



USS Colorado (SSN 788) Commissioning Committee Newsletter # 35 June 2018



Committee Hosts Another Crew Visit

During the period of May 15th through the 19th, the Commissioning Committee hosted four crew members to our state. MMNC(SS) Brian Love, MMN2(SS) Todd Ault, STS2(SS) Alexander Gilbert and EMN3(SS) Robert Cooper arrived on Monday the 14th and were driven to Glenwood Springs by Committee member Gene Kellar. On Tuesday and Wednesday the sailors visited several places on the Western Slope, including presentations at Glenwood Springs High School, Central High School ROTC in Grand Junction, Montrose High School and a combined group of VFW, DAV and American Legion members. They attended a dinner with WWII submarine veteran Bob Magos and other submarine veterans. During the visit to the Western Slope they got to experience the hot springs of Glenwood Springs and Black Canyon National Park.



Traveling through southern Colorado they returned to the Denver area on Thursday. On Friday, Committee member Bill Emslie arranged for the sailors to visit four middle schools, have lunch in Old Town Fort Collins and visit Veteran's Plaza. Returning to Denver, they attended the Navy League Denver Council's meeting and dinner that evening.

On Saturday the crew visited Estes Park where there was a welcome ceremony for them at the Estes Park Veteran's Monument by Mayor Pro Tem Cody Walker and several others. Following that, they were treated to lunch at the historic Stanley Hotel and then a visit to Estes Park. In the evening

they attended the Honorary Plankowner's Reception at the Governor's Mansion Carriage House with about 90 persons in attendance.



Overall it was another great visit to Colorado by the sailors of our namesake submarine. They proved to be great representatives of the Navy and the Submarine Force and impressed all who met them.

For more pictures, visit our web site.

Jackets

As a reminder the Spyder jackets with ship's crest will be on sale until July 1st, at which time the order will be placed with Spyder. The cost of the jackets will be \$125 for jackets that normally retail for \$200. To place your order, visit the merchandise page of our website:

<https://usscoloradocommittee.org/merchandise-2/>



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USS Colorado Model at Capitol

Retired Navy Master Chief Jon Sorenson several years ago created a three-foot model of USS Colorado (SSN 788). The model has been on display at several of our events. He will donate this model for display at the State Capitol. We are in the process of arranging an appropriate ceremony for the presentation. The model will join the replica of the ship's crest donated by the Colorado Thirty Group earlier this year.



Committee Reorganization for Long Term Support

Now that Commissioning is completed, the Committee's mission will be shifting to long term support of the crew. This will require a reorganization of the Committee. We have been in touch with two state committees that support their namesake submarines to find out how they are organized.

In the near future we will issue a call through this email list to find out who is interested in serving on the new committee and schedule an organizational meeting.



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