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Navy Railgun Lines Named for Two Electromagnetic Railgun Visionaries at Ceremony

By JOHN J. JOYCE, NSWC Dahlgren Division Corporate Communications

The Navy dedicated and named its electromagnetic railgun lines in honor of two public servants who envisioned, nurtured and laid the foundation for the U.S. Navy's Electromagnetic Railgun Program at a ceremony held in their honor, Feb. 22.

Posters and plaques commemorating the naming of the railgun lines for Retired Adm. James Hogg and Dr. Hans Mark were unveiled at the event and will be on permanent display to honor their efficacy and vision as the Navy continues working to push this revolutionary warfighting capability forward.

"These visionary men had the confidence that we could deliver here at Dahlgren, and we appreciate your support," said Don McCormack, executive director for the Naval Surface Warfare Center and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. "We are forever in your debt for your guidance and support. We have solved many challenges and the folks here have exceeded our expectations in addressing those technical challenges."

McCormack and Capt. Godfrey "Gus" Weekes, Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) commanding officer, told the audience comprising senior military and civilian leaders as well as the relatives and friends of the two men, that their vision and dedication to explore the warfighting advantages of the game-changing technology while advocating it to the Navy's top leaders was pivotal in gaining the initial funding necessary to demonstrate its feasibility.

"This is a very significant day in history for our nation, our military and the Navy," said Weekes. "It is



Retired Adm. James Hogg, left, and Dr. Hans Mark pose with the plaques that bear their names and will be installed on the electromagnetic railgun line at Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division.

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especially significant as this year Dahlgren Division celebrates 100 years of innovation. We are extremely honored that the names of Admiral Hogg and Dr. Mark will be permanently associated with the electromagnetic railgun lines here at Dahlgren. Their vision has contributed to our Navy's ability to bolster

our nation's defense posture."

For over 20 years, Hogg and Mark – both with long and distinguished careers including top government

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South Potomac Pilot Publication Moves to Bi-Weekly

The South Potomac Pilot, base paper for Naval Support Activity South Potomac covering Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren and NSF Indian Head has moved to a bi-weekly periodical. The next edition will be published on March 16. To advertise in future editions, please contact chesAds@chespub.com. Deadlines for submissions are Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Next deadline is March 14.

Dahlgren Tigers Bring Olympic Spirit to Campus



Dahlgren School second and third-graders performed a traditional Korean fan dance at the closing ceremonies of the Tiger Olympics on Feb. 26.

By BARBARA WAGNER, South Potomac Pilot

Just as the rest of the world celebrated the triumphs and commiserated with the defeats that were the 2018 Winter Olympics hosted in Pyeongchang, South Korea Dahlgren School teachers and children cheered on their classmates and comforted those who missed the gold during the "Tiger Olympics" which took place during the same time frame. The school hosted their first ever Olympic trials to teach the students not only the importance of physical fitness but how their drive and determination to do their best pays off.

Dahlgren's new physical education teacher, Mrs. Tessa Pehanick, put together the program school-wide to encourage the students to see

the tangible results to the "always do your best" motto and to provide the students with role models that perhaps they could relate to more readily.

"We're trying to provide them with real-life role models, and this was such a great opportunity. We wanted them to see how hard these athletes have to work to succeed," Pehanick said. "We're always telling them to do their best. They might not be the fastest or strongest, but that just like these athletes, they just have to do their best."

The school mirrored as many of the events as they could with the equipment and time during physical education class including bobsled races, cross-country skiing, skeleton race, curling and other winter events.

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and military positions – collaborated and advocated for the technology while mentoring Navy leadership, scientists and engineers.

“Like Jefferson and Adams, Admiral Hogg and Dr. Mark established a regular correspondence about the various aspects of the railgun and its potential for naval warfare,” said McCormack.

Their work together brought the railgun concept from an abstract theory to the tangible reality before them as they toured the railgun lines with the other visitors at the NSWCDD Electromagnetic Railgun Facility. Moreover, the two met frequently with the Chief of Naval Operations’ Strategic Studies Group (SSG) to discuss warfighting and emerging technologies – especially the possibilities and potential for the railgun.

“Directed energy technologies like the railgun are the future of naval warfare as they provide superior lethality and greater economy than existing weapons,” Weekes added. “In the case of the railgun, this translates into an ability to launch projectiles at speeds that exceed the capability of conventional gun technology.”

While engaged in hands-on railgun research for the Institute of Advanced Technology (IAT) at the University of Texas, Mark began advising the Navy on its promising Electromagnetic Railgun Program in 2001. At the time, the institute was the center of railgun research in the United States.

Mark – former secretary and undersecretary of the Air Force as well as the former director of the National Reconnaissance Office – introduced young railgun leaders from NSWCDD to key Pentagon decision-makers.

Hogg served as the Director of the SSG from 1995-2013 where he actively explored and conceptualized the future of naval warfare. During that time, a number of the annual SSG studies examined the potential of the electromagnetic railgun from multiple perspectives.

“Dr. Mark worked closely with the SSG on various aspects of



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Capt. Godfrey ‘Gus’ Weekes, right, Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division commanding officer, and Donald McCormack, left, executive director of the Naval Surface and Undersea Warfare Centers, present commemorative plaques to retired Adm. James Hogg, second from left, and Dr. Hans Mark, during an electromagnetic railgun line naming ceremony.

warfighting – propulsion, directed energy, and most significantly – railgun,” said Hogg as he gave his keynote speech, crediting the pioneers of the railgun effort. “Mark believed deeply in the ability of smart and dedicated engineers to overcome the challenges. I can tell you from personal observation that every time Navy leadership had technical questions and wondered about the SSG’s work on the railgun, they would go to Dr. Hans Mark to get the bottom line answer they were looking for in terms of the technical soundness of this program. Hans came through every time.”

NSWCDD engineers briefed the visitors on the hypervelocity projectile – a next-generation, guided projectile capable of completing multiple missions for gun systems such as the Navy

5-inch, 155mm, and future railguns.

Hogg gave an in-depth, historical account of the technical challenges solved time after time as the technology advanced. “What you saw today,” recalled Hogg as he spoke to the audience, “is the hypervelocity projectile – it’s the next generation of what the SSG was proposing.”

The retired admiral recounted former CNO Adm. Jay Johnson’s support for the electric drive with an integrated power system (IPS) networked across the ship that can, “generate enough electrical energy to propel a projectile 300 miles and beyond.” IPS provides for all of a ship’s electrical needs, including propulsion and ship service loads.

The Navy’s first combatant ship with an electric drive integrated power system is the guided missile destroyer DDG 1000 USS Zumwalt, commissioned two years ago.

“Zumwalt was built for railgun,” said Hogg. “The SSG’s efforts at railgun conceptual development were completed in 2001 – their mission accomplished.”

A few years later, railgun would become a funded program at the science and technology level of development supported by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA).

“The ability to do the things you just explained to us is really fantastic,” said Mark as he addressed Hogg during his brief speech. “We are now in a period of stress and, therefore, the military services and the weapons that we make have to be improved. This is the story of railgun. I am very pleased and honored to be with all of you.”

“Just the thought of this recognition is both exhilarating and humbling. Exhilarating because of your strong support since the whole idea started 10-12 years ago. Humbling because it is not about me,” said Hogg as he named early advocates and pioneers of the electromagnetic railgun as well as, “150 SSG members collaborating in creative thought for five years who really made it possible, which means it’s all about the SSG team.” He added, “I thank the SSG, NAVSEA, ONR, Navy leadership, railgun scientists and engineers wherever you may be. I thank all of you most genuinely.”

Military Saves Week Celebrated at Indian Head



Capt. Michael O’Leary, commanding officer, Naval Support Activity South Potomac, pictured with Jessica Maines, manager of Navy Federal Credit Union Indian Head Branch, display the 2018 Military Saves Week proclamation. The yearly campaign runs this year from Feb. 25 – March 3. Are you saving today for your future tomorrow? For more information, visit www.militarysaves.org.

Dahlgren Museum Murder Mystery Dinner Theater



Dahlgren Heritage Museum hosted 100 guests on February 16 at University of Mary Washington-Dahlgren Campus for their first-ever Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, “Death Proves Fatal.” Members of the King George High School Drama Department served as the “suspects” in the 1940’s-era play written by local author Amy Lilly. Guests enjoyed dinner, local beer and wine and a silent auction. Funds raised, including sponsorship from Carroll’s Automotive, total nearly \$4,000 to benefit the museum and the programs it offers.

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Middle School Students Respond to Navy Challenge, Present 88 STEM Projects at Science Fair

Freedom Middle School students — responding to a challenge by Navy scientists and engineers — had four months to prepare their technological projects before face-to-face meetings and evaluations took place, Jan. 25.

The challenge was spelled out in an open letter to the students in September 2017. In response, the advanced physical science students took action by applying every word of sage advice, earnestly and enthusiastically.

“As scientific professionals in the ‘real world,’ we wanted to share with you what we have experienced when presenting technical information to our colleagues,” the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) judges explained as they coached the students on the five P’s — preparation, presentation, polish, passion, and pragmatism.

“Try to anticipate what the judges will ask about your project and have those answers ready,” the NSWCDD scientists and engineers recommended in their letter, advising the students to be ready for questions such as: “Why do you think you saw this anomaly in your data? How did you decide to focus on this topic? What do you want people to learn from your topic? What is the real-world value of your project?”

Moreover, the students were encouraged to choose a topic they are passionate about that has real-world applicability. “Carry this passion into the career you choose,” advised the judges. “And you will do great things — because it matters to you, and people will recognize that in your tone of voice, in your animation, in the look in your eyes, in your smile.”

Indeed, the 12 Dahlgren judges saw just how passionate and serious the students — many aspiring scientists and engineers — were about their projects at the Freedom Middle School Science Fair.

“I’d like to say that we think of ourselves as mentors to the next generation of scientists, mathematicians and engineers,” said Kathryn Dawson, an NSWCDD Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) software development project manager, after judging projects and mentoring students at the event. “We derive tremendous satisfaction from our careers and we want to plant the seeds for students to consider challenging themselves with STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) classes as they move up in their education, so that they too can see themselves obtaining STEM degrees and pursuing such careers.”

In all, 108 students presented a whopping 88 STEM projects in three categories: earth and space, life science and biology, and physical science.

“We truly enjoyed the opportunity to interact with, encourage, and hopefully inspire the scientists and engineers of the future,” said Steve Kintzel, SLBM principal targeting systems engineer at NSWCDD. “There is nothing more inspiring than to see the excitement of the students as they explain the details of their proj-



The 15 students recognized for placing first, second, third, or honorable mention after presenting their projects to judges at the Freedom Middle School Science Fair are pictured with school officials after the event.

ects to the judges.”

“It was exciting to see so much brain power in one room,” said Freedom Middle School Principal Eric Wright. “It was encouraging to see professionals give back to the schools in a way that encourages our kids to enter the STEM fields. Our students appreciated the thoughtful questions and appreciation shown for all of their hard work.”

The winning students and their projects in the earth and space category were: first place — Samantha Quillen for presenting, “Regional Differences in Water Quality”; second place — Emilee Imler for briefing, “Life on Mars”; and third place — Calvin Campbell for explaining, “Wing Angles.”

“As someone who has tutored and mentored middle school and high school students in math over the years, I love to see the proverbial ‘light bulb’ go off in the minds of students,” said Lance Batson, a Dahlgren SLBM systems engineer. “This was indeed the case during last week’s science fair. It was such an honor to give back and encourage the students in their quest to explore the various sciences. Also, as an African-American engineer, I know the vital importance of students of color seeing someone who looks like them in the STEM field. In this way, these students can be inspired to pursue STEM careers of their own, and can realize that the sky is the limit for them.”

The winning students and their projects in the life science and biology category were: first place — Rachel Margelos for answering the question, “Which is more Effective at Killing Bacteria — Antibacterial Liquid Soap or Hand Sanitizer”; second place — Kaitlyn Bestick for explaining, “The Effect of Different Exercise Types on Calories Burned and Rate of Perceived Exercise”; and third place — Regan Bestick for presenting, “The Effect of Throwing Style on Accuracy.”

“It was a great experience to see our future scientists,” said Bridgette Trent, who supports the SLBM program as an NSWCDD scientist. “The students were very energetic and professional in presenting their projects. It was very interesting to hear of the career paths that many plan to take — biomedical engineer, astronaut, air traffic controller, meteorologist. Also, it was great to hear one student talk about being inspired by the movie ‘Hidden Figures’ and how the hidden figures worked with the computers and performed the calculations for the space program.”

The winning students and their projects in the physical science category were: first place — Areana Jess for briefing, “Catapult in Action”; second place — Hailey Gibson for answering the question, “What Ingredients Cause the Tallest Reaction”; and third place — Hannah Lowery for answering the question,



COURTESY PHOTOS FROM KING GEORGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

“Does Surface Temperature Affect the Ability to Draw Fingerprints.”

Jon Alty, an NSWCDD senior SLBM employment engineer, was joined this year as a judge by his daughter Kathryn Alty, an NSWCDD software developer.

“Students were genuinely excited about their projects and eager to share what they learned,” said Jon. “Many had thoughts on how they can see alternatives to their procedure or approach showing critical thinking and a desire to improve their project. I asked several students if they have a favorite subject that they’d like to pursue. Many students have plans to pursue science degrees. Unexpectedly, one student answered, ‘Oh, I don’t know. I have so many interests.’”

“One student was highly interested in aerodynamics,” said Kathryn. “His project evaluated the effect of wind direction on a plane’s travel distance. He plans on attending Virginia Tech in this field. It is astonishing that these students have such direction at a young age. I see a great future for these students and with the practice of demonstration and evaluation, they will continue to thrive in STEM.”

“The staff at Freedom Middle School was equally inspiring,” Jon added. “The teachers were energized and enthusiastic about how much the students learned, and there was an obvious camaradery among the teachers.”

In addition to the Dahlgren judges, there were three other judges — a local high school teacher, an engineer from Naval Research Laboratory, and the spouse of one of the teachers.

“The science fair provides an exciting opportunity for our students to meet and interact with high level STEM professionals in the local community,” said Kris Kintzel, algebra readiness teacher at the middle school, and the wife of Steve Kintzel.

“Students are surprised to realize what they have in common with the judges and start to envision themselves in STEM careers,” said Linda Lapp, advanced science teacher at the middle school.

The students recognized with honorable mention and their projects in the earth and space category were: Garrett Peck for presenting, “The Impact of Wing Shapes on Rocket Flight,” and Daniel Fordham for his briefing on, “Cleansing the Baikal Lake”.

The students recognized with honorable mention and their projects in the life science and biology category were: Gavin White for answering the question, “Does Microwave Radiation Affect Plant Growth,” and M’Laya Ainsworth for presenting, “Distract and React”.

The students recognized with honorable mention and their projects in the physical science category were: Phoebe Alan for answering the question, “How do the Ingredients in Bath Bombs affect the Fizziness,” and Caleb Caison for his project, entitled, “Carburetor versus Electronic Fuel Injection ATV Motor”.



COURTESY PHOTO FROM KING GEORGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BASE HAPPENINGS

Dahlgren

Catholic Services at Dahlgren Chapel

Dahlgren Chapel will hold a Stations of the Cross service at 4:30 p.m. every Friday during Lent. This service is open to all with base access.

Monday — Thursday: Rosary at 1200 in Back Chapel

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

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

DMV2Go @ Dahlgren

DMV2Go will be at Dahlgren on March 28 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

Shred Truck @ Dahlgren

The 7th Annual Shred Event at NSF Dahlgren will be held on April 25 from 1100 — 1300. The Shred Truck will be parked in the parking lot in front of the Parade Field. Now is the time to clean out those file cabinets and desk drawers and shred all those documents that are cluttering your home. This event is free and open to all with base access. For more info, contact Fleet and Family Support Center, 540-653-1839. Let FFSC help you prevent identity theft and clean up at the same time.

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? 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.

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

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 Soup of The Day

The Market Fresh Bistro at the Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head Community Recreation (ITT) and General Library is offering Ham and Bean for the week of Mar. 2. 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

29th Annual King George Home & Craft Show

Come out this weekend and enjoy this annual tradition! Sponsored by the King George Builder's Association, the Show features everything needed for the home from the ground up; financing, insurance, surveying, building, decorating and more! Show runs Saturday and Sunday March 3 doors open at 9 a.m. and March 4 at 11 a.m. at the King George High School. Free parking and admission!

Dahlgren Officers Spouses Club Annual Scholarship and Non-Profit Submission Period Open

The Dahlgren Officers Spouses Club (DOSC) is accepting requests from non-profit organizations for funding, as well as applications for the Rosemarie Blades Honorary Scholarship from college-bound students. Non-profit organizations may apply by sending a description of how your organization serves the community and/or local military and how the organization(s) will benefit. Scholarship applications may be downloaded at <http://dahlgrenosc.webs.com/scholarshipsandcharities.htm>. Mail entries to DOSC, Attn. Charities Committee, 722 Sampson Rd., Dahlgren, VA 22448. Entries must be postmarked by March 26, 2018. For more information, call 757-576-7514.

Dahlgren Museum Speaker Series Event

Dahlgren Museum welcomes Dr. Rob Gates to the museum on March 22 speaking on the History of the Norden Bombsight — The U.S. Naval Proving Ground in Dahlgren played an important role in the development, testing, and acceptance

of the Norden bombsight. This talk will introduce the principles of horizontal bombing and bombsights and will examine the development of the Norden bombsight with an emphasis on the role of the navy in its development. It will also address the technology behind the bombsight, its performance in testing and in combat, and its use in the years after World War II. Event begins at 4:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Donations to the museum are appreciated.

Spring 2018 National Security Lectures

ISIS From Space: Using Remote Sensing To Assess the Economic Impact of Islamic State Governance in Iraq and Syria will be presented on Mar. 15, by Sean Mann, Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation at the UMW University Hall (room 110). Was the Islamic State capable of effectively governing and managing the economy of its self-styled caliphate in Iraq and Syria? RAND investigated the ability of the Islamic State to govern, control, and profit off of its territory using a novel methodological approach relying upon remote sensing data and commercial satellite imagery. The lecture is open to the public, and there is no charge to attend. Refreshments starting at 8 a.m., and the lecture at 8:30 a.m. To register, visit us online at <http://dahlgren.umw.edu/lecture-series>

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.

LOVEworks Design Contest

King George County Tourism Advisory Committee is sponsoring a contest for the creation of our County's LOVEworks display. Deadline is March 30, 4:30 pm. Submit your sketch and application form by mail or hand delivery to Tourism Advisory Committee King George County Administration 10459 Courthouse Drive, Suite 200 King George, VA 22485 or via email to annie@yeskinggeorge.com.

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Indian Head

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Saturday, March 3 7 p.m.	The Shape of Water R
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March 14 from 5 - 6 p.m.
Location: Dahlgren Theater

The Teen Employment Program is gearing up for another successful summer! All teens, ages 15-17, who are the child of an Active duty or retired military member, or DoD civilian are encouraged to pick up a registration packet at the

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Youth Activity Center, complete it and return it no later than Mar. 9. For more information, contact the Youth Center at 540-653-8009.

Become a Child Development Home Provider Today!

March 22, 11:30 a.m.
Location: Youth Activity Center, Bldg. 470
Attend an informational meeting to learn more about the process of becoming a Child Development Home provider. You must be 18 years and older, responsible, emotionally stable and capable of exercising good judgment in caring for children, have a high school diploma, GED or higher level degree, speak, read and write English fluently enough to communicate with parents. If interested, please register by Mar. 16 by calling 540-653-4342.

COMMUNITY RECREATION

540-653-8785
www.navymwr.dahlgren.com/recreation

-TICKETS- Washington Nationals Tickets

Order your tickets no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesdays for your order to be placed that week. All orders are special ordered. Food and beverage vouchers are included with most tickets.

Left/Right Baseline — \$56.25
Left/Right Field Corner — \$39.00
Left/Right Mezzanine — \$32.50
Upper Infield Gallery — \$16.25

-TRIPS-

5th USA Science & Engineering Festival, Washington, D.C.

Apr. 7. Register at Tickets & Travel by Mar. 23. Transportation Cost: \$10.00

Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington, D.C.

Apr. 14. Register at Tickets & Travel by Mar. 30. Transportation Cost: \$10.00

-CRAFTS & CLASSES- Tulip Stained Glass

March 12, 4 – 6 p.m.
Join Craftertech for a 4-week beginner's stained glass class that will take you through the basic steps of stained glass. You will cut, foil and produce

a stained glass window featuring a tulip just in time for spring. Cost: \$35.00

Wooden Spring Porch Sign

March 14, 6–9 p.m.
Location: Gray's Landing
Paint an Easter Bunny wooden porch sign. Register at Craftertech by Mar. 7. Cost: \$25.00

DIY Terrarium

March 27 at 4:30 p.m.
Location: Multipurpose Room
Make a mini terrarium for the springtime to display in your home or office! Register at Tickets & Travel by Mar. 20. Cost: \$15.00 per person

-PROGRAMS- Trivia Night

March 15, 4:30–6 p.m.
Location: Gray's Landing
Put on your thinking cap and join us for mind-bending trivia! The team with the most points wins a prize. Register at Tickets & Travel by Mar. 9. Maximum of six people per team. Dinner can be purchased at Gray's Landing. Cost: \$5.00

Egg Hunt on the Hill

March 24, 10 a.m.
Location: Movie Theater Grounds
The Easter Bunny dropped all his eggs hopping up the hill! Help him collect all the eggs and enjoy crafts, bounce houses and pictures with the Easter Bunny! The egg hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Parking is available in the Movie Theater parking lot. Cost: E1-E6 Active-duty dependents, Free. All others, \$5.00 per child

CRAFTECH

540-653-1730

Craftertech offers a variety of services including framing and matting, engraving on plaques, metals, glassware, leather, stone and more, embroidery, flag and shadow boxes, Tiffany style stained glass, fusing, bottle slumping and firing.

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

Easter Bunny Embroidery

Give a personalized embroidered Easter Bunny as a gift! Call Craftertech for embroidery selection and pricing.

Dahlgren Centennial Collector Items

Order your exclusive Centennial collector items from Craftertech all year long. Items include insulated travel and coffee mugs, playing cards,

challenge coins, t-shirts, clocks, pens and holders, lanyards and much more!

FITNESS CENTER

540-653-8580
www.navymwr.dahlgren.com/fitness-sports

Sprint Triathlon – Registration Now Open

Saturday, April 21
Register at www.Dahlgren-SprintTri.eventbrite.com. Must have at least 25 registered participants by Mar. 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- Lucky Clover 5K

March 14, 11 a.m.
This St. Patty's Day wear your green and run with us! If you pick a four-leaf clover, you could win a prize! Registration closes at 10:50 a.m. on race day. Cost: Active duty military, Free. All others, \$5.00

-SPORTS-

Spring Intramural Sports

Soccer League – Organization Meeting March 5, 11:30 a.m.
Co-Ed and Men's Softball League – Organization Meeting March 6, 11:30 a.m.

Flag Football – Organization Meeting March 7, 11:30 a.m.

League play begins in April
Cost: Active duty & contractors with fitness membership, Free. Retirees & dependents, \$15. DoD Civilians, \$30. Contractors without fitness membership & off-base civilians \$40

Dahlgren Madness

March 5-26, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: Basketball Court
Show off your mad skills every Monday! Participants with the most points will receive an award. Free and open to all with base access.
March 5 – Skills Challenge
March 12 – Hot Shot
March 19 – 3-Point Shootout
March 26 – Free Throw Madness

St. Paddy's Day Dodgeball Tournament

March 15, 4:30 p.m.
Join us for a 6v6 dodgeball tournament and wear green! Register at the Fitness Center by March 12. Cost: Active duty, Free. All others, \$2.00

-INCENTIVE-

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 three trips and earn at least 7 points will receive a Walk Across America t-shirt. 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

540-653-8088

Movie & Family Float Night

March 16, 5 p.m.
Bring your inflatable and float your way into the weekend! Featured movie will be Cars 3. Cost: Active duty/retired military, Free. DoD civilians, \$5.00. Contractors/guests, \$6.00. Children 5 years old and under, Free.

Spring Swim Lessons

March 20 – Apr. 12
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. Military, \$45.00. All others, \$50.00

Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

March 24, 1–3 p.m.
The Easter Bunny tripped and spilled a basket of eggs in the pool! How many eggs can you find? Eggs will be at different depths for different ages. Kids must be able to go in the water and retrieve their own eggs in order to participate. Children, ages 5-12, with base access are eligible. Cost: Regular admission

GENERAL LIBRARY

540-653-7474

National Library Week & Spring Celebration

March 29 – Spring Celebration, 4–6 p.m.

Join us at the library for a petting zoo, pony rides and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Cost: Free

Apr. 2-6 – National Library Week

All week long check out transactions or new library card account will get you one entry per day to win a \$50 gift card.

- 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

Second Tuesdays, 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 companions. 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

Wednesdays, 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

First Tuesdays by appointment
Need help and don't know where to start? Sign up for a one on one session to work on whatever you'd like! Cost: Free

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 Fridstorytimesmes 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 Ser-

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

LIBERTY CENTER

540-653-7277

The Liberty Center and all activities are for Liberty Center Patrons Only: E1-E6 single/unaccompanied active duty military.

NASCAR Sundays

Racers, start your engines! Join us to watch the NASCAR races.

Domino's Pizza & Movie Night

Last Tuesday of the month, 3:30 p.m. enjoy pizza and a movie.

Wing Wednesdays

Third Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. enjoy wings and a game or two of trivia.

Board Game Night

Play one of our many board games or featured game every Thursday!

Free Movie Friday

Second Friday of the month, 10 p.m. watch a movie on us at the Theater.

Midnight Bowling

Fourth Friday of the month at midnight enjoy a game of bowling!

Wal-Mart Shuttle

March 2, 6 p.m.
Get in your last minute shopping with a trip to Wal-Mart.

Liberty Mountain Ski Trip

March 3
Take advantage of the east coast slopes with Liberty!

Jammin' Java

March 4
Join the Liberty team for karaoke and coffee.

NEW HOURS

Begins March 5
Monday – Friday 10:30 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Saturday – Sunday 2 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Batman Movie Marathon

March 6
Sit back and enjoy a Batman marathon.

Air Hockey Tournament

March 7, 6 p.m.
Try your hand at a friendly game or two of Air Hockey, and you could win a prize!

National Mario Day

March 10
Celebration National Mario Day at the Liberty Center with Super Mario games and races.



Indian Head Child & Youth

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

Start Smart

March 5 – April 16
Start Smart will be held on Mondays, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Youth Center. For more information call the YAC, 301-743-5456.

Start Smart Basketball

March 6 – April 17
Start Smart Basketball will be held on Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center.

For more information call the YAC, 301-743-5456.

Teen Open Recreation

March 2, 7-10:30 p.m.
Open to all teens ages 13-18 and still in high school. Teens must be enrolled at the Youth Center. For more information contact the YAC at, 301-743-5456.

Youth Open Recreation

March 9, 7-10:30 p.m.
Open to all youth ages 5-12 and enrolled at the Youth Center. For more information contact the YAC at, 301-743-5456.

Indian Head Community Recreation

301-744-4850

DIY T-Shirt Tote

March 9, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Turn your old t-shirts into tote bags! (No sewing required).

Register by March 7 at the Community Recreation Center or by calling, 301-744-4850. This event is free and open to everyone with base access.

Madame Tussauds Museum Trip

March 10, 9 a.m.

Rub shoulders with the stars at the Madame Tussaud Wax Museum in Washington, DC. Please register by March 8 at the Community Recreation Center. This trip is free for active-duty, \$10.25 for children ages 3-12, and \$13.00 for all others. *Fee does include transportation. Open to everyone with base access.

Indian Head Library

301-744-4850

S.T.E.A.M 3D Glasses

March 7, 5:30 p.m.

It's Teen Tech Week! The library will be making cool eyeglasses using 3Doodler pens. This event is open to children ages 11 and older with base access. Free.

Market Fresh Bistro

Hours: Monday-Friday: 6:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Soup is served daily from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The soup special for the week of March 5 is Ham & Bean for \$3.75 a cup.

New LTO! Bruschetta Flatbread.

Indian Head Weight House Fitness Center

301-744-4661

Women's Dodgeball Tournament

March 9, 11 a.m. – p.m.

Free for active-duty; \$5 for all others. For more information and to register call, 301-744-6649.

Indian Head Stars & Strikes Bowling Center

301-744-4761

Lunch Time Bowling

Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Cosmic Bowling

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

Open Bowling

Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.

All shoe rentals \$1

Military \$2/game

Civilian \$3/game

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.

Board Game Night

March 5, 6 p.m.
Snacks will be provided.

Free

Popsicle Stick Craft

March 6, 5:30 p.m.
Create the best design using Popsicle sticks! Free

NCAA Brackets

March 8, All Day
Swing by Liberty to fill out your NCAA tournament bracket! Free

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broadband and identify underserved areas.

BUSINESS SURVEY: www.surveymonkey.com/r/broadband_survey_business

RESIDENTIAL SURVEY: www.surveymonkey.com/r/broadband_survey_residential

Charles County Craft and Vendor Fair Scheduled for March 24

Vendor spaces are available Shop the day away at the Charles County Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, March 24 at the Wade Community Center (2300 Smallwood Drive, Waldorf) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. The vendor registration fee is \$35 for Charles County residents and \$40 for non-residents. Each vendor will receive one 8- by-8 space and one table. To provide a diverse selection of products, there will be a limit of three vendors per company (Lularoe, Pampered Chef, etc.). For questions about the Charles County Craft and Vendor Fair, call the Wade Community Center at 301-645-9291, Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Vendors must register in person at the Wade Community Center during these times. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.

Walk-MS Charles County
Help end Multiple Sclerosis

sis (MS) by joining with Walk MS on April 14, at the Indian Head Pavilion (Village Green) and walk to end MS forever. Register for Walk MS Indian Head at www.walkms.org or by calling 855-372-1331. On-site registration begins at 9 a.m. and the event will kick off at 10 a.m. Participants who raise \$100 or more will receive a commemorative 2018 Walk MS t-shirt.

Free Income Tax Preparation for Seniors and Low to Moderate- Income Adults

The Senior Information and Assistance staff is scheduling appointments for the Income Tax Preparation Program starting on Monday, Feb. 5, and continuing each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through April 17. Services are free for seniors and low to moderate-income adults who meet the eligibility guidelines. All appointments will be held at the Richard R Clark Senior Center (1210 East Charles Street in La Plata). To schedule an appointment, persons Age 60 and over call 301-609-5712, and persons between the ages of 18-59 call 301-609-5704. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 866-269-9006. Services are provided by AARP Volunteer Tax Professionals.

Tri-County Animal Shelter Promotions and Reminders

Paws to Read

Come give the shelter pups

some extra love and enrichment by reading to them. Bring your favorite book or read one of ours. You can visit the animals Mondays through Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day (Saturday, March 17)

On this special day, all cat adoption fees will be reduced to \$3 and all kitten fees to \$17. Come in and find your furry match. You and your new friend will both feel lucky!

Free Spay/Neuter Clinics

You may qualify for the free altering of pets. Call Paw Prints Animal Hospital at 301-885-0263 or Humane Society of Charles County at 301-645-8181 for more details.

Tags and Licenses

Remember to keep identification tags on your dogs and cats. It could be your pet's ticket to getting back home. Be sure your pets wear a collar with an identification tag, a county license, and a rabies tag. Microchipping your pet with up-to-date information is a great practice as well. To learn more about licensing your pet, visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/ES/AnimalControl/AnimalControl.

Volunteers Needed at the Tri-County Animal Shelter

The shelter is in need of volunteers, ages 14 and older, to assist with caring for the many animals at our facility. Call the shelter at 301-932-1713 for additional information and volunteer paperwork.

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Surface Warfare; Obtaining a Fix on Fleet NSS Skill Sets

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Commander, Naval Surface Force (CNSF) and Surface Warfare Officer Schools (SWOS) Command continue to conduct officer of the deck (OOD) competency checks across fleet concentration areas.

Conducted by SWOS, the competency checkpoints provide Vice Adm. Rich Brown, CNSF, data on how first-tour, qualified OODs perform in navigation, seamanship, and ship-handling, via written test and simulated at-sea scenarios. The checks began in San Diego and have been conducted in Norfolk, Virginia and Yokosuka, Japan. They are occurring this week in Sasebo, Japan.

"This is an opportunity to take a running fix to make sure that the training we are providing our junior Officers is the right training, and if it isn't, we will look to make adjustments," said Brown.

The competency checks help SWOS assess the proficiency levels of the junior OODs and provide critical information on how they handle stressful situations. The data gathered will help identify areas where SWOS can improve training.

These assessments are conducted on qualified OODs who are randomly selected from various ships in the fleet concentration area where the checks are taking place. They take an examination which includes questions from navigation rules of the road and applicable navigation and seamanship concepts, and then their ability to handle at-sea scenarios is evaluated in navigation, seamanship and ship-handling trainers (NSSTs). These state-of-the-art bridge simulators are used to train ship crews in naviga-

tion and ship handling using virtual reality technology.

"Our main focus is to gather data to inform how we can better train future Surface Warfare Officers," said Capt. Scott Robertson, commanding officer of SWOS. "These competency checkpoints are designed to see how we are doing and where training gaps may lie in our officers of the deck. By conducting the checks across all ship platforms and from different commissioning sources, the data will help us understand the proficiency level of our OODs."

The intent of the competency checkpoints is not to take punitive action against these officers, but rather to build an understanding in what skill sets OODs are proficient and which skill-sets they are deficient. Leadership wants to ensure each OOD has the foundational training and relevant skills to safely navigate the world's waters, and this is one of the many steps underway in the Surface Force.

"I do not believe anything like this has been done in the Surface Warfare Community before," said Robertson. "The time is right to really see what the trends are and then more importantly, take action to shore up holes."

The OOD competency checks are one of several initiatives designed by CNSF to improve the proficiency of Surface Warfare Officers and address issues identified in the 'Comprehensive Review (CR) of Recent Surface Force Incidents in 2017.' The initiatives were established from feedback received during all-hands calls and leadership meetings following the mishaps. The competency checks are meant to provide SWOS and the

fleet an objective assessment of the Surface Forces junior OOD's strengths and weaknesses. Additionally, the information gathered will help entities in the training community tailor instruction and scenarios to address gaps that may exist. Other initiatives include: increased shiphandling simulator training during the Basic and Advanced Division Officer Courses, mariner assessments during the Prospective Commanding Officer Course, a Junior Officer of the Deck Course, Bridge Resource Management Workshop, and additional OOD classroom and simulator training.

"The success of the Surface Force is measured by properly manned, tactically trained, and effectively equipped ships ready to provide Fleet Commanders with combat naval power to fight and win at sea and to project that power ashore," said Brown. "This is one step in assessing the professional growth of our officers and one step in ensuring our ships have the manning, training and equipment necessary to support our Fleet Commanders."

In conjunction with the Readiness and Restoration Oversight Council (led by the Undersecretary of the Navy, Mr. Thomas Modly and the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Bill Moran), and complimenting the CR recommendations, CNSF is focused on using these initiatives to improve Surface Forces at the unit and individual levels. These initiatives will help to improve the safety and readiness of Surface Navy's ships. Future SWOS-led competency checkpoints are planned in the fleet concentration areas of Mayport, Everett, Pearl Harbor, Rota and Bahrain.

NSWC Federal Credit Union Staff Feed First Responders at Recent "Thankful Thursday"



PHOTO COURTESY OF NSWC

Staff from NSWC Federal Credit Union were out recently providing breakfast to first responders and military members at the McDonalds in Dahlgren and at Chick-Fil-A in Central Park on Feb. 22. Pictured are two veterans with NSWC FCU employee Don Smith at the Dahlgren area McDonalds. Employees from the credit union took their appreciation a step further by personally delivering food to first responders at the King George County (Va) Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services as well as first responders on Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren at the Naval District Washington (NDW) Fire and Emergency Service Dahlgren Company. Staff at the credit union look forward to paying it forward at their next Thankful Thursday on March 28. Check in at their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NSWCFederalCreditUnion> to find out who they will be sharing gratitude and goodies with next!

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Navy Updates Selective Reenlistment Bonus Plan

The Navy updated the Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) award plan for active component (AC) and full time support (FTS) Sailors in NAVADMIN 032/18 released Feb. 15.

This NAVADMIN updates NAVADMIN 311/17, adding award levels for 39 skills in 24 ratings and increasing one award level. There are no decreases or deletions of skills in this update.

In addition, this NAVADMIN provides Sailors more flexibility, by expanding the eligibility window to reenlist for SRB from 90 days to 180 days before a Sailor's EAOS. However, Sailors who are nuclear qualified, have an early promote on their most recent

regular periodic evaluation or are eligible for combat zone tax exclusion are authorized to reenlist any time during the fiscal year of their EAOS, per this NAVADMIN.

Eligible Sailors desiring SRB reenlistment are encouraged to work with their command career counselors, command master chiefs and chains of command to discuss timing of reenlistment and procedures well before their EAOS. Requests are required to be submitted a minimum of 35 days prior to the requested reenlistment date.

SRB serves as an incentive for those Sailors with critical skills

and experience to remain in the Navy. Enlisted community managers continuously monitor the health of their communities to maintain acceptable manning levels in critical skills, and recommend adjustments to SRBs when necessary.

Sailors can stay informed of award changes through the Navy's SRB webpage at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/career/enlistedcareeradmin/Pages/SRB.aspx/> and review the NAVADMIN for a complete listing of changes to skills award levels eligible for SRBs.

NAVADMIN 032/18 can be read at www.npc.navy.mil/.

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Revised MWR Hours of Operation

Hours effective March 5, 2018

FITNESS CENTER

Monday-Friday 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

NOTE: These are staffed hours. The Fitness Center will continue 24/7 operation. Enroll in 24/7 access M-F, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

LIBERTY CENTER

Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday 2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

BOWLING CENTER

Monday-Thursday 2 - 9 p.m.

Friday 2 - 10 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

GRAY'S CAFE

Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Gray's Landing will still open for breakfast, M-F, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

AQUATICS CENTER

LAP SWIM

Monday-Friday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. / 3 - 6 p.m.

OPEN REC SWIM

Monday-Friday 3 - 6 p.m.

Saturday Noon - 3 p.m.

TICKETS & TRAVEL

Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday 2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

AUTO SKILLS & OUTDOOR REC

Monday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday-Wednesday Closed

Thursday-Friday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday Closed

All other MWR facilities will continue current hours of operation.

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SGLI Beneficiaries Remain in Place as Navy Transitions to New Online System

Sailors and families who log into the Service-member's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Online Enrollment System (SOES) for the first time may be surprised when they see there is no beneficiary information listed.

"Your SGLI coverage is still in place," said Ann Stewart, director, Pay and Personnel Department, Navy Personnel Command. "Sailors who log into SOES for the first time will have to input their beneficiary information manually. That is why there is no information the first time you use the system. But rest assured, that that form you previously filled out to designate your SGLI beneficiaries remains valid, until you register with the SOES."

The Navy announced the launch of online SGLI enrollment in NAVADMIN 085/17 in April 2017 as part of a Department of Defense and Veterans Administration joint effort, to allow active duty and eligible reserve and National Guard members to review their group and family coverage online. SOES is the online replacement for the paper form SGLI Election and Certificate, SGLV 8286. The new system eliminates unclear designations and missing or

incomplete forms — problems identified with the paper-based system — and ensures all insurance holders receive the latest information about changes affecting their coverage.

The goal is for all Navy members to provide beneficiary name(s), share(s) of proceeds and certify their record with a digital signature by April 2018.

While the SOES enables active duty and eligible reserve members to manage their group and family coverage online, there are some Sailors who shouldn't use the system. Sailors who already have a testamentary trust or a testamentary custodial account created by a Regional Legal Service Office (RLSO) attorney should not use SOES to update their SGLI designations. Sailors with a testamentary trust or a testamentary custodial account who have registered with SOES should see their RLSO to reinstate their trust and/or account. Sailors interested in creating a testamentary trust or a testamentary custodial account should also see their RLSO and not use the SOES.

Here's how to input beneficiary information in SOES:

1. Visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect.

2. Sign into milConnect on this page with your command access card (CAC). The green button is located in the upper right corner.

3. After signing in, you will be sent back to the milConnect front page. The menu bar will now display multiple options, one of which is 'BENEFITS.'

4. Click on the 'BENEFITS' drop-down menu and click on 'LIFE INSURANCE (SOES-SGLI Online Enrollment System).'

5. On the following page, scroll down to the blue continue button and click it (you may have to do so twice).

6. The following page provides you with your current Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS) information that must be verified. When finished reviewing, click continue.

7. The following page is where you can make your beneficiary selections. If this is your first time logging in, you will not see any beneficiary information listed. This does not mean you are not covered. You remain covered if you have previously filled out and signed an SGLI paper form. Please input your beneficiary selections into SOES.

8. After making your selections, click on the 'YOUR COVERAGE' tab and select the blue 'CONFIRM AND CERTIFY' button in the bottom right.

9. The next screen will ask you to make some legal declarations. Review and check the appropriate boxes and click 'CONTINUE.'

10. You will be asked if you want to print a preview of the document. This is an uncertified copy for review. A certified copy is available at the end of the process. Click to continue.

11. Next, you will be asked for an electronic signature. Provide your full name and email address and click to continue.

12. The system will provide you an effective date for your SGLI election.

13. Print or email your certified document by navigating to the "Print/Save Certificate" tab.

For more information, take the online training course available at: www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/training/SOES/SOES.htm

More information about SGLI can be found at the following links: www.npc.navy.mil/support/casualty/fsgli/Pages/default.aspx.

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Navy Announces Targeted Reentry Program

In support of Sailor 2025's goal to retain and reward the Navy's best and brightest, the Navy announced Feb. 27 the Targeted Reentry Program (TRP) and associated program guidelines to expedite reentry into the Navy in NAVADMIN 047/18.

The TRP is designed to benefit both the Sailor and the Navy by allowing a return to service for those who are well trained leaders with valuable and needed skills and will be offered to selected Sailors prior to their departure from the Navy.

The TRP empowers Commanding Officer's (COs) to identify Active Component and Full Time Support officer and enlisted personnel who have elected to leave active duty (AD) service and do not desire to affiliate with the Ready Reserve and recommend them to be awarded a "Golden Ticket" or "Silver Ticket," giving them the option for expedited reentry to AD if they decide to return to the Navy.

"Talent is tough to draw in and even tougher to keep," said Vice Adm. Robert Burke, Chief of Naval Personnel. "Just like corporate businesses

are adapting, the Navy must adapt to modern personnel policies as well. These changes are designed to maximize opportunities for command triads to advance their best Sailors while managing community and individual rates' health."

O-3 and O-4 officers and E-4 to E-6 enlisted, who have completed their Minimum Service Requirement (MSR), but not yet reached 14 years of active service are eligible for consideration for TRP. Also, an officer's or enlisted's community qualifications must be obtained, superior performance annotated in Fitness Reports or Evaluations, and have passed their most recent Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA). Officers who have failed to select for promotion are not eligible. Perspective participants must meet character standards, i.e. no record of civil arrest/NJP, court-martials, failed drug screenings, etc.

The Golden Ticket recipients are guaranteed a quota and an expedited return to AD within one year of release as long as they remain fully

qualified. Silver Ticket recipients are afforded an expedited return to AD within two years of release, subject to the needs of the Navy and that they remain fully qualified. Golden Tickets, if not used within one year, will convert to Silver Tickets for an additional year. Silver Tickets not used within two years of release from AD expire.

Sailors who accept a Golden or Silver Ticket prior to release from active duty will go into a minimum reserve status, known as Standby Reserve- Inactive (USNR-S2) status. In this reserve status, Sailors will have no participation requirement and will not be eligible for promotion or advancement or be eligible for health care, retirement points, Servicemembers Group Life Insurance and other benefits. The Date of Rank of officers and Time in Rate of enlisted TRP participants will be adjusted upon returning to AD. Sailors who return to active duty using TRP will maintain the last rating and paygrade held at the time of separation.

BUPERS-3 is the approving authority for all TRP ticket request and will make determinations based on overall performance, community health, and needs of the Navy. Once approved for a Golden or Silver Ticket, officer and enlisted personnel will have the option to accept or reject participation in the TRP prior to their release from AD.

Sailor 2025 is comprised of nearly 45 initiatives to improve and modernize personnel management and training systems to more effectively recruit, develop, manage, reward, and retain the force of tomorrow. It is focused on empowering Sailors, updating policies, procedures, and operating systems, and providing the right training at the right time in the right way to ensure Sailors are ready for the Fleet. Sailor 2025 is organized into three main lines of effort, specifically Personnel System Modernization, Ready Relevant Learning and Career Readiness.

For more information on the TRP, see NAVADMIN 047/18 at www.npc.navy.mil.



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Olympics

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The school was split up into five teams, and while the younger students didn't compete against the older ones, each of the teams was represented in the grades during the P.E. classes. They were all on the same team.

Another aspect that Pehanick was pleased with was the leadership role that the middle school students took in putting the program together.

"It worked out very well with the middle school kids stepping up," Pehanick said. "They worked on calculating scores, creating the presentations and carrying the flags for our different countries."

The students themselves enjoyed a little bit of competition amongst the ranks and worked hard representing the country whose team they were on.

The closing ceremony for the Tiger Olympics was held on Monday, Feb. 26 as the school worked to mirror the global Olympic events. To kick off the closing events, a parade was held on the school's outdoor track. Each country represented had a middle school flag bearer, and the rest of the teams fell in line behind them. Heading up the parade was a student bearing the flag of South Korea just as in Pyeongchang. The student who proudly carried it was the daughter of one of the Korean exchange students making the event even more special for her to be able to represent her country and share some of her native customs with the rest of her fellow students.

Following the parade, the students filled the gymnasium for closing ceremonies. The technology class created a slide presentation that included footage of the Olympic accomplishments from athletes in Pyeongchang and Dahlgren.

The second and third-grade students performed a traditional Korean fan dance in authentic costumes that Pehanick acquired through a network of teachers that made the performance all the more special. A retiring teacher in Vermont had the costumes and had posted on a professional message board online, and Pehanick couldn't let the opportunity pass by without acting. Coincidentally, the Vermont teacher had a friend from Arlington visiting who was able to transport the costumes down to Virginia, and the rest was history.

"I was a little worried about trying to pull this off [the fan dance] but the second and third -graders have been amazing," Pehanick said. "They really embraced it."

The scores for each team were calculated via a spreadsheet created by the technology class and medals were given to all of the teams. The students were unaware while they were competing that everyone was to be awarded a medal, but Pehanick wanted each of them to be recognized for the effort they put forth. The final tally at the Dahlgren Tigers' Olympic competition recognized France as fourth place medalists, a tie for third-place between Norway and the United States, silver medals went to the students representing Germany and the gold medals were awarded to students representing Canada.

For Dahlgren students, this was an excellent opportunity to relate current events to the work they were participating in during their school day, and for Pehanick it was the opportunity to share her excitement for the Olympics as well as enjoy her return to the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) system.

"This has been kind of full circle in my scholastic career," Pehanick shared.

She began her teaching career in Mainz, Germany at a DoDEA school. Pehanick recently took early retirement from the Albemarle County Public School System, hoping for an opportunity to return to the DoDEA system.

"I knew I wanted to get back to DoD schools and this position came up, and I was so happy to be able to join the Dahlgren team," Pehanick said.

Congratulations to all of the students who worked so diligently over the last few weeks in their Tiger Olympics!

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