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## Navy Integrates Weapon Systems with Unmanned Vehicles for New Surface Warfare Capability

By John Joyce  
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Navy engineers used technologies supporting the science of integration to guide live gun fire onto distant targets, demonstrating a new integrated surface warfare capability in a maritime environment, Sept. 29. Military and civilian leaders observed as unmanned surface and air vehicles - integrated with naval guns and the Aegis combat system - relayed targeting data to operators engaging fictitious threats on the Potomac River Test Range.

"This is a major first step in demonstrating an integrated surface warfare capability utilizing unmanned vehicles in support of the key engagement functions of plan, detect, control, engage and assess," said Neil Baron, Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) distinguished scientist for combat control. "We are working



U.S. Navy photo by John Williams

**An autonomous unmanned surface vehicle (USV) transmits real-time targeting data to an Aegis weapon system that engaged a target on the Potomac River Test Range with the MK34 5 inch/62 caliber gun weapon system during a surface warfare integration test Sept. 29. The fall of shot - observed by a Scan Eagle Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) optical sensor - was used to provide gun targeting corrections immediately to the MK160 gun weapon system operator. Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division engineers demonstrated how the science of integration makes surface warfare systems interoperable with USVs and UAVs during the experiment.**

hard at focusing on the integration sciences to deal with mission engineering challenges for surface warfare."

Specifically, Baron and his team of Navy scientists and engineers used the science of integration to make surface warfare systems interoperable with unmanned air and unmanned surface

vehicles, enabling streaming identification and shot correction data to naval gunnery throughout the test.

"It's a spectacular example of how scientists and engineers are enabling new technologies for the warfighter," said Baron.

Surface warfare officers

evaluating the technology joined civilian technologists at the event to prove the Navy can bridge interoperability gaps - known as the interstitial space - between complex system-of-systems.

"The ability to send a small, persistent unmanned system down range in hostile territory for real-time

gun or missile engagement spotting and targeting is needed by warships," said NSWCDD Engagement Systems Department Military Deputy Cmdr. Marc Williams. "The technology has the potential to be impor-

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## Rear Adm. Gumataotao highlights IAMD WTI graduation

By Andrew Revelos

Rear Adm. Peter Gumataotao, commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic, congratulated the Navy's newest Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Weapons and Tactics Instructors (WTIs) during a graduation ceremony Oct. 2 at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren. The program, established in 2013 by Navy Air and Missile Defense Command (NAMDC) with assistance from the Center for Surface Combat Systems (CSCS) and the Aegis Training and Readiness Center (ATRC), is a component of a larger, evolving initiative that will enhance the warfighting skills of the surface warfare community.

Patterned on the success of the aviation community's Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC), the Naval Surface Warfare Development

Center will sharpen the tactics, techniques and procedures of the surface fleet. The goal is to establish a training continuum in several core surface warfare disciplines, develop surface warfare tactics and doctrine, and above all, to give talented young officers advanced tactical skills and perspective that they can share with wardrooms across the Navy.

Gumataotao said he was proud of the 12 surface warfare officers (SWOs) for successfully completing the elite course, but encouraged them to keep learning. "I think you should walk out of here humble after 19 weeks," he said. "Knowledge doesn't give you a license for arrogance-knowledge should humble you to understand that there is a lot more to learn."

As newly-minted WTIs in several surface warfare disciplines begin to make their way back to the fleet, Gumataotao wants commanding officers in



U.S. Navy photo by Daryl Roy

**Rear. Adm. Peter Gumataotao, commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic, address graduates of the Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) course Oct. 2 at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren.**

the surface community to send their "best and brightest" to the advanced training programs. While WTIs will contribute to all aspects of surface operations, he added, the basis for SWO promotion will remain "performance at sea."

Gumataotao underscored the need for WTIs with a frank

assessment of the surface Navy's performance during World War II. "In the beginning, [the Imperial Japanese Navy] had the quality, they had the technology and they had the tactics better than us," he said.

Though U.S. tactics and productive capacity would eventually neutralize the Japa-

nese threat, the surface fleet has faced only asymmetrical threats since. Gumataotao contrasted the experience of the surface community with that of the Navy's aviation community, which faced very serious opponents during the Vietnam War.

"Aviators were dying because they didn't know how to fly, didn't know the tactics and didn't know the weapons that were being used against them," he said. "We haven't had that [in the surface community] since World War II. The aviators, by warfighting necessity, had to stand up NSAWC."

Gumataotao, who has visited NSAWC at Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev., said he appreciates the program's emphasis on tactical competence across all levels of leadership. "What I love about NSAWC is that they take the most current threat,

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U.S. Navy photo by Zack Shelby

**Aldora Griffin (left) waits in anticipation for her numbers to be verified by the approving official for a valid bingo at the Dahlgren Community House on Oct. 2. Griffin won one of the \$10 early bird bingo games.**

## Bingo makes its mark at Dowell Community House

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Bingo took over the Dowell Community House at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren on Oct. 2 with three early bird games, 10 regular games, food, drinks and winnings.

Navy spouse Jaclyn Kendall won the very first early bird bingo game and received a \$10 payout for her efforts.

"It's mom's night out," said an excited Kendall. Enthusiasm only increased as the early bird games turned into regular bingo. Comptroller Allison Wood shared a bingo payout of \$20 a piece with Lead Financial Management Analyst Diana Kelly for making a postage stamp bingo at the same time.

"I got my money back except for the dauber," Wood said. While some experienced success others were mired in frustration as the called numbers were nowhere to be found

on their cards.

"It's very stressful," said a half-joking Rebecca Kizer. "They call so many numbers and go so fast." However, Kizer, who had food, drinks and friends in close proximity, said she had a good time.

"It's been a lot of fun," said first-time bingo player Ashley Davis. "It was everything I dreamed it would be and more." She said she hadn't won, but her anticipation of the game never subsided.

"My heart is beating fast," Davis said. "It's a lot of pressure."

The intensity peaks at the 10th and final bingo game, which requires a blackout (filling out the entire card). The progressive jackpot for the blackout starts at \$150. Bingo will continue each Thursday at the Community House and the jackpot will increase by \$50 each week.



**An MK45 5-inch lightweight gun fires on a fictitious threat on the Potomac River Test Range during a surface warfare integration test Sept. 29.**

## Unmanned: Maximizing response accuracy, timeliness

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tant for surface ships, especially relating to Aegis weapon system, Naval Surface Fire Support, and surface warfare."

Williams - the surface warfare tactical action officer for the experiment - ordered a gun engagement on a fictitious threat based on identification and targeting data he saw streaming from an unmanned surface vehicle.

At that point, the commander used a deployed Scan Eagle unmanned aerial vehicle's streaming video data to spot, precisely target, engage and continually support re-engagement through gun targeting corrections to the MK160 gun weapon system operator.

"Scan Eagle has been deployed on guided missile destroyers for years to provide persistent electro-optical and infrared surveillance," said Williams, adding that, "it has been used for Naval Surface Fire Support spotting to walk gun rounds onto an enemy target, but not in an automated fashion like in this experiment."

Moreover, Williams used a Navy technology called Visual Automated Scoring System (VASS) to instantly correct the gun targeting.

The NSWCCD-patented system is an automated, computerized method for determining gunfire miss distances using video data. With a non-line of sight weapon system, VASS allows the gunner to adapt gun pointing angle and converge gunfire onto a target without having to risk the lives of forward observers.

"This was as much a demonstration about integration as it was about the three research initiatives being exercised," said Baron.

The NSWCCD-funded initiatives featured a virtual ship called the USS Dahlgren, VASS adaptive fire control, and new mission engineering efforts to link surface combatant warfare systems with unmanned vehicles.

Throughout the test, the cybernetic USS Dahlgren responded to reports of hostile threats by searching intelligence and data across multiple air and ship control operational systems, maximizing response accuracy and timeliness.

"The virtual USS Dahlgren is hosting new technological advancements and platforms for integrated test and



U.S. Navy photo by John Williams

**A Scan Eagle unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) launches from the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) Potomac River Test Range. NSWCDD scientists and engineers demonstrated how the science of integration makes surface warfare systems interoperable with unmanned systems - including Scan Eagle UAVs - during a surface warfare integration experiment Sept. 29. Surface warfare officers evaluating the technology joined civilian technologists at the event to prove the Navy can bridge interoperability gaps known as the interstitial space between complex system-of-systems.**



**Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division engineers control a Scan Eagle unmanned air vehicle during a surface warfare integration test Sept. 29. They demonstrated how the science of integration makes surface warfare systems interoperable with unmanned systems.**

evaluation full speed ahead," said NSWCCD Technical Director Dennis McLaughlin who watched the demonstration. "We are providing linkage that ensures our test and evaluation capabilities can be rapidly adapted to changing warfighter needs."

Bridging the interstitial space between Navy surface combatants, integrated systems, and adaptive fire control is vital to accomplish key fiscal year 2015 Navy objectives - proliferating unmanned systems, integrating unmanned systems into the Navy culture, and developing, fielding, and deploying unmanned systems in the

air, on and under the sea, and on the ground.

"The science of integration - a relatively new area of investigation for NSWC Dahlgren Division - hides in the interstitial space," said Baron. "We are working hard at focusing on the integration sciences to deal with mission engineering challenges for surface warfare. These demonstrations are casting a strong light into the interstitial space to address naval interoperability and integration challenges and continue to advance warfighting capabilities into our surface fleet."

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# Rep. Wittman tours ATRC, NSWCDD



U.S. Navy photo by Daryl Roy

Rep. Rob Wittman, representing Virginia's 1st Congressional District, during a demonstration of training technology at the Aegis Training and Readiness Center on Oct. 6. "I thank you for providing Sailors with the tools they need to excel in the fleet and to defend our great nation," Wittman told ATRC leaders. Wittman's visit also included stops at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division's Electromagnetic Railgun and Directed Energy facilities.

## Big Gun of the Week

The Naval Support Activity South Potomac Big Gun of the Week award recognize outstanding employees at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren for the hard work and dedication they display on a daily basis. Congratulations to this week's recipients!



## Big Gun of the Week

**Name:** Lt. Dan Henderson, NSASP Police  
**Position:** Watch Commander  
**Hometown:** Dahlgren, Va.  
**Service:** 20 years  
**Favorite thing about job:** "The people. I love working with people."



JWAC employees learn about the Antietam National Battlefield and the bloody battle fought there in 1862. Employees were part of a staff ride designed to provide information on military history.

# Staff ride teaches lessons of the past

By Steven Moore  
JWAC Public Affairs Officer

Military personnel and civilians from the Joint Warfare Analysis Center (JWAC) visited Antietam National Battlefield on September 30 as part of a staff ride to discuss battlefield leadership and decision making during the Civil War and how it applies to today.

"What is true then is true today," said facilitator and retired Marine Lt. Col. Jerry

A. Roberts, "When you get into an infantry fight, what makes the difference is artillery. This was a stand-up, in-the-open, face-to-face, shoot-'em-up battle. There was no entrenching or fortifications."

About 30 JWAC employees toured the battlefield where nearly 23,000 Americans were killed, wounded, or reported missing in twelve hours of fighting, making September 17, 1862 the bloodiest day in American history.

Despite being outnumbered

two to one and with his back to the Potomac River, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee chose to stand and fight along the banks of Maryland's Antietam Creek instead of retreating back into Virginia, following his abortive invasion of the North.

"Lee has his fingers in this battle everywhere," Roberts explained. "In this battle more than any other, Lee made masterful use of his reserves."

Although the battle was a tactical draw with neither

side gaining an absolute advantage, Lee's strategic defeat allowed the Lincoln Administration to claim enough of a victory to issue the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation a week later, freeing slaves in those states then in rebellion.

The group also visited other sites related to the Antietam campaign on the one-day tour, including Harpers Ferry, W. Va. and South Mountain, Md., scenes of heavy fighting before the battle.

## Community Notes

### Dahlgren

#### Wicked Woods Haunted Forest

Come see Virginia's premier haunted attraction is back and ready to scare! Featuring 3 attractions for one low price of \$23. Due to its intense nature Wicked Woods is Not recommended for ages under 12. Open Fridays and Saturdays throughout October, from 7 to 10 p.m.! Wicked Woods is located at 6220 Massey Rd., Spotsylvania. For more information, visit [www.wicked-woods.com](http://www.wicked-woods.com).

#### Halloween Costume Swap

Have a green Halloween and exchange your child's gently-used, complete costume for one that's new to you! Simply drop off your clean, tear- and stain-free costumes at the Salem Church Library (2607 Salem Church Rd., Fredericksburg) children's desk, anytime until Oct. 10 or from 9 to 10 a.m. on Oct. 11. For each costume donated, you will receive a voucher

to claim a new-to-you costume from 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 11. Costumes for infants, toddler, preschoolers, and school-age children welcome! Partial costumes may be donated to the Swap, but will not count towards a voucher. Any costumes remaining after the Halloween Costume Swap will be donated to a local charity.

#### Fall Migrations at the Flats

Sunday, Oct. 12 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Caledon State Park, 11617 Caledon Rd., King George. Look for Monarch Butterflies, sandpipers, plovers, egrets, herons, and other wading and water birds, Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks, American Kestrel, Northern Harrier and Bald Eagle. Perhaps the rare American Woodstork, White Pelicans and Peregrine Falcon that have visited Caledon in recent years will show up. The pelicans were just seen in August. Cost: \$3/person or \$8/family. For more information, visit 540-663-3861.

#### Bike Fest in Colonial Beach

On Oct. 9-12 in Colonial Beach, motorcycle enthusiasts will gather for a weekend of fun: Harley-Davidson's Demo Fleet, tattoo contest, food, music, Hula Dancers and Fire Dancers, 9-1-1 Wing Challenge, antique motorcycle swap meet celebrity impersonators, and much more! For a full list of events, visit [www.colonial-beach-virginia-attractions.com/bikefest.html](http://www.colonial-beach-virginia-attractions.com/bikefest.html).

### Indian Head

#### Turkey Shoot for Scouting

Join the Southern Maryland Boy Scouts of America for a day of fun, shooting and prizes on Oct. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Sanner's Lake Sportsmen's Club, 21375 Sanners Lake, Lexington Park, Md. Cost is \$20.00. Registration will grant you 4 shots in the competition. Best shot is what

## Base Happenings

### Dahlgren

#### Dahlgren NEX Customer Survey

The Dahlgren NEX will be conducting a customer satisfaction survey from Sept. 26 - Oct. 10. Please stop by the store and complete a survey to help us better serve you. Participants will receive a \$5 coupon for use at any NEX (some restrictions apply).

#### Second Tour Thrift Store

Second Tour Thrift Store, a Dahlgren Officers' Spouses Club volunteer-run organization, offers free uniforms (gently used) for active duty military members are always available on the porch. Store profits are donated back to the community in the form of scholarships for military families who have served at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren and support for local charities serving King George County. The store is located at 722 Sampson Rd. and is open on Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### Indian Head

#### "Treasures" Thrift Store Needs Your Donations!

The Indian Head Thrift Store "Treasures" is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The store is located at 12 Strauss Ave. next door to the USO. Donations of gently used items are currently being accepted.

#### Barbeque truck at Indian Head and Stump Neck

Enjoy delicious T&J Barbeque at NSF Indian Head on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from approximately 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., next to the library, and at the NSF Indian Head Stump Neck Annex on Tuesday, from approximately 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., next to Building 2195.

*To publish information on your event or program under "Base Happenings," contact Andrew Revelos at 540-653-6012 or email [andrew.revelos1@navy.mil](mailto:andrew.revelos1@navy.mil)*

## Energy conservation awareness underway at Dahlgren, IH

By Zack Shelby  
NSASP Public Affairs

Naval Support Activity South Potomac wasted little time in supporting October's Energy Awareness Month with an opening ceremony at Dahlgren Oct. 1 and Indian Head Oct. 2.

"It's up to all of us across the Navy to execute energy conservation," said Capt. Mary Feinberg, NSASP commander. "To jump start the program for this month, the Navy has decreed October as Energy Awareness Month."

Feinberg said one of the biggest goals was to create a shift in energy culture and behavior.

"We want to make energy conservation a part of daily operations," she said. "Once we are successful at that, we will be able to decrease the overall energy usage of the base. We want to continue to increase tenant participation in the monthly energy meetings and establish a long-term strategy that benefits not only the base, but the tenant commands."

Steve Weedon, NSASP instal-

lation energy manager, said that having an energy officer for each individual tenant command can benefit the energy conservation cause. He also said there are things in an office you can look for to help cut down on energy use, such as when one person in an office has the heater on and another one has the fan on.

"You never want to heat and cool at the same time," he said.

In addition to the opening ceremonies, there will be events promoting energy conservation throughout the month to include an informational energy fair Oct. 22 at Dahlgren and Oct. 23 at Indian Head. The opening ceremonies concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony commemorating Energy Awareness Month and a burger burn to support the Combined Federal Campaign.

"Please think about how you can save energy not only at your workspace but at home," Feinberg said. "More money in your pocket is probably going to make your significant other happy, or you happy. It will also help meet the mission and support the war fighter."



**Capt. Mary Feinberg, Naval Support Activity South Potomac commanding officer, cuts a piece of cake for Steve Weedon, NSASP installation energy manager, at the conclusion of the Energy Awareness Month opening ceremony Oct. 1 at Dahlgren.**

## Graduation:

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the most current adversary, they apply tactics, and then they let you fly on it," he said. "And then they send you out to sea on a deployment. What do we do now for the most current tactics? Let's grade ourselves, SWOs."

Gumataotao used the concept of warm eddies, ocean currents that duct sound to the surface and thus make it easier for surface ships to detect submarines, to highlight the need for the WTI program to drive a culture shift among the surface community.

"You have all been sitting in a warm eddy," he said. "I have news for you-in an anti-access, area-denial environment, we better start getting smart in the surface community on getting ahead of adversaries, because they're coming up fast."

As the surface community

begins to integrate new skills and tactics into fleet operations, Gumataotao, thanked the new WTIs and SWOs in attendance for being part of that transformation. "You see how important you are. You may save lives in the future; you may win battles and wars. I'm very proud of you all."

For the graduates, the IAMD WTI course measured up to its Top Gun pedigree. "The first seven weeks is drinking from a fire hose," said Lt. Chris Murphy, honor graduate. "Right off the bat, they hit you everything you'll possibly need to know. The following 12 weeks are fleshing that information out and filling in the gaps, to make you a well-rounded Weapons Tactics Instructor."

A visit to NSAWC during the course was especially insightful and inspiring to the class. "The highlight was the trip to Top Gun in Fallon," said Murphy. "To see their methodology-how they teach and instruct and train their own trainers. [IAMD WTI] is a brand new

course right now and we're going to build the brand, build the expectation of what a WTI is out there, similar to Top Gun graduates. WTIs are the subject experts and we need to talk intelligently about IAMD."

Instilling that kind of perspective in junior SWOs is the product of NAMDC's efforts to establish the IAMD WTI course. The creative process brought together NAMDC and some of the Navy's premier training institutions.

"NAMDC used Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center's well-established models for advanced officer training, primarily the Hawkeye WTI program, as a starting point for building the IAMD WTI program," said Lt. Cmdr. Matt Cox, an IAMD WTI course instructor assigned to NAMDC. "CSCS and ATRC provided curriculum development expertise and guidance during the initial stages of building the IAMD WTI curriculum, and we adopted ATRC's seven-week Advanced IAMD Tactics Course as a technical

foundation for our course."

The end result of that collaboration, the IAMD WTI keeps some of the best training practices of the surface community while adding to the skillsets of SWOs as they prepare to meet future challenges.

"The complexity of modern threats and significant advancements in U.S. and coalition capabilities require an integrated, force-level approach to Integrated Air and Missile Defense," said Cox. "A formally-trained cadre of Weapons and Tactics Instructors can provide professional, standardized and advanced tactical training that will enhance IAMD proficiency across the fleet. Our course teaches a joint approach toward countering the entire enemy air and missile kill chain, provides extensive instructor training, and places each WTI on a path to becoming an authority in naval IAMD execution, tactics development and training."



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Special Events

BINGO at Dahlgren!

NSF Dahlgren is hosting bingo night on Thursdays at the Dowell Community House. Food and beverage (non-alcoholic and adult beverage) will be available for purchase. There will be cash prizes available to win. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Early bird game starts at 5 p.m. Regular games begin at 5:30 p.m. No one under the age of 18 will be allowed in the Community House. You must present valid identification to purchase alcoholic beverages. There must be at least five participants in order for games to be played. For more information, please contact 540-653-7777.

College Games, NFL, We’ve Got You Covered!

Join us in the multipurpose room, located inside of Cannonball Lanes Bowling Center, to watch your favorite college football and NFL teams battle it out on the gridiron. Light snacks will be provided. Hours will be extended to accommodate the games. For more information, contact Cannonball Lanes at 540-653-7327.

Harvest Pumpkin Carnival

October 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dahlgren Parade Field. The annual harvest pumpkin fest is back, only this time there will be a carnival! Celebrate fall with fun for all! The evening’s activities will include carnival games, harvest crafts, prizes and as always, a free pumpkin for each child! Food will be available courtesy of the USO. For more information, please contact the ITT office at 540-653-8785.

Trick-or-Treat with MWR

October 31 from 3 to 5 p.m. at participating MWR Facilities. Trick-or-treat with MWR when school gets out! Wear your favorite costume and collect candy! Stop by the MWR Administration building, just outside of the main gate or the Library to pick up a map of this year’s participating facilities.

Cannonball Lanes

540-653-7327

9-Pin Tournament

October 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. Come to Cannonball Lanes for a little competitive fun! 9 pins count as strikes. The highest scratch wins. Prizes will be awarded to the first place finisher. Cost: \$10/person

Halloween Bash

October 31 at 7 p.m. This will not be another typical night at Cannonball Lanes Bowling Center. Celebrate Halloween with all you can bowl prices and enjoy some cake! Family friendly costumes are welcome, but not required. Cost \$6.50, Military; \$7.95, Civilian.

Fitness Center

540-653-8580

3rd Annual Zumbathon

October 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. Help us recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month by taking part in our two hour zumbathon! Certified Zumba instructors will lead the class. The first 50 participants to arrive will receive a free gift. There will also be other door prizes. Don’t forget to wear pink and show your support!

General Library

540-653-7474

Half Day, Craft Day

October 10 at 1 p.m. School’s out early! Spend the second half of your day at the library with fun activities for all! Make rubber band bracelets for you and your friends.

Paws for Reading

October 14 from 3:45 to 5 p.m. Curl up with a furry friend and read them a story! The General Library will hold Paws for Reading the second Tuesday of every month and give young readers the opportunity to read to their four legged companion. Reading to a pet can help build confidence in young readers. Please register by October 10th, to schedule your 15 minute session.

Liberty Center

540-653-7277

Tailgate Party

Every Sunday at 1 p.m. Liberty Center patrons are invited to spend Sundays watching football with the Liberty staff! The Liberty Center has NFL Sunday Ticket with 6 different TV’s to watch the game of your choice! Food and drinks will be available!

Wing Wednesday

October 15 at 4 p.m. Liberty Center Patrons Only: E1- E6 Single/Unaccompanied Active Duty Military. Join Liberty for hot wings the first and third Wednesday of each month. Wing available while they last!

Kings Dominion Halloween Haunt Trip

October 25. Liberty Center Patrons Only: E1- E6 Single/Unaccompanied Active Duty Military. Liberty will travel to the transformed, haunted amusement park filled with games, shows and roller coasters that are sure to add thrill and excitement to the night! For more information and to register, please contact the Liberty Center.

Domino’s Pizza Night

October 28. Liberty Center Patrons Only: E1- E6 Single/Unaccompanied Active Duty Military. Watch your favorite movies, relax and enjoy FREE pizza, sponsored by Domino’s Pizza.

Youth Center

540-653-8009

Friday Night Teen Night

Fridays at the YAC from 6 to 8:30 p.m. FREE program open to Military, DoD Civilians and Contractor Dependents ages 13-17. Sponsors must come to the Youth Center to fill out a registration packet. Teens will have access to the computers, video games, stereo system, pool tables, foosball, Playstation, board games and crafts.

Saturday Open Recreation

Saturdays at the YAC from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. FREE program open to Military, DoD Civilians and Contractor Dependents, school ages K - 12. Sponsors must fill out a yearly registration packet for their child to attend. They can pick up the packets at the Youth Activity Center. Children will have access to the table and board games, computers, music, crafts and children books.

Costume Party

October 24 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Youth ages 8 to 12 are invited to wear their favorite costumes and celebrate Halloween! There will be music, refreshments and of course there will be candy! Prizes and trophies will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place costumes. For more information, please contact the Youth Center at 540-635-8009.



Special Events

Family Fall Festival

Oct. 24, at Autumn Fest Park. Celebrate the fall with



540-653-7336

Friday and Saturday:  
7 p.m. Showings

Price of Shows

Civilians - \$5; AD, Retired, Reserve, Family Members (E7 - above) \$4; AD, Reserve, Family Members (E6 - below) - \$2.50; Child (6-11) - \$2; Child (5 and under) - Free; Tickets for a movie shown in 3-D are an additional \$1

Friday, October 10th, 7 p.m.  
The November Man, R  
Saturday, October 11th, 7 p.m.  
The Identical, PG

Friday, October 17th, 7 p.m.  
Chef, R  
Saturday, October 18th, 7 p.m.  
A Walk Among the Tombstones, R

MWR! Enjoy a pumpkin patch, haunted house snacks, arts and crafts and games!

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Washington Redskins

Tickets available for most home games. \$165 per pair.

General Library

301-744-4623

All General Library programs and events have temporarily moved to the Mix House, Bldg. D-324 while we renovate Bldg. 620. Look for us to re-open in the summer of 2015.

One-on-One Computer Help

1st Monday of Every Month, by appointment only. Need help with a certain computer program? Don’t know where to start? Sign up for a 30 minute, one-on-one session at the library in the Mix House, to work on whatever you’d like. Please call on the previous Friday to make an appointment for training on the upcoming Monday.

Paws for Reading

2nd Monday of Every Month from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up for your 15 minute appointment to read to and pet a furry friend. Please register at the library in the Mix House the Friday before, to make your appointment.

Liberty Center

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Mix House Rentals

Stop by and check out the new renovations and spectacular views! The Mix House can be rented for office parties, birthday parties or any special event you may have. The facility can be set up any way you would like for your event. The Mix House offers a nice deck overlooking the Potomac River. Call in advance to take a tour and book your date!



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you will be scored on. Shooters will compete in one hour heats. Heat winners will compete at the end of the day. Each heat winner and overall winner will receive prizes. Additional Shots for the competition can be purchased for \$10.00 for 2 additional shots - Remember this is a fun, FUNdraiser! 12 Gauge Shotgun required. You may bring your own or use loaners from the Club. All ammunition used will be provide by the club, you may NOT bring your own ammunition. For registration and more information, visit <https://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/?TurkeyShoot>.

## Fall Bazaar at Open Gate Ministries

Open Gate Ministries, 4803 Old Washington Rd., Waldorf, Md. is hosting their annual Fall Bazaar in preparation for the holiday season. There will be var-

ious vendors/crafters, a Silent Auction, and a variety of baked goods and snacks for sale. The Bazaar will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 11. Please contact [opticalshippeoflaplate@verizon.net](mailto:opticalshippeoflaplate@verizon.net) for additional information.

## Charles County Looking For Youth Coaches

The Charles County Department of Community Services is accepting applications for qualified volunteer coaches for the 2014-2015 youth indoor sports season. The ideal Charles County youth coach values life lessons like teamwork, sportsmanship, and work ethic. The indoor sports season runs from November through March and includes volleyball, soccer, and basketball. Qualified volunteer coaches are required to hold a minimum of one practice a week, and be available for games on Friday nights and Saturdays. Volunteer coaches are required to pass a criminal background check. First time volunteer coaches' application can be found at [www.charlescountyparks.com](http://www.charlescountyparks.com). For more information call 301-934-9305 ext. 5123.

## La Plata Fall Festival

Sunday Oct. 12 from noon to 3 p.m. Live entertainment from the Sara Gray Band, craft and food vendors, petting zoo, pedal cars, and an art tent for kids. For the first time at The Town of La Plata's Fall Festival, attendees are asked to bring completed, amazing, creatively carved pumpkin, to represent yourself, your family, a school, or a group; to be in the running for a prize! Please only bring one entry per person, family, or entity. Prizes will be awarded for first place through honorable mention, and crowd's favorite too. Register today - send your name, phone number & email, and title of their pumpkin entry to Colleen Wilson, Special Events Coordinator at [cwilson@townoflaplata.org](mailto:cwilson@townoflaplata.org) or 301-934-8421. This is a family event, so please keep your subject clean for young children. Festival staff reserve the right to remove any pumpkins that are questionable from the contest. The contest winner will be announced 2:40 pm. You must be present to win. Please be sure and collect your pumpkin at the end of the contest, or it will be sent to the compost pile.



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## Military veterans updated on resources, benefits at "A Veterans Affair"

Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) systems engineer Elma Coleman reviews veteran benefits with NSWCDD scientist Erica Borgers-Klonkowski - a veteran who served five years in the Marine Corps - at "A Veterans Affair" seminar at the University of Mary Washington Dahlgren Campus in September. The NSWCDD-hosted event introduced veterans to a variety of resources and benefits available to them.

"I received a lot of information that I will pass on to my brethren currently serving and those preparing for separation," said Borgers-Klonkowski, one of the veterans who spoke with representatives from federal agencies, chartered organizations and support groups. "The most interesting thing I learned was that I could apply to the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and that the VFW provided group therapy sessions with other veterans, which I did not consider previously," she said. "Just by being around other veterans gave me an insight to programs which I would

not have thought to pursue on my own."

"A Veteran's Affair" provided veterans with access to support networks and helped workforce executives improve awareness of veterans' capabilities and needs. The event encouraged veterans to get to know other veterans in addition to representatives from veteran support organizations who can assist them and their family members in an effort to improve veterans' quality of life.

Organizations such as the NSWCDD Blacks In Government (BIG) Chapter provided veterans with information and assistance about Navy employment, education, recruiting skills, and benefits such as life insurance, compensation and home loans. "BIG is determined to keeping the White House mission: 'Provide an opportunity for all Americans'," said Coleman, NSWCDD BIG Chapter president. "BIG is proud to serve as a gateway to support the Veteran's Program in assisting with service members, veterans, their dependents and survivors."

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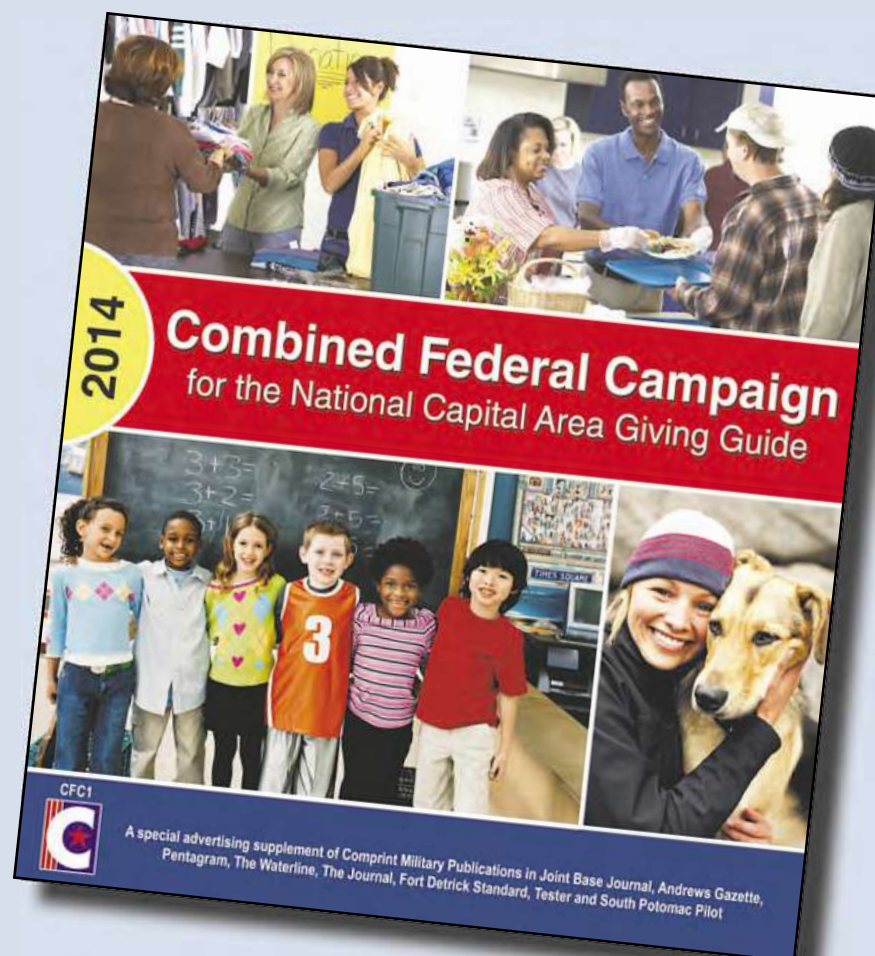
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