

Explanation of awards

Honorary Plankowner's Plaque and Certificate – The plaque and certificate are designed by the ship's crew and Commanding Officer. These plaques are similar to those given to the crew with the exception that the word "Honorary" is noted on the plaque.

USS DEWEY Ship's Coin – Designed by the ship's crew, the coin is emblematic of the ship and is a symbol of unity and loyalty.

Listing in Contributor's Brochure – This program is a keepsake of the commissioning. Provided at the Chairman's Reception, it lists the individuals and companies that donated for this commissioning event.

Chairman's Reception – This reception is held the Friday evening prior to the Commissioning Ceremony. This reception provides both Chairman and Commanding Officer the opportunity to recognize the organizations and individuals who have supported the commissioning events. Attendees include the commissioning committee members, the platform guests, the ship's sponsor, wardroom members, and local military, city, and political leaders.

Platform Breakfast – This reception is where the platform guests (those who will be seated on the dais for the ceremony) their families, and other VIPs are briefed about their role and events during the ceremony. From this event, they are transported to the site where they will be escorted to a VIP seating section. The VIPs are city, community, and military leaders that have been invited to the commissioning ceremony. The Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, and Command Master Chief and their families are invited to this reception as well as members of the commissioning committee.