



### Commissioning Update

The latest information from the Navy is that they are currently considering two dates for commissioning: **October 21 or November 4**. Due to some delays in the construction schedule, this is pushed back three weeks from the date we reported in the last newsletter. We are not sure when the final decision will be made, but will advise everyone through the email list as well as on our web site and FaceBook page.

In the meantime, planning preparations for the events of Commissioning Week are starting. The commissioning ceremony is an official U. S. Navy event for which there is no admission fee. However, due to security reason and limited seating, admission is by invitation only. Invitation lists will be submitted by crew members, U. S. Navy organizations involved in the ship's construction and the USS Colorado Commissioning Committee. The Committee will establish a method for the public to request invitations and tickets. We anticipate we will have that system in place on our web site in a month or so.

not only for the citizens of Colorado, but especially for the members of the COLORADO crew and their families, and we request your financial assistance in this effort.

Your contribution will enable us to conduct these celebratory events to honor the ship, her crew, the great history of previous USS Colorado's and reflect the pride of Coloradans in a ship named after our great state.

Those who contribute at the **Long's Peak level** or greater can be involved in the various events surrounding the actual commissioning ceremony including several receptions, personal interactions with crewmembers, and opportunities to meet other dignitaries that will be present for the commissioning. In addition, individuals and businesses that contribute to Commissioning Week at the **Maroon Peak level** or above, are designated as Honorary Plankowners and presented with various commemorative gifts representative of the ship and the commissioning. Those who have donated will automatically receive an invitation to the commissioning. For a complete description of the donation benefits please visit our [web site](#).



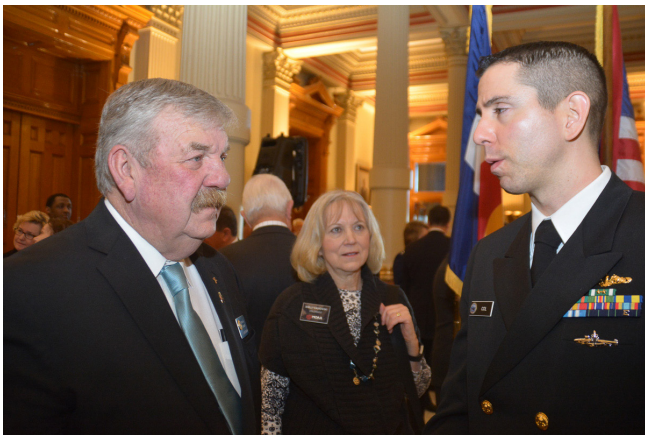
There are several other traditional events though, that occur during Commissioning Week. The USS Colorado Commissioning Committee has accepted the responsibility of sponsoring these events. These are memorable events

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New Video Released

The Committee has recently released a new video outlining our mission and purpose and includes interviews with several of the crew members. The video was produced by Steffan Tubbs' Mountain Time Media production company. You can see the video on our web site or directly at the link here:

[https://youtu.be/n6U\\_MM5kAhM](https://youtu.be/n6U_MM5kAhM)



USS Colorado Bill Passes First Milestone

Senate Bill SB 17-143 introduced by State Senator Bob Gardner for support of USS Colorado Commissioning passed its first milestone on February 28th. The bill was heard by the Local Government Committee. Ten members of the Committee were there to show support for the bill. Committee Member former Senator Bernie Herpin led off the testimony and introduced Committee Chair JJ Mackin. JJ spoke of the history of previous Colorado's, the actions of the Committee to date and the efforts of the crew both in the construction process and later as they go to sea. The remarks were well received with the Committee voting unanimously for its passage.

The bill moves on to the Senate Appropriations Committee for its next hearing. Both Senator Bob Gardner and Senator Larry Crowder of the Local Government Committee attended the boat's Christening in December. The other members of the Committee are Senators Beth Martinez Humenik, Kerry Donovan and John Kefalas.



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