

## Places of Honor and Compassion



MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES

# 2025 Impact Report

Delivering the Care and Quality of Life Veterans Earned, and Deserve.

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# Respect



# Integrity



# Service

# Excellence





## **A history steeped in tradition. A legacy forged in care.**

We've been serving veterans since 1886. First opening our doors for veterans of the Mexican War and Civil War, we've cared for veterans from every conflict and era since. MVH will be here to serve those veterans of tomorrow, too. They stood for us. We're here for them.

## **Serving those who've served us.**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Looking back at this year, our organization - and every Michigander - has much to be proud of in the way we're caring for our veterans.

Each MVH facility earned 5-star quality ratings and national quality awards. They earned other accolades, too, like being top nursing homes in the State based on survey scores and being recognized by Newsweek as 'America's Best Nursing Homes.' It's been a year of success, preceded by a decade of positive progress, pursuing excellence for those we serve.

It's been a great journey, but with our team, I firmly believe the best is ahead of us for Michigan veterans and their loved ones.



— **David Henry, Chair**  
**MI Veterans' Facility Authority**  
**Board of Directors**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I'm incredibly proud of the work our team has done and continues to do for Michigan veterans. Our staff, contracted partners, volunteers, donors, and supporters continue to collaborate, delivering an experience in care that's worthy of those who honorably stood to serve our nation.

This past year, we broke ground on a \$97+M replacement facility in the Upper Peninsula. We're moving forward in removing aged infrastructure and expanding greenspace in Grand Rapids, and our team is continuing to build a reputation of excellence in Chesterfield Twp.

Our veterans deserve the best, and what's happening here at MVH - it's what veteran long-term care *should* look like.

— **Anne Zerbe**  
**Executive Director**  
**Michigan Veteran Homes**



# THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF TIME.



## VOLUNTEERISM AT MVH

**15,651** Volunteer Hours  
in FY2025



“The difference we make in the lives of our veterans is magnified tenfold because our volunteers give more than just their time. They give a piece of their lives in service to our veterans.”

-Tiffany Carr,  
Community  
Engagement

**“Volunteerism here - it literally changes lives.** These are men and women creating smiles on veterans’ faces and enriching their lives daily, and they’re holding veterans’ hands in the final moments of life.

But it’s not just our *veterans’* lives. One of our (former) volunteers started volunteering at Jacobetti as a young person when his grandparents were living here as members. That experience inspired him to serve, so he stopped volunteering and enlisted in the Marine Corps. Following his service, he returned to MVH, and recently started as one of our team members.

Volunteerism changes all kinds of lives, and we’re beyond grateful for the selflessness of our volunteers.”

-Sarah Johnson, Volunteer & Donations Coordinator  
MVH D.J. Jacobetti



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# A RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, FOR THOSE WHO'VE SERVED OUR NATION

At MVH, we're committed to excellent care and quality of life for the veterans we serve. In 2025, [each MVH site earned the Bronze National Quality Award](#) from the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living - the first award in the rigorous program.



“An excellent experience in care doesn’t just ‘happen.’ It takes a team of highly qualified, skilled people working together that are committed to a culture of continuous improvement. It takes a team that looks at ‘pretty good’ and says ‘that’s not good enough. We want excellence.’ It’s ultimately about people believing in their mission, their teammates, and themselves, and recognizing that we can - and will - set the bar of excellence in veteran care.”

-Anne Zerbe, Executive Director, MVH

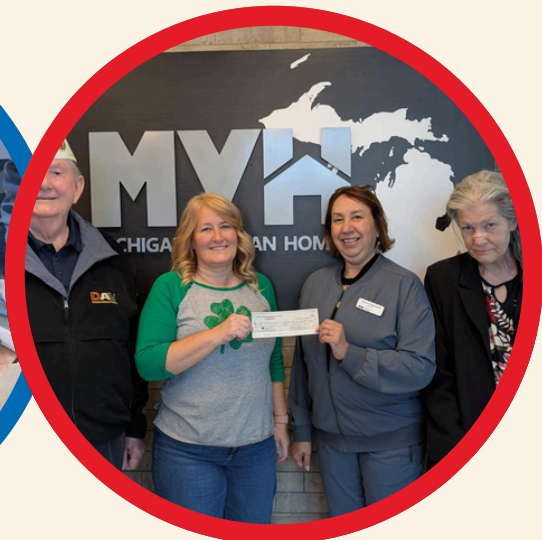


# RECOGNIZED

In our pursuit of excellence, MVH earned some additional recognitions in 2025 - and we're proud of our team.

Based on long-term care survey scores, [MVH at Chesterfield Twp. was ranked the #1 nursing home in the State of Michigan](#), while MVH at Grand Rapids and MVH D.J. Jacobetti both ranked within the top 5% as well.

[MVH D.J. Jacobetti was also recognized as one of "America's Best Nursing Homes" in Newsweek.](#)



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# BREAKING GROUND ON A NEW ERA IN CARE



In May 2025, MVH joined together with veterans, community members, and elected officials and [broke ground on a replacement Home for MVH D.J. Jacobetti](#) in the Upper Peninsula. The \$97+M investment will provide 108 rooms, all as private bedrooms with private bathrooms, shared living room spaces, and a larger community center.

The new Home - which will take 30-36 months to construct - will replace the current facility and will provide veterans a state-of-the-art and homelike environment for generations to come.

[Follow the progress at The NEW Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti.](#)



# GRAND RAPIDS ADAPTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VETERANS TODAY, AND TOMORROW



The aged and vacant buildings on the MVHGR campus undergoing demolition.

After years of being vacant, [MVH received the funding to move forward with demolition of the aged infrastructure that was previously MVH at Grand Rapids.](#) Since opening the new Home in 2021, the building became obsolete. As years of effort to repurpose and seek potential partners for the dated building yielded no success, it was determined that demolition and the expansion of greenspace on the campus was the optimal path forward. Demolition began in early 2026, and should be completed by August 2026.

For 140 years, our Grand Rapids campus has adapted to meet the needs of veterans. This project represents the next chapter in our long history of evolving to serve the veterans of today - and the veterans of tomorrow.

The new MVH at Grand Rapids on the left, with the aged buildings being demolished off to the right.



# GENEROSITY AT



MVH funding sources include state general funds, federal VA per diem, Medicare/Medicaid funds, private-pay, and funds generously donated to our Charitable Support Fund by our many supporters.

Funds donated to MVH are kept separate from operational funds and allow us to do more for the veterans we serve - especially in the realm of *quality of life*. The community outings, sports tickets, concerts, shows, parties, entertainment, veteran-centric equipment - and so much more - is funded by generous private giving.



Funds donated to Michigan Veteran Homes are deposited in the Homes' Charitable Support Fund (CSF). The CSF was created in law to benefit the lives of MVH veterans, and expenses from the fund are approved by our Board of Directors. A gift to MVH is 'restricted' in its purpose, as it doesn't pay salaries or utility bills or the like, and instead funds programming, experiences, and equipment that directly benefits our veterans - things we otherwise wouldn't be able to do without the generosity of our supporters.

# GENEROSITY AT WORK

**127,754** days of care provided

**481** members served

**130** new members admitted



Veterans Served by Branch	FY25
Army	227
Navy	95
Air Force	79
Marines	63
Coast Guard	3
Space Force	0

Veterans Served by Era	FY25
WWII Era	11
Korean War Era	43
Vietnam Era	336
Gulf War Era	16
Other Era	61



\*MVH also cared for 14 veteran spouses, not included in charts above.

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR MVH?

In 2025, we broke ground on a replacement for the Jacobetti. We put the pieces in motion to demolish the aged and vacant buildings at Grand Rapids, opening opportunities for the future. Meanwhile, MVH at Chesterfield Twp. was ranked the #1 nursing home in the State of Michigan, while Grand Rapids and Jacobetti were in the top 5% statewide as well.

Good things are happening at MVH - for veterans and their loved ones. We're proud of the care we're delivering, and grateful for the many supporters who have made it possible. But we're not stopping there. Alongside and in partnership with our robust community of supporters, we will continue to change the lives of veterans, one life at a time.



A special thank you to our Board of Directors in 2025, who generously shared their time, perspective, guidance, and leadership to benefit the lives of Michigan's veterans and their loved ones.

- David Henry, Chair
- Nancy Susick, Vice Chair
- MaryAnne Shannon, Secretary
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- David Rutledge, Member
- Barry Walter, Member
- Shawn Turner, Member
- Carla Wilson-Neil, Member
- Amanda Shelast, Member
- Brian Love, Member

# FAQs

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**Q:** How can I stay informed on construction progress for the Jacobetti?

**A:** Follow MVH D.J. Jacobetti on Facebook, subscribe to our MVH monthly e-newsletter, and periodically check our webpage.

**Q:** How are funds donated to MVH spent, and what are they spent on?

**A:** All donated funds are deposited in the Charitable Support Fund for the specific home the funds were donated to. Expenses from the fund are approved by our Board of Directors, and include things like member social activities, entertainment, equipment, and more. The amazing experiences we're able to provide our veterans are largely funded by private giving.

**Q:** Does MVH seek to quickly spend every donated dollar it receives?

**A:** No. We take pride in being responsible stewards of the gifts generously given to us by our supporters. Donated funds to MVH are already restricted in nature and are approved for expenditure by our Board. For longevity, MVH seeks to spend donated funds in a manner that promotes an exceptional quality of life for veterans that make MVH their home today, while responsibly growing the corpus to ensure we meet the needs of veterans for many, many years to come. It's the right thing to do.

**Q:** When will MVH build another facility - maybe one near my region?

**A:** Future MVH facilities and their prospective location(s) are reliant upon state and federal investments and budgets that are determined by state and federal elected officials. Any future facility would require funding allocations through those budgets or other sources.



## Stay Connected

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