

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

Happy October! This year is really flying by! October, for me, is a time to catch my breath before we jump into the holiday season. We are starting to make progress on our new home. Venture Drive is nearly moved. Once paved, the construction process will begin in earnest. If you are interested, updates will be posted on the website: <https://bit.ly/NewMVHDJJ>

I would like to thank Ray Carlson, the 2025 U.P. Veteran of the Year, for participating in our POW/MIA Day observance. Get out and enjoy this wonderful weather while it sticks around. As always, thank you for your support and trust. - Ron Oja, Administrator

Highlights of September included:

- Big Buck\$ Bingo with VFW Aux Brimley #9023
- Ice Cream Social with raffle drawings by the Negaunee Lions Club and music by Falling Rock
- Patriot Day Picnic Pig Roast with music by 41 West
- Our Popcorn & Treats Fundraiser for the 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's raised \$429 for Alzheimer's Association!
- On POW/MIA Recognition Day event was beautiful with Missing Man Honors by UP Veteran of the Year, Ray Carlson, music by Linda Smith, and delicious snacks sponsored by our Veteran Facility Coordinators
- UP Home Health & Hospice put on a Sock Hop for our veteran members!
- Members enjoyed lunch outings to American Legion Post 44 , onsite lunches by Elks Lodge #405, a burger brat BBQ, plus a pre-game football party sponsored by our very own veteran members via their Summer 2025 Plant Sale..... and so much more.

October brings:

- Pasty making with the Vallier's (AKA Vallier4Vets) using their famous family recipe with a pasty + homemade apple crisp (also member-made) lunch the following week
- We welcome back Father Marquette Catholic Academy 3rd/4th grade students for monthly Mass and a
- pumpkin painting activity with our members
- Halloween festivities include a big Buck\$ bingo sponsored by one of our members in memory of his parents. We will also host a costume parade and welcome loved ones, staff, and volunteers to bring their healthy kiddos! We will meet at the Chapel entrance. Parade begins at 3pm. Members will hand out treats so bring a bag!
- The Navy turns 250 on October 13th! The DAR is helping sponsor a special bingo and providing cake, along with bingo sponsors American Legion Aux Greenwood #114 and Amvets Aux #122
- Outings to the Ishpeming High Rise for pizza and games, a Side x Side outing and lunch with Hiawatha Snowmobile Club, lunch at American Legion Greenwood, fall color tours, and Friday NMU Hockey—Go Cats!
- A NEW bi-monthly activity: We Can Pickle That! Imagine all the possibilities - eggs, bologna, veggies - YUM!
- We also have lots of live music, cribbage, karaoke with Mama Court, art class with Allison, pet visits, yoga with Micaiah and other exercise, and much, much more on our October calendar!

It is because of our generous donors that we are able to offer so many amazing opportunities to our veteran members. We are gearing up for the holidays and welcome fresh ideas for events and outings. Would your group like to come and do a karaoke sing-a-long? Play cribbage and games with our veterans? How about helping us throw an onsite holiday party for our veteran members? Host a happy hour or coffee social? There are so many ways to help enrich our veteran members' lives. Give us a ring and let's make some magic with the veterans of Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti!

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Attached, find our October 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>

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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If you would prefer to not to receive this monthly newsletter, please let me know and I will remove you from future sends.

September is Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Our veterans held a fundraiser and raised \$429 for the Alzheimer's Association and the 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's - MQT. Team D.J. Jacobetti annually participates in the walk and this year we brought veterans to walk with staff (and retired staff too!) to help raise awareness and support this excellent organization's work.

2025 Member
**POPCORN, PRETZEL
& CRAFT FUNDRAISER**
**WOW! Thank you
members, loved ones,
staff and volunteers.**
**We raised
\$429.00 for the
2025 Walk to End
Alzheimer's** alzheimer's
association
PLEASE JOIN TEAM JACOBETTI
AND WALK WITH US ON SATURDAY, 9/27
SEE AMANDA DRATNOL FOR INFO
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Also in September... UP Home Health & Hospice our threw a Sock Hop for our veterans. Thanks to Leslie for bringing the fun, to the volunteers that danced and sang with our veterans and to the community supporters who loaned us the sweet costumes!!! We had a blast!

Caitlyn from Growing Small Farms, with help from her generous customers, donated beautiful bouquets to our lobby so loved ones and visitors could deliver a bouquet to their favorite veteran member!

Patriot Day - National Day of Remembrance

On Patriot Day, we held our final summer picnic with a pig roast. 41 West provided beautiful music, a message and a moment to reflect. Our veterans, their loved ones, volunteers and staff all shared that the event was a great one and perfect way to end summer.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our friends at AMVETS Post 122, American Legion Post 44, DAV Chapter 22, VFW Post 6, and the Marquette County Veterans Alliance for your generosity in making this event occur for our veterans. Additionally, a huge thank you to our music sponsor, Friends of Rolling Rock Ranch.



National POW/MIA Recognition Day

For National POW/MIA Recognition Day, our Veteran Facility Coordinators hosted a special social for our veterans. Our Administrator, Ron Oja, opened the event and introduced U.P. Veteran of the Year, Ray Carlson, who led Missing Man Honors and Linda Smith played beautiful music and everyone enjoyed tasty appetizers.

