

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

Administrator Update: December is here and we are excited to celebrate the holidays with our veterans and their loved ones. We were able to celebrate Thanksgiving properly with a Family Thanksgiving Meal with all the fixings.

As for the new Home, the road relocation project is complete and open to the public. The road is paved, the guardrails are up and the stripes are painted! They are starting work on the foundations for at least one neighborhood, so work won't stop for the winter. If you are interested, updates will be posted on the website: <https://bit.ly/NewMVHDJJ>

We look forward to a holiday season filled with joy. We are able to do so much for our veteran members thanks to the incredible support of our community. The fact that MediaBrew Communications annual Christmas is for Veterans donation collection is in it's 23rd year speaks volumes about the support that we get from this community! I can't thank you enough for your support! Happy Holidays. - Ron Oja, Administrator

November brought in the holiday season with Military Appreciation Month, Veterans Day, DJJ Deer Camp, Thanksgiving and so much more!

- The Marine Corps League Lake Superior Detachment #764 hosted our Veterans Day ceremony and it was incredible. See page 2 for details.
- On November 10th, we celebrated the the Marines 250th birthday with bingo and social thanks to Onagominkway Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and American Legion Aux #349
- Daniele Carol, a local photographer, came to take updated photos of our members (and their loved ones) so there is a fresh, beautiful photo for the holidays!
- Our Dining Service prepared a Thanksgiving meal and many of our members' families and loved ones came to the DJJ to celebrate the holiday.
- The Teal Lakes Singers and Drum helped us celebrate and recognize Native American Heritage Month.
- Add, church services, bingo, live music, pet therapy, art, exercise, and more....November was great!

December is filled with special activities:

- American Legion Auxiliary's Christmas Gift Shop is an incredible tradition that allows members to pick out gifts for loved ones and themselves (at no cost).
- Outings include a holiday party at American Legion #114 Greenwood, an NMU Hockey game, the "Learning to Walk Together" Pow Wow, and a shopping trip to Walmart
- We will enjoy special holiday music with The Falling Rock Jammers, The Mistletoes, Dan Adamini, The Sunshine Girls, plus live music with Whiskey Ryan, Brian Matthews, Linda Smith, Louis Lenten, Lois Westman , Waawiyeyaa, and 41 West!
- Crafting, baking, decorating, onsite luncheons, our VFC Holiday Party, and a Christmas morning church service
- So many incredible holiday traditions including donors playing Secret Santa, scratch off tickets for Big Buck\$ Bingo, fruit trays, and Stockings4Soldiers delivering stockings for every member of our Home
- A Holiday Family Meal for our veteran members and their loved ones, a football party, and a New Year's Eve party to ring in 2026!
- Add bingos, cribbage, exercise, church services, paint class, game nights, football, pet visits - and so much more.....

As we close out 2025, we would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who volunteers, donates, and supports Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti. It is because of you that we are able to provide the very best for the veterans who call MVHDJJ home. 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.

We wish you the happiest of holidays and a blessed 2026!

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Attached, find our December 2025 Wish List. There, you will find requests for personal care items, clothing, special requests, and an Amazon option which ships straight to our Home.
- Check out our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/MiVeteranHomesDJJ>

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We celebrated Military Appreciation Month L to R: with a performance by the incredibly talented, Cloverland! DJJ Deer Camp 2025 was especially great—chili and all the fixins, big bucks reminiscing, da Yoopers music, cold beer, hot coffee, and smiles all around! We had new to us entertainment with John Davey and Greta Hillstrom (and also The Seth Brown Duo). Miigwech and big appreciation to the Teal Lake Singers and Drum who shared drumming, singing, storytelling and traditional teachings with our veterans.



NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH
MUSIC & TEACHINGS WITH
TEAL LAKE SINGERS & DRUM



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
1:30PM - MVH D.J. JACOBETTI CHAPEL

We send gratitude to Marine Corps League Lake Superior Detachment #764 for hosting our 2025 Veterans Day Ceremony!

It was a beautiful! Tracey Tippet, Michigan Marine of the Year, served as our keynote. NMU Army ROTC cadets provided the Color Guard. Marshall Codd, Army veteran provided the music and sang the National Anthem with his father and DJJ member, Tom, an Army veteran, along with Glenn Garrett, DJJ member and Navy veteran. Gary Nadeau, Marine veteran led the Pledge, and our Chaplain Dr. Jim Elenbaas led the Invocation and Benediction. Governor Whitmer sent a letter to our veterans and our local dignitaries included Karl Bohnak, Dave Prestin, Greg Markkanen, Ed McBroom, and representatives for Jack Bergman and Gary Peters shared messages.

In the afternoon, our friends from Exalta Group brought fruit and veggie trays and members noshed on the delicious treat and visited while listening to music by the incredibly talented Linda Smith! We handed out scratchers provided by U.P. Home Health & Hospice and Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice (who also provided delicious cheesecake for our veterans' lunch). Add so many cute cards, placemats and decorations from school kids, service organizations and community members. Our veteran members know they are loved and appreciated. Thank you to everyone who helped make Veterans Day special for the veterans who call MVH D.J. Jacobetti home.



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
D.J. JACOBETTI CHAPEL - 1:30PM



Family Christmas Meal

Thursday, December 18, 2025

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Ground Floor Dining Room

If you would like to have an early Christmas dinner with a member of the home, Reservations are Required by calling the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans front office line at 906-226-3576 Ext. 0. Please call during regular business office hours (Monday – Friday * 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) We will need your name, phone number, and how many people are attending. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

A meal ticket is required to attend the Family Christmas meal, and you may purchase the tickets at the front office at 425 Fisher Street in Marquette between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and must be purchased PRIOR to December 18th (\$2.75 each or 10 for \$23.00 – Cash or Check only.)

****The member who lives here does not need a meal ticket.**



VFC Holiday Party

WEDNESDAY, 12/17
1:30PM - REC ROOM

**FOOD, DRINK,
LIVE MUSIC
& HOLIDAY FUN!**

**SPONSORED BY
THE DJJ VETERAN FACILITY
COORDINATORS**

CHRISTMAS Church Service

PRESENTED BY D.J. JACOBETTI CHAPLAIN
DR. JIM ELENBAAS



DECEMBER 25TH

10:00AM

CHAPEL



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FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

MEMBERS, THEIR LOVED ONES & STAFF ARE INVITED!