



D.J. Jacobetti

September 2025

Family & Friends Newsletter

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

Administrator Update: Happy September! Work continues on relocating the road at the new home site. A retention pond has been dug. So progress is being made, but if I'm honest, I want it to be faster! If you are interested, updates will be posted on the website: <https://bit.ly/NewMVHDJJ>

I hope everyone got to see the U.P. Veteran of the Year celebration at the U.P. State Fair. It's always a special event and heartwarming to see the deserving vet recognized. I would like to add my congratulations to Ray Carlson! He is very deserving of the award and has a deep connection to Jacobetti. I would like to invite everyone to the Patriot Day picnic/Pig Roast. The event is sponsored by Amvets Post 122, American Legion Post 44, DAV Chapter 22, VFW Post 6, and the Marquette County Veterans Alliance. I thank them for their generosity! It starts at 11am in the back parking lot. I hope to see everyone there! As always, thank you for your support and trust.

- Ron Oja, Administrator

Highlights of August included:

- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 35-1's annual Ride for Jacobetti is always a favorite event. This year, the group donated a whopping \$15,000 to enrich the lives of our veteran members.
- Trips to the Marquette County Fair on Veteran Appreciation Day, a lunch outing with VVA Ch. 380 where members of Forgotten Eagles stop during their annual Ride Around Michigan, lunch, music and bingo at American Legion Greenwood, lunch and music at Amvets Post 122 Lake Unky, onsite and offsite picnics
- Our Drive-In Movie event was just cool! (see write up on p.2)
- Our Member Carnival was fantastic with games, prizes, live music, fair food. Thank you to our Veteran Facility Coordinators who sponsor the Carnival yearly, the 31 volunteers, and staff who made this day special
- Five of our veterans fished with South Shore Fishing Association's Veterans Fishing Day—a great day!
- Live music, gardening, bingo, exercise, crafting, cooking, games, campfires, AND, of course, SO MUCH MORE...

As we shift into Fall, the goodness continues and highlights of September include:

- Big Buck\$ Bingo with VFW Aux Brimley #9023
- Ice Cream Social with Games by the Negaunee Lions Club and Music with Falling Rock
- Patriot Day Picnic Pig Roast (see poster and info above), end of summer BBQs and campfires
- Popcorn & Treats Fundraiser for the 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's (see poster and join us!)
- On POW/MIA Recognition Day, we will gather for the Missing Man Ceremony, reflection, and music
- UP Home Health & Hospice is throwing a Sock Hop for our veteran members and their loved ones!
- Lunch outings to American Legion Post 44, Elks Lodge #405, the Ishpeming High Rise, and an onsite BBQ and a pre-game football party sponsored by our very own veteran members via their Summer 2025 Plant Sale
- Painting sessions with Mama Court and Allison, music with Vinyl Tap, Whiskey Ryan, and Dan and Lois, game nights, gardening, harvesting, cooking, exercise, and, of course, bingo and cribbage!

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. Would your group like to come in and play games? Help with Fall cooking or hunting games? Do you love to karaoke? **How about helping with Vegas Days on October 15th (one wildly fun hour of black jack 1:30-2:30pm)?** 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, September 10th - Community Memorial Service by Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice 6:30pm - Chapel
- Thursday, September 11th - Patriot Day Picnic Pig Roast - 11:00am Music - Back Lot
- Friday, September 19th - POW/MIA Recognition Day Gathering - 1:30pm - 3:00pm - Rec Room
- Wednesday, September 24th - Sock Hop by UPHHH - 6:30 - 7:30pm - Chapel
- Wednesday, October 15th - VFC Vegas Days - 1:30pm - 2:30pm - Chapel
- Friday, October 31st - Halloween Party - 1:30 - 2:30pm - Rec

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Attached, find our September 2025 Wish List. On the list you will find requests for personal care items, our Amazon Wish List (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, 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

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Drive-In Movie MVH D.J. Jacobetti Style

After reminiscing with our veteran members, staff dreamed of having a drive-in movie just like the good ol days. How to make that happen in a veterans home (in the UP with limited warm nights and a sun that doesn't set until after 10pm in the summer)?!!!

The dream sat until we met up with Boy Scout Troop 327. Staff shared the vision and we were introduced to Will Miglio who was in the process of choosing an Eagle Scout service project. Will took the vision and made portable, accessible "cars" for us as his Eagle Scout service project and they are amazing! These cars will be used again and again for many events. Thank you, Will, and everyone who supported this incredible project. Congratulations, also, to Will on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout!!!!

We started with the National Anthem, a cartoon, had delicious movie snacks, excellent decorations, and watched a retro movie on the big screen.

L to R: Donna and Jim; Will Miglio taking the Eagle oath; Bob hams it up for the camera





CVMA 35-1's (Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association) 11th Annual Jacobetti Ride brought 25+ bikes and a support crew to visit with our veteran members. Always a blast, our veteran members toured the bikes and talked with CVMA 35-1 members about motorcycles, military service and everything in between. Old friends reconnected, new friends were made - it was great!!!! ADDITIONALLY, since 2014, CVMA 35-1 has donated \$77,101 to enrich the lives of our veterans. This year, they delivered their biggest donation yet - \$15,000 - bringing the 11-year total to a WHOPPING \$92,101.



L to R: On a perfect summer day, we took our activity out front, jammed some great music and tie dyed shirts with our veterans! Lunch, music, and bingo with Amvets Post 122 at Lake Unky is always the BEST! NICE Lake Superior catch by Don, Air Force veteran! Painting with Allison - Allison and Russ 'Frenchy', Air Force veteran show off their work!



With games, prizes, a dunk tank, photo booth, live music from Rev. Roberts and Da Bones Man, fresh fried, popped and spun fair food, drinks from Girly Pop, and giant smiles from our veterans, their loved ones, friends, volunteers, and staff, our 2025 Member Carnival was great fun! Thank you to EVERYONE who supported this event including our incredible staff and the 31+ volunteers who helped put on this incredible event for the veterans who call Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti home! Special thanks to our Veterans Facility Coordinators (representatives from a variety of service organizations) who help plan, volunteer, and sponsor this event every year.



D.J. JACOBETTI PATRIOT DAY PICNIC PIG ROAST

SPONSORED THANKS TO:
AMVETS POST 122,
AMERICAN LEGION POST 44,
DAV CHAPTER 22,
MARQUETTE COUNTY VETERANS ALLIANCE
& VFW POST 6

Thursday, September 11th

Loved Ones and Staff are invited!

**MUSIC BY 41 WEST
STARTS AT 1100 - BACK LOT**

SEE ACTIVITIES STAFF FOR MORE INFORMATION

Put on your poodle skirt or bucks and join us for a joyful, nostalgic evening of music, dancing and community connection thanks to UP Home Health & Hospice



2025 Member
**POPCORN & PRETZEL
FUNDRAISER**
2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's
DONATIONS of all sizes welcome!

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**Tuesday, 9/16
1:30 - 2:30pm
Rec Room
with
deliveries
to all
units for all
shifts!**



**WE INVITE YOU TO
JOIN
TEAM JACOBETTI
AND WALK WITH US!
SEE AMANDA
DRATNOL FOR INFO**



D.J. Jacobetti

Lake Superior
LIFE CARE & HOSPICE

Join us ...

Community Memorial Service

Wednesday, September 10th

6:30 PM	D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans Chapel 425 Fisher St. Marquette
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Are you grieving the loss of a family member or friend?

We invite you to gather with us in remembrance of loved ones who have passed. This special service is open to all members of the community and will include readings of names, reflective music, and light refreshments.

If you would like to have your loved one's name read during the service, please contact us.

A time to reflect, remember, and find peace in shared connection.

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