



In Partnership with Our Community

To Our Local Communities,

The recent lapse in government funding showed each of us that food insecurity and our actual financial readiness is very real. As we are recovering and though we still have another potentially difficult time coming up this January if protections for Federal employees aren't put in place, we'd like to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude.

We'd like to share with you some of what PSNS&IMF Captain J.D. Crinklaw shared with us, as we think it applies to the whole of this community:

"I want to begin by acknowledging the incredible resilience and dedication each of you has shown during this difficult period. You've weathered the storm, demonstrating the very best of who we are, even when faced with what at times seemed like insurmountable personal and financial obstacles. While this time of uncertainty has been tough, I am deeply proud of how you all came together, remained focused, and kept the mission on track. Knowing the critical work you perform for national and global security, I understand how disheartening it must have been to navigate these challenges. Despite it all, you've proven what it means to be part of this incredible team. Thank you again for everything you've done during this time. You've shown immense dedication and professionalism, and I'm confident we will continue to move forward stronger than ever. A Ready Team Defines Us. Quality Drives Us. Mission Unites Us. – JDC"

We don't speak for the captain, but we feel more than ever that our PSNS&IMF team is a part of this community, and you have truly made us feel supported. Without you we could not continue to live and operate in our capacity as the best repair and readiness team the U.S. Navy has to offer. Proudly keeping the ever-vigilant U.S. Navy, ever-ready and equipped to hold the line at sea.

From the depths of our hearts, we—your civil servant neighbors- want to say, "Thank You!" You simply showed up to share your heart, your wallet, and the food from your plate. YOU filled bags with groceries and essentials, YOU slipped gift cards into envelopes, YOU quietly covered part of the rent, or a tank of gas. Local shops and eateries offered discounts and free meals. Neighbors checked on neighbors, sharing rides, childcare, and even spare rooms when the bills piled higher than hope. All of this felt less like charity and more like family pitching in.

You turned this crisis into a testament of what this community is made of: kindness that doesn't flinch, generosity that doesn't count the cost, and love that shows up before it's asked. It has reminded us that our communities aren't just a place we live, it's a promise we keep to one another. With boundless gratitude and full hearts, IFPTE Local 12 and the Bremerton Metal Trades Council, your Federal Employees and Neighbors, "Thank you" on behalf of the Federal Employees we represent. Thank you for being a part of our team!

Most of all, we want to say thank you for showing what the true spirit of the giving season is and for reminding us of the strength of our community.

From our families to yours; may your Thanksgiving be warm and bright.