



**May 2024**



## **Honoring those who stood before us: Flag Placement on May 22nd at MVH at Grand Rapids**

Did you know that the cemetery on the campus of MVH at Grand Rapids has been interring veterans [since the late 1800s](#)? MVH veterans from the Civil War through present day have chosen to make these hallowed grounds their final resting place, and continue to do so. Each May prior to Memorial Day, Scouts of America, friends of MVH, and the community join together to place 5,400+ flags at each headstone as a symbol of appreciation for the service and sacrifice of those who stood before us.

That tradition continues. On May 22nd at 5pm, there will be a hot dog cookout sponsored by the UPS Veteran Business Resource Group, followed by a 6pm procession of the colors, a brief ceremony, and the placement of more than 5,400 flags at each final resting place.

Community members are invited to join the Scouts, MVH, and UPS Veteran Business Resource Group for this special tribute, as well. The event honors the lives and legacies of those veterans who stood before us, while connecting youth and community to the importance of service and sacrifice. Lest we forget.

Sign up to participate at [Michigan Veteran Homes: MVHGR in Partnership with the Scouts of America and UPS-VBRG Flag Placement Ceremony.](#)

We hope to see you there.

**MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES**

**D.J. JACOBETTI**

**27TH ANNUAL**

**GOLF  
OUTING**

**THURSDAY**

**JUNE 27, 2024**

**AT MARQUETTE GOLF CLUB  
HERITAGE COURSE**

**Sponsorships  
Available!**

Format: 4-person Scramble

Shot Gun Start: 10:00am

50-50 Raffle Tickets

Contact: BarschA@michigan.gov or

906-226-3576 x2520348

**\$400 per 4-person team**

Includes green fees, cart, lunch, prizes!

All proceeds are deposited in  
Jacobetti's Charitable Support Fund,  
supporting quality of life opportunities  
for the veteran members of the  
D.J. Jacobetti Home.

Register now, space is limited.

[www.michigan.gov/mvh](http://www.michigan.gov/mvh)



**Join MVH D.J. Jacobetti in driving - and  
chipping and putting - wins for  
veterans**

For nearly 27 years, golfers have come together for a day of great golf, fun, and camaraderie in support of MVH D.J. Jacobetti members. That tradition continues on June 27, 2024, for the MVH D.J. Jacobetti 27th Annual Golf Outing at Marquette Golf Club's Heritage Course. Team registrations and sponsorships are now open.

In full transparency, some of the golf may be more skilled than others. However, while talent levels may be mixed, the levels of enjoyment and impact on our veterans are high all around. The \$400 per 4-person team fee includes green fees, a cart, lunch, and prizes - along with fellowship alongside many MVH supporters. Proceeds from the event are deposited in the Home's Charitable Support Fund, which funds things like movie trips, equipment for the benefit of members, community outings, music at the home, and more.

Read more on registration and sponsorship opportunities at [MVH D.J. Jacobetti 27th Annual Golf Outing](#).





**Still time to join MVH at Chesterfield Twp for Annual 5k on Sat. May 11th**

There's still time to join the fun at MVH at Chesterfield Township's (MVHCT) Annual Walk, Run & Roll event, to be held Saturday morning, May 11, 2024.

Join MVHCT veterans, staff, volunteers, and community members for a morning of exercise, music, food, and fun. And there's no need to be a regular runner. The event includes a 1/2-mile Remembrance Walk/Roll with MVH members, as well as a timed 5k, lunch, volunteer opportunities, and a silent auction. While the date has passed to secure a commemorative t-shirt for registered runners, registrations are still being accepted.

While we all enjoy competition, the winners of the event have been and will always be MVH veterans and their loved ones.

Read more, register, volunteer, and/or donate at [MVHCT Heroic Walk, Run & Roll](#).



## **MVH welcomes Shawn Turner to its governing board of directors**

On April 11, 2024, Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed Marine Corps veteran Shawn Turner to serve on the Michigan Veterans' Facility Authority Board of Directors.

Shawn Turner is the General Manager of WKAR Public Media and a Professor of Strategic Communication at Michigan State University. He previously served in several federal government positions including Deputy White House Press

Secretary for National Security, Director of Communication for U.S. National Intelligence, and Deputy Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs for the National Security Council.

He is currently a member of the board of directors for National Public Radio (NPR), the board of trustees for the German Marshall fund (GMF), and the executive board of advisors for Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL) at the University of Pennsylvania.

In 2015, Shawn was awarded the Intelligence Community Leadership Award, and in 2016, he was awarded the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award for outstanding career accomplishments and exemplary service to the nation.

Prior to his civilian career, Shawn served 21 years in the United States Marine Corps. He received his B.A. degree in communication studies from Texas State University and an M.A. degree in communication from George Mason University. He was selected by the majority leader of the senate and appointed by Gov. Whitmer, with the advice and consent of the senate.

The MVFA is still seeking to fill an additional seat on its board, to be appointed by the Governor from a list of two or more individuals selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Board members will serve a four-year term. For information related to the MVFA Board, visit [Michigan Veterans Facility Authority - About](#). If you are interested in serving on the board, complete an application for appointment here: [Board or Commission Application](#). If you have questions about the board or application process, please contact Ryan Engle at [EngleR3@michigan.gov](mailto:EngleR3@michigan.gov).

Michigan Veteran Homes welcomes Mr. Turner to the Board.





## Trumpet Serenade for GR Veterans

At Michigan Veteran Homes, we're incredibly fortunate to receive all types of generous support from our communities. That support comes in the form of time, talents, and treasures, and our veterans' lives are enriched because of it.

In early April, MVH at Grand Rapids veterans were treated to the time and talents of Grand Valley State University's Trumpet Studio: a treasure of an experience for all in attendance. The gift of music seems to transcend all boundaries. Read more on our [Facebook page](#).

There are many ways for you or your organization to get involved and make your mark on the lives of veterans in later-in-life and end-of-life care. From individual volunteering, to group service projects, to event sponsorships, to donations, to planned giving: there's something for everyone. Read more by visiting our website at [www.michigan.gov/mvh](http://www.michigan.gov/mvh) and clicking on "Support." We do more for those we serve, through the selfless generosity of community.





## Scout Support at MVH at Chesterfield Township

There's a movie from 1969 about two bikers on a trip from L.A. to New Orleans. The tagline on the film was "A man went looking for America. And couldn't find it"

anywhere." We think they'd have found it if they stopped by Michigan Veteran Homes.

Seemingly every day our veterans are blessed with the support and gratitude of groups of all kinds, and in all different forms. In April, amongst many other visitors, MVH at Chesterfield Twp graciously [welcomed local Girl Scouts](#) who hosted bingo and spent the afternoon with MVHCT veterans. The event allowed the Scouts to give back, and provided much joy to all involved by connecting our more-experienced-in-life veterans with the youth of the next generation.

Such visits and support are more than just bingo, however. Layered beneath the fun afternoon and plentiful smiles was education and connection, allowing youth to understand the sacrifices of those before them, and why today we're able to live the lives we do. It takes - and has taken, through the generations - brave men and women willing to stand for something greater than themselves. Similarly, it provided those who served - who we serve now - with the assurance that *their service* to a grateful nation was not in vain.

It takes all of us to effectively serve those men and women who've served us. Thank you, Girl Scouts, for spending your time with our veterans.





## Jacobetti: Grateful for its Community

Smiles can tell a story better than words, and the photograph above sums up the impact the Jacobetti team, volunteers, and the broader U.P. community has on our veterans.

Listing out the long list of individual and organizational support for MVH D.J. Jacobetti members in just the last month would be exhaustive. Amongst many other visitors and supporters, cooking enthusiasts stopped in to make potato sausage with members, local photographer Bryan Lopac shared a presentation to our veterans on his award-winning photography, apples were donated to make apple

crisp with members, Dawgz Adapt visited with some of their curious canines, and Nicolet Bank stopped in for painting, crafting, bingo, and fellowship with members as part of their "2024 Power of Community Week."

A mere thank you doesn't feel sufficient for the immense gratitude and appreciation MVH D.J. Jacobetti has for its community of support. Nonetheless, thank you, U.P. community, for your support of our members. Through community, we are - together - serving those men and women who've served us.

Follow MVH D.J. Jacobetti at their Facebook page: [MVHDJJ Facebook](#).

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