

# USS IOWA SSN-797

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

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Commissioning Committee Newsletter

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## Officers

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

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## ***“They also serve those who only stand and wait.”***

- Eleanor Rickover, ship’s sponsor, at the launching of the USS Hyman G Rickover (1984):

As a member of the launching and commissioning crew of the Hyman G Rickover (SSN709), I did not grasp the full meaning back then. But now since, I have retired from the Submarine Service and my own son’s go to sea. I stand on a pier and watch and wait for their return, only now do full comprehend the depth of the quote and the dedication of those who waited for me.

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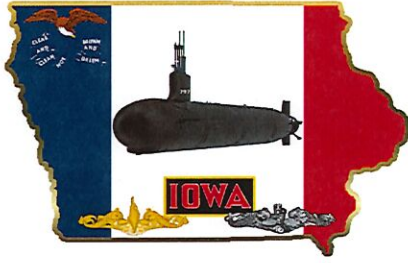
## PCU IOWA Thanksgiving Namesake Visit

The crew of the Iowa is sending five sailors our way over the Thanksgiving Holidays. Just a short few days (Thursday through Friday) will have them visiting the Cedar Rapids area. Two are staying with a host family in South English and three will be in Cedar Rapids.

The five sailors are:

1. EMN1 Flynn Davis,
2. ETN2 Gavin Beaver,
3. ETN2 Timothy Trudeau,
4. ETN3 Charles Johnson, and
5. MMN3 Andrew Duffy.

Right now everything is still in the planning phase with maximum flexibility as we try to line these sailors up with media opportunities.



## PCU IOWA Thanksgiving Namesake Visit

### Schedule of Events 26-29 November 2019

#### Tuesday, 26 November

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
0600	Crew Depart from PVD  <b>DL 1065</b>	Providence Airport		Departure	Crew dropped at airport by duty vehicle.
1036	Crew Arrive at CID  <b>DL 5502</b>	Cedar Rapids Airport	Brent Coffman English Valley, IA <b>(319) 430-0372</b>	EMN1 Flynn Davis <b>(503) 569-7293</b>  ETN2 Gavin Beaver <b>(719) 649-5686</b>	Host families will provide transportation from airport
			Jeanean Blake Cedar Rapids, IA <b>(319) 270-4481</b>	ETN2 Timothy Trudeau <b>(920) 243-8707</b>	
			Peter Welch Cedar Rapids, IA <b>(319) 651-7383</b>	ETN3 Charles Johnson <b>(336) 906-5316</b>  MMN3 Andrew Duffy <b>(369) 440-0965</b>	
1130-1230	Lunch/Transit to Schools	Various	Host Families		Crew will change into NSU's prior to arrival at assigned schools.
1300-1500	School Visits	English Valley School	Brent Coffman	EMN1 Flynn Davis  ETN2 Gavin Beaver	Uniform: NSU
		Excelsior Middle School 3555 10 <sup>th</sup> Street Marion, IA 52302 <b>(319) 447-3130</b>	Bob Blake/ Jeanean Blake	ETN2 Timothy Trudeau	
		Kennedy High School 4545 Wenig Rd. NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 <b>(319) 558-2251</b>	Aaron Stecker (Assoc. Prin) <b>(319) 899-6078</b> Peter Welch	ETN3 Charles Johnson  MMN3 Andrew Duffy	

**Wednesday, 27 November**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
0800-0845	Breakfast	Donutland 4307 Center Point Rd NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 (319) 393-0735	Ethan Tanner (319) 654-6209	COMREL with Commissioning Committee Sponsor	Uniform: NWU
0900	Possible Radio Event	TBD	Peter Welch		Uniform: NWU
0945-1300	Assist rebuilding of Food Pantry	Mission of Hope Food Pantry 1700 B Ave NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 (319) 365-1782	Peter Welch	COMREL	Uniform: NWU
1330-1500	Visit with Iowa Veterans	Iowa City VA Medical CTR 601 Highway 6 West Iowa City, IA 52246 (319) 338-0581	Peter Welch	COMREL	Uniform: NWU
1500	Crew with host families	Various	Peter Welch		

**Thursday, 28 November**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
-	Thanksgiving with host families	Host Families	Peter Welch	COMREL with host families	Dinner provided by host families

**Friday, 29 November**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1100	Arrive at CID for flight.  DL 3476	Cedar Rapids Airport		Departure	Crew Depart from CID
2039	Crew Arrive at PVD  DL 1062	Providence Airport		Arrival	Duty van will pick up crew at airport.

We are looking for people that would be willing to serve as host families for the crew when they visit Iowa. There has been a Facebook Group created for people interested and you may contact Mat Tanner at [mtanner2@gdeb.com](mailto:mtanner2@gdeb.com).