



Denver Council January 16th Winter Dinner Hosting Commander Andrew Gerla, USN, Commanding Officer Navy Talent Acquisition Group (NTAG) Rocky Mountain and Honoring His Top Sailors and Our Top Sea Cadets

The Denver Council will begin the new year at our next meeting scheduled for Friday, January 16th at the Hilton Garden Inn Denver Airport located at 1645 East 40th Circle, Aurora, CO. Our guest speaker for the evening will be CDR Andrew Gerla who currently serves as the Commanding Officer of the Navy Talent Acquisition Group Rocky Mountain.



You can register for the event online at the Denver Council website: [Navy League of the United States – Denver Council – Citizens in Support of the Sea Services](http://www.navyleague.org/denver).

Many thanks to all of you who donated toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. I delivered four large bags filled with new toys to their warehouse in Aurora. As always, I appreciate your generous support for this program which brings Christmas joy to so many kids.

We have begun collecting our annual dues for 2026. Our online site for payment of local dues will be open to take payments through March 31, 2026. Please [click here](#) to make your payment or send a check made payable to NLUS Denver Council to me at 2137 Night Sky Lane, Lafayette, CO 80026. I hope that all our Denver Council members and supporters will consider making this nominal payment. Your support helps us to keep the cost of our dinners as low as possible while maintaining our financial viability and continuing our support of our Sea Cadet units and local commands.

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 16th of January.
Florence Mackin, Denver Council President

Commander Andrew C. Gerla, USN

Commander Gerla is a native of Washington State and joined the Navy's Delayed Entry Program in 1999. Following recruit training in Great Lakes, IL, and nuclear "A" school in Charleston, SC, he earned a NROTC scholarship to Washington State University where he graduated and received his commission in 2006.

Commander Gerla's Surface Warfare Officer assignments include a tour aboard the USS Chafee homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI, and as a Mission Commander for Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron Four, homeported in Portsmouth, VA. He has three times deployed in the Western Pacific as well as conducted numerous waterborne security missions throughout North and Central America. Commander Gerla's shore tours include: Executive Officer for Transient Personnel Unit Puget Sound; Flag Aide to Rear Admiral Annie B. Andrews, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command; Commanding Officer of the Honolulu Military Entrance Processing Station where he was responsible for all Department of Defense military accessions in the state of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau; Deputy Director of Manpower and Personnel for Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Director of Naval Manpower and Personnel and the Naval Element Executive Officer at the 4-star Combatant Command, US Special Operations



Commander Gerla served as Senior Instructor of the United States Naval Academy in CO. where he was awarded the Philip D. Caine award as an instructor of the year for 2022-2023. Commander Gerla redesignated into the Human Resources community in 2013. He is a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources, earned a Master's Degree in Business Admin. from the City University of Seattle, and a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He has also earned the designation of Joint-Qualified Officer.



Commander Gerla has received many personal awards but is most proud of the unit and team awards he's been privileged to contribute to.

Turn over for reservation information.

January Winter Dinner Meeting
Friday, January 16th, 2026

Your reservations may be made online no later than **Thursday, January 8th, 5 PM** via our Navy League RSVP Site:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/denver-council-dinner-friday-january-16--2026> control+click to follow link

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 8th, 5 PM** with check for \$40.00 per plate payable to NLUS Denver Council to:

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RESERVATION REQUEST for
NLUS Denver Council January Winter Dinner Meeting
Friday, January 16th, 2026
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.