

Volunteer & Donor Newsletter

Hello Friends of MVH D.J. Jacobetti,

We made the most of March with a lot of live music in the chapel, bingo, cribbage, tabletop bowling, virtual reality, movies, St. Urho and St. Patrick's Day fun, special church services for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We celebrated Spread Goodness Day and members baked and crafted a variety of things to share out. They also received a lot of love from our community too. Our Veteran Facility Coordinators sponsored an annual event, Vegas Days, where members play blackjack with the opportunity to win big. We celebrated Rosie the Riveter Day and our Vietnam veterans on National Vietnam War Veterans Day! Outings included luncheons at Marquette Elks Lodge #405, and American Legion Posts #44 Marquette and #114 Greenwood and breakfast at Big Boys.

April Fool's continues to playing tricks with a big storm in the forecast and then temps in the 50s. Nonetheless, April is going to be (*sing it with me*) AWESOME bringing a Comedy Hour with professional comedians Marc Yaffee and Homer Shadowheart, a karaoke sing-a-long, a visit from Dawgz Adopt (google this awesome program!), our (rescheduled) 'Jacobetti's Got Talent' Talent Show with veteran members, staff and volunteers sharing their talents. Bryan Lopac, a local photographer, is coming in to do a presentation on his work. A group of veteran members are going to make potato sausage and serve it along with other treats are our Tigers Home Opener Party. We've got a happy hour, outings to American Legion #114 Greenwood, the Crossroads, shopping at Walmart, and lots of live music and bingos, and SO MUCH MORE, thanks to your donations and support!

April 21st - 27th is Volunteer Appreciation Week! Our volunteers and donors play a very special role and simply allow us to do more for the veterans who call MVHDJJ Home. Our volunteers serve our veteran members with kindness, compassion and dedication. We send gratitude and compassion to all our volunteers past and present!
An impressive statistic: As of March 1, we have 100 registered volunteers and their Lifetime Volunteer Service to DJJ = 74,037.35 hours. That's truly incredible! Please see contact below if you are interested in joining this amazing team!



Summer is coming! We always welcome fresh ideas for events and outings. Would your group like to run a game at our Annual Member Carnival to run a game (August 21st)? How about throwing a BBQ for veteran members onsite or offsite (cost ~\$200)? Sponsor a cribbage tourney happy hour (cost ~\$150)? Perhaps you have a beautiful car you could bring to our Classic Car Show (July 17th). There are so many fun ways to bring joy to our veteran members, give us a ring and let's make 2024 the best summer yet! Please note that we are planning summer activities now.

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Attached, find our April 2024 Wish List.
- Our **27th Annual Charity Golf Outing is Thursday, June 27, 2024** at the Marquette Heritage Golf Course and benefits our veterans via the MVHDJJ Charitable Support Fund. To learn more about this event, sign up to play or support through sponsorships or raffle prizes, contact Ann Barsch at barscha@michigan.gov or 906-226-3576 x 2520348
- Find updates here: [The NEW Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti.](#)

On behalf of all the staff and veteran members at MVH D.J. Jacobetti, thank you.
Thank you for being champions of our veterans at MVHDJJ!
Happy Volunteer Appreciation Week to our amazing volunteers!

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