



May Crew Visit

The latest "Namesake" visit to our State by crew members of the USS Colorado occurred Saturday May 28 through Friday June 3. Visiting the state were LT Alexander Duncan, LTjg Michael Nielsen, Chief Yeoman Joshua Erickson and Electronics Technician Seaman Alexander Westphall. Originally scheduled to run in the Bolder BOULDER 10K Memorial Day race, their itinerary was greatly expanded due to the enthusiastic outreach of many well-connected citizens.

In remembrance of the Memorial Day weekend, the crew climbed to the roof of the State's Capitol where they hoisted a Colorado state flag. This flag was then carried to other events as the week progressed. Wreaths were laid at the Battleship USS Colorado BB-45 and USS Grayling Memorials. Then on to Boulder for the 10K run.

A talk to the NJROTC students at Widefield High School, visit to renowned Colorado nature photographer, John Fielder's gallery and farewell dinner at The Fort, added to the diversity of this trip.



In total the crew completed 17 events and seven media engagements. Positive Navy awareness was generated not only via the media but to the 150,000 fans seated in the various stadium stands.

The visit was busy, fun and inspirational. We of the USS Colorado Commissioning Committee enjoyed hosting the crew and feel the positive Navy awareness generated throughout the Front Range will pay significant dividends as we progress toward the eventual ship's commissioning in 2017.



On-field stadium recognition grew to include Broncos stadium with the Denver Outlaws, Coors Field with the Colorado Rockies, CU Boulder's Folsom Field, and VIP on-field seating at the U.S. Air Force Academy graduation, with President Barack Obama as keynote speaker. This event concluded with a full Air Force Thunderbirds air show.

And as if that was not enough, additional fun events included a cog railroad ride to the top of Pike's Peak, the inspiration for Katherine Lee Bates' writing of "America the Beautiful", and a special tour and recognition at the Denver Mint, which included free "samples".



For more pictures of the events, visit our web site.

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Left Hand Brewing Releases Pride Runs Deep

Left Hand Brewing released their Pride Runs Deep IPA at a launch party on June 29th at Falling Rock Tap House in Denver. The event was well attended by Committee members, local Navy personnel and member of the Submarine Veterans organization.

This limited release beer is in honor of Colorado's new namesake submarine and the crew that will sail her. Proceeds of the sale of the beer will go to the Commissioning Committee to help improve habitability for the sailors, fund visits of crew members to Colorado and fund events surrounding Commissioning.



Supplies of the beer are dwindling fast, so be sure to get yours soon! You can check availability at lefthandbrewing.com/beer-finder/



Commissioning Committee to Host Gala and Auction

The USS Colorado (SSN 788) Commissioning Committee is proud to announce a fundraising Gala and Auction on September 17th. The event will be held on the Charles Schwab Campus in Lone Tree, CO at 5:30 PM. The evening's emcee will be radio host Steffan Tubbs.

The event will start with cocktail hour followed by a buffet dinner. Silent auction bidding will occur during this time. Our auction web site will allow for remote online bidding for silent auction items during the event. Later in the evening auctioneer Scott Alexander will conduct the live auction portion. We have already arranged for several unique and interesting items including:

- Two-day John Fielder photo workshop
- Golf foursome at the Sanctuary
- Signed Broncos memorabilia
- Special USS Colorado edition Kota Longboard
- Special USS Colorado commemorative Henry Rifle

Tickets and sponsored tables are now available for purchase at USSCOLO16.gesture.com. Ticket prices are \$125 for individuals or \$325 for VIP tickets. Corporate and group sponsorships start at \$2,500 for a table of 8 and up. See the web site for more details. Continue to visit the site as we add more items to our auction inventory.

It has been 93 years since the last USS Colorado was commissioned – so don't let this once in a lifetime opportunity pass you by! We hope that you will join us in supporting USS Colorado and her fine officers and crew that defend our great nation.



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