

## 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.



MQT Harbor Rotary prepped and transformed our courtyard for Summer 2026 gardening!



May bowling outing - STRIKE!



American Legion Post 444 pasty donation delivered by the AL Riders 444

Hello MVH D.J. Jacobetti Family and Friends,

## Administrator Update

As we move into June, we are excited to share that the first step in our transition plan to the new building is now complete. Visitors to the home will see our 1 West unit occupied by members and staff, bringing life and energy back to the west side of the first floor. This marks an important milestone in our preparation for the future and allows us to continue building momentum towards a smooth transition into our new Home. It has been encouraging to see our team adapt so positively while continuing to provide exceptional care and support to our veterans.

Progress on the construction project also continues at an impressive pace. Current work includes backfill operations on Neighborhood Two, excavation of foundations on Neighborhood Three, and underground electrical work on Neighborhood One. It is truly exciting to see the vision for our future home steadily taking shape and to witness the progress being made each week.

During the first week of June, we will proudly be celebrating State Veteran Homes Week as we recognize the incredible members and staff who make the "Jake" so special. As proclaimed by Governor Whitmer, this week honors those who provide "vital services to those who have worn the cloth of our nation in service and their families." We are fortunate to have such compassionate and dedicated individuals serving our Veterans every day. With a full calendar of exciting June activities planned, we are hoping the beautiful weather continues so our members can fully enjoy the season. Thank you all for your continued trust, support, and partnership as we move forward together.

Respectfully, Chris LaJoie, Interim Administrator

## May Highlights

Military Appreciation Month was chockful of goodness - a Luau Happy Hour, a Big Buck\$ Bingo, a DJJ Tribute to the USO, a fancy social with music by Linda Smith, and a Memorial Day ceremony hosted by American Legion Post 44. We also celebrated Mother's Day and Military Spouse Appreciation Month with a lovely party for the ladies, had a delicious, authentic onsite Mexican luncheon, plus outings to the roller derby, TV6 Craft Show, Mather Inn's Taproom and more. The weather warmed and we planted. The grounds looks amazing and we are excited to watch our flowers and veggies grow!

## June Preview:

Summer is here and we are ready for all the goodness a U.P. summer brings! June includes a trip to Munising for Pictured Rocks Cruises, a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Route 66, our annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, a Lakenenland DJJ Veteran and Family Fishing and Cookout event with American Legion Post 44 and South Shore Fishing Association, an outing to see the Marquette City Band, a Legion baseball game, lunch at the A&M Cafe, a summer favorite to Lake Unky Amvets Post 122 for lunch and fun, a trip to Sands Speedway, dinner and bingo with American Legion Post 44 and Drewpalooza!

There is so much happening right onsite too with a summer art and yoga series sponsored by the Ishpeming Elks, a Flag Day event hosted by the Tri-City Elks, live music, bingo, church services, cards and conversations, and groups like Embers Credit Union coming in to serve our veterans and add goodness to their day!

June is going to be a great month! Thank you for your continued support and partnership in honoring and serving our veterans.



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Our **MVHDJJ Tribute to the USO** was phenomenal! A huge thank you to our talented members and staff, Mama Court and special guests, Jill, Eric and Roxi for helping make this one of our best ever events!  
Thanks also to VFW Post 6 for sponsoring this event.

- ★ MVH D.J. JACOBETTI ★**  
**TRIBUTE TO THE USO PROGRAM**
1. ★ **WELCOME, SOLDIERS** – MAMA COURT
  2. ★ **ARMED FORCES MEDLEY** – WAVE THOSE FLAGS, SOLDIERS!
  3. ★ **THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND** –  
VETERAN MEMBERS: TOM C., GLENN G., JERRY I.,  
WITH JACK T. ON HARMONICA
  4. ★ **CIGARETTE GIRLS**
  5. ★ **THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES** –  
MAMA COURT & VETERAN MEMBER, FRENCHY
  6. ★ **BOOGIE WOOGIE BUGLE BOY** – MAMA COURT
  7. ★ **A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR OUR MEMBERS**
  8. ★ **YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG  
AND YANKEE DOODLE DANDY** –  
GROUP SING ALONG WITH ACTIVITIES STAFF
  9. ★ **MAIL CALL – FALL IN!**  
IT'S TIME TO COLLECT YOUR MAIL!
  10. ★ **SOME DEW** – MAMA COURT & VETERAN MEMBER, FRENCHY
  11. ★ **YOU BELONG TO ME** – MAMA COURT
  12. ★ **PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN** –  
OUR VERY OWN HAIRDRESSER AND  
ARMY VETERAN, JILL WEINGARTEN



**Memorial Day at DJJ** - American Legion Post 44 delivered an onsite Memorial Day Service ensuring many of our veterans could honor and remember those that made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. Special thanks to Tom, Jill, Charlie, Dan and Tyler of Post 44 for their contributions and to Jill, Tim and Brian for the wonderful music!



For **Mother's Day**, our members made beautiful "bouquets," stuffed them with candy and delivered them to our female staff and volunteers! Our **Mother's Day & Military Spouse Appreciation Day Celebration** hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Dept of MI and Unit 44 was truly special - treats, manicures, crafting, and great conversation!



**Kentucky Derby Party** - high fashion, betting, racing & tasty Derby fare!

*Family & Friends, find the full of calendar of June activities while visiting your loved one at the Home or go to [www.michigan.gov/mvh](http://www.michigan.gov/mvh) to view the calendar*

### **Summer 2026 Events we would especially love for you to join:**

- Wednesday, 6/17 - Route 66 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party with music by Flat Broke Blues - 12:30PM - 2:00PM
- Wednesday, 6/24 - Lakenenland Member & Family Picnic and Fishing - Starts at 10:30AM
- Wednesday, 7/8 - Onsite Fish Pond with Negaunee Elks - Starts at 10AM
- Wednesday, 7/15 - Nathan Koski Memorial Classic Car Show - 1:00PM - 2:30PM
- Saturday, 7/25 - Sowing Seeds Worship Band - 1:30PM - 3:00PM
- Friday, 7/31 - 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fish Fry by Alger County Vietnam Vets & American Legion - 11:30AM
- Saturday, 8/8 - DJJ's 45th Birthday & Combat Vets Motorcycle 35-1 Annual Visit - 1:30PM - 2:30PM
- Wednesday, 8/19 - DJJ Summer Carnival - 1:00PM - 3:00PM
- Friday, 9/11 - Patriot Day Picnic & Pig Roast - 11:30AM

**See any Activities Team Member with questions!**

### **Supporting Our Veteran Members:**

- Attached, find our **June 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 donations often arrive 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.***

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