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MILWAUKEE SOLDIERS HOME CAMPUS FIFTY PERCENT LEASED

Significant milestone achieved days after restored Old Main building welcomes first veteran residents

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee Soldiers Home campus has leased fifty percent of its available supportive housing units to veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This significant milestone comes just days after the first residents moved into the recently restored buildings on the campus. The restoration project returns six historic buildings to the service of veterans, which together provide 101 housing units across the Soldiers Home campus.

Among the six historic buildings, the restoration of the iconic Old Main building created 80 one- and two-bedroom apartment units that provide permanent housing and wraparound support services for veterans and their families. As Soldiers Home residents, veterans enjoy large community spaces, a resource center, fitness area, counseling services, and healthcare available through the Milwaukee VA Medical Center.

The Administration Building, which has been converted into single-room occupancy units, offers common kitchen, dining, community and living rooms. Several duplexes on the grounds have also been restored for use, including the Catholic Chaplain's Quarters that is a single-family home, and three buildings that were restored as duplexes with two-story, three-bedroom units on each side.

"We're honored to collaborate with a strong team of community partners to return a piece of national history to the service of veterans," said Eduardo M. Garza, Jr., President of The Center for Veteran's Issues. "Our nation's veterans are in critical need of resources and support, and we're eager to connect with and welcome the next 50 veterans to this community as the leasing process continues."

The multi-year restoration project was led by <u>The Alexander Company</u> and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM). All residents of the Milwaukee Soldiers Home have access to a range of supportive services, provided on-site by the Milwaukee VA Medical Center HUD-VASH Program.

Veterans who qualify to live in the Soldiers Home will pay approximately 30 percent of their income in rent. Units in The Administration building come fully furnished for veterans requiring additional assistance.

There is still space available at the Soldiers Home campus; find out if you or someone you know qualify to live in one of the 101 supportive housing units by visiting <u>milwaukeesoldiershome.com</u> or by calling 1-877-4AID-VET.

To download recent pictures of Old Main at the Milwaukee Soldiers Home campus, please click here.

ABOUT THE ALEXANDER COMPANY

The Alexander Company has more than 35 years' experience specializing in urban infill development, urban revitalization and historic preservation. Based in Madison, Wisconsin, The Alexander Company gives new life to historically significant buildings and downtown neighborhoods nationwide.

ABOUT HACM

Founded in 1944, The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee provides high-quality housing options to over 10,000 households in Milwaukee. HACM's award-winning programs foster strong and inclusive communities that support self-sufficiency, good quality of life and the opportunity to thrive.

ABOUT CENTER FOR VETERAN'S ISSUES, LTD.

The Center For Veterans Issues (CVI) is a non-profit 501(c)3 veterans service agency whose vision is to strive to be the premier Veteran Resource Organization that helps end homelessness across Wisconsin and the United States. Based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd. supports the concerns of all veterans by providing information, resources, identification of funding, technical assistance and organizational development to veteran service organizations. CVI also provides transitional housing to homeless veterans, while offering many services to help veterans transition back into the community.

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