

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.



Member Carnival - volunteers, Jo and Dan, with veteran member, Jim



Veteran member, Bob, visits with a biker participating in Forgotten Eagle Chapter 1's Ride Around Michigan



Fun and games during our 45th birthday week celebration

Hello MVH D.J. Jacobetti Family and Friends,

Administrator Update

As we welcome September, there is a great deal to be excited about at MVH D.J. Jacobetti. Construction of the new home continues to progress, with walls now being set and roof trusses on the horizon. It is exciting to watch the building take shape and see our future home become more visible each passing week. These milestones represent more than construction, they represent the next chapter in our commitment to providing an exceptional home for the Veterans we are honored to serve.

August was a month filled with celebration, activity, and wonderful memories. We enjoyed our Member Carnival and proudly celebrated MVH D.J. Jacobetti's 45th birthday and our service to Michigan Veterans. The weeklong celebration was a tremendous reminder of what makes this home special, the members we serve, the staff, volunteers, families, and community who have supported us throughout the years.

As we turn the page to September, we look forward to continuing the spirit of celebration with our Patriot Day Pig Roast on September 11th, while also taking time to honor POW/MIA Recognition Day and remember the service members who were prisoners of war or remain missing in action. These observances remind us of the meaning behind the service of our Veterans and the responsibility we have to ensure their stories and sacrifices are never forgotten.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our amazing staff for the dedication and compassion they bring to our members every day. Thank you to our volunteers for the countless hours, energy, and heart you give to make life at our home richer and more meaningful. And to our families, thank you for trusting us with the care of your loved ones. Your confidence in our team means so much, and we are grateful to have you as part of the MVHDJJ family. Together, we continue to honor the service, sacrifice, and legacy of those who have worn our nation's cloth.

Respectfully - Chris LaJoie, Interim Administrator

September Highlights include:

- Big Buck\$ Bingo with VFW Aux Brimley #9023 on 9/2 and a Dog Show on 9/24
- A Patriot Day Picnic Pig Roast on 9/11 with West Branch Fire Dept as our honored guests (see poster)
- End of summer goodness with BBQs, garden harvests, campfires, fishing trips, a visit to the Farmer's Market, and scenic rides with ice cream
- On POW/MIA Recognition Day (9/18), we will gather for the Missing Man Ceremony, reflection, and a social (see poster)
- Outings include trips to American Legion Post 44, Amvets Post 122 Lake Unky, Big Boy, Thunder Bay Inn, a Marquette Historical Bus Tour, bowling, and the "Bringing Anish to Ish" Pow Wow
- Live music with Brian Matthews, Whiskey Ryan, Adam Carver, Lois Westman, Almost Elvis, Linda Smith, Chris Valenti, Toni Saari, the Lions Club Marquette's Arts and Wellness group, Sunshine Girls, and Tim the Entertainer
- Bingo, genealogy, armchair trips, games, crafts and so much more!

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

- Friday, 9/11 - Patriot Day Picnic & Pig Roast - 11:30AM
- Sunday, 9/13 - Grandparent's Day Social - 1:30PM - 2:30PM
- Friday, 9/18 - POW/MIA Recognition Day Event - 1:30PM - 2:30PM
- Wednesday, 9/23 - Almost Elvis (Rescheduled) 6:30 - 7:30PM
- Thursday, 9/24 - DJJ's 1st Ever Dog Show - 1:30 - 2:20PM
- Wednesday, 9/30 - Oktoberfest - 1:30PM - 2:30PM

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Our **September 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, gardening, BBQs, 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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MVH D.J. JACOBETTI
MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES



PATRIOT DAY PICNIC PIG ROAST

WITH HONORED GUESTS:

West Branch Fire Department

PIG ROAST SPONSORED BY:

Military Order of the Purple Hearts Aux

MUSIC BY 41 WEST

Friday, September 11th

11:30AM - Back Lot

Loved Ones and Staff are invited!

See Activities staff for more information

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MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES
D.J. Jacobetti

POW/MIA Recognition Day

Friday, September 18, 2026

1:30 PM - Rec Room



**Missing Man Table & Honors
Social with Music by Linda Smith**

*Special thanks to VFW Post 6
for sponsoring this special event*

RAFFLE

Sponsored by American Legion Post 44

All ticket sales support life enriching activities and items for the veterans of MVH D.J. Jacobetti

**\$5 PER
TICKET!!**

Tickets available at Post 44
during business hours.

Contact Sarah if you would
like to buy or sell tickets:
906-631-7434



PRIZES

1st Prize: Military Branches Fire Ring

2nd Prize: 2-Night Stay at Island House Hotel on Mackinac Island

3rd Prize: 1-Night Stay at Bay Mills Resort & Casino + \$50 gift card

4th Prize: Sterling Silver U.P. Necklace

+ Additional Great Prizes!!

THANK YOU SPONSORS

American Legion Post 44 - Raffle Sponsor

Custom Fire Ring - Milt & Sue Bryant

2-Night Hotel Stay - Island House Hotel

1-Night Hotel Stay & Gift Card - Bay Mills Resort & Casino

U.P. Necklace - Richardson Jewelers

Winning Tickets will be drawn October 10th - 7:00PM

Open to the Public with Live Music!

American Legion Post 44, 700 W. Bluff St., MQT

Raffle License #R88554

Need not be present to win



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MVH D.J. Jacobetti 45th Anniversary T-Shirt & Sweatshirts + Serving Those Who Served Us Gear ON SALE THROUGH 10/31/26



*A portion of each sale goes to the Employee Recognition Fund
so we can recognize and celebrate the amazing staff
who serve the veteran members of MVHDJJ*

Order In-Person at Loyaltees or Online
Sale ENDS Saturday, 10/31/26

www.LoyalTees.clothing/djjacobetti



Questions? Call Sarah Johnson at 906-631-7434

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