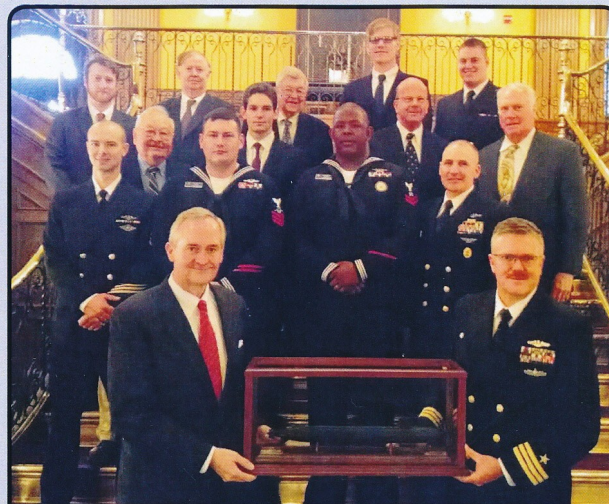




Commissioning Committee



The 786 Club

USS ILLINOIS SSN-786



COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

USS ILLINOIS (SSN-786) COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES*

The Committee's purposes are to: Promote awareness within the State of Illinois of the construction of the USS ILLINOIS (SSN-786); Provide support for the crew during construction; Help organize and raise money for events surrounding the launching and commissioning; and, Provide ongoing support for the ship and its crew after commissioning.

Donations pay for items directly related to the mission stated above, and for which the US Navy does not pay, such as:

- Numerous launching and commissioning events, involving thousands of persons
- Gifts and memorabilia for Sponsors, the ship and its crew
- Sponsor arrangements at the various events
- Bringing crew members to Illinois to promote awareness
- Initiating a "786 Club" for ongoing involvement by Illinois citizens

Our fundraising goal is \$800,000 based on past Committee experiences.

THE 786 CLUB

An organization of Illinois civilians and veterans that support the family and crew members of the USS ILLINOIS during her active duty. (See the "786 Club" page on our web site.) This Club will be similar to the 721 Club, which has supported the USS Chicago for 28 years.

The Club is a personal connection between the ship and the citizens of Illinois, and will provide assistance and support as may be needed by the crew from time to time.

It is expected that the members will visit the boat at its home port on a regular basis, have social events with the crew and their families and, from time to time may make day cruises on the boat. This has been the relationship between the 721 Club and the USS Chicago.

*The USSICC is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Contact the USSICC through our web site.



*Commanding Officer –
CDR Jesse Porter and
the construction crew
of the USS ILLINOIS
SSN-786*

