

USS IOWA SSN-797

Commissioning Committee, PO Box 1968, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406



Commissioning Committee Newsletter

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Officers

- Sponsor: Ms. Christie Vilsack
- Chairman: Peter B. Welch, CAPT, SC, USNR (ret)

*“There is nothing more enticing,
disenchanted and enslaving than the life
at sea.”*

Joseph Conrad

We are Online and activated!

www.USSIowaSSN797.org

With the assistance of our web provider WebSlingers Web Development, we went active with our Commissioning Committee web site on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. Click on the above address and you'll see what we've put together so far and keep in mind that it is a process that is “in transition” and will have many changes down the road as things change and areas that are “under construction” get filled out.

Just like our submarine being constructed and assembled in different areas of two shipyards, so too is our web site going to be developed over time.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Upcoming Events:</i></u></p> <p>Next week is the USS Iowa's Keel Laying/signing event. On Monday, our ship's sponsor will tour the Groton Shipyard of Electric Boat where our submarine will eventually be christened. Then on Tuesday the Keel Laying ceremony will be at Electric Boat's Quonset Point facility in Rhode Island. A Small ceremony will be followed by a lunch.</p> <p>On Monday evening Tom and Christie Vilsack will have dinner with the Iowa's CO, XO, and COB along with their spouses. We expect to have pictures posted on the web site within a few days.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nautical Term</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Bottoms Up:</i></u></p> <p>A term used when encouraging others to drink something. It is believed to have its origins from a time when English sailors were sometime tricked into joining the navy. The trick involved giving the unsuspecting man a beer with a coin at the bottom. Once the poor man had hold of the coin, he was deemed to have accepted payment and was swiftly enrolled or press-ganged into the Royal Navy.</p> <p>It is said that as people began to wise up to the con-trick, they would say "bottoms up" to the people they drank with, in order that they could check for any hidden coins at the bottom of the glass.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">HELP!</p> <p>The Committee needs to have a Media Coordinator to help manage the publicity and public events. Hopefully, this person would have knowledge of Facebook and Twitter as we hope to link those and other social media to our submarine's home page.</p>

Calendar of Events

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December