

DENVER COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Jim Sheeler to Speak

Rocky Mountain News reporter Jim Sheeler will be our guest speaker at the March general membership dinner. Mr. Sheeler and photographer Todd Heisler accompanied Marine Corps Major Steve Beck during the toughest assignment of his career: casualty notification. The result of their collaboration was the "Final Salute" series of articles which ran in the Rocky Mountain News last year. In October of 2006, both Mr. Sheeler and Mr. Heisler were awarded Pulitzer prizes for the series. Please join us at 6:00 PM on March 15th at the Denver West Marriott.

Please complete the reservation form included with this newsletter and return by March 9th.

Area Recruiters Recognized at January Dinner

CDR David Copp, Commanding Officer of Naval Recruiting District Denver, was our guest speaker at the January dinner. CDR Copp gave our members a glimpse of the challenges that Naval recruiters face in meeting their goals each year. Members of the command who were recognized for their extraordinary accomplishments included Stacie U'ren, FC1 Michael Benavidez, PR1 Ryan Fitzgerald, and STG1 ET1 Gregory Emery. These sailors helped NRD Denver in winning

national acclaim by leading the nation in recruiting in FY 2006.

USS Mesa Verde Commissioning

Linda Campbell, the local representative of the USS Mesa Verde Commissioning Committee, provided an update on the current status of the committees' activities. The Mesa Verde, LPD-19, the newest ship of the San Antonio class of Landing Platform Docks, is currently under construction in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The Commissioning events will take place in Panama City, Florida sometime in August. Ship commissionings are always a high priority event for the national Navy League, and this ceremony should be memorable. We will provide further details as they are announced.

Council Web-Site Available Soon

Our own Denver Council web-site should be available sometime in March. This site will contain information on the activities of the council and our Sea Cadet unit. It will allow members to sign up for dinner meetings and renew Navy League memberships.

Council Dues

The Denver Council annual dues of \$15 per individual, and \$25 per couple are now due. This modest payment supports a variety of activities that are key to the mission of the Navy League

in our community.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Sherron Mahaffey reported at the February board meeting that our checking account balance was \$3110.55 and our Money Market Fund balance was \$2408.53. Thank you, Sherron, for the tremendous job you have done as treasurer!

CNO Reading List

The Naval War College has put together its list of books, known as the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) reading list. Our council is currently collecting these books for the Marine Corps JROTC program at Adams City High School. If you want to donate, please purchase one of the books from the list below and bring it to the March dinner. If you will not be able to attend the dinner please call Steve Kelly at 303-450-1148. We will be sure that your book gets to the school. We are currently in need of any of the following titles:

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| Lincoln On Leadership | Phillips |
| A Sailor’s history of the U.S. Navy | Cutler |
| Kite Runner | Hosseini |
| D-Day | Ambrose |
| A Passage to India | Forster |
| Ender’s Game | Card |
| The Crisis of Islam | Lewis |
| The Caine Mutiny | Wouk |
| The Tipping Point | Gladwell |
| Billy Budd | Melville |
| To The Shores of Tripoli | Whipple |
| The Sand Pebbles | |
| McKenna | |
| The Sherriff | Gray |
| On the Origins of War | Kagan |

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| The World is Flat | Friedman |
| The Good Shepherd | Forester |
| The Savage Wars of Peace | Boot |
| Recognizing Islam | Gilsenan |
| Master and Commander | O’Brian |
| From Beirut to Jerusalem | Friedman |
| Leadership | Giuliani |
| The Pursuit of Victory | Knight |
| 1776 | McCullough |
| Goodbye, Darkness | Manchester |

Council Elections in March

Elections of Denver Council officers for 2007 will be held at the March dinner meeting. Anyone who wishes to be on the ballot for council president, vice-president, treasurer, or secretary please contact Joe Procopio at 303-663-8358.

Naval Reserve Association Local Chapter ‘Get Together’

The Naval Reserve Association will hold its next “Get Together” at 5:00 PM on March 5th at the Breckenridge Brewery, 471 Kalamath Street in Denver. More information can be obtained from RADM Dick Young at dickyoung@ 4dv.net

U.S. Navy D-Day Monument

The Naval Order of the United States is leading a fund drive to erect a monument at “Utah Beach” to commemorate the Navy’s role in the Normandy Invasion. Contact Capt. Greg Streeter (USN ret.), Chairman, Navy D-Day Monument Project at gstretr@bellsouth.net, or phone 904-

221-0923.



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