

Chesterfield December 2025

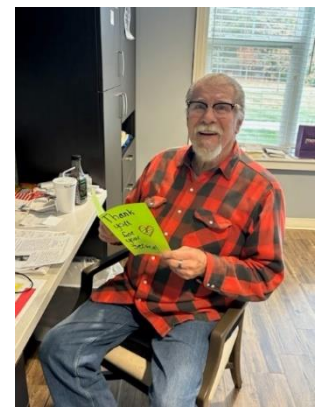
Family & Friends Newsletter



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, November 11, MVH Chesterfield honored the brave men and women who served our country.

From the countless heartfelt cards to the delicious treats, to the American Legion Auxiliary's DJ Trivia and Naldrett Elementary students filling the room with our favorite songs – along with our dedicated volunteers who helped make this day extra special - we are beyond grateful!



On behalf of the staff and members, THANK YOU for the tremendous outpouring of support for our members!

VIETNAM VETERANS PINNING CEREMONY



A special thank you to the **Port Huron Elks Lodge 343** for coordinating a heartfelt Vietnam Veteran pinning ceremony at MVH at Chesterfield on November 6. Each veteran received a commemorative Vietnam 50-year pin and State of Michigan pin recognizing their service.

It's because of organizations like the Port Huron Elks Lodge 343 that our country's heroes feel truly supported and appreciated for all they've done.





VETERANS GIVING TREE UPDATE

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who visited the Home to pick up a star from our Veterans Giving Tree. We're thrilled to share that **all stars have been selected!**

As a reminder:

- Please wrap your gift and securely attach the star you selected.
- Return the package to the **reception desk** by **Friday, December 12** between **8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Your generosity ensures our members feel remembered and celebrated this holiday season.

In lieu of a gift, donations can be made online at [Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield Township](#) or by personal check. The donation code for on-line donations is MVH2025. Checks can be addressed to Michigan Veteran Homes with "Charitable Support Fund or CSF" on the memo line and mailed to 47901 Sugarbush Rd., Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. Charitable support funds are used to improve the quality of life for veteran members.

For questions, please call MVHCT Volunteer and Donations Coordinator, Hilary Kuretich, at 586-256-9921 or kuretichh@michigan.gov.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The Michigan Veteran Home at Chesterfield Township would like to thank our November sponsors and donors for supporting our members via the Charitable Support Fund (CSF). The CSF is used to support programs and services that bring joy, comfort and connection to our veteran members. Some of the amazing organizations and individuals are listed below:

- Comerica Bank
- Fernco Inc.
- Robert & Judy Fleming
- Frenchtown-Newport DAV Chapter 137
- DAV Chapter 102
- Michigan Department of the Auxiliary to the VFW
- Military Order of the Purple Heart
- Pickleball 365
- Port Huron Elks Lodge 343
- Texas Roadhouse
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Detroit Chapter 9



November was a month full of honor, recognition, and celebration. None of it would be possible without the unwavering support of our community, our dedicated volunteers, and the wonderful organizations whose mission is to support the men and women who call MVH Chesterfield home.



Red Wings Alumni Game



Game Night



Pickleball 365 Salute & Swat Tournament



Volleyball in the MMR



Macomb Center for the Performing Arts



Bingo with Middle School East NJHS



Veterans Day Party

MVH CHESTERFIELD ATTENDS 5th ANNUAL MILITARY & VETERANS GALA



Not only did some of our members get to put on their tuxedos and enjoy an evening among comrades, but MVH Chesterfield was presented with the **“Veteran Friendly Volunteers of the Year Award”**—accepted on behalf of our absolutely **AMAZING** volunteers!

MVH is fortunate to have such dedicated, compassionate individuals supporting our mission. With more than 200 volunteers who serve on a regular basis, they ensure our veterans receive consistent support, connection, and care. Together, they have contributed over 7,200 volunteer hours to enriching the lives of our MVHCT veterans.

To all our volunteers: THANK YOU! Your commitment makes a lasting difference, and we are incredibly grateful.

SOARING EAGLE AWARD

Congrats to Shannon Burgess for being selected as October’s Soaring Eagle Winner!

Shannon has been with MVH since the Home opened. She oversees the evening programs including community events. Shannon always brings cheer and energy wherever she goes. Shannon goes above and to make veterans feel at home.



Some of things that Shannon’s co-workers and the members shared are “Shannon is the best of the best.” “She is always cheerful.” “Lifts my spirits up 100%.” “Her devotion is unmatched.” “She always goes beyond her job description.”

SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS

For those interested in donating, our **December 2025 Wish List** can be found at <https://www.michigan.gov/mvh/locations/michigan-veteran-homes-at-chesterfield-township> then select 'wish list'.

IMPORTANT: Amazon no longer provides a way to for us to thank you and sometimes donations come in multiple deliveries with no receipt or identifying information. If you plan to donate, please contact Hilary at 586-256-9921 so we can acknowledge your generosity. Here is the link: <https://a.co/cl2Ceff>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We welcome new volunteers! Volunteers help make all the Home's wonderful activities possible. Game nights, outings, bingo, movies and comedy nights, and more! There is something for everyone.

Volunteer applications are available at reception or on-line at www.Michigan.gov/mvh, select 'support' and 'volunteering'.

Special Request:

- Evening volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to assist with programs and outings.



On behalf of the staff and members at MVH Chesterfield, thank you!

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"The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers."

~Terri Guillemets