

## Volunteer & Donor Newsletter

Hello Friends of MVH D.J. Jacobetti,

As we head towards the Independence Day holiday, we feel deep gratitude to all service members and veterans, and especially for the veteran members who call MVH D.J. Jacobetti (MVHDJJ) home. The freedom we enjoy today is due to their sacrifices and holidays like the 4th of July help many of us keep perspective as we move through our busy lives. At MVHDJJ, we are planning a variety of activities to celebrate the holiday including an outing to the Ishpeming parade (7/1) and in-house festivities on the 4th with a concert by the Marquette City Band (!!!) and a social with very special treats provided by the Military Order of Purple Hearts Auxiliary and Soldiers Angels.

June was an incredible month! We planted flowers and vegetables (many grown from seed by our members). We had a beautiful Father's Day luncheon, an ice cream social, lots of live music, pet therapy, picnics and campfires. Our tri-city Elks led a very special Flag Day ceremony onsite. Our local American Legion baseball team hosted our members for a game and it was a picture perfect summer evening! A group of veteran members went to Munising and took a boat tour thanks to Pictured Rocks Cruises. The Negaunee Elks sponsored an onsite fish pond which has become a summer tradition. Over 2 days, every veteran member had the opportunity to fish for rainbow trout. It was a blast!!! We also had lunch outings with our friends at American Legion Posts #44 and #114, and a trip to Lake Unky with AMVETS #122 which is a summer favorite. We also hosted our 26th Annual Golf Fundraiser and a small group of veterans joined in the coffee social to welcome the golfers. It was a beautiful day for golfing and our community showed up en masse with all proceeds supporting life enriching opportunities and experiences for our veteran members at MVHDJJ.

Below, find a sampling of additional events in July:

- Outing to Partridge Farms and Lowe's for gardening, education and fun!
- Music with Dan Jackovich, Nancy Zimmerman, Lois Westman, Sunshine Girls, Linda Smith, Pierre Ogea
- Wednesday, July 19th - Classic Car Show (We are still looking for cars! For details/to RSVP, see contact below)
- Friday, July 28th - 18th Annual Fish Fry sponsored by Munising Vietnam Veterans of America and American Legion
- Boar Hunt Luncheon with American Legion Post #114
- BBQs and picnics both onsite and offsite and lunch outings to Elks Lodge #405 and AMVETS #122 at Lake Unky

It is because of our generous sponsors and donors that we are able to offer so many amazing opportunities to our veteran members. THANK YOU! We always welcome fresh ideas for events and outings. Would your group like to run a game at our Annual Member Carnival (August 16th)? How about throwing a BBQ for veteran members onsite or offsite? Sponsor a happy hour or help at a campfire? Perhaps you have a beautiful car you could bring to our Classic Car Show (July 19th)? There are so many ways you help enrich our veteran members' lives. Give us a ring and let's make some fun for the veteran members at MVHDJJ! Please reach out anytime.

### Supporting Our Veteran Members:

- Attached and below, please find our July Wish List (updated monthly). **Please note, we are VERY LOW on several items (noted in bold)**. These wish list items allow us to provide our veteran members a choice, the best quality products, and the ability to fulfill member requests, just as they are needed and with no wait.
- Check out our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/MiVeteranHomesDJJ>

*We are grateful for your support and friendship.*

*You help make MVH D.J. Jacobetti a very special place for Upper Peninsula veterans.*

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