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Culture Change, One SOP at a Time

By Mike Welding,
NSWC IHD Public Affairs

Maintaining and enhancing a safety culture is a priority throughout the Navy. Not surprisingly, reviewing practices following an incident is a fairly standard course of action within the sea service.

The same principle is true at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division (NSWC IHD) where safety takes on even more prominence because working with energetic materials is, by nature, hazardous.

Following an incident in August 2010 when two employees were injured, NSWC IHD undertook an initiative to conduct a thorough review of every Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in the division's operations plant. A daunting prospect considering the command has over 750 SOPs.

Based on a recommendation made during a technical review of NSWC IHD operations in October, the command instituted a procedure to replace a more cumbersome SOP change method with a Rapid Change Process (RCP) that is more responsive and easier to carry out.

According to Darrin Krivitsky, NSWC IHD's Director of Applied Technology, when deficiencies are identified now, the owner of a process, or the management team that oversees a procedure can bring his or her change recommendations directly to the attention of the Rapid Change Committee (RCC) meeting held every afternoon. Sitting on the RCC is an Explosive Safety Officer (ESO), the applicable Department Head or deputy and the SOP Configuration Manager.

The RCC reviews proposed recommendations and must unanimously agree on any process changes in order for them to be approved. If a change is approved, the old SOP is recalled, changes are made and the updated directive disseminated.

Krivitsky said the RCP has not only worked well, it has also encouraged culture change throughout the organization. "The responsive-



U.S. Navy photo by Matthew Poynor

Rear Adm. John Orzalli (2nd from left) listens to a brief from Diane Newton, NSWC IHD explosive safety officer, about an ongoing Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) validation process during his recent to the command.

ness and accessibility of the process not only make it work effectively, it also fosters acceptance by those who use it," he said.

One NSWC IHD employee who took this new empowerment to heart is Sean Hancock, a chemical engineering technician in the Cast Products Technology Division. He stopped operations during preparations for a CKU-7 sustainer grain propellant mix when he discovered the applicable SOP and mix sheet contradicted each other. Hancock's action and RCP led to quick corrections allowing completion of the mix the following week.

Hancock, along with Ray Geckle, NSWC IHD's safety officer and architect of the internal review team, and Diane Newton, his deputy and the command's explosive safety officer, who helped

establish the work area framework, were recognized for their efforts by Rear Adm. John C. Orzalli, vice commander for Naval Sea Systems Command, during a visit to Indian Head Division on Jan. 24. Geckle's teams, which have worked non-stop on the observation and validation process, have reviewed over 240 SOPs since October.

This was Orzalli's second trip in four months to Indian Head Division, and he said he wanted to make the trip to personally recognize people and see first-hand how they had incorporated the new procedures following the technical review.

During his first visit, Orzalli said he was impressed with the scope of work at NSWC IHD and the knowledge level of the workforce. His recent visit left him with positive impressions as well.

New Executive Officer Reports for NAVEODTECHDIV

Cmdr. Robert Porter is the new executive officer for Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division (NAVEODTECHDIV) at Naval Support Facility Indian Head's Stump Neck Annex.

He reported to the command in January following a two-year tour as the executive officer for the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center (NDSTC) in Panama City, Fla.

Originally from Boston, Mass., Porter enlisted in 1988 and served as a Nuclear Power Trained Electrician's Mate. His assignments included Nuclear Power School, Nuclear Power Prototype Training at S3G in Ballston Spa, N.Y., and finally Submarine NR-1.

In 1991, he graduated from the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) course at Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., and subsequently attended Boston University on a NROTC scholarship.

He received his officer's commission in May 1996 after graduating with a bachelor's degree in English literature, and then went on to complete



Basic Diving Officer training at NDSTC. Over the next three years, Porter served on board USS Camden (AOE 2) as electrical officer, propulsion officer, navigator and Deck Division Officer,

earning his Surface Warfare Officer qualification and completing a WESTPAC/Arabian Gulf deployment in 1998.

On his return stateside, Porter determined to pursue work with Navy's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) community. "I appreciate the fact that all members of the EOD community – both officers and enlisted – go through the same training and develop a tight bond," comments Porter.

Graduating from EOD School in 2001, he reported to EOD Mobile Unit SIX in Charleston, S.C. As officer in charge of EODMU SIX Detachment SIX, he led his team as the forward deployed Mine Countermeasure Response Detachment to Naval Support Activity Bahrain in 2002, assigned to CTG 55.1 for Commander Fifth Fleet EOD and mine countermeasure operations.

Porter reported to Dahlgren in 2003 and served for one year as officer in charge of the EOD Mobile Unit TWO Detachment there, lead-

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New Leadership for Sea Cadets at Dahlgren

By Gary Wagner

Kenneth Crater Jr. served for 12 years as an active-duty Sailor, which included two tours at Dahlgren, first as a student and later as an instructor at the Aegis Training and Readiness Center, prior to his honorable discharge from the Navy in 2001.

He will now apply his military experience and training skills to lead and educate area youth in seagoing skills and the Navy's core values as the new commanding officer for the Naval Sea Cadets Corps, Pentagon Division.

Currently a field engineer for Northrop Grumman, Crater assumed command of the Pentagon Division during formal ceremonies hosted by ATRC on Jan. 30. As an adult leader in the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC), he holds the rank of Warrant Officer.

Nearly 20 youth ranging in ages from 10 to 18 are currently involved with the Pentagon Division, which has been sponsored on board Naval Support Facility Dahlgren since 2006 by Naval Support Activity South Potomac.

The Navy League of the United States established the Naval Sea Cadets Corps in 1958 in response by a request from the Department of the Navy to develop a program to educate American youth in maritime matters.

The mission of the Sea Cadets is to encourage and aid American youth, to train them in seagoing skills and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues. NSCC is committed to providing American youth with a drug and alcohol free environment to foster their leadership ability, broadening their horizons through hands-on training, and guiding them to becoming mature young adults.

NSCC officers are volunteers who instruct cadets, operate units and escort cadets when participating in events away from their home unit. Officers may either be civilians or military (active, reserve or retired) who are knowledgeable of youth and interested in their training.

Instructors are also recruited from active Reserve military commands and leaders within the community. Members of the



Sea Cadets stand at attention during their annual inspection and award ceremony.

Naval Reserve may qualify for drill credit and active duty for training orders for participating in Sea Cadet unit activities.

"We here at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren are honored to have you all – adult NSCC leaders and sea cadets – aboard this installation."

Crater originally enlisted in the Navy in 1990. Following boot camp, he completed Basic Enlisted Sub School, Basic Electronics Rate Training, and FT "A" School. However, while in FT "C" School, he was involved in an auto accident and sustained injuries that rendered him medically unfit for submarine duty.

Crater returned to Great Lakes for FC "A" Training and subsequently transferred to Aegis Training and Readiness Center at



Warrant Officer Kenneth Crater receives arrival honors during the change of command ceremony for the Naval Sea Cadets Corps, Pentagon Division, held recently at Dahlgren.

Dahlgren where he completed Aegis Computer Technician Maintenance "C" Training. He graduat-

ed in 1993 as an FC3 as the honor graduate of his class.

Crater next served in USS San

Jacinto (CG 56) to include one Mediterranean deployment and two deployments to the Persian Gulf. In 1994 he was promoted to FC2 and received the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Breast Insignia.

He returned to Dahlgren in 1998 to serve as an instructor with ATRC. He was responsible for training future Aegis Computer Hardware Technicians and performing the duties of class counselor. While at ATRC he advanced to the rate of Fire Controlman First Class before receiving his discharge.

Crater currently works for Northrop Grumman in Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division's Integrated Warfare Systems Laboratory, supporting naval tactical simulation systems.

As guest speaker for the Pentagon Division change of command ceremony, Naval Support Activity South Potomac's Command Master Chief Joseph Eller emphasized, "We here at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren are honored to have you all — adult NSCC leaders and sea cadets — aboard this installation."

In offering his congratulations to the Sea Cadets' leadership, Eller added, "You are a great addition to Dahlgren and our greater Navy family. And we look forward to continuing to work with you as you help shape our youth into future leaders."

An annual inspection of the Sea Cadets was also conducted in conjunction with the change of command event. The inspection is a personnel and administrative evaluation of the unit to determine its effectiveness in meeting national standards.

A highlight of the inspection was the award of a Unit Commendation to all members of the unit in recognition for their actions in putting out a brush fire they encountered during a drill weekend at a local King George County farm last summer.

For more information on the Naval Sea Cadets Corps, Pentagon Division activities at Dahlgren, contact Teresa Crater at (540) 226-1599.



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CARPPOOL/VANPOOL WANTED

Riders wanted for van pool. Leaves from Richmond at Home Depot on Atlee-Elmont Rd. (exit #86B off I-95) to Dahlgren. Call David at (540) 653-9203.

Clinton, Md., to Dahlgren. Hours are flexible (0600 - 1700). Call Miranda at 703-692-9590.

Carpool/vanpool wanted from Montross area to Dahlgren. Can also take up to 3 or 4 riders from here if they would prefer me to drive. Call Doc at 252-670-6686. Early risers only.

Riders wanted for vanpool from Home Depot on Rt. 3 near Central Park, Fredericksburg, stops at main gate and B gate. Departs 0640, return 4 p.m. M-Th and 3 p.m. Fridays. If interested, call Mike at 540-903-4225 or e-mail to mcdonald7204@gmail.com

Riders wanted to start a vanpool or carpool from Fredericksburg/Rt. 208 lot or Massaponax area to Dahlgren mainside. Ideally arriving at Dahlgren between 6-7 a.m. and leaving Dahlgren between 2:30-3 p.m. Call Nicole, 540-653-7038.

Ferry Farm/Falmouth/Stafford Chatham Heights commuter lot to Dahlgren. Depart at 0620. Work hours 0700-1600. Accepting riders for A-gate only van and B-gate only van. Please call Le at 540-653-3184

From Fredericksburg Rt. 17 near Geico to Dahlgren Bldg. 1470. call Nasir, 540-653-9426.

Fredericksburg Massaponax or Rt. 208 to Dahlgren mainside. Current work schedule 0700-1530. Call Karen, 540-653-9429.

Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg to Dahlgren. Call Karen 540-653-9429.

Riders wanted to start vanpool leaving from Gordon Road commuter lot and dropping off on the main gate side of the Dahlgren base. The van would leave Gordon Road at 0630 M-F, leave Dahlgren at 1615 M-Th and 1530 on Friday. Call Jan, 540-653-3024.

RIDERS WANTED

Rt 234 & US 1 Dumfries Commuter Lot to Dahlgren. Depart at 0630. Stops at the Target parking lot off exit 133 (Warrenton). Leave Dahlgren at 1620. Call Lin at 540-653-1266.

Spotsylvania Rt. 208 commuter lot to Dahlgren. Depart at 0555. Work hours 0645-1545. Accepting riders. Call Vickie at 540-653-7927.

Claiborne Run at Chatham (Next to Steamers and CVS and across from Wawa on Butler Rd.) to Dahlgren. M-Th 0640 departure from Fredericksburg, leave Dahlgren at 1600; Fridays from 0640 to 1530. Call Maria, 540-653-3094.

Fredericksburg Rt. 208 commuter lot and Ferry Farm Wal-Mart to Dahlgren; accepting riders or drivers; call Gina at 540-653-2281.

Want to start a carpool? Need riders?

"Commuter Clearinghouse" is a source for information on carpools or vanpools that already exist and need passengers, as well as a place for employees to advertise to start a carpool or vanpool. Whether you already operate a carpool or vanpool and are open to accepting new riders or need drivers, or if you are looking for a carpool or vanpool, provide us with information that might help you find or start a commuter opportunity, such as, where you will need to commute from and to, preferred schedule and contact information.

You can send your information via e-mail to nsasp_pao_dlgr@navy.mil or contact our office toll free at 866-359-5540, or DSN 249-8153, or 540-653-8153.

FTI Dahlgren Division Bi-annual awards

The Dahlgren Division of Future Technologies, Inc. (FTI), headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia, presented their Bi-Annual Awards on Wednesday, February 23. The luncheon ceremony was held at the Integrated Warfare Systems Laboratory at NSWC Dahlgren. Employees were recognized in 10 different categories for outstanding performance and service during the period of July 1 - December 31, 2010. Certificates were also presented to employees who maintained perfect attendance during the award period.

Top honors of the day went to Mr. Louis Shields and Ms. Kali Garbers. Mr. Shields was awarded FTI's Superior Performance award, recognizing his superior performance, customer service, and initiative. Louis has been with FTI since October 2004 and works as a Systems Operations Engineer/Analyst on FTI's contract with the Integrated Warfare Systems Laboratory (IWSL) at NSWC Dahlgren. Ms. Garbers was recognized as Outstanding Rookie for outstanding performance and dedication during her first year with FTI. Kali began working for FTI in March of 2010 and worked as a Computer Data Librarian on FTI's contract with the Integrated Warfare Systems Laboratory (IWSL) at NSWC Dahlgren, until its expiration on February 28.



Kali Garber, FTI Outstanding Rookie

In recognition of their dedicated service to FTI and their customers, FTI presented Five and Ten Year Service Awards to the following employees:

Five Years

- Kay Croteau
- Frank Hickman
- Craig Shepherd
- Bob Stein

Ten Years

- Cindy Brooks-Corbin
- Larry Leonhardt
- James Selph

Good Will Ambassador

- Jonathan Gray
- Dave Wilson

Team Awards

- Nicole Barrick
- Angela Beverly
- Sam Bushrod
- Kali Garbers



Louis Shields, FTI Superior Performance Awardee

- Jimmy Garner
- Jonathan Gray
- William Gutridge
- Albert Henry
- Frank Hickman
- Sierra Pierce
- Chris Spillman

Special Recognition

- Nicole Barrick

- Mike Bishop
- Julie Dodd
- Greg Morris
- Peggy Mudd
- Shelley Sandlin

Customer Recognition

- Jeffrey Johnson
- Jermaine Sorrell
- Hope White

Award Fee Recognition

- Shirley Blagmon
- Barnita Byrd
- Cathy Donovan
- Barbara Garner
- Jimmy Garner
- Lori Glass
- William Gutridge
- Albert Henry
- Alisa McCullough
- Devin Perry
- Sierra Pierce
- James Selph
- Craig Shepherd
- Stephanie Smoot
- Chris Spillman
- Allen Webb
- Hope White

Leadership Excellence

- Barbara Garner
- James Selph
- Craig Shepherd

Management Excellence

- Lori Glass
- Larry Leonhardt
- Alisa McCullough

Program Management Excellence

- Allen Webb

March 14-20 is Fix a Leak Week

NAVFAC Environmental and Utilities encourage consumers to save water

By Brenna White, NSF Dahlgren Water Media Manager

Even small leaks add up. A drip of water every second grows to 169 gallons of water over a month and a toilet leak can waste up to 200 gallons a day. With the US population at more than 310 million and all the water fixtures necessary to accommodate them, it is easy to envision how minor leaks can accumulate more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted each year in US homes and offices. In an effort to be more water conscious, NAVFAC Public Works is promoting "Fix a Leak Week," March 14 - 20.

It is Navy Policy to conserve energy and natural resources. Water conservation is a great way to do both; water production requires energy, and fresh water is a limited and precious natural resource. By taking some simple water-saving steps in the office and at home, we can all contribute to sustainable water use and help assure availability of clean water for all.

Typical small leaks sum to a staggering 10,000 gallons of water wasted in a home every year—that's enough water to take 200 showers. NAVFAC Washington is encouraging the DoD community to participate in Fix a Leak Week to help



us as homeowners and Navy employees save money on our water and sewer bills as well as protect our water resources for future generations.

Determining if you have a leak can be an easy and fun family activity. Place a sheet of paper or a bowl under a faucet overnight and check for signs of drips in the morning. There are many places to check for leaks: tubs, showers, sinks, and outside hose bibs can be examined for signs of dampness. Checking toilets can be a colorful activity - add a few drops of food coloring to the tank and if the color appears in the bowl or disappears from the tank in a few hours, you have found a leak.

This March we are all encouraged to identify and repair dripping faucets, running toilets, and leaky showerheads. If you find a leak at work, you can place a call with the Public Works trouble desk. If you are handy around the house you can probably fix a leak at home yourself. The internet can be a very useful resource for general plumbing instructions. At-home fixture replacement parts can pay for themselves and can be easy to install. Here are a few water-saving tips:

- Reduce faucet leaks by checking

faucet washers and gaskets for wear and, if necessary, replace the faucet with a WaterSense labeled model.

- Leaky toilets can be caused by a worn-out toilet flapper. Replacing the rubber flapper is a quick fix that could save a home as much as 200 gallons of water per day.

- For a leaky garden hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

- Landscape irrigation systems should be checked each spring before use to make sure they were not damaged by frost or freezing.

If it is necessary to completely replace a plumbing fixture, consumers are encouraged to ask for products with the WaterSense label. WaterSense labeled toilets, faucets, and showerheads have been independently tested and certified to save water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

Fix a Leak Week is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program as an annual reminder to Americans to check water fixtures for leaks. More information is available on the the EPA Web site, www.epa.gov/watersense/water_efficiency/fix_a_leak.html.

One last statistic for thought - if you shorten your shower by a minute or two, you'll save up to 150 gallons a month! Imagine how much water we can all save just one drip at a time.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Dahlgren

Win For Wesley

The King George Relay For Life team "Win For Wesley" will hold a soup luncheon at Oakland Baptist Church on Rt. 301 on Fri., March 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes a Longaberger bowl for you to keep.

Tickets need to be purchased ahead of time for this event - space is limited to 60 people! To register, email Marengo@crosslink.net.

Casseroles For A Cure

The King George Bark For Life "Dream Team" will be providing "Casseroles For A Cure" every Wednesday in March. A casserole dinner may be pre-ordered the Friday before. All casserole dinners include bread (donated by Panera Bread) and dessert. A \$20 donation benefits the American Cancer Society. Five types of casseroles will be available for order.

For more information, call (540) 846-3382 or send an email to kgbarkforlife@yahoo.com.

Dahlgren United Methodist Church Ham Dinner

Dahlgren United Methodist Church, 17080 14th St. in Dahlgren, will hold a Ham Dinner on April 1 from 4 - 7 p.m. Takeout orders are available.

For more information or to place an order, contact Cathy Cutright, cutrightrl@aol.com. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

King George Relay "Walk in the Water", May 7

King George Relay For Life "Team Hopefuls" will hold a Walk in the Water on May 7 from noon - 3 p.m. at the King George YM-CA. Cost is \$3 per participant. For more information, contact Marie Smith, (540) 840-4642. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Indian Head

Tutors Needed to Teach People to Read

Learn to tutor adults to read! Nine hours of tutoring sessions will be provided March 29 - 31 from 6 - 9 p.m. by the Charles County Literacy Council. A \$20 non-refundable registration fee is required. To register or for more info, call (301) 934-6488.

PTRC Holds Riverboat Night Fundraiser

Port Tobacco River Conservancy is having Riverboat Night fundraiser on Friday night March 18, 2011 at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center at 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD 20601.

Tickets are \$35 and include games of chance with riverboat dollars, bluegrass music by The Port Tobacco Pickers, heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, door prizes, and live auction.

Live auction items are 50" TV, Apple 32 GB iPad, authentic Colombian shawls and many other items.

For tickets contact PTRCmd1@gmail.com or call 301-751-3872. See PTRC's website at www.porttobaccoriver.org.

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White Plains Golf Course Offers Two-Man Twilight League

White Plains Golf Course announces the Two-Man Twilight Golf League for the 2011 Spring/Summer season. The league will play Wednesday evenings, beginning on May 4.

Format will be a point system, nine-hole match. A full field will consist of 30 teams that will be divided into two divisions. The top eight teams from each division will qualify for the playoffs. Prizes will be awarded for division playoff qualifiers and playoff winners. A \$100 team entry fee is required (green fee/cart fee not included). Players must have an established Maryland State USGA handicap.

For more details and to register, contact White Plains Golf Course at 301-645-1300. White Plains Golf Course is located at the end of St. Charles Parkway, south of DeMarr Road.

Beginner Women's Golf Clinics Offered in White Plains

White Plains Golf Course will offer two Beginner Women's Golf Clinics in May. An inexpensive introduction to the game of golf, this clinic will help you learn the basic skills to get you started in this great recreational sport.

Each three-day session is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. and costs \$60. The maximum class size is eight participants.

Each golfer is required to bring a 3-wood, 7-iron, and putter. Participants will receive a complimentary round of golf.

Session I - May 2, 3 & 4
Session II - May 9, 10 & 11

Pre-registration is required. Registration begins April 1. For additional information or to register, contact the White Plains Golf Course at (301) 645-1300. White Plains Golf Course is located at the end of St. Charles Parkway, south of DeMarr Road.

Charles County Parks Announces Junior Golf Clinics

Charles County Parks will offer two Junior Golf Clinics in June at White Plains Golf Course.

Session I (Ages 8 - 12) June 20, 21, 22 & 23, 8 - 9:15 a.m.

Session II (Ages 13 - 16) June 27, 28, 29 & 30, 8 - 9:15 a.m.

Each four-class session costs \$50, and is designed for beginning golfers only. All golfers must have their own clubs.

Early registration is recommended as class size is limited. For additional information or to register, contact White Plains Golf Course at (301) 645-1300. White Plains Golf Course is located at the end of St. Charles Parkway, south of DeMarr Road.

To have information about your event or meeting announced in "Community Notes," call or email the Naval Support Activity South Potomac Public Affairs Office at (540) 284-0129 or jeron.hayes@navy.mil.

Inaugural Potomac River Sharkfest Swim to Benefit King George YMCA

Registrations are now being accepted for the Inaugural Potomac River Sharkfest(tm) Swim scheduled for Sunday, May 22.

The 3-kilometer (~1.8 miles) swim will start at Aqua Land Marina in Charles County, Md. and parallel the Harry Nice Memorial Bridge (Hwy 301) to finish at Dahlgren Wayside Park in King George County, Va.

The swim start time will be 9 a.m. The event has been timed according to local tidal conditions and will take place during a favorable tide.

Registration is open at www.sharkfestswim.com. Registration fees are \$75 for adults, \$25 for juniors age 17 and under, and \$35 for active-duty military members. The event is limited to 500 participants, so early sign up is encouraged.

Proceeds from Potomac River Sharkfest(tm) will benefit the Rappahannock Area YMCA in King George.

Event prizes will include XTERRA wetsuits for the top male and female finishers, Sharkfest(tm) Swim award medals to the top three individual finishers--male and female--in each five-year age group, and personalized award plaques to the top three individual finishers--

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male and female--in each five-year age group.

This swim is not for novices. This event is for experienced open-water swimmers only. You should be able to swim one mile comfortably in a pool in under 40 minutes.

Race Packets (containing

swim cap, timing chip, and t-shirt) are picked up on race day morning. Full details will be included in an entrant newsletter that will be emailed to all paid participants and posted on the Sharkfest(tm) web page approximately two to three weeks prior to the event.

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More information at
tantallonstage.com

Harmony Hall Regional Center

Base Happenings

Dahlgren

Federal Women's Day Observance

A Federal Women's Day Observance will be held on March 25 at the ATRC Auditorium from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Erin Fitzgerald, Fellow with the Basic Science Office in the Research Directorate of the Office of the Director, Defense Research and Engineering. All are invited to attend.

VITA Tax Preparation Program

The VITA tax preparation program provides tax services for military members. To make an appointment to have your taxes prepared, call (540) 653-1839.

ASBP Blood Drive Scheduled for March

The Armed Services Blood Program will hold a blood drive on Thurs., March 10 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Bldg. 1470 Conference Room. All blood collected benefits military members and their families overseas, at home, in harm's way and recovering from injuries. Support our troop and give the gift of life – give blood! To make an appointment, register with <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/default.aspx>.

FFSC Legal Appointments

The Fleet and Family Support Center is offering appointments to meet with a legal representative on March 25. This service is open to all active duty military, their family members and military retirees with legal needs. To make an appointment, call (540) 653-1839 or (800) 500-4947.

Indian Head

Volunteers Needed for Alice Ferguson Foundation Beach Cleanup

Plan to join your fellow community members in this year's Alice Ferguson Foundation cleanup, removing trash from the Potomac River Watershed. Event will be held Sat., April 9 from 9 a.m. - noon. For more info or to volunteer, contact Travis Wray, 301-744-2262.

Indian Head Toastmasters Hold Bi-Weekly Meetings

Tired of doing the same thing for lunch? Why not visit Toastmasters? Our club offers a fun and relaxing way to spend your lunchtime. Meet new friends while improving your professional and social skills. We share funny stories and play challenging games such as "Are you smarter than a 5th grader?" We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Ward Conference Room in building 20. Everyone is welcome to attend. See you at the next club meeting! For additional information, contact: Darlene Exum, (301) 744-6359.

Religious Services at Indian Head Chapel

Religious services at the Indian Head Chapel are held every Sunday at 10 a.m. All with base access are invited to attend.

To have information about your event or meeting announced in "Base Happenings," call or email the Naval Support Activity South Potomac Public Affairs Office at (540) 284-0129 or jeron.hayes@navy.mil.

March is Red Cross Month

Mike Zabko, American Red Cross Southern Maryland Chapter

America is a special place, where someone you may not know will give you their blood, save you from drowning or provide you with shelter. In 1943, President Roosevelt recognized the American Red Cross as a true reflection of that humanitarian, volunteer spirit and proclaimed March as Red Cross Month, a tradition that has been honored by every president since.

The Southern Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross has dedicated this month to recognizing some of the countless people who make the lifesaving work of the Red Cross possible in Southern Maryland.

Although hurricanes, tsunamis and earthquakes make the headlines, the day-to-day work of the Red Cross is centered on communities like ours and done by volunteers. This year, our neighbors volunteered thousands of hours through the Red Cross. In honor of their service to our community, we commend them. Many of them remain silent about their service to the community not looking for notoriety but just wanting to help.

None of this would be possible without the generous help of donors and support-

ers. We commend them for providing the monetary resources to be able to complete our mission.

Through the American Red Cross, there is a place families can turn to for food, shelter and comfort, when fires and other emergencies strike. This year, we want to thank the volunteer fire departments and EMS squads as our partners in helping families in emergencies.

As Director of our local Red Cross, I believe we can take great pride in what we've done together. Thanks to your support of the Red Cross, there was a place where thousands of our neighbors could go to learn first aid and CPR, and even how to save lives with automatic external defibrillators (AEDs).

This year, the Red Cross was also the place where hundreds of families separated by military service, were able to stay connected and exchange messages about family emergencies. Thousands of our neighbors chose their Red Cross as the place to give blood, the gift of life.

Much has changed since that first Red Cross Month in 1943. But one thing has not. Southern Maryland is still a place where neighbors help neighbors, and your support of our Red Cross is a true reflection of that spirit.

Commissary Reset Improves the Shopping Experience

Dahlgren Commissary will undergo a "reset" as part of the Defense Commissary Agency's ongoing effort to enhance the shopping experience on Sunday and Monday March 13 and March 14. The store will reopen on a normal operating schedule on Tuesday, March 15.

This reset is part of an agency-wide program that will systematically change how products are displayed on shelving throughout the commissary in order to better serve customer shopping patterns. The goal is to give commissaries worldwide a more customer-friendly product flow and a layout that is as consistent as possible from location to location, according to Steve Arland, chief of DeCA's store reset and planogram team.

"Although we have to take into consideration that no two commissaries are constructed exactly alike, a customer-friendly product flow means dog food will be next to pet supplies instead of the charcoal, peanut butter is best found next to the jam, and you shouldn't have to cruise three different aisles to find all your cleaning products. It's a simple matter of making the commissary layout more sensible by 'resetting' the store," he said.

DeCA is intent on making



the commissary shopping experience faster and easier, by making the commissary the place to shop every day, not just on pay day. One of the priorities is to help busy, active-duty shoppers make a quick run through their commissary and get home more quickly.

"The whole idea, in a nutshell, is to put convenience into the shopping experience," said Arland. Consistency is also part of the reset equation. "Why shouldn't you be able to go to different commissaries and find basically the same layout?"

Our customers usually like the new layout once they get used to it. Sales increases always follow a store reset and that's an indication that the user-friendly product flow is a good change."

To make changes easier for customers to follow, stores have aisle layout maps available as well as generic item locators on their Web pages. Store Web pages are under the locations link at <http://www.commissaries.com> along with store hours, contact information, store news and special customer service features.

JFCOM CO Visits JWAC



Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), in Norfolk, Va. is greeted on his arrival to Naval Support Facility Dahlgren by the Commander of the Joint Warfare Analysis Center (JWAC), Marine Corps Col. Michael R. Orr (center), and Navy Capt. Catherine T. Hanft, Commander, Naval Support Activity South Potomac, on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

Gen. Odierno was visiting JWAC, a subordinate command to JFCOM, where he was briefed on JWAC's current work. He also met with employees to thank them for their support.



MWR Highlights

Indian Head

ITT Trips & Specials

Springtime in New York

April 2

Let the ITT Office take you to New York for the day! \$60 per person includes roundtrip transportation aboard a deluxe motor coach. Register by March 18. Call the ITT Office at 301-744-4850 for more information.

Kenny Chesney & Zac Brown Band

June 4 at FedEx Field

Tickets are available in sections 140, 325 and 336 and start at \$104.50. All tickets must be purchased by March 18. Call the ITT Office at 301-744-4850 for more information.

Upcoming

Indian Head Events

Auto Hobby Shop Self Help Classes

Come by the Auto Hobby Shop on the second Monday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a FREE self help class.

March 14 - Engine Diagnostics Checks

April 11 - Cleaning Tips

Call the Auto Hobby Shop at 301-744-6314 for class details. Open to all eligible patrons.

Luck of the Irish 5K

March 14

Register at the Fitness Center Front Desk by 10:30 a.m. on race day, race starts at 11 a.m. Open to all eligible patrons, \$5 for civilians, FREE for military. Use the luck of the Irish to predict your finish time, closest predicted time wins a prize!

St. Paddy's Day Party at the Mix House

March 17

Doors open at 3:30 p.m., live music by Rumspringa starting at 6 p.m. Wear your green and bring a friend.

Comics on Duty – Back by Popular Demand!

April 13 starting at 7 p.m. at the Mix House

Don't miss this FREE all headliner show

Dahlgren

Cannonball Lanes

Bowling Center

540-653-7327

Game Time Sports Grill - GRAND OPENING

March 16, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Great food, great fun! Pizza eating contest, food specials, door prizes and drawings. The Dahlgren MWR Department recently changed over the Mean Gene's Burgers food operation located in Cannonball Lanes Bowling Center to the "Game Time Sports Grill". This new food operation provides more meal options and a larger variety of menu items such as a great BBQ pork sandwich, deli sandwiches, salads, wraps and wings. Burgers and pizza are still available, value meals and kid's meals. Stop by!

Dahlgren Youth

Activities Center

540-653-8009

Family Fun Night BINGO

March 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Dahlgren's Youth Activities Center (YAC)

Eligible Patrons: All with base access.

B-I-N-G-O is every body's favorite game-O! Fun and Prizes for the whole family! For details contact the Youth Activities Center at 540-653-8009. Sponsored by: NSWC Federal Credit Union and Lincoln Military Housing.

Dahlgren Fitness Center

540-653-8580

2011 SPRING Soccer & Softball

Team registration March 17

Fees: FREE for Military and contractors with fitness center memberships. \$30 for DoD Employees, \$40 contractors/dependants without fitness center memberships and off base players. Teams must be made up of 60% base eligible patrons. For more information contact the Fitness Center at 540-653-8580 or Ira Seth, Fitness Director at 540-653-2215.



March 11	Friday	7 p.m.
No Strings Attached	R	108 min
March 12	Saturday	2 p.m.
The Dilemma	PG-13	111 min
March 12	Saturday	7 p.m.
Country Strong	PG-13	117 min
March 13	Sunday	3 p.m.
Country Strong	PG-13	117 min

Admission

\$5 Civilian, \$4 Active duty, Retired & Reserve Military E6 and above and their family members with ID, \$2.50 E1-E5 and below and their family members with ID, \$2 Child (6-11), Free - Child (5 and younger)

For movie details and a listing of events at NSF Dahlgren, subscribe to our Dahlgren Electronic Newsletter, delivered weekly via e-mail.

Contact: Dahlgrenmarketing@verizon.net or FFRPMarketing_Dahlgren@navy.mil to subscribe.

For more information call 540-653-8785 or 540-653-7336.

Dahlgren Aquatics Center

540-653-8088

Family Fun & Float Night*

Friday March 18 from 7 - 9 p.m.

Location: Dahlgren Aquatics Center

Eligible Patrons: All with Base Access.

Free Admission! Fun for the whole family. Bring your float (a limited number will be available at the pool). Play games or just relax! Snacks will be available for purchase. Pre-register at the Dahlgren Aquatics Center. For more information contact the Aquatics Center at 540-653-8088. PLEASE NOTE - Events with an asterisk (*) require pre-registration. Lack of registrations will result in cancellation of the event.

Spring into Fire Safety

As we say good bye to old man winter and the days start warming up, ours thought turn to spring and as we all know, this time of year also means spring cleaning. In an effort to help keep your "spring cleaning" project a fire safe time for all, the Naval District Washington Fire & Emergency Services would like to remind everyone of the following safety tips.

- Smoke alarms increase your chances of surviving a home fire by 50% so be sure to check these devices for proper operation and be sure to clean them by vacuuming them as part of your cleaning.

- Never borrow smoke alarm batteries for other devices such as toys, clocks or other equipment. Many times people forget to replace the batteries leaving the devices inoperable.

- Check the age of the smoke alarms. They should be replaced every ten years according to the manufacturers of the devices.

- If you have a fire extinguisher in your home this is a good time to check it and replace it if necessary. If you have an ABC Dry Powder extinguisher it needs to be replaced or serviced every 12 years.

- This is a good time to check all electrical equipment and appliances for damaged or frayed cords and replace them if necessary.

- Be sure to check your electrical outlets to ensure that they're not overload or damaged.

- Review and practice your Family Escape Plan.

- Be sure to remove all outdoor debris and dead vegetation away from home to help reduce the potential of a fire starting in your yard and extending to your home.

- Be sure your address number is in good condition and visible for all Emergency services to see in the event of an emergency and if needed replace the numbers with new ones.

As part of our Spring Cleaning, now is the time that many of us get rid of many of the old and/or unwanted household chemicals. As a reminder these chemicals should be stored in

Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Detector Batteries.

Sunday, March 13



their original containers and properly disposed. Many of the local landfill have a recycling program that allows you to dispose of these type items at no cost to you.

- Pesticides, fertilizers, Pool chemicals, Paint and thinners
- Gasoline or other flammable/combustible liquids
- NEVER dispose of these types of products in the trash as they could leak causing a chemical reaction and possibly start a fire.

By following these simple safety tips you can greatly improve you and your family's safety and reduce your chances of a fire in your home or work place. If you have any questions or concerns about Fire Safety/Prevention please contact the Naval District Washington Fire Prevention Division.

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ing EOD and range operations for the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD).

In 2005, he served as operations officer for EOD Mobile Unit THREE. During a two-year tour, he directed the operational employment of 11 EOD mobile detachments and one MK6 Marine Mammal System Detachment in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Subsequently, Porter reported to Headquarters U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) as a member of the Counter Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) Task Force. After completing a tour as a liaison officer to Multi-National Coalition, Iraq, he was placed in charge of the C-IED branch for USCENTCOM's Director of Operations, prior to his tour with NDSTC as executive officer.

Porter holds qualifications as an EOD Officer, Diving and Salvage Officer, Surface Warfare Officer and Naval Parachutist. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (3 awards), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2 awards), Overseas Service Ribbon and various unit and campaign citations.

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