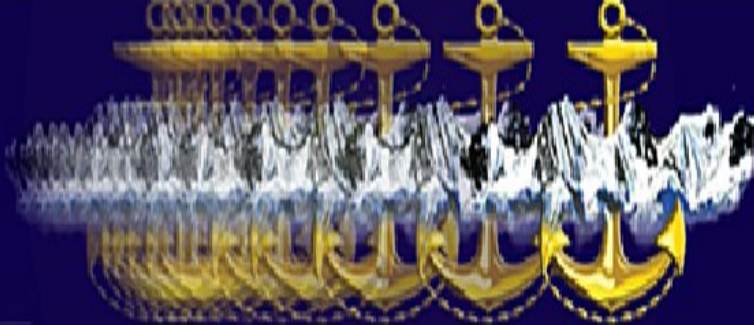




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## Denver Council May 17<sup>th</sup> Gala Dinner Meeting Hosting Rear Admiral Scott Robertson, USN and Honoring our Region Maritime Service Academy Appointees/NROTC Selectees and Navy Operational Support Center Denver's Top Performers

Happy Spring to all! I hope that you are enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather.

It was great to have so many people attend our March meeting, despite the winter weather. Our guest speaker, Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Salcido, USN, Executive Officer of the Navy Element at U.S. Space Command gave a highly informative presentation about the role and mission of the U.S. Space Command.



Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2024 at the Hilton Garden Inn Denver Airport located at 16475 East 40<sup>th</sup> Circle in Aurora.

We are pleased that Rear Admiral Scott Robertson has agreed to be our guest speaker for the evening. Rear Admiral Robertson is the Director of Strategy, Policy and Plans (J5), North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado.

The May meeting is typically the largest of the year. We invite the local area Sea Service Academy appointees, the NROTC scholarship recipients, and their families. We will also honor the top performers from the Navy Operational Support Center Denver. I hope that we will have a good turnout to this meeting as well.

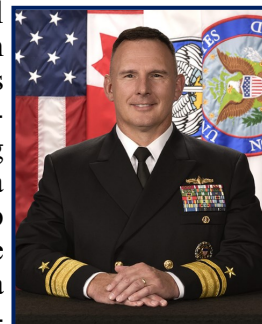
Hope to see you on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Florence Mackin, President*

### Rear Admiral Scott Robertson U.S. Navy

Rear Admiral Robertson is the Director of Strategy, Policy and Plans (J5) North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson Space Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He is a third-generation naval officer. As an enlisted Seaman in 1986, he attended the Navy's Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program earning a four-year NROTC scholarship at Norwich University where he earned a commission, and a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering in 1991. He later earned a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from George Mason University.



As a Surface Warfare Officer, Rear Adm. Robertson has served in a highly diverse and extensive range of assignments onboard cruisers, aircraft carriers and frigates. He commanded frigate, USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60) during a seven-month counter-narcotic deployment. He then commanded cruiser, USS Normandy (CG 60) the first Aegis Baseline 9 warship with naval Integrated Fire Control – Counter Air capability and took her on a nine-month global-circumnavigation deployment where he served as the Air and Missile defense commander for the USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group.

Robertson's shore assignments include Aegis Training and Readiness Center Air Defense Instructor, Joint Staff (J8) Directorate as the resources and acquisition manager, and Commanding Officer of Surface Warfare Officers School Command.

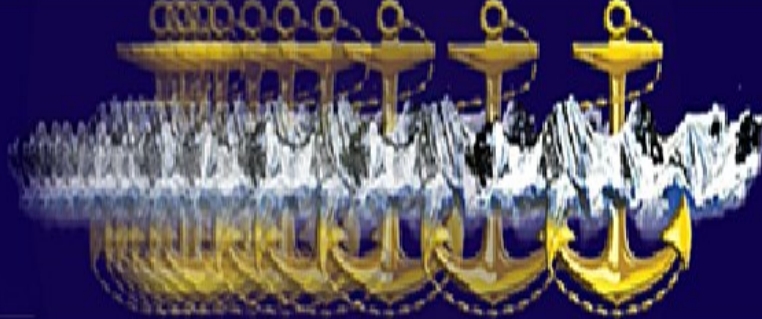
Rear Adm. Robertson's initial Flag Officer Assignments were as Commander Naval Surface and Mine Warfare Development Center followed by his assumption of duties as Commander, Carrier Strike Group TWO as lead of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group deploying for seven months to the European and Central Command areas of responsibility. In July 2022 he reported to his current assignment at NORAD and NORTHCOM.





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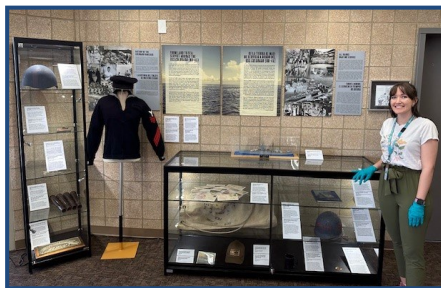
### USS Colorado Submarine Association Update

USS Colorado is transiting under the Arctic ice, from New London Connecticut to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, where she will undergo a scheduled



24 month overhaul. Ten members of the Association will travel to Hawaii in late April to show their support for the crew and, hopefully, participate in an underway cruise aboard the submarine before she begins the overhaul. These members will also have some social interactions with the Commanding Officer, Commander Beam, Executive Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Stromme, Chief of The Boat, STSCM Goss, Submarine Squadron 7 Commander, Captain Poorman, and perhaps the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, Rear Admiral Richard Seif, Jr.

Separately, and perhaps of interest to local Navy League members, the Association was informed by History Colorado that a new exhibit showcasing the WWII Battleship USS Colorado, BB-45, recently opened. The Association contributed funds last year to History Colorado that paid for an Intern who was instrumental in making this exhibit possible. *The Colorado Curated Story: USS Colorado*, will be on display at the Adams County Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts Administration Building at 9755 Henderson Road in Brighton through August 2024. This Administration Building is located in the Riverdale Regional Park where Adams County has constructed a replica of the Battleship.



*Don Price, USS Colorado Submarine Association*

### March Dinner Meeting Hosted Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Roomba Salcido, USN, Executive Officer, Naval Element U.S. Space Command and Honoring Top Performers of the Navy Information Operations Command Colorado.

Lt. Cmdr. Salcido presented a very informative and eye-opening program about the operations and vital importance of the U.S. Space Command. Top performer honorees are discussed in the awards section of the newsletter.



### Legislative Affairs Update

Navy League headquarters is currently training members and putting together PowerPoint presentations for this year's Capitol Hill Surge. The Hill Surge consists of Navy League members meeting with Members of Congress or their staff members and reviewing this year's legislative requests from the Navy League. For the Rocky Mountain Region (Colorado and New Mexico), the briefings will be taking place in May and June and will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Anyone who is interested in participating in briefings to members of Congress, even if only to listen and observe, please email Chris Schutzenberger at [teamschutz@yahoo.com](mailto:teamschutz@yahoo.com).

*Chris Schutzenberger*

### Online Resources:

Navy League National:

<https://www.navyleague.org>

Denver Council Navy League:

[www.navyleague-denvercouncil.org/](http://www.navyleague-denvercouncil.org/)

Denver Council Flickr photo albums:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/131150115@N07/albums/>

Denver Council Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/DenverCouncil/>

USS Colorado (SSN-788) Submarine Association

<https://usscoloradosubassoc.org>



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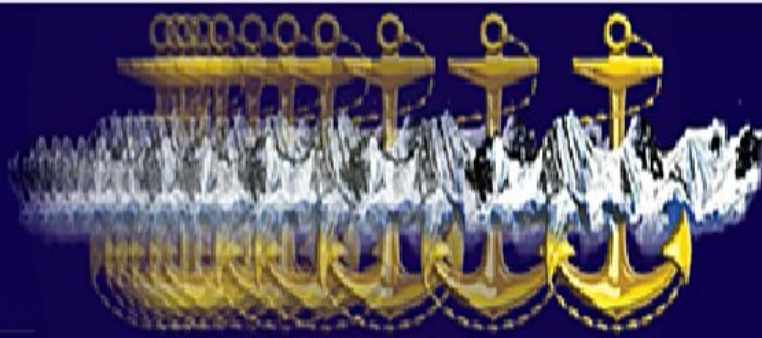


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### Sea Cadet Update

The February drill was all about getting ready for the annual inspection. Cadets showed up in their dress blues so staff could check for cleanliness and fit. Uniform staff and volunteers then spent the day sewing on new Cadet insignia. Cadets also spent time shining shoes, checking ribbon racks and ironing uniforms and neckerchiefs. When Cadets were not working on their uniforms, they were practicing their Sea Cadet Oath and General Orders. On Sunday, NSCC Region Commander Hernandez conducted her final inspection and awarded high honors to two Cadets who stood above all others, namely Seaman Apprentice Carlisle for Lexington Division and PO1 Cast for Training Ship Colorado. Commander Hernandez also recognized three outstanding staff members for their dedication to the Sea Cadets. These were instructors Asper and Jones and Ensign von Stein.



Boxing was the order of the day during the March drill. Cadets headed to TOS Boxing Gym in Englewood in two groups to learn about boxing. They worked on a variety of skills from proper heavy bag training and basic skills such as the boxer's stance, and how to jab, hook, cross and uppercut. Two cadets commented about their favorite part while at TOS Boxing. PO1 Contard said "Definitely the workout. I felt fully ready to dive in and take on whatever challenges were thrown my way following the workout." APC Lucero said, "My favorite part of boxing was being able to hit mitts. I liked being able to practice my punches with a real person."

If they were not boxing, Cadets were learning land navigation skills. On Sunday cadets performed

physical training (PT) while playing football and practiced CPR skills.

The Cadets will be very busy this summer attending trainings all over the United States. To date, Sea Cadets have registered for: Special Operations, Rope Rescue in Tennessee, Navy Shore Recruit Training and Dive, SCUBA Certification in Florida. And to date, League Cadets have registered for NLCC Orientation, Basic and NLCC Aviation Training in Kentucky. We will hear about these trainings at the September Dinner meeting.



*Page Carr, Instructor, Naval Sea Cadet Corps*

### Navy Birthday Ball

Please mark your calendars for Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>, the date we will celebrate the Navy's 249<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Denver Council will host a ball to commemorate this event at the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs. More details will be made available as the event date nears.

If you would like to volunteer to help make this event a success, contact Florence Mackin at [fmackin@mackinweb.net](mailto:fmackin@mackinweb.net).

Don't miss this gala event!

### Denver Council Local Dues 2024

Denver Council dues for 2024 are \$15.00 for an individual member and \$25.00 for a couple, payable from December 2023 to March 2024. We now have the option to pay your local dues for 2024 online at the following link: <https://www.navyleague-denvercouncil.org/event-5507479> If you prefer to pay by check or cash, you can do so at the January or March meetings. Or you can mail your check made payable to NLUS Denver Council to Mrs. Pam Quin, 1000 Green Oaks Drive, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80121-1325.



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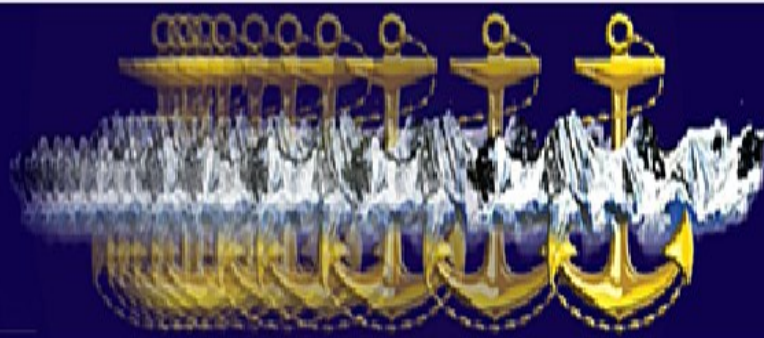
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### Awards/Honors

During the March Dinner Meeting, the Council honored the following top performers of the Navy Information Operations Command Colorado:



CTR1 (SS/1W) Zachary Dawson, USN as Sailor of the Year; CTR2 (1W) Michael Canfield, USN as Junior Sailor of the Year; and CTR2 Ariana Abrahamson, USN as Blue Jacket of the Year.

In April, the Council awarded the Navy League Exemplary Leadership Award to Midshipman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Cameron Tullie, USMC of NROTC, University of Colorado.

During April and May, the Council awarded Navy League Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medals for outstanding performance to the following Navy and Marine Corps JROTC cadets: Cadets Diego Vale Espinoza and Shiloh Grim, Northridge High School MCJROTC, Greeley, Colorado; Cadet Paloma Onofre, Prairie View High School NJROTC, Henderson, Colorado; and Cadet Treston Jiminez-Tandal, Kelly Walsh High School MCJROTC, Casper, Wyoming.

### The Navy League National Convention 2024

The Navy League National Convention 2024 will be held June 5-8 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego, California. Registration link below. <https://www.navyleague.org/meetings-and-events/national-convention/>.

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Electronic versions available upon request.

Find out more on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DenverCouncil/>

### Spring Gala May Dinner Meeting Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7PM

Your reservations may be made online no later than **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM** via our Navy League RSVP Site:

<https://www.navyleague-denvercouncil.org/event-5690570>

If you prefer to RSVP by ground mail, please print this page, complete the form and send it to arrive **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY May 9<sup>th</sup>**, with check for \$40.00 per plate payable to NLUS Denver Council to:

Mrs. Pam Quin  
1000 Green Oaks Drive  
Greenwood Village, CO. 80121-1325  
720-937-9124  
[Jpq9123@msn.com](mailto:Jpq9123@msn.com)

**RESERVATION REQUEST for  
NLUS Denver Council May Gala Dinner  
Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:00 PM Social Hour  
7:00 PM Dinner**

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST(S): \_\_\_\_\_

# MEALS:

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Cost remains at \$40.00 per plate.

**DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACE:  
Hilton Garden Inn Denver Airport  
16475 East 40<sup>th</sup> Circle,  
Aurora, CO 80011**

I-70 east to North Chambers Road (Turn left, North), then turn right (East) on East 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Turn right (South) on the second East 40<sup>th</sup> Circle. Hilton Garden Inn is on the right just behind Applebee's Restaurant.



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