

Family & Friends Newsletter

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



Administrator Update: Well, the best laid plans... For those that attended the groundbreaking ceremony, I thank you for braving a typical May day in the U.P. Even though the weather was not ideal, it still was a wonderful day as the replacement project was given an official start. I couldn't be prouder to be involved in this project, giving our members the home they deserve has been a long time coming. I expect things will start to pick up at the site, and before we know it we will be moving into a new building. There are still many things to do before that happens. To stay up-to-date on progress of our new U.P. veterans home, visit: <https://bit.ly/NewMVHDJJ> I hope to see you all at the pancake breakfast on June 14th from 8am to 11am. As always thank you for your support and trust.

- Ron Oja, Administrator

Spring finally made her way back to the Upper Peninsula and it has been a great month. Highlights include our Veteran Facility Coordinators (VFC) Military Appreciation Month Happy Hour and Social, a sweet Mother's Day tea party with our American Auxiliary volunteers, a very special onsite Memorial Day ceremony thanks to American Legion Post 44, outings to the Negaunee Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast, dinner and bingo at American Legion Post 44, and a shopping trip to Meijer, a variety of presentations - sea lampreys with a retired Fish and Wildlife staff member, building hen houses with the DNR and Dawgz Adapt with MDOC. Vegas Days (1 fast hour of black jack) was a blast, along with bingo, paint classes, gardening, karaoke and so much more. Lastly, on May 23rd, we held a groundbreaking ceremony at our new property. It is historic and was made extra special by having a group of our members present. Additionally, 2 of our veteran members, Tom Codd and Glenn Garrett, along with Tom's son, Marshall who is also a veteran, opened the ceremony and sang the National Anthem - it was BEAUTIFUL! Meaningful. Important. It is always about highlighting, lifting, celebrating, and bringing the best of the best to the veterans who call MVH D.J. Jacobetti home.

June brings all the best of summer:

- An end of the school year celebration with 3rd and 4th graders of Father Marquette Catholic Academy who came to attend Mass and visit with our members throughout this school year
- A boat tour of Pictured Rocks thanks to Pictured Rocks Cruises
- Onsite and offsite picnics, Friday night campfires, gardening and soaking in the sun
- Magic, comedy and entertainment with the fabulous Cameron Zvara
- Outings to American Legion Baseball, American Legion Post 114, Big Boy, American Legion Post 44, Amvets Post 122 at Lake Unky,
- 250th Anniversary of the Army bingo and social thanks to Daughters of the American Revolution
- An onsite fish pond where ALL members have accessible fishing! Negaunee Elks wrote a Freedom grant and will bring the fun while volunteering at the 2-day event!
- Bingo, Church Services, Euchre, Cribbage, Happy Hours, lots of Live Music - and so much more.....

Mark Your Calendars for a few of our Special Events:

Community Events:

Saturday, June 14th 8am– 11am - Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Home on June 14th (see attached flyer).

Members, Families & Volunteers:

Saturday, June 7th - Cameron Zvara, Magician/Comedian/Entertainer with special request to bring kids! - 1:30pm

Tuesday, June 17th and Wednesday, June 18th - Onsite Fish Pond—see Activities Staff for details

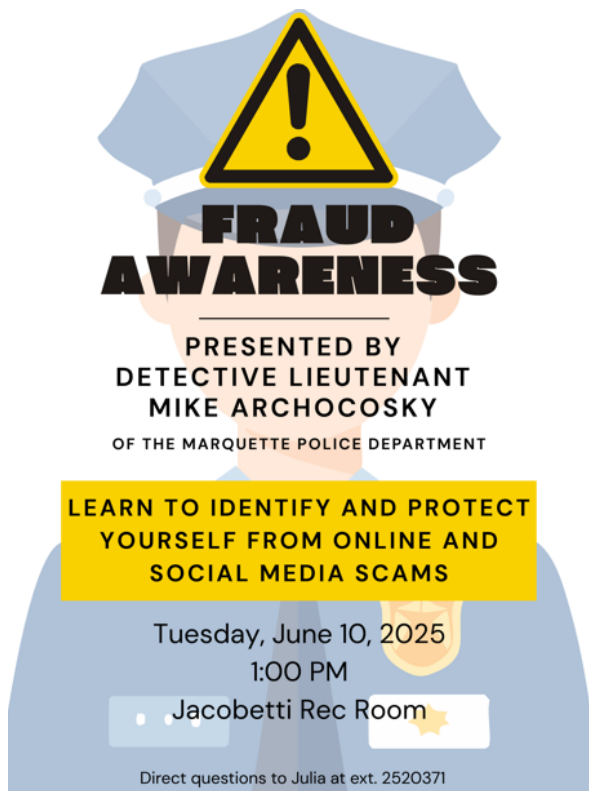
Wednesday, July 16th - Nathan Koski Memorial Classic Car Show with special request for cool cars! - 1:00pm

Friday, July 25th - 20th Annual Fish Fry sponsored by Alger County's Vietnam Vets of America & American Legion - 11:30am

Wednesday, July 30th - Summer Picnic with music by 41 West - 11:30am

Wednesday, August 20th - Annual Member Carnival - 1:00pm

Thursday, September 11th - Patriot Day Picnic Pig Roast- 11:30am



FRAUD AWARENESS

PRESENTED BY
DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT
MIKE ARCHOCOSKY
OF THE MARQUETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

LEARN TO IDENTIFY AND PROTECT YOURSELF FROM ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

Tuesday, June 10, 2025
1:00 PM
Jacobetti Rec Room

Direct questions to Julia at ext. 2520371

Jacobetti family and friends—we are excited to host an hour-long presentation regarding online and social media fraud with Detective Lieutenant Mike Archocosky of the Marquette Police Department.

This growing problem has cost US consumers over \$12.5 billion dollars in the last year, with the majority of victims being over the age of 60. Join us to learn some helpful tips and insights to protect yourself and loved ones from online scams. This presentation is free and open to all members, family, and friends. We hope to see you there!



**COMEDY
MAGICIAN
&
ENTERTAINER**

**CAMERON
ZVARA**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH
1:30PM
DJJ CHAPEL**

CAMERON'S SHOW IS FILLED WITH MIND BLOWING MAGIC, SQUEAKY CLEAN COMEDY, AND TONS OF AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION. YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS OUT!

**MEMBERS & STAFF, PLEASE
BRING YOUR CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN!**



Please Join Us on Flag Day
MVH D.J. JACOBETTI
PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025
8:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
MVH D.J. JACOBETTI'S BACK PARKING LOT
425 FISHER STREET, MARQUETTE, MI

Suggested Donation \$10
Proceeds benefit our Charitable Support Fund which enriches the lives of all the Veterans who call D.J. Jacobetti Home.

BREAKFAST INCLUDES:
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, BACON, FRUIT, JUICE & COFFEE

Fire Ring Raffle and prizes
Drawing will be held at the Home at 6:30 p.m.
Sponsored by:
American Legion Post 44

For info on ticket purchases contact Sarah Johnson at 906-226-3576 Ext. 2520396

MVH
MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES

The 1st MVH D.J. Jacobetti Community Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2025, to benefit the home's Charitable Support Fund.

The Charitable Support Fund (CSF) funds life enrichment and quality of life-enhancing opportunities for members of the homes, including special life experiences, events, community outings, and more. It funds picnics, sporting event tickets, concerts, carnival, therapy equipment, special therapeutic programming, movie tickets, pizza parties, and more. While state and federal funds pay the utilities, salaries, bills, and the like, it is the generosity of community through the Charitable Support Fund that makes Jacobetti different for Upper Peninsula Veterans and their loved ones.

< We are super excited to bring Cameron Zvara to perform at DJJ! Cameron is an incredible magician and very fun - He specifically requested we invite children/grandchildren. This will be FUN for all ages! Please join us on Saturday, June 7th 1:30-2:15pm.

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- **SAVE THE DATE!!** We are having a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, June 14th from 8am-11am. (See attached poster for details). All donations go to MVHDJJ's Charitable Support Fund to enrich the lives of our veteran members.
- **BUY A RAFFLE TICKET!!** American Legion Post 44 is sponsoring a raffle with drawing on Saturday, June 14th (See attached poster for details).
- Attached, find our June 2025 Wish List. On the list you will find requests for personal care items, our Amazon Wish List Registry and ideas for event sponsorships.
- Come volunteer! We always welcome new volunteers - We 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, happy hour sponsors, cribbage tourneys, gardening, a cooking demonstration, Friday night campfires in the summer - or bring your talent (music or magic, perhaps) We guarantee you will have a blast!!!
- Check out our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/MiVeteranHomesDJJ>

**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.**

We Broke Ground!

There's still much to do. On Friday, May 23rd we proudly broke ground on a new MVH D.J. Jacobetti. This replacement home for our veterans is a generational investment in veterans of the Upper Peninsula.

We're proud of our legacy of care and compassion at the Jacobetti. We're excited about the next chapter, and what this new home will mean for veterans and their loved ones.

And we're just so grateful for the many leaders, advocates, community members and other supporters that made this a reality.

The future is bright and we are privileged to serve the men and women who served us. Thank you to all that brought this day to fruition, all who attended this historic event, and to all who serve the veteran members of MVH D.J. Jacobetti!



L to R: Veteran member, Glenn Garrett, Marshall Codd, a veteran and son of veteran member Tom Codd, sang the National Anthem!
Several of our Veterans Facility Coordinators volunteered and greeted the crowd with donuts. Army National Guard soldiers presented the colors