

USS IOWA SSN-797

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Commissioning Committee
Newsletter

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On September 30, 1954, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, USS Nautilus (SSN 571), is commissioned at Groton, Conn.



The USS Iowa's
Commissioning
Committee
Needs YOU!

Iowa crew to again visit Iowa.

On Wednesday October 6th the Iowa's Commanding Officer CDR Quintin L. James, along with the Chief of the Boat, will be arriving in Iowa. And coming with them will be LT. Kelly Tackett who is the first female officer to report aboard the USS Iowa. They will be meeting with Naval ROTC Midshipmen on Thursday in Ames, Iowa. They will be making public appearances within Cedar Rapids and attending briefly our Commissioning Chaplain enshrinement to the Xavier High School Hall of Fame on Friday night. They will meet the University of Iowa President prior to the Penn State game on Saturday, October 9th, and return to the east coast on Sunday.

There will be a Thursday Open House at the Ames American Legion from 1 – 3 p.m. with the Iowa crew members. And another Open House on Friday at the Marion, Iowa American Legion just shortly after noon. Stop by and meet some Iowa Sailors that will be our Ambassadors of Goodwill to the world.

We are currently looking to add:

- Volunteers to the Commissioning Committee effort
- Media / Public Relations Coordinator
(This person would be responsible for maintaining and updating the Commission's web site. Manage media relations and contacts.)
- CR Housing / Event Coordinator
(This person would help coordinate overnight hosts in the Cedar Rapids area for visits to this area by the Iowa crew members.)
- Commissioning Committee Store Manager
- Food Service Event Manager -
For Christening & Commissioning
(This person will manage the contracts and negotiations for Christening and Commissioning events associated with the USS Iowa submarine.)
- Medium / Small Gifts Manager
(This person would work on soliciting gifts from small to medium size corporations and in making presentation to military affinity groups in and around the State of Iowa.)

If you're interested in any of these positions then please get back in touch with the Committee.

Peter B. Welch, CAPT, SC, USNR (ret)
Chairman USS Iowa Commissioning Committee