

Denver Council January 19th Dinner Meeting Hosting Dr. Chris Juergens, Ph.D. of History Colorado and Honoring Top Performers of the U.S. Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit

My best wishes to all

for a happy and healthy new year. The Denver Council's first meeting of 2024 is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2024. The meeting will be held at the **Hilton Garden Inn Denver Airport** located at 16475 East 40th Circle in Aurora. We are returning to this venue as the Board found it to be



the most cost-effective choice for the Council.

I am sure that all who attended the November meeting were moved by Chaplain Andy Meverden's inspiring story of a tragic accident in Afghanistan that resulted in the deaths of four young boys and his subsequent participation in a local custom to acknowledge the injury to the fathers of these children. These events occurred while he served as a U. S. Army Green Beret in this war-torn land.

Our guest speaker for January is Dr. Chris Juergens, Head of Curatorial Services, and the Anschutz Curator of Military History at History Colorado where he manages the military collections with oversight of over 10,000 artifacts. History Colorado just opened a new exhibit titled "Winter Warriors – The 10th Mountain Division in World War II." It is a very thorough and well-done presentation of the story of Colorado's 10th Mountain Division.

We will also honor the top performers of the United States Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit Colorado.

Hope to see you all early next year!

Florence Mackin, President

Dr. Chris Juergens, Ph.D. Head Curatorial Services and Anschutz Curator of Military History at History Colorado

Dr. Chris Juergens is the Head of Curatorial Services and the Anschutz Curator of Military History at History Colorado. Here he oversees the state's extensive military collections, ensuring this important history is appropriately collected, preserved, and shared. In his free time, he is also an



Adjunct Professor in the Department of Strategy and Policy at the United States Naval War College.

Dr. Juergens will discuss the "Military History Collections

January Winter Meeting Friday, January 19th, 2024, 7PM

Your reservations may be made online no later than **Thursday, January 11th, 5 PM** via our Navy League RSVP Site: <u>https://www.navyleague-denvercouncil.org/event-5513668</u>

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 11th** with check for \$40.00 per plate payable to NLUS Denver Council to:

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RESERVATION REQUEST for NLUS Denver Council January Dinner Friday, January 19th, 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 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 behind Applebee's Restaurant.

at History Colorado." This talk will broadly discuss the types of stories held in the state collection at History Colorado, the methods of collecting artifacts, the strengths and weaknesses of the collection, and plans for the coming year. Also provided will be an overview of recent high-profile work in the collection, including the newest exhibit, *Winter Warriors*, and ongoing work surrounding the service of the WWII battleship, USS Colorado BB-45.