



UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS, INC.
Thanksgiving/Caring and Sharing Committee
40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340-3940



10 September 2021

I hope this letter finds you well and proud of your Submarine heritage. Many great things get accomplished at USSVI Groton Base, the home of the “Joe Negri” clubhouse, “The First and the Finest”. Part of the USSVI Creed is to “provide a way for all submariners to gather for their mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as Submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie. The organization will engage in various projects and deeds that will bring about the perpetual remembrance of those shipmates who have given the supreme sacrifice”.

One of our long-standing traditions is providing Thanksgiving dinner to our Sailors that cannot be with family and friends during the holiday. In keeping with our creed and in appreciation of those who are serving our country, we will once again celebrate Thanksgiving at the Groton Base Clubhouse.

Last year, due to the pandemic, we were limited in the number of Sailors that could attend dinner. We served meals at the Clubhouse to 550 Sub School Students, delivered several meals to home bound Veterans, to first responders and to a family in need. All the extra food was donated to local food banks, meal centers, and to veterans’ organizations.

<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/pandemic-doesnt-stop-sailors-from-getting-a-taste-of-home-this-thanksgiving/2371034/?amp>

This year, we plan to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Groton Clubhouse for Active-Duty Sailors and their families, Submarine Veterans, first responders, and others. Our goal in 2021 is to serve as many meals as we can and to reach out to our Submarine Community.

Over the past 20 years we have served 900 to 1150 to-go and sit-down meals each year. Sailors have said we provide a feeling like they are spending Thanksgiving at home and that the Groton Base members and volunteers provide camaraderie. Remember your past Thanksgivings away from home and try to remember what it was like if you were at sea or stationed at US Naval Submarine Base New London.

The Thanksgiving Committee needs your help to accomplish our goal. It is a huge endeavor requiring donations and many volunteers. We need your help with this project. Please take a moment to review the attached list and, if possible, choose a task and volunteer a little time, or make a food or give monetary donation.

We ask you to respond at your earliest convenience. Please complete the attached form ASAP but no later than November 12, 2021, so we can make this happen.

Sincerely,

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2021 USSVI GROTON BASE THANKSGIVING APPEAL

Please respond ASAP but no later than November 12, 2021, so we can make this happen.

Your Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____ Monetary donation amount: _\$ _____

Other donations: Pies # _____ Type _____ # Other _____

(Be specific & deliver to clubhouse by Tuesday before Thanksgiving)

Frozen Turkeys (14 – 16) pound # _____

(Deliver to the clubhouse up to 6 days prior to Thanksgiving. We need time to thaw frozen birds)

Volunteering for check the items below:

- Pickup/delivery of supplies Thanksgiving week; Day/Time you can volunteer
Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____
- Assist in setting up Wednesday 10 AM _____
Thanksgiving Day 10 AM _____ Noon _____ 2 PM _____ 4 PM _____
- Assist in serving food at the Clubhouse
Thanksgiving Day 10 AM _____ Noon _____ 2 PM _____ 4 PM _____
- Assistance in delivering of meals on Thanksgiving Day Noon _____
- Clean-up on Thanksgiving Day 4 PM _____ Friday 9 AM _____

We also need your help in identifying homebound veterans who we can help by bringing them a meal.

Veteran's name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Please fill out and return to the club.

USSVI GROTON BASE
THANKSGIVING APPEAL
40 SCHOOL STREET
GROTON, CT 06340

IF MAKING A MONETARY DONATION, PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK WITH THIS FORM

One-time donation (Cash or Check) **Make your check out to: SUBVETS USSVI Groton Base**

OR MAKE YOUR DONATE VIA <https://www.ussvigroton.org/donations>

We appreciate your support and Thank You.

Note: Contributions or gifts are not tax deductible for Federal income tax purposes.