



USS Colorado (SSN 788) Commissioning Committee Newsletter # 29 March 2018

Invitations Update

We are at the end of the invitation process. The Navy has sent out over 1600 tickets to the Commissioning so it should be quite a crowd. March 2nd is the last day to sign up for invitations

If you have received an invitation, please RSVP per the instructions in your packet.

If you are Crew Family, recall that the ship is handling your invitations. We are forwarding all family communications to them.

If you have any questions or issues about your tickets, email

info@usscoloradocommittee.org

Remember to bring your tickets to the events. The tickets are not transferrable.

Please be advised that the Navy will staff a Will Call desk in Groton for any issues with missing tickets.

Boat Returns to Groton

PCU Colorado returned to Groton on the 28th completing most of the required certifications of the shakedown period. Local photographer Seth Bendfeldt sent these pictures along.



Additionally, another Groton photographer Phil Medbery recently sent along pictures of COLORADO from their November underway.



Steffan Tubbs to Broadcast From Groton

Long time supporter of USS Colorado and the Committee, Steffan Tubbs to broadcast live from Groton during Commissioning Week! Steffan will broadcast his new show on News/Talk 710KNUS from Groton on Friday March 16th, the evening before Commissioning, during his normal time slot here in Colorado 4 PM to 7 PM. He will be broadcasting from the Mystic Marriott while the Chairman's Reception is underway and interview members of the crew, Committee and dignitaries attending that event.

Pride Runs Deep Tap Party Next Week

Left Hand Brewing has recently released their special IPA release, Pride Runs Deep, in support of the Commissioning. They will be supplying that brew along with several others of their special beers to the events of Commissioning Week. To celebrate the release of this beer, a beer launch and tap party for Pride Runs Deep will occur at L3 Taphouse in Colorado Springs next Wednesday the 7th at 6 PM. They are located at 817 Colorado Ave in the Springs.

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Colorado Thirty Group Plaque at Capitol

At Christening, the Colorado Thirty Group presented a plaque of the Ship's Crest which is now mounted in the Wardroom. They have made additional copies of the crest and presented them to the Pentagon and Colorado Springs City Council. The third copy will reside in the State Capitol in Denver. The unveiling of this crest at the Capitol will occur in March 9th ceremony there.



The Commissioning Committee will host a reception on the pier immediately following the ceremony. The menu includes Telluride Tacos, Pike's Peak Chili, and Western Slope Bison Sliders with bison meat donated by Frontiere Meats of Denver. Dessert will feature Beaver Creek Cake made from recipe provided by the Vollmer Family and chocolate buffaloes provided by Lift Chocolates in Boulder. Left Hand Brewing beer, Balistreri wine and soft drinks will also be available. We hope that you will join us for this very "Colorado" celebration.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Above is the graphic of a button that will be distributed to all at commissioning.

Excitement Grows for Commissioning

The Committee and all of the Navy organizations involved are finalizing preparations for Commissioning and the surrounding events. There still are number of details to work out. The Committee has packed up all of it's merchandise for shipment to Groton where it will be on sale at all of our events. Included in the shipment are the traditional Plan-kowner Plaques for the crew. Two full pallets are en-route. Here they are before being shipped courtesy of major sponsor Charles Schwab.

We are looking for a great event. The Commissioning Ceremony will be held at 11am on Pier 6 North at 11am at the Submarine Base. It will last approximately one hour. Dress for the Commissioning Ceremony is informal. We recommend comfortable shoes, and slacks for the ladies, especially if you plan to tour the ship. USS Colorado will be open for tours after the ceremony until 4pm in the afternoon. Access to the ship is through a hatch and down a vertical ladder. You will be asked to leave your cell phones topside while touring the ship.



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