



# Michigan Veteran Homes at Grand Rapids

## December 2025 Donation Newsletter

We had a few major celebrations and events taking place in November which included celebrating the Marine Corps 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, our Annual Veteran 5 Race, and Veterans Day! So much to be thankful for.

We celebrated the Marine Corp with a large birthday party planned and sponsored by Fred Cochran Detachment 151 here at our home and with our Marine members. There was a beautiful dinner, certificates, and raffles. Our Marine members really enjoyed themselves and we are grateful for the partnership with such a dedicated group.

Our Veteran 5 race was another great success with over 200 participants signed up. We had a pancake breakfast hosted by Spartan Nash and hundreds of pancakes were flipped and enjoyed post-race. Team Triumph pushed five of our members in a chariot to participate in the race.

Veterans Day started with a brunch and sponsored bingo by the VFW Auxiliary post 702. In the afternoon, Got Your 6 hosted their annual dessert bar with tasty treats, and we ended the day with two special mini horse visitors, Charlie and George from the organization, Little Horses Big Smiles!

We have our Wreaths Across America Event taking place on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate or volunteer your time, please copy the link below or email [muirg@michigan.gov](mailto:muirg@michigan.gov)

<https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/14865/Overview/?relatedId=18284>











## Supporting Our Veteran Members:

Attached, find our October 2025 Wish List. On the list you will find requests for member requested items, our Amazon Wish List (ships straight to our Home) and ideas for event sponsorships.

**Dropping off Donations**– If you would like to bring a donation to our home, we ask that you please call ahead to organize a date and time. This allows us to have carts and staff ready to assist or learn more about how you can support MVHGR.

**Come volunteer!** We always welcome new volunteers – We also welcome individuals or groups to come in and one-time, special guest volunteer too. Our volunteers help with a variety of recreational opportunities that enrich the lives of our members here at the home. From bingos, community outings, card games, social visits, special events and more, all of our volunteers make a difference in the lives of our members. If you would like to fill out a volunteer application, please email Gretchen Muir at [muirg@michigan.gov](mailto:muirg@michigan.gov) or stop by our front desk for a hard copy.

Check out our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/MiVeteranHomesGR>

On behalf of all the staff and members at MVH at Grand Rapids, thank you! Your kindness and generosity make a positive impact on our veterans and their families. Thank you!

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