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The Dahlgren Way Explored During Recent Forum at UMW Dahlgren

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

The Dahlgren Heritage Museum hosted the first of its Dahlgren Centennial speaker series forums at the University of Mary Washington Dahlgren Campus. The panel featured four previous commanding officers from Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) on Jan. 10.

The panel included Bob Fuscaldo, who commanded NSWCDD from 1988 to 1991; Vaughn Mahaffey, from 1997 to 2001; Joseph McGettigan, from 2004 to 2007; and Sheila Patterson, from 2007 to 2010. Patterson holds the distinction of being the first and only female commanding officer at NSWCDD (and its predecessors).

Ed Jones, president of the Dahlgren Heritage Foundation, moderated the discussion. He joked that having grown up on Dahlgren for the first 18 years of his life, commanding officers were distant and somewhat foreboding authority figures. Having an entire panel of them, therefore, made Jones just a bit nervous about tackling the discussions.

"As an eight-year-old, here at Dahlgren in the 1950's, looking at politics, government or entertainment, my hierarchy was President [of the United States] Eisenhower, the next level was commanding officer for



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY BARBARA WAGNER

A forum of former commanding officers participated in a panel discussion at University of Mary Washington, Dahlgren on Jan. 10 hosted by the Dahlgren Heritage Museum. This was the first installment in a speaker series celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of Dahlgren. The panel touched on the "Dahlgren Way" as well as discussed their experiences with Base Realignment and Closures. The next installation of this speaker series

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Local Sea Cadets Recognized, Prove Their Mettle at Recent Trainings



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Pentagon Division Sea Cadets Division Lt Cmdr. Scott Corsano congratulates the three cadets who promoted to Chief Petty Officer at their awards ceremony that took place on Jan. 7 aboard Naval Support Facility Dahlgren.

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Whether braving frigid temperatures in the mountains of Colorado during the winter holiday – with not much more than a tarp – or participating in the monthly drills and accomplishing all of the hard work that goes into them, the Pentagon Division of Sea Cadets has a lot to be proud of. At their annual inspection and awards ceremony on Jan. 7, the unit was able to include the addition of three newly pinned chief petty officers (CPOs) to their list of accomplishments.

"It's unusual to have three cadets promoting at the same time, but it's more a factor of timing," Pentagon Division Sea Cadets Commanding Officer Scott Corsano said.

In addition to their regular meetings, cadets who are seeking to achieve chief petty officer status within

the organization must complete a Navy Correspondence course and pass the exam, attend an advanced training – such as the Cold Weather Survival Training that Cadet Chief Petty Officer Brenton Corsano attended – and complete a physical readiness test every six months to keep advancing.

"These three cadets progressed at a similar rate," Corsano continued. "However, it's because of their commitment to the program and themselves and working hard that they made it to this milestone together."

The last time the Pentagon Division had a CPO amongst their ranks was more than three years ago, so to have three motivated cadets promote at one time is quite an accomplishment. Cadet Chief Petty

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Officers Brenton Corsano, Mason Hurd and Timothy Ryan were capped at the recent ceremony.

"Achieving the rank of chief petty officer is the pinnacle of achievement for Sea Cadets," Corsano explained. "As a CPO, now it's their time to give back more to their unit and advanced training contingents. It's the time to mentor junior cadets and pass on what they've learned through their time in the program. They still have the opportunity to attend advanced training, but typically serve in staff cadet roles where they help run the event."

According to Corsano, while the cadets can't go any higher in rank, at this point they have learned how to be a leader and set the example for the younger cadets.

"At Pentagon Division, we're looking to these newly-pinned senior cadet leaders to help the adult staff build and execute the training program for the other cadets," Corsano said.

At this year's awards, not only did the three CPOs promote, but two of the adult volunteers also promoted within the ranks: Lt. j.g. Mark Parker and Ensign Steven Possehl.

Adults may volunteer with the program two ways — as officers in the program, as Parker and Possehl do, or as part of the parents' auxiliary. Corsano stressed that adults who take part do not have to have a cadet in the program to volunteer and those in the auxiliary aren't required to train or have mandatory attendance, nor do they wear a uniform.

"We are always looking for adult volunteers, either full time or part time," Corsano said. "We're also always looking for people willing to open doors on the base for the cadets by coming in for part-time on a Saturday or Sunday during our drill weekends (typically the 2nd weekend of the month) to expose our cadets to the great work being accomplished at Dahlgren."

Corsano says that whether a potential volunteer has particular skills they can share with the cadets or are just interested in helping, they are more than happy for the assistance.

There were two other student promotions at the ceremony — Cadet Petty Officer 3rd Class Erin Possehl and two Cadet Seaman Apprentices, Logan Ryan and Daniel Weberg.

Other awards presented included an academic achievement award for Joshua Lyon, as well as Community Service Ribbons for Noah Buckwalter, Brenton Corsano (2nd award), James Gidney and Chase Lindal. A Recruiting Incentive Ribbon was presented to Jared Cooney and Timothy Ryan (3rd Award).

A number of cadets were recognized for their excellence in physical fitness. The Presidential Physical Readiness Training (PRT) Award was bestowed upon Zeke Flores, and the National PRT was presented to cadets Brenton Corsano (3rd Award) Chase Lindal (2nd Award), Mason Robey (2nd Award), Timothy Ryan (2nd



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Naval Support Facility South Potomac Commanding Officer Capt. Michael O'Leary spoke with each cadet at the Pentagon Division Sea Cadets awards ceremony and annual inspection on Jan. 7. A number of cadets received awards for advanced training, fitness as well as several rank promotions including three who promoted to Chief Petty Officer.

Award), Joseph Caro, Caden Cratty and Joshua Lyon.

Brenton Corsano was presented with an award for Color Guard and both Zeke Flores and Anthony Frank received an award for Recruit Training. Frank was also recognized with a Unit Commendation for Honor Company.

Brenton Corsano participated in an advanced training program, the aforementioned Cold Weather Survival, where he received a citation ribbon for Honor Cadet and unit commendation for Honor Squad.

Six cadets attended various advanced training academies. Erin Possehl and Mason Robey attended Petty Officer Leadership Training; Noah Buckwalter, Kolton Dobson and Chase Lindal attended the Small Boat Operations advanced training; and Joshua Lyon attended the Master-At-Arms advanced training.

Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Commanding Officer Capt. Michael O'Leary was on hand to present the awards and acknowledge the hard work that all of the cadets have achieved over the last 12 months.

Congratulations to all of the cadets for their outstanding efforts within the program!

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with the Pentagon Division Sea Cadet program, contact Lt. Cmdr. Scott Corsano at pentagondiv@gmail.com. To learn more about the Sea Cadet program visit <http://www.seacadets.org>.



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Sea Cadets Chief Petty Officer Brenton Corsano (fourth from right) attended a Cold Weather Survival week-long training between Christmas and New Year's which involved 30 cadets surviving in the mountains of Colorado. The cadets were instructed on cold weather survival skills first, before being put in the woods for approximately six days to survive and train. While in the woods, they were instructed on basic squad level field operations. This was one of the Sea Cadet program's Advanced Trainings which are classified as Special Operations trainings.

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Undersecretary of the Navy Gets Sworn In



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS RAYMOND D. DIAZ III/RELEASED
Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer, left, congratulates Thomas Modly after ceremonially swearing him in as undersecretary of the Navy during a ceremony in Memorial Hall at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Modly was confirmed as the 33rd undersecretary of the Navy by the U.S. Senate, November 2017.

FFSC Trains New Command Financial Specialists



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Sailors from across the Naval District Washington (NDW) region pause Jan. 12 during the weeklong Command Financial Specialist course instructed by members of the Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). The program trains Sailors to provide shipmates with basic financial information and “steer” them to helpful, credible resources... and avoid pitfalls like high-interest loans that can negatively affect one’s financial standing for years. The best advice of all, said Carol Allison, transition assistance program (TAP) and personal financial management (PFM) program manager, is to get good, tailored advice and not accept just any financial rumor or speculation. “[CFS] is a really good program,” she said. “Each person has different demands on their money.” Bravo Zulu to the Navy’s newest command financial specialists!

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Exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2018 (SC-CS18) will be conducted on naval installations within the continental United States, Jan. 29- Feb. 9.

SC-CS18 is a regularly-scheduled, annual exercise that ensures the readiness of Navy security forces and is not in response to any specific threat. The Navy incorporates highly-realistic training scenarios into these drills, but is committed to keeping the public informed about any potential impacts of the exercise so as not to generate undue concern about the “scenario threat.”

Measures have been taken to minimize disruptions within local communities and to normal base operations, but there may be times when the exercise causes increased traffic around bases, delays in base access or limited, temporary road closures. Area and base residents may also see or hear first responders, security activities, vehicle barriers and emergency vehicles associated with the exercise.

The Field Training Exercises (FTX) portion of SC-CS18 in Naval Support Activity South Potomac’s (NSASP) area of responsibility will occur Jan. 29-Feb. 1 at both Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head, Md., and at NSF Dahlgren, Va.

Additionally, on Feb. 5-9, security forces will practice implementing enhanced security measures – including random vehicle searches – at



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY ANDREW REVELO

A Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Police Officer questions a role-player during a security exercise at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren. Exercise Solid Curtain-Citadel Shield 2018 (SC-CS18) will be conducted on naval installations within the continental United States, Jan. 29- Feb. 9, and may result in delays at the gates during non-peak commuting hours.

the gates. This phase of the drill will not be conducted during peak commuting times, but on those days, outside of peak commuting hours, motorists may notice delays at the gates. Service members and employees who choose to leave the base for lunch on these dates should plan on longer wait times to get through the gate and security measures on their return trip.

During both phases of this exercise, personnel may re-

ceive all hands emails or Wide Area Alert Network (WAAN) messages related to the drill. The purpose of sending these messages is to allow exercise evaluators to gauge critical communication capabilities. All drill-related communications will start and end with EXERCISE EXERCISE; recipients should acknowledge WAAN messages but are not required to actually implement these directives.

MDTA to Host Online Presentation for New Nice Bridge Project Starting January 18

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) is providing an online presentation Thursday, January 18, 2018 about the New Nice Bridge Project announced by Governor Larry Hogan in 2016 that will benefit thousands of residents that use the bridge every day. The new bridge will replace the current Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge over US 301 between Charles County, MD and King George County, VA. Construction will begin in early 2020, and the new bridge will open to traffic in 2023.

Visit newnicebridge.com any time after noon on January 18 to view the presentation. The presentation will provide a summary of the project, including how the MDTA has worked to advance

the project beyond the original study phase, the project schedule and what you can expect during construction and after the new bridge opens. This effort kicks off the public comment period, which ends February 20, 2018.

We welcome and encourage your thoughts. You can provide input at newnicebridge.com, by email at info@newnicebridge.com, or by mail to:

Maryland Transportation Authority
 Attn: William N. Pines, PE
 Director of Project Development
 Office of Engineering and Construction
 8019 Corporate Drive, Suite F
 Nottingham, Maryland 21236

BASE HAPPENINGS

Dahlgren

Armed Services Blood Program Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive at the Chapel Annex on Jan. 30, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. All types are welcome, but the greatest need for the next few weeks will be O Negative, O Positive, B- and AB +/-.

Appointments can be made online at militarydonor.com using sponsor code: NSF. For questions or concerns contact Donna Onwona at donna-lee.onwona.civ@mail.mil.

Catholic Services at Dahlgren Chapel

Monday — Thursday: Rosary at 1200 in Back Chapel

Friday: Liturgy of the Hours and Rosary at 1200 in Back Chapel

Saturday: Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest, vigil, 1700 in Main Chapel

Child Development Center I Has Spaces Available!

The Dahlgren CDC I has space available for parents to enroll children. For more information on how to enroll contact the center at 540-653-4994 or stop by at 727 Sampson Road, building 437.

Dahlgren Sea Kings Chess Club

Want to learn how to play the world's oldest game like the masters? We're starting a new lesson format: a seminar system with rotating topics! We will now have eight instructors and cycle through a series of ten subjects: e4 Openings, d4 Openings, Positional Theory, Pattern Recognition, King-Pawn Endgames, Rook Endgames, Minor Piece Endgames, Exchange Theory, Tactics, and Grandmasters. Weekly lessons are free, and all skill levels are welcome. Group will meet Wednesdays from 4 — 6:30 p.m. Please call or email for more information, LT Brian T. Curran, V23, (540)653-1941, brian.curran1@navy.mil.

DMV2Go at Dahlgren

DMV2Go will be at Dahlgren on Jan 24 at the Multi-Purpose Room inside Cannonball Lanes from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m. Bring necessary documents and save yourself time conducting Virginia DMV transactions

Price Change at Gray's Landing

Effective Oct. 1, meal prices at Gray's Landing on the Potomac Restaurant will be increasing by a dollar per meal. Anyone with base access is welcome to dine. New prices as of Oct. 1 will be:

Breakfast: \$6.50, Soup & Salad: \$7.50, Lunch: \$9.00, Dinner: \$9.00

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 @DahlgrenSecond-Tour

Indian Head

FFSC Relocated aboard NSF Indian Head

The Fleet and Family Support Center has relocated at NSF Indian Head. FFSC is now located in the Mix House, Bldg D-324 on the top level, room 1.

Market Fresh Bistro Now

Serving Lunch

The Market Fresh Bistro at the Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head Community Recreation (ITT) and General Library is proudly serving Starbucks beverages and breakfast staples as well as freshly made lunch items including soups. 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.

Community Notes

Dahlgren

County Resident Internet Broadband Survey

King George County seeks to provide reliable broadband access to everyone in the community at the best value to our citizens. To achieve this goal, the Economic Development Office pursued a Community Development Block Grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia to conduct a needs survey designed to assess the extent to which County residents and businesses are satisfied with their current internet service, and whether broadband is desired or needed, but we need your voice to be heard! To participate in the survey, simply visit <https://www.wired.virginia.gov/broadband/broadband-survey> and let us know how we can help make broadband a reality! Share the link as well so that all residents have an opportunity to participate. The more participation received, the more viable our future grant requests are. The survey closes on February 1, 2018, but early submissions are greatly appreciated.

Vendor Blender & Yard Sale at KGHS

Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Shop vendors, crafters and yard sales at this event held at King George High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and food will be available! Space is still available, contact kgdeca@gmail.com for a registration form. The event supports the King George High School DECA competitive trip to ICDC in Atlanta, Ga.

2018 King George Little League Spring Registration

Registration fees have been REDUCED for the 2018 season! Online registration is now open at www.KGLittleLeague.org for the 2018 spring baseball and softball season. League ages are 4 to 16. The baseball league is determined by the player's age as of August 31, 2018. Softball league age is determined by the player's age as of December 31, 2017. In-person registration dates are Saturdays, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, and Feb. 3. These will be held at the King George Middle School Cafeteria from 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Scholarship Available For Active Duty, Spouses and Vets at UMW

UMW is offering a scholarship providing qualified active duty service members, spouses, or

honorably discharged veterans the opportunity to receive a 25% military tuition scholarship for graduate degree programs: Master of Business Administration or Education and Master of Science in Geospatial Analysis. Please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions for more info at 540-286-8000 or email graduate@umw.edu.

KG Alert

Sign up for KG alert offered by the King George County Emergency Services to notify you of important information due to an emergency, disaster, road closure or inclement weather. To sign up for free, go to <https://www.kgalert.com/Portal.htm>

Indian Head

Chocolate Fest — Save the Date!

Port Tobacco River Conservancy presents ChocolateFest on Feb. 9, at the Waldorf Jaycees building, 3090 Crain Highway. Doors open at 7 p.m. for an evening of live music by Groove Span, dancing, romance, a silent auction, cash casino and of course chocolate! Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at www.portTobaccoRiver.org.

Charles County Government Citizen Notification System (CNS)

Sign up for the Charles County Government Citizen Notification System for notification of important information. All citizens are urged to register for the new system online. Register today at www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/CNS.

Tri-County Animal Shelter Announces January Promotions

New Year, New Homes (Tuesday, Jan. 2 to Wednesday, Jan. 31) In celebration of the New Year, the shelter is reducing the adoption fee for dogs to \$100 and for cats to \$20.18 during January. Start the year off right with a furry friend by your side!

Walk Your Dog Month (Tuesday, Jan. 2 to Wednesday, Jan. 31) In honor of the special month, the shelter will give a leash and collar with every dog adoption during January. There are many benefits for you and your pet when you walk together. Our shelter pups love to get out of their cages for a walk. Volunteers are always welcome to stop by, fill

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Saturday, Jan. 20 4 p.m.	Ferdinand PG
Saturday, Jan. 20 7 p.m.	Star Wars: The Last Jedi PG-13
Sunday, Jan. 21 2 p.m.	My Little Pony (FREE ADMISSION) PG
Sunday, Jan. 21 4:30 p.m.	Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle PG-13
Friday, Jan. 26 7 p.m.	All the Money in the World R
Saturday, Jan. 27 4 p.m.	Jumanji: Welcome To The Jungle PG-13
Saturday, Jan. 27 7 p.m.	The Greatest Showman PG
Sunday, Jan. 28 2 p.m.	Ferdinand PG
Sunday, Jan. 28 4:30 p.m.	Pitch Perfect 3 PG-13

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-TICKETS- Disney on Ice: Frozen Tickets

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Great Wolf Lodge dates are available now at Tickets & Travel! If rooms are no longer available, ask for alternative pricing for other dates. Package includes one night, two days, standard rooms, 6 water park bands and \$8 arcade credit. Check-in is at 4 p.m. and check-out is 11 a.m., however, the waterpark is still available for use. Cost: \$217

-CRAFTS & CLASSES- Stencil & Paint at Gray's Landing

Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m. Register at Craftech by Jan. 18.

Join the Craftech team for a fun evening of stencil painting on a wooden pallet. Choose your quote or design from our variety of stencils. Re-

freshments and wine will be available for purchase. Must be 21 years old with valid ID to purchase alcohol. Please drink responsibly. Cost: \$25.00

Valentine's Day Deliveries
Feb. 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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balloons, gifts and goodies on base to co-workers, friends or someone special. Prices range from \$8.00-\$25.00. Place your order with Craftech by Feb. 13.

DIY Wine Glass Painting
Feb. 21, 6 p.m. at Gray's Landing

Paint a wine glass with Community Rec just in time

for Valentine's Day. Register at Tickets & Travel by Feb. 16. Cost: \$10

DIY Jewelry Making
Feb. 27, 5 p.m. at the Multipurpose Room
Learn how to create your

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The Dating Game at Gray's Landing

Feb. 14, 6 p.m. Register at Tickets & Travel by Feb. 9.

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Sprint Triathlon –

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Saturday, April 21

Register at www.DahlgrenSprintTri.eventbrite.com. Must have at least 25 registered participants by March 23 to compete. Check in at 7 a.m.; start time is 8 a.m. and awards will be at 10:30 a.m. Awards will be given to male and female first place winners in each age division: 17 and under, 18-24, 25-39, and 40 plus. Cost: 17 & under, \$20. Active duty, \$20. All others, \$30

-RACE SERIES-

Heart & Sole 1.5 Mile Challenge

Feb. 14, 11 a.m.

Get your heart pumping

with this run challenge and complete obstacles along the 1.5 miles road race course. Cost: Active duty military, Free. All others, \$5.00

-SPORTS-

Women's Basketball League

Begins February, Must have four teams to compete. Cost: Active duty military and contractors with fitness memberships, Free. Dependents and retired military, \$15. DoD civilians, \$30. Contractors without fitness memberships and off-base civilians, \$40

-INCENTIVE-

Bench Press Competition

Jan. 22-26

Join the Fitness Center for a Bench Press Competition! Trophies will be awarded in each male and female weight class division. Cost: Free

Walk Across America

Feb. 1 – Sept. 30, Open registration at the Fitness Center.

Count your steps to collect trips and earn points! Choose a trip from our list of cities and earn points and a stamp in your passport when you reach your destination. All participants who complete at least 3 trips and earn at least 7 points will receive a Walk Across America t-shirt. Awards will be

given for Most Trips Completed, Highest Score, and Longest Continuous Trip. Phones, pedometers and other fitness trackers can be used to track total steps. Steps must be recorded on your passport at your convenience during any of the Fitness Center's staffed hours. For more information on rules and regulations, call the Fitness Center at 540-653-8580. Cost: Active duty \$5, All others, \$10

AQUATICS

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Dive-In Movie Date Night

Feb. 9, 8 p.m.

Float with your sweetie for a dive-in movie night at the Aquatics Center featuring My Big Fat Greek Wedding. Cost: Active duty/retired military, Free. DoD civilians, \$5.00. Contractors/guests, \$6.00. Children 5 years old and under, Free.

Winter Swim Lessons

Feb. 12-March 18

Parent and Child, Level I, II, III and IV age groups are available for swim lessons Tuesdays and Thursdays. Minimum enrollment of 3 participants per class. Cost: Military, \$45.00. All others, \$50.00

GENERAL LIBRARY

540-653-7474

Game of Thrones Party

Jan. 26, 5 p.m.

Winter is coming! Join us for an adult Game of Thrones party at the General Library with activities, dinner and trivia. Must be 21 years old and show a valid ID to purchase alcohol. Please drink responsibly.

STEM CLUB: Tech Programming

Jan. 29, 5 p.m.

Learn how to program a robot! Cost: Free

Princess & The Frog Party

Feb. 10, 1 p.m.

Join us for a special Mardi Gras party with crafts, games and more! Stop by the Theater afterward for a FREE showing of the Princess & the Frog at 4 p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase.

- LIBRARY SPECIALS- Learn Japanese

Active duty only – Mondays at 2:30 p.m. All others Monday at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 5:15 p.m.

Learning a new language boosts brain power, improves memory, and expands career potential. Join us at the Library as we learn Japanese! Cost: Free

Paws for Reading

Every Second Tuesday at 3:45-5 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. Register online at <http://engagedpatrons.org/Events.cfm?SiteID=6188> and click on a selected time or call the General Library. Cost: Free

S.T.E.A.M. Pre-School Literacy Classes

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Our S.T.E.A.M. classes are geared toward pre-school and kindergarten-aged children. They will develop their literacy skills as well as engage in the arts and learning experiments. Siblings are always welcome! Cost: Free

One-on-One Computer Help

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Early Literacy at your Library

Fridays, 10 a.m.

The Dahlgren General Library offers early literacy sessions for your baby and child, with songs, books, and activities that encourage early literacy development. Storytime and crafts will be geared toward babies and children under age 5. Siblings are always welcome to attend. Our Friday story times are a great way to meet other caregivers in the area. Cost: Free

Sensory Sensitive Saturdays

Saturdays, 1 – 3 p.m.

Be sure to join our caring staff for Sensory Sensitive Saturdays! Cost: Free

Note: Military families with infants and toddlers looking for assistance and evaluations can call 703-784-1741 to speak with the Educational and Developmental Intervention Services team at Quantico. EDIS is a program offered that provides support and assistance to children with developmental concerns and their families. Their goal is to support and as-

sist families in providing their children opportunities for optimal development, wherever they may be assigned to serve.

LIBERTY CENTER

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Football Tailgating

Every Sunday begins at 1 p.m. Watch your favorite teams compete!

Wing Wednesday & Trivia

Every third Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. enjoy wings and a game or two of trivia.

Free Movie Friday

Every second Friday of the month at 10 p.m. watch a movie on us at the Theater.

Midnight Bowling

Every fourth Friday of the month at midnight enjoy a game of bowling!

Harry Potter Weekend Movie Marathon

Jan. 19-20

Inspire Your Heart with Art Paint Night

Jan. 22

Lady's Night: Make-Up Tutorial

Jan. 24

Midnight Bowling

Jan. 26

Medieval Times Trip

Jan. 27, Van departs at 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$19

Domino's Pizza Night

Jan. 30

Root Beer Pong

Jan. 31



Indian Head Child & Youth

CDC 301-744-4458
CYP 301-743-5456

Teen Open Recreation for ages 13-18

Every First, Third, and Fifth Friday
6:30-10:00 p.m.

Youth Open Recreation for ages 5-12

Every Second and Fourth Friday
6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Indian Head Library

301-744-4850

Yoga for Kids

Thursdays in February
2 p.m.

Stretch, bend, and pose with us through stories and music. Open to all homeschool and preschool children with base access. Free.

Market Fresh Bistro

Hours: Monday-Friday; 6 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.

Market Fresh Bistro, located inside the Community Recreation Center is happy to be providing breakfast, lunch, and Starbucks coffee products to NSF Indian Head.

Now serving soup! Soup is made fresh daily and served from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Indian Head Stars & Strikes Bowling Center

301-744-4761

Lunch Time Bowling

Every Wednesday, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Cosmic Bowling

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

Open Bowling

Every Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m.–10 p.m.

All shoe rentals \$1
Military \$2/game
Civilian \$3/game

Indian Head Weight House Fitness Center

301-744-4661

10 Pound Challenge

Jan. 2–March 6

Do you need direction or motivation to lose the weight you've always said you wanted to lose or the weight that slowly appeared over the holidays? Register for the 10 Pound Challenge! Participants will receive weekly e-blasts on health, fitness and nutrition. Prized awarded to the biggest loser(s). The cost is \$10 per person. Register by Feb. 5 at the Weight House Fitness Center.

Bench Press Competition

Jan. 22–26

All lifts must take place during staff hours at the WHFC. There will be awards for first place in each weight class. T-shirts will also be given to the top three of each weight class. This event is free for Active-duty and \$5 for all others. For more information on fitness center hours and registration, visit us online at www.navymwrindianhead.com

Indian Head Liberty Center

301-744-4524

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Spades Tournament

Jan. 24
6 p.m.

Come test your hand in a game of spades! Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Sign up in the Liberty Free Event Binder.

Coffee & Waffle Friday

Jan. 26
All Day

Free coffee and waffles all day! (*while supplies last) at the Liberty Center.

Washington Auto Show

Jan. 27
11 a.m.

Come check out the 2018 cars at the Washington Auto Show with Liberty! Prices are \$6 per person. Please sign up by Jan. 24 at the Liberty Center.

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Dahlgren, followed by the Governor of Virginia,” Jones chuckled. “Whenever I am around a commanding officer from Dahlgren or NSWC, I turn into that eight-year-old. If my questions seem simplistic, it’s because they are coming from that perspective.”

Jones kicked off the hour-long session by sharing his understanding of the Dahlgren Way and asking McGettigan for his perspective on how that “way” often created tensions between the base and its higher command, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA).

“It seems that over the decades NSWCDD had creative independence, often referred to as ‘The Dahlgren Way,’” Jones said. “It sometimes seemed a form of autonomy and bottom line — it’s amazing what you can get away with when you are on an isolated base off the beltway.”

McGettigan explained that Dahlgren scientists would attempt to determine what the next major issue was on the horizon, come back to Dahlgren to put together a concept for a solution, then ask for funding to put together a team to solve the issue.

“For years that was the catalyst for how a lot of the development came about,” McGettigan said. “Things that we were working on might not have come to fruition, but then again, there might have been five other projects spawned from that concept.”

“I was such a firm believer in that, that when the admirals would come down to visit and I would brief them on all the wonderful things that we were doing that was entirely outside the combats systems – but needed to be done – they couldn’t understand why,” McGettigan continued. “Their perspective was we were taking money away from the Navy that should be spent on other things.”

Jones then asked McGettigan about how the development of a strategic plan impacted the base and its mission and the controversy at the time that surrounded it.

In the early years, the departments within NSWCDD operated independently, often causing conflict as they sought funding. McGettigan’s mission was to create cohesiveness across the command.

“One of the ways we can get everyone involved in the same plan and working together as a team, was to institute this strategic plan,” McGettigan said. “I thought they did a phenomenal job of looking out five years and saying this is what Dahlgren needed to do to be better positioned for the future, to be that organization that was the technology lead for the Navy.”

McGettigan shared that at every previous command that where he served, there was a strategic plan in place and that putting the plan together was a significant accomplishment at the command. However, his admiral at the time couldn’t understand why Dahlgren — “just a cog in NAVSEA’s strategic plan” — wasn’t executing NAVSEA’s strategic plan, but implementing one of their own. In time, all the other warfare centers began to formulate their own strategic plans after witnessing NSWCDD’s success.

Patterson spoke next and elaborated on how having such a plan in place benefitted her time at NSWCDD, which followed McGettigan.

“Well, I had the luxury of having a strategic plan in place,” Patterson said.

Patterson explained that she also enjoyed the benefit of an en-



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Former commanding officers at Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division Vaughn Mahaffey (left) and Joseph McGettigan were part of a four speaker panel that also included former commanding officers Sheila Patterson and Bob Fuscaldo at the University of Mary Washington – Dahlgren Speaker Series presented by the Dahlgren Heritage Museum.

ergetic team of mostly acting supervisors who were interested in executing the plan. Many of them, Patterson shared, ended up being placed permanently in their positions.

Mahaffey felt that his time at headquarters command before commanding at NSWCDD afforded him an opportunity to view the issue from a different perspective.

“Part of the problem that all of us faced was a lack of understanding of the need for working capital, as a concept,” Mahaffey explained. “They [headquarters] were used to having appropriated funds and budget for certain things, and that’s what got spent. So it was hard for them to wrap their head around having a Navy organization as a business, and that to me was one of the major impediments that all of us faced.”

Mahaffey also shared that Dahlgren and Naval Station Newport, as the research and development branches of their respective commands, had an insider view of the operational commands needs, albeit through unofficial channels. This allowed them to have an idea of what was needed, long before the official channels were able to process the requests.

Fuscaldo shared that during his tenure at Dahlgren — almost a decade earlier than his fellow panel members — he was able to have a little more leeway with programming and decision making.

“It made a big difference in a number of things including the innovation,” Fuscaldo said.

“I bought into the ‘Dahlgren Way’ early on because I saw that so much utility in that model, so much innovation that came out of Dahlgren and all we have to do is look back in history to see where that is true,” McGettigan agreed.

The topic of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) came up as an issue that the base has faced many times over the years and certainly during the panelists’ time in command. Jones asked if the panelists had any suggestions for current and future leadership when the potential of BRAC appears to be on the table. Fuscaldo recommended ensuring that first and foremost, those who would be making those tough calls in Congress were identified and made aware of the importance of the missions at Dahlgren, not just for the Navy but the Department of Defense as a whole. McGettigan followed with ensuring that it’s not only the history of the previous accomplishments of the base that is important but what the base offers to the future.

Following the roundtable discussion, the panelists fielded several questions from the audience about Dahlgren’s past and thoughts on the future. The evening was engaging and educational for all who attended, including previous employees and family members.

The next event in the Speaker Series will take place on March 14. The event will feature a discussion with the current commanders of Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) and NSWCDD. The event will begin with a reception at 4:30 p.m. and the forum at 5 p.m.

In February, Dahlgren Heritage Museum will host a murder mystery dinner fundraiser featuring drama students from King George High School at the UMW Dahlgren campus. For more information on the production, or any of the Museums events visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/218635358172762>, or visit www.eventbrite.com and search for Dahlgren Heritage Museum.

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days from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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