

## Colorado Springs Council's Sponsorship of the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

### Overview

The [Navy League of the United States](#)-Colorado Springs Council is a civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well-being are dependent upon strong sea services: U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. In support of the Navy League's mission, the Council is committed to youth education and development through programs that expose young people to the values of our sea services.

### Adopted Units of the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

The [Colorado Springs Council](#) has adopted four local high school [Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps](#) (NJROTC) units in southern Colorado. They are based at [Doherty High School](#), [Mesa Ridge High School](#), [Montrose High School](#) and [Widefield High School](#). The Council sponsors a Corps of approximately 600 Cadets and furthers the mission of the NJROTC to the maximum extent possible. Council representatives engage in NJROTC activities through their Annual Awards Ceremonies, Annual Cadet Balls, special events like regional drill competitions, as well as guest presentations, and visits with the sailors and officers of the [USS Colorado](#) (SSN 788). Crew presentations focus on "STEAM" education, connecting science and technology as interpreted through engineering, the arts and mathematics. The Council supports the units with annual financial contributions, annual [SEAPOWER](#) subscriptions, and informs the units of Navy League and Council [scholarship](#) opportunities. The Vice President for Youth Programs, an elected Council board member, steers the Council's support of the NJROTC programs and ensures strong connections and engagement with the units' local school systems.

### Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

Participation in Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program teaches Cadets a sense of duty, honor, and patriotism. Navy League support for this program helps ensure America's future well-being and security. In addition, the program creates a healthy appreciation for the adventures and challenges of life in the sea services in the nation's youth. Strong council support for these programs epitomizes the Navy League's own "Citizens in Support of the Sea Services" slogan by educating and training the nation's young people in citizenship and emphasizing the importance of the nation's maritime matters.

### NJROTC Program Objectives

1. To make better citizens of America's young people by educating them in the importance of sea power and maritime forces to the nation;
2. To expose the nation's youth to the traditions and historical backgrounds of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. flag-Merchant Marine;
3. To acquaint young men and women of high school age with the career opportunities that are offered by America's naval/maritime forces; and
4. To make possible first-hand observation of those services by young people through visits to service installations, schools, training centers, etc.