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Soggy Weather Doesn't Dampen Fun For Bring Your Child to Work Day

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

Although the weather was soggy on May 17, it didn't dampen the spirits of the roughly 750 base employees' children at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren for the annual Bring Your Child to Work Day. Children came aboard for the day to learn a little more about what mom and dad do from nine to five. With 59 base-wide programs, children explored everything from the logistics of testing at the Potomac River Test Range, to spectacular science demonstrations and experiments.

Children and parents alike enjoyed hands-on activities at the various commands, including the Joint Warfare Analysis Center (JWAC) "electric pickle" demonstration, test driving a SeaPerch underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) unit at the Aquatic Center, testing their skills at flying helicopters, learning computer coding, experimenting with states of matter and many other fun-filled programs.

Eight-year-old Alex was able to practice CPR skills at the Naval District



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AEGIS Training and Readiness Center (ATRC) Commanding Officer Capt. David Zook demonstrates the equipment at the training facility for his two daughters at Bring Your Child to Work Day 2018 aboard Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren on May 17.

Washington (NDW) Fire and Emergency Services Dahlgren Company, where first responders provided

hands-on demonstrations.

"It was cool because it looked like they [the CPR dummies] were actually

breathing," Alex said.

"I didn't realize how diverse the missions are on Dahlgren until I took the boys out today," Brad, a Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) employee said.

Gray's Landing on the Potomac offered a kid-friendly menu including favorites such as chicken tenders, French fries, mac and cheese and buttered corn.

Parents were pleased to have the opportunity to share their workday with their children, but the consensus seemed to be the importance of being able to expose the children to Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)-based jobs and the practical application of STEM in everyday life.

Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technical Division (NSWC IHEODTD) hosted their first Bring Your Child to Work Day in many years on May 22 at the NSF Indian Head Gymnasium. The event, originally scheduled to include

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Colonial Beach New Town Manager, Route 301 Corridor Study and Tourism Highlight COMREL

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Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Commander Capt. Michael O'Leary presented an update at the second quarter Community Relations (COMREL) Council meeting held May 23 at the High Tides on the Potomac restaurant, in Colonial Beach, Va.

The second quarter Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Community Relations (COMREL) Council meeting was held May 23, at the High Tides on the Potomac restaurant, in Colonial Beach, Va., where the Route 301 Corridor Study took center stage in the discussion.

Colonial Beach's new Town Manager Quinn Robertson welcomed the mixture of community leaders, political representatives and military staff from the base to the meeting. Robertson — who took time to brief attendees on the latest updates from the town — has only been on staff in Colonial Beach for a little more than 90 days. In that time, he has worked to increase awareness of the town through a new social media presence, including an updated website and an intensive digital media strategy designed to raise the town's profile. One exciting note for the commu-

nity is that it is currently ranked as #1 in the USA Today's "Best Beach in Virginia" poll. The community's small town feel and scenic public beachfront — the second largest in Virginia — appeals to those visiting from the more metropolitan areas of the nation's capital and the state capital.

Key highlights of Robertson's brief included the town's growth. The goal, Robertson shared was to reach a population density of 5,000 which would reclassify the town as a city. The last population statistics (2010) had the town's resident count at 3,542. The town is also experiencing a real estate boom. The town's school system is also fully accredited and ranks in the top third percentile in Virginia. Robertson noted that the school system was one of only two Virginia schools that are separate from county operations.

In addition to the statistical information, Robertson

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fire trucks and other equipment, was moved from the Mix House due to impending foul weather. However, 45 of the command's youngest family members got to explore safety experiments, tried their hands at being a Public Affairs Officer on camera, learned about computer safety with a "Phishing Trip," participated in an obstacle course set up by the NDW Fire and Emergency Services Indian Head Company, along with a host of other exciting and fun experiments.

NSWC IHEODTD Commanding Officer Capt. Scott Kraft shared how pleased he was with the event and how important it is for employees to be able to bring the two families — NSWC IHEODTD and their personal families — together to get to know each other as well.

"It helps us connect with our family. Our families see us go to work every day and they don't always understand what it is that we do," Kraft said. "This is a great way for us to show them what we do every day. I am really excited to see how this event turned out; they did a phenomenal job putting the [Bring Your Child to Work] event together."



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Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren teemed with youngsters as the installation enjoyed Bring Your Child to Work Day. Many of the tenants including Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD), the Center for Surface Combat Systems (CSCS), the AE-GIS Training and Readiness Center (ATRC), and the Joint Warfare Analysis Center (JWAC) opened their doors to family members to provide fun and educational activities to share their mission. With exciting demonstrations and hands-on activities, the children learned more about what mom and dad do to help provide the U.S. Military with top-notch equipment and training.



Bring Your Child to Work Day 2018 Reporter for a Day

By **JABARI C. BAGBY**

My favorite activity was the Craft Tech piggy bank project. I got a chance to interview the manager of Craft Tech Ms. Kelly Penney. Ms. Kelly enjoys all the customers and the projects they do. Creativity inspires her. Originally she is from Norfolk England where she lived for 47 years. She also has 13 cats!





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Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technical Division (NSWCIHEODTD) hosted 45 of the commands youngest family members during their first ever Bring Your Child to Work Day. The children got to explore safety experiments, be a Public Affairs Officer on camera, learn about computer safety with a "Phishing Trip", participate in an obstacle course set up by the Naval District Washington Fire and Emergency Services Indian Head Company along with a host of other interesting and fun experiments.

Bring Your Child to Work Day Reporter for a Day

By **SADIE ESTES**

On Thursday May 17th I got to go to work with my Dad. The first thing I saw was an antenna presentation. They had many antennas in all shapes and sizes. Most of them were used for laptops and radios talking to satellites. I learned that the two main types of antennas act like lanterns and flashlights. The lantern antenna gives signals in all directions like a lantern gives light in all directions. A flashlight antenna only gives signals in one direction like a flashlight only gives light in one direction. I think other kids would like this activity because it helps you understand what antennas do and how they help us.



BASE HAPPENINGS

Dahlgren

Catholic Services at Dahlgren Chapel

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

Fleet and Family Support Center Closed May 30

The Fleet and Family Support Center will be closed on Wednesday, May 30 for Regional Training. The office will reopen on Thursday, May 31 at 0730. In case of emergency, please contact Base Security at 540-653-8291.

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. The School Liaison Office (SLO) has also relocated to the Mix House. SLO will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 The soup for the week of May 28 is Chili with Beans for \$3.75. 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.

Dahlgren

Household Hazardous Waste Day at the King George Landfill/Sealston Convenience Center

Saturday, June 2. 8 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Open to all residents of King George County. Residents must show their permanent yellow sticker. No business waste. Items accepted include Aerosol cans Garden chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, insecticides), Gasoline, Kerosene, Oil based-paint products, spray paint, caulk, wood preservative, wood stain), Swimming Pool Chemicals, Used and unused household cleaners, ammonia drain cleaner, rust remover, tile/shower cleaner and more), Universal materials (include mercury-containing items: thermometers, thermostats)

Wolf Trap's Children's Theater on the Woods

From June through early August, Wolf Trap hosts Children's Theatre in the Woods! Performances are at 10 a.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For details of all the amazing upcoming shows including everything from Bollywood Dancing, a Willy Wonka's "Wonder Show!" to the Wizard of Oz, visit <https://www.wolftrap.org/tickets/ctitw.aspx>

Mid-Atlantic Girls

Collaborative (MAGiC) Project

Mid-Atlantic Girls Collaborative (MAGiC) Project The Mid-Atlantic Girls Collaborative (MAGiC) Project is committed to engaging 9,600 STEM mentors over the next three years across the states of Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia as part of the Million Women Mentors movement. We are working to build a strong group of STEM professionals ready to mentor and serve as needed role models to encourage girls to consider STEM majors and careers. For a list of projects in Virginia visit <http://ngcproject.org/node/140/programs>, or for more information on how to be a mentor or other

information visit <https://www.million-womenmentors.com/>

Classical Conversations Hold Kids Camp and Parent Practicum

Free sessions June 4-6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fredericksburg, Va. veteran home educators will lead three days of training, June 4th-6th, designed to inform and encourage parents who are homeschooling or are interested in homeschooling. The free conference will be held at New Life in Christ Church at 11925 Burgess Lane in Fredericksburg and is hosted by the Fredericksburg Community of Classical Conversations, an educational resource for Christian homeschoolers. Participants are encouraged to register at www.parentpracticum.com. The theme of the conference is Unlocking Language: The Art of Grammar. It offers keys to more than just learning languages. While parents learn, their children can learn, too. Low-cost day camps (\$42 per child) are available for children of attendees, kindergarten to teen. Camps include nursery and play camps for younger children, memorizing and drawing the world in geo-drawing camp or learning about [other Practicum camp topics] in academic camps for older students. Advance registration for student camps is required. For more information about parent conferences, go to www.parentpracticum.com or call Sandee Cogan at 540-808-7525.

CYT Theater Performs Les Miserables School Edition at King George High School

Performances June 15 — 24 with matinee and evening times. Ticket price: \$15 online / \$17 door, for more information, visit <https://www.cytfredericksburg.org/shows/Les-Miserables-School-Edition/10> or contact Allison Mayberry at allison@cytfred.org/540-429-5748 Les Mis is the winner of over 100 international awards and seen by over 65 million people world-

wide, Les Misérables is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. Now adapted for high school performers, Les Misérables School Edition features one of the most memorable scores of all time and some of the most memorable characters to ever grace the stage!

King George Animal Rescue League Seeking Volunteers

The King George Animal Rescue League is looking for volunteers to help socialize animals, walk dogs, and take pictures at King George Animal Control (the county animal shelter). Volunteering at the shelter is a very rewarding way to give back to the local community; it is beneficial to the volunteer's mental and physical health, and it has a direct impact on the lives of homeless animals in our area. To learn more, visit <http://www.kgarl.org/info/display?PageID=15746>, email shelterhelp@kgarl.org, or contact the shelter directly at 540-775-2120.

Indian Head

Million Women Mentors

Does your organization want to mentor girls? Do you have a daughter needing a mentor? Million Women Mentors in MD mission is to create a network of private & public sector organizations across MD committed to building a sustainable mentoring ecosystem to motivate girls & young women to pursue and persist in careers in STEM. For more info, please visit www.millionwomenmentors.org.

Tri-County Animal Shelter Announces May Promotions

National Chip Your Pet Month (Tuesday, May 1 to Thursday, May 31)

During this special month, bring your cat or dog to the shelter and get them microchipped for \$10. Cats and dogs must be on a leash or in a carrier. If your pet

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shared that the town is striving to grow and is seeing an increase in new business licenses.

“We’re seeing general activity increase sooner rather than later,” Robertson said. “I couldn’t be more proud to share all of this good news.”

Power in the facility shut down several times during COMREL, but that was due to Dominion Power replacing the transformers to update the grid before the summer season — another important upgrade that the town has been working towards.

The town is also working to enter into synergistic partnerships with neighboring communities, as well as Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren.

“I am looking forward to ways we can work together and get our community involved to help support the Sailors,” Robertson concluded. “There are a lot of young, patriotic folks [on base], and I think we can provide a good environment and I look forward to engaging Dahlgren’s leadership to talk about how we can do that.”

NSASP Commanding Officer Capt. Michael O’Leary updated the attendees on the command’s activities over the last quarter as well as the latest fiscal data from both NSF Dahlgren and Indian Head. O’Leary noted the linear growth occurring on Dahlgren.

“It’s not exponential growth but growing every year,” O’Leary said. “It’s a challenge for me, but a good challenge. I need to upgrade my infrastructure, I need to make my gates better, I need to continue to talk with VDOT to make sure I get my people in and out safely, but that’s a good challenge.”

Discussing the current state of the base, O’Leary noted the economic impact of the base on the local economy.

“There’s a lot of money coming through here; there’s a lot of intellectual capital, a lot of great things going on in and around the area. It’s a great place to be right now,” O’Leary said.

O’Leary referred to the fact that Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division has had to turn work away recently.

“Everyone wants what Dahlgren Division can do,” O’Leary said

He also noted the increase in Sailor students who come to the base to train at the AEGIS Training and Readiness Center and the need for growth at the ATRC to accommodate that need.

“They all come through Dahlgren, they have to,” O’Leary said. “We have great synergy — the SWO [Surface Warfare Officers] training, Aegis BMD [Ballistic Missile Defense], a lot of this synergy is because they are all right next to each other. They can do a lot of things together to enhance the tactics and make sure what we put out into the fleet is right.”

O’Leary shared that NSF Indian Head is also growing and while the numbers of employees appear to be less than last year that it is just part



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY BARBARA WAGNER

Colonial Beach Mayor Eddie Blunt raised questions regarding potential road congestion in the region to Stephen Haynes, the Fredericksburg district planning manager for Virginia Department of Transportation, at the second quarter Community Relations Council meeting held at the High Tides on the Potomac restaurant, in Colonial Beach, Va.

of the usual ebb and flow of the base, and the numbers represent a single snapshot in time of data.

“It’s a chalk-line snap,” O’Leary said. “Don’t sweat those numbers; overall the numbers are the same as far as economic impact. Nothing has really changed there.”

Indeed, one measure of economic growth — local contracts — increased substantially at NSF Indian Head.

The HURREX exercise and 2018 Bring Your Child to Work Day was next on O’Leary’s agenda. The exercise offers an annual training opportunity for the command’s first responders to prepare for potentially hazardous weather during the upcoming hurricane season that begins on June 1 and runs through November.

Bring Your Child to Work Day at both bases was a rousing success and offered more than 75 programs that entertained and educated nearly 800 children.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) representative Stephen Haynes, who is the Fredericksburg district planning manager for VDOT, presented the status of the Routes 301/207 Arterial Preservation Study that has been conducted over the last 16 months. The study encompasses the Route 301 corridor from Interstate 95’s Exit 104 to the end of the Virginia side of Route 301 that ends at the Harry Nice Bridge. The goal of the study was to ascertain what changes could be made to the stretch of road to increase arterial flow, while decreasing accidents and fatalities along the corridor.

The current operational challenges that were noted included the high number of crossovers and new signals, weekend congestion near the Nice Bridge and weekday “rush-hour” congestion near NSF Dahlgren. Future traffic growth due to the widening of the Nice Bridge is anticipated double the current traffic, Haynes said, and continued development and the diversion to the Routes 301/207 corridor due to significant construction increase along I-95 over the next decade. Haynes also addressed safety concerns such as a lack of adequate shoulders and poor sight distance in specific locations along the corridor.

Taking all of the data into consideration, the study prepared recommendations for each of the 37 intersections and the 81 crossovers along the 42-mile corridor.

Of particular interest to residents were two of the intersections — 26 and 33. Intersection 26 is between U.S. 301 and Route 3 in King George County. Two different scenarios were offered to either reroute left-hand turns or remove them all together. The two options ranged in cost from \$1.8 million to \$4.8 million. Intersection 33 is the convergence of U.S. 301 and Dahlgren Road, which also offered two different scenarios to lessen congestion in the area by reducing or removing left-hand turns. Those options ranged in cost from \$2.6 to \$6.1 million. The intersection at Gate B was also discussed with the same criteria of eliminating left turns to increase arterial flow and reduce accidents. VDOT will work with county and town officials to implement the solutions by helping identify priorities and seeking funding. No date has been established for construction. Recommendations will be implemented as opportunity and funding allow.

The final study report will be available by the end of May at the VDOT website — http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/fredericksburg/route_301_and_207_corridor_study.asp.

The final presentation of the day was from Lisa Hull, the economic development and tourism coordinator from the Northern Neck Planning District. Hull shared the mission of the commission: to promote the cultural, natural, historical and recreational assets of the Northern Neck, which encompasses the five counties of King George, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Lancaster and Richmond. The commission

promotes the Northern Neck through digital and print ads, including the Washington metro area papers along with brochures that are available at Virginia Tourism Commission Welcome Centers. Dahlgren Heritage Museum is seeking to become a certified center at present.

Two of the venues that Northern Neck Tourism plans to utilize to promote the area is through the Virginia Tourism Commission campaign “LOVE works” and the CRUSH Friday initiative that is intended to encourage the millennial target audience to take Fridays off to create “mini” vacations through three-day weekends.

Northern Neck Tourism has also partnered with the National Park Service in pursuit of a National Heritage Area Designation. There are two “trails” that would fall under this designation — the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, with bike trails throughout the five counties, and the Captain John Smith Chesapeake Trail highlighting the indigenous cultural landscapes in the region.

Hull shared that the Northern Neck has been a regional identity for more than 350 years and the pursuit and implementation of a heritage area is a common goal; the counties have more issues — such as transportation, infrastructure and waterline — that unite them than divide them.

The NSASP COMREL council meets to bring together military and civilian leaders from Charles and King George Counties and the towns of Colonial Beach and Indian Head to discuss topics that affect the region. The next meeting is slated for August in the town of Indian Head.

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Catastrophic Weather Exercise No Match for NSASP First Responders

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
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The week of May 7 was a busy one for the men and women of Naval District Washington (NDW) Fire and Emergency Services (FES) Indian Head Company and Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Force Protection, as well as NSASP leadership. Annual HURREX/Citadel Gale training was conducted to ensure that the command is prepared for a catastrophic weather event.

For James “Chilly” Vaiciulis, NSASP’s new operations training and exercises officer, this exercise was an excellent introduction to the capabilities and preparation of the NSASP first responders.

“I’ve recently joined the NSASP team, so I’ve been in receive mode for a large portion of the planning of this exercise,” Vaiciulis explained. “I spent most of my time reviewing our plans; that will help me build next year’s training plan and improve our objectives for next year’s training and exercise events.”

Throughout the week, teams cycled through training based on the Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR) protocol. The training peaked on Wednesday with an exercise that simulated chemical leak with mock casualties and power outages providing “real-world” simulations of potential events that the NDW FES and NSASP Force Protection officers might encounter, should the region be hit by a major weather event such as the fictional Category 3 storm “Hurricane Cora” that was portrayed in the training.

Those who have lived in the region for more than five years will be familiar with a Category 3 hurricane that wreaked havoc on Virginia and up the eastern seaboard — Hurricane Sandy. According to Virginia Emergency Services, Sandy left two in Virginia dead, destroyed or damaged 245 homes and caused \$16.2 million in damages — not counting economic losses.

A previous Category 3 hurricane from 2011 — Irene — created \$35.8 million in damage and the state was fortunate to have not experienced any fatalities during that storm, which left many without power for weeks.

Training like HURREX assists first responders in honing their skills, ensuring that their equipment is up to snuff and correcting any issues that they may have encountered during the process. Regional crews were on hand to evaluate and grade the actions and responses of the NSASP and NDW workforce.

Chris Schaefer, one of the regional evaluators on hand, examined a specific set of criteria as he measured the team’s performance. In addition to proper set up of a command post, Schaefer shared a number of the elements that he was looking for to ensure that the exercise was conducted correctly.

“Things I’m going to be looking for are for the



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Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) conducted a simulated incident aboard Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head on May 9 in support of HURREX/Citadel Gale 2018, the annual hurricane exercise designed to prepare the Navy to respond to weather threats and maintain the ability to deploy forces, even under the most adverse weather conditions.

[proper documentation of] everything, using the correct paperwork, getting the appropriate resources and utilizing the proper PPE [Personal Protective Equipment] when working with the victims,” Schaefer said.

“Every exercise uncovers areas which require improvement,” Vaiciulis said. “I was extremely impressed with our first responders’ level of readiness, knowledge with the CBRN [Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear] HAZMAT equipment, and ability to work effectively using the unified command system.”

The Navy, including NDW and NSASP, conduct a number of exercises throughout the year to ensure emergency services personnel are adequately equipped and prepared for any situation that may arise. Exercises like HURREX/Citadel Gale also serve to remind all of us to make sure that we too are ready for emergencies. Visit <https://www.ready.navy.mil/> for information and resources on how to best prepare you and your family to weather the storm.



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Top Naval Research and Development Leaders Converge to Collaborate and See 'NISE' Innovations

By **NSWC DAHLGREN DIVISION**
CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

What new technologies do producers have in mind for a future James Bond film or the next Star Wars sequel titled "Episode IX" due for release in December 2019?

Did they imagine the "Digital Twin" or the "CYBER DeVIL" as technologically advanced adversaries who will faceoff with 007 or Princess Leia?

The two technologies – among more than 150 technological projects presented by innovators at the 2018 Naval Innovative Science & Engineering (NISE) Technical Exchange Meeting held at Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) – are not under research, development, testing and evaluation (RDT&E) for a Hollywood or any movie production.

The revolutionary ideas, processes, and technologies – including "Digital Twin" and the "CYBER DeVIL" – are in RDT&E to provide warfighters with more solutions and capabilities so they can fight, win and come home safely.

The audience – a who's who in Department of Defense technical leaders, scientists and engineers – arrived at the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASN) RDT&E sponsored event, May 1-2, to see and learn about the NISE projects and their alignment to naval systems and naval needs.

They listened as keynote speakers – DASN RDT&E William Bray; Chief of Naval Research Rear Adm. David Hahn; and NSWC Chief Technology Officer Dr. Megan Fillinich – discussed the impact of NISE initiatives on the warfighter and what is being accomplished as the Navy's Warfare Centers leverage their internal development funding and engineering creativity.

More than 500 visitors spent time engaging with scientists and engineers from the Naval Research and Development Establishment (NR&DE) who presented their technological topics and projects under massive tents set up near the banks of the Potomac River. The visitors included senior NR&DE leaders as well as leaders and technologists from the Office of Naval Research, the Navy's systems commands, program executive offices; Chief of Naval Operations staff; Marine Corps resource sponsors; Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) Financial Management and Comptroller; ASN Energy, Installations and Environment; the Naval Warfighting Development Centers; and the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab.

"We hope everyone in the naval research community has an opportunity in this information exchange and innovation forum



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A Department of the Navy innovator presents her technological project at the two-day 2018 Naval Innovative Science and Engineering (NISE) Technical Exchange Meeting held at Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division. More than 150 NISE-funded innovations were presented to the Department of Defense technical leaders, scientists, and engineers who visited the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation sponsored event to see and learn about the NISE projects and their alignment to naval systems and naval needs.

to review new technologies, exchange ideas, and foster collaboration," said NSWCDD Commanding Officer Capt. Godfrey "Gus" Weekes and NSWCDD Technical Director John Fiore

as they welcomed visitors. "We encourage you to take full advantage of all the NISE Technical Exchange Meeting 2018 offers and to meet the scientists, engineers, and technicians who make these innovations a reality for our warfighters. Most of all, let's continue sharing ideas to foster maritime superiority."

NISE was established by the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the Military to provide a mechanism for funding research and development within the laboratories of the Department of Defense. The goal of the program is to grow the internal technical capabilities of the workforce through research projects, technical training, and other workforce development innovations. The NISE program also fosters creativity and

stimulates exploration of cutting edge science and technology; serves as a proving ground for new concepts in research and development; and supports high-value, potentially high-risk research and development.

Getting back to "Digital Twin" presented as a technology topic at the NISE Technical Exchange Meeting. The framework that NSWC Carderock Division is developing to meet future surface and subsurface fleet commander needs is called "Navy Digital Twin – Platforms". Specifically, a "digital twin" is an integrated data and modeling framework that brings all systems and information to bear on how best to meet commander's intent. A platform's digital twin exists virtually and is part of a continuous analytical fusion of data, physics-based models, and machine learning to prescribe multiple future instantiations of the ship and its environment, which enables the user to readily identify the optimum choices. As a platform's digital twin matures it becomes able to predict potential future outcomes of platform behavior.

"CYBER DeVIL" was also presented as a technology topic. The full name of the NSWC Philadelphia Division's workforce development project is Cyber Defense Vulnerability Insight Laboratory (CYBER DeVIL Philly): Evil-Bit Training for System Designers. The project introduces NSWC Philadelphia system designers to practical cyber-physical system security practices at the basic level by viewing the process through the mindset of an attacker. The CYBER DeVIL concept – initially developed at NSWC Dahlgren and NUWC Newport – provides workforce system designers hands-on experiential training on how cyber-attacks operate and propagate through a connected system.

The visitors, including NSWC Dahlgren's workforce, engaged scores of scientists and engineers in conversations and collaborations at poster sessions on the NISE 219 funded projects over the course of the two-day technical exchange. The NISE projects featured names such as: Raptor Integration for Electromagnetic Sensors; Rocket Propelled Grenade of the Sea Vehicle with Modular Payload; Energetics and Munitions Additive Manufacturing; Molecular Beam Epitaxy of Next Generation Interband Cascade Lasers with Capped Wafer Growth; Counter-small Unmanned Aerial Systems Innovation Jam; Paramagnetic Nanoparticles: Formation and Seeding During Electrocoagulation; Autonomous Amphibious Assault Vehicle Developing Unmanned Systems to be the First Wave in Amphibious Assault; Multistatic System for Autonomous Underwater Laser Vision; and Nano-Satellite Tracking.

Indian Head NEX Opens Doors to Renovations at Grand Reopening



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The Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head NEX held their grand reopening on May 17. The facility added several new features for the convenience of their patrons.

"We have added a food and beverage bar to include a soda fountain and F'real milkshake machine," said Maria Carver, the facility's NEX branch exchange manager. In addition, the NEX will offer a wider variety of healthy snack and drink options. Through the renovations, the NEX Barbershop has expanded its capabilities from two chairs to three and extended the hours so it is now open seven days a week.

Pictured are (left to right) Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF) Commanding Officer Col. Michael L. Carter, NEX Branch Exchange Manager Maria Carver, Naval Support Activity South Potomac Commanding Officer Capt. Michael O'Leary and NEX District Sales Manager Mary Papasso.

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KGHS Seniors Take Walk Down Memory Lane at Dahlgren School

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot



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King George High School seniors Caroline Amos and Libby Wells returned to Dahlgren School for their "Senior Walk" on May 17. The girls were welcomed with cheers, hugs and happy tears from their former teachers. Here the girls receive an embrace from teacher Beth Hankins.

Hugs and happy tears greeted two former Dahlgren School students returned to the school for a walk down memory lane. Caroline Amos and Libby Wells, seniors at King George High School, took part in one of the school's traditions — returning to their middle school for a "senior walk."

Although it's been a number of years since the girls attended, the halls were still filled with happy memories of their years at the school.

"It was so weird walking through the halls," Wells said. "So much has changed, but yet nothing has."

Dahlgren School Administrator Tracey Fairfax was so pleased that the girls returned to the school.

"It was so sweet," Fairfax shared. "It just brought tears to my eyes when I read the email asking to do this here."

The teachers were so excited to see their former students and welcomed them with opened arms and proud grins.

"This was so special," Debbie Walseman said. "Once in a while we get invited to graduation ceremonies if they are still around, but so often they are off to Hawaii or Japan; we don't have many of our students return like this."

Most of the students who have attended Dahlgren School are military children; from Dahlgren they have moved on to bases around the globe. Very few have the opportunity to return, so to have the girls come back to share this important time of their lives was a touching tribute.

The girls walked through the halls to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" along with

the cheers and applause of their former teachers and the children who attend the school.

"To watch them grow up and be such amazing young ladies," teacher Beth Hankins shared, "for them to come back and be such

role models for our middle schoolers is wonderful."

"It's just surreal. As soon as we turned the corner and saw everyone cheering, it just was so touching," Wells shared.

"It's amazing how such a small community turned out for just the two of us," Amos said.

Congratulations to two of Dahlgren School's own on their successes and best of luck in their future endeavors.

My First Photojournalism Experience Shadowing Mrs. Wagner

By **MIA OLSON, JUNIOR REPORTER**

Today I had such a fun experience shadowing Mrs. Wagner. I was shadowing her because I am in a program called AVID. My awesome AVID teacher, Mrs. Walseman, knows I would like to become a photojournalist when I grow up. Because of this, she let me shadow Mrs. Wagner, also a photojournalist during Bring Your Child to Work Day.

The first activity Mrs. Wagner and I went to was at the AEGIS Training and Readiness Center. Aegis actually means shield, and one of the reasons it is called that is because a shield is meant to protect. That is what Aegis is doing, protecting. The Navy schoolhouse trains over 1,000 people each year. That's a lot if you ask me! There are signal flags in the auditorium. All of the flags in the room have different meanings and they are only visible from how far away you can see.

The second activity that we went to was at the fire station. At the fire station, the firefighters were teaching the kids how to use the hose and that the hose has different settings. They were also showing kids how they do CPR by using adult test dummies and baby test dummies. At the end, all of the kids got a bag

with cool goodies inside of it.

The third activity we went to was an underwater ROV exhibit. These ROVs are called SeaPerches. In fact, at Dahlgren School, there are two SeaPerch teams that are heading to the SeaPerch International Competition in Massachusetts. Those two SeaPerch teams consist of three people in two groups. The first team is the Lucky Charms. This team has three boys on it. These boys are Ryan, Jude, and Josh. The girl's team is named the Baby Narwhals. The girls are me, Ashley, and Kaili. The three teachers that helped us with our SeaPerch journey are Mrs. Young, Mrs. Doyle, and Ms. Holt.

The fourth activity that we went to was at Dahlgren School. This activity was celebrating two high school seniors who used to go to Dahlgren School and have accomplished so much! The two girls that came to the school have such great memories and knew almost all of the teachers still work there!

The fifth activity that we went to was the test range. The people who work at the test range do it on the river because no one lives there so it is not dangerous. The guns shoot down the 15-mile long river. That is the same distance from this base

all the way to KGHS. They test the guns by using the scientific method. On the test range, it is very important for safety procedures to be followed because someone could get extremely hurt.

After this, Mrs. Wagner and I had lunch at Gray's Landing. The sixth activity Mrs. Wagner and I went to was all about science. At this activity, the kids were taught safety procedures. They also conducted a mini-experiment that involved Mountain Dew and raisins. Then, the instructor showed the kids experiments that had to do with the scientific method. At the end, all of the kids got to touch a plasma ball. This activity was very interesting and looked very fun.

The last activity we went to was the Swarm v. Swarm. This was all about types of robotics. There was a slideshow that showed different types of swarms. The swarms were bug swarms, superhero swarms, and supervillain swarms. At the end of this activity, all of us made a cardboard airplane and flew them across the room.

I had so much fun today with Mrs. Wagner and learned so much!

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The Passing of Virginia House Bill 1085 & Senate Bill 775 Will Ease Some of the Hardships of Transitioning Military Families

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

The state of Virginia has recently passed two legislative bills – House Bill 1085 & Senate Bill 775 – that will positively impact transitioning military families with school-aged children.

SB775

Senate Bill 775 eliminates additional transitions of military-connected students.

“The Child shall be allowed to enroll in the school division of the child’s intended residence if documentation is provided, at the time of enrollment, of military orders of the service member parent or an official letter from the service member’s command indicating such relocation. Documentation indicating a permanent address within the school division shall be provided to the school division within 120 days of a child’s enrollment, or tuition may be charged, including tuition for the days since the child’s enrollment in school. The assignment of the school such child will attend shall be determined by the local school division.”

Once the policy is changed, military families who reside in temporary housing will be eligible to enroll their student in the school zoned for the permanent residence they are seeking.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NSASP SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE
Lolita Gunter, the Naval Support Activity South Potomac school liaison officer, joined the Mid-Atlantic School Liaison Officers to witness the signing of Virginia House Bill 1085 and Senate Bill 775 that will help transitioning military families with school-aged children.

Parents will be required to provide a copy of their orders or letter from the command when enrolling their children in local school systems.

These families will have 120 days to produce the required documentation of permanent residence for face charges for tuition

retroactive to the date of their initial enrollment. An exception to this case would be families who, within the 120-day period, were deployed or received orders to another duty station. These families would not be subjected to the reimbursement to the school division for tuition.

“Military families have reached out to me when they already have a permanent address such as a contract to build a home or rent a place, but the school system does not acknowledge those instances, and they were being placed in a school using their temporary address,” said Lolita Gunter, Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) school liaison officer. “This bill will truly help these transitioning military families; they will no longer need my intervention regarding this issue.”

Before the passing of this bill, students with an active military sponsor often had to transfer schools twice due to residency requirements when they moved to a particular location. Upon registration, the school system used the current residency address, which could be a temporary lodging such as a hotel, in placing the student. Therefore, when the family moved to their per-

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Dahlgren’s DOSC Annual Scholarship Program and Charitable Donations Have Far Reaching Impact

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

The Dahlgren Officers’ Spouses’ Club (DOSC) awarded its 2018 annual scholarships and charitable donations during a May 5 ceremony held at the Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren Chapel Annex. Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Commanding Officer Capt. Michael O’Leary was the keynote speaker and on hand to congratulate the recipients.

“I am very honored to be here,” O’Leary explained. “This is an opportunity for me to honor and recognize people’s hard work [giving] something back to the community.”

O’Leary shared how all of the charitable donations and scholarships were made possible by the hard work and dedication of the DOSC at the Second Tour Thrift Store on NSF Dahlgren.

“The Second Tour Thrift Store is the engine that makes this event possible,” O’Leary said.

“The influence that you have by giving out scholarships and donating to the local charities provides a lot of feedback locally and through the educational awards, the benefit is not only local but goes to the state and even national level,” O’Leary explained. “These folks [scholarship recipients] can become politicians, local officials and people who have a farther reach-

ing impact on more than just their local communities.

“Thank you to Second Tour Store, the DOSC and the charities who do so much for the local communities,” O’Leary concluded. “Also, I would like to thank the scholarship recipients. You have worked hard, you have proven your value and now you’ve been given an opportunity to use that. Thank you for what you will be in the future.”

Sarah Walters, the DOSC president, introduced Rosemarie Blades, the namesake for the Rosemarie Blades Scholarship, who will retire from the organization following 47 years of service both to the Dahlgren community since 1971 and from the inception of DOSC in 1996.

“This is our 18th year, and we have given out 57 scholarships with \$81,275,” Blades shared. “Over the many years, we’ve had volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energy so that we can provide these scholarships.

“Next month I will be 87, and I have decided it’s time for me to retire,” Blades continued. “I have received a lot of satisfaction from the program, but what I have especially enjoyed each year is calling the recipients to tell them that they have received a scholarship and to hear their joy and glee and it was just wonderful.”

The DOSC granted nine scholarships this year



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The Dahlgren Officer’s Spouse’s Club held its 18th Annual Scholarship and Charitable Donations ceremony on May 5. The DOSC granted nine scholarships this year to the following students: Madalynn R. Amos, Shelby A. Baumer, Samuel L. Cacese, Corrinne R. French, Jeffery R. Gill, Nathaniel D. Mellott, Sarah K. Molloy, Brittany O’Connell and Grace A. Vandelac.

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New Ombudsman Sarah Fitch Carries on Family Tradition of Service

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot



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Naval Support Activity South Potomac welcomes aboard new Ombudsman Sarah Fitch.

in need of assistance.

"Two weeks after we were married, he was deployed to Bahrain for a year," Fitch recalls. "I knew nothing about military life, I broke my

ankle, and I didn't know anything about the military medical system. It was really a baptism by fire.

"I was a young professional and I was already established with friends and support when he came along. It was weird; all the sudden I was a military spouse, geographically separated, and I suddenly was trying to navigate a move among other things and I didn't know where to get answers."

Fitch was thankful that her husband's former commander was available to steer her in the right direction and get her in touch with assistance.

"I felt like since then, I've learned a lot," Fitch said.

What was one of the main things she has learned?

"Anything that can go wrong will go wrong," Fitch laughed. "I have been through kind of the wringer; I've been in their [new spouses] shoes! I feel like with my experiences, the trial and error, of going through that and knowing what it's like, I can offer spouses that knowledge. It's difficult when there is a lack of communication and many spouses experience that. Half the battle is just knowing where to turn."

Fitch has become familiar with all the as-

pects of military life but confesses that she too still needs to reach out for assistance on occasion and that is something that she would like spouses to understand.

"Whether you are a new spouse or a seasoned spouse, sometimes we all need a little help," Fitch explained. "There is no stigma or shame in reaching out for assistance. It's a healthy thing to do. We need to embrace that as a military community."

Fitch credits her successful transition to military spouse life with wonderful mentors and senior spouses who have helped guide her through her experience. She has since been able to provide new spouses with information and guidance and looks forward to carrying on that tradition at NSF Dahlgren.

"We each have our own unique stories and battles, and we experience things differently," Fitch concluded, "but in the end, the problems are all kind of the same, so having someone who has experienced those types of issues can be useful."

Fitch is looking forward to helping other spouses navigate the sometimes tricky waters of being a Navy spouse. For Ombudsman assistance, Fitch can be reached at 312-898-5890 or at sarahfitch10@gmail.com.

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manent address, the student must move to a different school again.

Additional moves can be devastating to the student, affecting their academics, and has a significant impact on their social and emotional developments. Students from military families move an average of six to nine times within their school years already. The new bill will lessen the number of moves these children have been experiencing.

HB1085

"Any local school board of a school division in which a military installation or other military housing is located shall establish and implement policies to provide for the enrollment to any school of any student residing on a military installation or in military housing within the school division upon the request of his parent if space in the school is available. In developing such policies, a local school board may include any of conditions listed in subsection A of § 22.1-7.1 or any other condition deemed appropriate by the local school board."

This bill requires that school divisions create an "open enrollment" policy for military families residing in military housing. While this does not guarantee enrollment due to other limiting factors such as school grade level capacity, it sets in motion a more supportive state policy for military families that will in turn shape local school policies. Local schools still must balance a variety of priorities in their policies, but the bill formalizes enrollment of military children as a priority.

"The previous Virginia First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe played a big role in pushing this bill forward. She listened to the concerns we experienced on the field as School Liaisons and acted on those issues," Gunter added. "The Virginia School Liaison Officers made a big contribution in the passing of these bills as well."

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Congratulations to the scholarship recipients and organizations and a tremendous "Thank You" to the members of the DOSC who have volunteered many hours to make such invaluable contributions to the community.



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Dahlgren School Club Teaches Heirloom Skills

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

Every Thursday afternoon, a group of students at Dahlgren School gathers in Susan Marchette's classroom to practice skills that aren't often taught in a school setting for students anymore — sewing and quilting. Marchette has been a quilter for more than 35 years and enjoys sharing those skills as the club sponsor with the students in the Quilting Club. Several of the students have worked diligently on a patriotic lap quilt that they will donate to a wounded warrior program.

"We worked on the lap quilt to teach them how to sew straight lines with the sewing machine," Marchette explained.

In addition to learning basic sewing skills, the students have learned how to do patchwork quilting and applique, along with important fabric cutting tips and tricks. As skill levels progressed and quilt pieces came together, the students' enthusiasm has grown for the craft.

"They have been so excited about the club that they have brought in their friends as well," Marchette said.

"My friend Victoria told me about the club, and it sounded like a lot of fun," fifth-grader Sabel shared. "I love quilting and sewing now."

"I like that even if we mess up, we're not done, we can take out our stitches and keep trying," Victoria said.

The club started with five middle-schools boys at the beginning of the school year and has since grown to include upwards of 15 students interested in learning valuable sew-



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY BARBARA WAGNER

Teacher Susan Marchette instructs Dahlgren students including Victoria and Harper (pictured) in the art of quilting. The Dahlgren School quilting club currently has eight members but has had a number of boys and girls who have taken part in the creation of a lap quilt for a wounded warrior.

ing skills and how to use a sewing machine. Marchette has provided three of her sewing machines and the club was able to find a sturdy used machine at a local thrift shop in King George.

"Normally we have four machines going," Marchette said. "None of these students had ever had experiences with a real sewing machine and they have done so well."



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Dahlgren School students display a lap quilt they created to donate to a wounded warrior. Pictured from top left to right: Sabel (5th grade), Madisyn (3rd grade), Azariah (3rd grade), Emma (3rd grade), Victoria (4th grade) bottom row from left to right: Ayla (5th grade), Harper (3rd grade), Grace (3rd grade).

If you have a working sewing machine you no longer need, you can reach out to Marchette at Dahlgren School and she and her busy quilters will certainly put it to good use!

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FITNESS CENTER

540-653-8580

www.navymwrdaahlgren.com/fitness-sports

**-RACE SERIES-
Super Hero 5K**

June 13, 11 a.m.

Bring your cape to run in our Super Hero 5K! Dress up in your favorite superhero apparel for this race. Awards for best male and female costume. Register by 10:50 a.m. race day. Cost: Active duty, Free. All others, \$5.

-SPORTS-

**Summer Intramural Sports:
Women's Softball –
Volleyball – Soccer**

League play begins in June. Register your teams today! Cost: Military & contractors with fitness membership, Free. Military dependents & retirees, \$15. DoD civilians, \$30. Contractors without fitness memberships and off-base civilians, \$40.

Beat the Heat Dodgeball Tournament

June 14, 4:30 p.m.

Join us indoors for a dodgeball tournament. Must have 10 teams. Cost: Active duty, Free. All others, \$2.

-INCENTIVE-

Powerhouse Competition

May and June Accumulate points in May and June. Awards for top male and female competitors for max weight, max reps and overall champions. May: Lift as much as you can in bench, squat and dead lift. June: Do as many push-ups, pull-ups and sit-ups. Cost: FREE

MWR Iron Competition

June 1-30

Any and everyone can participate in this MWR Iron Challenge! Accumulate miles for swimming, running and biking all month long and make this goal a reality. Already a competitive pro? Complete the MWR Iron Competition on Friday, June 1 to receive a special prize. Cost: Free

Family Boot Camp

June 16, 9-11 a.m.

Challenge yourself with a boot camp class for the whole family! Cost: Free

-AQUATICS-

Memorial Day Celebration

May 28, noon – 6 p.m.

Celebrate the first day of the summer season at the pool. Cost: Regular admission

Lap Swim Mile Club

May 28 – Sept. 30

Swimmers that track their laps Memorial Day through the end of September will receive prizes at miles 25, 50, 75 and 100.

Summer Swim Lessons

June 4 – June 14

Classes will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Minimum enrollment of 3 participants per class. Parent/Child: 9:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. PS Level I/II (Ages 4-5): 9:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Level I/II (Ages 6+): 10:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Level III/IV: 10:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Cost: E1-E5 Active duty, retirees and dependents, \$45. All others, \$50

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GENERAL LIBRARY

540-653-7474

Summer Reading Program

June 18, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Cannonball Lanes Bowling Center

Start the summer off right with Reading Takes You Everywhere! Win weekly or biweekly prizes for reading! Open to all ages from babies to adults. Register online & log your reading by clicking on the link at www.NavyLibraryDahlgren.org. Join us for our kick-off party at Cannonball Lanes for free bowling and pizza. T-Shirts for children and teens will be given out on a first come, first served basis starting at the kick-off party.

- 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

**Note: There will be no class held May 28, May 30, June 4 and June 6. Classes will resume Monday, June 11.

Paws for Reading

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

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

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 storytimes 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

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

Every last Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. enjoy pizza and a movie.

Wing Wednesday & Trivia

Every third Wednesday at 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

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!

Kings Dominion Trip

May 26

Join us for a FREE trip to Kings Dominion and ride thrill rides, enjoy attractions, entertainment and dining.

Memorial Day Celebration

May 28

Join us for the long weekend for Memorial Day. Dinner will be provided by Gray's Landing.

Ladies' Night: Nail Painting

June 1, 6 p.m.

Ladies, join us on National Nail painting day and paint your nails.

Kayaking on the Rappahannock River

June 2. Depart at 7:30 a.m.

We're taking a trip to Fredericksburg to go kayaking on the Rappahannock. Cost: \$22.50

Flower Pot Painting

June 5

Paint your own flower pot

for herb planting. Free

Herb Garden Planting

June 6

Cilantro, basil or thyme! Plant an herb for your painting flower pot. Free

Shenandoah National Park Hiking Trip

June 9. Depart at 8 a.m.

We will be hiking Old Rag Mounting in Shenandoah National Park. Free



Indian Head Child & Youth

CDC 301-744-4458

CYP 301-743-5456

Youth Open Recreation

Every 2nd and 4th Friday

7 – 10:30 p.m.

Open to all children ages 5-12 and who are enrolled at the Youth Center. For more information, contact the YAC at 301-743-5456.

Teen Open Recreation

Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday

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.

Indian Head Community Recreation

301-744-4850

Wine Glass Painting

June 8, 4:30 p.m.

Mix House

Come celebrate Best Friends Day with Community Recreation! Bring your bestie to celebrate with drinks from the Tiki Bar and painting a memorable wine glass. Register by June 1. by calling 301-744-4850. Cost \$5. Open to everyone with base access.

Color Fun Run

June 23, 10 a.m.

Ben Rand Field

Get messy with color and enjoy the day out with your family. Be sure to wear white or light-colored clothing to get the full effect. There will be moon bounces, food, music and more! Cost \$5; Free for active-duty. Register at the Weight House Fitness Center prior to race day. There will be same day registration at Ben Rand Field. Race packet pick-up will be held June 18-22 at

the fitness center. Open to everyone with base access.

Kings Dominion Trip

June 30, Depart at 9 a.m.

It's Military Appreciation Day at Kings Dominion. Enjoy a free ride to enjoy this fun-filled day at the park. Free for active-duty, inactive or retired military. Must have ID or DD214. Civilian cost is \$39.25.

Washington Nationals Tickets

All tickets must be ordered 5 business days in advance.

Left/Right Baseline- \$56.25

Left/Right Corner- \$39.00

Left/Right Mezzanine- \$32.50

Upper Infield- \$16.25

Indian Head Library

301-744-4850

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

June 13, 5:30 p.m.

Stars & Strikes Bowling Center

We are kicking off our summer reading program at Stars & Strikes Bowling Center. Sign up for the Summer Reading

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Program and get a FREE game of bowling, pizza and a "Summer Reading" T-shirt. Save time and register online at IndianHead.BeanStack.Org.

Gifts for Dad

June 14, 5:30 p.m.

DIY Lawn Ornament

June 21, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Mix House

Spruce up your garden this summer with a DIY lawn ornament! Turn an old bowling ball into a beautiful new garden decoration. All supplies will be provided. Register at Community Recreation by June 15.

Market Fresh Bistro

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

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

The soup for the week of : June 4 is Italian Wedding \$3.75

June 11 is Broccoli Cheddar \$3.75

June 18 is Minestrone \$3.50

June 25 is Chicken Noodle \$3.75

Indian Head Tiki Bar

Hours: Monday-Friday 4:30-10 p.m.

Leave the Office Early Day

June 1

Celebrate Leave the Office Early Day at the Tiki Bar. The bar will open at 3 p.m. so you can get your weekend started sooner rather than later.

Go Fishing Day

June 18

Join us for Go Fishing Day and enjoy fish-themed games and specials.

Sunglasses Day

June 27

Join us as we create our very own cool and funky shades.

Indian Head Weight House Fitness Center

301-744-4661

Closest to the Pin Competition

June 8, 10 a.m.

Book your tee time today! Earn points by landing within the targeted area. Active-duty is free. All others \$5.

Each participant will be given 5 practice balls and 10 competition balls for an opportunity to hit the 100-yard target.

Tee times will be scheduled every 20 minutes. Total scores at the end of the day will determine first and second place winners.

Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. at the driving range. Open to everyone with base access.

3 vs 3 Sand Volleyball Tournament

June 25, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Register at the Weight House Fitness Center from May 21- June 21. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams. Free for active-duty, \$5 all others. Open to everyone with base access.

Independence Day 5K

June 28, 7 a.m.

Join the Weight House Fitness Center in celebrating America's freedom with the Independence Day 5K! Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place male/female finishers, as well as the runner

with the most red, white and blue spirit! Register by 6:30 a.m. on race day. Active-duty is free, \$5 all others. Open to everyone with base access.

Indian Head Aquatics Center

301-744-4616

Dive-In Movie Nights

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

June 13 July 11 Aug.8

June 27 July 25 Aug.25

Summer nights are best enjoyed while floating in the pool watching a movie! Movies are free for active-duty and \$4 for all others. Don't forget your pool floats!

Indian Head Stars & Strikes Bowling Center

301-744-4761

Father's Day Bowling Special

June 16, 5 – 10 p.m.

Dads enjoy one FREE game of bowling plus a shoe rental! Open bowling rates apply. Open to everyone with base access.

Cosmic Bowling

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday

of the month.

5-10 p.m.

Lunchtime Bowling

Wednesdays

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Open Bowling Rates:

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.

Go Ape Tree Top Adventure

June 2, Depart at 9:30 a.m.

Cost \$10. Sign up by June 1.

At the Liberty Center.

5 on 5 Basketball Tournament

June 7, 6:00 p.m.

Games played to 21

Hershey Park Trip

June 9, Depart at 7:30 a.m.

Cost \$25. Sign up by June 8

at the Liberty Center.

Darts Tournament

June 11, 6:00 p.m.

Compete for a chance to win a prize!

Board Game Night

June 12, 6:00 p.m.

Lego Day

June 14, All Day

Build a Lego masterpiece

Throwback Thursday Game Night

June 19, 6:00 p.m.

Play a classic game from our selection

Giant Jenga

June 20, All Day

Play the giant version of Jenga!

Madden 18 Tournament

June 21, 6:00 p.m.

Gameplay on PS4 or Xbox One Systems

Great Falls Hiking Trip

June 22, Depart 7:30 a.m.

Free. Sign up by June 15. At the Liberty Center.

Pizza & Movie Night

June 23, 6 p.m.

5 on 5 Dodgeball Tournament

June 26, 6 p.m.

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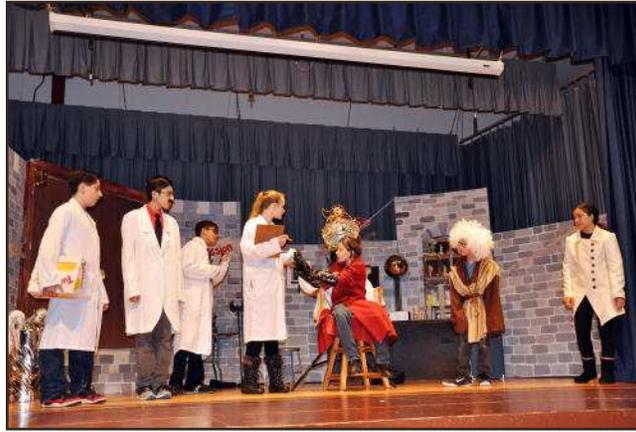
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Dahlgren Middle School Drama Club Presents Zany Comedy for End of Year Production



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The Dahlgren Middle School Drama Class performed an original production of "Time Warp – The best play in the history of... best plays!" on May 18. The production – filled with zany one-liners and puns – featured seven stellar performers and a fantastic set. The young thespians pulled off a spectacular performance despite only having a few weeks to practice to accommodate one of their fellow actors who was slated to move overseas the following week. Staff and students provided a fun-filled evening for all. The cast consisted of Josh Lauritsen, Jude Wisslead, Ashley Klobukowski, Abby Thompson, Johnny Alvarado, Ryan Bailey and Charles Ludwig.

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gets lost, they are more likely to find their way back home with a microchip and collar with tags.

Coming to an Area Near You

The shelter will be out in your neighborhood with animals available for adoption. Stop by and meet the animals available for adoption on

Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Charles Towne Center (11110 Mall Circle, Waldorf).

Free Spay/Neuter Clinics

Are you income-disadvantaged and own pets? You may qualify for 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.

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.

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/Animal-Control.

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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