



USS Colorado (SSN 788) Submarine Association Newsletter February 2021



CDR Steve Col Takes Command

Commander Steve Col, Commissioning XO on COLORADO, has recently relieved as Commanding Officer of USS Rhode Island (SSBN 740)(Blue) at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia. Steve participated in several crew visits to our state during the construction period. We wish him all the best for his Command Tour.



Next Visit to Groton?

We are looking forward to the pandemic abating so we can continue with our visits to Groton to spend time with the crew and also to resume crew members visits to Colorado. While it is hard to predict the course of events, we are hoping for a visit to Groton in June or July to participate in a ship's picnic.

COB to Transfer

Chief of the Boat, ETRCM (SS) Chip Alger will be swapping positions with CSSCS(SS) Mark Shipley, COB on PCU Iowa (future SSN797) which is under construction at Electric Boat. The changeover should occur by mid-March. The Command plans to do a Zoom meeting with the CO, XO and introduce the new COB to Association Members in the near future.

Ship's Operations

While we do not know the details, the boat has been on local operations recently and expects to be in and out of port for the next several months.

American Submariner Article

The most recent issue of the American Submariner Magazine, the official magazine of the US Submarine Veterans organization, has an article about our "Pass Down the Line (PDL)" program to donate dolphins of veteran submariners to USS Colorado for presentation to some of their newly qualifying sailors. Also the COB pin from veteran submariner Bud Atkins was presented to COB Alger. The program was devised and implemented by Association member Rick Riessen and was kicked off in August of 2019 at the ship's picnic, which several Association members attended. Rick hopes to extend this program to other boats.

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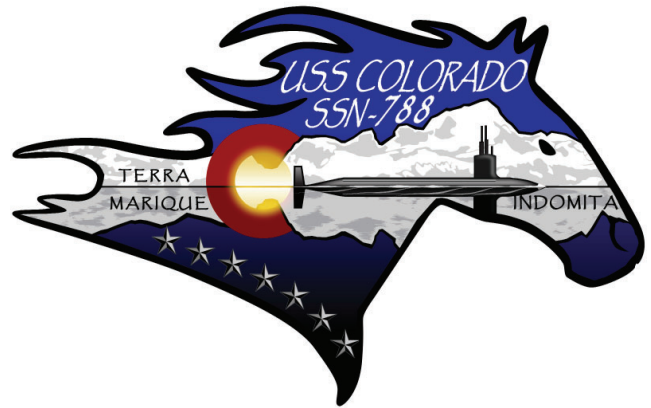


Gathering after presentation of COB pin August 2019. Left to Right: COB Chip Alger, Association President Don Price, Rick Riessen, CO CAPT Jason Geddes, TMCM(SS) (Ret.) Bud Adkins, XO LCDR Kenny Kirkwood.

Join the Association

If you are interested in more directly supporting the crew, please consider becoming a USS Colorado Submarine Association Member. We work to support the crew and their families and show the states' support for our namesake submarine. Our dues go to fund a number of different activities to help the boat.

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