

USS IDAHO COMMISSIONING

NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE NEW LONDON, GROTON CONNECTICUT



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THURSDAY - APRIL 23, 2026

9AM -
11:30AM

Submarine Veteran Tour of Naval Submarine Base New London. Closed event. By Invitation Only.

11:30AM

Submarine Veteran Lunch with the Crew. Closed event. By Invitation Only.

5PM

Veteran & Crew BBQ, Outer Light Brewing Company. By Invitation Only, Veterans and Donors to the USS IDAHO Commissioning Committee. Enjoy complimentary food. Commemorative SPUD Juice (Special Purpose Underwater Drink), a special beer crafted exclusively for the USS IDAHO and Alcohol will be available for purchase. Casual Dress - Polo shirts.

FRIDAY - APRIL 24, 2026

12PM - 4PM

VIP Reception. Closed Event - By Invitation Only. Invitees will be given their specific arrival time Monday or Tuesday of Commissioning Week. Casual Dress - Polo shirts.

5PM

VIP Chairman's Banquet. Closed Event - By Invitation Only. Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center. 4:30PM Buses Depart from Mystic Marriott. 5PM Check in & Cocktails. 6PM Program Begins. Buses to the Banquet will run to and from the Mystic Marriott Hotel. Formal Black Tie* Military Mess Dress. Veterans please wear your miniature medals and miniature warfare devices.

*If you do not own a tuxedo there is no need to purchase or rent one. "Idaho Formal" - Bring the nicest thing you have.

SATURDAY - APRIL 25, 2026

8:30AM

VIP Breakfast. Mystic Marriott. Closed event. By Invitation Only. VIP Buses to the Commissioning Ceremony will run from the Mystic Marriott Hotel.

*General admission buses will run from a designated parking lot to be announced in the future.

10:30AM

All Guests seated for the start of the ceremony.

11:00AM

Commissioning Ceremony, USS IDAHO SSN 799. Naval Submarine Base New London. Tickets issued by the U.S. Navy required IN ADVANCE in order to have access to Naval Submarine Base New London. Business Attire Recommended.

12:30PM

Post Commissioning Reception adjacent to the Commissioning Pier. Open to all Commissioning Ticket Holders.

7:30PM

VIP Farewell Reception. Mystic Marriott. Closed Event. By Invitation Only.

LOCATIONS

Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa
625 North Rd., Groton

Outer Light Brewing Company
266 Bridge St, Groton

SubVet Hall
40 School St, Groton

The Submarine Force Museum -
USS NAUTILUS SSN 571
1 Crystal Lake Rd, Groton

Mashantucket Pequot Museum
& Research Center
110 Pequot Trail, Mashantucket

PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

The submarine base is home to sensitive equipment, operations, and programs. To protect security, photos may only be taken within the Commissioning area itself. Please refrain from taking pictures outside of this space.

For everyone's awareness, security will be monitoring for unauthorized photography. If photos are taken outside the approved area, phones may need to be collected and checked, and returning them could take a week or more.

SCHEDULE UPDATES

The Mystic Marriott will be our Committee's home base.

You'll find a table in the lobby with the schedule and any updates throughout the event.

