

Family & Friends Newsletter

Hello Family and Friends of MVH D.J. Jacobetti,



Administrator Update: Happy New Year! We have made it to the new year! I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season. I can't thank all of you enough for the tremendous support we received during the holiday season and throughout the year! I expect the new year will be a very busy year. It may not seem like it, but a lot of progress was made on the replacement for Jacobetti. As all of the pieces fall into place, we will start to see developments on the new home. It will be an exciting year, and as I get updates I will pass them along to you.

Thank you, again - and Happy New Year! Ron Oja, Administrator

Holy wah, it's 2025! As winter deepens, we hunker down with most of our activities happening in-house for the next few months. Members can go to the gym, chapel, library, game room and craft room, in addition to a wide variety of activities that are offered daily. January brings:

- We kicked off 2025 with a New Years Day Big Buck\$ Bingo sponsored by Sons of American Legion Squadron #44.
- A post-holiday special luncheon will be hosted onsite for our members and their loved ones on January 8th
- Outings to Big Boy for breakfast, American Legion Post #44 for lunch and bingo, NMU hockey games, and shopping at Meijer, and an onsite luncheon hosted by Elks Lodge of Marquette
- Ojibwe Story Telling with Danny Garceau, a DNR Forestry Presentation, and a Dance Performance by New Attitudes students
- Music by the Sunshine Girls, Pierre Ogea, Dan and Lois, Whiskey Ryan, and Linda Smith
- Celebrating Elvis' birthday with music, movie and other surprises
- Pet therapy, church services, happy hours, game nights, BINGO, cribbage, chair yoga, and soooooo much more.

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Our January wish list is greatly pared down due to the incredible generosity we received this holiday season. On our wish list, you will also find an Amazon link to special requests (ex. winter boots for a member and game prizes)
- We always appreciate sponsors that directly purchase items for special activities. Suggestions include: fruit trays, musicians, pizza parties, restaurant outings, tailgate parties, etc. Please contact Shari Smith at 906-226-3576 x 2520394 to discuss upcoming events.
- Come volunteer! We always welcome new volunteers - and also welcome individuals or groups to come in and one-time, special guest volunteer. We guarantee you will have a blast!!!
- Check out our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/MiVeteranHomesDJJ>
- To stay up-to-date on progress of our new U.P. veterans home, visit: <https://bit.ly/NewMVHDJJ>

MVH D.J. Jacobetti Highlighted:

- MVH's January Newsletter includes the 2024 Impact Report - Please check out this excellent read! <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDMVA/bulletins/3c95d78>
- TV6 Canathon Donation <https://32818.sites.ecatholic.com/news/dj-jacobetti-home-for-veterans-donates>

On behalf of all the staff and members at MVH D.J. Jacobetti, thank you!

Thank you for being champions for the veterans at Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti.

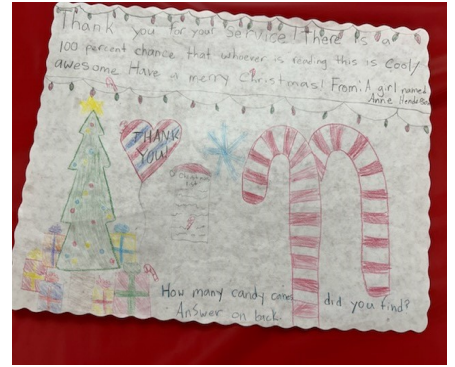
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We Are Thankful and Blessed...

Our community is so good to our veterans. Here is just a smattering of the love and joy that was shared during the holiday seasons.... ❤️



DJJ Veterans Spread The Love



Our veteran members regularly participate in community service projects. In December, projects included baking and decorating goodies to share with NMU students during Finals Week. Members created artwork (patriotic t-shirt, wreath, note cards ++) for a prize basket for Media Brew's December to Remember event. They also made ornaments and decorated a tree at Peter White Public Library and packed goody bags to spread cheer to staff and special guests visiting our Home.

