

Chair Paul Evans, Vice Chair Rick Lewis, Vice Chair Mark Meek and members of the committee my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I represent the Commissioning Committee supported by the Navy League of the United States Portland Council for the new submarine USS Oregon (SSN 793).

We are proposing that the State of Oregon fund \$250,000 to support the commissioning events and the one hundred and thirty crew members of the USS Oregon (SSN 793) and bring this great ship into the fleet.

In the spring of 2021 the U.S. Navy will commission the USS Oregon (SSN 793), the twentieth submarine of the Virginia-Class and the second ship ever named for the State of Oregon. It's anticipated the Commissioning Ceremony will be at US Naval Submarine in Base Groton, CT. This is a great honor for the State of Oregon, our veterans and citizens, and acknowledges our contribution to the nation's defense. We, the Committee, ask your support in honoring the crew and celebrating our ship's entry into the fleet.

The U.S. Navy conducts a formal commissioning ceremony but is prohibited from funding all the traditional celebrations and customs that welcome a new ship into the fleet. These are activities and events which help connect the ship and crew with its namesake state and will honor the ship, her Officers and crew, and help us establish a lifetime relationship between USS Oregon sailors and the citizens of the State of Oregon. Therefore, our Committee accepted responsibility to fund and host these memorable events for the ship, her crew, our State, and Oregon's veterans and citizens.

All funds collected are dedicated to the commissioning of the USS Oregon (SSN 793), and supporting the crew, any funds not needed for commissioning events will be used to support crew activities for the life of the USS Oregon (SSN 793) the next thirty to forty years.