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ASNE TW MAY DINNER/MEETING PROGRAM

The ASNE Tidewater Section will hold the next dinner/meeting program on **May 17, 2023**. Our guest speaker is **Rear Admiral Dennis Velez, Commander, Carrier Strike Group TEN**. We look forward to seeing you!

Place: Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk at 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach

Time: 5:30-6:00pm Cocktails and Networking; 6:00-8:00pm Dinner and Program

Cost: • Members: \$33 in advance / \$35 at the door • Military: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door
• Non-members: \$38 in advance / \$40 at the door • Students: \$10 in advance / \$15 at the door

Please register on our [website](#) by **noon Monday May 15**.

Rear Adm. Dennis Velez is a native of Adjuntas, Puerto Rico. He is a 1992 graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He also earned a master's degree in Information Technology Management from Touro University in 2004.

At sea, Velez completed tours aboard USS Stout (DDG 55), USS Carr (FFG 52), USS Gettysburg (CG 64), and USS Donald Cook (DDG 75). He served on afloat staffs with Commander, U.S. Second Fleet/Striking Fleet Atlantic aboard USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) and as the deputy commander for Destroyer Squadron Fifteen in Japan. He was the commanding officer of USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) and USS San Jacinto (CG 56).

Ashore, Velez served as officer in charge of Western Hemisphere Group Caribbean Area Coordinator; Surface Placement branch head, Head Junior Surface Warfare Distribution, Assistant Captain detailer and deputy director for Surface Warfare Distribution at Naval Personnel Command; Joint Staff Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate as chief, North East Asia Division and assistant director for Political-Military Affairs, Asia. He was the senior military assistant to the 76th Secretary of the Navy.

His initial flag officer assignment was as commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

Velez was inducted in the Puerto Rico Military Hall of Fame in November 2021 and is the recipient of the Navy League's 2016 John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership. His personal military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is most proud of his appointment as an Honorary Chief Petty Officer.

