

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. 4:15PM 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.

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.

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

Naval Submarine Base New
London
1 Crystal Lake Rd., Groton

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.



COMMISSIONING CEREMONY GENERAL INFORMATION

PARKING: Please enter through Gate 5 and follow directions to the designated parking area at Lot A. Buses will shuttle you to and from the pier. If you require disabled parking accessibility, please have a current disabled parking decal in your vehicle and provisions will be made to transport you to and from the pier.

SCHEDULE: The ceremony begins at 11:00 am. Please arrive in the parking lot(s) between 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. in order to ensure enough time to park, go through the security screening and be transported to the commissioning site by 10:30 a.m.

SMOKING: Smoking is prohibited.

CAMERAS: Cameras (including video cameras) are permitted in audience seating area.

UNIFORM: Military Participants: Full Dress Blue with sword.
Other military attendees: Service Dress Blue or service equivalent. Civilians: Informal.

POST RECEPTION: To be held across from the pier immediately following the commissioning ceremony.

OTHER INFORMATION: The ceremony will proceed rain or shine. If you have questions related to the commissioning, please email: support+IDAHO799@usnavyceremonies.org.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From Providence Airport: Take I-95 South to Exit 86 (Sub Base Exit). Turn right on Route 12. The base is about 1.5 miles from the exit on the left hand side. Go past the base until you come to a flashing light. Enter here at Gate 5.

From Hartford/Bradley International Airport: Take I-91 South to Route 9 south to I-95 North to Exit 86 (left exit). Turn right on Route 12. The base is about 1.5 miles from the exit on the left hand side. Go past the base until you come to a flashing light. Enter Here at Gate 5.

COMMISSIONING SECURITY ACCESS INFORMATION

Security checkpoint:

- To gain base access, all guests will pass through a security checkpoint upon arrival. Security precautions mandate that all invited guests are required to have a federal or state issued photo identification card (example: military identification, driver's license, passport, etc.) for base access. Children under 16 are exempt with an adult escort.
- Please have your photo ID and tickets available upon arrival.
- The security checkpoint will include metal detectors, bag inspections and military working dogs.
- Guests may not bring large bags, backpacks or coolers. However, small diaper bags, purses and small folding umbrellas will be allowed.
- Weapons: All bags, purses, wallets, coats, etc. are subject to search for weapons, explosives, and contraband. Weapons including knives or sharp pointed objects of any kind or size are not allowed at any commissioning event.
- Due to the high level of interest, base access will open at 8:00 a.m. In order for the security process to flow smoothly and for you and your guests to be seated in time for the ceremony, we recommend you arrive early. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding regarding these procedures required by the U.S. Navy for your safety, the safety of the crew, and the protection of the newest commissioned ship.
- Security measures are subject to change due to increases in force protection conditions.