



Crew Visit Cancelled

The Association had been hoping to host another crew visit to Colorado during the month of July. Commanding Officer Garth Storz, Chief of the Boat Chip Alger, and two additional crew members were scheduled to make the trip to our great state. The planned itinerary had them visiting Denver, Colorado Springs, Aspen and Basalt and meeting with several civic and government groups. Unfortunately, the Coronavirus pandemic forced cancellation of the visit. We hope to host them in the future when conditions permit.

Planning is also underway for the Association to host a Zoom meeting with the leadership in the near future. More details will be published as soon as they are available.

The scholarship was established in 2019 by the USS Colorado Commissioning Committee with money raised in conjunction with fundraising for Commissioning Week activities. It is administered for the Association by the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises funds to ease the financial burden of education for eligible member or the Submarine Force and their dependents.

We offer our congratulations to Renee and wish her the best of luck in her studies!

Captain Franklin's Change of Command

Captain Ken Franklin, USS Colorado's first Commanding Officer who led the boat throughout COLORADO's arduous new construction period, took command of Naval Base Point Loma near San Diego, California on July 24th relieving CAPT Brien Dickson. Captain Franklin has been stationed on the submarine staff in Naples, Italy since leaving COLORADO in November of 2017 shortly after completion of her sea trials and acceptance by the Navy.



USS Colorado Scholarship Awarded

The first USS Colorado Scholarship has been awarded to Renee Prieto of Mystic, CT. Her sponsor is former COLORADO crew member STS1 Messina. Renee will commence studies in Nursing in the fall.



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LT Matus Honored as Junior Officer of the Year

Congratulations to LT Anthony Matus for his selection as 2019 Submarine Squadron Four Junior Officer of the Year. He recently transferred from USS Colorado and is now stationed at Commander, Carrier Strike Group (CCSG) 15, located in San Diego. CCSG-15 conducts integrated training to provide Fleet Commanders with deployable combat ready maritime forces in support of global operations.

While aboard COLORADO from 2017 to 2020, he served as Chemistry and Radiological Assistant, Assistant Operations officer, and Operational Safety Officer. At Commissioning he was the designated escort officer for Ship's Sponsor Annie Mabus and participated in the October 2016 and May 2019 crew visits to Colorado.



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