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Number of Integrated Air and Missile Defense WTIs Grow to Over 100 Fleet Wide – More Needed to Meet Fleet Demand

Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center Public Affairs

Twenty officers graduated from Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center's (SMWDC) Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Warfare Tactics Instructor (WTI) course during a ceremony held at the AEGIS Training and Readiness Center (ATRC) at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren, Dec. 1.

The event marked a significant milestone as it brought the total number of IAMD WTIs to more than 100 patched officers in the Fleet, since the course's inception in 2013.

"It's a great program and I'm not just saying that," said Lt. Melissa Avidano, a newly-patched WTI who will complete her production tour at the IAMD Division following graduation. "I almost think that every SWO should have the opportunity to go through the course. I had plenty of underway time prior to arriving, but this was the first time in my career I've been able to engage tactically — even in a simulated environment — and it was exciting."

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Commander, Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC) Rear Adm. John F. G. Wade, center, with newly graduated Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Warfare Tactics Instructors following a ceremony at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren, Dec. 1. The WTI Course was led by SMWDC's IAMD Division. SMWDC is one of the Navy's five Warfighting Development Centers and its mission is to increase the lethality and tactical proficiency of the Surface Force across all domains.

NSWCDD Hosts Winter Job Fair at the Expo Center

BY JOSEPH FORDHAM,
NSWC Dahlgren Division Corporate Communications

Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) hosted a job fair specifically targeting new hires in the fields of mathematics, computer science, applied physics, engineering and other highly technical skillsets, Nov. 28 at the Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center.

More than 70 representatives from NSWCDD's seven technical departments were on hand to answer questions from potential new hires, review resumes and discuss potential career opportunities. Several hundred new potential candidates flowed through three massive ballrooms to speak with one representative after another from each of the departments. Many were immediately taken to a private meeting room for an initial interview. Fannie Robinson, who works for NSWCDD Human Resources remarked, "These events are very rewarding and exciting. They allow others the opportunity to see new talents and



PHOTO BY U.S. NAVY

A representative from Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division speaks with a potential employee during the 2017 Winter Job Fair at the Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center, Nov. 28.

perspectives."

A representative from the Strategic and Computing Systems Department summed up the spirit of the event best, "this opportunity allows us to recruit from the most talented pool of scientists and engineers.

Not only are we here to innovate, modernize and maintain the capabilities and strengths of the warfighter, we are here to change lives."

Each department had several areas of expertise to fulfill and more than one recruiter remarked on the high caliber of candidates who came to the job fair at the Expo Center. Tina Ward from the Gun and Electric Systems Department stated, "Today's job fair brought out candidates from many walks of life. A diverse pool of people and backgrounds. It was my first job fair and it was well organized from the pre-meetings to the events."

Daniel Lisbon, a potential employee stated: "Great Job Fair! Well organized, with multiple departments represented, and staffed with knowledgeable staff members. I am super excited about the opportunity of working at NSWC Dahlgren."

Another candidate Madi Rivers said, "Everyone was really easy to talk to and seemed interested in

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Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society Fundraiser Moves to Nationals Park

*Venue change offers new options including batting cages, ballpark tours
Tickets on sale now!*



The Navy-Marine Corps Ball Committee will break with a long-standing tradition of holding a formal ball and instead celebrate the end of their fundraising year with a Gala at Nationals Park. "We're excited to be the first local military organization to break away from the formal ball format and offer a fun, more relaxed evening," says Suzanne Dana, wife of Lieutenant General Michael Dana, USMC, and Chairperson of this year's Ball Committee.

The Step Up to the Plate Gala will be held Saturday, March 17 and will feature all the high-

lights of the more traditional evening including a silent auction, opening ceremony and check presentation. All ticketholders will have access

to a reception in the PNC Diamond Club, as well as ballpark tours, batting cages and mascot photo opportunities. The By Invitation Only reception for corporate sponsors will take place in the exclusive Delta Sky360 Club, located directly behind home plate. The main reception will be held in the Norfolk Southern Club, an open space spanning the ballpark from first to third base and featuring spectacular views of both the field and the Anacostia river. Additionally, limited private suites will be available for purchase.

Tickets go on sale December 1 at www.na-vymcball.org and the event is expected to sell out. "Some tickets have already been sold at pre-sale events plus we've had a very positive response from our corporate supporters," says Dana. "We expect that the more casual atmo-

sphere and lower ticket prices will appeal to a lot of people."

The Navy-Marine Corps Ball Committee is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization established in 1914 by military spouses to raise funds for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. The annual event continues to celebrate and publicly express our gratitude for our corporate, organization, and individual donors and supporters. Funds raised by the Navy-Marine Corps Ball Committee help millions of Sailors, Marines and their families with financial assistance for emergency aid, Combat Casualty Assistance, Visiting Nurses and other vital support at home and abroad.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Carole Turner at 202-889-8112/8113 or email at publicity@navymcball.org.

Indian Head Tree Lighting Ceremony



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY PATTI LYONS

Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Commanding Officer Capt. Michael O'Leary and town of Indian Head Mayor Brandon Paulin led the cheer as the town's Annual Tree Lighting program on Dec. 5, at the Pavillion on the Village Green in Indian Head, Md. The event featured a number of special musical performances from the Indian Head Elementary School Chorus, General Smallwood Middle School 8th grade Orchestra as well as their 7th and 8th grade chorus, the H.E. Lackey High School Symphonic Band and the school's "Fully Charged" acappella group. Following the performances and remarks by O'Leary, the revellers counted down to the tree illumination.

Scholarships for Military Children opens Dec. 15

By **MIKE PERRON**,
DeCA public affairs specialist

The holiday season is a busy time of year, with enough deadlines, preparations and celebrations to tax even the most organized among us. That's why the Defense Commissary Agency is informing its patrons now that the Fisher House Foundation's Scholarships for Military Children program will begin accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year on Dec. 15.

"It's such a busy time of year that it might be easy to miss," said Marye Dobson, DeCA's liaison for the scholarship program. While applications will be accepted until mid-February, Dobson said that applying will require some time and effort on the part of families and students. "There are some fundamental eligibility and paperwork requirements, plus a student-authored essay to be written."

Now entering its 18th year, the program was created to recognize the "contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community," according to the mission statement on the militaryscholar.org website.

At least one scholarship worth \$2,000 will be awarded at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. Additional recipients will be selected on a prorated basis, so more scholarships will be awarded at those stores with larger numbers of applicants. A total of 700 scholarship grants will be awarded this year. Since its beginning, the program has awarded a total of 10,114 grants worth \$16.7 million to the sons and daughters of commissary patrons.

To qualify for consideration, applicants must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, a Reserve or Guard member, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or

survivor of a retiree.

Applicants should ensure that they and their sponsor are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database and have a military ID card. The applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2018 or be enrolled in studies designed to transfer to a four-year program. Additional information, including the application itself as well as the question for the required essay, will be available when the program opens for the year at www.militaryscholar.org.

Applications must be hand-delivered or shipped via the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods to the commissary where the applicant's family normally shops. Applications cannot be emailed or faxed.

Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps service members and their families, administers the program. Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship management services organization, manages and awards the scholarships.

"Interest in the scholarship program has increased in recent years, making the competition very keen," said Jim Weiskopf, Fisher House Foundation vice president. "Further, the staff of Scholarship Managers have said that the quality of our applicants is always head and shoulders above those applying to regular civilian student scholarship programs."

[Militaryscholar.org](http://militaryscholar.org) also hosts a new scholarship search tool called "Scholarships for Service," designed specifically to help the military and their family members find scholarships that best match their educational goals.

The commissary's industry partners, including vendors, suppliers and manufacturers, as well as the general public donate money to the program, and every dollar donated goes directly toward funding the scholarships.

Connect with the Military Community in Your Local Area

Go to
www.DCMilitary.com

NSASP Recognizes Outstanding Service with Annual Awards for Civilians and Sailors

BY ANDREW REVELO, NSASP Public Affairs

Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) recognized its most outstanding employees and Sailors of the year at a Dec. 8 ceremony at the Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head Mix House.

NSASP's Junior Civilian of the Year is Lt. Scott Broske, who serves as the shift supervisor at the NSF Indian Head Police Department. Broske was recognized for a long list of achievements despite working in an environment of limited manpower and material resources.

"Lt. Broske is a self-starter whose great personal initiative and leadership skills identify him as being 'head and shoulders' above contemporaries," according to the award submission. "He runs an orderly and highly productive squad in any circumstance and sets the standards for others to follow. Lt. Broske's leadership ability was recently noted during the Explosive Safety Inspection. He worked tirelessly to ensure all documents were properly completed and that Indian Heads Armory was ready for inspection. His dedication resulted in outstanding rating from the Inspectors with not one single finding."

NSASP's Senior Civilian of the Year is Clifton Wise, Child and Youth Program administrator at NSF Dahlgren, whose hard work led to his filling all manager positions in his department this year and positively affected operations on both sides of the river.

"Clifton was instrumental during South Potomac's conversion to extended hours of operations," according to the award submission. "Although only responsible for the operation at NSF Dahlgren, he was extremely helpful during this period when the center at NSF Indian Head did not have a full-time manager. He worked closely with the acting manager to assist with patron usage data, and he provided support for other data calls. Clifton worked both his regular position and as the youth director during the summer months due to an extended absence of the youth director. His efforts ensured that all summer camp events for over 75 children were completed as scheduled."

All of the nominees in consideration were previously selected as junior or senior civilian employees of the quarter in 2017.

In addition to Broske, nominees for Civilian of the Year were Det. Ronald Roberts, NSF Indian Head detective and police investigator, Preston Sigmon, Gray's Landing assistant manager, and Latrice Whitfield, operations clerk at NSF Indian Head's Child Development Center (CDC).

Nominees for Senior Civilian of the Year, including Wise, were Katrina Fields, Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (NGIS) front desk manager at NSF Dahlgren, Kendra Harris, supervisory librarian at NSF Indian Head, and Maura Martinez, supervisory librarian at NSF Dahlgren.

Also honored at the event were the Naval Support Activity South Potomac Sailor of the Year and Junior Sailor of the Year. Two Sailors — Gunner's Mate 1st Class Josef M. Muench and Master-At-Arms 1st Class Robert Ramirez were



Muench



Woods



Wise



Broske



U.S. NAVY PHOTOS BY ANDREW REVELO

From left to right, MA3 Keenan Bradshaw, CS3 Michael Prendergast and CS3 Leron Robinson are frocked to the rank of petty officer second class and reaffirm their enlistments with Capt. Michael O'Leary, commanding officer, Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) on Dec. 8.

recognized for their outstanding service. However, it was Muench who took the top honors as Sailor of the Year.

"As Military Support Leading Petty Officer, Muench provided principled leadership, mentorship and training for 14 Sailors, ensuring support of command mission as well as supporting 12 tenant commands, resulting in one advancement, one meritorious advancement and one Sailor of the Quarter," his award submission stated. "He is a pragmatic, inspiring leader that never loses focus on the mission

and the Sailor and the command."

For Junior Sailor of the Year, two outstanding Sailors competed — Yeoman 2nd Class Kiram A. Woods and Culinary Specialist 2nd Class Courtney Galbreath. Woods received the award for Junior Sailor of the Year.

"Woods is the 'go-to' Sailor for all administrative matters and [he is] sought out by his superiors and subordinates for advice, support, and assistance ranging from daily tasks to major projects," the award submission for Woods stated. "YN2 Woods is the first to volunteer for additional tasking and

training opportunities, as displayed through his enrollment in the Navy Legal Clerk course and completion of not only FEMA courses, but the EOC operator course of instruction."

Three of NSASP's Sailors were also frocked at the event. Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Keenan Bradshaw, Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Michael Prendergast and Culinary Specialist 3rd Class Leron Robinson were all frocked to the rank of petty officer second class.

Congratulations to all those honored and awarded at this year's event!

BASE HAPPENINGS

Dahlgren

Clinic Holiday Hours

Naval Branch Health Clinic Dahlgren will have the following holiday hours.

Dec. 22, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Dec. 25, Clinic Closed

Dec. 29, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Jan. 1, Clinic is Closed

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.

Price Change at Gray's Landing

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

Breakfast: \$6.50

Soup & Salad: \$7.50

Lunch: \$9.00

Dinner: \$9.00

Second Tour Thrift Store

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

Indian Head

FFSC Relocated at NSF Indian Head

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

Market Fresh Bistro Now Serving Lunch

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

Enjoy a light breakfast for dinner and have your picture taken with Santa Claus at the King George Citizen's Center on Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 Also, the "Shamrock the Elf" Shelf — a small gift shop will be available for children to do their holiday shopping. All gifts under \$5 and most under \$1. Contact King George Parks and Recreation at 540-775-5995/9780

Volunteers Needed to Place Holiday Wreaths at Arlington National

Help place Veterans' Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our American heroes buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 16. There is no sign-up required, and there is no age limit—simply show up if you would like to participate. We encourage families to come together. The public will be allowed entry to the cemetery at 8 a.m. Kickoff Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. It is not necessary to attend the opening ceremony to be able to place wreaths. If you would like, you can proceed to any truck in any section of the cemetery and await the 10:00 a.m. start. Ad-

ditionally, event details will be available on this page, and on the following Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/ArlingtonWreaths or www.facebook.com/WAAHQ

Scholarship Available For Active Duty, Spouses and Vets at UMW

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

KG Alert

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

Indian Head La Plata Holiday Decora- tions Contest

Monday, December 18 — lights on by 5:30 p.m. The Town's Beautification Com-

mission will again be the judges in our annual Holiday Decorations Contest. All businesses will be considered, but individual homes must register to have their outdoor decorations judged in this contest. Contact Danielle Mandley by phone at (301) 934-8421, or email dmandley@townoflaplata.org by 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 15 if you want your outdoor Holiday decorations to be judged. You may also register a neighbor's home that you believe should be in the contest. This year's categories are changing. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TownofLaPlata> for updates and information.

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

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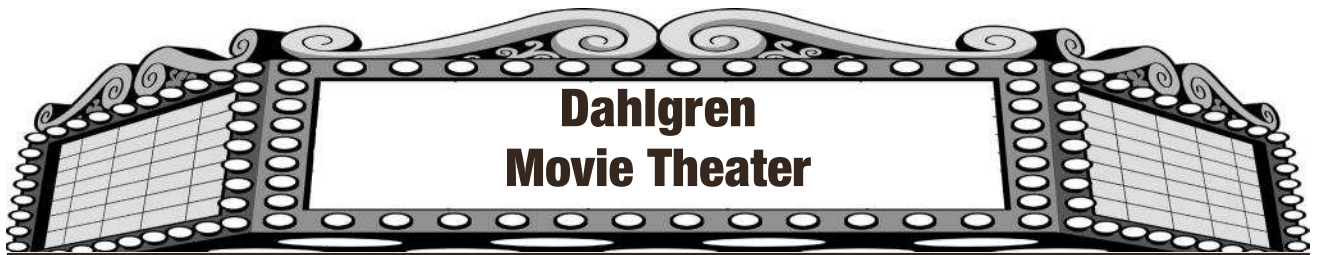
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Friday, Dec. 15 7 p.m.	Justice League PG-13
Saturday, Dec. 16 4 p.m.	Daddy's Home 2 PG-13
Saturday, Dec. 16 7 p.m.	Murder on the Orient Express PG-13
Sunday, Dec. 17 2 p.m.	The Star PG
Sunday, Dec. 17 4:30 p.m.	Justice League PG-13
Friday, Dec. 22 1 p.m.	Polar Express (FREE ADMISSION) G
Friday, Dec. 22 3 p.m.	Elf (FREE ADMISSION) PG
Friday, Dec. 22 5 p.m.	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (FREE ADMISSION) PG-13
Saturday, Dec. 23 4 p.m.	Thor: Ragnarok PG-13
Saturday, Dec. 23 7 p.m.	Wonder PG
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Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

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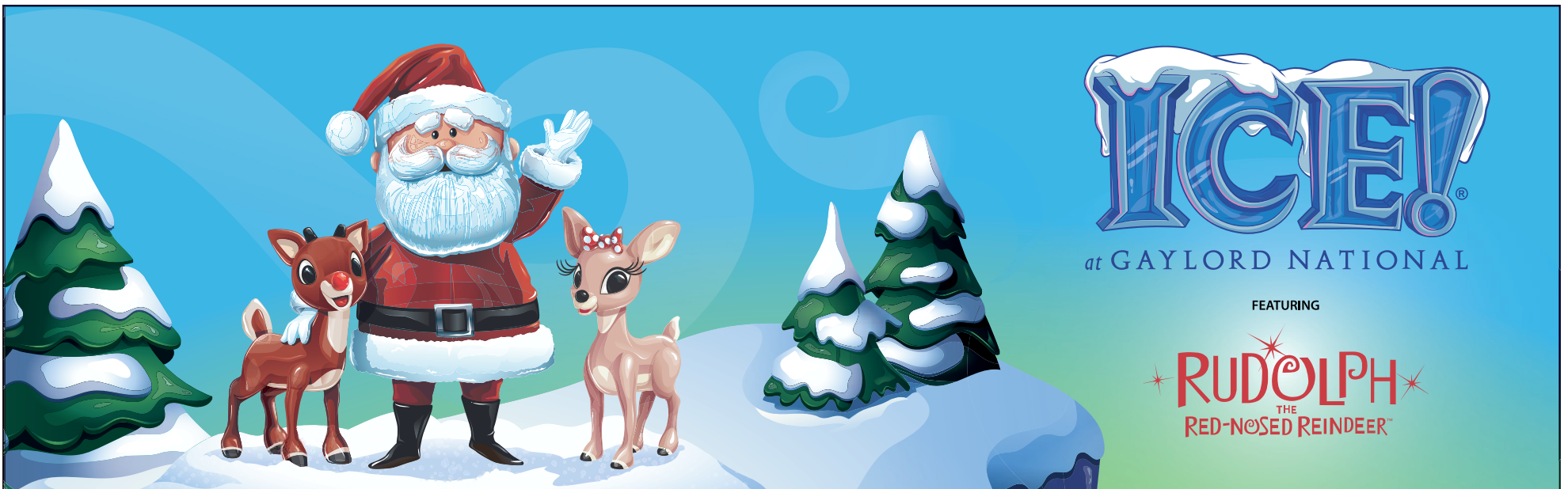
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YAC 540-653-8009

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Santa's Calling

Dec. 19, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Receive a personal phone call from the man in red! Ask Santa questions, tell him what you would like for Christmas and find out if Rudolph's nose really glows bright! Fill out and

return the completed registration form to the Youth Activity Center beginning Nov. 27 through Dec. 15. Open to all with base access, children ages 2-11. Cost: Free

COMMUNITY RECREATION

540-653-8785

CRAFTS & CLASSES

Christmas Embroidery Sale

Dec. 1-18

Location: Craftech

Bring your Christmas personalization to Craftech! Embroidery sale begins at \$4.00. Orders must be placed by Dec. 18 to be available for pick up before Christmas.

Photography 101

Jan. 3, 5 – 7 p.m.

Location: Multipurpose Room

Join us for a class discussing topics such as camera ability, composition, lighting, exposure triangles, and more! Register at Tickets & Travel by Dec. 21. Cost: \$50.00

Kiln Fired Bottles & Bead Design

Jan. 10, 4 – 6 p.m.

Location: Craftech

Bring in your New Year's bottles and we'll slump them to use as a decorative serving plate for cheeses, grapes,

olives, crackers and more! Choose beading color and style based on your home décor. Register at Craftech by Jan. 5 and bring in your bottles to be slumped and prepared for beading. Cost: \$20.00

TICKETS

Busch Gardens Williamsburg Christmas Town Tickets

Valid select dates through Nov. 24 – Jan. 1. BGW Christmas Town 1-Day admission, \$29.50. BGW Christmas Town Fun Card, \$47.75.

White House Christmas Ornaments

Purchase a White House Christmas Ornament keepsake honoring President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Tickets & Travel office. Cost: \$18.50

Six Flags Holiday in the Park

Six Flags is offering military/DoD savings with an admission-only price of \$25.76. Use promo code: MILITARY0198 at www.sixflags.com/america for exclusive military/DoD savings! For more information, call 540-653-8785.

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540-653-1730

Craftech 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 Craftech.

Dahlgren Centennial Collector Items

Order your exclusive Centennial collector items from Craftech 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

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

RACE SERIES

Hot Chocolate 5K

Jan. 17, 11 a.m.

Bundle up to run a 5K, and

then warm up with some hot chocolate. Register at the Fitness Center by Jan. 5 to receive a chocolate goodie bag. Cost: Active duty military, Free. All others, \$5.00

SPORTS

Dec. 16, 9 a.m. – Holiday Basketball Tournament — Bring your game for the last sports tournament of the year! Cost: Active Duty, Free All Others, \$2.00

January Intramural Sports

League play begins in January. Register now at the Dahlgren Fitness Center. Cost: Active duty military and contractors with fitness memberships, Free. Dependents and retired military, \$15. DoD civilians, \$30. Contractors without fitness memberships and off-base civilians, \$40.

15+ Intramural Basketball League

30+ Intramural Basketball League

Intramural Volleyball League

Intramural Racquetball League – Cost: Free

AQUATICS

540-653-8088

Family Float Night

Dec. 15, 5 – 7 p.m.

Bring your inflatable and float your way into the weekend! Follow the Dahlgren FFR Facebook page to see which movie will be featured. The pool will close at 6 p.m. if no one is present. Open to all with base access. Cost: Regular Admission

Winter Swim Lessons

Jan. 9-Feb. 1

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

GENERAL LIBRARY

540-653-7474

December Crafternoons at the Library

Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. – Holiday Storytime — Join us for a special holiday-themed storytime. We have special treats for all the good boys and girls. Free

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.

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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 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 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 Friday storytimes are a great way to meet other caregivers in the area. Cost: Free

Sensory Sensitive Saturdays

Saturdays, 1 - 3 p.m.
The library will provide a welcoming environment for sensitive sensory learners. 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.

Football Tailgating

Sundays, 1 p.m. Watch your favorite teams compete!

Wing Wednesday & Trivia
Third Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.
enjoy wings and a game or two of trivia.

Free Movie Friday

Second Friday of the month, 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!

Busch Gardens Christmas Town Trip

December 16, Depart at 1 p.m.

Take a trip to Busch Gardens to witness the beautiful lights of Christmas Town! Cost: \$13.50

Ugly Sweater Theme Day

December 19
Stop by the Liberty Center in your ugliest sweater for a surprise!

Board Game Night

December 23, 6 p.m. - 10p.m.

Spend your evening playing board games and eating popcorn!

Christmas Eve

December 24, 3:30 p.m.
Join us in celebrating Christ-

mas Eve at Liberty! Food will be provided by Gray's Landing

Christmas Day

December 25, 3:30 p.m.
Join us in celebrating Christmas day at Liberty! The Center will be open from 1200-1900 and food will be provided by Gray's Landing.



Indian Head Child & Youth

CDC 301-744-4458
CYP 301-743-5456
Teen Open Recreation
Open to ages 13 - 18, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Contact the Youth Center for more information.
Youth Open Recreation
Open to ages 5 - 12, 6:30 - 10 p.m. Contact the Youth Center for more information.

Indian Head Community Recreation

301-744-4850
or 301-744-4648

LIBRARY SPECIALS

Storybook Yoga

Thursdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m.
Let's have fun with books and get energized. Open to children and their parents, grandparents and caregivers! Cost: Free

Storytime Play Dates

Tuesdays at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Parents grab a cup of coffee and mingle with other moms for play dates at the library. First 10 minutes will be a story, song, and a rhyme followed by free play time. For Toddlers and Preschoolers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Make an Ugly Christmas Sweater

December 15, 11:00 a.m.
It's national Ugly Sweater Day! Bring in a sweater and make it "ugly". The Community Recreation Center will provide all of the supplies to decorate your sweater (while supplies last). This event is free and open to everyone with base access. For more information, please call (301) 744-4850.

Market Fresh Bistro

Monday-Friday: 6a.m - 2:30 p.m.
Now serving soup!

Soup is served daily from 10:30 a.m-1:30p.m. Visit us on our Facebook page www.Facebook.com/IndianHeadFFR for the weekly soup menu.

Indian Head Stars & Strikes Bowling Center

301-744-4761
Games: Military \$2.00/game; Civilian \$3.00/game; Shoe Rental \$1.00

Party Rental

Rent Stars & Strikes for your next celebration! Cost: 2-hour rental prices are \$60 for military and \$70 for civilians. Price includes 4 private lanes, shoes, cosmic lights and a whole lot of fun!

BOWLING SPECIALS

Open Bowling

Fridays and Saturdays, 5 - 10 p.m.
Bored on the weekends? Look no further. Stars & Strikes Bowling Center offers open bowling on Fridays and Saturdays.

Lunchtime Bowling

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Take a break from the office and unwind with a game or

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two of bowling! Want a quick bite while you play? Visit online for the menu. Contact Stars & Strikes for more information.

Cosmic Bowling

2nd and 4th Saturday, 5 – 10 p.m.

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

Indian Head Globe & Anchor/ Tiki Bar

301-744-6487

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Indian Head Weight House Fitness Center

301-744-4661

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Indian Head Liberty Center

301-744-4524

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Monday Night Football

Every Monday beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Come watch your favorite football team compete.

Wreaths across America

December 16, 6:30 a.m.
Please join us at the Arlington National Cemetery for their wreath-laying ceremony. Register by Dec. 12, at the Liberty Center.

Lt. Gen. Mark A. Brilakis, Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command Tours NSF Indian Head



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Lt. Gen. Mark A. Brilakis, Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command, MARFORCOM, received a tour of Naval Support Facility Indian Head and Stump Neck Annex during his visit with MARFORCOM subordinate element Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, CBIRF, Nov. 30, 2017. During his visit he received briefs from CBIRF command staff, toured facilities used by CBIRF, talked to CBIRF Marines and Sailors, and received a demonstration of the response force's capabilities in case of a crisis.

Grads

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WTIs are junior surface warfare officers, ideally selected for the program in between division officer tours or immediately thereafter, who go through a WTI Baseline Course through SMWDC's San Diego Headquarters, followed by an advanced course of instruction. WTIs take pride in holding themselves to a higher standard of tactical and doctrinal coherence; and in turn, systematically institutionalizing higher standards and implementing a culture of high-velocity learning to defeat the Navy's near-peer competitors.

"The WTI program is making serious progress toward a tougher, and more tactically proficient junior officer talent pool that will pay dividends for years to come," said Capt. Jim Jones, SMWDC IAMD division director. "The WTIs who just earned their patches are joining a cadre who make a difference throughout the Fleet every single day."

SMWDC's IAMD Division in Dahlgren, Va. is one of three SMWDC divisions responsible for training and developing the Navy's top junior officer talent in IAMD, Amphibious Warfare, or Surface Anti-Submarine Warfare/Surface Warfare (SuASW/SUW). They plan, manage, and deliver the rigorous 19-week instructional program that includes classroom instruction, tactical training, mission planning, and personnel exchanges with the Naval Air Warfare Development Center (NAWDC) and various Army and Air Force commands. The program is focused on the application of the Navy's most cut-

ting-edge tactics and technologies.

While the number of WTIs in all three warfare areas continues to grow, Fleet demand for WTIs shows no sign of abating soon.

"Congratulations on your achievements individually and as a class team," said Rear Adm. John F. G. Wade, commander of the Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC), headquartered in San Diego. "But as you take a deep breath before moving onto your next assignments, know that we are counting on each of you. We compete in a complex security environment where the only constant is change. The insatiable demand from our Numbered Fleet Commanders for WTI talent speaks for itself. You must continue to learn and grow as individual warfighters, as well as developing the talented men and women you lead on your teams."

SMWDC was formally established in 2015 to increase the lethality and proficiency of the surface force in response to emerging and evolving near-peer threats. The WTI program is a central element of SMWDC's efforts, and it is developing a new generation of expert surface warfare tacticians who are returning to the fleet as force-multipliers for watch teams, ships, and afloat staffs. The WTI curriculum is designed to develop each element of the WTI "Warrior, Thinker, Teacher" model through an emphasis on tactical simulations and the Plan, Brief, Execute, and Debrief (PBED) Process; immersion in tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs); and, instructor skills.

SMWDC continually seeks out top performing junior surface warfare officers to join its team of WTIs. Officers who are interested in finding out more about the WTI program should email SWO_WTI@navy.mil or call (619)-556-3961 to find out more information about the program.

Job Fair

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what I had to say. It wasn't like a formal interview, instead it was very comfortable and easy to approach everyone, and can tell I already love the working environment."

The NSWCDD Winter Job Fair proved a highly successful opportunity for recruiters and candidates alike, everyone walked away from the event feeling satiated in the greater understanding of the breadth of talent available to NSWCDD and for candidates, they learned much more about the breadth and depth of what our scientific communicate accomplishes for the Navy and DOD.

Mary Scott Coffey, a Human Resource manager stated, "I love these kinds of events! It is a great opportunity to interact with colleagues and form friendships while contributing to the bigger picture and making an impact on NAVSEA and to the Navy. It's one of the things that I find rewarding about my work in HR."

To all those who came and participated we thank you for your time and cooperation

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