

# 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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***“Without courage, you might as well not be in it. You’ve got to have courage—moral courage, physical courage—and honor. Honor means telling the truth even when it might not be to your advantage.”***

- Retired Capt. Charles W. Rush Jr. (85), Navy Cross recipient, when asked to give advice to Chiefs and Junior Officers in today’s submarine service.

## ***Update - February 11, 2020***

We got a fairly good response but did have some emails kicked back to our last newsletter. It appears that the military emails were undeliverable to the ship CO, XO and COB. It may be that the Microsoft Outlook just does not interface with the .mil address. But having been former military myself it could be that the military email system has a spam protector that does not like civilian originated emails to large distribution groups.

Other undeliverable messages were one to Grassley’s office and one to the house. I will investigate and resolve. Also looking for good addresses for CDR Chuck Wilson (former CO at Rock Island Reserve Center) and Mr. Chuck Petterson. If anyone knows of a good address for them, please let me know. And for any other inclusions, just let me know.

**Tuesday, February 18 @ 11:00 AM, CDT**

***Conference Call Procedures - USS Iowa (SSN 797)***

To participate in the conference call, everyone needs to dial into the below phone number at 11:00 AM CDT on Tuesday February 18, 2020 for the scheduled call.

**You may dial in using your phone.**

**United States: +1 (312) 757-3121**

**Access Code: 803-366-797**

We are allowed to have up to 25 participants on this conference call, so first 25 get in.

**Iowa Events**

1. April 22-24, 2020 - Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa
2. May 2-3, 2020 – Maifest, Amana Colonies Celebration of Spring
3. May 7-9, 2020 – Pella 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Tulip Time Festival.
4. May 14-16, 2020 – Orange City Tulip Festival (80<sup>th</sup> year)
5. May 16, 2020 – Armed Forces Day
6. May 25, 2020 – Memorial Day
7. June 13, 2020 –NASCAR Xfinity Race 250 - Iowa Speedway (Newton, IA)
8. July 4, 2020 - Independence Day
9. July 18, 2020 – Indy Race –Iowa Speedway (Newton, IA)
10. July 19-25, 2020 – RAGBRAI (Bike across state of Iowa)
11. July 25, 2020 – Bix7 –Quad-City Runs
12. Aug 13, 2020 – Yankees vs. White Sox at Field of Dreams, Dyersville, IA
13. August 13-23, 2020 – Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA
14. Sept. 12, 2020 – Football: Iowa Hawkeyes vs Iowa State Cyclones
15. October 4-6, 2020 – Oktoberfest, Amana Colonies Festivals/Events
16. November 11, 2020 – Veterans Day

### **Budget Person**

The Committee is looking for a Budget person that can work with a spreadsheet program to keep track of money coming in and going out.

### **Fund Raising**

I understand that some organization may have already commenced fund raising in the name of the USS Iowa (SSN-797). So far the Committee has received nothing from any organization. We have, however, received some proceeds from the sale of the Commission patches and some proceeds from the sale of the set of four plastic glasses with the Electric Boat emblem (a/k/a "bug") and some hats. The patches and glasses were given to crew members to give away publically in their appearances in Iowa. In addition, we received PAO materials from NRD St. Paul and the PAO office at COMSUBLANT.