

MVH Mission Statement

Michigan Veteran Homes provides nation-leading long-term care and services that enhance the well-being of veterans and their families in the place they call home.



Our veterans and staff working on Volunteer Appreciation signs



Gerry dressed up for the Talent Show and sang 'Send In the Clowns' with two other members



Almost Elvis performed an incredible show! Here, singing to Dan

Hello MVH D.J. Jacobetti Family and Friends,

Administrator Update

Over my first month serving as Interim Administrator, I have found the experience to be rewarding and inspiring. What stands out most is the support from our community, family members, friends, and volunteers who show up in meaningful ways. From hosting meals, assisting with activities, to donating funds for programming and equipment, your contributions enrich the lives of the veterans we are honored to serve. This partnership is essential to the compassionate environment we strive to maintain.

I recently visited the construction site of our future home and was impressed by the progress made through the winter months. Foundation work continues to advance, and structural steel will begin to take shape soon. The project remains on schedule as we begin initial transition planning for a smooth and successful move. There is strong momentum building toward our next chapter.

Most importantly, I recognize the impact our team and volunteers make each day. The care, dedication, and respect shown to our veterans does not go unnoticed. Thank you for your continued trust and support as we create a community where our veterans feel valued and at home.

Respectfully, Chris LaJoie, Interim Administrator

April Highlights

April was full of energy and connection. Our Talent Show brought together members, families, and volunteers for a fun event filled with singing, dancing, and humor. Members enjoyed the Courage Incorporated fundraiser, Dome walking, a movie outing, Pow Wow, meals and bingo at American Legion Posts 44 and 114, and shopping trips to Walmart and Meijer. Onsite activities included dodgeball, clay crafting and glazing, music with Waawiyeyaa and the U.P. Homeschool Choir, karaoke, and time outdoors enjoying the first warm days of spring.

May Preview:

May is National Military Appreciation Month and we will honor our veterans all month with a Luau Happy Hour, Military Appreciation Big Buck\$ Bingo, DJJ Tribute to the USO, a Military Appreciation Social, and a Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by American Legion Post 44. We will also celebrate Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and the Kentucky Derby.

Outings and Activities: May outings include the Negaunee Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, meals at American Legion Posts 44 and 349, shopping trips to Walmart, L&M, and Meijer, the Mother's Day Craft Show at the Dome, bowling, Dome walking, and a visit to the Taproom at the Mather Inn. Onsite programming will feature a Seis de Mayo luncheon, live music, gardening, paint classes, coffee klatches, games, and more.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in honoring and serving our veterans.

MVH DJ Jacobetti COMMUNITY SPIRIT WEEK 4/24-5/1

It was a week full of fun, connection, and activities for both members and staff! With daily Dress-Up Days, Games, Prizes, and Sweet Treats, we celebrated our amazing community!



Clockwise: Kyle and Brooke, Physical Therapy Aides, dress up for Yooper Day; Sports Day: Rachel and Casie, Care Aides, and Bridget, Nurse Manager; Tyler, Activities Aide and Ashley, Nurse Manager; Neal, Air Force vet, reps the Lions while Glenn, Navy Seabee vet, reps the Packers, along with Lisa, Accounting; Tina, Unit Clerk, Jenny and Ashley, Nurse Managers and Brooke, PTA, pop and deliver popcorn to staff; Comfy Cozy Day: Julia, Social Worker; Tom, PTA, enjoys a sweet treat; Throwback Thursday: Anja, Activities Aide in her Pioneer Days Era



Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Attached, find our **May 2026 Wish List**. Our wish list continues to be pared down due to the incredible generosity we received this holiday season. We also have an Amazon wish list that ships directly to our Home: <https://a.co/8yGuv4w>
IMPORTANT: Amazon no longer provides a way to send a thank you and often donations come in multiple deliveries with no receipt or identifying information. Please reach out so we can share our appreciation (and a donation receipt for your records).
- **Come volunteer!** We welcome new volunteers - and also welcome individuals or groups to come in and one-time, special guest volunteer. There are so many opportunities to join the fun: game nights, paint classes, cribbage tourneys, gardening, BBQs, Friday night campfires or work with us to come up with a special event.... 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>

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.

Loved Ones & Volunteers, a few of our May events we would love for you to join:



HULA ON OVER &
LET'S CELEBRATE

**Military
Appreciation Month**

Luau Happy Hour

**FRIDAY, MAY 1ST
30PM - REC ROOM**

UMBRELLA DRINKS,
APPETIZERS &
MUSIC BY
BETTY GRUND

SPONSORED BY DAV AUX#22



MVH D.J. JACOBETTI

★ *Tribute to the* **USO** ★

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH 1:30PM

★ **CHAPEL** ★

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
★ *for our DJJ veterans* ★

★ *Hosted by Mama Court* ★



**VFC
Military
Appreciation
Month**

Social

**WED, MAY 27TH
1:30PM - REC ROOM**

**FANCY APPETIZERS,
HAPPY HOUR &
MUSIC BY
LINDA SMITH**

SPONSORED BY
THE DJJ VETERANS FACILITY
COORDINATORS



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**MEMORIAL
DAY**

JOIN US FOR A
SPECIAL CEREMONY
HOSTED BY
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 44
MONDAY, MAY 25
1:30PM - CHAPEL



★ **REMEMBER
HONOR** ★