



Denver Council September 19th Fall Dinner Meeting Hosting Commander Joel D. McMillan, Navy Staff Engineer, USN, and Honoring Top Performers from the Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Denver

I hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer thus far. It seems hard to believe that we are in the process of planning our September meeting already.

The September meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 19th, at the Hilton Garden Inn Denver Airport. Our guest speaker will be CDR Joel McMillan, who currently serves as the Navy Staff Engineer for the Engineering Division (J42) in the Directorate of Logistics and Engineering (J4) at American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). We will also honor the top performers from the Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Denver.



2025 marks the 250th birthday of the United States Navy! Planning has begun for the Navy Birthday Ball which will celebrate this milestone. The Ball will be held on Saturday, October 11th at Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs. Please, mark your calendars! I hope that we can get a sizable number of attendees for this special occasion. Rooms at the Antlers Hotel will be available at a reduced rate. For more information and **reservations for the Birthday Ball** <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/navy-birthday-ball--250-2>.

I look forward to seeing you on the 19th of September and again on October 11th!

Florence Mackin, President

Commander Joel D. McMillan, USN

CMDR 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 and United States Northern Command. 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, this time as Both the Deputy Engineer for NATO and the Strategic Basing Officer. In 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 U.S. 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.

His personal awards include Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medals, Navy Commendation Medals, an Army Commendation Medal and a Navy Achievement Medal.

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September Fall Dinner Meeting
Friday, September 19th, 2025, 7PM

Your reservations may be made online no later than **Thursday, September 11th, 5 PM** via our Navy League RSVP Site:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/denver-council-dinner-friday-september-19--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 September 11th**, with check for \$40.00 per plate payable to NLUS Denver Council to:

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RESERVATION REQUEST for
NLUS Denver Council September Fall Dinner
Friday, September 19th, 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.