

Family & Friends Newsletter

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



Administrator Update: February is here, and it feels like we raced through January! I hope everyone stayed warm during our recent cold snap. Things are progressing with the Jacobetti replacement home. The designs have been finalized, and we are in the process of closing on the property. This is welcome news and will begin the replacement process in earnest.

The other big news that is happening at Jacobetti is the retirement of Cary Lincoln. Cary is the Director of Nursing and is retiring after a long career at Jacobetti. He has been a wealth of knowledge for me and will be missed. We wish him the best!

Cary will be replaced by Courtney Tweedale. Courtney was a former Jacobetti employee and is currently the Director of Nursing at MVH Chesterfield Township. She was part of the team that opened their new home, she will be an asset as we continue the process of replacing the Jacobetti home. Thank you, again!! Ron Oja, Administrator

Greetings! February brings:

- A Super Bowl Tailgate Party with food, games and prizes, and Valentine's music with Cloverland sponsored by our Veteran Facility Coordinators (VFC)
- Other Valentine's-themed activities include luncheons or a dinner on each unit/floor, a visit from Father Marquette Catholic Academy students, and a performance by 41 West
- Ice Fishing on Teal Lake with Courage Incorporated
- Visits from Negaunee Middle School 8th grade students and the 4-H group "Hoppers" and their bunnies
- Teal Lake Drummers and Singers will make a visit and Danny Garceau will share Ojibwe culture and stories
- An NMU Hockey game AND a visit from NMU Hockey players (go Cats go!)
- Dinner and a Movie, Tabletop Bowling in the Rec Room, a DNR Wildlife Presentation with Caitlin Ott-Conn, an onsite luncheon catered by Elks Lodge #405 for our Memory Care Unit, and lunch and bingo at American Legion Post 44
- Music with Curtis Laakso, Munising Band Guards, Dan Jackovich, Lois Westman, Whiskey Ryan, Pierre Ogea, Linda Smith..... and so much more!

Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Our wish list is greatly pared down due to the incredible generosity we received this holiday season. On our wish list, you will also find an Amazon link to special requests (ex. game prizes) <https://a.co/8yGuv4w> **IMPORTANT: Amazon no longer provides a way to send a thank you and sometimes donations come in multiple deliveries with no receipt or identifying information. Please reach out to johnsons93@michigan.gov so we can share our appreciation (and a donation receipt for your records).**
- We always appreciate sponsors that directly purchase items for special activities. Suggestions include: fruit trays, musicians, pizza parties, restaurant outings, etc. Please contact Shari Smith at 906-226-3576 x 2520394 to discuss upcoming events.
- Come volunteer! We always welcome new volunteers - and also welcome individuals or groups to come in and one-time, special guest volunteer. We guarantee you will have a blast!!!
- Check out our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/MiVeteranHomesDJJ>
- To stay up-to-date on progress of our new U.P. veterans home, visit: <https://bit.ly/NewMVHDJJ>

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.

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We Are Thankful and Blessed...

A taste of January's fun - a forestry presentation by Matt Watkeys of the DNR, Ojibwe story telling with Danny Garceau, New Attitudes Dance Studio dance performance, cribbage, and Elvis Night ❤️



DJ Veterans Spread The Love

Our veteran members regularly participate in community service projects. January's projects was making a Finals Week survival kit for MSHS students. Along with the treats, our veteran members shared advice and encouragement.

