

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.

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



Administrator Update: March has arrived, though it still feels as though winter has a firm hold on the Upper Peninsula. Despite the season, construction at Jacobetti continues to progress on schedule, with substantial completion anticipated by fall 2027 and full member occupancy in the new building projected for late summer/early fall 2028.

On a personal note, this will be the final newsletter you receive from me. My last day at Jacobetti will be March 4, and Chris Lajoie will step in as Interim Administrator. It has truly been an honor to serve as Administrator and a privilege to get to know you and your loved ones. Thank you for your trust, support, and partnership.— **Ron Oja**

February's weather was wild—snow, cold, and more snow—which led to a few canceled outings. Even so, our veterans stayed busy and smiling. Two members enjoyed a top-notch ice fishing experience on Lake Independence with Courage Incorporated, and we still made it out to NMU Hockey, the movie theater for the new Elvis documentary, and shopping trips to Meijer and Walmart.

Onsite, February was packed with fun: a Super Bowl Tailgate Party, Fat Tuesday paczkis and a Mardi Gras parade, a Valentine's celebration, the DJJ Winter Carnival, tabletop bowling, pizza lunch, and so much more. Live music was outstanding all month—thank you to our talented performers and everyone who contributed to this goodness!

March brings:

- Spread Goodness Day and a TBD activity of our members' choosing where they will create some goodness and share out the love
- St. Paddy's Week brings Celtic music with Marshall Codd, a big buck\$ bingo, music with The Falling Rock Jammers, and **Vegas Days on March 18th with 1-hour of Black Jack fun! (We need volunteers for this fan favorite event! Times 1:00-2:45pm. Please call for details or to RSVP #906-631-7434)**
- An onsite Pi Day luncheon, a breakfast waffle bar, and a pasty lunch with members of the Ishpeming Elks, along with their very tasty pasties
- Presentations on the Barnes-Hecker Mining Disaster by Jim Paquette and a visit from the Dogs of MDOC, a dance recital by New Attitudes Dance students and the Negaunee Lions bring a fun event with live music, 50/50s, and ice cream treats
- An outing to the bowling alley, a trip to the casino, a visit to the Dome for walking and, also, for the Boat and RV Show
- We celebrate National Rosie the Riveter Day on March 20th with staff and members dressing up Rosie, music with The Sunshine Girls and a big group photo
- March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day and we will have a special event to recognize the service of our Vietnam Veterans (See p.3)
- As always, there is so much more—thanks to every individual and organization that supports the veterans who call DJJ home!



Family & Friends, please join us for these special events or where it fits!!

*** Volunteers Needed** 
(see p.1 for details)

Dance Recital

NEW ATTITUDES DANCE STUDIOS



Visits

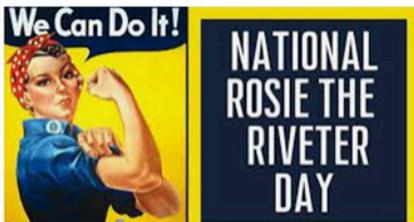
D. J. Jacobetti Home For Veterans

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Chapel

Let's give the kids a warm welcome and watch them dance!



Please join us in celebrating
National Rosie the Riveter Day!



Friday, March 20th

LIVE Music with The Sunshine Girls

1:30PM - Chapel

Let's celebrate all the amazing Rosies & their contributions this Women's History Month! We invite members and staff to dress up like Rosie. At 2:15pm, we will gather all "Rosies" for a big group photo.



Join us for one **HOT** hour of **Blackjack!**

Wednesday, March 18

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Rec Room

Sponsored by
the D.J. Jacobetti
Veterans Facility
Coordinators



The Barnes-Hecker Mine Disaster



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th

1:30PM - Rec Room

November 3, 2026 is the 100th Anniversary of the Barnes-Hecker cave-in that took the lives of 51 men. Jim is a local historian and retired Cleveland Cliffs Iron Mining Company safety manager with a wealth of research and history to share.



**Sunday, March 29th
1:30PM - Rec Room**

Please join us as we honor
Vietnam War Veterans Day
and recognize the service of our Vietnam Veterans

Remarks by guest Vietnam Veterans

Music by Linda Smith

Coffee, Cake and Socializing

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Attached, find our **March 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.**

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