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<http://www.navyleague-coloradosprings.org/>

### CALENDAR

Sep 24 - Council Dinner Meeting
Oct 1 - Board meeting, 0830, IHOP, 8065 Voyager
Oct 3 – Navy Birthday Celebration, 1730, Antlers Hilton
Nov 7 - Board meeting, IHOP, 0830, 8065 Voyager
Nov 5 - Council Dinner Meeting, Board of Directors Elections
Dec 5 - Board meeting, IHOP, 0830, 8065 Voyager

### RECENT EVENTS

#### Sea Services Picnic

The combined Rocky Mountain Navy Chief Petty Officers Association Family Picnic/Navy League Colorado Springs Council September Members Meeting was a well-attended, fun-filled event as usual! Dozens attended and enjoyed a great potluck feast! And rain!



The usual suspects

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Navy League Supporters!

We look forward to a final flurry of activity in these last few months of 2014. On **September 24**, we will join our friends from the Mile High Tailhook Association at the Fox & Hound Pub and Grill, 3101 New Center Point. Please join us!

On September 27, there will be a traditional, patriotic and inspiring **Colorado International Tattoo** at the Broadmoor World Arena. Go to <http://www.heroshow.org/> for more information.

Of course, the Big Kahuna for the year is the **Navy Birthday Celebration**, a dinner and dance on Friday evening, October 3, at the Antlers Hilton, Colorado Springs. Signup at <http://www.navyleague-coloradosprings.org/navyball.html>.

We plan to honor veterans at a **Veterans Day** wreath-laying ceremony at Memorial Park, 11:00, Tuesday, November 11, and at our traditional December 7<sup>th</sup> **Pearl Harbor Ceremony** – details to follow.

Please remember also that it's not too late to let a Board member know of your interest in using your leadership ability to help the Council as a member of the 2015 team. Just let us know what your strengths or interests are.

Dick  
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## Membership

We now have 31 Council members and 94 local NLUS members. Welcome aboard to new member James “Doug” Huggins and wife, Corie!

## Legislative Affairs

Bill Lockwood and Art Cyphers met with Congressman Lamborn in July to present the NLUS Legislative Presentation #3 “US-Flag Merchant Marine.” He was very attentive and interested in the presentation.



Bill Lockwood and Art Cyphers meet with CO Congressman Doug Lamborn (left).

## NOSC Change of Command

At the NOSC Change of Command, September 11, LCDR Colin O’Neil relieved CDR Tom VanScoten. LCDR O’Neil’s lovely wife’s name is Susan.



From left: Dick Cooper, CDR Tom VanScoten., CDR Pam Kramer (Ret), former CO of NOSC Ft. Carson, and LCDR Colin O’Neil.

## WHAT’S NEW

### Council Dinner Meeting – September 24

Our council and the Mile High Tailhook Association are co-hosting an informal mix-and-mingle event at the Fox & Hound, 3101 New Center Point, 5-8 p.m. This is intended to be a Hail & Farewell for RDML Dwight Shepard, NORAD/NORTHCOM, and RDML Hank Bond. It will be a good time and an opportunity to make new friends and connections! We’ll be ordering from a short menu for \$25 per person. Proceeds benefit the 2014 Navy Birthday Celebration. **Please RSVP to [bunny\\_blaha@msn.com](mailto:bunny_blaha@msn.com) or 719-471-8527.**

**Anyone interested in Navy League and the sea services is welcome at any of our events! You don’t have to be a member.**

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### Council Dinner/Annual Meeting - November 5

Location: Texas T-Bone Restaurant, 5245 N. Academy. Social hour: 5:00 pm. Dinner seating: 6:00 pm. We’ll order from a short menu. **Please RSVP to [bunny\\_blaha@msn.com](mailto:bunny_blaha@msn.com) or 471-8527.**

## Board of Directors Vacancies/Elections

We’re still looking for volunteers to fill some council Board positions for the rest of the year: VP for Public Affairs and Judge Advocate (legal advisor). Dick recently appointed Art Cyphers as council Chaplain for the remainder of 2014.

It’s also time to consider candidates for Board positions in 2015. While current Board members are willing to continue serving in some positions, we welcome and seek additional candidates for any position. (See list of positions at end of this newsletter.) Please let any of us know if you are interested in being a candidate for any position or assisting others. A slate of candidates will be announced in October. Elections for the 2015 Board of Directors will be held at the council’s **Annual Meeting on November 5.**

### Navy Birthday Celebration –October 3

To celebrate the Navy’s Birthday, the Navy League Colorado Springs Council, Mile High Tailhook Association, Naval Operations Support Center, Navy Recruiters, Rocky Mountain Navy Chief Petty Officers Association and O’Donnell and O’Donnell Event Organizers are organizing a semi-formal dinner party at the Antlers Hilton on Friday, 3 October.

For those who want to stay the night – or several – Quality Suites is offering a great deal for Birthday Celebration attendees: \$89/suite! For information and to make reservations, go to [www.navyleague-coloradosprings.org](http://www.navyleague-coloradosprings.org). And adding to the excitement: the Navy-Air Force football game on Saturday, 4 October! Tickets may still be available at [goairforcefalcons.com/](http://goairforcefalcons.com/)

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