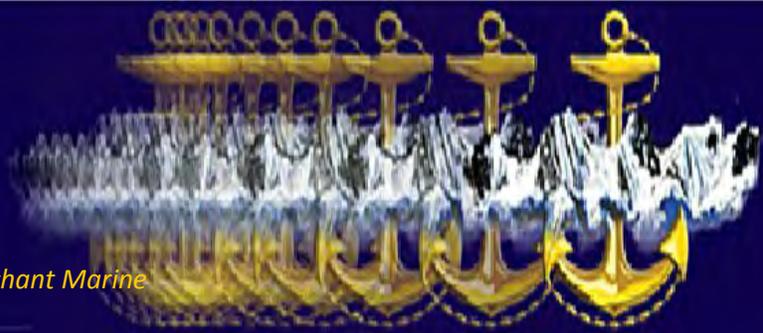


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Navy League Summer Update

Fellow Navy Leaguers, although the Council “throttles back” during the summer, I wanted to send an update newsletter letting you know recent and upcoming events in which your board has been working. Please note that these many successes would not be possible without our dynamic board of directors. We are constantly seeking Council members who would like to join our “inner circle” of leaders to continue our award winning “Outstanding Council” national recognition. But more on this subject later.

I’m pleased to announce that our September dinner guest speaker is a Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame honoree and appointee to the "Living Legends in Aviation" organization... a captivating speaker, Mr. Mike Silva.

Michael A. Silva - Honored 1988 & 2017

This native son was born April 11, 1950 in Trinidad, Colorado, and has lived in the state throughout his life. Mike Silva has received many awards and has earned every one of them through hard work, integrity and devotion to duty.

Mike graduated from Cathedral High School in Denver, and then entered the U.S. Army, attending helicopter training at Ft. Wolters, Texas and Ft. Rucker, Alabama. This led to his serving in Viet Nam from 1970 to 1971, where he was highly honored for combat operations, to include recipient of the Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and the highest of honors, the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After returning from Viet Nam, he trained as a police officer, serving with the Sheridan and Thornton Departments. Later, he was employed by the Adams County Sheriff's Department, where he created and developed the law enforcement helicopter program.

He holds many certifications and licenses in rotary-wing (helicopter) and fixed-wing aircraft, including in-



structor, and with these, joined the Colorado Air National Guard as a helicopter pilot.

Mike was a substitute helicopter pilot for Channels 2, 6, 7 & 9 before being hired as permanent pilot for Channel 4 in March 1983. He also worked with the Public Service Company, flying powerline patrols in excess of 3600 miles every six weeks.

Mike's most famous adventure was on February 9, 1988, when he, with Jim Stair as photographer, assisted Denver Police to locate and stop a bank robber/police killer/hostage holder. This episode was photographed by Jim and made news around the world, resulting in many honors being awarded to both of them. There was even a television program produced on this happening.

Mike has taken part in other searches and has helped the police many times. His life record shows a devotion to duty, public awareness and highest integrity. Mike is never content to meet the requirements of his job. His career is a testament to his willingness to go that extra yard, putting his own life at risk, when other's lives are at stake.

May “Gala” A Success

The Council's May dinner has, for over 25 years now, recognized the state's appointees to the Maritime Service Academies (USNA, USCGA, USMMA) and more recently the Navy ROTC scholarship recipients.



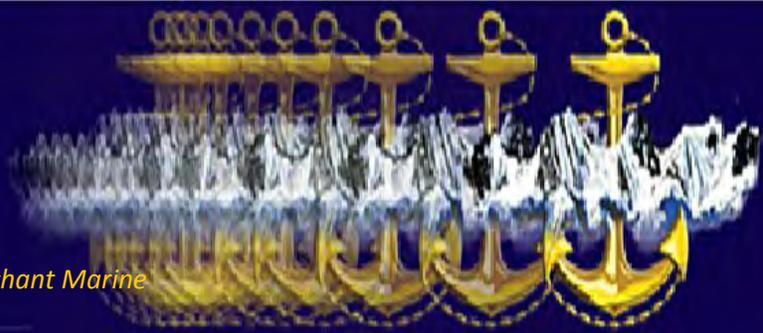
This year, Rear Admiral Burroughs (ret.) was the guest speaker. He spoke on his youth, during the period in which he was referred to the Navy's NUPOC (Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program) and how this decision forever changed his life. He challenged the state's top students in attendance to greater successes, now that they were competing nationally with a rarified peer group, and to never accept mediocrity or the status-quo.



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Council President's Column

I rarely write a column with myself as the spokesperson, recognizing that the Denver Council Navy League's success is a collective contribution from the Board Members. However, in this case, I'd like to share my observations, speaking from the heart.

Today I'd like to write on the importance of "stepping up the plate" and **nominating yourself** or another to a **Board Member** position.

The Denver Council has been a multi-year National Award winning Council from among 245 international competitors. This year we were awarded "Outstanding Council", edging out fleet intensive Councils such as Hampton Roads (greater Norfolk) and San Diego. This level of success is a tribute to our members, but even more specifically to our Board of Directors.

These Board of Directors are the men and women who seize the initiative to take many good ideas from talk to action.

The Navy League's banner statement is "Citizens in Support of the Sea Services". What this means is a mandate to educate the public as to the vital importance of a strong global maritime presence to ensure free access to our sea lanes.

America is an island nation. 90% of our goods come, in whole or in part, from international shipping. Without a strong Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S. Flag Merchant Marine, many "bad actors" across the globe would seek to impede this free trade to gain power for themselves.

No other military support organization pursues this mission.

I know full well that we live busy lives and that making the time to volunteer for leadership positions within an organization is not to be taken lightly. HOWEVER, I do ask that you seriously consider nominating yourself or another of your close association to be considered for a Denver Council Board position.

These Board members are the men and women who

"make it happen". They drive initiatives to educate the public on our mission, add to the quality of life for many a Sailor onboard Navy and Coast Guard ships, squadrons and shore commands, provide formal awards to top student leaders and act as a networking hub among the various active, reserve, friends of the Navy and other military organizations.

Included in this newsletter are a variety of photos and thank you notes showcasing but a fraction of this support.

Positions on the Board include president, vice president, treasurer, membership, secretary/recorder, council contact and social media, newsletter editor, youth group and military programs liaison and legislative affairs. Several of our most innovative members hold positions as "At-Large". This is a great position in which to enter the Board...No specific responsibilities, but the opportunity to listen, learn and contribute as you deem appropriate. Get to know us, and we get to know you, with a minimal time commitment.

Regarding time commitment, our board meetings are generally 1.5 hours, every other month and prior to the scheduled Council dinners, at the same location.

In closing, I would encourage you to check out our online resources, the Navy League National website, The Denver Council's website, Flickr photo album link and Facebook. The work we do is essential to the fleet, and our contributions are not to be taken lightly. I encourage you to "take the plunge" and become a part of the Council's leadership.

Questions? Please contact me personally at dpuleio@comcast.net, or cell: (303) 506-0229.



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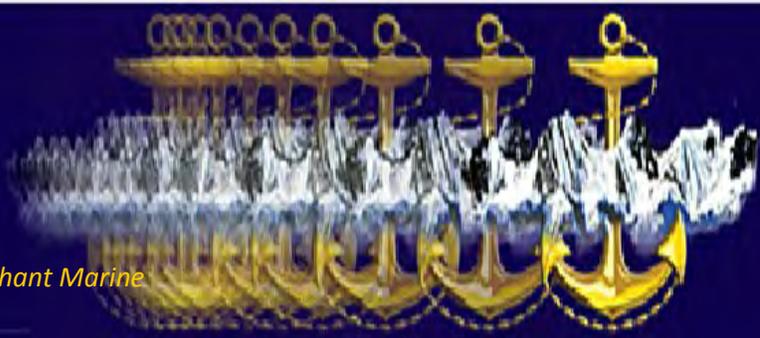


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COMMANDING OFFICER
USS COLORADO (SSN 788)
UNIT 100493 BOX 1
FPO AE 09594

Dear Dan and Chris Puleio,

4 May 2018

Thank you for your outstanding support of the crew USS COLORADO (SSN 788)! Your time, efforts, and contribution led to an incredible Commissioning and surrounding events. My crew is very proud of all our accomplishments, especially bringing our ship to life, and working hand-in-hand with you and the Commissioning Committee to make a very special ceremony that everyone will remember for a lifetime.

It was truly amazing to see all the people come together from Colorado, Connecticut, and across the United States to celebrate with us and share in our excitement. My crew and I look forward to maintaining a close relationship with you as we move ahead with our missions in the life of our warship, untamed by land and by sea.

Sincerely,

G.R. Koeppe
G. R. KOEPP

Great working & hanging out with you!



United States Coast Guard
Cryptologic Unit - Colorado

22 May 2018

Dear Denver Council of the Navy League:

Thank you so much for adopting our unit and recognizing our Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit Colorado Sailor of the Year!

We greatly appreciate your efforts to support the sea services and look forward to a continued partnership.

Semper Paratus!

J. Grant Thomas, Jr.
LCDR J. Grant Thomas, Jr., USCG
Commanding Officer
Coast Guard Cryptologic Unit Colorado

Denver Council Thank You's



May 18, 2018

Dan Puleio
NTAG Rocky Mountain
Attn: Dan Puleio, Public Affairs
621 17th Street, Suite 301
Denver, CO 80293

Dear CDR (ret.) Puleio,

Please excuse the tardiness of my note, but I wanted to pass my sincere thank you to you and the Denver Navy League for the warm and gracious hospitality you showed to my Sailors and me during our recent visit to Colorado. We were honored by and enjoyed the unique opportunity to meet with the Lt Governor and Executive Director of CCIA and to be able to share our thoughts and stories about the ship and her namesake park and peoples. The VIP tour of the state capitol building was amazing and not something we will soon forget.

I am thankful for the special relationship the mighty USS MESA VERDE and crew have with the Denver Navy League and look forward to maintaining our strong connection. And thank you for all you do in support of the sea services. Until our next visit, fair winds...

Sincerely and respectfully,

Max
M. CLARK
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer
USS MESA VERDE (LPD 19)



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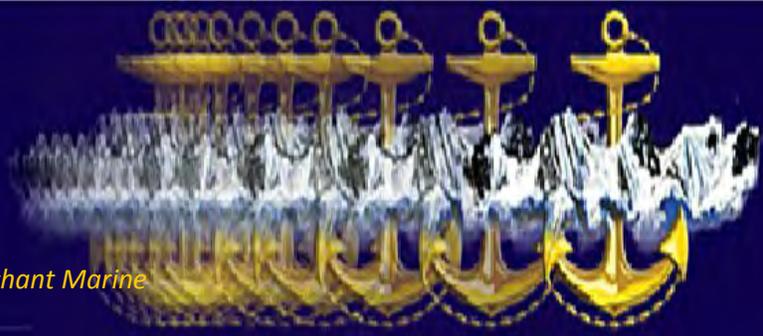
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Online Resources:

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/>

NTAG Rocky Mountain Flickr photo albums:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/129681239@N06/albums>

Denver Council Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/DenverCouncil/>

USS Colorado committee:

<https://usscoloradocommittee.org/>

Upcoming Events

Here are the upcoming Navy League Dinner dates.

Friday **28 September**: Guest Speaker, Mike Silva, Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame recipient

Friday 16 November 2018

Friday 25 January 2019

Friday 15 March 2019

Friday 24 May 2019

Friday 20 September 2019

- ◆ Model of the USS Colorado to be presented to Governor Hickenlooper, Wednesday 18 July
- ◆ Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport air show, in Broomfield, Saturday 4 August
- ◆ Colorado Rapids soccer, Military Appreciation Day, Saturday 11 August



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