



Denver Council May 19th Gala Dinner Hosting Colonel Robert Bodisch, USMC and Honoring Our Region Maritime Service Academy Appointees/NROTC Selectees

All of us who attended the March meeting of the Denver Council were heartened by the enthusiasm and dedication of our guest speaker, Major Tyler Folan, Commanding Officer of the Marine Recruiting Station Denver. He gave us an overview of the Marine Corps mission as well as the challenges to military recruitment. He urged all veterans to be Ambassadors for the Armed Forces by sharing their military experiences. With his dynamic leadership it is easy to see how the Recruiting Station in Denver consistently meets their recruitment goals.



In May we continue the Marine Corps theme by welcoming Colonel Robert Bodisch, USMC as our guest speaker. Colonel Bodisch is the Commanding Officer/Professor of Naval Science at the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at CU Boulder. He is looking forward to addressing the challenges and rewards facing young high school seniors who have received appointments to the Sea Service Academies and NROTC scholarship programs.

On April 18th I had the honor of presenting the Denver Council award for Exemplary Leadership to Midshipman First Class Lillie McMullen. She is quite an impressive young woman who is headed to the Marine Basic School in September.

I must share with you that the Denver Council Board voted to increase the price of our dinners from \$37.50 to \$40.00 due to an increase in our costs. While the Board was reluctant to make this move, we needed to do so to maintain our financial viability in this age of inflation.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend our May meeting, as my husband and I plan to travel to San Diego to attend his 55th Naval Academy reunion. David Fong, Denver Council Treasurer, will lead the meeting. I hope that you will take this opportunity to meet a new generation of military leaders.

Please join us on May 19th at the Hilton Central Park Denver, 6 PM.

Florence Mackin, Council President

Colonel Robert Bodisch, USMC

A second-generation Marine, Rob Bodisch received his commission and Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Texas A & M University in December 1996. After completion of the Basic School, Armor Officer and Platoon Leader Courses, the Intelligence Officer's Course and Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, he served as a Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer in 1st

Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.; as an Intelligence Officer at 1st Marine Aircraft Wing; as Security Manager for Marine Air Group 36 in Okinawa, Japan; and deploying as an Operations Planner with USCENTCOM Coalition Forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2004-5 after graduating from Expeditionary Warfare School he was assigned to 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. where he served as Commander of Company C, deploying his Tank Company to Fallujah, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



From 2006-2009 Bodisch completed a joint assignment as an Intelligence Officer with Joint Task Force North, USNORTHCOM, Fort Bliss, Texas supporting numerous federal agencies along both U.S. borders. Following this assignment, he completed the US Army Command & General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. and earned a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from Webster University.

From 2010-2013 he was assigned to 2nd Tank Battalion serving as Executive Officer and deploying as a Campaign Planner with International Security Assistance Force Joint Command in Afghanistan, and later as the Somalia Strategic Planner with Combined Joint Task Force–Horn of Africa at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti. Upon his return he was assigned as the Future Operations Officer at 2nd Marine Division.

From 2013-2014, Bodisch was assigned to the Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va. where he was selected for command and then returned to 2nd Tank Battalion from 2014-2016. Upon completion of his command assignment, he graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. with a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

From 2017-2019, Bodisch was assigned as an instructor at the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. From 2019-2020, he was assigned to 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan as the Strategic and Future Plans Officer and later as the Officer-In-Charge of the Joint COVID-19 Response Center. From 2020-2022, Colonel Bodisch served as the Commanding Officer of the Combined Arms Training Center at Camp Fuji, Japan prior to his current assignment.

Colonel Bodisch and his wife, Kelli, have 5 Children.

Reservation information on back. —————>

**May Gala Dinner Meeting
Friday, May 19th, 2023, 7PM**

Your reservations may be made online no later than **Monday, May 15th, 5 PM** via our Navy League RSVP Site:

<https://denvercouncilnavyleague.wildapricot.org/event-5257451>

If you prefer to RSVP by ground mail, please print this page, complete the form and send it to arrive **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 15** with check for \$40.00 per plate payable to NLUS Denver Council to:

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**RESERVATION REQUEST for
NLUS Denver Council May Dinner
Friday May 19th, 2023
6:00 PM Social Hour
7:00 PM Dinner**

NAME(S): _____

GUEST(S): _____

MEALS: _____

Beef Medallions _____

Grilled Chicken _____

Salmon _____

Vegetarian Plate _____

\$40.00 per plate

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACE

**DoubleTree by Hilton Central Park Denver
4040 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80216**

The hotel is located at the intersection of I-70 and Quebec Street. There is ample parking on the side and at the back of the building.

I-70 west to Northfield/Quebec Street, Exit. Turn left (south) on Quebec Street, then left (east) on East 40th Ave. Take this to Frontage Road, Turn left (north) on Frontage Road to the DoubleTree on the Right