



United States Submarine Veterans Inc.
Groton Base "First and Finest"
Home of USSVI and Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse



March 5, 2021

Dear Shipmate,

Thank you for your generous support over this past pandemic crazed year, and hope that you are safe, healthy, and in line for your vaccination.

It is time, once again, for our **Annual Appeal**, benefitting the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse at 40 School Street in Groton.

As you know, USSVI National is the sole owner of the clubhouse. Groton Base, "First and Finest", was the number one base in the organization and is where USSVI originated. Groton was also the home of USSVI Corporate Headquarters for its first 30 years. Groton Base has been the caretaker of the building and its property ever since. The purpose of the **Annual Appeal** is to infuse needed cash into the Clubhouse's operating fund. At nearly 125-years old, the building requires a lot of maintenance and some tender loving care.

Groton Base annual dues and donations simply don't cover the expenses. While our goal is to continue providing services to our members, it has become more difficult to keep the doors open. For example, the cost of utilities (electricity, heating oil and propane) is \$16,500 per year; building and required maintenance and renovations another \$50,845 last year alone. This figure does not include the thousands of hours our volunteers have given over the course of the pandemic to make these renovations. These expenses have increased over the years, with totals exceeding what we generate from dues and donations.

With your generous support in 2020, we made much needed repairs and renovations to the interior of **your clubhouse**. In 2021, with your help, our focus will include repairs and renovations to the exterior of our building. The clubhouse is the only tangible asset USSVI has, and because we are ALL members of USSVI, the building belongs to ALL of us! We depend on our membership to help meet our financial obligations and keep our doors open for you - the beneficiaries and true owners of the building.

I am asking each of you, as members of USSVI, for your help again this year. Please join me in making a donation. There is no minimum or maximum donation. Every bit helps. **Help us reach 100% participation!**

Please complete the **Annual Appeal** response form on the back of this letter. You may also donate on-line at <https://ussvigroton.org/donations>, or mail your donation to USSVI Clubhouse, Attention: USSVI Groton Base Annual Appeal, 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340. Please make checks payable to USSVI Groton Base.

Thanking you in advance. Your support helps make a very real difference.

Jeff Walsh, Commander USSVI Groton Base



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**2021 Annual Appeal Response Form
Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse Operating Fund**

For the purpose of supporting the
Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse
Operating and Renovation Fund.

Help us reach 100% participation

One-time donation (Cash or Check)

Please make checks payable to SUBVETS USSVI Groton Base.

Donations can be done via PAYPAL at the Groton Base Website at

<https://ussvigroton.org/donations>

or via US Mail: **USSVI Groton Base, 40 School St, Groton, CT 06340**

Total amount of your donation: \$ _____

Checks should be payable to: USSVI Groton Base

Your Name: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

City, State and Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thank You!

Home of USSVI and The Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse



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