



**USS Colorado (SSN 788)  
Commissioning Committee  
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**April Crew Visit**

In early April the Executive Officer, LCDR Steve Col and three crew members, ETR1 (SS) Kurt O'Donnell, MMA2 (SS) Jason Lawrence, and EMN2(SS) Luke O'Day visited Colorado. They had a busy schedule that included several school visits, visit to Garden of the Gods, the Olympic Training Center, the State Capitol where they met the Governor's Chief of Staff. They also attended a reception in their honor at Balistreri Vineyards that was attended by about 150 persons. The guest speaker was retired Vice Admiral Jay Donnelly, former COMSUBLANT who talked about the new construction process. Photographer John Fielder also gave a presentation on how his photographs will be used on USS Colorado. Overall it was a great visit



**Crew at Garden of the Gods**



**Crew at Rockies Home Opener**

**"Pride Runs Deep " Beer**

On May 10th Left Hand Brewing started brewing their beer for USS Colorado called "Pride Runs Deep". Several members of the Commissioning Committee were there to observe. The beer should be ready at the end of June and will be available in bottles and on tap in Colorado and also Connecticut.



**Brewing the First Batch of Beer**

**May Crew Visit**

During the Period of May 28th to June 3rd, four members of the crew visited the state to run the Bolder Boulder race and participate in several other events. They attended the Rockies game after the race and were honored during the 7th inning stretch. They also attended the Air Force Academy Graduation on June 2nd as guest of Major General H. Michael Edwards, Adjutant General of Colorado. President Obama was the featured speaker at the graduation. Description of these events and pictures will appear in the next newsletter.

**Gala and Auction July 30**

The Commissioning Committee is planning a major fund raising event on July 30th. It will be a Gala and Auction at Charles Schwab's new campus in Lone Tree. We have some interesting items to auction off, including a model of the sub mounted on teak decking from the Battleship Colorado and a special engraved rifle. We will be opening registration in the near future. Watch for more information!

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**USS Colorado Featured on the Science Channel**

Recently the Science Channel ran a story about submarines featuring shots of COLORADO under construction on their Impossible Engineering series. You may be able to catch re-runs or watch in On Demand.

**Christening**

The date for Christening is still not set. The best information that we have is that it will be in September - October time frame. The date will probably not be determined until about three months before the event. When it is firm we will post a form on our web site for those who would like to attend.

**Fundraising**

The Committee's fund raising goal is \$400,000. Since our kick-off in April, we have raised approximately \$185,000 in cash and pledges. Unfortunately we were not able to obtain an appropriation from the Legislature as other states have recently done. The explanation we have received is that our Tabor Amendment limits the ability of the state to fund such activities.

This means that individual and corporate contributions are now more critical than ever. Please consider contributing to the campaign. Visit the Sponsorship page on our web site [usscoloradocommittee.org](http://usscoloradocommittee.org) for more details.

Also remember that the Committee has merchandise for sale on our web site, [usscoloradocommittee.org](http://usscoloradocommittee.org). There are ball caps, challenge coins, t-shirts among other items. Be sure to check it out

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