

MVH Mission Statement

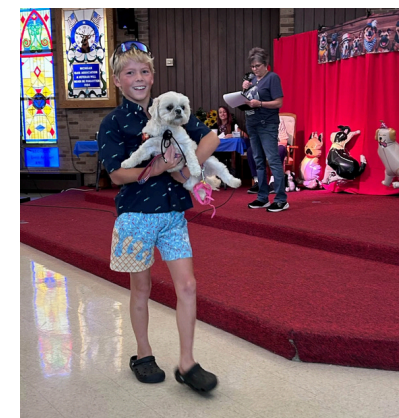
Michigan Veteran Homes provides nation-leading long-term care and services that enhance the well-being of veterans and their families in the place they call home.



Veteran member, Geraldine, with Heather, LPN, ready for fun with Almost Elvis!



Veteran Member, Frenchy, working on crafts for our November 7th Makers Market



Liam and Cali volunteered for our 1st Annual Dog Show

Hello MVH D.J. Jacobetti Family and Friends,

Administrator Update

It's hard to believe how quickly summer has flown by. As we head into October, we're doing our best to soak up the last of the warm weather and enjoy the changing season with our members. We have several activities planned, including color tours, a side-by-side outing, and other opportunities to get outside and enjoy all that this time of year has to offer. These experiences are part of what make life at the Jake—and here in the U.P.—so special.

Construction of our new home continues to move along at an exciting pace. Walls have now been installed in Neighborhood One, while the final portions of the Community Center are taking shape as steel supports are installed. Roof supports are going into place as well, and it is truly amazing to watch our new home come to life before our eyes. What was once a vision on paper is becoming something we can see taking shape more clearly each week. With every milestone, we move one step closer to the next chapter for Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti.

As we move into another beautiful fall season, I want to thank our family members for the trust you place in us to care for your loved ones. To our dedicated staff, thank you for the compassion, energy and commitment you bring to our members each day. And to our volunteers, thank you for continuing to share your time, talents and friendship to make our home a better place.

Respectfully - Chris LaJoie, Interim Administrator

October Highlights

• VFC Vegas Days – Wednesday, October 21 | 1:30–2:30 PM

One HOT hour of blackjack! We're looking for 20+ volunteers to make Vegas Days a success. If you can join us, please RSVP!

• The Magic of Chad Banister – Monday, October 19 | 6:30 PM

We are excited to bring in professional magician, Chad Banister. Please join us for this special family friendly evening!

• Halloween Costume Parade & Trick-or-Treating – Friday, October 30 | 3 PM

Loved ones, staff and volunteers are invited to bring their costumed kiddos! We'll meet at the Chapel entrance and parade starts at 3 PM. Our veteran members will be handing out treats, so bring a bag and get ready for some Halloween fun!

• Out and About

October is packed with outings, including a side-by-side ride and lunch with the Hiawatha Snowmobile Club; meals and bingo at American Legion Post 44 Marquette; breakfast at Jeffries; lunch and bingo at American Legion Post 114 Greenwood; a fish fry at the Crossroads; mystery bus rides and fall color tours; shopping trips; and NMU Hockey, Volleyball and Football games. Go Cats!

• Fire Pit Raffle – Drawing October 10 at 7 PM

The American Legion Post 44 Fire Pit Raffle is coming down to the wire! We'll take a group of veteran members to Post 44 for the big drawing, live music and fun. Need not be present to win! See page 3 for details and get your tickets before they're gone.

• **Make a Difference Day**

We are grateful to the students of Marquette Alger Technical Middle College, who will spend Make a Difference Day helping clean up and beautify our grounds. Their annual fall cleanup helps us prepare our outdoor spaces for another season—and we appreciate every bit of their hard work!

And that's just the beginning! October's calendar is also filled with **live music, games, church services, crafting to prep for our Maker's Market in November, pet visits, cardio drumming and other exercise, a pumpkin carving contest—and much, much more!**

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

- Thursday, 10/8 - Dogs of MDOC - 1:30PM
- Tuesday, 10/13 - Ladies Lunch & Fall Craft - 11:00AM - Spouses & Daughters Invited! Please RSVP to Bobbi, BrayR1@michigan.gov by 10/6
- Monday, 10/19 - Magician Chad Banister - 6:30PM
- Wednesday, 10/21 - VFC Vegas Days - 1:30PM
- Wednesday, 10/28 - Halloween Luncheon - 11:30AM
- Friday, 10/30 - Halloween Parade and Trick or Treating - 3:00PM

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:

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|  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 **October 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. 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.

Sarah Johnson, Volunteer & Donations Coordinator

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RAFFLE

Sponsored by American Legion Post 44

All tickets are sold to support life-enriching activities and items for the veterans of MVHD. 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



Ladies of DJ JACOBETTI Fall LUNCHEON

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 13TH
AT 11 A.M.**

MEET IN THE REC ROOM.

OPEN TO LADIES OF JACOBETTI,
SPOUSES AND LOVED ONES OF
JACOBETTI MEMBERS,
AND OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS.

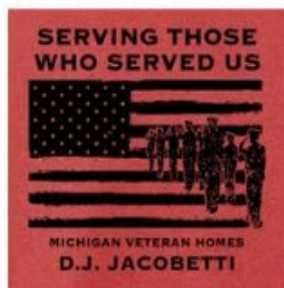
*Join us
FOR A
fun fall gathering!*

Lunch and a Fall Craft!

Good Food
Great Friends
Fall Fun!



**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 MVHD.JJ

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

MVH D.J. Jacobetti



CALLING ALL VENDORS!

**MVH D.J. JACOBETTI
STARS & STRIPES MAKERS MARKET**



**49 SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2026
11:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**MICHIGAN VETERAN
HOMES D.J. JACOBETTI
425 FISHER ST.
MARQUETTE, MI 49855**

Showcase your handmade, homemade, and handcrafted goods, creative arts and crafts, and food items made with care.

Vendor fees support the Staff Engagement Team, helping care for the staff who care for our veterans.

VENDOR INFORMATION

10 ft. x 10 ft. booth space
\$30 non-refundable booth fee
Optional table rental: \$10 with advance registration
Bring your own display equipment and payment system
Wi-Fi available; limited electricity by request
Rain or shine

PAYMENT DUE OCTOBER 23, 2026

SCAN TO APPLY



QUESTIONS?
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