



USS Colorado (SSN 788)
Commissioning Committee
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Invitation Update

The invitation process continues. We have been quite busy submitting almost 700 names to the Navy. The invitation packages have been proofed by the numerous organizations involved and should be at the printer now. The invitations should be in the mail in the next couple of weeks.

All who requested an invitation are on the list.

We will keep everyone informed by this email list when invitations are in the mail.

Hotel / Travel Reservations

For those wishing help with arrangements, AAA Colorado, a long term Committee Sponsor, will assist with travel and room reservations and has agreed to waive the service fee. To have them assist you, contact either of the following:

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Our block of rooms of the Marriott is almost out. Some additional area hotels to consider:

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| Hilton Mystic – Mystic | (860) 572-0731 |
| Motel 6 – Groton | (860) 445-8141 |
| Groton Inn & Suites – Groton | (860) 445-9784 |
| Quality Inn – Mystic | (860) 572-8531 |
| Days Inn – Mystic | (860) 572-0574 |
| The Inn at Mystic | (860) 536-9604 |
| Residence Inn – Mystic | (860) 536-5150 |
| Navy Lodge (military guests) – Groton | (860) 446-3119 |
| Mystic Marriott – Groton | (860) 446-2600 |

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Commissioning Week Schedule of Events

We are still working on finalizing the activities surrounding Commissioning with no major changes since our last newsletter. We have posted the current Schedule of Events on our web site:

<https://usscoloradocommittee.org/commissioning-week-schedule/>



180110-N-JE719-136 ATLANTIC OCEAN – (Jan. 10, 2018) Machinist Mate (Auxiliary) 3rd Class Allen L. Meredith (left) and Machinist Mate (Auxiliary) 3rd Class Nicholas Abbott perform normal diesel operation checks, verifying pressure, temperature, and the operational status of the diesel engine aboard Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Colorado (SSN 788). Colorado is the 15th Virginia-class attack submarine and is scheduled to be commissioned March 17, 2018. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jeffrey M. Richardson/Released)