

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.



Danny Garceau leads a Native American flute class



Members made a craft for EMS workers and Frenchy, retired EMS, helped deliver the gifts



Nice catch! Fishing on Lake Independence with Courage Inc.



Thank you, Bethel Lutheran for hosting our 4th of July Parade watch party and opening your church to us.

Hello MVH D.J. Jacobetti Family and Friends,

Administrator Update

As we welcome the month of August, we are excited to see the continued progress on our new home. The building is truly beginning to take shape as structural steel continues to be placed, while the final households are being fitted with shallow plumbing and slab on grade concrete. Even the areas surrounding the future home are beginning to come together, with the main entrance ponds being shaped and topsoil being placed. Each milestone brings us one step closer to seeing the vision for our new home becoming a reality.

August is also a special month for our members, staff, families, and community as we look forward to our annual Member Carnival and celebrating D.J. Jacobetti's 45th birthday! Forty-five years of caring for those who have served our nation would not have been possible without the dedication of our incredible staff, the support of our community and volunteers, and the trust placed in us by the members and families we serve. As we celebrate this important milestone, we are reminded of the strong foundation that has been built over the past 45 years and look forward to the many years of service ahead. Thank you for being an important part of our Jacobetti community.

Respectfully - Chris LaJoie, Interim Administrator

August Highlights

August begins with a week-long celebration of Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti's 45th Birthday and our proud legacy of serving those who served. The week will feature trivia, reminiscing, a time capsule, friendly competitions, and will culminate with a community celebration on Saturday, August 8, from 1:30–3:00 p.m. in our back parking lot. Everyone is welcome—see the attached poster for details!

Our annual Member Carnival returns on August 19 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. (see attached poster). Sponsored by our Veterans Facility Coordinators, this favorite tradition features carnival games, prizes, a dunk tank, live music, classic fair food, and plenty of fun for our veteran members and their loved ones.

August also brings many exciting outings. Veterans will enjoy lunch at VVA Chapter 380 and visit with riders participating in Forgotten Eagles Chapter 1's Ride Around Michigan, a multi-day charity ride benefiting veterans, including those who call MVH D.J. Jacobetti home. Other adventures include the Marquette County Fair, Marquette Rotary's HarborFest, South Shore Fishing Association's Veterans Fishing Day on Lake Superior, visits to American Legion Posts 44 and 114 and AMVETS Post 122 at Lake Unky, along with restaurant outings to Texas Roadhouse, Tino's, Jeffrey's, A&M Cafe, and Big Boy.

Back at the Home, summer fun continues with a pool party, lawn games, picnics, barbecues, a watermelon and seed-spitting contest, and an end-of-summer ice cream social. Veterans will also enjoy paint classes, bingo, worship services, exercise, crafts, and outstanding musical entertainment from Almost Elvis, Whiskey Ryan, Lois Westman, Linda Smith, Boots and Sandals, Rev. Robert & da Bonesman, Chris Valenti, Toni Saari, and so much more.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in honoring and serving the veterans who call MVH D.J. Jacobetti home.

Family & Friends, find a full calendar of August activities while visiting your loved one at the Home or go to www.michigan.gov/mvh to view the calendar

- Tuesday, 8/4 - Birthday Parade - 11:00AM
- Saturday, 8/8 - DJJ's 45th Birthday & Combat Vets Motorcycle 35-1 Annual Visit with Live Music by Daydreamers Acoustic - 1:30PM - 3:00PM
- Monday, 8/10 - Almost Elvis - 6:30PM - 7:30PM
- Wednesday, 8/19 - DJJ Summer Carnival - 1:00PM - 3:00PM
- Friday, 9/11 - Patriot Day Picnic & Pig Roast - 11:30AM
- Friday, 9/18 - POW/MIA Recognition Day Event - 1:30PM - 2:30PM

See any Activities Team Member with questions!

MVH D.J. Jacobetti
2026 MEMBER



Wednesday, August 19th
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Back Lot

Games... Prizes... Dunk Tank... Fair Food
LIVE Music by
Reverend Roberts & Da Bones Man

★ **YOU'RE INVITED!** ★

MVH D.J. JACOBETTI

45

YEARS OF SERVING
THOSE WHO SERVED US

EST. 1981

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DJ JACOBETTI

45TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

★ **GRAND FINALE COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY PARTY** ★


SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8, 2026


1:30-3:00 PM


DJ JACOBETTI
HOME FOR VETERANS


MARQUETTE,
MICHIGAN

Please join us as we celebrate 45 years of home, honor, and community. Community members, families, staff, volunteers, and friends are warmly invited to attend this special birthday celebration.

★ ★ **FEATURING** ★ ★

★ **FEATURING THE COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION** ★

★ **SPECIAL DONATION PRESENTATION** ★ **LIVE MUSIC BY THE DAYDREAMERS** ★

★ **BIRTHDAY CUPCAKES FOR GUESTS** ★

★ **HISTORICAL BOOTH** ★ **RAFFLE** ★ **VIDEO BIRTHDAY MESSAGES** ★

★ ***Come celebrate with us!*** ★

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY FRIENDS!

JOIN THE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARADE!

Help our members celebrate 45 wonderful years of


D.J. JACOBETTI
HOME FOR VETERANS


45 YEARS!

TUESDAY	PARADE BEGINS	CELEBRATING
AUGUST 4, 2026	11:00 AM	45 YEARS!

425 FISHER STREET • MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Decorate your vehicle in birthday or patriotic style, then drive by, wave, honk, and help make our members smile!

Cars • Trucks • Motorcycles • First Responders
Veterans' Groups • Community Groups • Families & Friends





WAVE • HONK • CELEBRATE!

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, RSVP TO JODI VISSER
616-826-4475 • Visserj1@michigan.gov



MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES

MVH D.J. JACOBETTI

FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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2026 Nathan Koski Memorial Classic Car Show

What an incredible event - beautiful cars, live music, reminiscing about the good old days, and making new memories with friends on a beautiful day! Thank you to the Pasty Crew who bring their vehicles and spread the word about our car show. To all the car enthusiasts who brought their vehicles and shared stories with our veterans, and to our staff and volunteers, **THANK YOU** for helping make it a special day for the veterans who call MVHDJJ home!



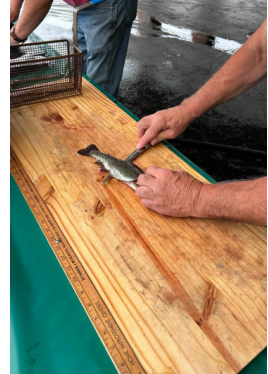
21st Annual Fish Fry

For 21 years, members of Alger County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #237 and American Legion Post #131 cook a fish fry for our veteran members, their loved ones and staff! **Thank you, VVA Ch. 237 & AL Post 131 (fish fry crew), the anonymous donor who purchases the fish, The Munising City Band (great music), and Altran (donates the bus that brings volunteers).** We also send gratitude to our staff and volunteers who helped the event run smoothly. We were also delighted that Terry Sabo, Director, and Todd Butler, Deputy Director of Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency joined us for lunch and time with our veterans



2026 Fish Pond

Negaunee Elks Lodge #1116 annually sponsors and hosts an accessible onsite fish pond so ALL members can experience fishing! This year, volunteers from West Branch Fire Department joined the fun and cleaned and fried up our veterans' catches - Tasty!



Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Our **August 2026 Wish List** is tailored each month to ensure the very best use of your gift. 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 tournaments, gardening, BBQs, Friday night campfires, Carnival, Vegas Days, and more. We guarantee you will have a blast!!!
- Follow 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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