



USS Colorado (SSN 788)  
 Commissioning Committee  
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**Invitation Update**

For those becoming curious about invitations, they should be in the mail in the next few days. They have been ready since last Thursday, February 1st, but the Navy has had a problem with their postage machine, so we are hoping the commissioning invitations can be mailed very soon. The reception invitations started being mailed out with postage stamps on February 7th. We will let everyone know the status through our newsletter and this web site and Facebook. No need to email to find out.

**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 |

\*Listing of business entities does not constitute an endorsement by the Committee or Department of Defense or De-

partment of the Navy. Businesses listed are provided solely for informational purposes.\*

**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/>

**Preparations for Commissioning Continue**

Things are taking shape for Commissioning Week. Today we received the banner acknowledging our sponsors that will be on display at our events during the week.



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USS Colorado At Sea

The ship is currently conducting shakedown operations in the Atlantic. During a period in January, a Public Affairs sailor from Commander Submarine Forces staff embarked aboard the boat to record COLORADO at sea.



180111-N-JE719-685 ATLANTIC OCEAN – (Jan. 11, 2018) Sonar Technician (Submarines) 3rd Class Christopher T. Woods stands lookout on the bridge of 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)



80110-N-JE719-108 ATLANTIC OCEAN – (Jan. 10, 2018) Machinist Mate (Weapons) 3rd Class Dennis J. Capello conducts a system status check on the weapons launch console, while behind him, Information Systems Technician (Submarines) 3rd Class Austin J. Killough conducts a systems safety check 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)



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