MVH D.J. JACOBETTI
FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER
November 2026

MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES

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.



Veteran member, Terry, and MDOC pooch, Gabe, who is ready for adoption thanks to an MDOC partnership with The Delta Animal Shelter



October's Mystery Bus Trip included many surprise stops with a musical performance by the MSHS choir, treats at Marquette GMC, and a (planned, 100% staged) traffic stop by he police. FUN!!!!



Staying fit with Cardiodrumming!

Hello MVH D.J. Jacobetti Family and Friends,

Administrator Update

As we move further into fall and welcome November, we enter a season that reminds us to pause and reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for. We look forward to celebrating Veterans Day and honoring the men and women who have served our nation, gathering together for Thanksgiving, and enjoying the excitement of college football, hockey, and basketball games at Northern Michigan University. These opportunities bring our members together, create lasting memories, and remind us how fortunate we are to be part of such a caring and supportive community.

Our new home continues to take shape, marking another exciting milestone in this journey. We recently celebrated our topping-off ceremony, placing the final piece of structural steel and reaching an important achievement in the construction process. With the structural steel now complete, the focus turns toward roofing the building so work can continue throughout the winter months. It is incredible to look back at how far the project has come and see the vision for our future home becoming a reality. Each milestone brings us closer to the next chapter in our commitment to providing an exceptional home for the veterans we are honored to serve.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to express my sincere appreciation to our dedicated staff for the compassion and commitment they demonstrate every day, to our volunteers and community supporters for the time and generosity they share with our members, and to our families for the trust they place in us to care for their loved ones. The strength of Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti comes from the people who make it more than a place to live. It is a community built on respect, connection, and a shared commitment to those who served our country. Thank you for being part of our family and for everything you do to make our home a special place. Wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and meaningful Thanksgiving season.

Respectfully - Chris LaJoie, Interim Administrator

November Highlights - Mark Your Calendars and Join Us If You Can

- **11/2 - NMU Hockey Team v DJJ Veterans - Balloon Hockey Tourney** - 6:30pm
- **11/7 - Stars & Stripes Makers Market** - 11:00 - 3:00pm (see poster)
- **11/11 - Veterans Day Ceremony** - 11:00am (see poster)
- **11/12 - DJJ Deer Camp** - 1:30pm
- **11/13 - Member & Family Professional Photos** (more details soon)
- **11/25 Fall Harvest Party** - 1:30pm
- **11/26 - Family Thanksgiving Lunch** (see poster and **please RSVP by Monday, 11/23**)
- **Toys For Tots & TV6 Canathon Collections- all month long**

Out and About

November outings including trips to the bowling alley, NMU Hockey, Football and Basketball games (Go Cats!), Dome walking and shopping trips, and meals and bingo at American Legion Post 44 Marquette, VFW 349 Little Lake, Negaunee Elks 1116.

Onsite

Bingo, coffee klatches, Sunday football parties, DJJ Deer Camp, a Family Thanksgiving Lunch, a visit from Superior Central and Marquette Alternative High School students for games and volunteer service, music, scratchers and fun with Negaunee Lions Club balloon hockey, a pasty lunch from Ishpeming Elks 447, cardio dumming, a "Turkey Hunt," paint class, lots of great, live music, game nights, and so much MORE!

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2026 Fire Pit Raffle Raises $5,570!

American Legion Post 44 in Marquette hosted a fantastic party where our veteran members enjoyed live music, delicious food, and great conversation and we drew the winning tickets! A big thank you to Post 44 for sponsoring the raffle and hosting our veterans, and to everyone who purchased or sold tickets! We're also grateful to our prize sponsors: Milt & Sue Bryant, Island House Hotel, Bay Mills Resort & Casino, SERVPRO of the Upper Peninsula, Richardson Jewelers, Kelly Lemire, and Richard Jacobson. Together, we raised $5,570 to support life-enriching experiences for the veterans of MVHDJJ!







Middle College Students Make A Difference!

We are grateful to Marquette Alger Technical Middle College students, who volunteered on Make a Difference Day and helped clean up and beautify our grounds. We are grateful for this annual tradition and appreciate every bit of their hard work!

Ways to Support Our Veteran Members

- **Help Us Make More Memories**

So much of what happens here is possible because of our generous donors, volunteers and community partners. Your support gives our veteran members opportunities to get out, try something new, spend time with others and simply have some fun. As we look ahead to the holidays, we're welcoming fresh ideas for events, activities and outings. Would your group like to:

🎤 Host live music or a karaoke sing-along?
🎉 Help us throw an onsite lunch or party?
☕ Host a coffee social or happy hour?
🎨 Share a hobby, talent or activity?

There are so many ways to bring a little extra joy to our veteran members.
Give us a call and let's make some magic together at Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti!

- Our **November 2026 Wish List** is updated monthly to make the best use of your generosity. Shop this wish list and items ship directly to our Home: *https://a.co/8yGuv4w* **Important**: Amazon deliveries often arrive in separate shipments without donor information. Please let us know when you donate so we can thank you and provide 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. 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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MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES D.J. JACOBETTI PRESENTS

STARS & STRIPES MAKERS MARKET






SHOP LOCAL • SUPPORT VENDORS

COMMUNITY VENDORS + MEMBER-MADE TREASURES

Jewelry • baked goods • shirts • hats • candles • cribbage boards • pens • bottle openers • and much more!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
11:00 AM–3:00 PM
LOWER LEVEL • 425 FISHER ST. • MARQUETTE, MI
Free admission • Everyone is welcome!

FOLLOW THE SIGNS AROUND BACK
Customer parking + show entrance are behind the building.

VENDORS STILL NEEDED!
Share what you make with our community.
Scan the QR code to apply for a vendor space.
Applications are reviewed by the event team.



VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2026

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

11:00AM CEREMONY
MVH D.J. JACOBETTI CHAPEL
SPONSORED BY DAV CH. 22

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Veterans Day National Committee

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Thanksgiving FAMILY LUNCHEON

LOVED ONES, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

Thursday, November 26
Arrive 11:00AM - 12:00PM
Main Dining Room

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, 11/23 TO:
906-226-3576 X 2520352

Meal tickets for family members and guests are $2.75 each and may be purchased through our Business Office (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.) or after hours through the 1 West Supervisor.

DJJ HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

TOYS FOR TOTS & TV6 CANATHON

TV6 CANATHON
NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 27



Suggested Canathon Donations

- Cereal
- Rice
- Spaghetti (or other dry pasta noodles)
- Ramen noodles
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Raisins
- Nuts
- Dry Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly (in plastic containers)
- Crackers
- Mac & Cheese
- Granola Bars
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Condensed Soup
- Sloppy Joe Mix
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fish (Tuna or Salmon)
- Canned Meat (SPAM or Ham)
- Apple Sauce
- Cooking Oils



MARINE CORPS RESERVE

TOYS FOR TOTS

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NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 11

KIDS....TOYS....CHRISTMAS

IN 2025, THE MARQUETTE COUNTY COLLECTION DELIVERED TOYS TO 1600 CHILDREN WITH OVER 4500 TOYS, 1900 STOCKING STUFFERS AND 435 BOOKS