a 42-year-old Caucasian male USMC veteran who was referred by CVSO Hennepin County. Jeff was in the Imminent Risk of being homeless because his two years at the Heilman House Transitional Program was completed and unemployed when initially screened by MACV.

Observation/Assessment: When the veteran was first interviewed he seemed motivated and eager to find employment. Jeff has completed a treatment program and has been sober for more than three years, the veteran also stated no longer have a drinking or drugs problem. The veteran was assessed and it was determined that Jeff was in need of assistance with rental assistant, transportation, resume writing, and the development of a structured job seeking plan. Jeff was enrolled into HVRP on October 21, 2004.

Plan: The veteran was provided rental assistant, bus pass, Food Voucher and a DAV clothing voucher were also provided to Jeff to assist in his active job search. The veteran participated in Job Club where he was given employment referrals, provided case management, created a structured job search, and applied for a minimum of 10 jobs per week. Jeff has obtained employment at Clarion Hotel making 10.00 per hour.

Michael R.

Subject: Michael is a 49-year-old African American male Army veteran who was referred by CVSO Hennepin County. Michael was in the Imminent Risk of being evicted from his apartment and who would have been homeless and unemployed when initially screened by MACV.

Observation/Assessment: When the veteran was first interviewed he seemed motivated and eager to find employment. Michael reported that he had no problem with drugs or alcohol. The veteran was assessed and it was determined that Michael was in need of assistance with rental assistant, resume writing, and the development of a structured job seeking plan. Michael was enrolled into HVRP on October 1, 2004.

Plan: The veteran was provided help with rental assistant and assisted with an active job search. Michael participated in Job Club where he was given employment referrals, provided case management, created a structured job search and development of a structured job seeking plan. Michael has obtained employment at Robbinsdale School District earning \$11.13 per hours.

Michael G.

Subject: Michael J. Gates is a 44 year old divorced Caucasian male Navy Veteran. Michael was self referred he had already been a previous client so he was familiar with the services MACV had to offer to veterans.

Observation/Assessment: Michael had received living skills, computer lab, and Job Club. Michael was assessed in being ready to go seek job employment. It was found that he was in need of structured and stable housing, and assistance with food to support himself until he could obtain permanent employment.

Plan: On December 17, 2004 an intake was done on Michael Gates he was found appropriate and placed in one of the SIL houses Michael was placed on HCHV which covered his program fees for the month, and provided him with \$240 in Cub food vouchers. By 12/20/04 Michael had been hired, working for Great Lakes Management Co. making \$18 dollars an hour.

Glen W.

Subject: Glen is a 48 year old single Caucasian Army veteran. He was referred to MACV from Carrie Fletcher at the Addicted Disorder Clinic. At the time of Glenn's arrival he was staying with a relative who was moving somewhere to receive home health care. Glen was unemployed receiving unemployment and the payments were just about exhausted.

Observation/Assessment: When the veteran was first observed, he did not appear ready to present himself to potential employers. It was determine from doing the assessment that Glen was in need of housing, transportation assistance, food, and to brush up on his

writing and resume skills to get prepared for job searching. Glen also discussed issues of not filing taxes since 1996.

Plan: On 8-31-04 an intake was done on Glen Ward, and he was found appropriate and placed in our Structured Independent Living house where he received case management skills. Glen was also placed in our job development program. In this program he received assistance with writing resumes= and placing them at the job bank. Glenn also received interviewing techniques. A bus pass was given to him to pursue active job search. Glenn was also referred to our VETLAW program to help him obtain his credit report and start addressing his taxes. Glenn was also placed on HCHV which provided him with food vouchers as well. Today Glenn is gainfully employed with two jobs, Viking Security making \$12.96 an hour, and for the University Of Minnesota as a police dispatcher making \$18.00 an hour.

17 DEC 04

DEAR MRS. VITALIS I RECEIVED
YOUR CARD AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I ALSO HAVE CLARITY ABOUT YOUR NAME.
(H.A.-H.A.!)

I JUST WANT TO BRIEFLY EXPRESS
MY GRATITUDE FOR SERVICE OF ONE (U)
MR. JIMMY COLLIER. MR. COLLIER IS
TRULY AN ADVOCATE AND A FRIEND OF
ANY VETERAN THAT NEEDS HIS ASSISTANCE

MR. COLLIER HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL
IN ASSISTING ME REACHING MY
OBJECTIVES AND GOALS. I'M NO ONE
SPECIAL BECAUSE THIS IS HOW HE
FEELS ABOUT ALL VETERANS.

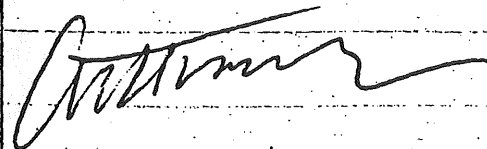
MR. COLLIER IS A TEAM PLAYER
AND HE DEFINITELY KNOWS HIS ROLE

IN THE MAC-V TEAM CONCEPT.

MR. COLLIER IS A VALUABLE ASSET
AND HE IS TRULY A RARE COMMODITY
AND I KNOW MAC-V IS PROUD TO HAVE
HIM ON THE TEAM.

IN CLOSING, I NEEDED TO EXPRESS
THIS TO HIS BOSS AND TO HIM ALSO
SO IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE LET
HIM KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT
HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION AND
COMMITMENT TO HIS JOB AND
VETERANS. MR. COLLIER IS A
SPECIAL PERSON.

THANKS



Dear Jimmy @ A.C.V

10/17

Returning the USED Bus PASSES,
I'm still having to work through
AAA-Day Labor waiting to hook
up with a UNION Construction Company
I'm still living at Exodus Hotel/motels
I'm applying and working very hard
to find the employment that I
need

Thank-you very much for all the
help from A.C.V.

And I will keep you
notified of any change in my
work or living status.

Please feel free to call
me any time

Sincerely

Gregory Slagter

Mr. Jimmy L. Collier

I hope this note finds you doing well.

My family and I would like to thank you for the work that you are doing and the help given to us.

May your holiday be joyful and safe, you and your family are in our prayers.

Thanks again

Rodney Dewberry

&

Sons

DEAR MIACTV, STAFF & HOUSE,

Wanted to let you know that things couldn't be going any better ☺ you've given a person a second chance to rebuild himself & forever I'll be thankful.

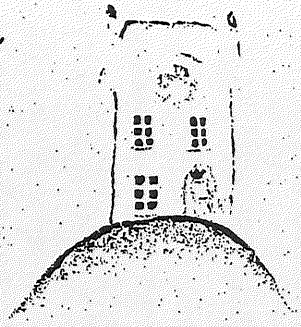
Family, friends & others I've met, have given me the strength to be here, to enjoy life, & to smile and make me whole again. I wish you all happiness & success in the future.



With best wishes for the holidays and for the new year.

"A Merry Christmas
&
Happy NEW YEAR"

FROM: GARTH



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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

Residential Care with Supportive Services:

- SIL House
- Building 47
- YWCA
- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): _____

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- 350.00 Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage *Jerome Apts*
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

1 2 3 4
Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Excellent, Appointment was readily made for me I was able to move in for the first of month, thank you.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

I am not certain if I will be able to repay this, I Am now living on a disability pension from the VA, when I move on from this apartment, that would be the opportunity to return the favor.

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- YWCA
- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): _____

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass) - *need Bus Pass*
- Food Voucher - *Jan*
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Rent - Dec - Jan.
Rent - Food - Voucher - January
Bus Pass

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? ^{UET} Yes No - spouse

If yes, what is your hourly wage? \$18.00

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

Thank you For all your help!
God Bless!

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- Building 47
- YWCA
- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): Home

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I was assist. in paying my rents. I was treated with great respect and with out judgement.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? \$ 8.00

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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- Building 47
- YWCA
- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): _____

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): Rent Due - \$290.00

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

1 2 3 4
Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I stopped in the (V.S.O) for help. Mr. Eugene took his time to come to my aid and I'm thankful for him. I'll pay the cash back so it will be able to help another veteran.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

your help made my Christmas, I don't have anything, but I'm not out in the cold. again thank you and may you and all the people involved have a merry X-Mas and a wonderful New year in 2005.

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- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): _____

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied

Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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- Building 47
- YWCA
- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): _____

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Direct Services provided. I do not know what I would do if it was not for this organization. Jimmy has been so wonderful to me, and even though I'm in a horrible situation he has treated me like I'm important. He makes me feel much better by the time I leave!

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

Thank-You from the bottom of my heart. I will be forever grateful for your organization!

Susan

Vom

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Residential Care with Supportive Services:

- SIL House
- Building 47
- YWCA
- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): Jimmy

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): Rent

(OVER)

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Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I can't say enough about how Jimmy has handled this situation. Without this help I would be up a creek.

God Bless

Jerald Kemshro

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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- YWCA
- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): Tnc Path (Dream Center)

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

1 2 3 4
Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I can't thank you enough. I will
pay as soon as I get on my
feet

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): _____

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

The service is very timely
for a person in need

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

Vom

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- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): _____

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

1

2

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4

Extremely Satisfied

Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Jimmy & the VA in General have saved my life, Jimmy has been the best

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

*It was very helpful, The services
that I received*

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? \$9.50

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

None

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- Other (Please Specify): _____

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

①

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Extremely Satisfied

Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I ROOSEVELT HARRIS WOULD
LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SERVICE, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD
WORK

THANK YOU

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

① No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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- YWCA
- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): Radus Hotel/Apts

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass) (2)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

①

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Extremely Satisfied

Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Thank-You !!

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

① No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

Work

needs to go out supported
work projects.

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- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

1 2 3 4

Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I Am Very Satisfied with
the service I received from
M.A.C.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied

Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I AM EXTREMELY SATISFIED, AND PLEASED WITH THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY "MN. COUNCIL FOR VETS," AS I WAS NOT PREPARED TOTALLY, FOR THE SUDDEN HOUSING SITUATION. AND RELOCATION.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? 10.13

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

THE SERVICES I HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR WERE EXCELLENT, AND BEING MY FIRST-TIME I EXPERIENCED NO MARGIN FOR ERROR. THANK YOU.

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- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

1 2 3 4
Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Yes I appreciate the concern and
aid and assistance I received. They
were very courteous too.
Thank you very much
Raymond C. Jones

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? 8.50 HR.

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

Vom

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Residential Care with Supportive Services:

- SIL House
- Building 47
- YWCA
- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): _____

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied

Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I was about to be homeless and I have a 16yr old son. Mr. Jimmie Coulthard worked with me to get me the help that I needed and I thank him so much.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? \$6.70

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

from time to time everyone falls on hard times and it's good to know that MACV is there to help. I really thank Mr. Coulthard for all of his help.

Dianne Thering

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- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): job counseling & Veterans benefits help
computer training

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

My rent was paid for 3 months because I was unemployed. I was told about employment opportunities and even taken to employers who were hiring. I was instructed about a variety of skills regarding successful ways to get a job. I was given bus passes so that my expenses would be lower while I looked for work.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? 7.50

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

MACV is a well run and hospitable organization. You do as fine a job in your field as anyone. Best wishes and thank you again -

William P. Putter

P.S. - I don't make very much money but I will not forget your help and will send you some money when I can.

V. SM

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- Other (Please Specify): _____

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Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

MACV - is an exceptional program for the veterans. We need this kind of support to sustain our ongoing everyday activities.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

MACV - needs more federal support so that a lot of other veterans can benefit from the program that will improve their ongoing living.

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- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

1 2 3 4
Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Thank God for MAGU! I was about at my wits end before I found this program. I give my heartfelt thanks to Gemma Collier and the rest of the MAGU staff, for making it possible to stay in my apartment and continue after care program at U.A. hospital.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

MAGU made it possible to continue action with social security for SSD and a review with the U.A. for an increase in my service connected disability. I fully intend to re-pay all that I can when I am able. This program is vital to those of us who refuse to "live an un-lived life" and recover from alcohol and other chemical dependencies. Thank you again for helping me regain my dignity and self respect.

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Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied

Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Words can not Express my Appreciation
and Gratitude for your Service. I am
Extremely THANK-FULL To Jimmy. He was
So Kind & HELP FULL. HE Eased my Mind &
NERVES. I WAS ALSO warmed By Him.
I HAVE NEVER HAD TO ASK FOR HELP Before As
HE WAS SO WILLING TO HELP ME.

EMPLOYMENT

Thank-you

Susan!

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

I have No Suggotions Because I
was Extremely Satisfied.

I Thank ALL of you Very
MUCH!

Susan Salo

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Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Jimmy has been wonderful since the day I met him. The VA overall has saved my life over the past 7 yrs. If you guys ever want a story, I've really got a good one that would help the VA in these times of uncertainty.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

Derry Henshaw
320-980-4926

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- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied

Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Jimmie and everyone at M.A.C.V.
are always professional, I am
treated with dignity & respect.
Without their help I would be
living on the streets.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

Keep up the good work and
Thank You very much for your
kindness and support.

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(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied

Satisfied

Somewhat Satisfied

Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Got everything done was polite and kept me virtually stress-free (Thank Jimmy!!!)

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

As soon as I have some money other than ~~essence~~ necessities I will send the repayment. Thank again. Jimmy stay in touch to check on my progress 320-252-5657

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- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

1 2 3 4
Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I very much appreciate the assistance you've given me I don't know what I would've done otherwise

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? \$15.05

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

Thanks & God Bless

Donna Sheudas

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- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

1 2 3 4
Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I am happy to have received your services, I am extremely please that your services are available for veterans's

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No *but layed off 11/24/04 until 1-3-05*

If yes, what is your hourly wage? 11.28/hr

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

1 2 3 4
Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Jimmy was very helpful and understanding
of my needs and gladly offered all
assistance available.

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? 18.00 PER

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

UOM

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- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

*Under the circumstances at that time,
these services prevented us from
losing our apartment.
Thank you for all your help.*

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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- Rent
- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Thank you for your services with providing
me with my rent of this amount of 292.⁰⁰
sincerely

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

① No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

I am really glad to know that there is
people in this world who will come to me
and help me when I need it the most. I will
try my best to repay this grant as soon as I can
I am 75 year old and its hard for me to get a job
but I will try my ut most to pay this grant as soon as I can

Sincerely yours on Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

Rev. AB (01/14/2004)

Thank you so much

Charles Lusscomb

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- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

The service given me helped me in a great deal and I'd like to thank the council for all the services for us veterans.

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

The program has helped me so I intend to donate money back as soon as I can because this program is definitely needed. Thanks You Again.

Earl Mitchell

desert storm Veteran

617 8th St. N.W.

Bemidji, MN

56601

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(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I was helped with paying my first month's rent on my own place. I was recently released from prison and would have been homeless or forced to live in a shelter. This helped me until my disability check arrived and kept me from doing anything illegal to get the rent until my check arrived.

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

More outreach workers in homeless shelters and letting the vets know what kind of help they can get to get off the street. A halfway house for vets would be a good idea too.

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- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): MACV

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

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- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

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Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

Thanks very much for the assistance that you are providing for me. It is very challenging when you are unemployed looking for work

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

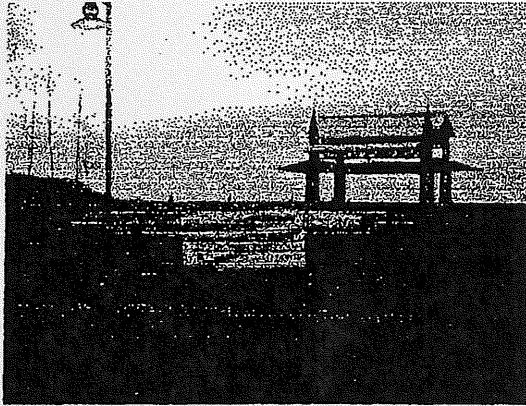
Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

I think that every veteran situation is important. In a extreme emergency I think every case should be look at carefully

MNDVA VON Report

Fall Quarter 2004

Fall ended with a flourish of actives for the VON office and staff. October found us working on many reports two HUD APR's, CDBG/ESG, Northland



Foundation and others. Early November we prepared for and completed National Hunger and Homeless Week with the example of the "Homeless Veterans Home" made up of 4,300 red, white and blue flags at Bayfront in Duluth. There was great PR in the media and to date we raised over \$5,243.00 (final numbers are not in as yet.)

At the same time we saw the fall rush for housing begin and some very special issues we had to address (see below). Memorial Apartments is moving forward (Ed Culbert

and I will presented at board meeting) with a local steering community formed chaired by Ed Culbert. We have met and may need to meet again after the holidays.

Our year had good results and looking forward to the challenges of a new year. One of our Clients enjoyed Christmas for the first time in nine years with his family. The Duluth Business University (DBU) medical students completed their fall semester with MACV as their chosen charity and we honored DBU for their assistance. We continued a project now with growing season completed with the Kiwanis, Rotary Club's, and NERC (County work farm) to volunteer our clients to deliver farm produce to local food shelves, and soup kitchens. This gives our clients a "hands-on" way to give back to the community as well as making a difference in the lives of other. We have delivered over 9,000 pounds of food to date since we started. Our veterans volunteered for the "Ghosts Ship" that collects can foods for the Salvation Army and our guys help by picking it up and deliver it. They like doing this as they get to tour the ship for free. Six beds were provided to Veterans and their families thru the Slumberland's "Home for the Holidays Program" and NVVA provided all the bedding needed for those veterans. Our HCHV veterans helped load mattresses and bedsprings then delivered them to the families. We are still receiving more donations from the NHHW project of November. Our veterans helped out at the Salvation Army annual Christmas project for needy families. The Christmas Open House was well attended and plans are already underway for next year to be at the DEPOT in downtown Duluth.

I am currently serving on two local taskforces. The "Heating Group" will have input in what resources that are available for the community. This helps us have access to other community resources and in turn provide services to those who in the community that may not be aware of MACV. I have also been asked to serve on the Mayor's "Taskforce to End Homelessness in Duluth." We

are to develop a ten-year plan for ending homelessness. This is important that we are at the table in both cases to be a resource and to be sure that the needs of those we serve are included.

Our staff has completed three computer classes (Access, Outlook, & Excel) at Lake Superior Community College business outreach program funded by grants from NCHV and City of Duluth Senior Aids program. This will help to put us all on better footing for the work we need to do. Sam's Club and a private donation have replaced my computer and we replaced Cliffs with a donation from Wal-Mart with the assistance of Northland Vietnam Veterans Association.

I believe that you need to know some of the good work that our staff is doing so I have asked Harriet and Cliff to contribute to this report.

NE CoC (Harriet Harrington) Notes & Case Studies

MACV received special permission from HUD to add a seventh family to our Transitional Housing Program for a limited time. The family of five lost their home due to fire. The veteran is disabled and his wife is his primary care giver. Everything in the home was destroyed and the building is completely gone. We provided the family with rental assistance, and will continue while there is still need. Coordination of services with The Salvation Army, Carlton County CVSO, and local VSO's has assisted the family during this transition.

A veteran and her 9-year-old daughter are part of the MACV Transitional housing in Northeastern Minnesota. The mother and daughter became homeless when the grandmother they were living with lost her home due to bank repossession. The mother had a large medical debt and a limited income to cover these debts. These medical bills will be paid in full by the end of November. The daughter is now covered by her father's medical insurance, so that future debt will not occur. The veteran has since entered Fond du Lac Community college and is majoring in law enforcement. She is maintaining A's and B's. The daughter's grades in school are up from last year. The family is stable and progressing towards a healthy future.

A couple in our program was losing their housing due to the sale of the house by the landlord with little notice. We assisted the family in finding new housing. Damage deposit and rental assistance are being provided. If not for this program, the couple would have been forced into homelessness again.

Our staff was able to assist a family whose home was destroyed by fire with two months with rent thru the North East Continuum of Care funding of our Transitional Housing Program. Family exited program in December after receiving Insurance money to purchase new home.

In March of 2004, a VA Social Worker referred a 55-year-old Vietnam Veteran to program. He was living in a shelter on \$210 VA Disability. We assisted him in filing for Social Security and increased VA Disability. He was trying to

obtain custody of his two teenage children who were living with their mother and her boyfriend in an abusive and hostile home. He could not obtain custody without a proper home for his children. This veteran found housing and even negotiated with the landlord to lower the rent by over one hundred dollars. MACV'S Transitional Housing Program provided rental payments. In December he received word that his Social Security was approved and received a small partial payment, with his back pay coming within 30 days. The VA increased his disability to 30%. His County Veteran Service Officer is filing for a full disability. The best news is that he has been awarded full custody of his children

HCHV (Cliff Gawne-Mark) Notes & Case Studies

During November the clients provided many hours of volunteer work. Vegetables from the North East Regional Corrections Center (NERC) were delivered to the Salvation Army, Union Gospel Mission, and the Damiano Center. Several mailings were completed with the volunteer help of the clients. As the veterans participate in these, and other, volunteer activities, they are able to experience to gift of altruistic actions that benefit others. This helps the veteran develop a sense of community as they re-integrate into society.

We at the VON office wish all the members of the Board a very blessed holiday season and a wonderful new year. MACV will be having many challenges in this New Year and we are prepared to help Jimmie, Kathy, and the board to achieve what is in front of us on behalf of those we serve.

This veteran had been in a successful recovery program and has been a very active member in AA. He had no income, nor a place to live. He was referred by the CHUM Center where he had been staying for a couple of nights. This veteran has family in the area. Minnesota residency and veterans status was verified and he started the HCHV program and was housed at the YWCA. He was a very active participant in the Living Skills class and started his job search during his first week of enrollment, and volunteered at VON whenever there was an opportunity. Since he had a valid drivers license with a commercial rating, he targeted several of the trucking companies as potential employers. As he continued his employment exploration, he celebrated nine years of continuous recovery. He obtained a job driving over the road. This required long hours and working conditions that, because of his age, made it difficult for him. Still employed, he continued his job search. After obtaining a new position, he quit his one position and is employed on a local driving route. He has been faithful paying his participation fees and is clearing up past debts. This veteran has re-established meaningful contact and reconciliation with his family. He will be transitioning out of the HCHV program in November. He attends AA three times per week and attends the Living Skills classes when his work schedule permits. He said that he continues to attend the classes because it is, "My way of giving back what he has received from others."

A 55-year-old veteran who served in the Air Calvary in Vietnam since his discharge he has traveled around the United States, staying in various cities for a couple of years before, once again, moving on. He has worked at numerous jobs including working on oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico off of the Louisiana coast, shrimp fishing in Alaska, fishing boats out of Washington, and various day labor jobs. He is an accomplished drywall installer.

CHUM referred this veteran to MACV from their shelter. After residency and veterans status was verified he entered the HCHV program and was provided a room at the YWCA. He has been a very active participant in the Living Skills classes and has followed all staff recommendations.

As a result of his participation in the HCHV program he has begun to get stability in his life. He has applied for a service-connected disability for PTSD, for which he had been diagnosed several years ago, and for Hep-C. He received a wonderful Christmas present when he was informed that he would be beginning a CWT position at Twin Ports Outpatient Clinic.

He continues daily participation in the classes and is a ready volunteer whenever there is a need. He provides emotional support to others in the HCHV program and is beginning to put down roots in the community. Without the services provided MACV through the VON office, the stability and growth that this veteran is experiencing would not have been possible.

VON's MNDVA Fourth Quarterly Report 2004								
	MONTH		MONTH		MONTH		TOTALS	
	October		November		December			
New MACV Participant ID#:	13		3		2			18
Re-Entered MACV Participant:	1		2		6			9
Existing MACV Participant (Carry-Over):	39		45		47			131
TOTAL MACV Participants:	53		50		55			
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Housing & Supportive Services:								
Residential/Food/Supportive Services:	7	185	6	145	5	146	18	476
Residential/Supportive Services:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing with Food & Supportive Services:	1	31	1	3	1	31	3	65
Housing & Supportive Services:	7	185	7	202	7	217	21	604
SIL Housing:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CWT Contract:	1	31	1	30	1	31	3	32
TOTAL Bed Days:	16	432	15	380	14	425	45	1177

With the close of December and the beginning of a new calendar year your VON staff had some time for reflection over the past year as well as projecting into the coming year. It was a consensus that 2004 was a very productive year for the office and that there was nothing left undone or neglected; the veterans were served to the best of program abilities and all services were provided using the 12 Core Functions and in an expeditious manner. What 2005 will bring is only optimistic conjecture. As the office continues forward, one day at a time, no less than positive outcomes will result.

Submitted,

Durbin M. Keeney
Regional Director

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DULUTH Flags raise \$3,000

A fund-raiser for homeless veterans this week raised about \$3,000, an organizer reported Friday.

The event featured 4,300 red, white and blue flags, each one representing a former military member homeless in Minnesota or in danger of becoming homeless. The flags were arranged at Bayfront Festival Park to look like a giant house.

The house of flags was dismantled Friday. Donations are still being accepted by contacting Veterans Outreach North by phone at 722-8763 or by mail at MAC-V, 101 W. Second St., Suite 102, Duluth, MN 55802.

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- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

clothes, cold weather gear
gas expenses
Referrals to other agencies on health
care etc
help in employment searches

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

We were homeless at the time. Housing helped us acquire housing and get back on our feet.

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

Social worker very helpful - made us welcome to the program when we had no where to go.

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Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

The Staff at Von have always been
very helpful. I enjoy meeting with them and
try to volunteer whenever possible to help pay
back for the support they have given me.

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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PROVIDED ME WITH A ROOM I HAD NONE
FOOD VOUCHERS SO I COULD EAT
BUS PASS SO I COULD LOOK FOR WORK

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

YOU ARE DOING A FINE JOB

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Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I was very pleased with the speed and
efficiency my claim was handled

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

The staff was very ~~customer~~ friendly and helpful

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It was given to me with
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VERY Helpful in helping / assisting
me in obtaining Goals and getting
housing.

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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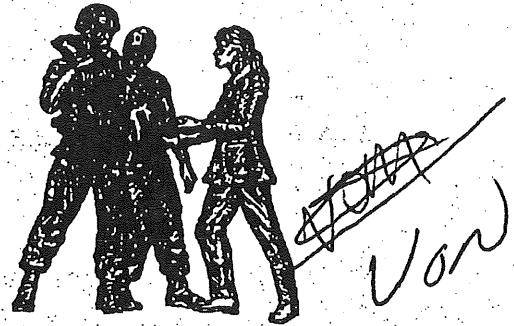
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*Personal Goals & Standard of living
are set and encouraged by Staff for
Veterans*

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Residential Care with Supportive Services:

- SIL House
- Building 47
- YWCA
- Booth
- Union Gospel Mission
- Other (Please Specify): NE CoC Trans Hsg

PERMANENT HOUSING PARTICIPANTS:

- Damage Deposit
- Rent or Mortgage
- Bills (e.g. water, electric)
- Transportation (e.g. Bus Pass)
- Food Voucher
- Other (Please Specify): _____

(OVER)

Overall, how satisfied were you with the service provided? (Circle one)

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Extremely Satisfied Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Dissatisfied

Please comment on the service you were provided with in the space below.

I was provided with support for the rent. This assistance helped my family from homelessness. I have been able to get the financial leverage to pay for my housing on my own. Thank You sincerely

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

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MACV sponsored the first Stand Down/Veterans Expo for Southern Minnesota on October 18. This turned out to be a successful event with 29 Community Providers attending. The VA Regional Office took registrations for us with reports of over 250 veterans in attendance. Some of the providers included Social Security Administration, Public Health, Minnesota Valley Action Council, Blue Earth County Human Services, Senator Coleman's staff, Senator Dayton's staff, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, Minneapolis VA Hospital, VA HepC Clinic, MN Veterans Home, MN Family Assistance Center, VA Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, St. Paul Vet Center, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Volunteer Attorneys, State of MN Veterans Employment Representatives, Vietnam Veterans of America, several County VSO's, Salvation Army, and many others. We will make this an annual event for our Southern Minnesota Veterans.

The VOS Supportive Housing Project continues to go well. We received the deed for the 1.6 acres of land that was donated by W. C. Radichel. We have secured \$724,500 from HUD, \$464,566 from MHFA and \$100,000 from Blue Earth County. We are now in the process of completing all documentation that is required with this funding. A June 1 2005 construction date is planned. This will provide 11- 1-bedroom units of supportive housing for disabled veterans that are homeless.

This quarter we enrolled 10 veterans in our HCHV program. We were able to provide a total of 920 bed days to these veterans. Supportive services including case management, food, and referrals to outside resources are a part of this program. Referrals to our program come from County Veteran Service Officers, Salvation Army, Social Service Agencies, family members, and fellow veterans.

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans
VAMC Building 47
One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417



Dear Veteran,

"The Price of Freedom"
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She was very polite. Your service
was awesome and I'm glad I was
able to use your service!

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently employed? Yes

No

If yes, what is your hourly wage? _____

Other remarks/suggestions for improving our service/program:

Current Participant

Letters of Support

April 11, 2005

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some of the answers for us.

Therefore I can only hope that the issues presented before you are given serious consideration before being voted upon.

I thank God, MACV, and you for another chance.

Sincerely

Damon A.

SIL HOUSE RESIDENT
4308 29th AVE. So.

P.S. I'D EVEN LIKE A CHANCE AT THAT OUTREACH WORKER SLOT IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY.

Dear,
Senator / Representative.

It will be a year, in a few short weeks here for me. that I've been in the MACV program. I can only say that without this program, I really don't know where I would be right now.

I'm very grateful to the staff at MACV, (most notably JIMMY COLLIER). I have helped me immensely in trying to realign my life's path. For any veteran that's stumbled a little and needs a little reassurance MACV is a lack of a program to start finding

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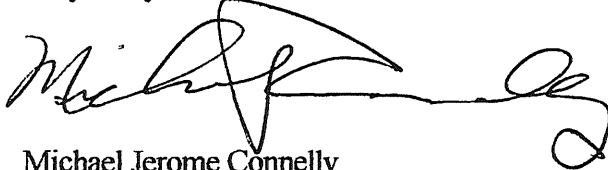
April 10, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

Following a stay in hospital intensive care, I found myself homeless and unemployed. With the help of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, I am now in a transitional housing environment, regaining employment skills, learning to deal with credit issues, eating quality food and working to become a productive member of society again. Without the help of the MACV I am not sure where I would be living or whether I would be progressing upward rather than staying nowhere.

I am a Vietnam Era Veteran. In December of 2004 I completed a degree from a Minnesota State College. The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans has made a positive difference in determining whether I swim or sink. They help a great many veterans deal with similar financial and housing issues. I ask that the State Legislature grant additional money to the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. From my experience so far with MACV, I honestly believe the State of Minnesota will exponentially benefit socially and financially from this additional grant money.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Jerome Connelly", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Jerome Connelly

Dear Senator/Representative

I would like to take some time to tell you the hope the MACV programs have given me. Before coming to MACV I was homeless for a little over two years. I was sleeping in a little water park across the street from WCCO in downtown Minneapolis. Some years ago I would have looked at somebody like me and said "get a job". I can tell you that is not as easy as it sounds. With no address or telephone number you can not even fill out a job application very good. You carry everything you own and sometimes it is hard to clean up. MACV has given me a chance to get my life back together again.

Sincerely

William West

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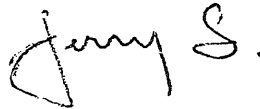
To whom it may concern: I would just like to express my appreciation of the MACV Program for providing me a shelter for the past two months and for instituting a 12-step program into my daily living routine. I also am grateful for the Work Therapy Program provided by Veteran's Industries at the VAMC here in Minneapolis, MN and for the fellowship of the AA Group of Minnehaha Falls- Trinity Lutheran Church for their insight into the problems of Alcohol Addiction. Today we went to Hazelden Treatment Center, 50 miles away, to listen to Earnie Larsen speak at a 2nd Sunay Meeting and the small groups that were organized after the lecture was completed and for the fine meal that was served from 12:45pm to 1:45 pm. Bldg. 47 and the MACV Program have made this all possible and I am truly grateful for the structured living arrangement and the 12-step approach to independent living that has been initiated here at this facility. Please provide the necessary funding required to keep this very important function going for many years to come. Sincerely Yours, FRANK THEODORE HANSON- MACV- Bldg. 47- VAMC- One Veterans Drive- Minneapolis, MN 55417-2309. Phone # (612)-725-6033. Thank you!

7 April 2005

Dear Senator/Representative;

My name is Jerry S. a Viet Nam Veteran who is currently using housing provided by The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans here in Minneapolis. I can't begin to tell you how much this program has helped me put my life back together. I came into the MACV program a broken man with little hope for myself. MACV sat me down and told me of the options I never knew existed. I truly owe my life to them. I got my chemical dependency issues under control and they even helped me find a job that I have been at for 5 months now. I feel that this program is truly beneficial to every Vet who is serious about becoming a viable part of society. MACV has given me so many wonderful opportunities I am sure that I'll make it." One Day At A Time". The have my utmost respect.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry S." with a period at the end.

Jerry S.

to who it may concern -

The Mac/Bldg 47 program has helped myself when I became homeless by providing a place to stay with food; shelter. Through this program I was to obtain help from The VAMC medical ~~assistance~~ my teeth, an eye glass's were taken care of. also I was provided with compensated work therapy program which is preparing me for eventual return to full time work in the community.

Dwight Adler

April 10th 2005

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the M.A.C.V. program. I've been with the M.A.C.V. program for just under a year and can not begin to tell you of the positive effect that it's had on my life. I was lost without direction and nobody to turn to. M.A.C.V. has given me hope and the direction that I needed. I am a changed man who is ready to take on life again and I owe it all to M.A.C.V.

J. Baker

Dear Senator/Representative

My name is James Davis and before it went to ~~that~~ Max I was homeless, jobless, and then lifeless so to my addiction to drugs and alcohol. Today I'm sober don't smoke Cigs, and I'm loving life on its terms. I have a future that I can see and I'm given another chance with life thanks to Max V.

James Davis

Dear Senator / Representative

My name is William. I am a veteran of the United States Armed Services (U.S. Marines) and in this brief letter I'll just like to tell you how grateful I am to Macv services. I ~~am~~ ^{was a} homeless veteran and a hopeless one, a few months ago before coming to Macv. With their help, I see my future being a productive one and ~~be~~ myself as a productive citizen

Thank God for
Macv

William

8 April 2005

Dear Congressman/ Representative

I'm writing this letter to let you know how much MACV has done for me. When I first was referred to MACV I was homeless and I was truly an empty shell of a man. I sat down with MACV and they explained to me all the options and programs that were available to me. I knew some of the programs existed. I started doing the things that weakened of me and I have been 10 months sober and living in a SIZ house. MACV truly helped me find myself and regain my dignity and self-respect back. I believe in MACV because I've seen truly remarkable things they have done for vets. I'm a Viet Nam vet who served in country and for the first time I was able to talk about the issues I have. Thanks to MACV. It would be a great loss if MACV would cease to function because of funding. I have a great deal of respect for MACV. Please help us in anyway you can.

Sincerely,

Jerry S.

4/10/05

Dear Rep. Jim Davnie

+ Sen. Wes Skoglund.

My Name is David Larson.

I suffer from depression and chemical dependancy. I came

to MACV in Jan. 2004. They have helped get treatment

for both my conditions and have provided me support and direction in getting started

in a new career. They payed for nursing assistant school

and have provided a safe place for me to live while attaining

the goals of sobriety and starting a new career. Please

help MACV continue it's work

with veterans. David R. Larson

April 10, 2005

Dear Rep. Jim Dornie
Sen. Wes Scagland,

I am a fifty year old Vietnam
Era Vet with twenty plus years
of Federal service. I have been
battling alcoholism for decades.

Fortunately I have been directed
to MACV. With their support
and guidance I have completed
schooling and am now on
work therapy. My future looks
positive and I am looking at
my place in society as an asset
rather than a hindrance.
Please support for all veterans
past and present, bills HF 2299
and SF 1863.

Gratefully, Darrent J.

4/8/05

Dear Senator

I have been with the MACU program for almost two years, while in the program I have not only found that trusting in yourself is not enough, but more devastating, is not trusting in anyone. This program has given me my confidence back. To respect myself, to respect others, I have seen so many people in my time here, get back with their families, rebuild their credit, get good jobs, and to pass on to others, that there is a program out there, that will help you, thank you MACU for your support

Sincerely
Donald Stahs

4/10/05

Dear Senator,

I want you to know that the MAKV program has helped me immensely. It has helped turn my life around. I have been clean and sober for nearly 6 months now and would be homeless and probably dead if not for this program. Not only have they provided with a place to live but also have taught me living skills and I am building a sober network. It is a unique bunch of people and staff here that truly care about recovery and not only has it benefited me but I am sure it will continue this hope to others.

Thank you.

Randy Boldt

DEAR SENATOR / REPRESENTATIVE,

I AM CURRENTLY RESIDING IN BUILDING 47, A PLACE FOR HOMELESS VETS. WHEN I CAME TO THE V.A. LAST SEPTEMBER I WAS SUICIDAL AND HAD GIVEN UP ON LIFE. MACV & BUILDING 47 HAVE GIVEN ME HOPE AND MY LIFE BACK. I WORK IN DIETARY AT THE HOSPITAL FULL TIME AND ATTEND GROUPS & A.A. WEEKLY. I KNOW I WOULD BE DEAD IF NOT FOR THIS SECOND CHANCE MACV HAS GIVEN ME. I HAVE BEEN CLEAN & SOBER 7 1/2 MONTHS AND MY LIFE HAS VALUE NOW. PLEASE VOTE YES ON THE BILLS FOR FUNDING MACV SO OTHER VETS CAN HAVE THE SAME CHANCE AS ME OF CLEANING UP OUR LIVES.

Thank you
Sincerely,

KURT NORLUND

Mike Mooney
202 W. 2nd St. #304
Duluth MN 55802
(218) 722-7425

To whom it may concern;

I had been homeless since June 2003. In December of 2004 I moved to the Duluth homeless shelter. There, a fellow veteran told me about the MACV program.

I have been in this program about two months now. It has had a very positive impact on my life. At first my priority was a safe place to sleep, a shower, and clean clothes. I got that plus a haircut and regular meals. I now have a resumé printed up and an address and phone number employers can call if interested. I have cleaned up and feel much better about myself. I feel I can once again contribute to society.

I urge you to increase funding for this important program. Increased funding will mean an increased number of veterans helped. I feel this program has a great return on the investment. I am thankful for the help I have received and I know there are many more veterans who could also use this help as a springboard back into the working world.

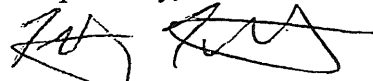
Sincerely,

Mike Mooney

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to tell you how important this program is to me and my family. It is hard to express in words how grateful I am to be a part of this program and to have had an opportunity to work with truly wonderful, caring people. My family and I have been given, in a sense, an opportunity to start over. We have been able to start getting caught up on bills, and stay caught up. My wife, to whom I am extremely proud, has recently finished her G.E.D., and with help from the program is starting college in June. I can't thank you enough for the help with my vehicle repair as well. I and my family would like to give you a heart felt thank you for all that you have done. Thank you all.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Trettel', written over a horizontal line.

Timothy Trettel

To Whom Concerned

I am currently in the program thru
the Minnesota Assistance Council for
Veterans, Veterans Outreach, North Duluth, MN
My enlistment in the US Navy ended
in 1980 as an E5 IC2 after 84 years
active sea duty. My experience's I have always
been grateful for. I was aware of my
benefits from active duty, I did not ever think I
would have to use them. I now am very
Grateful for the Veterans services from the
excellent services in St Cloud treatment
the Minneapolis VA for support services
and for the MACV here in Duluth
as I am trying very hard to get
on with my life

Thank you

8TH APRIL 2005
FRIDAY

I'm writing this letter too let people know, how Minnesota Council too assist Veterans, has help me the last three and half years, here in my home state of Minnesota. Three and half years ago I was homeless and my health was on a down word slide. M.A.C.V., helped me straighten out my life with counseling and health care from the Veterans Administration. It was with M.A.C.V.'s help that it was made possible for me too also help me get my disability pension from the Army.

This organization give you the tools and self-help too get your life, back in order. I feel that with out the help of this organization, M.A.C.V., I would not be writing this letter right now. They have helped over 2000 veterans alone here in the state of Minnesota. Can I know they must feel the same way I do about M.A.C.V.. The people who work at M.A.C.V., are very professional in the way that they help you get your life in order. Can I feel that M.A.C.V. will keep on helping veterans as they helped me.

As I mentioned earlier in this letter, I feel M.A.C.V., is a organization, that can provide self-help to many veterans who want this help. They have helped me to get respect back into my life. Oh I will always be grateful for this. I wouldn't have made it, without the help of Minnesota Council to assist Veterans. I want to thank you for reading this letter.

Robert J. Beardsley
ROBERT J. BEARDSLEY
1512 101ST AVENUE WEST
APT # 3
DULUTH, MINNESOTA
55808

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I was living with my mother helping her after she had a stroke. Her house was being foreclosed and I needed housing. With my limited income I could not find affordable housing, I looked in a logue for a year before I contacted MACV. My daughter and I are in a stable environment, her grades have improved over the last year and I'm in the Law Enforcement program @ Fond du Lac College and on the Dean's list. This program has made it possible for me to improve my life and go forward in a career I'm excited about and will provide financial stability for us.

Catherine Child

4-7-05

7 April 2005

I would like to tell how grateful I am for the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. Harriet Harrington has been so very helpful and supportive. If it was not for this program I would of been Homeless in Jan of 2005. I have been able to complete Nursing school and keep shelter for my sons. This would of never been possible without the help of this program. Again I would like to express my sincere appreciation and Thank You for a great program.

Very Respectfully

Jay T. McCarty

April 8th, 2005

Dear MACV,

I'm writing to thank you for your generosity and support you have shown my father these past winter months.

Winter is a hard time for everyone, and my family is certainly no exception. But your program had ensured that my dad had not only the group support, but food and a warm place to stay as well. Our family has slept more soundly at night because of that, and are very appreciative of your services.

I only hope that you will be able to help other with families such as my own in the future. Thank you so much, and God bless you!

Sincerely,
Vienna Kagak

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To whom it may concern,

As a Vietnam era veteran, I am very grateful to MACV. In the time I have spent with this program, I have able to gather my thoughts, set priorities, establish short range, medium range, and long range goals. As a result of my time here, my self image has improved immeasurably, while the facilities are somewhat Spartan in nature, they prove to be adequate and provide personal time and space needed for repair of spiritual, emotional, physical and financial matters.

I feel MACV, is more efficient, than many other avenues, including schools. I truly feel this program is invaluable to myself and countless other veterans.

Respectfully,

George Peake

202 W. 22nd.

Duluth, Mn 55802

218-722-7425

april 1 - 2000

To Whom it May Concern

I Wayne S. Pearson am a homeless Veteran or was a homeless veteran until I found help in Duluth, mn. through MACV! I had no place to sleep, no money for food no job. The great people at MACV gave me a room to sleep in, food to eat, and helped me find a job.

Winter was coming, and they provided me with warm clothing, and a Bus Pass to get back and forth to work.

I am still in the program and hoping to get a small 1 Bedroom apt. I am very greatfull for all the help I've received.

In closing I would like for you to continue supporting all "Veterans" who need help from time to time.

Thank you very much for listening to me.

Wayne S. Pearson
USN

Northeast Continuum of Care
MACV-VON Transitional Housing for Veterans and their families.
Harriet Harrington, LSW Case Manager

I am working with a young couple that have two small children. The wife has been on SSI since she was a young child. She had never completed high school. She has just completed her GED and is enrolled in college to begin her Certified Nursing Assistant classes. Upon completion and employment she will no longer be on SSI. She is 21 years of age now, and if SSI had paid her \$500 a month until she was 65 years of age it would have cost the government \$264,000. Instead, through the transitional housing program HUD will pay around \$8,000 for rent. A considerable savings for taxpayers. Also, upon completion of the program she will be a taxpaying member of society.

To Whom it may concern

I'm 43 came back to Duluth in the
r. Idle of winter used up my 30 days at
the local shelter This program has helped
me in several ways they give me a bus
card so I can find a job, also a room
at the local Y.W.C.A.

Instead of cutting the funding for
this program you should be adding
more monies to this program there has
already ~~have~~ been homeless ~~(Gulf war)~~
from the 1st Gulf Gulf war.

Thank you for your time

R.W. Snyder

P.S.

SUPPORT YOUR

LOCAL VETERANS

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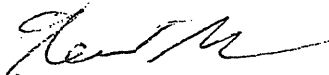
Mike Mooney

Dear, Senator/Representative

I would just like to say that I have been living in sil house for over a year. MACV has helped me turn my life around in a lot of ways. First they gave me a place to stay when I had nowhere to go. Second MACV has helped me stay sober in that they give me structure, which I have needed during the stressful times in my sobriety. They keep me honest in that they have guidelines to keep me on the right track. MACV also has staff that can help guide me when I have questions about how to handle certain decisions. Over all I don't know what I would do to this point without MACV'S help over the last year. I believe the time I have spent in the MACV program will help me into the future.

Thanks

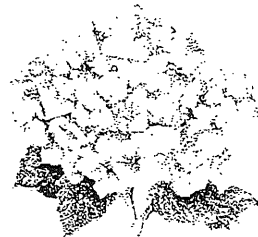
Kent M



Dear Senator/Representative.

MACV provided a roof
while I got help from the Veterans Hospital.

Today with housing from MACV and
support from the Veterans Hospital, I have
moved from rock bottom to restarting
my life.





ASC Psychological Clinic

12 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato Place
Suite 2090
Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Tel 507-345-4679
Fax 507-345-8685

April 7, 2005

Dear Senator,

I am writing this letter to request your support of **SF1863** to allow increased services to veterans experiencing homelessness.

The services provided by Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans have a proven track record in improving the lives of veterans in need. This organization has a known trust within the veteran community, and works collaboratively with many community organizations to maximize assistance to each veteran.

I appreciate your consideration of **SF1863** as do many of the veterans that rely on your decisions.

Sincerely,

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

GEORGE V. KOMARIDIS, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist

MANKATO PLACE
12 Civic Center Plaza
Suite 2155
Mankato, MN 56001

Ph. (507) 345-4679
FAX (507) 345-8685

CONTACT:

Greg Owen, Wilder Research, 651-647-4612

Jimmie Lee Coulthard, President/CEO

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans 612-726-9375

Ellen Shelton, Wilder Research, 651-637-2470

Veterans of Foreign Wars Homeless chairman

Minnesota's homeless veterans have more mental illness and substance abuse than other homeless men, but more have jobs

Dec. 9, 2004, St. Paul. Military veterans are no more likely than other men their age to be homeless, but they have much higher rates of mental illness and chemical dependency than other homeless men their age.

Despite that fact, and despite the recent recession, homeless veterans have higher employment rates than other homeless men their age, according to a new report from Wilder Research.

More than one-third of homeless veterans are employed and 20 percent work full-time, which is similar to the situation in 2000. In contrast, other homeless adults lost ground on employment during the early 2000s, dropping from 41 percent to 30 percent employed, and from 26 percent to 13 percent working full-time.

How many homeless veterans?

Homeless military veterans in Minnesota include about 650 men and 50 women on any given night. They make up about one-quarter of the homeless men and 2 percent of the homeless women in the state. The Wilder special report covers both male and female veterans. It is based on results of the 2003 statewide survey of homelessness, conducted every three years since 1991.

The new report also finds that homeless male veterans are more likely than other homeless men their age to have grown up in Minnesota, been married at some point, have more education, be White, and be better able to find and keep a job even while homeless.

"This leads us to question whether something about the military service background of these men has contributed to their homelessness," said Greg Owen, the Wilder Research scientist who led the statewide survey.

"When we look at homeless veterans, they do not fit as closely into the common themes that we see so frequently among other homeless adults – having a very rough start in life, spending time in foster care or some other placement as children, and entering adulthood without much stability or preparation to become self-sufficient," said Owen. "The homeless veterans simply do not fit that profile as strongly as other homeless men."

More mental and chemical problems, and more treatment

The Wilder report finds that nearly half of homeless male veterans (47%) have serious mental illness (primarily depression and post-traumatic stress disorder), much higher than in the age-matched comparison group of homeless men who did not serve in the military (33%).

Similarly, 54 percent of homeless veterans have alcoholism or other chemical dependency problems, compared to 38 percent of the other homeless men.

However, many homeless veterans received treatment for their chemical dependency problems in the past two years: 74 percent of homeless veterans with chemical problems received inpatient or outpatient treatment in the past two years, compared to only 61 percent of other homeless men of their age.

More veterans also received mental health treatment: 69 percent of veterans with mental health problems got help in the past two years, compared to only 62 percent of other homeless men their age with mental health problems.

Veterans with combat experience

About one-third of the homeless veterans in Minnesota served in a combat zone: 24 percent in Vietnam, 6 percent in the first Gulf War, 1 percent each in Korea and Lebanon, and 2 percent on other conflicts, including two men from the current war in Iraq.

The Wilder study finds that these combat veterans were even more likely to have serious mental illness than homeless veterans who did not have combat experience (55 percent of combat veterans compared to 46 percent of other veterans).

Another difference was that more of the combat veterans (63%) had been married at some point, compared to other homeless veterans (52%).

“There is a lot we can learn from homeless veterans, and especially combat veterans, about the difficulties our next wave of veterans might face and the kinds of support they will need,” said Owen.

More facts about homeless veterans

Most of Minnesota’s homeless veterans (60%) served in the military for more than two years, and 76 percent received an honorable discharge. Vietnam-era veterans are the largest group (41%), including both men and women. The average age of homeless veterans is 48, about six years older than the average for homeless men in Minnesota.

On a single night in October 2003, Wilder Research found:

- 702 homeless military veterans in Minnesota
- 652 men and 50 women
- 88 on the streets and in other unsheltered locations
- 423 in the Twin Cities area and 191 in greater Minnesota
- 117 children accompanying homeless veterans

The percentage of homeless veterans who ...

- Are employed: 36%
- Are working full-time: 20%
- If working, earn less than \$10 per hour: 67%
- Have income of \$300 or less for the past month: 43%
- Have chronic medical problems: 50%

The full Wilder report, “Homeless veterans in Minnesota,” is available at no cost at www.wilderresearch.org. Printed copies (\$25 each) can be ordered by calling 651-647-4600. Wilder Research, part of the Amherst Wilder Foundation in Saint Paul, conducts research to improve the well-being of individuals, families, and communities, with special attention to the most vulnerable members of society.

About Us

WHY MACV EXISTS

Homelessness and its consequences are leading causes of personal and family suffering and community problems resulting in major health and social costs. We exist to directly help veterans and their families affected by homelessness and to serve, inform, educate and train others to carry our message of hope; and to set a national standard for caring and excellence working with veterans who are threatened by or are experiencing homelessness.

OUR MISSION IS

To provide or coordinate preventive transitional & permanent housing and supportive services for veterans who are experiencing homelessness or who are in danger of becoming homeless and who are motivated towards positive change.

WE DO THIS BY

Providing food and housing, coordinating employment, school and work hardening, in a structured program that is affordable. Our program environment is chemically/intoxication free, clean, and free of discrimination, harassment and violence.

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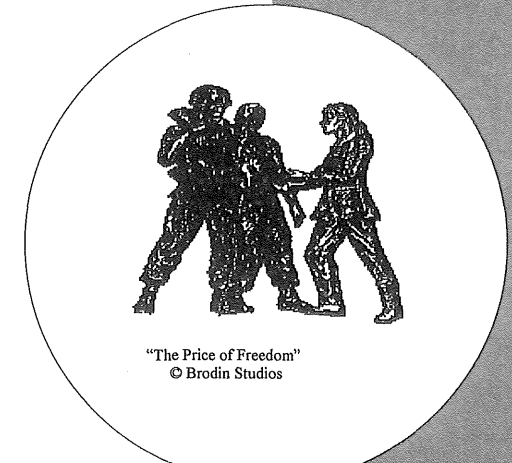
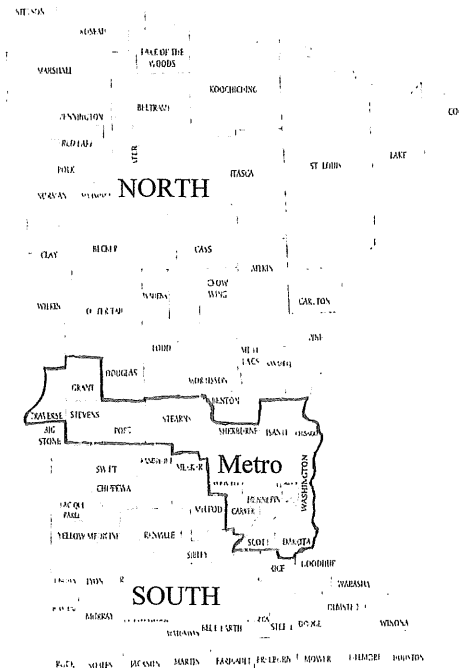
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Admission Requirements for Housing

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Admission Requirements

- ◆ They must be veterans verified by their DD214s, or written verification on VA letterhead from the regional office (VARO) verifying the veteran is entitled to receive benefits. No bad conduct, undesirables or dishonorable discharges.
- ◆ They must be homeless, and their homeless status must be verified by a shelter, transitional housing, jail, etc. They will also sign a homeless verification form.
- ◆ Each Residence has particular conditions which must be met to enter and remain. All housing is sober housing.



Building 47



Structured Independent Living



Alliance Apartments

Desired Outcomes

Placement in appropriate Housing for each Veteran

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Vets Down on Their Luck Find Safe Harbor

This Minnesota program has assisted some 2,600 veterans, giving them a helping hand and a chance for a new start. VFW Posts and members play an instrumental role.

By Janie Blankenship



Inset: Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans President and CEO Jimmie Coulthard. **Background:** A \$16 million expansion project includes homes at the Minneapolis VAMC.

INSET PHOTO COURTESY MCVV
BACKGROUND PHOTO BY JANIE BLANKENSHIP

On a quiet street in Minneapolis sits a quaint stucco cottage. With its hardwood floors, arched doorways and cozy fireplace, it's a house most people would be proud to call home. In the kitchen window sit plump tomatoes freshly picked from the lush plants growing in the yard.

An unsightly tree stump out back has been painted to look like the U.S. flag, and the pansies are in bloom. Vince Hallas, a previous resident, can be thanked for these artistic endeavors.

But after all his hard work, he had to leave. Hallas, 43, wasn't prepared to live alone. Not yet anyway. He was living in the cottage as a guest of Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV).

A former Marine, Hallas was sober, but knew that to continue healing, he would need to go back to MACV's Building 47 on the campus of the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center. It's a place, Hallas says, he can get the support he needs to stay on track.

Since its inception more than 12 years ago, MACV has assisted 2,600 homeless veterans, or about the equivalent of five battalions, as the program's president and CEO, Jimmie L. Coulthard, likes to say.

And for veterans like Hallas, it has become known as a haven for homeless vets. A Marine from 1979-1982, including a year at U.S. Naval Air Station Keflavic, Iceland, where he was a helicopter door gunner, Hallas says he had non-combat-related psychological problems, which he later tried to bury with alcohol.

After being honorably discharged from the Marines, he went from one job to the next. Undergoing bouts of homelessness, Hallas wound up at MACV a little over a year ago.

He is preparing to move to a state veterans home in Hastings for further rehabilitation.

Hallas' story is like many others who have come through MACV's program, according to Coulthard, who can personally relate to these veterans.

After serving with C Co., 3rd Bn., 196th Light Inf. Bde., in Vietnam in 1967-68, Coulthard found it nearly impossible to reintegrate into society after the war. He was drinking all the time, but admits he was a heavy drinker

before he went to war.

Coulthard became a riverboat captain, pushing barges down the Mississippi, Ohio and Illinois rivers. It was a job, he says, that saved his life.

"We worked 30 days on and 30 days off with six-hour shifts," says Coulthard, now 59 and celebrating 20 years of sobriety this month. "It exhausted me, and I just needed to sleep."

He came off the river in 1986 to become a substance abuse counselor at a halfway house. Six years later, with



PHOTO COURTESY MACV

Vince Hallas used his creative flair to paint a tree stump to look like the U.S. flag. He planted dozens of flowers in the yard of one of the program's transitional homes.

"nothing but a yellow legal pad," Coulthard was hired by a committee to develop a statewide homeless veterans program initiated by a VFW member.

VFW Gets the Ball Rolling

When WWII veteran Geri Wedel heard about a homeless veteran freezing to death on the streets of Minneapolis, she was incensed. The tragedy spurred her to action. Having served as an Army nurse in the Philippines, Wedel asked her VFW Post to provide her with \$500 to get 501(c)(3) status to start a homeless veterans organization.

Post 6845 in St. Paul put up the cash, and the program became a non-profit corporation. Coulthard said Post member John O'Neill, who also served as Department adjutant for 18 years, even

paid for some of the start-up costs out of his own pocket.

MACV secured a home where Coulthard lived for a period with the program's homeless. He describes it as a "hectic" time.

In July 1993, MACV secured a Homeless Chronically Mentally Ill contract from the Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. It was able to convert a building on the sprawling VA campus into a 13-bed facility—it's fondly known among the homeless as "Building 47."

For \$1 per year, MACV leases the facility, which was once a day nursery for children with family members in the hospital. (The nursery was the project of 1962 VFW Department Commander Al Loehr and Ladies Auxiliary Department President Lola Reid. They remain active supporters of MACV.)

Coulthard notes that what was once a gift from VFW and veterans has now been returned to the veterans.

"It's nice to see that this building has really come full circle," he says.

The program has grown tremendously since its beginning. Today, there are eight transitional homes in Minneapolis and one in St. Cloud.

Offices in Duluth (Veterans Outreach North) and Mankato (Veterans Outreach South) also assist veterans. In Mankato, 11 units for disabled veterans are being built. Furthermore, an impressive \$16 million expansion project (paid for by general obligation bonds) will add 140 permanent supportive housing units on the Minneapolis VAMC grounds and 60 units in St. Cloud. It will be a "veterans gift to the community" since half the beds will be filled by non-veterans. But it will never be occupied by less than 51% veterans, according to Coulthard.

Widespread Support

Noting that about 85% of MACV's funding comes from federal and state grants, Coulthard said that without the supporting entities, none of this would be possible. The U.S. Department of Labor, the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Minnesota VA are just a few.

Prior to his death, Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) secured a \$500,000 Depart-



Peter Riggs, Jimmie L. Coulthard, Al Loehr and Jimmy Collier reminisce about VFW's role in the creation of Building 47 (pictured in the background). The facility was built by VFW funds in 1962 as a day nursery for the children of patients being treated at the VA hospital.

ment of Labor grant for MACV's VET-LAW program. It provides free legal aid to homeless veterans.

VA's Grant and Per Diem Program provides funding for Building 47, including the employment of Nathaniel Saltz, 32, who serves as case manager for the residents there. Saltz, whose background is in education, was trained in alcohol and drug counseling because his job is to urge vets to fend for themselves.

"Having the blessing of VA partners and the state is extremely important for us to function," Coulthard says. "And county veterans service officers are our front line of defense."

He further notes that Linda Boone, with the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, has been instrumental in MACV's progress.

And then there are the veterans service organizations whose members support the homeless program. George Udeh and Millie Johnson of VFW Post 5555 in Richfield and its Auxiliary deliver food weekly to Building 47. Furthermore, the Post sponsors an annual cookout for the residents. Members like Chuck Lindbergh—the only remaining survivor of the first flag raising on Iwo Jima—visit homeless vets and know them by name.

"We're proud to be doing this," Millie says. "And it makes us very happy."

The founding Post is still an avid supporter. VFW Post 6583's Auxiliary faithfully donates \$100 a month to MACV.

According to Rick Peterson, who has worked for MACV since early on, the Minnesota National Guard is a huge supporter, as well. He works with the Guard on maintenance projects, such as roofing and painting, at the transitional homes.

"It's pretty amazing to see what they [Guard members] can get done in a day," he says.

Providing a 'Structured Environment'

Veterans at MACV are provided with weekly computer training and are required to participate in VA's compensated work therapy program (CWT). They receive support in recovering from addictions and mental illnesses.

Coulthard says veterans are required to follow a 12-step program by attending at least two Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous meetings a week.

"For those who claim not to be chemically dependent, they must attend Al-Anon meetings because they are living among addicts and alcoholics," he says.

Army vet Douglas Allen, 49, lost his home in April and wound up at Building 47 in June. He is working in the kitchen at the hospital as part of CWT.

"I have four years of sobriety and start every day new," he says. "These people believe in me and are helping me to believe in myself."

Allen, who was in the Army from 1980-1984, spent a good deal of his life drinking. He had two heart attacks, making work more difficult.

"I don't know where I'd be if it weren't for this place," says Allen, who was stationed in Germany as a light wheel vehicle driver.

Like one-third of the veterans who come to MACV, Allen is really working hard. Coulthard says another third will succeed after several setbacks, and the remaining third won't make it all.

"We help these guys by providing a structured environment," he says. "Some of them have been living outside for so long, they've forgotten basic social skills."

Take Leroy Namen, for example. He figured if Daniel Boone could do it, so could he. So for two years he lived on the banks of the Mississippi River, drinking his life away. Somehow he survived two of Minnesota's notoriously frigid winters.

Namen, a Navy vet who served from 1979-1983 and was stationed on Diego Garcia as a boiler repairman, was down on his luck and turned to the bottle for solace. It wasn't the life he wanted, and he knew he needed to change.

"One night I began praying for help, and the next day this guy came walking out of the woods," says Namen, 45. "I thought he just wanted my booze. But it was Bill Johnson, who took me in and got me help. I made a promise to myself that day that I would give it 100% and I have."

Today, Namen is a pipefitter at the VA hospital.

"I have my life back and I feel like I'm somebody," he says. "I'd be six feet under ground if it weren't for these guys."

Coulthard says Johnson, who works for VA's Homeless Veterans Outreach program, has helped his fair share of vets over the years. He knows who's who in the homeless shelters and soup kitchens and has earned the trust of veterans still living on the streets.

Namen isn't the only vet to credit MACV for saving his life. Herman White,

53, a current participant in the program, concurs. Pulling security guard duty at an ammo dump in Qui Nhon, Vietnam (1971-1972), White was a heavy drug user after the war and realized he was killing himself.

He says the MACV staff showed him there was a better life to live, one that could involve his 13-year-old son.

"I always wanted to be able to tell my son not to use, but couldn't because I was using," White says. "Now I can help him understand why it's bad to use drugs."

White is currently living in a state veterans home in Minneapolis while he continues the recovery process.

Some veterans who arrive at Building 47, like Randy Dyck, do a little research and make the journey alone. Dyck, 55, who says he's been an alcoholic since he had his first drink at age 7, was living out of his car with only a few possessions. He went to the library and found MACV on the Internet.

He stayed in the program for six months and went to work at the VA hospital. Today, he is a published novelist (*Bitten* was published in April 2004 by Publish America, Frederick, Md.), and a staff support secretary with VA.

A veteran of the Vietnam War with the 4th Infantry Division from 1968-1969, Dyck went through the entire program with a "renewed vigor for life." He even has his own Web site, www.randalldyck.com, which has excerpts from his novels and a link to MACV.

Peter Riggs is another shining example of how MACV helps turn lives around. Substance abuse problems landed Riggs in a homeless shelter.

"One night I just looked around and wondered what I was doing there," says Riggs, 50, who spent 11 years in the Army, including a year in Germany where he was a Patriot missileman. "I knew I had too much going for myself to keep living under those conditions."

Riggs finished the program and went on to receive his master's degree in public policy. He is currently working toward his second degree, works in VA's urgent care department and serves on MACV's board of directors.

He hopes to venture into the fund-raising arena since he is convinced there are big corporations out there looking for a worthy cause to fund.

MACV Admission Requirements

- DD-214 or discharge documentation from a VA regional office must verify veteran status. No vets with bad conduct, undesirable or dishonorable discharges are allowed.
- Must be homeless, and that status must be confirmed by a homeless shelter, transitional housing unit, jail or eviction notice. Veteran must sign a homeless certification form.
- A picture ID must be presented or obtained from the VA or state.
- Proof of income, if currently working.
- Some housing arrangements require proof of 60 days of sobriety.

MACV is Like Making 'Stone Soup'

With the expansion under way, Coulthard, who also is the VFW Department chairman for the Homeless Veterans Committee, is looking ahead to bigger plans. It's his dream to one day have a complex for the homeless who are located in outlying rural areas. He hopes someone will donate land, or perhaps even a farm.

He also wishes VFW Posts throughout the state will offer to sponsor the transitional houses by paying the mortgages.

Coulthard likens MACV to the stone soup fable, where villagers aren't willing to individually help three tired soldiers, but pull together in the end.

For getting people to work together, Jimmy Collier is a good one to have around. He gave up a good job with Blue Cross Blue Shield to work for veterans. Collier is someone Coulthard refers to as a real "ball of fire."

A 22-year veteran of the Army, Collier, 50, is an employment specialist, working with companies like Comcast and Global

Aviation to place veterans in jobs. So far this year, he has gotten 55 vets hired.

"There's nothing finer than this place," says Collier, whose military duty stations included Belgium, Germany and Korea. "It's the second best job to being in the Army."

With an estimated 3,400 homeless vets living in Minnesota (according to an October 2000 Wilder Survey), Coulthard is glad to have men like Collier at his side. Though the survey also said 42% of the state's homeless vets served from 1964-1975, most of the vets currently at MACV are not Vietnam veterans, as is the popular misconception.

Furthermore, a 1996 study by VA doctor Robert Rosenheck states: "Homelessness among veterans is not clearly related to combat military experience. Homeless veterans appear less likely to have served in combat than housed [those who have never been homeless] veterans."

"We've had men from all wars come through here, but a lot of them have never been to war," Coulthard says. "They have all served our country, though."

Coulthard adds that no one is ever turned away. Even if someone doesn't meet the requirements (see screened box at upper left) or all the beds are full, Coulthard and his staff will find a bed for the veteran. "We also can contact the VA here and get proof of eligibility," he says. Although MACV no longer accepts homeless women vets, which make up less than 2% of the homeless vet population, the staff does refer them to shelters such as St. Stephens or Simpsons in Minneapolis.

A happily married man and grandfather of seven, Coulthard says he will continue his mission until MACV is well-secured and funded.

"I think I have been able to turn my dark past into something good, and that makes me happy," he says. "I've just learned not to take the disappointments personally." ❖

To find out more about MACV, contact:

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1 A bill for an act

2 relating to the military; providing for special
3 "Support Our Troops" plates; establishing an account;
4 providing funding for certain National Guard incentive
5 programs; providing funding for a World War II
6 veterans memorial and the maintenance and improvement
7 of veterans homes; providing certain income tax
8 benefits; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
9 Statutes 2004, sections 289A.02, subdivision 7;
10 290.01, subdivisions 19, 19b, 31; 290.06, subdivision
11 2c; 290.091, subdivision 2; 290A.03, subdivision 15;
12 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
13 chapters 168; 190.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

15 ARTICLE 1

16 LICENSE PLATES

17 Section 1. [168.1298] [SPECIAL "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS"
18 LICENSE PLATES.]

19 Subdivision 1. [GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES.] (a)

20 The commissioner shall issue special "Support Our Troops"
21 license plates to an applicant who:

22 (1) is an owner of a passenger automobile, one-ton pickup
23 truck, recreational vehicle, or motorcycle;

24 (2) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and
25 manufacturing the plates;

26 (3) pays the registration tax required under section
27 168.013;

28 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

29 (5) contributes a minimum of \$30 annually to the Minnesota

1 "Support Our Troops" account established in section 190.19; and
2 (6) complies with laws and rules governing registration and
3 licensing of vehicles and drivers.

4 (b) The license application under this section must
5 indicate that the annual contribution specified under paragraph
6 (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plate
7 and that the applicant may make an additional contribution to
8 the account.

9 Subd. 2. [DESIGN.] After consultation with interested
10 groups, the adjutant general and the commissioner of veterans
11 affairs shall design the special plate, subject to the approval
12 of the commissioner.

13 Subd. 3. [NO REFUND.] Contributions under this section
14 must not be refunded.

15 Subd. 4. [PLATE TRANSFERS.] Notwithstanding section
16 168.12, subdivision 1, on payment of a transfer fee of \$5,
17 plates issued under this section may be transferred to another
18 passenger automobile, one-ton pickup truck, recreational
19 vehicle, or motorcycle owned by the individual to whom the
20 special plates were issued.

21 Subd. 5. [CONTRIBUTION AND FEES CREDITED.] Contributions
22 under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (5), must be paid to
23 the commissioner and credited to the Minnesota "Support Our
24 Troops" account established in section 190.19. The fees
25 collected under this section must be deposited in the vehicle
26 services operating account in the special revenue fund.

27 Subd. 6. [RECORD.] The commissioner shall maintain a
28 record of the number of plates issued under this section.

29 Sec. 2. [190.19] [MINNESOTA "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" ACCOUNT.]

30 Subdivision 1. [ESTABLISHMENT.] The Minnesota "Support Our
31 Troops" account is established in the state treasury. The
32 account shall consist of contributions from private sources and
33 appropriations.

34 Subd. 2. [GRANTS.] (a) Money in the Minnesota "Support Our
35 Troops" account is appropriated to the adjutant general for the
36 purpose of making grants:

1 (1) directly to eligible individuals; or
2 (2) to one or more eligible foundations for the purpose of
3 making grants to eligible individuals, as provided in this
4 section.

5 (b) The term, "eligible individual" includes any person who
6 is:

7 (1) a member of the Minnesota National Guard or a reserve
8 unit based in Minnesota who has been called to active service as
9 defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5;

10 (2) a Minnesota resident who is a member of a military
11 reserve unit not based in Minnesota, if the member is called to
12 active service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5;

13 (3) any other Minnesota resident performing active service
14 for any branch of the military of the United States; and

15 (4) members of the immediate family of an individual
16 identified in clause (1), (2), or (3). For purposes of this
17 clause, "immediate family" means the individual's spouse and
18 minor children and, if they are dependents of the member of the
19 military, the member's parents, grandparents, siblings,
20 stepchildren, and adult children.

21 (c) The term "eligible foundation" includes any
22 organization that:

23 (1) is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of
24 the Internal Revenue Code;

25 (2) has articles of incorporation under chapter 317A
26 specifying the purpose of the organization as including the
27 provision of financial assistance to members of the Minnesota
28 National Guard and other United States armed forces reserves and
29 their families and survivors; and

30 (3) agrees in writing to distribute any grant money
31 received from the adjutant general under this section to
32 eligible individuals as defined in this section and in
33 accordance with any written policies and rules the adjutant
34 general may impose as conditions of the grant to the foundation.

35 (d) The maximum grant awarded to an eligible individual in
36 a calendar year with funds from the Minnesota "Support Our

1 Troops" account, either through an eligible institution or
2 directly from the adjutant general, may not exceed \$2,000.

3 Subd. 3. [ANNUAL REPORT.] The adjutant general must report
4 by February 1, 2007, and each year thereafter, to the chairs and
5 ranking minority members of the legislative committees and
6 divisions with jurisdiction over military and veterans' affairs
7 on the number, amounts, and use of grants issued from the
8 Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account in the previous year.

9 ARTICLE 2

10 NATIONAL GUARD FUNDING

11 Section 1. [APPROPRIATION.]

12 (a) \$3,850,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2006 and
13 \$3,850,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2007 from the general
14 fund to the adjutant general to provide the additional amount
15 necessary for full funding of the tuition reimbursement program
16 in Minnesota Statutes, section 192.501, subdivision 2.

17 (b) \$1,500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2006 and
18 \$1,500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2007 from the general
19 fund to the adjutant general to provide for reenlistment bonuses
20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 192.501, subdivision 1b.

21 ARTICLE 3

22 BONDING

23 Section 1. [APPROPRIATION.]

24 (a) \$670,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to
25 the commissioner of administration for the construction of a
26 World War II veterans memorial on the Capitol Mall. The design
27 is subject to approval by the Capitol Area Architectural and
28 Planning Board.

29 (b) \$6,306,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund
30 to the Veterans Homes Board for the maintenance and improvement
31 of Minnesota's veterans homes, including \$6,000,000 for asset
32 preservation and \$306,000 for the Luverne Veterans Home dementia
33 unit common area.

34 Sec. 2. [BOND SALE.]

35 To provide the money appropriated in this act from the bond
36 proceeds fund, the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue

1 bonds of the state in an amount up to \$6,976,000 in the manner,
2 upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota
3 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
4 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

5 Sec. 3. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

6 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final
7 enactment.

8 ARTICLE 4

9 INCOME TAX

10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 289A.02,
11 subdivision 7, is amended to read:

12 Subd. 7. [INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.] Unless specifically
13 defined otherwise, "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal
14 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through ~~June-15~~ November 15,
15 2003.

16 [EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective the day
17 following final enactment.

18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 290.01,
19 subdivision 19, is amended to read:

20 Subd. 19. [NET INCOME.] The term "net income" means the
21 federal taxable income, as defined in section 63 of the Internal
22 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through the date named in this
23 subdivision, incorporating the federal effective dates of
24 changes to the Internal Revenue Code and any elections made by
25 the taxpayer in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code in
26 determining federal taxable income for federal income tax
27 purposes, and with the modifications provided in subdivisions
28 19a to 19f.

29 In the case of a regulated investment company or a fund
30 thereof, as defined in section 851(a) or 851(g) of the Internal
31 Revenue Code, federal taxable income means investment company
32 taxable income as defined in section 852(b)(2) of the Internal
33 Revenue Code, except that:

34 (1) the exclusion of net capital gain provided in section
35 852(b)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code does not apply;

36 (2) the deduction for dividends paid under section

1 852(b)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code must be applied by
 2 allowing a deduction for capital gain dividends and
 3 exempt-interest dividends as defined in sections 852(b)(3)(C)
 4 and 852(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

5 (3) the deduction for dividends paid must also be applied
 6 in the amount of any undistributed capital gains which the
 7 regulated investment company elects to have treated as provided
 8 in section 852(b)(3)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code.

9 The net income of a real estate investment trust as defined
 10 and limited by section 856(a), (b), and (c) of the Internal
 11 Revenue Code means the real estate investment trust taxable
 12 income as defined in section 857(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue
 13 Code.

14 The net income of a designated settlement fund as defined
 15 in section 468B(d) of the Internal Revenue Code means the gross
 16 income as defined in section 468B(b) of the Internal Revenue
 17 Code.

18 ~~The provisions of sections 1113(a), 1117, 1206(a), 1313(a),~~
 19 ~~1402(a), 1403(a), 1443, 1450, 1501(a), 1605, 1611(a), 1612,~~
 20 ~~1616, 1617, 1704(i), and 1704(m) of the Small Business Job~~
 21 ~~Protection Act, Public Law 104-188, the provisions of Public Law~~
 22 ~~104-117, the provisions of sections 313(a) and (b)(1), 602(a),~~
 23 ~~913(b), 941, 961, 971, 1001(a) and (b), 1002, 1003, 1012, 1013,~~
 24 ~~1014, 1061, 1062, 1081, 1084(b), 1086, 1087, 1111(a), 1131(b)~~
 25 ~~and (c), 1211(b), 1213, 1530(c)(2), 1601(f)(5) and (h), and~~
 26 ~~1604(d)(1) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Public Law~~
 27 ~~105-34, the provisions of section 6010 of the Internal Revenue~~
 28 ~~Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, Public Law~~
 29 ~~105-206, the provisions of section 4003 of the Omnibus~~
 30 ~~Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act,~~
 31 ~~1999, Public Law 105-277, and the provisions of section 318 of~~
 32 ~~the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2001, Public Law 106-554,~~
 33 ~~shall become effective at the time they become effective for~~
 34 ~~federal purposes.~~

35 The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through
 36 ~~December 31, 1996~~ November 15, 2003, shall be in effect for

1 taxable years beginning after December 31, 1996.

2 ~~The provisions of sections 202(a) and (b), 221(a), 225,~~
3 ~~312, 313, 913(a), 934, 962, 1004, 1005, 1052, 1063, 1084(a) and~~
4 ~~(c), 1089, 1112, 1171, 1204, 1271(a) and (b), 1305(a), 1306,~~
5 ~~1307, 1308, 1309, 1501(b), 1502(b), 1504(a), 1505, 1527, 1528,~~
6 ~~1530, 1601(d), (e), (f), and (i) and 1602(a), (b), (c), and (e)~~
7 ~~of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Public Law 105-34, the~~
8 ~~provisions of sections 6004, 6005, 6012, 6013, 6015, 6016, 7002,~~
9 ~~and 7003 of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and~~
10 ~~Reform Act of 1998, Public Law 105-206, the provisions of~~
11 ~~section 3001 of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency~~
12 ~~Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, Public Law 105-277, the~~
13 ~~provisions of section 3001 of the Miscellaneous Trade and~~
14 ~~Technical Corrections Act of 1999, Public Law 106-36, and the~~
15 ~~provisions of section 316 of the Consolidated Appropriation Act~~
16 ~~of 2001, Public Law 106-554, shall become effective at the time~~
17 ~~they become effective for federal purposes.~~

18 ~~The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through~~
19 ~~December 31, 1997, shall be in effect for taxable years~~
20 ~~beginning after December 31, 1997.~~

21 ~~The provisions of sections 5002, 6009, 6011, and 7001 of~~
22 ~~the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of~~
23 ~~1998, Public Law 105-206, the provisions of section 9010 of the~~
24 ~~Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, Public Law~~
25 ~~105-178, the provisions of sections 1004, 4002, and 5301 of the~~
26 ~~Omnibus Consolidation and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations~~
27 ~~Act, 1999, Public Law 105-277, the provision of section 303 of~~
28 ~~the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1998, Public Law~~
29 ~~105-369, the provisions of sections 532, 534, 536, 537, and 538~~
30 ~~of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of~~
31 ~~1999, Public Law 106-170, the provisions of the Installment Tax~~
32 ~~Correction Act of 2000, Public Law 106-573, and the provisions~~
33 ~~of section 309 of the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2001,~~
34 ~~Public Law 106-554, shall become effective at the time they~~
35 ~~become effective for federal purposes.~~

36 ~~The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through~~

1 ~~December 31, 1998, shall be in effect for taxable years~~
2 ~~beginning after December 31, 1998.~~

3 ~~The provisions of the FSC Repeal and Extraterritorial~~
4 ~~Income Exclusion Act of 2000, Public Law 106-519, and the~~
5 ~~provision of section 412 of the Job Creation and Worker~~
6 ~~Assistance Act of 2002, Public Law 107-147, shall become~~
7 ~~effective at the time it became effective for federal purposes.~~

8 ~~The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through~~
9 ~~December 31, 1999, shall be in effect for taxable years~~
10 ~~beginning after December 31, 1999.---The provisions of sections~~
11 ~~306 and 401 of the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2001,~~
12 ~~Public Law 106-554, and the provision of section 632(b)(2)(A) of~~
13 ~~the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001,~~
14 ~~Public Law 107-16, and provisions of sections 101 and 402 of the~~
15 ~~Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, Public Law~~
16 ~~107-147, shall become effective at the same time it became~~
17 ~~effective for federal purposes.~~

18 ~~The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through~~
19 ~~December 31, 2000, shall be in effect for taxable years~~
20 ~~beginning after December 31, 2000.---The provisions of sections~~
21 ~~659a and 671 of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief~~
22 ~~Reconciliation Act of 2001, Public Law 107-16, the provisions of~~
23 ~~sections 104, 105, and 111 of the Victims of Terrorism Tax~~
24 ~~Relief Act of 2001, Public Law 107-134, and the provisions of~~
25 ~~sections 201, 403, 413, and 606 of the Job Creation and Worker~~
26 ~~Assistance Act of 2002, Public Law 107-147, shall become~~
27 ~~effective at the same time it became effective for federal~~
28 ~~purposes.~~

29 ~~The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through March~~
30 ~~15, 2002, shall be in effect for taxable years beginning after~~
31 ~~December 31, 2001.~~

32 ~~The provisions of sections 101 and 102 of the Victims of~~
33 ~~Terrorism Tax Relief Act of 2001, Public Law 107-134, shall~~
34 ~~become effective at the same time it becomes effective for~~
35 ~~federal purposes.~~

36 ~~The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through June~~

~~1 15-2003, shall be in effect for taxable years beginning after
2 December 31, 2002. The provisions of section 201 of the Jobs
3 and Growth Tax Relief and Reconciliation Act of 2003, H.R. 2, if
4 it is enacted into law, are effective at the same time it became
5 effective for federal purposes.~~

6 Except as otherwise provided, references to the Internal
7 Revenue Code in subdivisions 19a 19 to 19g 19f mean the code in
8 effect for purposes of determining net income for the applicable
9 year.

10 [EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective the day
11 following final enactment.

12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 290.01,
13 subdivision 19b, is amended to read:

14 Subd. 19b. [SUBTRACTIONS FROM FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME.] For
15 individuals, estates, and trusts, there shall be subtracted from
16 federal taxable income:

17 (1) interest income on obligations of any authority,
18 commission, or instrumentality of the United States to the
19 extent includable in taxable income for federal income tax
20 purposes but exempt from state income tax under the laws of the
21 United States;

22 (2) if included in federal taxable income, the amount of
23 any overpayment of income tax to Minnesota or to any other
24 state, for any previous taxable year, whether the amount is
25 received as a refund or as a credit to another taxable year's
26 income tax liability;

27 (3) the amount paid to others, less the amount used to
28 claim the credit allowed under section 290.0674, not to exceed
29 \$1,625 for each qualifying child in grades kindergarten to 6 and
30 \$2,500 for each qualifying child in grades 7 to 12, for tuition,
31 textbooks, and transportation of each qualifying child in
32 attending an elementary or secondary school situated in
33 Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin,
34 wherein a resident of this state may legally fulfill the state's
35 compulsory attendance laws, which is not operated for profit,
36 and which adheres to the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of

1 1964 and chapter 363A. For the purposes of this clause,
2 "tuition" includes fees or tuition as defined in section
3 290.0674, subdivision 1, clause (1). As used in this clause,
4 "textbooks" includes books and other instructional materials and
5 equipment purchased or leased for use in elementary and
6 secondary schools in teaching only those subjects legally and
7 commonly taught in public elementary and secondary schools in
8 this state. Equipment expenses qualifying for deduction
9 includes expenses as defined and limited in section 290.0674,
10 subdivision 1, clause (3). "Textbooks" does not include
11 instructional books and materials used in the teaching of
12 religious tenets, doctrines, or worship, the purpose of which is
13 to instill such tenets, doctrines, or worship, nor does it
14 include books or materials for, or transportation to,
15 extracurricular activities including sporting events, musical or
16 dramatic events, speech activities, driver's education, or
17 similar programs. For purposes of the subtraction provided by
18 this clause, "qualifying child" has the meaning given in section
19 32(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
20 (4) income as provided under section 290.0802;
21 (5) to the extent included in federal adjusted gross
22 income, income realized on disposition of property exempt from
23 tax under section 290.491;
24 (6) to the extent included in federal taxable income,
25 postservice benefits for youth community service under section
26 124D.42 for volunteer service under United States Code, title
27 42, sections 12601 to 12604;
28 (7) to the extent not deducted in determining federal
29 taxable income by an individual who does not itemize deductions
30 for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year, an amount
31 equal to 50 percent of the excess of charitable contributions
32 allowable as a deduction for the taxable year under section
33 170(a) of the Internal Revenue Code over \$500;
34 (8) for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2008, the
35 amount of the federal small ethanol producer credit allowed
36 under section 40(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code which is

1 included in gross income under section 87 of the Internal
2 Revenue Code;

3 (9) for individuals who are allowed a federal foreign tax
4 credit for taxes that do not qualify for a credit under section
5 290.06, subdivision 22, an amount equal to the carryover of
6 subnational foreign taxes for the taxable year, but not to
7 exceed the total subnational foreign taxes reported in claiming
8 the foreign tax credit. For purposes of this clause, "federal
9 foreign tax credit" means the credit allowed under section 27 of
10 the Internal Revenue Code, and "carryover of subnational foreign
11 taxes" equals the carryover allowed under section 904(c) of the
12 Internal Revenue Code minus national level foreign taxes to the
13 extent they exceed the federal foreign tax credit;

14 (10) in each of the five tax years immediately following
15 the tax year in which an addition is required under subdivision
16 19a, clause (7), an amount equal to one-fifth of the delayed
17 depreciation. For purposes of this clause, "delayed
18 depreciation" means the amount of the addition made by the
19 taxpayer under subdivision 19a, clause (7), minus the positive
20 value of any net operating loss under section 172 of the
21 Internal Revenue Code generated for the tax year of the
22 addition. The resulting delayed depreciation cannot be less
23 than zero; and

24 (11) job opportunity building zone income as provided under
25 section 469.316~~7~~; and

26 (12) to the extent included in federal taxable income,
27 compensation paid to a service member as defined in United
28 States Code, title 10, section 101(a)(5), for military service
29 as defined in the Service Members Civil Relief Act, Public Law
30 108-189, section 101(2), and compensation paid for state active
31 service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5a, clauses
32 (1) and (3), or federally funded state active service as defined
33 in section 190.05, subdivision 5b. This subtraction does not
34 apply to "retirement income" as defined in section 290.17,
35 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (3).

36 [EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective for tax years

1 beginning after December 31, 2004.

2 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 290.01,
3 subdivision 31, is amended to read:

4 Subd. 31. [INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.] Unless specifically
5 defined otherwise, "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal
6 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through ~~June-15~~ November 15,
7 2003.

8 [EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective the day
9 following final enactment, except the changes incorporated by
10 federal changes are effective at the same times as the changes
11 were effective for federal purposes.

12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 290.06,
13 subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

14 Subd. 2c. [SCHEDULES OF RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES,
15 AND TRUSTS.] (a) The income taxes imposed by this chapter upon
16 married individuals filing joint returns and surviving spouses
17 as defined in section 2(a) of the Internal Revenue Code must be
18 computed by applying to their taxable net income the following
19 schedule of rates:

20 (1) On the first \$25,680, 5.35 percent;

21 (2) On all over \$25,680, but not over \$102,030, 7.05
22 percent;

23 (3) On all over \$102,030, 7.85 percent.

24 Married individuals filing separate returns, estates, and
25 trusts must compute their income tax by applying the above rates
26 to their taxable income, except that the income brackets will be
27 one-half of the above amounts.

28 (b) The income taxes imposed by this chapter upon unmarried
29 individuals must be computed by applying to taxable net income
30 the following schedule of rates:

31 (1) On the first \$17,570, 5.35 percent;

32 (2) On all over \$17,570, but not over \$57,710, 7.05
33 percent;

34 (3) On all over \$57,710, 7.85 percent.

35 (c) The income taxes imposed by this chapter upon unmarried
36 individuals qualifying as a head of household as defined in

1 section 2(b) of the Internal Revenue Code must be computed by
2 applying to taxable net income the following schedule of rates:

3 (1) On the first \$21,630, 5.35 percent;

4 (2) On all over \$21,630, but not over \$86,910, 7.05
5 percent;

6 (3) On all over \$86,910, 7.85 percent.

7 (d) In lieu of a tax computed according to the rates set
8 forth in this subdivision, the tax of any individual taxpayer
9 whose taxable net income for the taxable year is less than an
10 amount determined by the commissioner must be computed in
11 accordance with tables prepared and issued by the commissioner
12 of revenue based on income brackets of not more than \$100. The
13 amount of tax for each bracket shall be computed at the rates
14 set forth in this subdivision, provided that the commissioner
15 may disregard a fractional part of a dollar unless it amounts to
16 50 cents or more, in which case it may be increased to \$1.

17 (e) An individual who is not a Minnesota resident for the
18 entire year must compute the individual's Minnesota income tax
19 as provided in this subdivision. After the application of the
20 nonrefundable credits provided in this chapter, the tax
21 liability must then be multiplied by a fraction in which:

22 (1) the numerator is the individual's Minnesota source
23 federal adjusted gross income as defined in section 62 of the
24 Internal Revenue Code and increased by the additions required
25 under section 290.01, subdivision 19a, clauses (1), (5), and
26 (6), and reduced by the subtraction under section 290.01,
27 subdivision 19b, clause (11), and the Minnesota assignable
28 portion of the subtraction for United States government interest
29 under section 290.01, subdivision 19b, clause (1), and the
30 subtraction under clause (12), after applying the allocation and
31 assignability provisions of section 290.081, clause (a), or
32 290.17; and

33 (2) the denominator is the individual's federal adjusted
34 gross income as defined in section 62 of the Internal Revenue
35 Code of 1986, increased by the amounts specified in section
36 290.01, subdivision 19a, clauses (1), (5), and (6), and reduced

1 by the amounts specified in section 290.01, subdivision 19b,
2 clauses (1) and, (11), and (12).

3 [EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective for taxable
4 years beginning after December 31, 2004.

5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 290.091,
6 subdivision 2, is amended to read:

7 Subd. 2. [DEFINITIONS.] For purposes of the tax imposed by
8 this section, the following terms have the meanings given:

9 (a) "Alternative minimum taxable income" means the sum of
10 the following for the taxable year:

11 (1) the taxpayer's federal alternative minimum taxable
12 income as defined in section 55(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue
13 Code;

14 (2) the taxpayer's itemized deductions allowed in computing
15 federal alternative minimum taxable income, but excluding:

16 (i) the charitable contribution deduction under section 170
17 of the Internal Revenue Code to the extent that the deduction
18 exceeds 1.0 percent of adjusted gross income, as defined in
19 section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code;

20 (ii) the medical expense deduction;

21 (iii) the casualty, theft, and disaster loss deduction; and

22 (iv) the impairment-related work expenses of a disabled
23 person;

24 (3) for depletion allowances computed under section 613A(c)
25 of the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to each property (as
26 defined in section 614 of the Internal Revenue Code), to the
27 extent not included in federal alternative minimum taxable
28 income, the excess of the deduction for depletion allowable
29 under section 611 of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable
30 year over the adjusted basis of the property at the end of the
31 taxable year (determined without regard to the depletion
32 deduction for the taxable year);

33 (4) to the extent not included in federal alternative
34 minimum taxable income, the amount of the tax preference for
35 intangible drilling cost under section 57(a)(2) of the Internal
36 Revenue Code determined without regard to subparagraph (E);

1 (5) to the extent not included in federal alternative
2 minimum taxable income, the amount of interest income as
3 provided by section 290.01, subdivision 19a, clause (1); and

4 (6) the amount of addition required by section 290.01,
5 subdivision 19a, clause (7);

6 less the sum of the amounts determined under the following:

7 (1) interest income as defined in section 290.01,
8 subdivision 19b, clause (1);

9 (2) an overpayment of state income tax as provided by
10 section 290.01, subdivision 19b, clause (2), to the extent
11 included in federal alternative minimum taxable income;

12 (3) the amount of investment interest paid or accrued
13 within the taxable year on indebtedness to the extent that the
14 amount does not exceed net investment income, as defined in
15 section 163(d)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Interest does
16 not include amounts deducted in computing federal adjusted gross
17 income; and

18 (4) amounts subtracted from federal taxable income as
19 provided by section 290.01, subdivision 19b, clauses (10) and,
20 (11), and (12).

21 In the case of an estate or trust, alternative minimum
22 taxable income must be computed as provided in section 59(c) of
23 the Internal Revenue Code.

24 (b) "Investment interest" means investment interest as
25 defined in section 163(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

26 (c) "Tentative minimum tax" equals 6.4 percent of
27 alternative minimum taxable income after subtracting the
28 exemption amount determined under subdivision 3.

29 (d) "Regular tax" means the tax that would be imposed under
30 this chapter (without regard to this section and section
31 290.032), reduced by the sum of the nonrefundable credits
32 allowed under this chapter.

33 (e) "Net minimum tax" means the minimum tax imposed by this
34 section.

35 [EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective for tax years
36 beginning after December 31, 2004.

1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 290A.03,
2 subdivision 15, is amended to read:

3 Subd. 15. [INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.] "Internal Revenue Code"
4 means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through June
5 November 15, 2003.

6 [EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective for property
7 tax refunds based on property taxes payable on or after December
8 31, 2004, and rent paid on or after December 31, 2003.

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S.F. No. 734 - Military and Veterans (First Engrossment)

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Article 1 License Plates

Section 1. [Special "Support our Troops" License Plates.] General requirements and procedures.

Subdivision 1. [General Requirements.] authorizes the special plate with language similar to that of the state's Critical Habitat license plate, except that this plate would be available for motorcycles, in addition to passenger autos, pickups, and recreational vehicles (RVs). The \$30 annual contribution would be the minimum amount for eligibility.

Subdivision 2. [Design.] authorizes the Adjutant General and Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to design the new plate.

Subdivision 3. [No Refund.] stipulates that contributions are nonrefundable.

Subdivision 4. [Plate Transfers.] provides that for a fee of \$5, the new special plate may be transferred to another passenger auto, pickup, RV, or motorcycle owned by the person.

Subdivision 5. [Contribution and Fees Credited.] directs that contributions be credited to the "Support our Troops" account.

Subdivision 6. [Record.] directs the commissioner to keep a record of the number of plates issued.

Section 2. ["Support Our Troops" Account.]

Subdivision 1. [Establishment.] establishes this account in the state treasury.

Subdivision 2. [Grants.] appropriates money in the account to the adjutant general for grants to alleviate financial hardships faced by members of the Minnesota National Guard and other military reserve units based in Minnesota, or for Guard and reserve members who are Minnesota residents based outside the state, if they have been ordered into certain types of "active duty." Certain immediate family members of these persons may also be eligible. The adjutant general may make grants to individuals or to certain 501(c)(3) foundations. The maximum grant to an eligible individual in a year is \$2,000.

Subdivision 3. [Annual Report.] requires the adjutant general to annually report on the number, amounts, and the use of grants awarded in the previous year.

**Article 2
National Guard Funding**

Section 1. [Appropriation.] This section appropriates from the general fund to the Adjutant General for the 2006-2007 biennium:

- \$3.85 million each year, for the National Guard's tuition reimbursement program; and
- \$1.5 million each year, for the National Guard's reenlistment bonus program.

**Article 3
Bonding**

Section 1. [Appropriation.] provides appropriations of:

- \$670,000 to the Commissioner of Administration for construction of a WWII veterans memorial on the Capitol Mall; and
- \$6,306,000 to the Veterans Home Board as follows:
 1. \$6,000,000 for asset maintenance and improvements at the homes; and
 2. \$306,000 for the dementia unit at the Luverne Veterans Home.

Section 2. [Bond Sale.] authorizes the sale of state bonds in the amount of \$6,976,000.

Article 4
Income Tax

Section 1. [Resident; Definition.] expands the definition of nonresident for income tax purposes to include members of the Minnesota National Guard in active service. Under current law, members of the U.S. military, reserves, and National Guard are considered nonresidents for income tax purposes while they are in active service outside of Minnesota. This change would extend that tax treatment to members of the Minnesota National Guard for time periods in which they were called to either federally funded state active service (such as airport security) or to state active service (such as natural disaster relief), within Minnesota.

Section 2. [Net Income.] conforms to federal changes to the definition of net income enacted as part of the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-121).

Section 3. [Subtractions from Taxable Income.] allows a subtraction for military pay received by members of the military stationed in Minnesota but domiciled in another state. The Department of Revenue is complying with this change to federal law.

Section 4. [Nonresident Ratio.] adjusts the nonresident ratio used in apportioning tax to Minnesota for the subtraction for military pay received by members of the military stationed in Minnesota but domiciled in another state that is required under federal law.

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1 A bill for an act

2 relating to state government; establishing the
3 Minnesota Health Care Purchasing Authority; requiring
4 a report.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

6 Section 1. [STATE HEALTH CARE PURCHASING AUTHORITY.]

7 Subdivision 1. [PURCHASING AUTHORITY CREATED.] By December
8 15, 2005, the commissioner of employee relations, in
9 consultation with the commissioners of health, human services,
10 labor and industry, corrections, commerce, and administration
11 and the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association board of
12 directors shall enter into interagency agreements regarding the
13 formation of the Minnesota Health Care Purchasing Authority for
14 the purpose of implementing a unified strategy and joint
15 purchasing of health care services for the state of Minnesota.
16 The strategy shall include implementing a process that examines
17 the health care purchasing decisions and coverage in terms of
18 cost and medical efficacy based on reliable research evidence to
19 ensure access to appropriate and necessary health care. By
20 December 15, 2006, the commissioners shall submit to the
21 legislature a report and proposed legislation for the creation
22 of the purchasing authority as a distinct agency of state
23 government responsible for all state purchasing of health care.

24 Subd. 2. [PRINCIPLES OF STATE PURCHASING.] The purchasing
25 authority shall prepare and submit to the governor and

1 legislature an annual report and plan for the unified purchasing
2 of health care services. The plan must:

3 (1) promote personal choice and responsibility;

4 (2) encourage and promote better health of patients and
5 residents of the state;

6 (3) provide incentives to privately based health plans and
7 health care delivery systems to improve efficiency and quality;

8 (4) use community standards and measurement methods for
9 determining the value of specific health care services based on
10 quality and performance; and

11 (5) separate the health care purchasing functions of state
12 government from those activities relating to regulation and
13 delivery of services, but require consistent use of uniform
14 quality and performance standards and methods for purchasing,
15 regulation, and delivery of health care services.

16 Subd. 3. [PURCHASING AND COVERAGE GUIDELINES.] The
17 purchasing authority shall convene a panel of health care policy
18 experts and health care providers to establish a process to
19 select evidence-based guidelines based on sound research
20 evidence and implement an integrated approach using these
21 guidelines for state government purchasing decisions and
22 coverage design.

23 Subd. 4. [PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PURCHASERS.] (a) The
24 purchasing authority shall prepare and submit to the governor
25 and legislature by December 15, 2005, a plan for permitting
26 public employers, including school districts, cities, counties,
27 and other governmental entities; and nursing homes and other
28 long-term care employers to purchase a secure benefit set
29 through the state purchasing authority. The secure benefit set
30 must include the services described under subdivision 6.

31 (b) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the
32 commissioner of employee relations may expand the range of
33 health coverage options available to purchase under the public
34 employees insurance program established under Minnesota
35 Statutes, section 43A.316, including the option to purchase the
36 secure benefit set as defined under subdivision 6. Under this

1 option, public employers, nursing homes and other long-term care
2 employers may purchase health coverage for their employees
3 through the public employees insurance program beginning January
4 1, 2006.

5 (c) The purchasing authority shall include in the plan
6 described in paragraph (a) a process for permitting private
7 employers with 49 or fewer employees and individuals to purchase
8 the secure benefit set through the state health care purchasing
9 authority beginning January 1, 2009.

10 Subd. 5. [COMMON STANDARDS FOR STATE PURCHASING AND
11 REGULATION.] The purchasing authority, in consultation with all
12 state agencies, boards, and commissioners that have
13 responsibility for purchasing or for regulating individuals and
14 organizations that provide health coverage or deliver health
15 care services, shall prepare and submit to the governor and
16 legislature by December 15, 2006, a report and proposed
17 legislation that will require all state purchasing and
18 regulatory requirements to use common standards and measurement
19 methods for quality and performance.

20 Subd. 6. [SECURE BENEFIT SET DEVELOPMENT.] The purchasing
21 authority, in consultation with a panel of health care policy
22 experts, shall define a secure benefit set that includes
23 coverage for preventive health services, as specified in
24 preventive services guidelines for children and adults developed
25 by the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement, prescription
26 drug coverage, and catastrophic coverage.

27 Subd. 7. [SPECIAL POPULATIONS.] In developing a plan for
28 the unified purchasing of health care services and a secure
29 benefit set, the purchasing authority must take into account the
30 needs of special populations, including, but not limited to,
31 persons who are elderly or disabled and persons with chronic
32 conditions.

33 Subd. 8. [COST AND QUALITY DISCLOSURE.] The purchasing
34 authority, in cooperation with organizations representing
35 consumers, employers, physicians and other health professionals,
36 hospitals, long-term care facilities, health plan companies,

1 quality improvement organizations, research and education
2 institutions, and other appropriate constituencies, shall
3 identify and contract with a private, nonprofit organization to
4 serve as a statewide source of comparative information on health
5 care costs and quality.

6 Sec. 2. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

7 Section 1 is effective July 1, 2005.

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S.F. No. 1796 - Health Care Purchasing Authority (First Engrossment)

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This bill directs the formation of the Minnesota Health Care Purchasing Authority through interagency agreements. The purchasing authority will serve as the agency of state government responsible for all state purchasing of health care. In addition, the purchasing authority must provide a variety of reports and proposed legislation as required in the bill.

Subdivision 1 [PURCHASING AUTHORITY CREATED.] directs the Commissioner of Employee Relations to form the Minnesota Health Care Purchasing Authority through the use of interagency agreements among the Commissioners of Health, Human Services, Labor and Industry, Corrections, Commerce, and Administration. By December 15, 2006, the commissioners must submit a report and proposed legislation for creation of the purchasing authority.

Subdivision 2 [PRINCIPLES OF STATE PURCHASING.] requires the submission of an annual report at an unspecified date from the purchasing authority to the legislature and governor regarding the unified purchasing of health care services. Provides guidelines and standards for the report and plan.

Subdivision 3 [PURCHASING AND COVERAGE GUIDELINES.] directs the purchasing authority to convene a panel of health care policy experts to establish a process for creating guidelines for state government health care purchasing decisions.

Subdivision 4 [PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PURCHASERS.] requires the purchasing authority to submit a plan by December 15, 2005, that will allow a variety of public employers and nursing homes, to purchase a secure benefits set through the state purchasing authority. Beginning January 1, 2006, would allow the Commissioner of Employee Relations to expand health care

options available under the existing public employees insurance program. Allows private employers with 49 or fewer employees to purchase the secure benefits set from the state health care purchasing authority beginning January 1, 2009.

Subdivision 5 [COMMON STANDARDS FOR STATE PURCHASING AND REGULATION.] requires the state purchasing authority to submit a report and proposed legislation by December 15, 2006 that will require state purchasing and regulatory requirements to use common standards for quality and performance measurements.

Subdivision 6 [SECURE BENEFIT SET DEVELOPMENT.] requires the purchasing authority to define a secure benefit set, including preventive health services, prescription drug coverage, and catastrophic coverage.

Subdivision 7 [SPECIAL POPULATIONS.] requires the purchasing authority to consider special populations, including those who are elderly or disabled and persons with chronic conditions.

Subdivision 8 [COST AND QUALITY DISCLOSURE.] requires the purchasing authority to contract with a private, nonprofit organization to serve as a statewide source of comparative information on health care costs and quality.

Section 2 [EFFECTIVE DATE.] makes the entire bill effective July 1, 2005.

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Fiscal Note – 2005-06 Session

Bill #: S1796-1E **Complete Date:** 04/12/05

Chief Author: KISCADEN, SHEILA

Title: MN HEALTH CARE PURCHASING AUTHORITY

Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
State	X	
Local		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X

Agency Name: Employee Relations

This table reflects fiscal impact to state government. Local government impact is reflected in the narrative only.

Dollars (in thousands)	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Expenditures					
State Employees Insurance Fund		185	185	185	185
Less Agency Can Absorb					
-- No Impact --					
Net Expenditures					
State Employees Insurance Fund		185	185	185	185
Revenues					
-- No Impact --					
Net Cost <Savings>					
State Employees Insurance Fund		185	185	185	185
Total Cost <Savings> to the State		185	185	185	185

	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
Full Time Equivalents					
State Employees Insurance Fund		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total FTE		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Bill Description

Senate File 1796-1E requires the commissioner of employee relations (DOER) in consultation with the commissioners of health, human services, labor and industry, corrections, commerce and administration and the Minnesota comprehensive health association (MCHA) board of directors to, by a certain date, enter into interagency agreements for formation of the Minnesota health care purchasing authority to implement a unified strategy and joint purchasing of health care services for the state, specifying certain strategy content requirements and requiring the commissioners to report to the legislature by a certain later date with proposed legislation for creation of the authority as a state agency; requiring the authority to annually prepare and submit to the governor and the legislature reports and plans for the unified purchasing of health care services, specifying certain plan requirements; requiring the authority to convene a panel of health care policy experts and health care providers to establish a process to select evidenced based guidelines based on sound research evidence and implement an integrated approach using the guidelines for purchasing decisions and coverage design and to prepare and submit to the governor and legislature, by a certain date, a plan to permit public employers, nursing homes and other long term care employers to purchase a secure benefit set through the authority, specifying certain secure benefit set health care services requirements; authorizing the commissioner of employee relations to expand the range of health coverage options available to purchase under the public employees insurance program including the option to purchase the secure benefit set, authorizing public employers, nursing homes and other long term care employers to purchase health coverage for employees through the program after a certain date and requiring the purchasing authority to include in the plan a process for permitting certain small private employers and individuals to purchase the secure benefit set through the authority after a certain later date; requiring authority submission of a report and proposed legislation to the governor and the legislature by a certain date requiring state purchasing and regulatory requirements to use common standards and measurement methods for quality and performance; requiring the authority to define a secure benefit set and in developing a plan for unified purchasing and the benefit set to consider the needs of special populations; requiring the authority to contract with a private nonprofit organization to serve as a statewide source of comparative information on health care costs and quality.

Summary:

The bill requires the formation of the Minnesota Health Care Purchasing Authority (MHCPA) for the purpose of implementing a unified strategy and joint purchasing of health care services for the state. The purchasing authority would exist as a distinct agency responsible for all state purchasing of health care.

Once created, the MHCPA shall:

- Prepare and submit to the governor and legislature a report and proposed legislation to require all state purchasing and regulatory requirements to use common standards and measurement methods for quality and performance.
- Prepare and submit a plan for permitting public employers, nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, and individuals to purchase a secure benefit set through the state purchasing authority, beginning January 1, 2006. The commissioner of employee relations may expand the range of options available through the public employees insurance program (PEIP) to include this secure benefit set.
- The plan described above shall include a process for permitting private small employers (49 or fewer employees) and individuals to purchase a secure benefit set through the state purchasing authority, beginning January 1, 2009.
- Prepare and submit to the governor and legislature an annual report and plan for the unified purchasing of health care services. The plan must:
 - Promote personal choice and responsibility,
 - Encourage and promote better health of patients and residents of the state,
 - Provide incentives to privately based health plans and health care delivery systems to improve efficiency and quality,
 - Use community standards and measurement methods for determining the value of specific health care services based on quality and performance,
 - Separate the health care purchasing functions of the state government from those activities relating to regulation and the delivery of services, but require the consistent use of the uniform quality and performance standards and methods for purchasing, regulation, and delivery of health care services,
 - Take into account the needs of special populations, including but not limited to, persons who are elderly or disabled and persons with chronic conditions,

- Convene a panel of health care policy experts and health care providers to:
 - Establish a process to select evidence-based guidelines,
 - Implement an integrated approach using these guidelines for purchasing decisions and coverage design,
- Convene a panel of health policy experts to:
 - Define a secure benefit set that includes coverage for preventative health services, prescription drug coverage and catastrophic coverage.
- In cooperation with organizations representing consumers, employers, health care professionals, hospitals and other care facilities, health plan companies, etc, identify and contract with a private, non-profit organization to serve as a statewide source of comparative information on health care costs and quality.

Joint Purchasing:

The proposal to coordinate state agency purchasing of health care services has been a subject of study and consideration in previous years. One example of considerable effort is the Alliance for Purchasing Excellence (APEX). A study of Health Care Purchasing Integration Strategies for DHS and DOER Programs was published in December 1995. This study provided background information related to the purchasing activities of both agencies, identified key issues relative to integration, and made recommendations to integrate only certain aspects of health care purchasing. As one result of this study, APEX was formed in 1996 as a joint project focused on collaboratively purchasing health and dental insurance/care for state programs including (but not necessarily limited to):

- State Employee Group Insurance Program (SEGIP)
- Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP)
- Minnesota Employees Insurance Program (MEIP) – no longer in existence
- Medical Assistance
- General Assistance Medical Care
- Minnesota Care

Initial APEX planned activities included a joint dental contract, a joint health care contract, a study of the potential for direct contracting, exploration of a long-term care group insurance offering, and observation of a pilot program related to 24-hour care.

- A study of the potential for direct contracting resulted in a detailed report issued by APEX consultants that concluded direct contracting contained numerous obstacles to be a cost-effective strategy for purchasing health care for the DHS and DOER populations.
- A request for proposal (RFP) soliciting the joint dental contract was published in December 1996. Proposals submitted no later than February 3, 1997 were included in analysis of the responses. Both agencies participated in early dental negotiations but in May 1997, DHS was directed to terminate the process. Initial plans to pursue joint negotiations with the intended result of separate contracts proved to be ineffective.
- The other proposed joint projects were never implemented as joint projects. Some have been pursued by the individual agencies (i.e. long-term care).

The key issues identified in the December 1995 report are viewed by many to be core reasons why the APEX joint purchasing project was not effective. Those key issues include:

- The differing health and social service needs of the populations.
- Strategies implemented today must retain flexibility to respond to rapid changes in the delivery of health care.
- Significant demographic differences create challenges to network design.
- Pooling of risk between programs is not appropriate.
- Other issues include difficulty of setting appropriate outcomes measures to reward performance of providers serving such diverse populations, coordination of financial incentives aimed at diverse populations, benefit structures are defined by different criteria, etc.

Potential Loss of Governmental Status for SEGIP or PEIP:

The inclusion of non-governmental employees in the SEGIP population would jeopardize the governmental status of the plan. DOER also has concerns about offering the secure benefit set to non-governmental employees through PEIP. DOER has interest in offering a secure benefit set through PEIP as a pilot project. However, offering the secure benefit set to non-governmental employees would also jeopardize the governmental plan

status of PEIP. The governmental plan status provides exemptions from many of the operational requirements of Title I of ERISA. These additional Title I requirements include:

- Reporting and communications, including: 1). Annual Report (Form 5500) – financial return and attachments filed annually with IRS/DOL, 2). Summary Plan Description (SPD) to be provided to plan participants and beneficiaries on a periodic basis, 3). Summary of Material Modifications – requiring notifications of plan changes to be sent to plan participants within a specified time period, 4). Summary Annual Report of plan finances to be provided to plan participants, 5). Record Retention Requirements – all records underlying the Annual Report are required to be maintained for a period of at least six years.
- Fiduciary, Bonding and Liability: 1). Fiduciary Duties – Fiduciaries of the plan are held to high standards of conduct and accountability. Certain transactions are prohibited by statute to avoid potential conflicts of interest, 2). Bonding – Plan officials and fiduciaries must be bonded to protect against loss due to malfeasance, 3). Criminal and Civil Lawsuits – Provides for criminal penalties against those who violate the Act. Allows civil lawsuits by participants and the government against the Plan and its fiduciaries.
- Procedural: 1). Claims Procedures – Plan must specify claims procedures in accordance with federal regulations, 2). COBRA Continuation – Covered plans must provide continuation coverage rights to eligible employees, 3). QMCSO's – Covered plans must provide coverage to children of a divorced plan participant where court order (known as a Qualified Medical Child Support Order) specifically requires same, 4). HIPAA Creditable Coverage and Medical Privacy Requirements – Compliance required even for exempt plan due to HHS regulations, 5). Required Coverage – Plans required to provide certain coverage for mothers and newborn children, participants accessing mental health benefits, and those undergoing mastectomies.
- Investigatory Authority – DOL/IRS authorized to investigate plan operations.
- Preemption of State Laws – Plan, if subject to Title I, is then not subject to inconsistent state laws, except those which regulate insurance.

Implementation Window:

The proposed legislation requires the MHCPA to submit to the governor and legislature by December 15, 2005, a plan to permit public employers, nursing homes and long-term care employers to purchase a secure benefit set. The proposed legislation allows this secure benefit set to be offered through PEIP beginning January 1, 2006. Insufficient time has been allowed for a successful implementation of the offering. Program management of PEIP requires 3-6 months for the development of an SPD, and marketing and underwriting the product to employers interested in purchasing the secure benefit set offering.

Assumptions

DOER is unable to determine, with any reasonable accuracy, any cost to the Advantage health plan. The costs presented below are administrative costs only.

The commissioner of employee relations is required to take a leadership role in the formation of the MHCPA. DOER anticipates expense due to demands on DOER staff and the potential need for consulting and actuarial services.

Start-Up Expense:

DOER estimates the activities related to the development of the secure benefit set to consume 100% of the time of one senior professional level staff person for the six-month period, July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

DOER estimates the need for actuarial and consulting services to support the rapid development of the secure benefit set. These services will be needed throughout the six-month period, July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. DOER estimates the time needed to be 200 hours at an estimated cost of \$212 per hour.

Ongoing Administration Expense:

DOER estimates the activities related to the formation of the MHCPA, and the ongoing responsibilities of reporting and implementation of the various bill requirements to consume 100% of the time of one senior professional level staff person on an ongoing basis.

DOER estimates the need for ongoing consulting and actuarial support for the activities of the MHCPA to remain consistent at the level of 400 hours per year at an estimated cost of \$212/hour.

Expenditure/Revenue Formula

FY06	
Start-Up	
Average Annual FTE Cost (incl. benefits) - senior professional level	\$100,000
FTE Allocation – Full-time (100%) for six-month period 7/1/05 – 12/31/05	.5 FTE
Staff Cost:	\$ 50,000
Consulting Costs: 200 hours at \$212/hour	<u>\$ 42,400</u>
Total Start-Up Expense:	<u>\$ 92,400</u>
Ongoing:	
Average Annual FTE Cost (incl. benefits) - senior professional level	\$100,000
FTE Allocation – Full-time (100%) for six-month period 1/1/06 – 06/30/06	.5 FTE
Staff Cost:	\$ 50,000
Consulting Costs: 400 hours/year x 6/12 months at \$212/hour	<u>\$ 42,400</u>
Total Ongoing FY06 Expense:	<u>\$ 92,400</u>
Total FY06 Expense:	\$184,800

FY07 and Subsequent Years	
Staff Cost: Average Annual FTE Cost (incl. benefits) - senior professional level	\$100,000
Consulting Costs: 400 hours at \$212/hour	<u>\$ 84,800</u>
Total Expense - FY07 and Subsequent Years	<u>\$184,800</u>

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

n/a

Local Government Costs

n/a

References

- Report to the Commissioners of DHS and DOER, "A Study of Health Care Purchasing Integration Strategies for DHS and DOER Programs" published by the DHS/DOER Integration Advisory Committee in December 1995.
- "State of Minnesota Apex Project," published by Deloitte & Touche LLP, October 1997

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Snapshot of State Collaborative Purchasing Experience

	Administering department	Original Legislative Authority	Implementation date	Groups covered	Covered lives	Participation M/V	Purchasing power	Other Contracts	RX
Delaware	State Employee Benefits Committee	Title 29 Chapter 52 http://www.delco.de.state.de.us/title29/chapter052.htm#TopOfPage	1994	State employees (including public school employees), higher education employees, Pensioners (pre and post 65) in one contract.	100,000 (03)	Municipal groups can join at their own discretion. They shop around and chose the least expensive rate.	\$294,000,000 (FY 03) Self-insured with Blue Cross administering claims.	Contract separately for Medicaid, prison health care, and Department of Children and Families (foster care) in three contracts. If state employee contract is bid on must bid on other 3 contracts.	Carved-out and offered through Express Scripts through a multi state initiative called Rxis with New Mexico Missouri, West Virginia. \$2,000,000 savings. Implemented July 1, 2002 (any state can join).
Georgia - State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP)	Department of Community Health	SB 241 http://www.legis.state.ga.us/cgi-bin/gl_codes_detail.pl?code=31-5A-1	July 2000	Teachers, school personnel, state employees, retirees, dependents, University personnel.	600,000 plus 60,000 University System	Universities as a whole can decide which delivery systems are offered and benefit package.	\$1.5 billion	DCH also contracts for Medicaid benefits.	Managed RX via PBM for Medicaid and Public Employee
Missouri – Consolidated Health Care Plan (MCHCP)	Consolidated Health Care Plan w/Board of Trustees	http://www.sos.state.mo.us/adrule/csr/current/22csr/22csr.asp#22-10 Chapter 103 of the Revised Statute	Statutorily created and organized January 1994 Enrollment began in 1994 for state employees and in 1995 for other public entities.	State employees, retirees, and other public entities, including cities, counties, and school districts. Other public entities are underwritten separately	108,700 (103,600 in state enrollment)	Other public entities participate on a voluntary basis. If they chose not to participate, the entity must wait 2 years before they join again. Peak participation was in 2000 with 700 entities	\$341,954,832 (03)	Medicaid is contracted separately out of the Department of Social Services	Carved-out though multi-state initiative using Express Scripts, but state has its own contract.

	Administering department	Original Legislative Authority	Implementation date	Groups covered	Covered lives	Participation M/V	Purchasing power	Other Contracts	RX
New York – New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP)	Civil Service Employee Benefits Division	Civil Service Article 11 http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/menugtf.cgi	1957 for state employees and 1958 for local governments and school districts.	State employees, legislature, Unified court system, local governments, school districts, dependants, other political subdivisions	1.1 million Over 800 local government employers offer NYSHIP	Voluntary- Less than half of the local government employers participate	\$3.5 billion	The state contracts out Medicaid separately.	Carved-out
Washington	The Public Employees Benefits Board, created within the Washington State Health Care Authority	http://www.wa.gov/hca/laws.htm#hca	Statutorily created and organized in 1988.	Administers 3 programs: PEBB, Basic Health (BH) and Community Health Services (CHS). PEBB offers insurance coverage to state employees and K-12 school districts & local governments may apply to join PEBB. See below for more information about BH and CHS.	PEBB: 309,118 BH: 176,964	K-12 school districts and employer groups may also choose to join PEBB plans.	Approximately \$743,000,000 for PEBB	PEBB contracts with 7 managed care organizations that are required to have integrated delivery systems (the MCOs frequently subcontract for certain services, e.g. Rx, mental health, etc.. PEBB also offers 1 self-insured PPO and subcontracts out its Rx	No carve out. Managed Care Organizations either self-deliver or subcontract.
West Virginia	Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA)	Chapter 16 http://129.71.164.29/wvcode_chap/wvcode_chapfrm.htm	1995	State government and its agencies, state-related colleges and universities, county boards of education, county and municipal governments and others as described in Code 5-16-2	210,000 10,000 separate pool local governments w/same benefits	Yes except for local government with 3 year required participation. Not all buy, they in shop around for better deal.	Estimated (03) \$492,000,000 Minus \$6M for life insurance.	SCHIP uses TPA. Separate contracts for Medicaid beneficiaries.	Carved out. Via Express Scripts in Multi-state purchasing alliance (See Delaware). As compared to previous RX estimate \$25,000,000 savings over 3 year period. PEIA only. Medicaid will join in October 2003.

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