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Ceremony Recognizes EOD Warfighters' Mission, History, Technology, Achievements, Family

By NSWC IHEODTD Public Affairs

Naval Surface Warfare Division Indian Head EOD Technology Division's EOD Department and Expeditionary Exploitation Unit 1 celebrated the EOD mission, history, technology, achievements and family in a dedication ceremony and family day at Naval Support Facility Indian Head's Stump Neck Annex, June 16.

The event recognized both those who have provided – and those who continue to provide – an uninterrupted flow of products, services, solutions and support to the EOD warfighter for more than 70 years.

Keith Plumadore, EOD Department Head, served as MC for the event. "As we gather to recognize EOD technicians who gave their all carrying out the EOD mission, it is also appropriate to take this opportunity to contemplate on how circumstance brought us to this isolated and picturesque peninsula on the Potomac almost exactly 70 years ago," said Plumadore.

"When you navigate your way here through rural Southern Maryland and finally find this place with its peaceful wooded scenery and the single roadway navigating the base, you wouldn't think much is going on

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U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MATT POYNOR
Retired EOD Officer and Paralympian, Brad Snyder, speaks at the EOD dedication ceremony June 16. Snyder's guide dog is a 6-year-old female German Shepherd named "Gizzy".

Junior Navy Scientists and Engineers Make Early Warning CBR Detection via UAVs a Reality

By **JOHN JOYCE**,
NSWC Dahlgren Division
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Sly Fox Mission 21 has all the trappings of a smash hit reality television series with a technological innovation that may one day save the lives of warfighters across the joint services.

Although it was never filmed or broadcast, the drama, technology, and names of the seven junior scientists and engineers are real.

Hundreds of Navy civilian and military personnel witnessed this reality as the mission culminated with a technological capability demonstration on the Potomac River Test Range, June 15.

"One of the secrets to the Sly Fox Program's success is the makeup of the team – using scientists and engineers with fresh perspectives from a wide array of technical disciplines helps identify solutions that otherwise may not be apparent," said Kevin Cogley, head

of the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) Chemical, Biological, and Radiological (CBR) Detection Branch.

Similar to reality TV, the Sly Fox members took time to get to know each other, including their strengths and weaknesses, as they worked to make the warfighter's urgent need for an early warning CBR detection capability – adaptable to various unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) – a reality.

"The Sly Fox program serves as an outstanding experience accelerator for members of our workforce," said Dale Sisson, NSWCDD deputy technical director. "By presenting the Sly Fox teams with real world challenges and schedules, we are able to allow them to gain valuable experience into what it takes to support our warfighters."

The team of mentors – senior NSWCDD scientists and engineers

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U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY JOHN JOYCE, NSWC DAHLGREN DIVISION CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS
Navy scientist Jordan Lieberman, left, works with engineer Jonathan Crook to install the SCAPEGOAT payload onto a Boeing Insitu Scan Eagle unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) prior to a system test flight. The SCAPEGOAT system – which includes modular interfaces to multiple chemical, biological, and radiological sensors and UAV platforms – was developed by junior scientists and engineers engaged in the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division-sponsored Sly Fox Program over a six-month period.

Fourth of July Holiday Happenings

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

The Fourth of July has always been synonymous with summer fun, family, fireworks and food. The Naval Support Activity South Potomac region offers a wide variety of events to satisfy any taste and level of activity. Here is a compilation of events happening in the NSASP region for you and your family to enjoy a safe and happy Fourth of July. However you chose to honor Independence Day, please celebrate responsibly!

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King George County

King George County Patriotic Palooza has been postponed until August 12. However, festivity seekers can enjoy events at several surrounding counties.

Caroline County

Independence Day Celebration

July 4, All Day Events

9 a.m. – 5 p.m., on Town Green (King St.)

Town of Port Royal Market Faire will offer numerous shopping and food vendors.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (corner of Water & Market Streets) Please join us for our 18th annual "Independence Day Celebration". Entertainment will include St. Andrew's Legion Pipes & Drums, presentation of the colors and The Pledge of Allegiance, singing the National Anthem, delivery and reading of the Declaration of Independence, living history demonstrations by 13th Virginia Infantry, 26th Virginia Infantry, 23rd US Colored Troops, The Virginia Frontiersmen, Civil War Civilians of Spotsylvania, blacksmith-



U.S. COAST GUARD PHOTO BY AUXILIARIST ANDREW WINZ

Fireworks explode over the guided-missile destroyer USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) during the 2017 Harborfest fireworks in Norfolk, Virginia, June 10, 2017. The Bulkeley participated in the festivities as part of the 100th anniversary of Naval Station Norfolk.

ing and early medical presentations, surrey rides, Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild, Native American artifact exhibit, St. Peters slide program and special guest speakers James Madison and Francis Scott Key, por-

trayed by Mr. Charles Wissinger.

1 – 4 p.m. Three of our museums will be open: The Port Royal Museum of American History (506 Main St.), The Port Royal Museum of Medicine and The Portrait Gallery (King St.).

While the Port Royal event does not include fireworks, the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County events do.

Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg's July 4th Heritage Festival

July 4, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

7:45 a.m. – Heritage Festival Five-Mile Run Sponsored by Fredericksburg Host Lions Club

6:30 a.m. – Registration at Visitor's Center

9:30 a.m. – Heritage Day Parade Sponsored by Children's Museum of Richmond/Fredericksburg

Downtown: Lafayette to Caroline to Princess Anne to Lafayette Prizes for Best Costume & Most Creative Bicycle

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Festival of the Streets Craft Show with more than 100 vendors Sponsored by Beth Shalom Temple, Classic Car Display Sponsored by Stafford Car Club & Rosner Motor Sports, Dunk your Favorite Local Celebrity Sponsored by Rappahannock Rotary

Children's Activities: Face Painting, Balloon Creations, Moon Bounce & Photo Booth with free pictures

Live Music: Wil Gravatt – Gravatt Entertainment, Steve Jarrell & Sons of the Beach

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Ferry Farm's Let Freedom Ring Sponsored by George Washington Foundation \$1.00 admission Catch a bus or trolley from downtown or from the Eagle's Lodge on Cool Springs Road. Ferry Farm park-

ing will be handicapped only. Patriotic, Family Activities, Re-Enactors

1:00 p.m.: Flag Retirement Ceremony with Anthony Campbell

12:00 p.m.: Presentation of Colors — American Legion Post 290 Welcome — Matt Kelly – Councilman at Large

4:30 p.m.: Pratt Park Opens for the July 4th Spectacular Bring lawn chairs & picnic dinners Food Vendors available

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.: Quantico Marine Corps Rock and Roll Band

7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Special Appearance by the cast of: The Wedding Singer from Riverside Center Theater

8:00 p.m. – through the Fireworks: Quantico Marine Corps Band

9:15 p.m. – Fireworks Sponsored by City of Fredericksburg & Stafford County

View fireworks from Pratt Park or Old Mill Park. No alcoholic beverages. No sparklers. No grills. Dogs must be on leashes.

Spotsylvania County

Stars and Stripes Spectacular

July 1, 3 – 10 p.m.

The Spotsylvania Stars and Stripes Spectacular returns on Saturday, July 1, in the Spotsylvania Courthouse area beginning at 3:00 p.m. Join your family, friends and neighbors for this hometown, all-day family event. Come for the music, come for the food or come for the fireworks! Special shuttle bus service from nearby locations is offered to make your travel around

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USO Closes at NSF Indian Head



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY ANDREW REVELOS

Barb Locke, center, manager of the USO office at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head, received the thanks of dozens of Marines and Sailors assigned to the base at the center's final barbecue June 15. The USO of Metropolitan Washington made the tough decision to close the center out of financial necessity but will continue to provide USO services to the base through its Mobile USO Program. "We truly appreciate all the USO has done at NSF Indian Head and will continue to do through the mobile program. I also want to thank Barb Locke for her tireless efforts in support of our Sailors and Marines; she has touched a lot of lives at Indian Head and personifies the USO's mission of serving those who serve," Cmdr. Robert Lusk, Naval Support Activity South Potomac executive officer said.

Dahlgren Yacht Club Members Take on Oyster Farming

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

At a meeting of the Dahlgren Yacht Club aboard Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren on June 14, members gathered to get a lesson in raising oysters, quite a different topic for the group, but an important one for the environment.

A team of experts from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) led by Jackie Shannon, the oyster restoration manager for the organization, were on hand to discuss the long-standing tradition of oystering in the Potomac and surrounding bodies of water, including Upper Machodoc Creek, the body of water that the Dahlgren Yacht Club is situated on. The history of the bivalved mollusks and their relationship to the inhabitants of this region reaches back further than the presence of the European settlers. But the numbers of oysters in the bay along the bay and its tributaries declined precipitously over the course of the last century, though the population is slowly rebounding.

With assistance from CBF and concerned citizens like the members of the Dahlgren Yacht Club, oysters are making a comeback — a boon for seafood lovers — but they are also improving the quality of the waters they inhabit. At its most basic level, CBF's oyster restoration program recruits and helps volunteers tend "gardens" of juvenile oysters known as spat. Participants in the program, like the members of the yacht club, ensure that the garden, or wire cage of spat-on-shells (baby oysters set on recycled shells), remains in the water and that the cage remains free of obstructions, which keep the spat clean and healthy. As they grow and form their own shells, the spat grow into mature oysters and fill the cages. During this growing phase, the spat will feast on the algae and other impurities, including nitrogen pollution, in the water.



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Randy Grigg, a member of the Dahlgren Yacht Club and chairman of its Oyster Committee, hangs a cage of juvenile oysters at the end of the club's dock. When the oysters reach maturity after about a year, the oysters are returned to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for "re-planting" in sanctuary reefs in the bay.

Shannon explained that oysters are filter feeders and each can filter approximately 50 gallons of water each day. Each of these oyster gardens will benefit not only the water quality, but also create additional habitat for other fish and crustaceans as the oysters grow and form reefs. In addition, as the native oyster species *Crassostrea virginica* makes a comeback, the hope is that the industry will soon follow.

Base employee Alan Hardesty, who is the yacht club's commodore, said he and other members

of the Dahlgren Yacht Club decided to be a part of the program because they were interested in reintroducing the oysters to the Upper Machodoc Creek and the Potomac River.

"King George has quite a history of watermen and oyster harvesting," said Hardesty. "We hope to help restore that proud tradition."

Randy Grigg, along with wife Betty, are heading the oyster gardening program for the yacht club. Grigg shared that the club will work in conjunction with Naval Support Activity South Potomac and the CBF to relocate the spats to a sanctuary reef once the oysters reach adulthood next June. The oyster gardening program is open to anyone who has access to a dock and can care for the growing bivalves during the course of the year it takes to reach maturity.

"Our hope is to keep this going year after year, to be able to fully create reefs out here to help clean up our waters," he said.

Shannon told the DYC volunteers how best to care for the cages of maturing oysters, including how to protect them during inclement weather and how to ensure that as they get bigger, they have ample space to accommodate the growing oysters by separating the growing spats into additional cages.

After the tutorial on oyster care, the majority of the oyster cages that Shannon brought were hung at the end of the yacht club's dock, while the rest of the cages went home with attendees to be incubated at their own home docks.

The oyster gardening program through CBF would like to have more participants on all of the bodies of water that feed into the bay. Shannon and her team are giving presentations at other locations to raise awareness with the hopes of having 500 cages of oysters growing by the year 2022. Dahlgren's oyster garden will be the first located in the Potomac River and Up-



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY ANDREW REVELOS

Betty Grigg, a member of the Dahlgren Yacht Club, moves cages of juvenile oysters provided by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to their new home at the end of the club's dock on June 14. When the oysters reach maturity after about a year, the oysters are returned to the foundation for "re-planting" in sanctuary reefs in the bay.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY ANDREW REVELOS

An oyster shell planted with "spat," or juvenile oysters, provided by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to the Dahlgren Yacht Club, a first for the foundation's oyster gardening program in the Potomac River and its tributaries. The small, brown, shell-shaped spots are the spat, which reach maturity in about one year; the old oyster shell on which these youngsters grow replicates their natural growing conditions.

per Machodoc Creek.

If you are interested in being a part of the oyster gardening program, you must live on the water with some salinity. Waters northwest of the Harry Nice bridge tend to not have the salinity needed, but Shannon says they are happy to provide spats if an interested party lives on slightly less salty waters to attempt to grow oysters. If you don't have access to water, you can also help the program by saving oyster shells. Spats need shells to "incubate" on and there is a shortage of shells. CBF turns 2,000 bushels of recycled oyster shells each year into habitat for millions of oysters planted in the Bay and its rivers.

To learn more about how you can be a part of the program with the CBF, contact them at oystergardener@cbf.org.



Members of the Dahlgren Yacht Club and Chesapeake Bay Foundation after "planting" an oyster garden June 14 at the end of the club's dock aboard Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren, Va.

BASE HAPPENINGS

Dahlgren DMV2Go

DMV2Go will return to NSF Dahlgren on July 26 from 10 a.m. --3 p.m. at the Multipurpose Room at Cannonball Lanes. Bring all necessary documents and take care of your Virginia DMV transactions and save some time!

CPOA Taco/Burrito Sale

The Chief Petty Officers Association will hold a taco & burrito sale at Second Tour Thrift Store on July 20 from 11 a.m. -- 1 p.m. Get three tacos or a burrito and drink for \$7. All proceeds benefit the NSF Dahlgren CPOA. Be sure to visit Second Tour while you're getting lunch and find some "new to you" treasures!

Second Tour Thrift Store

The store offers a wide assortment of quality used items at incredibly low prices. The store is located at 722 Sampson Rd., and is open Thursdays from 10 a.m. -- 2 p.m. for all shoppers with base access. 'Like' on Facebook @DahlgrenSecondTour

Our Daily Bread Giveaway

The Chapel provides a bread and baked goods giveaway, with donations from Walmart at the Chapel Annex on Tuesdays beginning at 11 a.m. For any questions contact the Chapel at 540-653-8297.

Indian Head

Beat the Rush! Don't Wait!

Appointments are available now for school and camp physicals for next school year. Call 301-744-4686 to schedule at Branch Health Clinic Indian Head.

Market Fresh Bistro Now Serving Lunch

The Market Fresh Bistro at the Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head Community Recreation (IIT) and General Library is proudly serving Starbucks beverages and breakfast staples as well as freshly made lunch items. The facility is open Monday -- Friday, 6 a.m. -- 2:30 p.m.

To publish information on your event or program under "Base Happenings," contact Andrew Revelos at 540-653-6012 or email Andrew.revelos1@navy.mil.

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Community Notes

Local Events on Both Sides of the Potomac

Dahlgren Stafford Regional Choral Society to Present Annual Free Summer Concert

Join the Stafford Regional Choral Society as we present our 2017 summer concert, From Sea to Shining Sea, with songs representing Americana and honoring those who serve. Led by guest director Lara Brittain, SRCS will offer two free performances, each at a different location: our July 1, concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1201 Courthouse Road, Stafford; and our July 2nd concert starts at 2 p.m. at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle near MCB Quantico. For more information, visit www.staffordchoral.org, email staffordregionalchoralsociety@yahoo.com or phone 540.226.2928.

Hull's Memorial Baptist Church 8th Annual Patriotic Celebration

Hull's Memorial Baptist Church invites you to come celebrate with us the 241st anniversary of our great nation's independence as we present our annual patriotic musical, "Indivisible". Our prayer is that the United States of America might truly be a united people, joining with one voice to proclaim America to be "one nation under God, INDIVISIBLE." The program consists of many well-known songs celebrating our heritage as well as a slide show of poignant images reflecting the meaning of the words being sung. "Indivisible" will be presented on Saturday, July 8 at 7 p.m. and again on

Sunday, July 9 at 4 p.m. Donations will be collected for Homes for Our Troops. There is no admission charge. Refreshments follow each program. Hull's is located at 420 Enon Road in South Stafford; phone number (540) 371-4124.

Creative Creations, Art for Beginners

This is an art class for children 6 -- 10! We will use paper, oil crayons, paint, wood, and a variety of other media to create many projects! There is a \$10 supply fee to be given to instructor the first day of class. Please wear old clothes to class. Contact Sarah Phillips at sarahphillipsart@gmail.com or 540-840-9855 with any questions. Registration deadline: July 7 and 14. Class sessions July 10-14 and 17-21. Cost: \$50 Class held at King George Elementary School.

Beginning Photography

Want to learn the basics of photography, or develop the skills that you already have? Do you have a DSLR camera but want to know how to use it to its full potential or just want to take beautiful family photographs all the time? In this class, we will work with understanding camera functions (aperture, shutter speed, depth of field, etc.) learn about lighting conditions and lenses for all types of photography, and the basics of computer photo editing! Digital camera with manual functions and memory card required for this class. DSLR preferred. All levels of photographers welcome! Ages 16+, July 17-21, 5-7 p.m. Cost: \$50 Please contact Sarah Phillips at sarahphillipsart@gmail.com or 540-840-9855 with any questions

Lego Engineering Camp

Camp takes place at King

George Middle School, July 31 -- August 4th Two sessions -- Intro to STEM using Lego, 9:00a.m. -- 12:00pm for ages 5 -- 6 and STEM Challenge using Legos 1 -- 4 p.m. for ages 7 -- 12 \$139 per child. Learn more at www.play-well.org and register at King George Parks and Recreation

Indian Head La Plata Summer Concert Series

The weekly concerts take place Friday evenings on the lawn at La Plata Town Hall from 7-9 p.m. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Coolers are allowed, but no alcohol. Concessions are available from the Town's food trailer located near the back of the parking lot and an ice cream truck. Play area for children. This week's concert is Pork Donut -- A five piece band made up of local police officers. They play classic rock and country hits. Pork Donut has been rocking Southern Maryland's acoustic scene for 10 years and has been a full band for two years.

Kayak Tours Available at Mallows Bay Park

The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism is offering Sunday kayak tours at Mallows Bay Park. Paddle through the World War I Ghost Fleet while observing the park's unique wildlife and historic and cultural features. All tours will be led by an experienced and knowledgeable guide. Fee includes introductory kayak lesson, guided tour, tandem kayak (two-person), paddle, and a personal floatation device. No experience is necessary and the pace is very relaxed. A single person or odd number parties will

be paired with others. This event is open to participants 8 years of age and older. Participants between the ages of 8-17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tour Dates and Times:

July 16 and 30

Aug. 13 and 27

Sept. 10 and 24

Oct. 8 and 22

Morning Tours: 9 a.m. -- noon \$75/person Afternoon Tours: 1 p.m. -- 2:30 p.m. \$45/ person Register On-Line at www.CharlesCountyParks.com. For more information call the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism at 301-932-3470. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.

Tri-County Animal Shelter

Maryland 2000
(July 1-30)

During this special month, the shelter is waiving all adoption fees for cats and kittens. The shelter has joined with other Maryland shelters with the goal to find homes for 2,000 cats or more. Find a furry friend and save a life!

Shelter Animals Coming to You

The Tri-County Animal Shelter will be in your neighborhood with adoptable animals. Stop by and find your new best friend. Special adoption day details:

July 1, Tractor Supply Company (10795 Wawa Lane, White Plains), 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

July 8, St. Charles Towne Center (11110 Mall Circle, Waldorf), 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

July 15, Pet Valu Brandywine (15904-A Crain Highways, Brandywine), 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Aquatics Center

540-653-8088

Junior Lifeguard Program

July 10-14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Find out if you have what it takes to be a lifeguard. Learn the basic lifeguard skills and shadow guards while they work. Be prepared to swim ever day! Class size is a minimum of three and maximum of 10 participants. Eligible patrons include all children, ages 10 to 14, with base access. Register at the Aquatics Center by July 5. Cost: \$150.00

Lifeguard Olympics

July 15, 1 – 3 p.m.

Compete against Dahlgren Lifeguards in a variety of swimming and water events. Open to those with base access, ages 15 years and older. Register by July 12. Cost: Free

Auto Skills/Outdoor Recreation

540-653-4900

Outdoor Recreation offers a selection of recreation equipment for fishing, camping, picnics, sporting equipment and special events. Download the Outdoor Recreation Gear Issue & Equipment Rental price list, Moon Bounce and Travel Trailer Rentals from www.NavyMWRDahlgren.com/recreation and select Outdoor Recreation Rentals.

Suspension Components Class

July 11, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Learn the basics of how to maintain the suspension components in your vehicle. Cost: Free

Cannonball Lanes Bowling Center

540-653-7327

Games: Military \$3.00, Civilian \$4.00. Hourly Bowling: Military \$20.00, Civilian \$25.00. Shoe Rental: Military \$1.50, Civilian \$2.50.

Child & Youth

CDC I 540-653-4994 / CDC II

540-653-4342

YAC 540-653-8009

Military Child Care Open Enrollment

There's a new way to request care for School Age Care (SAC) and Summer Camps! Families can now use MCC to request care for SAC programs and Summer Camps all year long. The online system allows you to search for and submit unlimited SAC and Summer Camp requests at any time of the year without waiting for registration to begin! To register and learn more about MCC, visit MilitaryChildCare.com

Community Recreation Tickets & Travel

540-653-8785

Maryland International Raceway

Did you know you can get your MIR tickets right here on base? Save money and purchase tickets on base before going to the event.

Crafterch

540-653-1730

Crafterch offers a variety of services including framing and matting, engraving on plaques, metals, glassware, leather, stone and more, embroidery, flag and shadow boxes, Tiffany



540-653-7336

Price of Shows

Civilian: \$5.00. Active Duty, Retired & Reserve Mil E7 & above & their family members with ID: \$4.00.

E1-E6 & below & their family members with ID: \$3.00. Children (6-11): \$2.00 Children (5 and under): FREE.

*Movies shown in 3D will cost an additional \$1 to ticket price.

Friday, June 30 7 p.m.	Baywatch R
Saturday, July 1 4 p.m.	Everything, Everything PG-13
Saturday, July 1 7 p.m.	Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales PG-13
Sunday, July 2 2 p.m.	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (3D*) PG
Sunday, July 2 4:30 p.m.	Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales PG-13
Monday, July 3 1 p.m.	Sing (FREE ADMISSION) PG
Friday, July 7 7 p.m.	The Mummy PG-13
Saturday, July 8 4 p.m.	Wonder Woman PG-13
Saturday, July 8 7 p.m.	Megan Leavey PG-13
Sunday, July 9 2 p.m.	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie PG
Sunday, July 9 4:30 p.m.	Wonder Woman PG-13

For movie listings online, visit www.NavyMWRDahlgren.com/recreation and select the Dahlgren Theater.

style stained glass, fusing, bottle slumping and firing.

For more details, visit www.NavyMWRDahlgren.com/recreation and select Crafterch.

Chalkboard Art

July 18, 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Say it in chalk! Paint a chalkboard design using a quote of

your choice. Your design will include a frame to completely finish your work of art. Please bring a copy of the quote when you register at Crafterch on July 12. Cost: \$25.00

Fitness Center

540-653-8580

Visit us online at www.NavyMWRDahlgren.com/fitness-sportsto view the Group Exercise schedule, 2017 Race Series schedule, upcoming classes and leagues!

Summer Intramural Sports Registration

Registration is going on for

the summer sports leagues at the Dahlgren Fitness Center. Basketball and racquetball teams must be registered by June 23. The disc golf and ultimate Frisbee tournaments

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have a registration deadline of July 14. Kickball and rugby teams must be registered by July 21. Intramural sports are open to all with base access and invited guests. For more information speak with the Sports Coordinator.

Tour de Dahlgren

July 1-30

The first ten cyclists to accumulate 400 miles will receive a prize. Mileage can be obtained around NSF Dahlgren or by attending and indoor cycle class. Outdoor mileage is accepted. Please record miles with a Dahlgren Fitness Center staff member. Open to all with base access. Cost: Free

Golf Outing

July 14, 5:30 p.m.

MWR Sports has a deal you can't beat! Join us for an evening golf outing at Swan Point Yacht and Country Club.

Your reservation includes: a 30 minute lesson, 9/18 holes (depends on whether or not you choose to stay for concert series), reserved table for concert series, feat. Dr. Robert Band, appetizers, water and soda at the concert series. MWR will provide transportation if desired. Please register at the Dahlgren Fitness Center no later than Friday, July 7. For more information call the Dahlgren Sports Coordinator at 540-653-7259.

General Library

540-653-7474

Storytime at the Library

Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m.

Play, learn, & explore together! Join us at the library for songs, stories, crafts, and playtime! Wednesday evening will be STEAM story times with fun experiments geared towards pre-school and kindergarten children. Friday story times will include baby geared songs as well as books and crafts for pre-school ages.

Summer Reading Program

There is plenty of time to register online! Visit <https://dahlgren.beanstack.org/reader365> to register and earn incentives throughout the summer as you log your reading.

Liberty

540-653-7277

The Liberty Center and all activities are for Liberty Center Patrons Only: E1-E6 single/

unaccompanied active duty military.

Tubing at the Virginia Outdoor Center

July 1, Depart at 9 a.m.

Kick off your 4th of July weekend on the water! Join Liberty on a trip tubing down the Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg.

Kings Dominion Trip

July 3, Depart at 9 a.m.

Let Liberty drive you on a free trip to Kings Dominion amusement park!

4th of July

July 4, at 3:45 p.m.

Gray's Landing will be providing dinner at Liberty where you can eat, relax and enjoy a movie or play your favorite video games!

Wing Wednesday & Trivia

July 5 & 19, 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy free wings provided by Gray's Landing, while you play a round or two of trivia.

Gaming Day

July 7, 2 p.m.

Challenge your friends in a video game tournament or enjoy board game fun! Participants will get free tickets, on a first come first served basis, to the GEXCon gaming convention July 8-9, in Fredericksburg.

Free Movie Friday

July 7 at 10 p.m.

Join us at the Dahlgren Theater and enjoy a free movie with candy, drink, and popcorn!

Washington Nationals Baseball Game

July 8, Depart at 2 p.m.

Join Liberty for the Nationals vs. Braves baseball game!



Stay Connected with your Indian Head MWR!

Indian Head Child & Youth

CDC 301-744-4458

CYP 301-743-5456

Say it With Music Celebrity for a Day Summer Experience

August 14 - 18

Registration open now!

If you can rap, sing, or write poetry, then you can be a celebrity for a day and record your vocals using a profession-

al recording studio! Make a CD! After you create the song, you will film a music video that will be on YouTube or Vimeo! For more information contact the Youth Activities Center at YC.NSASP-INHD. fct@navy.mil

Teen Open Recreation

Open to ages 13 - 18 from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Contact the Youth Center for more information.

Youth Open Recreation

Open to ages 5 - 12 from 6:30 - 10 p.m. Contact the Youth Center for more information.

Indian Head Community Recreation Center

301-744-4850 or 301-744-4648

Storybook Yoga

Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Let's have fun with books, get energized and mimic nature and the world around us using our bodies. Open to children and their parents, grandparents and caregivers! Cost: Free

Code It Necklaces

July 6, at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for this great Maker Camp to keep the summer reading spirit rolling! If you haven't registered already, summer reading is open to all ages from babies to adults. Register online & log your reading by visiting <https://Indianhead.beanstack.org>.

DIY: Mandala Stones

July 12, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for this stress relieving, fun, summer DIY!

Cost: Free

MWR Crab Feast

July 15, 4 - 8 p.m.

Location: Overlook Park at the Mix House

Pack it on with us at the MWR Crab Feast held at the Mix House's Overlook Park. With scenic views of the Potomac, all you can eat food, live music, and great company, what more can you ask for? Cost: \$30 for Adults, \$10 ages 13-17, and Free under 13!

For more information, call the Community Recreation Center at (301) 744-4850.

DIY T-Shirt Rugs

July 26, 4-6 p.m.

Location: The Mix House

Create something out of nothing! We're reusing old t-shirts for a fun kitchen or bathroom DIY rug! If you want, bring some old tees and

your imagination and meet us at the Mix House for a stress-free good time! The more the merrier! Cost: Free

Indian Head Globe & Anchor/ Tiki Bar

301-744-6487

Make sure to LIKE us on Facebook to see the exciting drop-in events throughout the month.

Hot Enough For 'Ya Picnic!

July 21, 6 p.m.

Come and celebrate "Hot Enough For Ya Day" early with us, at the Tiki Bar! Bring your shades, some sun block, and a few of your friends while we enjoy some music, light fare, and 6 NEW drink specials. It will be nothing but fun in the sun as we overlook the beautiful Potomac River sunset!

Cost: Free

Indian Head Liberty Center

301-744-4524

The Liberty Center and all activities are for Liberty Center Patrons Only: E1-E6 Single/Unaccompanied Active Duty Military.

Southern Md. Paintball Trip

July 1, bus departs at 9 a.m.

Liberty is back at it! Join us for another exciting trip to SoMD Paintball! All equipment included! Cost: \$25

FIFA 17 Tournament

July 5, 6 p.m.

You'll use your hand to run circles around the competition in this soccer-themed video game tournament! Winner will receive a prize! Cost: Free

Courtyard Cookout

July 7, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Come and spend this summer afternoon with Liberty! Join us for some volleyball, basketball, corn hole, great grub, and more! Cost: Free

Kings Dominion Trip

July 8, bus departs at 9:30 a.m.

Hop on the bus and join us as we venture out to one of the best amusement parks in the area! Thrills, games, food, and fun! COST: \$20

Rummy tournament

July 10, 6 p.m.

Throw down with us in this game of matching chance! Compete with the best for your opportunity to be the Liberty Rummy Champ! Snacks and prizes provided! Cost: Free

MLB 17 Tournament

July 11, 6 p.m.

Step up to the plate at this Liberty video game tourna-

ment! Prize awarded to the winners! Cost: Free

Indian Head Stars & Strikes Bowling Center

301-744-4761

Games: Military \$2.00/game; Civilian \$3.00/game; Shoe Rental \$1.00

Party Rental

Rent Stars & Strikes for your next celebration and let us help you throw a bowling bash that your guests will rave about! Cost: 2 hour rental pric

es are \$60 for military and \$70 for civilians. Price includes 4 private lanes, shoes, cosmic lights and whole lot of fun!

Open Bowling

Fridays and Saturdays, 5 - 10 p.m.

Bored on the weekends? Look no further. Stars & Strikes Bowling Center offers open bowling on Fridays and Saturdays.

Lunchtime Bowling

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

It's time to enjoy your lunch! Take a break from the office and unwind with a game or two of bowling! Want a quick bite while you play? Visit us online for the menu and to contact Stars and Strikes for more information.

Cosmic Bowling

2nd and 4th Saturday, 5 - 10 p.m.

What glows in the dark and is too much fun to miss? Cosmic bowling at Stars & Strikes Bowling Center!

Video game Appreciation Day

July 7 - 8, 5-10p.m.

No cheat code required to enjoy this open bowl! You just need to rock your favorite video game attire and you'll get a free game and shoe rental!

Red, White and Hooray!

During Open Bowl

We appreciate your service! All military members bowl one game free Friday and Saturday nights in July!

Bowling Leagues

Now Forming

Leagues will be made up of mixed teams of four and substitute bowlers for the upcoming season. Contact Stars & Strikes for pricing and information.

Indian Head Weight House Fitness Center

301-744-4661

Sprint Triathlon

Registration Open

Drop into the WHFC to register for the Sprint Triathlon, which will be held on August 4 from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Test your strength and endurance in a 400-meter swim, 12 mile bike ride and 2.8-Mile Run. Cost: \$15 for military and \$25 for all others. Registration ends July 28.

Dive-In Movie Night

July 5, 7:30 p.m.

Summer nights are best enjoyed while floating in the pool watching a movie! All movies are family-friendly. Cost: Military-Free/ All Others-\$4

Golf Clinic

July 7, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If you're looking to improve your swing or learn the basics of golf this is the clinic for you! Cost: \$25

Youth Conditioning

July 11, 9 - 11 a.m.

Location: WHFC

Meet us at the WHFC for your children to learn basic sports fundamentals! Open to youth 10 years and older with base access. Register at the WHFC by July 07! For more information, call the Sports Coordinator at (301) 744-6649. Cost: Free

Beach 3 on 3 Volleyball Tournament

July 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Sand Courts at Ben Rand Field

Join the WHFC for this double-elimination tournament.

Prizes will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams. Music, food, and fun! Cost: Military-Free / \$5 All others



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DECA Commissaries: Celebrating 150 Years of Service



1867-2017: DECA Commissaries Celebrate

In 2016, the men and women of DeCA observed a quarter-century of their agency's service to the military community.

This year, DeCA is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the modern commissary benefit, which officially began on July 1, 1867.

On that date, two years following the Civil War, enlisted men received the same shopping privilege that had been available to officers since 1825: the right to purchase goods, "at cost price," from their post's subsistence department warehouses.

But 1867 is regarded as the start of the "modern benefit" because men of all ranks became eligible to make such purchases, and these sales were not limited to frontier posts. Rather, they



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY US ARMY SIGNAL CORPS
Makeshift Commissary during World War I in France, 1918

were permitted at every post, across the country as well as on the frontier, where the commanding officer believed they were necessary.

It seems fitting that, following a war that helped do away with slavery and some of the old class distinctions, enlisted men, who were more in need of the commissary benefit because they received lower pay than their officers, were permitted to supplement their official rations at minimal cost.

As years passed, retirees, spouses and families also became eligible shoppers, and commissaries mirrored changes and progress in the civilian retail grocery industry – from self-service and supermarket-style shopping to product proliferation. As the nation sent its armed forces overseas, commissaries followed: Cuba, the Philippines, China and Panama all had U.S. military commissaries before 1905. Surcharges came and went. During the World Wars, commissaries spread all over the globe, from Europe and the Middle East to the Far East and even South America.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO
U.S. Navy Commissary at Navy Supply Depot, Guam, in 1951

The Navy and Marine Corps opened their first commissaries in 1909-1910, and when the Air Force came into being in 1947, it inherited commissaries at Army Air Force bases and airfields.

In the early 20th century, each store ran things its own way – or, rather, as the local commander desired. If the commander was interested and enthused about the commissary, the facilities were good and well-run, with large stock lists; if he was not, then the commissary – and its patrons – suffered the consequences.

World War II sent Americans in uniform all over the world, and commissaries followed. After war's end, starting with the Armed Services Commissary Store Regulation of 1949, the services began taking control of the commissaries on their bases, professionalized store staffs, and created career paths for military and



Commissary Store at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., 1940.

civilian employees.

By the 1980s, the four major services each had their own commissary system: AFCOMS (the Air Force Commissary Service), NAVRESSO (Navy Resale and Services Support Office), TSA (the Army's Troop Support Agency) and the Marine Corps Commissary Section. Under their direction, commissary staffs were further professionalized, many practices and procedures were standardized, and the stores themselves were upgraded.

By 1991, with the end of the Cold War in sight, funding for the military was beginning to be a political issue. Anticipating possible efforts to cut the commissary benefit, Congress approved merging the commissary systems of the four major services into one agency, the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), which officially took over the operation of 411 separate commissary locations around the world on Oct. 1, 1991. For the next 25 years, DeCA improved service, modernized its stores and increased customer savings.

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) actions and the downsizing of the American military have reduced the number of DeCA commissaries to 238, but all are either new or have been remodeled and modernized.

The commissary remains a key factor in both recruitment and retention, a focal point for quality of life on military installations, and along with medical care, is one of the two most valued items in the military benefit package. The commissary customers of 1867 would no doubt be amazed by the transformation that has taken place in the last century-and-a-half; but they would be pleased to know the benefit not only still exists, but is thriving.

Special sales and other events will be held in celebration of the 150th anniversary, some of which will vary by store, so check with your commissary management for details about upcoming events.

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UAVs

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— ensured a strong focus on technical rigor as they taught the Sly Fox team how to perform under pressure.

"The program is challenging, both to the home organization and to the employee," said Mary Collings, head of the NSWCDD Gun Prototyping and Rapid Fielding Branch and supervisor of one of the Mission 21 team members. "It enables employees to experience the development of a system from beginning to end. They start with requirements and finish by demonstrating a product."

The intensive collaboration resulted in a system called SCAPEGOAT, otherwise known as "Senses CBR Agents Pre-Engagement and Goes Over All Terrain". The modular CBR detection system accommodates multiple sensor modules across multiple UAV platforms, enabling Sailors to better protect themselves from the increasing frequency of CBR attacks by relaying threat data to command and control assets.

Throughout the demonstration, spectators looked at the horizon over the Potomac River and viewed monitors to see the SCAPEGOAT system onboard a commercial octocopter UAS platform detect and report the presence of chemical simulants.

"It directly addresses a real warfighter need for low cost, flexible CBR early warning technologies," said Cogley, a Sly Fox process mentor. "While other organizations and industry have demonstrated similar capabilities, the SCAPEGOAT's low cost and ability to operate with multiple UAV platforms and CBR sensors is the unique quality that sets it apart from other solutions."

Early in the design phase, the team decided to integrate existing CBR detection technology into SCAPEGOAT, avoiding major modifications of CBR sensors and UAS platforms that involve strict payload weight limitations. Their decision led to a system design with three interchangeable mission modules — one each for the chemical detection, biological, and radiological detection capabilities.

Moreover, the chemical and radiological detection modules are compatible with currently fielded military sensors. The biological collection unit is a custom NSWCDD-designed module compatible with currently fielded filter media that uses a 12-volt fan to pull air through the system. In addition to CBR detection systems, SCAPEGOAT features modules for communications, a global positioning system, camera, and power.

As the demonstration concluded, team members reflected on their Sly Fox Mission experience and shared lessons learned.

"The primary lesson I learned from Sly Fox is the necessity of technical rigor in concept development, design, and testing," said Joshua Taylor, NSWCDD physicist. "Sly Fox connected me to



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY JOHN JOYCE, NSWC DAHLGREN DIVISION CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Navy scientist Charles Miller and mathematician Jessica Hildebrand perform pre-flight checks on the SCAPEGOAT chemical, biological, and radiological (CBR) detection system. The SCAPEGOAT system – developed by a team of Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division junior scientists and engineers – demonstrates the capability to deploy a modular CBR sensor system aboard multiple unmanned aerial vehicle platforms.

people and resources around NSWCDD that left me with a deep appreciation of the scope and rigor of the work being done at Dahlgren. Subject matter experts that advised the development of the SCAPEGOAT inspired me to pursue a collaborative environment that is driven by real and present needs of the fleet, where I can be challenged to develop new skills."

"To actually experience the full development of a program in such a short timeframe, from defining requirements to testing and evaluation, has been enormously enlightening," said Charles Miller, NSWCDD scientist. "I learned a lot about the DoD acquisitions and rapid prototyping processes. This entailed striking a balance between the well-defined procurement process and the need for maximum flexibility in rapid prototyping."

"This Sly Fox team was one of the best teams I have ever worked on, and as an ensemble musician throughout most of my life, I've worked in group settings quite often," said Jordan Lieberman, NSWCDD physicist. "I've gained valuable experience in presenting and answering tough technical questions, skills that will be useful for the remainder of my career. The hardest part of this mission was developing requirements, concepts, and early designs for a product in a scientific field I had no previous experience in. I relied heavily on the knowledge and expertise of our mentors and on the members of the team with relevant experience."

The benefit of transitioning technical, project management and leadership knowledge to junior engineers and scientists across organizations is reflected in the careers of Sly Fox Mission members since the first Sly Fox Mission was launched in 2002. The inaugural team successfully developed the Passive Anti-Ship

team conducted their mission and excited to see the technical prowess that they collectively demonstrated. I am a huge fan of the Sly Fox Program and feel that the Sly Fox missions are absolutely critical to our workforce development efforts."

DoD and government officials attending the demonstration represented commands and agencies that included the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, Marine Corps Systems Command, Marine Corps Forces Command, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Naval Research Laboratory, Pentagon Force Protection Agency, U.S. Coast Guard, Naval Sea Systems Command, and the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

The Sly Fox program is an NSWCDD Naval Innovative Science and Engineering (section 219) funded rapid prototyping program intended to develop the science and engineering workforce while applying their talents to known technology gaps. Like the previous 20 missions — including efforts in directed energy, radar systems, unmanned systems, and cyber threats — Sly Fox Mission 21 took advantage of the diverse skills of its team members to tackle a mission that is important to NSWCDD and its customers.

As the mission concludes on June 30, team members will depart with new technical experiences, unique perspectives on rapid development, and a network of professional colleagues from across the command that will guide them in their current positions and throughout their careers.

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Grant Wentworth helps adjust the EOD bomb suit helmet on Chelsea Graham.

EOD

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here," Plumadore said, "but this little annex has been both directly and indirectly integrated into many of the most important and transformational military events experienced by the United States."

The EOD elements of the NSWC IHEODTD can trace their origin back to the earliest days of World War II when the U.S. Navy recognized the need for a capability to counter emerging threats from advanced and more complex weapons systems being deployed by other nations.

Retired EOD Officer and Paralympian, Brad Snyder, served as special guest speaker for the ceremony. As an EOD Officer, Snyder deployed in the Spring of 2011 to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. After six months of assault operations, Brad was severely injured Sept. 7, 2011, when he functioned an improvised explosive device (IED) that was buried in the ground.

Snyder sustained complete vision loss as a result of his injury, but did not suffer any other lasting wounds. As a part of his rehabilitation process he turned to swimming. After a few short months of training was able to earn a spot on the U.S. Paralympic



Michael Lee and sons Nathan, Matthew, and Andrew, read the engraved EOD memorial marker located in front of the flagpole at Stump Neck Annex. The memorial marker was made from bricks and the plaque from the original EOD Memorial Wall that was once located at Indian Head, Md.

National Swimming Team. At the 2012 Paralympics, exactly one year after his injury, he competed in seven events, earning two Gold Medals, and one Silver Medal.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MATT POYNOR

Regan tries out the controls of the static display helicopter.



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John C. Richards assists son Cody at the controls of an EOD robot as wife Michelle looks on.

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National Pet Fire Safety Day, July 15

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at www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/fire/pet-fire-safety.

The Town of La Plata Summer Kids Shows

The shows are geared towards preschool and elementary age children and are approximately 45 minutes long. Shows will be held outdoors on the Town Hall Westlawn, (weather permitting — shows will not be moved indoors). Attend-

ees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. No concessions will be available, but you are welcome to bring drinks and snacks along. On July 11, at 10 a.m. Bright Star Theatre will present "Alice in Wonderland." The Lewis Carroll literary classic is magically brought to life in this 45-minute adventure. Join Alice on her journey into the rabbit hole, packed with some eccentric and fantastical characters who take your

audience on an imaginative ride. Since 1865 this literary classic has been a favorite among young readers and we can't wait to bring it to life. Join the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter and Alice on this adventure in Wonderland.

Town of La Plata 4th of July Watermelon Bash!

Celebrate the 4th of July at Town Hall on Tuesday, July 4th, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Join us for hot dogs, games,

wet fun, and plenty of watermelon.

Team "Handsome Dad" Alzheimer's Crab Feast

AVSI, in partnership with the Town of Indian Head and the Military Alliance Council (MAC), is sponsoring a Crab Feast in support of finding a cure for Alzheimer's on Saturday, August 5 from 1-5 p.m. at the Indian Head Village Green Pavilion. The day will include all you can eat and drink, grand prize

drawing for an iPad, 50/50 raffle, cornhole tournament, raffle drawings and live music. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$45, or \$55 at the door. Show your support by registering for the walk on September 30 by going to www.alz.org/walk and search for team "Handsome Dad". For ticket purchases and questions about how to walk or donate contact Sheila Zattua at 301-752-0633 or 301-200-8667.

Holiday

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the area simpler.

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Town of Indian Head 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks

July 4, 3:30 – 10 p.m. (rain or shine)

The Village Green and Pavilion

The Day kicks off with a Patriotic Opening Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. There will be amusement ride from 4 – 8 p.m. live entertainment including DJ Rockin' Roger and One Louder Band, and food available for sale. No pets of

any kind or alcoholic beverages permitted. Free admission. For more information call 240-375-4061 or email karen@townofindianhead.org

Town of La Plata

Independence Day Watermelon Bash

July 4, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (no fireworks at this event)

Grounds of the La Plata Town Hall

Join us for hot dogs, games, wet fun, and plenty of watermelon! Free hot dogs, watermelon, & ice cream 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. or while they last. Event is wheelchair accessible.

Charles County

Celebrate Charles: A Fun-Filled 4th

July 4, 4:30 – 11 p.m.

Enjoy a memorable Independence Day with family and friends at the 2016 Celebrate Charles: A Fun-Filled Fourth on Monday, July 4 at Regency Furniture Stadium, 4:30 – 9:30 p.m. Event schedule:

4:30 p.m. Best of Charles County Marketplace opens, Celebrate Charles Family Fun Zone be-

gins, music by No Green Jellybeenz

6:35 p.m. Southern Maryland Blue Crabs baseball game vs. Sugar Land Skeeters

8:00 p.m. Music by Sam Grow

9:30 p.m. Fireworks Display

Admission and parking are free. Family Fun Zone wristbands are \$5 each. There are additional fees for marketplace, food, and drink purchases. Additional parking will be available at St. Charles High School (5305 Piney Church Road, Waldorf). Seating outside the stadium is limited. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. Guests who purchase game tickets will receive a complimentary wristband for the Family Fun Zone. To purchase tickets, call 301-638-9788 or visit www.SoMDBlueCrabs.com. For more information, visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/CelebrateCharles, or call the Crain Memorial Welcome Center at 1-800-766-3386. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.

Charles County Fairgrounds

Charles County Fair 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks

July 4, Dusk. Gates open at 3 p.m.; Live Music 5 – 9 p.m.

The Charles County Fair Board will be presenting a new and improved Fourth of July Fireworks demonstration (brought to you by Innovative Pyrotechnic Concepts, LLC) this year, a show that has never been seen or heard in the county before.

Before the fireworks display, come and enjoy some great food and outstanding live music from some local talented people. The grand finale of our celebration will be a digital pyro-musical display shot off and thundering to a multicultural musical blast! Free admission! Gates open at 3:00 pm. Musical Acts 5:00 to 9:00 pm on the main stage. Hear bluegrass from the Port Tobacco Pickers and Classic Rock from The Bucket List.



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