

USS IOWA SSN-797

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Commissioning Committee Newsletter

2021 – # 26

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- Chairman: Peter B. Welch, CAPT, SC, USNR (ret)

“Of all the branches of men in the forces there is none which shows more devotion and faces grimmer perils than the submariners.”

- Winston Churchill -

Peter Welch is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: USS Iowa Zoom meeting

Time: May 21, 2021 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting –

This Newsletter #26 is being provided in Word format to allow participants to click on the below link to attend this Zoom Meeting instead of being in the usual pdf format:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85877201894?pwd=TctjZXhpZlphUnkxS0x0bVNpNXZHQT09>

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We have scheduled a Commissioning Committee Zoom conference this Friday May 21st, 2021 at 4: PM central time. Instructions for calling and logging in are above. The reason for the late in the day timing is that it allows participation in the call by ship's company since they are prohibited from using any video conferencing from within the shipyard

Proposed 2021 Events for Iowa Crew

- ***RAGBRAI Great Bicycle Ride
July 25th to 31st
From Missouri River to Mississippi River***
- ***Iowa State Fair – Des Moines, IA
August 12th to 22nd
Des Moines downtown parade
Vet's day parade at fair grounds Monday 16th Aug.***
- ***Los Angeles Fleet Week
September 3rd to 6th***
- ***ISU vs. Iowa Football Game –Ames, IA
September 11th***
- ***Iowa VA Recognition – Orlando, FL
September 14th to 18th***
- ***Veteran Recognition
Iowa vs. Colorado State Football Game –Iowa City, IA
September 25th
(Welch, Vilsack, James)***
- ***Veterans Day
November 11th***

Topics for Conference Call

1. Introduction of participants
2. Current schedule (unclassified) for Iowa christening & commissioning
3. Status of DOD travel
4. Iowa/Iowa crew PR opportunities
 - * Memorial Day?

(Listed above as proposed events.)

The Iowa crew has submitted funding request for travel to COMSUBLANT to support the Iowa crew in returning to the state and establishing strong bonds and relations between Iowa and the crew members of our new namesake Iowa submarine. Navy Recruiting and other resources may also support the visits.

5. Invitations / tickets
 - * Christening (EB and Committee)
 - * Commissioning (by US Navy) but Commissioning Committee will keep list for submission
6. Family Readiness Group – T. Hudson
7. Donation containers for military clubs / bars
8. Any other items of interest

CONCLUDE ZOOM CONFERENCE

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