This year we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Dominic "Joe" Negri Memorial Clubhouse. As we look at our history, listen to our members and remember those who have gone on eternal patrol, it is evident the club holds a special place for all of us. We are happy to report there are many wonderful things planned for the upcoming year, including our 60th Anniversary weekend, May 29 – June 2, 2024. The weekend will be filled with activities, memories, and time to celebrate this important milestone. We look forward to seeing you during the weekend.

In the past year with your help, we have:

- Given out three of scholarships, helping students achieve their dream of a college education.
- Provided over 900 Thanksgiving meals for submarine duty sections, first responders, state and local law enforcement, veterans and families and served 340 sailors and family members Thanksgiving dinner at the clubhouse.
- Completed a major renovation of the Men's Restroom and repaired major plumbing and drainage issues for the galley.

As you know we are the only brick and mortar facility owned by USSVI National. The cost of improvements made to the third-floor office space for the National Business Office move has been covered by National. This is a great win for us. However, we are not able to cover all the operational expenses and building maintenance with member dues and current donations. Our goal is to preserve our heritage and the memories of our Shipmates by continuing to provide services to our current and future members. We depend on our membership to help with meeting our financial obligations and keeping our doors open to you, the owners of the building.

We are personally asking each of you, as members of USSVI, for your help this year by supporting the Annual Fund. Every donation, no matter the size, makes an impact. Gifts to the Annual Fund can be made as a one-time donation, a monthly pledge or quarterly donation installments. If you would like to make a gift of stock, please contact us directly.

Gifts can be made online at https://www.ussvigroton.org/donations or by mail. To send a donation, please complete the enclosed Annual Appeal response form and mail your donation to the USSVI Clubhouse, Attention: Base Annual Appeal, 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340. Please make your check out to SUBVETS USSVI Groton Base. Please donate prior to July 1, 2024. Once again, we are depending on your generosity to help keep the doors open and the camaraderie full speed ahead. Thanking you in advance,

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2024 Annual Appeal Response Form

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Make checks payable to: <u>SUBVETS GROTON</u> Send checks to: USSVI GROTON BASE

Attn: Base Appeal, 40 School Street, Groton, CT 06340

We appreciate your support and Thank You.

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IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE A TAX DEDUCTION, the following information will assist you. You can mail a check to USSV Charitable Foundation PO Box 1063 Groton CT 06340-1063 You can donate online at https://www.ussvcf.org/donate.html.

Note: Contributions to USSVI Charitable Foundation are tax deductible.

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