



# Veteran Homes Overview

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# Briefing Summary

- › Background on State Veteran Home Program
  - Defined, Service Capacity, Funding
- › Michigan Veteran Homes
  - Structure, Locations, Descriptions, Capacity
- › Michigan Veteran Homes-Strategic Plan
  - Expansion





# State Veterans Homes (SVH) Program - Definition

- › **State Veterans Homes are Federal-State partnerships**
  - Regulated by federal and state laws
  - **Must be owned & operated by the state**
    - › Owned = State must own the building and the land
    - › Operated = Must be at least one state employee providing oversight in each facility
  - **Program oversight is provided by US Department of Veteran Affairs**
    - › Annual quality of care surveys performed by USDVA Medical Center inspectors for licensure
  - **Benefits to Veterans**
    - Tailored environment for unique population
    - Financial benefits: no-cost or lower cost care option





# State Veterans Homes Program – Service Capacity

- › **State Veterans Homes represent one of the largest systems of long-term care providers in the U.S.**
  - Over 150 state veterans homes located in all 50 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
  - Over 30,000 beds for veterans and dependents in need of skilled nursing care, domiciliary care, and adult day health care.





# USDVA Funding for Services Provided in SVHs

- State Veterans Homes are eligible to receive “per diem” reimbursement that – unlike many other long-term care options – the VA pays towards the care of ***all*** veterans ***indefinitely***.
- The amount paid towards cost of care is determined by a veteran’s priority rating:

Full Daily Per Diem	Basic Daily Per Diem
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Veteran who has a combined service-connected disability rating of 70% or more</li><li>-Veteran who has a service-connected disability that the VA has specifically adjudicated to require nursing home care</li></ul>	All other honorably discharged veterans
Grand Rapids: \$438.57/day Marquette: \$418.28/day Chesterfield Township:/\$443.80/day	\$117.93/day



# Michigan Veteran Homes – Breakdown of Funding

## Primary Sources of Revenue

- **VA Per Diem (federal funding):** VA payments provided to State Veterans Homes to help cover the cost of care for veterans living in the Homes.
- **Income & Assessment (private pay funding):** Collections from veterans or family to help cover the cost of care for residents living in the Homes.
- **General Fund (state funding):** Annual appropriation from Michigan's General Fund to help cover the cost of operating the Homes.
- **CMS – Medicaid/Medicare (federal funding):** Federal payments provided towards the care of eligible skilled nursing residents.
  - Existing state GF funding serves as the “state match” for these payments.
  - Without CMS certification, the Homes receive federal Medicare & Medicaid revenue that constitutes ~1-2% of total annual revenue.





# Michigan Veteran Homes – Governance and Structure

## **-Governance: Michigan Veterans' Facility Authority (MVFA)**

- Ten-member board that oversees MVH

## **-MVH is an agency that falls under the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

## **-Management: Centralized leadership team overseeing and coordinating operation of homes**

- Focus on hiring centralized support with private-sector experience in LTC
- Centralized positions focused on clinical compliance, quality of care, quality of life, and reimbursement/business processes
- Local administrators at each home, with experience in skilled nursing service



# Michigan Veterans Facility Authority (Act 560 of 2016)

## Board Members



Chair David Henry

Serving a four-year term, expiring  
April 15, 2025



Vice-Chair Brad Slagle

Serving a four-year term, expiring  
on April 15, 2028



Secretary MaryAnne  
Shannon

Serving a four-year term, expiring  
on April 15, 2026



Treasurer Kenneth  
Robbins

Serving a four-year term, expiring  
April 15, 2025



David Rutledge

Serving a four-year term, expiring  
on April 15, 2027



Barry Walter

Serving a four-year term, expiring  
on April 15, 2026



Leon Bauer

Serving a term, expiring on April  
15, 2025



Brian L. Love

Serving on behalf of U.S. Maj.  
Gen. Paul D. Rogers



Shawn Turner

Serving a four-year term, expiring  
April 15, 2025



Nancy Susick

Serving a four-year term, expiring  
April 15, 2027

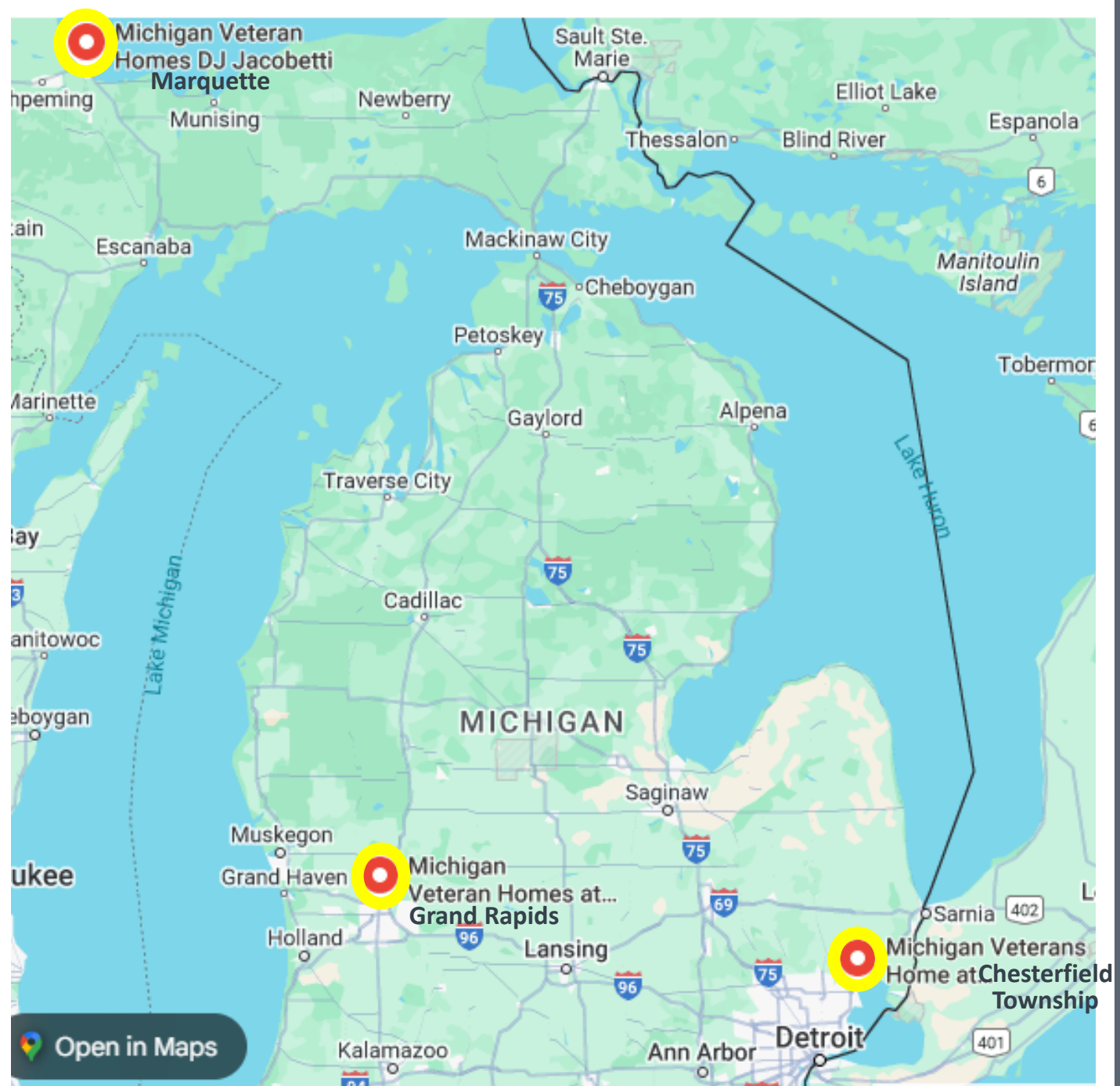




# Michigan Veteran Homes – Locations



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# Michigan's State Veteran Homes: Locations

## Michigan Veteran Homes at Grand Rapids

First Opened In	1886, current upgraded building in 2021
Facilities and Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-90 acres of land</li><li>-4 home-like neighborhood buildings</li><li>-33,000 square foot community center</li><li>-5,000 grave cemetery on 11.5 acres</li><li>100% connected</li></ul>
Census	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>128 members: Private bedroom and bathroom</li><li>-All beds are both VA-recognized and CMS certified</li></ul>





# Michigan's State Veteran Homes: Locations

## Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti at Marquette

First Opened In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Current building construction as hospital in 1954</li><li>-Purchased by SoM and opened as SVH in 1981</li><li>-New facility in the works</li></ul>
Facilities and Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-One 4-story building, located on one city block</li></ul>
Census	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-VA certified for 182 skilled nursing, 22 domiciliary</li><li>-CMS certified beds: 26 Memory Care Unity, 55 Skilled Nursing</li></ul>







# Michigan's State Veteran Homes: Locations

## Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield Township

First Opened In	2021
Facilities and Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Located on 30-acre site that previously served as base housing for Selfridge Air Force Base</li><li>-Five connected buildings, which include main community center and four-member neighborhood buildings</li></ul>
Census	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-128 skilled nursing beds, in private rooms</li><li>-All beds are both VA-recognized and CMS-certified</li></ul>





# Michigan's State Veteran Homes: Modernization

- Small Home Model:** Home-like design, single story construction
- Community Center:** Includes bistro, barbershop, therapy gym, community event space
- Member Households:** 16-member households with living room, den, dining room  
Food prepared in the household and tailored, to improve member dining experience
- Resident Households:** Private rooms with en suite bathroom for all members  
Medical-grad residential fixtures and furnishings



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## A Look Ahead

- Veterans in Michigan:** Approximately 600,000
- Genesee County Veterans:** Approximately 24,000
- Estimated **250,000** Michigan Veterans likely to need long-term care in the next 7 years
- Future Plans:** Expand the number of homes that directly serve veterans





# Michigan Veterans Facility Authority

## 2022 Strategic Plan

### **-Increase Access to Care**

- Expand geographic footprint to ensure that 95% of Michigan's residents have access to high quality veteran-focused long-term care services within 75 miles of their home.

### **-Transparent Site Identification Criteria**

- Density of veteran population
- Likelihood of area veterans choosing to live in a state veterans' home
- Availability of labor for key care roles
- Economic vibrancy of community
- Availability of local care facilities and providers that could ensure an extended continuum of care
- Availability of community amenities
- Availability of multimodal transportation options



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## 2022 Strategic Plan

**-Once MVH narrows down communities, it partners with State's real estate division as well as local government and real estate professionals to identify potential sites.**

- Size of site, availability of adjacent vacant parcel for future expansion
- Cost to acquire site, environmental remediation
- Access to necessary utilities, complexity of restrictions
- Neighborhood/residential character
- Proximity to town center and associate amenities
- Good vehicular access
- Significant frontage
- Safety and security



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## 2022 Strategic Plan

**-Open fourth MVH in one of the Priority I regions identified (Wayne County or Flint/Saginaw). (30 April 2027)**

- Secure property (possible dual-use campus with MIARNG) (NLT 30 June 2023)
- Secure match funding. (NLT 01 August 2023)

**-Open fifth MVH in one of the Priority I regions identified (Wayne County or Flint/Saginaw). (30 April 2029)**

**-Utilize philanthropic support to leverage pathways that maximize community and other non-governmental funding support for the expansion of the MVH geographic footprint.**

- Execute a minimum of one capital campaign for construction of new facilities in a Priority 1 Region (Detroit Metro, Flint/Saginaw) with goals informed by a capital campaign and fundraising feasibility study. (01 February 2024)





# A Look Ahead

- Once MVH narrows down communities, it partners with State's real estate division as well as local government and real estate professionals to identify potential sites.
- What can Genesee County do to become a "potential site" for a new Michigan Veteran Home?



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