

MVH Mission Statement

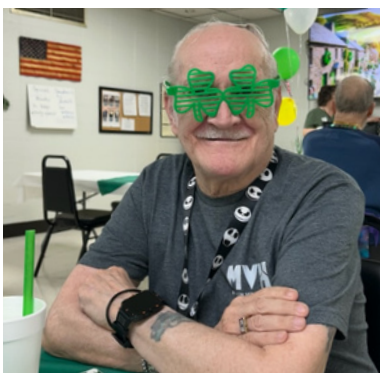
Michigan Veteran Homes provides nation-leading long-term care and services that enhance the well-being of veterans and their families in the place they call home.



We Spread Goodness (Day)! Jim dropping off homemade treats



Glenn crafted cribbage boards for Courage Inc's fundraiser



Frenchy helping us make St. Paddy's Day fun!

Hello Family and Friends of MVH D.J. Jacobetti,

Administrator Update: With April, we welcome the spring season, a time of renewal and transition. With that spirit, we recognize Ron Oja as he begins his a well-earned retirement and a new chapter ahead. I am currently serving as the Interim Administrator, and our mission remains unchanged, providing the highest quality of care and support to the Veterans we are honored to serve. The same dedicated and compassionate team continues to be the foundation of this home, bringing professionalism and an unwavering commitment to our members each and every day.

In addition, progress on the new construction continues despite the challenges of the winter season. Work has remained steady, with footings, foundations, and deep underground work completed for neighborhood 1. As we move into the spring months, we are optimistic that structural steel will begin to take shape. We appreciate your continued trust and support as we move forward together, focused on strengthening our home for the future while maintaining exceptional care our Veterans deserve.

Chris LaJoie

March 2026 was truly a memorable one:

- St. Paddy's Week brought a blizzard and the storm did not stop us! We celebrated with Celtic music by Marshall Codd, a big buck\$ bingo, Vegas Days, a St. Paddy's party *and* a Vegas-style happy hour
- An onsite Pi Day luncheon, a breakfast waffle bar, KFC dinner, and a pasty lunch with members of the Ishpeming Elks, along with their very tasty pasties
- A presentation on the Barnes-Hecker Mine Disaster by Jim Paquette, a visit from the Dogs of MDOC, a recital by New Attitudes Dance students and Negaunee Lions bringing live music by Johnny from Negaunee, 50/50s, and ice cream treats
- Trips to the casino, to the Dome for walking and to the Boat and RV Show
- Special celebrations included Rosie the Riveter Day with The Sunshine Girls, a big group photo and Rosie cookies & reminiscing. We recognized National Vietnam War Veterans Day with messages from fellow Vietnam Veterans and friends at American Legion Post 44, enjoyed treats thanks to DAV Ch. 22, and music by Linda Smith

April brings:

- A dodgeball tournament (staff vs staff) - silly and fun! Speaking of fun, we will kick off baseball season watching a Savannah Banana baseball game
- A presentation by Aspen Thicket Grouse Dogs, a mining presentation by Troy Henderson of the Iron Ore Heritage Museum and a Brews, Tattoos & Grooves Happy Hour
- Our 2nd Annual 'DJJ's Got Talent' Talent Show is on 4/15
- Outings include 'Ziigwan Into Our Circle' Traditional Pow Wow, Courage Incorporated's annual fundraiser, a movie outing, Dome walking, and dinner and bingo at American Legion Post 44
- Easter/Spring holiday tradiitons include a Good Friday and Easter Sunday church service, hatching chicks, coloring eggs, making deviled eggs, and a special luncheon for the ladies
- Clay crafting, firing and glazing with Micaiah, music with Waawiyeyaa and the U.P. Homeschool Choir, karaoke, tabletop bowling - and so much more....

April also brings National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 19-25).

Our volunteers come in many forms: Registered volunteers who help our activities run smoothly, allowing us to do big, better activities and events; volunteers who visit members one-on-one, sharing quality time and meaningful interactions; behind-the-scenes volunteers who return cans and help keep our donation rooms organized; pet therapy volunteers who bring in their beautiful, well-behaved pooches and bring so much joy; the incredible volunteers who ensure No Member Dies Alone; special guest volunteers and groups who come in one-time only and share time with our veterans bringing fun, sharing talents (e.g. presentations, music, cribbage, homemade treats, crafting ++); school kids that create art, play games and sing for our veterans, donor volunteers who sponsor special events both onsite and offsite, hosting our veterans for luncheons, hockey, baseball, bingo... and so much more. And, let us not forget the individuals and groups who make monetary and wish list donations. Collectively, they help us deliver the best of the best to the veterans who call MVH D.J. Jacobetti home.

On behalf of our veteran members, their loved ones, and our staff, thank you. Thank You. THANK YOU!



Members of the Ishpeming Elks brought pasties, knit hats and fun!

We Love Our Volunteers!

 Happy
 Volunteer Appreciation Week!



Our Veteran Facility Coordinators (VFC) sponsored Vegas Days (one HOT hour of blackjack) and 4 of our VFC Reps volunteered as dealers or helpers!

DJJ in the News:

- **Jacobetti Home for Veterans Staff Stay Overnight During Blizzard To Provide Care To Residents - TV6 News**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZYP2trab9U>

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Attached, find our **April 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, a cooking demonstration, Friday night campfires in the summer.... 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.

**Family & Friends, you are welcome to join your favorite veteran(s) for activities.
Mark your calendar for these April events...**



Jacobetti's Got Talent

TALENT SHOW

Wednesday, April 15
1:30PM - Rec Room

**MEMBERS, LOVED ONES,
STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

Share a joke, song, yodel or other talent!
Partner with a member and collaborate?
Please see any Activities Staff ASAP,
if you want to join the fun.

WAAWIYEEYAA
IS A LOCAL INDIGENOUS ROCK BAND.
JOIN US FOR ONE SWEET HOUR OF ORIGINAL SONGS - POP,
COUNTRY, DANCE, BALLAD, BLUES AND HARD ROCK MUSIC!



TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST
1:30PM **LIVE MUSIC!**
D.J. JACOBETTI CHAPEL



ALMOST ELVIS
FEATURING THE MICHIGAN TCB MAFIA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND,
6:30-7:30
D.J. JACOBETTI CHAPEL

COME CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS
WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM ALMOST ELVIS
LOVED ONES & STAFF ARE INVITED
TO JOIN THE FUN!

2026 NATIONAL ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY GROUP PHOTO



2026 VIETNAM WAR VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 29

"At MVHDJJ, we are privileged to care for and serve 73 Vietnam Veterans - seventy-three individuals whose stories reflect honor, perseverance, and a deep commitment to this country. Each one represents a legacy of service that deserves to be recognized, not just today, but every day.

To our Vietnam Veterans: we see you, we thank you, and we are deeply grateful for your service. Your strength and sacrifice will never be forgotten, and it is our privilege to serve you in return." - Chris LaJoie's Welcoming Words Sunday, March 29, 2026

Thank you to our Friends at American Legion Post 44 for hosting our 2026 social and bringing local Vietnam Veterans in to share their thoughts and a "Welcome Home"- Dan Jackovich, Jim Provost, Ray Carlson, Steve Mahaffey, and Leo Smith. Several other veterans joined the social, as well, while Linda Smith played music and everyone enjoyed cupcakes, coffee and time together.

