

New Mexico
SSN 779



**KEEL AUTHENTICATION CEREMONY
PROGRAM**

Saturday, April 12, 2008

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- 8:15 - 9:15** Platform guests, their guests and other VIPs meet in 520, sixth floor for pre-ceremony reception and briefing. Pre-ceremony reception guests park in employee lot across from 520. Executive motor coaches will take Pre-ceremony reception guests to ceremony.
- 9:20** Non-platform guests depart for ceremony site
- 9:30** Platform guests (and their spouse/guest) briefing in Executive Dining Room, 520-6
- 9:45** Platform guests depart for ceremony site and line-up in order of announcement.
- 9:15 - 10:00** Concert by U.S. Fleet Forces Band
- 10:00 to 10:02** Introduction of platform guests by MC: MC announces the Parade of Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem and then Invocation
- 10:02 to 10:05** Parade the Colors – Warwick High School NJROTC
- 10:06 - 10:07** Pledge of Allegiance led by Northrop Grumman employee McKinley Wilson

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- 10:07 – 10:09** National Anthem – United States Fleet Forces Band
- 10:09 –10: 10** Colors are retired, invocation delivered by Northrop Grumman employee Ernest Green
- 10:11 – 10:14** MC Introduces Frank Willetto, Code Talker, to give an official Navajo Blessing of Submarine New Mexico (Escorted by MM1 (SS) Michael Buck, crewmember of the New Mexico)
- 10:15 – 10: 20** Welcome Remarks and Introduction of Rear Admiral William H. Hilarides – Program Executive Officer, Submarines – Mike Petters
- 10: 21 – 10:24** Remarks: Rear Admiral William H. Hilarides
- 10:25- 10:26** Introduction of John Casey, President, General Dynamics Electric Boat – Mike Petters
- 10:27 - 10:30** Remarks: John Casey
- 10:31 – 10:32** Introduction of Vice Admiral John J. Donnelly, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet – Mike Petters
- 10:33 – 10:36** Remarks: Vice Admiral John J. Donnelly
- 10:37– 10:39** Introduction of Principal Speaker Representative Bobby Scott, 3rd Congressional District, Virginia – Mike Petters
- 10:40 – 10:50** Principal Address: Representative Bobby Scott, 3rd Congressional District, Virginia
- 10:51 - 10:55** Introduction of the Ship’s Sponsor Mrs. Cindy Giambastiani – Mike Petters
- 10:56 to 11:07** CMP requests that Mrs. Giambastiani, Representative Bobby Scott and PCO Robert Dain join him on a separate platform beside the dais. Explanation of keel authentication (Off-platform MC) as Platform party takes places. Mrs. Giambastiani initials the plaque and CMP holds up plaque for photos, etc. Kim Kerins, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding welder, ascends stage after introduction while CMP, Mrs. Giambastiani, Representative Bobby Scott and PCO Dain put on aprons and get shields; Other dais guests don shields only. Welder welds over Mrs. Giambastiani initials. Mrs. Giambastiani makes statement “I hereby declare the keel of this United States Navy Submarine New Mexico truly and fairly laid.” Kerins holds up plaque for audience and media. Band plays as CMP leads guests back to dais. Band stops as CMP escorts Mrs. Giambastiani to podium and asks everyone to be seated.

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11:08 – 11:12

Remarks: Mrs. Giambastiani

11:13

Closing remarks – Mr. Petters

11:13

Band plays flourish signifying end of ceremony (Platform guests stay on platform for group shot). (Navy Band stays silent during media availability)

(VIP Reception at Bldg. 520 until approx. 1:30 p.m.)