



D.J. Jacobetti

August 2025

Family & Friends Newsletter

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

Administrator Update: Happy August! Work has begun on relocating the road at the new home site. This is the first step in the process; once the road is moved, we can begin work on the replacement home in earnest. If you are interested, updates will be posted on the website: <https://bit.ly/NewMVHDJJ>

I hope to see everyone at the U.P. State Fair for the U.P. Veteran of the Year celebration. It's always a special event and heartwarming to see the deserving vet recognized. I also hope to see everyone at our onsite Member Carnival. This annual event is a summer favorite and it is guaranteed to be a great time. Join us August 20th from 1-3pm. As always, thank you for your support and trust. - Ron Oja, Administrator

Highlights of July included:

- Our 20th Annual Fish Fry was held on July 25th. Alger County Vietnam Veterans of America Ch. 237 and American Legion Post #131 members cook up a tasty, tasty fish fry. Each year, an anonymous donor purchases the freshest Lake Superior whitefish and the volunteers fry up an amazing meal for all of our veteran members, their loved one and staff - yum!
- Nathan Koski Memorial Classic Car - The Pasty Crew and other car enthusiasts brought their beautiful cars and we had live music with 41 West. It was a great time!
- An Elks National 2025 Boost Grant brought really special entertainment with Marquette City Band on the 4th of July and rock n roll with Vinyl Tap.
- Members went fishing on Lake Superior with Great Idea Charters and Lake Independence with Courage Incorporated. Trout Unlimited members came to our Home and gave a presentation onsite too!
- We had onsite BBQs, picnics offsite and outings to Amvets Post 122 Lake Unky, to Lowe's for gardening, and scenic drives with ice cream.
- Music with Sowing Seeds, Lois Westman, Sunshine Girls, Whiskey Ryan, Linda Smith, plus bingo, cooking crafting, paint classes, and more.

Hello August! A smattering of our events include:

- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 35-1 annual Ride for Jacobetti will bring a large crew of veterans and their motorcycles to our Home for a visit. The roar of their bikes is a favorite!
- Outings to the Marquette County Fair on Veteran Appreciation Day, a lunch outing with VVA Ch. 380 where members of Forgotten Eagles stop to enjoy lunch and conversation during their annual Ride Around Michigan, lunch, music and bingo at American Legion Greenwood, lunch and music at Amvets Post 122 Lake Unky, and picnics at Deer Lake, and Clark Lambros Beach Park
- We are having a Drive-In Movie event on August 13th! For his Eagle Scout capstone project, Will Miglio created wheelchair accessible "cars" for a drive-in theatre. The "cars" are super cool, portable, sturdy and lightweight - we are so excited to host our 1st drive-in event. Thanks, Will - what a special Eagle Scout project!
- Our Member Carnival (see poster) is always a great event with a petting zoo, games, prizes, live music and a dunk tank so our veterans can dunk their favorite staff. Please reach out if you'd like to volunteer!
- South Shore Fishing Association's Veterans Fishing Day is August 2nd and it is a great community event.
- Lots of live music, bingo, exercise, crafting, cooking, games, campfires, AND, of course, SO MUCH MORE.....

It is because of our generous sponsors and donors that we are able to offer so many amazing opportunities to our veteran members. THANK YOU! We always welcome fresh ideas for events and outings. Would your group like to run a game at our Annual Member Carnival (August 20th)? How about cooking burgers for a BBQ onsite or offsite? Join us for an evening campfire? Give us a ring and let's make some fun for the veteran members at MVHDJJ! Please reach out anytime.

Members, Families & Volunteers—Mark Your Calendars for upcoming Special Events:

- **Wednesday, August 20th - Annual Member Carnival - 1:00pm**
- **Thursday, September 11th - Patriot Day Picnic Pig Roast- 11:30am**

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Attached, find our August 2025 Wish List. On the list you will find requests for personal care items, our Amazon Wish List Registry (ships straight to our Home) and ideas for event sponsorships.
- Come volunteer! We always welcome new volunteers - We also welcome individuals or groups to come in and one-time, special guest volunteer too. There are so many opportunities to join the fun: game nights, playing cribbage, gardening, cooking burgers at a BBQ, Friday night campfires.... We guarantee you will have a blast!!!
- Check out our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/MiVeteranHomesDJJ>

**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.**

Sarah Johnson, Volunteer & Donations Coordinator



L to R: Chocolay Brownies and Girl Scouts helped at the annual Dennis Vertanen Memorial Ice Cream Social; SERVPRO of the Upper Peninsula sponsored patriotic parfaits for our veterans and snacks for staff on 4th of July; Glenn, Navy veteran and DJJ member, greets an old friend, Uncle Sam; Lowe's lunch and planting outing. The new planters look great at our Chapel entrance!



Thank you Sowing Seeds for donating your time and incredible talent. Our veteran members loved this performance!

Senior Prom 2025!

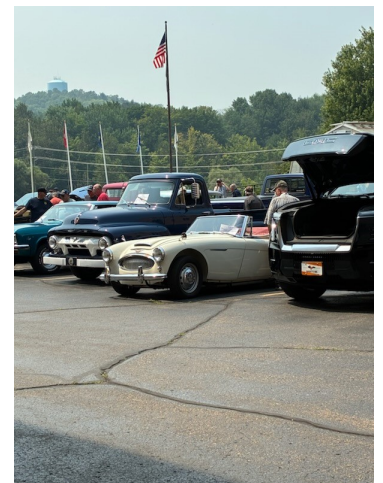
Our veteran members, their spouses, siblings, children and, even, a great grandchild joined the fun, alongside our volunteers and staff!!! A special meal was served pre-prom, people dressed in their finest, and then we boogied down!



2025 Nathan Koski Memorial Classic Car Show with Music by 41 West

Our 2025 Nathan Koski Memorial Car Show was incredible - perfect weather, 26 sweet classic vehicles, great music by 41 West, and the best staff and volunteers who made sure our veteran members got a chance to enjoy it!

Thank you Friends of Rolling Rock Ranch for sponsoring the music!!! Thank you Pasty Crew and car enthusiasts for bringing your gorgeous cars and trucks.



20th Veterans Fish Fry at MVH D.J. Jacobetti

For 20 years, Vietnam Veterans of America Ch. 237 and American Legion Post 131 members brings the freshest, most delicious whitefish (120#!!!) and cook a fish fry for our veteran members, their loved ones and staff!

This year was truly fantastic in every way – the weather, the ease of the event, the hard working, fun crew of volunteers, the incredible music by the Munising City Band and a delicious meal with excellent company. We even surprised the fish fry crew with special t-shirts commemorating the 20th Anniversary of this event.

Thank you, VVA Ch. 237 & AL Post 131 (fish fry crew), the anonymous donor who purchases the fish each year, The Munising City Band (music!), Altran (volunteer transport), and the Military Order of Purple Hearts Auxiliary for sponsoring the sweet commemorative t-shirts for our veteran members! Thank you to our staff, volunteers, and all who had a hand in making this day special - including Bill Rousseau who first conceived this special event 20 years ago!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2025 Carnival
Love Ones and Staff, please
join the fun!
Volunteers Needed!

MVH D.J. Jacobetti
2025 MEMBER



Wednesday, August 20th
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Back Lot

Games... Prizes... Dunk Tank... Snacks
Petting Zoo & LIVE Music

Families and Staff, please join the fun!

