

# USS VERMONT (SSN 792)



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- Nuclear fast attack submarine under construction at Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut.
- Third United States Navy warship to be named for our State.
- Third nuclear powered submarine with a Vermont namesake, after ETHAN ALLEN (SSBN 608) and MONTPELIER (SSN 765).
- PCU VERMONT: The Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) consists of the officers and crew currently assigned to the ship for training and construction monitoring. They will man the ship for sea trials, and will become the crew of the USS VERMONT (SSN 792) upon commissioning. PCU VERMONT Commanding Officer is Cdr. Henry M. Roenke, USN.





## MAJOR MILESTONES

The major milestones in the life of a new ship are: Naming, Christening, and Commissioning.

- VERMONT was named by the Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, in September, 2014, in a ceremony at the Lake Champlain Navy Memorial in Burlington.



- VERMONT was christened October 20, 2018 at Electric Boat Company in Groton, CT by Ms. Gloria Valdez, sponsor. Ms. Valdez is a former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and a strong supporter of our namesake submarine. Congressman Peter Welch and Governor Phil Scott participated in the ceremony.
- VERMONT is expected to be commissioned late Spring or early Summer 2020.

## **COMMISSIONING**

- Upon Commissioning, VERMONT will become USS VERMONT, and join the fleet as the nineteenth VIRGINIA CLASS nuclear fast attack submarine.



- The Commissioning Ceremony is one of the most important milestones in the life of a ship. It represents the acceptance of the ship by the United States Navy, and her entry into the active fleet.

### **Commissioning Community**

Virginia class submarines are named after states. Each namesake state becomes the Commissioning Community for its submarine. The State of Vermont is the Commissioning Community for Vermont. The role of the Commissioning Community is to establish a positive and lasting support relationship with the Pre-Commissioning Unit Officers and Crew and to provide meaningful gifts for the ship, sponsor and crew, and plan and conduct appropriate events for the Commissioning.

## **VERMONT (SSN 792) COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE**

- The Vermont (SSN 792) Commissioning Committee has been established to support VERMONT, her crew, and major events associated with the Commissioning Ceremony.
- Our tasks include: public awareness, hosting crew members, fund raising, and planning and hosting traditional commissioning events.
- We are a volunteer, non-profit (501c3) organization, with 27 members, registered with the Vermont Secretary of State.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

“Provide a memorable Commissioning Ceremony for the ship’s officers, crew, and sponsor, the U.S. Navy, the State of Vermont and its people, and the men and women who built the ship.”

### **Objectives**

- Provide a memorable Commissioning Ceremony;
- Raise awareness within the State of Vermont about the construction of VERMONT and her commissioning;
- Promote lasting relationships between the State of Vermont and the crew of the PCU VERMONT by forming a USS VERMONT (SSN 792) Club;
- Finance appropriate events, activities and gifts associated with these objectives by supplementing the limited funds provided by the Navy for customary and expected social activities.



## **COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION & BUDGET**

- Commissioning Events: Crew, Sponsor, Donors, Vermonters, VIP's, and all commissioning Attendees
- Vermont Events: Through visits, local and regional events, and presentations.
- Gifts: Ship, Sponsor, and Crew
- Public Affairs: Awareness & Public Support
- Fund Raising: Defense Contractors, State of Vermont, Other Vermont, U.S. Navy, In-Kind
- Budget: Our Budget: \$240,000.

**We need and request:**

**\$50,000 from State Government in FY 2020.**

## BUDGET, SOURCES & USES

### Uses:

Commissioning Events	\$100K
Gifts and Support	\$100K
Public Awareness	\$ 20K
Fund Raising	\$ 10K
Management/Administrative	\$ 10K
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240K</b>

### Sources:

Defense Contractors	\$ 80K
State of Vermont	\$ 50K
Other Vermont	\$ 50K
U.S. Navy/Other	\$ 20K
In-Kind	\$ 40K
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240K</b>

Governor Scott has proposed a \$10,000 line item in his budget for the VERMONT (SSN 792) Commissioning Committee. We need that amount as soon as possible but, we need \$40,000 more to meet our goals on behalf of Vermont and Vermonters.

## SUMMARY AND CLOSING

The Virginia class nuclear fast attack submarine VERMONT (SSN 792) is under construction at Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut and will be commissioned about one year from now. VERMONT is our namesake submarine and our state is her Commissioning Community.



The VERMONT (SSN 792) Commissioning Committee has undertaken the tasks of the Commissioning Community on behalf of the people and government of our great and brave little state. We need and ask for your moral and financial support to succeed in our mission and provide a memorable Commissioning the Vermont can be proud of.