



Change of Command

Commander David Beam relieved Commander Garth Storz as Commanding Officer of USS Colorado (SSN 788) on August 5th in ceremonies at Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Connecticut. The principal speaker at the ceremony was VADM Bill Merz. Admiral Merz was CDR Storz's Commanding Officer on USS Memphis (SSN 691), his first submarine. The Admiral entertained the audience with several humorous stories of CDR Storz as a junior officer.



Following the ceremony there was a reception on the pier for all in attendance.

Ten members of the Association visited Groton for the event. They took the opportunity on Thursday, the day before the ceremony, to cook noon meal onboard the boat for



the crew. They were also invited to parties on Friday and Saturday evenings hosted by CDR Storz and his wife Jeanne.

CDR Storz will report to the Joint Staff in the Pentagon for his next duty assignment. He will be greatly missed.



CDR Beam was commissioned through NROTC Program and graduated from Drexel University in 2004. He previously served as Executive Officer in USS Vermont (SSN 792) and reports from duty as Fleet Training Department Director at Naval Submarine School in Groton.



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Adams County Battleship Colorado Memorial

Adams County is currently building a new Veterans Memorial on the shore of Mann-Nyholt Lake at Riverdale Regional Park. Groundbreaking was on September 8, 2021. When finished, the memorial will be a life-sized model of the battleship USS Colorado (BB-45), with the bow jutting into the lake and the current trail passing through the site. The grand opening of this new Veterans Memorial is scheduled for Memorial Day 2023 (May 29, 2023). The remaining WWII veterans of the battleship will be invited to the event, and we are hoping to have representation from the crew of SSN 788.



For more information about the Adams County Veterans Memorial Project, please visit:

<https://www.adcogov.org/veterans-memorial-project>

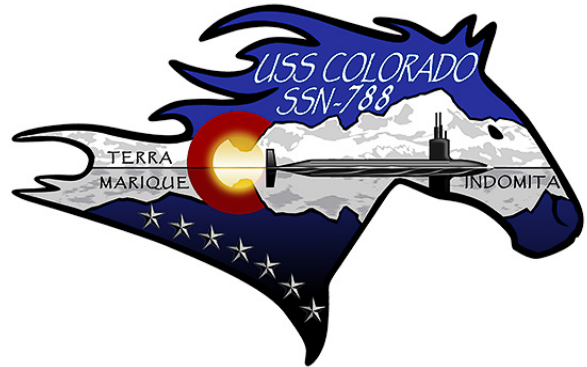
USS Colorado Dolphin Scholarship

Congratulations to Lillyana Fort-Liss of Norwich, CT as the recipient of a USS Colorado Dolphin Scholarship this year. This scholarship was endowed by the USS Colorado Commissioning Committee in 2018 for families of present and past crew members of the boat. More information about this year's Dolphin Scholarship winners can be found at:

<https://dolphinscholarship.org/wp-content/uploads/August-Forum-2022-1.pdf>

New Chief of the Boat

On August 26, USS Colorado's Chief of the Boat, CSCM Mark Shipley, was relieved in his position by STSCM Chris Gross. Master Chief Shipley will report to Submarine School in Groton for his next assignment



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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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