



**Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs
Commissioner Thomas J. Saadi**

Thanksgiving Message - 2020

Thanksgiving is a time for special reflection on that for which we are grateful and, despite the challenges of this pandemic and the losses many have suffered, it is all the more important that we not lose sight of the many things we have to be thankful for. I am thankful for the men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present, who served and continue to serve so that we may all live in this free and democratic Nation. I am also thankful for our Department of Veterans Affairs Staff, Veterans Service Organizations, volunteers and community based providers for all they do for us year round and especially during this pandemic sharing in the collective mission of *Serving Those Who Served* at our Rocky Hill Campus and throughout the State of Connecticut. I am thankful for family and friends, many of whom I have not seen in person for many months but who remain close in heart and mind.

My very best wishes to all for a Happy, Healthy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Truly,

Thomas J. Saadi
Commissioner