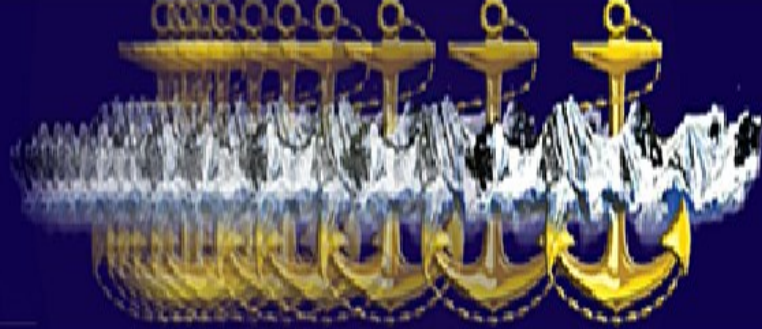




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## Denver Council September 15th Dinner Hosting Commander Regina “Reggie” Kauffman, USN and honoring top Marine Corps Recruiter and Navy Sea Cadets

I hope that all are enjoying a wonderful and relaxing summer. It is hard to believe that fall is just around the corner. Before that becomes official, the Denver Council will hold its next Dinner Meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree by Hilton Denver Central Park. Both the September and November meetings will be held at this venue. We are exploring other options for 2024.



I am happy to announce that our guest speaker on September 15<sup>th</sup> will be Commander Regina “Reggie” Kauffman, USN, Deputy of Officer Development, Naval Service Training Command, Boulder, Colorado. We also will honor the Marine Corps Recruiting Station Denver’s top recruiter as well as our outstanding Sea Cadet and Navy League Cadet. An overview of the Cadets’ summer training adventures will be presented at the meeting. Please see the reservation details on page 4, and join us on September 15th.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the September Meeting. I will be at a reunion of crew members of USS Lapon (SSN 661) in San Antonio, Texas. Steve Bethke, Denver Council Secretary, will lead the meeting in my absence.

*Florence Mackin, Council President*

## Commander Regina Kauffman, USN Deputy of Officer Development, Naval Service Training Command

Commander Kauffman is a 1997 graduate of Penn State with a B.S. degree in Aerospace Engineering. Commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, she earned her Naval Flight Officer wings of gold in 1999, and most recently achieved designation as Space Cadre and as an Information Warfare Officer.



Commander Kauffman’s sea duty assignments included

two operational tours with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron ONE (VQ-1) as an EP-3E Navigator, Evaluator, Senior Evaluator, and Mission Commander; a tour aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) as a Tactical Action Officer; and a tour aboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) as the Combat Direction Center Officer.

Kauffman’s Patrol and Reconnaissance staff assignments included tours at Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing TEN, and Patrol and Reconnaissance GROUP. Her joint assignments include the United States Cyber Command, and Defense Information Systems Agency. She is a graduate of the executive MBA program and the Space Systems certificate (non-resident) programs at Naval Post Graduate School, and Joint Professional Military Education I through the Naval War College. Prior to her current assignment she served as Executive Officer NROTC Unit at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

## May Dinner Featured Colonel Robert Bodisch, USMC and Honored Region Maritime Service Academy NROTC appointees and NOSC Denver’s Sailor of the Year.



Colonel Bodisch delivered an inspiring talk centered on his experience leading the NROTC program at CU and what the audience appointees should expect upon commissioning and entering the fleet to lead our nation’s most precious national security asset, our Sailors and Marines.

## Awards/Honors

During the May Membership Meeting, the Council honored NC1 Jabari W. Johnson of Navy Operational Support Center Denver who earned the Denver Council Navy League Sailor of the Year award for 2022.



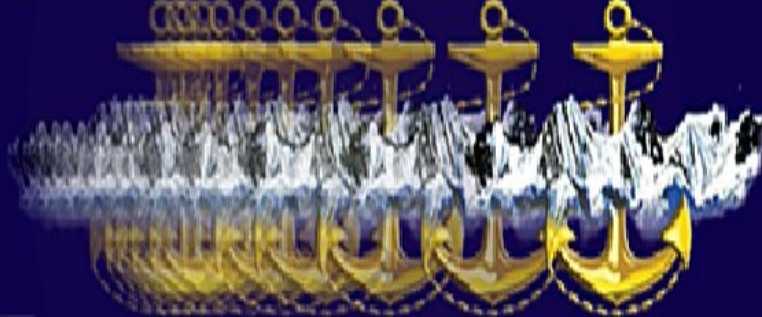
During the upcoming September Membership Meeting, the Council will honor Sea Cadet Units’ Top Sea Cadet and Navy League Cadet and the Marine Corps Recruiting Station Denver’s top recruiter.





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### Sea Cadets Update

Page Carr, Instructor, NSCC

Public Affairs Officer, Lexington Division & Training Ship Colorado

Cadets have been busy all summer with community service, color guards, drill and summer training.

### Community Service

At the end of April, Cadets helped send off the High Plains Honor Flight to Washington DC. They filled treat bags, prepared food and gifts for the Veterans and then showed the Veterans just how much we appreciate and support their sacrifices by lining their path with American flags. On Memorial Day, ten Cadets helped honor the fallen at the Bennett Cemetery Memorial Day event. On



Independence Day six League Cadets and seven Sea Cadets plus five staff members marched in the Greeley Stampede Independence Day parade. PO1 Pattermann, also organized three Color Guard color presentations at the Colorado Rockies games. The largest Color Guard of eight Cadets presented colors during the game on July 1.

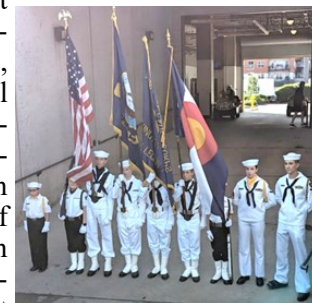
May drill was busy with Cadets learning about Airborne operations as 32 cadets simulated skydiving without parachutes at the IFLY wind tunnel in Colorado Springs.



### Summer Trainings

Cadets traveled all over the U.S. this summer to participate in summer training. In July Lexington Division and Training Ship Colorado Cadets and staff received Navy League Orientation, horse training and aviation training in Kentucky. While one League Cadet traveled to California for aviation training and one Sea Cadet traveled to Maine for Scuba training. Sea Cadet Commanding Officer traveled to New York to staff Sailing training.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> 28 Cadets and two staff members traveled from DIA to Fort Williams in Utah for 10 days where Cadets participated in: Recruit Training, Navy League Orientation, Honors and Ceremonies, Medical, UAS (unmanned aerial systems), and Culinary trainings, and Petty Officer Leadership Academy. At graduation Lexington Division took three of the nine honor cadet awards. In addition, our very own PO1 Pattermann was honored as the first Cadet to completely lead a training. PO1 Pattermann also created and staffed the Honors and Ceremonies training for the entire week.



### Upcoming Events

Just because summer is ending does not mean the Cadets are slowing down. Drills are planned each month from August through December with additional events such as the Windsor Harvest Festival September 4<sup>th</sup>, the Arvada Harvest Festival and the Greyling Memorial venue on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Cadets will also help lay wreaths again at Fort Logan National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Cadets have set an ambitious goal of sponsoring 400 wreaths. Please use this link to support Lexington Division and Training Ship Colorado and help them to meet their goal. <https://www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org/CO0092P>.

### Online Resources:

Navy League National:

<https://www.navyleague.org/>

Denver Council Navy League:

[www.navyleague-denvercouncil.org/](http://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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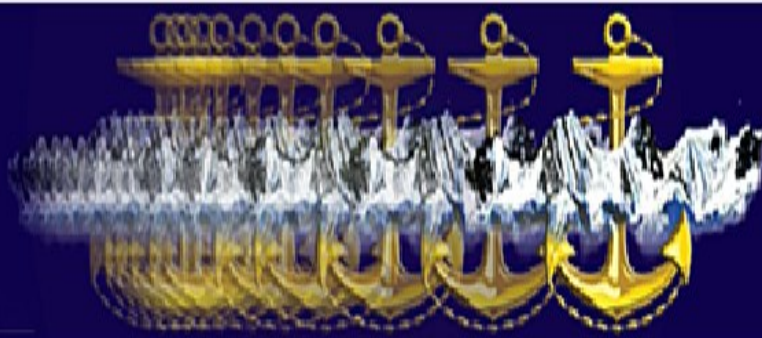
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### USS Colorado Submarine Association Update

By JJ Mackin

#### USS Colorado on Deployment

USS Colorado departed on deployment on June 28th. They had a great start as the Commanding Officer, Commander David Beam, re-enlisted crew member ITS2 Hughes as the boat made its way down the Thames River. A huge congratulations to Petty Officer Hughes for his dedication to serving the United States. A day later crew members



**USS Colorado's Triad Team: Commanding Officer CDR David Beam, Chief of the Boat STSCM Christopher Goss and Executive Officer LCDR Matthew Swezey.**

committed the remains of one of the Sonarmen's grandfather to the deep in a burial at sea ceremony, a first for COLORADO. "The sun was rising and the wind was blowing gently from the northwest, it was a beautiful ceremony and we were honored to have been asked to perform it." said Commander Beam.

Prior to the boat's departure the Family Readiness Group (FRG) made up some 80 morale-boosting Single Sailor gift boxes in which the Association happily contributed.

A week after the boat's departure, the FRG planned and executed a wonderful picnic at North Lake on the New London Submarine Base. Families were able to come together for fun and camaraderie, which is always much needed and welcome at this point in deployment! The FRG has plans for several events for the families while the boat is away.

#### John Fielder Passing

The association mourns the recent passing of renowned Colorado Nature Photographer John Fielder. John had donated several of his iconic Colorado landscape pictures to USS Colorado (SSN 788) during the construction period. They now adorn the Crew's Mess, reminding the crew of the beauty of the state they represent. For the Commissioning Chairman's Reception, he personally put together

and played a slide show of his photographs as a backdrop for the music portion of the event. He also attended a reception for crew members during one of their pre-commissioning visits to Colorado and donated one of his books to raffle off as a fund raiser. He recently donated the majority of his work to History Colorado. We are grateful for John's generosity, personal involvement and support of USS Colorado. He will be greatly missed.



**John Fielder's pictures decorate the Crew's Mess**

#### Denver Council Receives National Awards

During June 7-11, 2023 at the Navy League National Convention in Dallas, Texas, the Denver Council received awards for Outstanding Council and Sea Service Unit Adoption Excellence. Pictured from left are Dave Reilly, past National President, Denver Council members Pam Quin, Jim Quin and Chris Schutzenberger receiving the awards presented by Chris Townsend, the new National President. Congratulations and thanks to all who made these awards possible.



#### 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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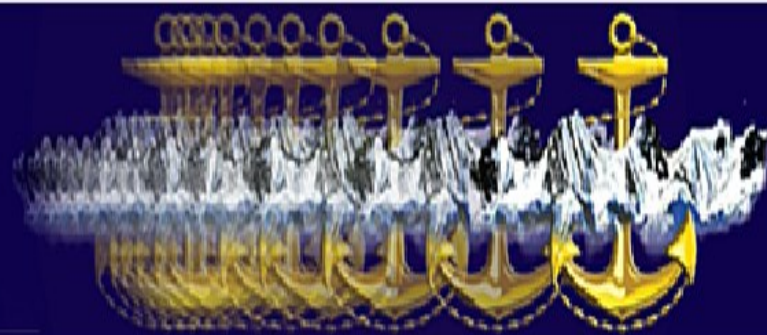
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### All Service Academy Ball

The 41st Annual Colorado All Service Academy Ball sponsored by the U. S. Naval Academy Parents' Club will be held Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at the Antlers Hotel Colorado Springs, CO. For more information/reservations for this gala event go to: [www.coloradoasab.org/register](http://www.coloradoasab.org/register).

### Legislative Affairs

In May and June, Legislative Affairs officer, Chris Schutzenberger, briefed the offices of multiple members of Congress during the annual Navy League Hill Surge. This series of contacts included every member on the Navy League Headquarters' priority list. The briefings covered the Navy League's history, current activities, and headquarters' legislative requests for the upcoming Congressional session. These briefings took place virtually via Zoom.

The following offices were briefed during this year's surge due to their assignments on key Congressional committees. For the New Mexico delegation, Dave Williams from the New Mexico Council joined the calls and gave an excellent overview of their council's activities.

- May 16 - Julia Valenzuela, Defense Fellow at the office of Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO-5)
- May 16 - Camilla Vogt, Defense Legislative Assistant at the office of Sen. John Hickenlooper (CO)
- May 18 - Joenice Bonds, Defense Fellow at the office of Rep. Chris Stewart (UT-2)
- June 8 - Logan Warberg, Defense Legislative Assistant at the office of Sen. Cynthia Lummis (WY)
- June 15 - Jason Jarvis, Defense Field Rep at the office of Sen. Martin Heinrich (NM)
- June 15 - Jacky Alvarado, Military Legislative Correspondent for Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (NM)
- June 16 - Audrey Jiminez, Sea Services Legislative Aide for Rep. Gabe Vasquez (NM)

Anyone interested in participating in future Congressional briefings, even if only to attend and listen, contact Chris Schutzenberger at [teamschutz@yahoo.com](mailto:teamschutz@yahoo.com).

### September Fall Dinner Meeting Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7PM

Your reservations may be made online no later than **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM** via our Navy League RSVP Site:

<https://www.navyleague-denvercouncil.org/event-5387173>  
If you prefer to RSVP by ground mail, please print this page, complete the form and send it to arrive **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, September 11** 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](mailto:Jpq9123@msn.com)

### RESERVATION REQUEST for NLUS Denver Council September Dinner Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6:00 PM Social Hour

7:00 PM Dinner

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST(S): \_\_\_\_\_

# MEALS: \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Medallions \_\_\_\_\_

Grilled Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Plate \_\_\_\_\_

\$40.00 per plate

### DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACE

**DoubleTree by Hilton Central Park Denver  
4040 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80216**

The hotel is located at the intersection of I-70 and Quebec Street. There is ample parking on the side and at the back of the building.

**I-70 west to Northfield/Quebec Street, Exit. Turn left (south) on Quebec Street, then left (east) on East 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. Take this to Frontage Road, Turn left (north) on Frontage Road to the DoubleTree on the Right.**



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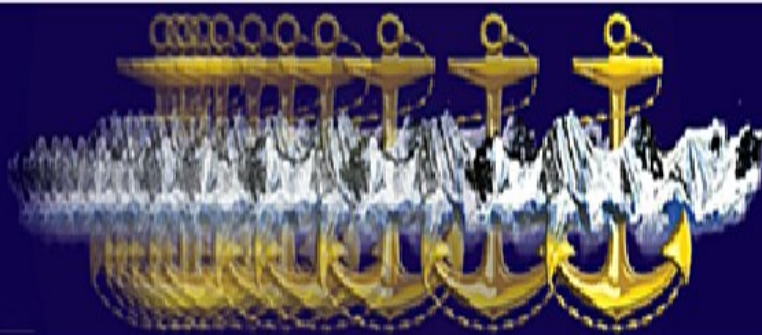
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## **Council Officer & Executive Board Member Elections**

The Board of Directors is currently developing a slate of candidates for Council Officer and Executive Board Member positions to be voted on during the November meeting.

These positions and **preliminary** candidates are:

### **Officers:**

Florence Mackin, President  
Jim Quin, Past President & Membership Retention  
Steve Bethke, Secretary  
David Fong, Treasurer

### **Executive Board:**

Kathleen Branch, Membership Recruiting  
David Fong, Council Contact, Youth Programs, Social Media  
Joe Suchman, Media & Public Relations  
Chris Schutzenberger, Legislative Affairs  
Gray Buckley, Council Chaplain  
Joe Mahaffey, Newsletter Editor & Council Awards  
Pam Quin, Meeting Coordination  
OPEN, Navy Ball  
OPEN, Programs  
OPEN, Member-at-Large

**THE COUNCIL IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS** for the **OPEN** positions. Those interested in filling any position should email Council Contact David Fong at [dfong@lexdiv.org](mailto:dfong@lexdiv.org). Board members must be active members in good standing with the Denver Council Navy League.



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