



Chief of the Boat Mark Shipley

CSSCS(SS) Mark Shipley, has relieved as Chief of the Boat on USS Colorado. He reports from COB on PCU Iowa (future SSN797) which is under construction at Electric Boat.

Charleston, SC on May 26.. Here he is pictured with Captain Jason Geddes, who succeeded Reed as CO of COLORADO. Jason will soon be reporting as Commanding Officer of USS Michigan (SSGN 727)

Ship's Operations / Visit to Groton

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

The boat is scheduled for a long deployment in late summer. We are hoping to have an Association visit to Groton in conjunction with a Ship's Picnic before they leave. It looks like the window for that will be in early June. We are trying to finalize the date with the crew and will let you know when that becomes firm.

Halfway boxes

With the the upcoming deployment, the Family Readiness Group's Amazon Wishlist for supplies for the Halfway Goodie Boxes for the bachelor sailors is still open for contributions and should remain so until at least the end of June. Please consider purchasing something from their list. The link is:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/CRMBHB7ZK-GQF?ref_=wl_share

Also we still have custom USS Colorado Facemasks for sale on our web site. Don't miss out - these are surely destined to become collector's items.



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.

For more details please: [visit our web site](#)

Captain Koepp Change of Command

Congratulations to now Captain Reed Koepp on his promotion to O-6 and award of the Legion of Merit. Reed was the Commissioning Commanding Officer of USS Colorado. Since his departure from COLORADO he has been assigned as Squadron Four Deputy Commander. He will relieve as Commanding Officer of Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit in