MVH CHESTERFIELD

FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES

MVH Mission Statement

Michigan Veteran Homes provides nation-leading long-term care and services that enhance the well-being of veterans and their families in the place they call home.







Help Make Christmas Extra Special for Michigan Veterans



The Michigan Veterans Home at Chesterfield Twp. is once again bringing holiday cheer to our veteran members through our Veterans Giving Tree!

On **Thursday, November 12**, MVH Chesterfield will raise the **Giving Tree** for the holiday season. Each star on the tree represents a gift requested by a member.

- Stars may be picked up between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Please purchase the gift listed on the selected star.
- Wrap the gift and attach the selected star to the package.
- Return wrapped gifts to the reception desk by **Friday, December 11**, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Community members who would like to participate can contact Hilary, MVH Chesterfield Volunteer and Donation Coordinator, at 586-256-9921 or kuretichh@michigan.gov to confirm that stars are still available.

In lieu of purchasing a gift, monetary donations can also be made to support our veteran members. **Online at:** Michigan.gov/mvh. **By check:** Make checks payable to Michigan Veterans Homes and write "Charitable Support Fund" or "CSF" on the memo line. Mail checks to: Michigan Veterans Homes, 47901 Sugarbush Rd., Chesterfield Township, MI 48047.

Charitable Support Funds (CSF) are used to improve the quality of life for veteran members.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping make the holidays brighter for those who have served our country!

Honoring Our Veterans and Thanking Our Supporters



Veterans Day, celebrated on November 11, is a special day dedicated to honoring and thanking the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. These heroes have made countless sacrifices to protect our country and preserve our freedom. This day reminds us of the importance of showing respect, gratitude, and appreciation for their courage, dedication, and selfless service.

At MVH Chesterfield, we are equally grateful for our generous volunteers, donors, and sponsors who continue to support our mission with unwavering kindness and generosity. Your ongoing support and partnership make so many of our programs, events, and meaningful experiences possible.

Words cannot fully express the gratitude we feel for each and every one of you. Thank you for standing with us, supporting our mission, and making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Free Little Library

Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports our local library.

Clair Bliss Kirsten, an Army veteran, built this wonderful box before his passing. His son, Mike, had the children in his art class paint it. Mike has been a longtime supporter of the Friends of the Library.

We are thrilled and honored to receive such a thoughtful and meaningful gift. The Free Little Library is located in the main parking lot.

Our members will greatly benefit from the generosity and kindness of the Friends of the Library. We are truly grateful for this wonderful contribution!



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MVH CHESTERFIELD

The Michigan Veteran Home at Chesterfield Township would like to thank our October 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:

- American Legion - Post 253
- ATTA Elevators, Detroit
- RoseAnn Budnick
- Cooties Pup Tent 24
- Grand Voiture Michigan La Societe
- Michigan Department of the Auxiliary to the VFW
- Jeff Novak
- Patti Miller
- Port Huron Elks Lodge 343
- Sons of the American Legion Michigan Detachment
- Sons of Amvets Post 52
- Tractor Supply - Marine City
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Detroit Chapter 9



SOARING EAGLE AWARD



Lora is amazing with the veterans, families, staff and volunteers. Not only is she fun, energetic, and engaging during programs but she is also a team player and leader in within the department.

Lora is thoughtful and considerate of others often times volunteers to work extra hours to cover for other staff. She has mastered all job-related duties and does not shy away from completing extra tasks as needed. She is very organized and great at planning ahead, always willing to share her expertise and give advice. Personally, she goes the extra mile for everyone. She sends texts to check in with her co-workers when they are out sick. She is the co-worker who remembers everyone's birthdays by giving gifts and she also gives sympathy cards during difficult times. She spends personal time with veterans who need extra attention. She assists them with personal projects and helps them to complete tasks. She is a great staff member, co-worker, and friend.

Congratulations Lora, keep up the amazing work!

REMEMBERING RON PICKENS



On Tuesday, October 22, staff and members gathered on the newly named LTC Ron Pickens lane to remember Ron and the wonderful legacy he left behind at MVH Chesterfield. The sign was purchased in Ron's memory by one the Home's current members, Kip Brand.

Ron proudly served in the Army from 1967-1969 retiring from the military at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC). He was one of the first members at MVH Chesterfield. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all of the lives he touched.

SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS

For those interested in donating, our November Wish List can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mvh/locations/michigan-veteran-homes-at-chesterfield-township, select 'support' then 'make a gift'.

IMPORTANT: If purchasing items from Amazon, please know that donations may 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/05HqAxVH**

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to the MVH Chesterfield volunteer team: Jessica C., Cindy C., Denny K., Linda M., Lorrie M., Mary R., and Monique W. Thank you for joining us!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

A special thanks to the businesses and community organizations for supporting our members through Community Outreach programs.

Thank you to Middle School East, Free Star Financial, GM Defense Group, Delta Airlines, and the First Aide Foundation. We are grateful for your willingness and desire to support the members of MVH Chesterfield.

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

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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller



SALUTE AND SMASH 2026

PICKLEBALL 365

Nov. 13-15

MEN'S DOUBLES
WOMEN'S DOUBLES
MIXED DOUBLES

"SALUTE & SMASH"

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Honoring ALL Military!

10177 Marine City Hwy. Fair Haven, MI

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Pickleball 365

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan Veteran's Home at Chesterfield Township, Charitable Support Fund (CSF) supporting those who courageously answered the call from our country.