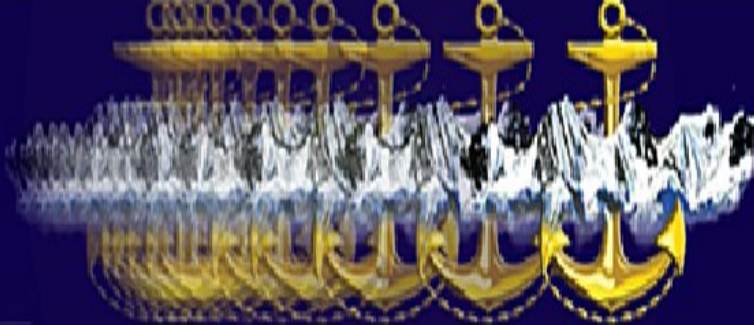




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Denver Council March 15th Dinner Meeting Hosting Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Salcido, USN, Executive Officer Naval Element U.S. Space Command and Honoring Top Performers of the Navy Information Operations Command Colorado

By Florence Mackin, President

Thanks to all who attended our January meeting. Dr. Chris Juergens and his colleague, Sydney Mauch, gave us an inside look into the process of collecting, preserving, and exhibiting objects of historical significance at History Colorado in Denver. I hope that you will have the opportunity to visit their new exhibit, *Winter Warriors*, an in-depth exploration of the 10th Mountain Division from their training in Colorado to their breakthrough against the Nazi Army in World War II.



Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 15th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Aurora. Our guest speaker will be Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Salcido, who currently serves as the executive officer of the Navy Element at U.S. Space Command. His presentation will center on the maritime component at Space Command, a topic of special interest given recent news reports. We will also honor the top performers at the Navy Information Operations Command Colorado at this meeting.

Please mark your calendars! 2024 marks the 249th birthday of the United States Navy. The Denver Council in conjunction with the Navy Element at Northern Command will host a Navy Ball on Saturday, October 12th, 2024, at the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs. We will share more details about this gala event as they become available.

Hope to see you on the 15th of March!

LT. CMDR. Ryan "ROOMBA" Salcido

Lt. Cmdr. Salcido is a native of southern California and earned his degree from Miami University of Ohio. He enlisted as an Avionics Technician and received a commission through Officer Candidate School. Initially designated as a Naval Flight Officer, he earned his Information Warfare qualification and was re-designated as a Maritime Space Officer within the Information Warfare Community in 2022.

Afloat assignments include aircraft squadron deployments aboard four different aircraft carriers, three of

which involved the first three deployments of the new EA-18G electronic warfare plane and one involved supporting Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom. During his Department Head Tour on the staff of Battle Force SEVENTH Fleet, he served as the Operations, Administrative and Safety Officer for Carrier Air Wing-2 aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).



Ashore and joint assignments include: Joint Reconnaissance Officer in All-source Operations for the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; Operations Officer at Naval Support Activity, Souda Bay, Crete where he oversaw the Navy's air and sea support of U.S. allies and coalition forces operating within the European Command, African Command and Central Command areas of responsibility and his current assignment at U.S. Space Command as the Branch Chief for Orbital Warfare requirements and Executive Officer of the Naval Element.

Lt. Cmdr. Salcido is a qualified Aviation Safety Officer, holds a certificate in Network Operations from Naval Postgraduate School, is a Defense Intelligence Agency certificated Collection Manager and has completed his Joint Professional Military academics via the USMC's Command and Staff College.

January Dinner Meeting Hosted Dr. Chris Juergens, Ph.D., Head of Curatorial Services and Military History at History Colorado Museum and Honored U.S. Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit Colorado's Top Performer

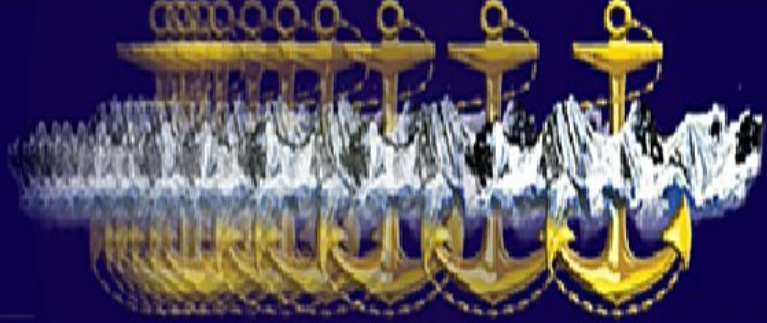
Dr. Juergens, assisted by colleague Sydney Mauck, presented an informative overview of how the historic military and other artifacts at History Colorado are obtained, restored, displayed and protected. Top performer honorees are discussed in the awards section of the Newsletter.





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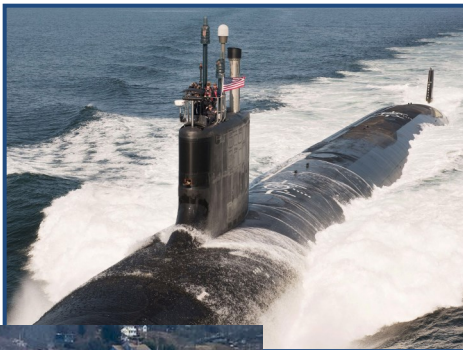
USS Colorado Submarine Association Update

By Don Price, USS Colorado Submarine Association

USS Colorado Commanding Officer, Cmdr. David Beam, informed the Association that after a stand down period following their recent deployment, they have been at sea for some sonar testing and an Arctic Operations Certification. They will then have a final maintenance availability before sailing over the North Pole to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard near Honolulu, Hawaii for an extended maintenance period. Cmdr. Beam also informed Association members that the crew loved the deployment coins from the Association and greatly appreciated their support upon the crew's return from deployment.



Association members offered congratulations to Cmdr. Beam and the crew of USS Colorado on their winning the Battle "E" for their Squadron. The Battle "E" is awarded to the submarine in each squadron rated number one in warfighting readiness. Additionally, the crew won the Medical "M", Cyber "C", Navigation "N", and Supply "S" awards for excellence in these categories.



This is quite an accomplishment!

If you are interested in more actively supporting the crew and families of USS Colorado, consider becoming a member of the USS Colorado Submarine Association. Membership dues contribute to crew and Family Readiness Group morale boosting activities. Membership information can be found on the Association's website at:

<https://ucsa.wildapricot.org/join-us>.

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.



Online Resources:

Navy League National:

<https://www.navyleague.org>

Denver Council Navy League:

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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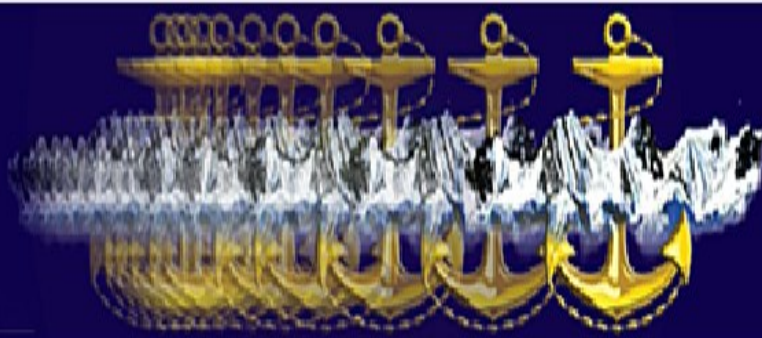
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Sea Cadet Update

By Page Carr, Instructor, Naval Sea Cadet Corps

December Drill: Although sea cadet support of Wreaths Across America Foundation work at Fort Logan National Cemetery in December was touched upon in the January newsletter, a more detailed report is warranted. The December drill started at 0630 for eight cadets arriving at the cemetery to help unload wreaths. By 0830 another 38 cadets arrived to help distribute and place the wreaths on thousands of deceased veterans' graves. They teamed with two Colorado Young Marine Units and one Civil Air Patrol Unit to accomplish the overall mission with hard work and great attitudes for which they received many compliments from the other military youth groups.



After Fort Logan, the cadets returned to the Navy Operational Support Center Denver (NOSC) and began with uniform inspections, PRT's and practicing everything League and Sea Cadet related. Aviation Training group headed to the Wings Over the Rockies Museum at Lowry to complete their final drone training activity. When they returned, they spent some time flying drones so they could practice the skills they had learned.

The December drill ended on Sunday with a gift exchange and holiday party where the drill deck was packed with cadets, parents, siblings, special guests and delicious food.



January Drill: Part of the January drill was canceled due to bad weather but cadets and parents stayed flexible and changed plans as needed. The cadets met at the VFW in Bennett and then headed

to the community pool for swim qualifications practice. Cadets must be able to swim in shallow water, in chest deep water and deep water, tread water and prone float. There are four levels to attain: Basic Swimmer, Third Class Swimmer, Second Class Swimmer and First Class Swimmer.



After swimming practice, the cadets returned to the NOSC to work on Color Guard drills and prepare for the annual inspection in February. Cadets practiced their required knowledge concepts such as the Eleven General Orders and the Sea Cadet Oath. Cadets checked their dress blues for proper fit and required items. They also updated ribbon racks.

The unit placed ninth in the nation last year; this year the goal is to place in the top five for 2024. Good luck Lexington Division and Training Ship Colorado!

Wreaths Out Day: Eleven League Cadets and Sea Cadets showed up at Fort Logan National Cemetery on a January morning to help remove and dispose of over 10,000 wreaths!

Lexington Division & Training Ship Colorado were successful in meeting their Wreaths Across America goal for 2023. Their goal for 2024 is 400 wreaths but we hope to have this all sponsored before the November deadline. Wreaths can be sponsored at any time during the year. Please use this link (www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CO0092P) to sponsor a wreath before the holidays arrive.

National and Local Dues

Please remember to keep up with your Navy League national dues (and keep Sea Power magazine coming to you) and our local Council annual dues of \$15 per individual or \$25 per couple. These local dues became mandatory in January 2019 and are a key element in supporting Council initiatives.



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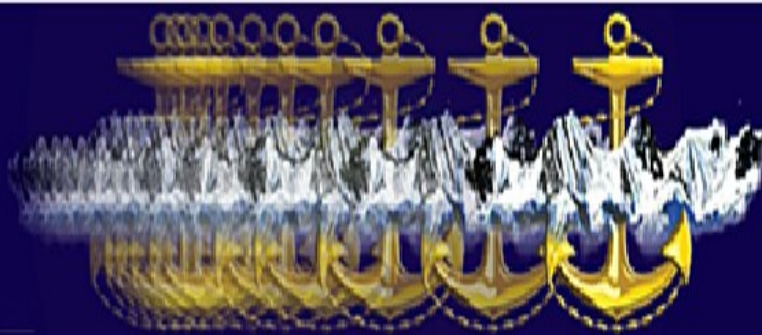
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Awards/Honors

During the January Dinner Meeting, the Council honored Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Paul Myrick, USCG, of the U.S. Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit Colorado who earned the 2023 Denver Council Navy League Enlisted Person of the Year Award.



During the upcoming March Dinner Meeting, the Council will honor top performers of the Navy Information Operations Command Colorado.

Navy League Sea Air Space Exposition

Navy League sponsored Sea Air Space Exposition will be held April 8-10, 2024 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland. More information at <https://seairspace.org/>.



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. Schedule will be posted on February 29 and registration will open March 28.

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Electronic versions available upon request.

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March Dinner Meeting Friday, March 15th, 2024, 7PM

Your reservations may be made online no later than **Monday, March 7th, 5 PM** via our Navy League RSVP Site:
<https://www.navyleague-denvercouncil.org/event-5621368>

If you prefer to RSVP by ground mail, please print this page, complete the form and send it to arrive **NO LATER THAN MONDAY March 7th**, 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

**RESERVATION REQUEST for
NLUS Denver Council March Dinner
Friday, March 15th, 2024
6:00 PM Social Hour
7:00 PM Dinner**

NAME(S): _____

GUEST(S): _____

MEALS:

Chicken _____

Salmon _____

Vegetarian Plate _____

Cost is \$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.



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