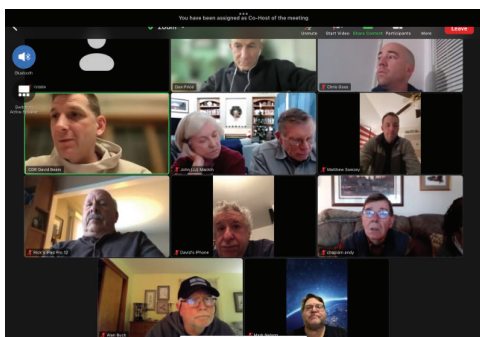




### December Zoom Call with Boat

In December Association members participated in a Zoom call with USS Colorado's Leadership. The CO, XO and COB were able to join and provided an update on the Boat's activities since the Change of Command in August. They have been busy with about 80% Op Tempo! Also, it was the first opportunity for many to meet the new Chief of the Boat, Master Chief Chris Goss. The command acknowledged that the Holiday Cards sent by the Association were very well received by the crew.



### CU NROTC Commanding Officer

In December Association President Don Price and JJ Mackin, past chairman of the USS Colorado Commissioning Committee, had breakfast with the new CU NROTC Unit Commanding Officer, Colonel Rob Bodisch, USMC and several members of his staff. All agreed that there will be several opportunities to provide mutual support in an on-going relationship.

### History Colorado Intern

History Colorado Museum recently approached the Association to support their effort to prepare an on-line BB-45 exhibit featuring WWII Battleship USS Colorado. Dr. Chris Juergens, the Anschutz Curator of Military History at the Museum, proposed, and the Association agreed, to sponsor a Navy history-focused college intern for one year to assist with the preparation of the exhibit. Most of the funding

would be given to the selected student as a stipend, while a small amount would be allocated for purchasing supplies necessary to complete the work. This project would be known as the USS



### John Fielder Donates pictures

Recently, renowned Colorado nature photographer John Fielder donated his life's work to History Colorado for the benefit of all Coloradans. We are happy to see this generous donation by John. As many of you know, John's work decorates the bulkheads in the Crew's Mess of USS Colorado to remind the crew of the great state that they represent.

Here is the History Colorado announcement:

<https://www.sudrum.com/news/2023/01/26/colorado-nature-photographer-donates-lifes-work/>

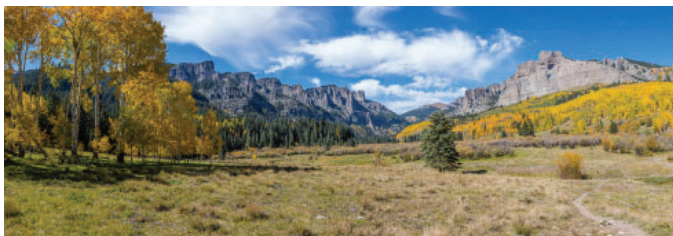
And John's own announcement:

<https://www.greeleytribune.com/2023/01/21/john-fielder-donation-photographs-history-colorado-download/>



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### Recent Update from CO

Association President Don Price recently received the following update from the CO via email.

"We just completed an Arctic Certification where the boat validated its special ice detection and avoidance sonar for operations in the high north. We closed the underway period out with an exercise with one of our fellow waterfront boats. During the at-sea period we had four sailors earn their dolphins along with our new Engineer, LCDR Andrew Pfau reporting aboard. This next few weeks in port we will be completing Intermediate Pre-Deployment Training with the help of Naval Submarine School."



### Family Readiness Group's Holiday Party

Here are some pictures from the FRG's Holiday Party which the Association helped sponsor.



### Join the Association

If you are interested in more actively supporting the crew and families of USS Colorado, consider joining the USS Colorado Submarine Association.

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