

Michigan Veteran Homes

A Place of Honor & Compassion

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It Takes a Village at MVH at Grand Rapids

On [National Wreaths Across America Day](#), generous volunteers placed nearly 4,000 wreaths on the final resting places of veterans in the cemetery at MVH at Grand Rapids. Weeks later, another [generous group of volunteers](#) ensured each of those nearly 4,000 wreaths were properly removed, so as not to weather. Honoring the service of our veterans takes work, time and special people. It truly takes a village.

Lest we forget.



Did You Know...

...that State Veteran Homes [date back to the Civil War era](#)? Years before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs had the footprint they do today, States began seeing disabled veterans who fought for the Union and who were unable to earn a livelihood, in their communities and requiring care. States took it upon themselves to help, and the first State Veteran Home was established in Rocky Hill, CT in 1864 - not too long before MVH at Grand Rapids opened in 1886.

Much has changed in healthcare, and today there are [162 State Veteran Homes across the country](#): at least one in every state and Puerto Rico. The Homes are all owned and operated by the individual states and share a special partnership with the USDVA. Providing more than 30,000 beds, State Veteran Homes provide more long-term care beds to veterans than anyone else.



MVH is Hiring:

Join the Mission of Serving Those Who've Served

Providing excellent care and quality of life to those who've worn our nation's cloth is vitally important work: work that requires passionate people. With skilled nursing homes in Marquette, Chesterfield Township, and Grand Rapids, we encourage passionate *and* compassionate RNs, LPNs, CNAs, and others to [check out our opportunities](#) with the State of Michigan. We're making a difference in the lives of veterans, and we want incredible people to join us in our work of serving incredible people.

If not *you*, then *who*?



Senator Kevin Hertel Visits MVH at Chesterfield Township

Senator Kevin Hertel, serving MI's 12th Senate District, stopped by [MVH at Chesterfield Township](#) for a visit in late February. With the Home in his district, as well as his leadership roles on the veterans committee and subcommittee in the MI Senate, he was eager and excited to meet with resident veterans and staff to ensure the work being done in Lansing is effective in supporting veterans, and those who serve them.

On this visit, and similar visits, MVH is grateful to be able to share the work we do with our elected officials, as their support and understanding is critical to our success in serving veterans when they need it most.

Michigan Veteran Homes are making a difference in the lives of MI veterans and their loved ones.

[Join us.](#)



Consider Giving

Whether it's your time, needed material goods, or monetary giving, there are opportunities to make an impact on the lives of veterans with Michigan Veteran Homes. The Homes have [Wish Lists](#) updated regularly with desired goods, and there are unique [volunteer opportunities](#) at each Home as well.

Additionally, generous monetary giving goes directly to MVH's [Charitable Support Fund](#): dollars that exclusively support things like community outings, fishing derbies, therapy equipment, pig roasts, sporting events, and more. It's this fund - funded by the generosity of community - that allows MVH to do the "good stuff," and is one major reason that makes Michigan Veterans Homes different, and special. Donations can be made to support all homes, or designated for specific homes, based on donor desires.

Donations to MVH are tax-deductible under section 170(c) of the IRC.



Mardi Gras at Jacobetti

While we didn't make it to New Orleans, the incredible staff at [MVH D.J. Jacobetti](#) brought the party of Mardi Gras to Marquette in February. Complete with paczkis, inflatable unicorns and more, Fisher Street became "the Big Easy" and some great memories were made. This party - one of many life enrichment activities - was made possible through the work of staff and the generosity of community. Each Home's [Life Enrichment Calendars are online](#), and updated regularly.