



RADM Metz briefs USS Colorado Supporters

RADM Kerry Metz, Commander Special Operation Command North, was in the Denver area on June 4th and 5th providing presentations to a number of organizations as part of a Chief of Navy Information's community outreach program. On Friday he presented to about 60 USS Colorado (SSN 788) and Navy League supporters in the Denver Tech Center. Metz provided an interesting overview of Navy events from his unique perspective as a Navy SEAL.



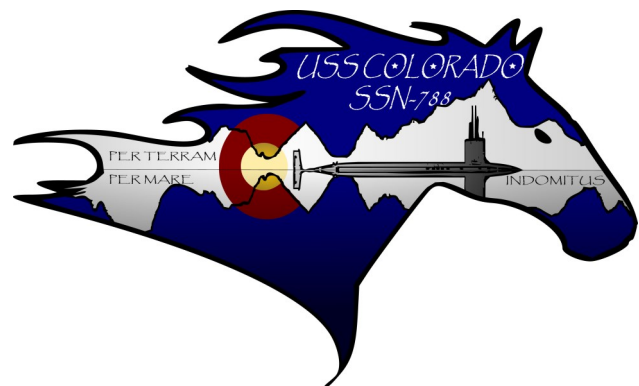
RADM Metz has 31 years of service including 52 months in combat and holds the honor of being the third most senior SEAL Admiral in the Navy.

As part of his visit, he paid a call on Governor Hickenlooper. Accompanying him was Committee Chair, 'JJ' Mackin who provided the Governor an update on USS Colorado Commissioning Committee activities.



Senior Division Ship's Crest Contest Winner visits Colorado

The winner of the Ship's Crest Design Contest, LTJG Michael Nielson was in Colorado on leave between finishing up his Nuclear Power Training and reporting to USS Colorado. Mike is a native of Arvada and was home to visit his parents, Chris and Bruce Nielson. The Committee used his visit as an opportunity meet him and acknowledge his win by presenting him with a ceremonial check.





Junior Division Ship's Crest Contest Winner Announced

The crew of PCU Colorado (SSN 788) has selected the design of Vance Veno, 11, of Superior, as the winner of the Junior Division of the Ship's Crest Design Contest. Vance is a fifth grade student at Global Village Academy in Northglenn. His teacher last year was Committee Member Candice Green. In a ceremony held on June 8, the Committee presented him with a letter of congratulations from the Commanding Officer PCU Colorado, a \$100 bill, as well as a USS Colorado ball cap and coin. The award was presented by USS Colorado Committee members JJ Mackin, Candice Green, Dick Cooper, Dan Puleio, Shauna King, and Sebastian King. Vance was accompanied by his parents, John and Jennifer Veno. Also in attendance was the school's principal, Liza Pond, along with other staff members, students, and parents.



History Colorado Exhibit

History Colorado will have artifacts from the various USS Colorado's on temporary display for about a month starting on July 29th. To celebrate this event there will be an opening reception on that date from 5 PM until 8 PM that will consist of a social hour, panel discussion and an open visit of the museum.

This is a collaborative effort between History Colorado, Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Program, Metro State University, Colorado Newspapers in Education and USS Colorado Committee.

Cost of the event is \$25 per person. For more information and to sign up, please visit: www.ColoradoNIE.com/USSColorado.

Merchandise ordering online

We have recently added lapel pins and challenge coins as additional merchandise that can be ordered online in addition to ball caps. Although both the pins and coins are part of sponsorship packages, this allows ordering of additional items.

In the near future we will have a print of a beautiful water-color available for sale as well as a link to purchase USS Colorado branded wine by Balistreri Vineyards.

About the Committee

USS Colorado (SSN 788) Commissioning Committee is a authorized 501(C) (3) organization.

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