

# Michigan Veteran Homes

A Place of Honor & Compassion

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## Memorial Day Provides MVH Another Opportunity to Honor the Fallen

Since 1868, our United States have set aside a special and solemn day in late May to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. This [Memorial Day](#) will again provide [Michigan Veteran Homes](#) the opportunity for its staff, members, volunteers, families and others to reflect upon those sacrifices, and the heavy cost of our way of life. [Each of our Homes](#) observes Memorial Day in their own way within each of their communities - from attending parades and luncheons, to hosting ceremonies of reflection. At MVH, we strive to provide a level of care and quality of life that those who gave their life in service would be proud of. It is, indeed, our honor, duty, and privilege. However, your household spends Memorial Day, we encourage you to find your special way to honor those brave men and women who gave their life in service to our country.



## MVH's Friends at EGLE Host Earth Day Celebration and Clean-Up Event on MVH at Grand Rapids' Campus

On April 27th, the [MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy \(EGLE\)](#) hosted an Earth Day celebration and day of service at [MVH at Grand Rapids'](#) campus (MVHGR).

Led by EGLE's Veterans Employee Resource Group, EGLE veterans came to conduct spring cleaning of MVHGR's 130+ year-old, 5,000+ gravesite veteran cemetery.

MVH is incredibly grateful to the many partners and supporters that make our Homes and campuses special for the veterans we serve - including our friends at EGLE. Serving those who wore the uniform takes a village - and it wouldn't be possible without the so many individuals and organizations who selflessly give their time, sweat, resources, and gratitude to those who've served. Thank you!



## Thanks to Donor, Veterans Enjoy Performance at Fox Theatre in Detroit

Thanks to the generosity of a community partner, some of our [MVH at Chesterfield Township](#) (MVHCT) veterans were able to enjoy the comfort of a suite while taking in the show "RAIN - A Tribute to the Beatles" at Detroit's historic [Fox Theatre](#). According to the Associated Press, the performance is "the next best thing to seeing the Beatles" live, and our veterans' smiles illustrated their agreement.

MVHCT's Administrator, Jennifer Manning, joined members on the excursion, sharing afterwards that, "This was an experience that our veterans - late in their lives - will treasure for the rest of their lives. Their smiles lit up the Fox. The generosity of our partners make experiences like this happen for our veterans, and it makes our work different, and better."

If you or your organization has interest in exploring ways to support our mission, [visit our website and contact us](#). Our work is special, and we'd love to invite you in.



## Great Events Supporting Great Causes

As the weather eases, opportunity rises for MVH and their plethora of life-enriching activities for members - and also for those that support them.

[MVH at Chesterfield Township](#) is hosting its 5k Fun Run, Walk & Roll on May 13th, for members, staff, families, and sponsors - with sponsorships still available.

[MVH D.J. Jacobetti](#) is hosting their 26th Annual Golf Outing on June 29th, with proceeds supporting the Charitable Support Fund and life-enriching activities for members. Sponsorships and teams are still available.

**Dog shows. Fishing Derbies. Vegas Days.** And more. The opportunities to sponsor an event, join the fun, make veterans smile, and get involved are many. Consider [donating](#), [volunteering](#), or discussing sponsorships by [contacting us](#) directly. Donated funds are deposited into MVH's Charitable Support Fund, that supports life-enriching activities and experiences for the veterans we serve. It funds the unique experiences that makes life at a veterans home different, and better, for those who've served.

Your impact awaits.

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



## Veteran Homes: Community Partners, Connected in Their Communities

While [Michigan Veteran Homes](#) (MVH) provide skilled nursing care at three locations across Michigan, they're more than skilled nursing care facilities for veterans. They're the home of 100+ veterans in each of their communities; They're the employer of hundreds of staff and contractors in the regions they serve; They're where our veterans eat their meals, have their chats, and lay their heads - often in their final years, months, weeks, and days. They're where incredible people serve incredible people, every day.

As residents in their communities, it's important MVH is involved in their communities too. If your organization would benefit from learning more about MVH, and exploring potential partnerships, reach out to us at [one of our locations](#).

Together, we do more.



## Search for MVH D.J. Jacobetti Replacement Site Ongoing

While rumors have circled regarding where the future [MVH D.J. Jacobetti](#) replacement home will be located, the fact is that no final site/location has yet been determined. MVH and its partners within state government are continuing to assess several potential U.P. sites, wanting to ensure the best site for veterans in the near future, and for generations to come.

MVH Executive Director Anne Zerbe commented, "Last year, the legislature generously appropriated a significant amount of funding to replace the Jacobetti with a modern skilled nursing home: something our veterans deserve. As we move forward, it's important to us that we're in an optimal location that supports the state-of-the-art facility we're constructing, as well as the lives of our veteran members."

While no site is yet chosen, the State is also awaiting information on the necessary federal grant award needed for any construction to move forward. To get an idea of what the new Jacobetti will look like, consider taking [a virtual tour](#) of one of our other homes. Wherever the replacement is built, it will be an incredible asset to the veterans of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

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

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