



USS Colorado (SSN 788)  
Commissioning Committee  
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**Invitations are Out**

The invitations were mailed out earlier this week so those who were expecting invitations should expect them by the end of the week unless you were a late submission. The invitations were mailed by the Navy's Commissioning Support Team located in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The team is contracted out to McKean Defense company. Please RSVP per the instructions in your packet. You may have received an invitation requiring you to RSVP to receive your tickets, if so please do so. Otherwise you may have received your tickets to the Commissioning (smaller envelope) in the packet, but need to respond per the instruction to activate the tickets. If you received an invitation to the Chairman's Reception and/or Platform briefing in the packet, the RSVP listed first is to a web link as opposed to an email. If you have trouble with that, the email: [info@usscoloradocommittee.org](mailto:info@usscoloradocommittee.org) will work as well. The RSVPs will allow us to order enough food and beverage for the various events. The Navy is collecting the RSVPs for the Commissioning Ceremony and the Committee is collecting the RSVPs for our events. The Navy sent out some 1500 invitations to this event.

Sorry this is all so confusing.

**Commissioning Week Schedule of Events**

Please check our web site for a schedule of events for the Commissioning Week Events as well as travel and reserevation information:

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

Information about hotels should also be contained in your packet.

**Preparations for Commissioning Continue**

Many things are falling into place for the commissioning. Frontiere Meats of Denver is donating buffalo meat for buffalo sliders at the post-ceremony reception. Left Hand Brewing is brewing another batch of Pride Runs Deep brew for Commissioning and will have that and some of their other beers available there as well. Balistreri Winery will be donating wine for the event and Lift Chocolates of Boulder is providing chocolate buffaloes. These are just a few of the items that we will have at that reception.

We will have give-aways of Commissioning buttons and souvenir glasses.



*The Commanding Officer,  
Officers and Crew  
request the honor of your presence  
at the commissioning of  
UNITED STATES SHIP COLORADO (SSN 788)  
Naval Submarine Base New London  
Pier 6  
Groton, Connecticut  
on Saturday, the seventeenth of March  
Two thousand and eighteen  
at eleven o'clock*

R.S.V.P.

Participants: Full Dress Blue  
Military: Service Dress Blue  
Civilian: Informal



**Rewards and Merchandise**

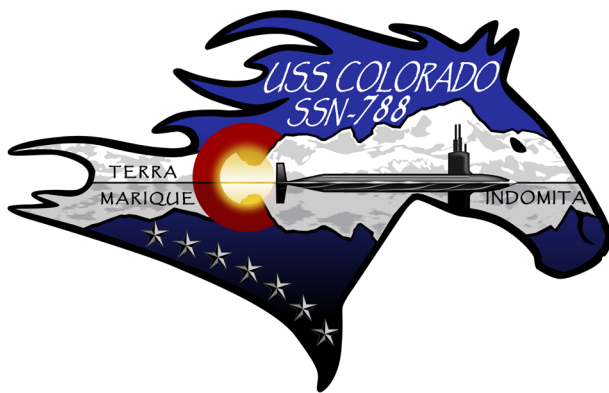
We have a number of rewards for our donors. For those eligible for the individual coins we hope to have those out to you before the Commissioning. For the other gifts of Honorary Plankowner Plaques and coin sets, we plan on distributing those after we return from Groton. We will also have some merchandise for sale, including some newly designed pins and additional coins and caps.

**PCU Colorado Continues Shakedown**

We are not really privy to the details of COLORADO's operations at this point, but we do know they are conducting shakedown operations. A public affairs staff member from Commander Submarine Forces rode the boat for a period last month and I have included some pictures below. I will publish more to the web site.



PORT CANAVERAL, Fla., (January 12, 2018) Lt. Anthony Matus uses an Xbox controller to maneuver the photonic mast



aboard PCU Colorado (SSN 788). (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Class Jeffrey M. Richardson/Released)



ATLANTIC OCEAN (January 09, 2018) Senior Chief Electronics Technician (Navigation) Carl L. Shafer poses for a photo aboard PCU Colorado (SSN 788). (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jeffrey M. Richardson/Released)



PORT CANAVERAL, Fla. (January 12, 2018) Officers and crew assigned to PCU Colorado (SSN 788) post for a group photo. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jeffrey M. Richardson/Released)

