



## Denver Council January 17<sup>th</sup> Winter Dinner Meeting Hosting Commander Joel McMillan Civil Engineer Corps, USN and Honoring Top Performers of U.S. Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit Colorado

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of 2024 and are about to begin a new year. The Denver Council ended 2024 with an interesting talk by Dick Life about his experiences in the submarine force off the coast of Vietnam. We are looking forward to our first dinner meeting of the new year on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, when we will host Commander Joel McMillan, the Navy Staff Engineer for the Engineering Division in the Directorate of Logistics and Engineering at NORAD and USNORTHCOM. We will also honor the top performers at the U.S. Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit Colorado.



Thanks to all of you who donated toys for the Marine Toys for Tots program. I delivered four large bags filled with new toys to their warehouse in Aurora. I appreciate your generous support.

Our site for payment of local dues will be open to take payments through March 31, 2025. Thanks to all who have paid their local dues. For those of you who have not yet done so, I hope that you will consider making this nominal payment to help us continue our support of our Sea Cadet units and local commands and keep the cost of our dinners as low as possible while maintaining our financial viability.

October 13, 2025 will mark the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Navy. The Denver Council, in conjunction with NORAD and USNORTHCOM, plans to host a Navy Ball to commemorate this milestone. Planning will begin in earnest in January. Please stay tuned for more information!

My best wishes to all of you for A Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year! I look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January.

*Florence Mackin, President*

### Commander Joel D. McMillan, USN

CDR McMillan is the Navy Staff Engineer for the Engineering Division (J42) in the Directorate of Logistics and Engineering (J4) at North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). He advocates for military engineering support to NORAD and USNORTHCOM through technical advances and critical infrastructure advisement.

Prior to this assignment, he was the Director of the Navy Contracting Office - Somalia, coordinating life and facility support through contract vehicles to US forces operating in Somalia.



After commissioning from Officer Candidate School in 1999, his Navy assignments began with Public Works Center, San Diego where he became the Division Officer for the Point Loma Self-Help.

In 2002, he reported to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic Division as an intern architect. Then serving as a company commander, he deployed with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three to Okinawa, Guam and the Philippines. In 2005, he reported aboard Submarine Base New London as a construction manager and assistant public works officer. While serving in Groton, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, assigned as the Officer in Charge of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers construction office in Camp Taji, Iraq.

In 2007, he relocated to Naples, Italy as NAVFAC's Contingency Engineer Business Line Leader for Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia. After graduate school, he reported to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, serving temporarily as assistant resident officer in charge of construction until he joined the Afghanistan Pakistan Hands program in 2012, deploying to Kabul in 2013 as an advisor to Afghanistan's Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development. In 2014, he served as a senior engineer in the U.S. Agency for International Development in the Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad. In 2015, he deployed again to Kabul, Afghanistan, this time as both the Deputy Engineer for NATO and the Strategic Basing Officer. In June 2017, he assumed the duty as the Public Works Officer of Naval Support Activity Crane, Indiana. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Illinois Tech, a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Washington, and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. He is a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer, a Joint Qualified Officer, a member of the acquisition professional community and a registered architect in Colorado.

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**January Winter Dinner Meeting  
Friday, January 17, 2025, 7PM**

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

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/denver-council-dinner-january-17--2025>

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

Mrs. Florence Mackin  
2137 Night Sky Lane  
Lafayette, CO 80026  
(720-292-9772)

**RESERVATION REQUEST for NLUS Denver Council January Winter  
Dinner Friday, January 17, 2025**

**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 40th Circle,  
Aurora, CO 80011**

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