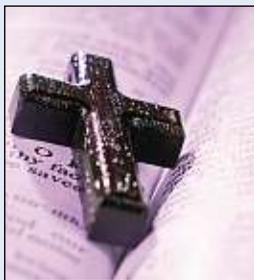




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## Indian Head personnel encourage students through Science Fairs and STEM programs

By Jonathan McDonald  
NSWC IHD Public Affairs

Military personnel and civilian employees from a number of commands on board Naval Support Facility Indian Head have been busy supporting local science fairs in Charles County since the beginning of the year.

In January, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division (NSWC IHD) employees evaluated science fair projects at both Lackey High School as well as Indian Head Elementary School.

In February, IHD personnel were joined by representatives of Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity, Joint Interoperability Test Command and Naval Support Activity South Potomac to judge student projects in the Maurice J. McDonough High School science fair.

Again, for the annual Charles County Science Fair at LaPlata High School on March 5, close to 10 Indian Head Division employees were joined by members of Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division to help judge the more than 500 science projects at the event.

Members from NSWC IHD's Professional Development Council (PDC) participated as judges in several of the fairs. PDC Chairperson and engineer Jamie Gumina believes the PDC's involvement in such events is mutually beneficial.

"Devoting some of the Professional Development Council's time



U. S. Navy photo by Mike Welding

**NSWC IHD special security officer Charlie Huber talks to a student about his science fair entry at the 52nd annual Charles County Science Fair at La Plata High School.**

to volunteering is genuinely rewarding for everybody involved and provides a perfect avenue for interaction amongst Indian Head Division and the community," she said.

Gumina also found the experience inspirational. "Judging the science fairs really highlights the dedication of our teachers and they defi-

nately deserve a lot of credit. It is always fun and inspiring to see how talented our youth are and it gets us excited about our future scientists and engineers."

### A Matter of Inspiration

For another PDC member, participation was a chance to return to

her roots. Security specialist Megan Collins graduated from Lackey High School and went back to her alma mater to judge the fair.

"I didn't know what to expect, but I was really impressed by the students' efforts," she said. "It's different going back from this side. I got to see some of the teachers who inspired me, and hope the students will get inspiration from all the judges.

"Based on the projects here today, I think our local students have a lot to contribute in the fields of math and science," says Collins.

At her school's science fair, McDonough High School principal Jervie Petty said, "I am thrilled that you all are involved. For the children it's important to know their projects are bigger than the local high school. It's a definite plus for our kids."

At Lackey High School, Air Rockets Logistics Branch Project Manager Barry Trotter judged one of the winning chemistry projects that studied the effects of coloring chemicals on human hair.

Trotter observes, "Young adults concerned about the health and safety of others is commendable. It was nice to learn about some of the research topics that they are concerned with now."

Charlie Huber, NSWC IHD special security officer and judge at many of the science fairs, said, "Indian Head Division is part of the

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## Shipmates helping shipmates

By LSCS(SW) Marvin Hayden, Aegis Training and Readiness Center

Aegis Training and Readiness Center's (ATRC) Coalition of Sailors of Destructive Decisions (CSADD) held its first meeting on Friday, March 11. Although the program's focus audience is pay grades E1-E5, ages 18-25, all were welcome to attend as evident by the positive contributions from pay grades up to E8 in attendance.

"We want to plant a seed to prevent destructive behavior from occurring," said Fire Controlman 2nd Class(SW) Jeremy Wilcox, one of the advocates for ATRC's CSADD.

After brief introductions by Logistics Specialist Senior Chief (LSCS) (SW) Marvin Hayden (Sponsor), FC2 (SW) Terrence Williams (another advocate) and Wilcox, there was a unique display of positive efforts to prompt engaging discussion points as well as promote a welcome and open forum for all participants to share experiences that influence current positive choices and decisions.

This program is not about the individual, but ATRC shipmates helping shipmates.

The overall theme for the meeting was stressing good vehicle operating decisions. Some of the highlights of the meeting included a video focused on motorcycle accidents and several personal testimonies of life altering events from the participants. It was clearly evident by the conclusion of the meeting that new acquaintances were made, awareness was heightened, and camaraderie was strengthened.

The continuing overall mission of CSADD was repeated in various ways but made loud and clear, "Prevention is the goal instead of reaction, to empower our Shipmates with the courage to step in and prevent a potentially bad incident from occurring and to allow this program to be a positive platform to strengthen our service cohesion and concern about our Shipmates welfare."

The next scheduled CSADD meeting is March 30 at 1330 in the ATRC auditorium.



U.S. Navy photo by Daryl Roy

**Aegis Training and Readiness Center (ATRC) Coalition of Sailors of Destructive Decisions' sponsor (CSADD) LSCS Marvin Hayden discusses the overall mission of CSADD to the attendees.**

# Science: Indian Head employees give back to the Charles County community

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Charles County community. Giving back to that community by judging science fairs as well as participating in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and Go Places (With Math) programs is a very important thing to do."

NSWC IHD sponsors several STEM activities including robotics competitions and robotics summer camps in the public schools. Some of the command's engineers also participate in robotics programs in private schools.

Daren Eaton coaches a team from Grace Christian Academy in Waldorf, Md. The team recently competed in the Future Lego League event hosted at University of Maryland Baltimore County for private schools. Eaton said it's important to support students across the board.

"In my role as technical coach, I guide much of the FLL research project and a significant amount of systemic robot development," explains Eaton. "Since an FLL coach may not do the real work, I help the kids discern cause and effect with applied math, logic and physics.

"The single biggest compliment (and complaint) I get from my FLL team has been how FLL competition makes science, math and engineering fun, real, challenging and engaging where much math and science classroom education is uncoordinated rote and theory. Therein lies a great labor of smart love."

### Producing the Next Bill Gates

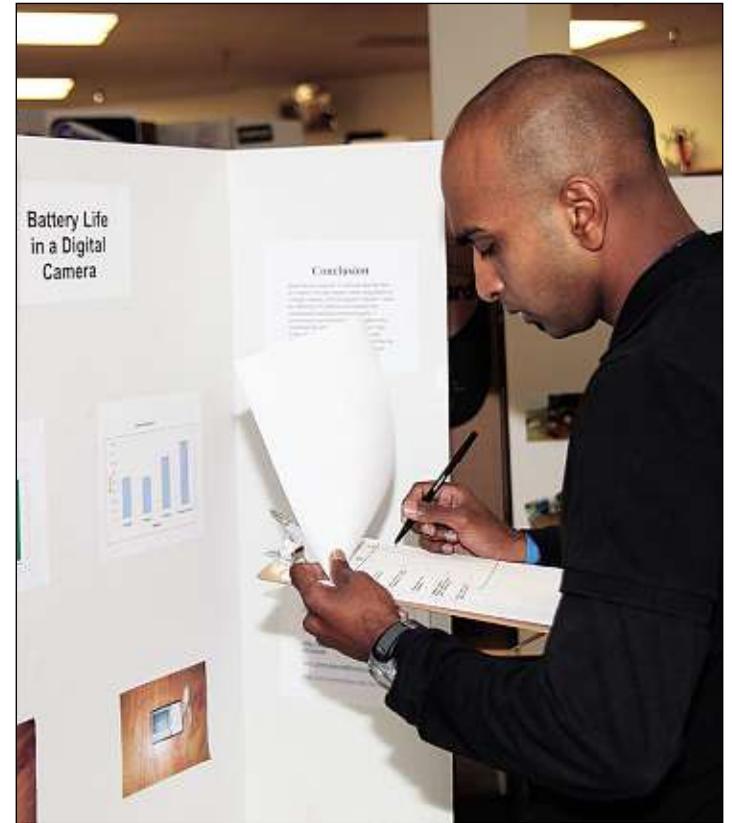
Promoting STEM opportunities to students across the spectrum has its advantages. Huber said. "We tell some of the brightest young minds what we do here at NSWC IHD, they see firsthand what we are like, and many are further motivated to continue doing well in school so someday they can work here. How great would that be?"

Another judge at the county science fair, NSWC IHD Research and Development Division Director, Gerry Pangilinan, described his involvement in the fair. "Whenever Charles County produces the next Bill Gates, or a Nobelist, or the DoD innovator that keeps the nation secure, I would want to have said I played my itty-bitty role in that evolution."



U. S. Navy photo by Matthew Poynor

**NSWC IHD security specialist Megan Collins takes a look at a project comparing liquefaction in different soil types at the Lackey High School Science Fair.**



U. S. Navy photo by Matthew Poynor

**Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) coordinator for NSWC IHD Tom Palathra grades a project examining battery life in a digital camera.**

To help motivate the students toward innovative careers in the sciences, the NSWC IHD sponsors first and second place applied sciences awards for the junior and senior divisions. The command also gives a first and second place award for environmental protection and research and technology.

This year, the first place research and technology award was given to a junior from North Point High School in Waldorf, Md. Cayley Dymond received the award and was also named as the grand award winner for the fair.

Charles County Public Schools oversee the county science fair. Winners from the fair will advance to the international competition. The international fair brings together more than 1,200 students from 40 nations to compete for scholarships, tuitions, grants and more.

*Gary Wagner, Naval Support Activity South Potomac Public Affairs Officer, contributed to this report.*



U. S. Navy photo Jonathan McDonald

**McDonough High School science department chair Karena Bennett (r.) briefs NSWC IHD Professional Development Council chairperson Jamie Gumina about the rating sheets used at the McDonough High School Science Fair.**



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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

**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.

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

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"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.

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# Dragon Spear Task Force Team receives 2010 William J. Perry Precision Strike Award

By Margie Stevens  
NSWCDD Corporate  
Communications

The Project Dragon Spear Joint Acquisition Task Force Team was recently awarded the 2010 William J. Perry Award at the annual Precision Strike Association Review in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

The Perry Award recognizes leadership or achievement that results in significant contributions to the development, introduction or support of precision strike systems. The Dragon Spear team was cited for significant contributions that have led to the strengthening of national security by direct application of precision strike capabilities to DoD systems and to the enhancement of the nation's industrial technology base for application to precision strike technology.

The Dragon Spear team, which includes members from the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD), is a consortium of high-energy teams led by U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) that were brought together to rapidly field Dragon Spear under a Combat Mission Need Statement (CMNS).

The Precision Strike Association Review on Feb. 23 recognized the team's "unique

acquisition approach which was incredibly effective in delivering two fully combat-capable MC-130W aircraft in

Control System Development (G34), Weapon Control Systems Development Branch (G84), and Test & Evaluation

Thomas explained that this was not the first award for this effort. Previously, the Stand-Off Precision Guided Munitions (SOPGM) Quick Reaction Capability (QRC) Team, which included NSWCDD team members, was awarded the 2009 Perry Award, DoD's 2008 David Packard Award, and 2008 ACTD Transition Team of the Year.

Dragon Spear's innovative design and development approach lay the ground work for enabling rapid transition to the field for other USSOCOM needs. According to a certificate signed by Andy McHugh, Precision Strike Association Board Chairman, "The Dragon Spear Joint Acquisition Force Team has embraced unconventional thinking from an entrepreneurship approach to systems integration, slashing costs and time...and has exemplified the highest ideals of the Precision Strike Association."

James Geurts, USSOCOM deputy director for acquisition, commended the team for "the hard work, dedication, prudent audacity and teamwork shown throughout the last two years to lead the way in DoD and Special Operations Forces rapid acquisition."

## I am honored to accept this prestigious award on behalf of the Dahlgren Dragon Spear Team,"

Dragon Spear Team lead Daniel Thomas

less than 10 months." Also noted was the team's ability to develop a fully functional mission simulator in less than eight months to support early combat training.

A follow-on production speed line to modify three MC-130Ws simultaneously enabled the team to beat by three months the Secretary of Defense's goal of eight aircraft in 18 months.

Dragon Spear is a new program to augment the current AC-130 force structure. Under this program, 12 MC-130W aircraft will be fitted with a Precision Strike Package (PSP). The fielding of this armed MC-130W Dragon Spear as an armed overwatch platform is urgently needed to support current and expected combat operations.

Team members from NSWCDD include scientists, engineers and technical support personnel from the Engagement Systems Department's Gun Weapon Systems Branch (G32), Gun Fire Con-

Division (G60) and G80; and the Asymmetric Defense Systems Department's Surveillance Systems Branch (Z17).

Through their collaborative effort, they built the hardware and software that comprise the weapon system portion of the PSP for Dragon Spear. Of the 12 aircraft, eight were fielded in 18 months with two of those currently supporting combat operations.

"I am honored to accept this prestigious award on behalf of the Dahlgren Dragon Spear Team," said Dragon Spear Team lead Daniel Thomas, who shared his thoughts in a recent interview.

"This team has the most dedicated and talented people I have worked with in my career. Through this team's long hours and perseverance, Dahlgren Division has been able to contribute to fielding a capability to the warfighter that is having an impact and saving American lives."



by Lt. Michael Geoghegan,  
NSASP Chaplain

With greetings to everyone in this, the first monthly Chaplain Corner, let me say again, hello. How awesome it is to be a part of the South Potomac (Dahlgren & Indian Head) community. There are so many great and wonderful people that call this place home. It is my prayer that I can get to know as many of you as possible, but most of all to be able to be a resource for you and your families. While it has just been a short four months since we arrived here, much has happened and I anticipate much, much more in the months to come.

## Chaplain's Corner

My goal and purpose for providing this Chaplain Corner each month is to bring you a word of encouragement as well as keep everyone up to date on what is happening at the Dahlgren Chapel and within the Command Religious Program here at Naval Support Activity South Potomac. So with that said, let me begin.

As springtime has come upon us, we can look around and see flowers blooming, trees budding and signs of new life everywhere. So it is with our lives. The plants and trees that we see starting their springtime growth is happening because they are alive and living and being nourished. So it is with our lives. When we are living our lives to their full potential and we are rooted in a solid relationship with our Creator, we will see growth. Growth not only in our Spiritual life, but also in our physical, mental and emotional lives as well. My encouragement to each and every one of you reading this is to allow yourself to be in the

position to grow. Be involved with positive, encouraging things and let the Creator of all things have a strong place in your life. Then you will be able to stop and see the growth taking place in your life.

The next major thing on the horizon for the Chapel is Easter services. There are many to choose from. We have both our Protestant services and Catholic Mass during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. There will be a special combined Tenebrae service provided by a combined choir from our Protestant and Catholic congregations. This will be on Good Friday evening and will be a very moving time of worship. Easter Sunrise Service will be at 0700 at the Flagpole of NSASP Building 101. Please join us for any or all of the special Easter services.

Be blessed and keep on growing, serving God and country.

# COMMUNITY NOTES

## Dahlgren

### Relay For Life Fundraiser at Cici's Pizza

The KGHS DECA Relay For Life team will hold a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society on Monday, March 28 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Cici's Pizza, 1859 Carl D. Silver Pkwy. in Central Park. Customers can drop a copy of their receipt in the Relay For Life bucket and a portion of their dinner cost will be donated. Bring your family, enjoy a great dinner and help us find a cure!

### 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. Eat-In or Take-Out choice.

Pre-event tickets are available. Dinner includes ham, potatoes, green beans, applesauce, rolls, cornbread and desserts. Eat-in includes drinks. Suggested donation is \$5. DUMC is located at the corner of Dahlgren Rd. and 14th Street. For more information or tickets contact us at 663-2230. Please join us for a delicious meal that will warm your heart for a great cause!

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

### King George Bark For Life

King George Bark For Life will be held on Sunday, Apr. 17 from 1 - 5 p.m. at Sealston Elementary School. The event, which benefits the American Cancer Society, honors our canine caregivers and is a great day out with your dog! Highlights include King George County Sheriff's Dept. K-9 demo, Dogs East Search & Rescue, pet photography by Larry Stone, Nancy Moon Dog

Training, food, games and more! Registration prior to the event is \$20 per dog, register at [www.relayforlife.org/barkinggeorge](http://www.relayforlife.org/barkinggeorge). Cost is \$30/dog day of event. All are invited to attend!

### King George Relay "Walk in the Water" on 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

### Benefit Concert and Silent Auction at CSM

A benefit concert and silent auction for John Lamiman will be held at 3 p.m. on April 3 at the College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center Theater, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata. Lynn Hollyfield and Grace Griffith will present a program of inspirational songs from Celtic ballads to light jazz to intricate duo vocal harmonies, accompanied by Brazilian guitarist Richard Miller and Steve Wolf on bass.

The program will include an eclectic repertoire with a focus on the beauty of nature in honor of John Lamiman. A former professor and coordinator of developmental English at the College of Southern Maryland, Lamiman was injured during a fall in July 2010, resulting in his paralysis. The CSM Faculty Senate Executive Board has established a PayPal account for donations to assist John and Claire Lamiman with the many expenses that are not covered by insurance. The benefit concert is being organized by the Lamimans' former neighbors of their Moyaone Reserve residence.

During intermission a reception and

silent auction will be held in the theater lobby. Tickets are \$25 or \$15 for students. For tickets, contact [www.csmd.edu/Arts/SpecialEvents.html](http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/SpecialEvents.html) or [bxoff@csmd.edu](mailto:bxoff@csmd.edu) or 301-934-7828.

### CSM Women + Math Essay Contest for Students Contemporary Women's Contributions to STEM Fields is Focus for Writing

The College of Southern Maryland is offering an essay contest to increase awareness of women's contributions in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The contest, sponsored by CSM's Mathematics, Physics and Engineering Division, is open to girls ages 13 to 21. Contestants are required to interview a woman in a STEM career working in academia, industry or government and write a 500- to 800-word narrative essay based on the interview. Two winners will receive prizes valued up to \$250.

Interview topics for the essay can include the woman's motivation for pursuing her chosen career in STEM, her educational background, specific day-to-day activities regarding her career, her family and cultural background's affect on her career path, and her advice to students interested in pursuing a career in her field.

Eligible essays must be post marked by April 8. For contest guidelines and entry form, visit <http://www.csmd.edu/Women&Math/essay/index.htm> or for more information contact Sandra Poinsett at [sandrap@csmd.edu](mailto:sandrap@csmd.edu) or 301-934-7808.

### Seeking Trail Attendant Volunteers for Indian Head Rail Trail

The Charles County Department of Public Works, Parks and Grounds Division, is seeking volunteers to serve as trail atten-

dants on the Indian Head Rail Trail. Trail attendants will monitor trail activities, conduct safety patrols and assist trail patrons.

Volunteers work a flexible schedule (sign up for as little as two days per month) and must be 18 years of age or older.

For additional information, please call the Indian Head Rail Trail office at (301) 885-0861, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Charles County's 10th Annual Heritage Bike Ride

Don't miss out on a great day of biking through beautiful western Charles County! Riders age 16 and older are invited to join us Saturday, May 14, 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. for a scenic ride beginning at Nanjemoy Community Center. Resident fee: \$25; non-resident: \$27; add \$5 if registering the day of the event. The pre-registration deadline is May 6. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Lunch will be provided.

The event will start at the "end of the road" in scenic Nanjemoy, and will feature stops at local points of interest. Participants can choose from three recreational routes - 100k, 50k or 25k -- all of which begin and end at the Nanjemoy Community Center.

Souvenir T-shirts are guaranteed for all who register by May 6. For those registering after that date, T-shirts will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Helmets are required for all riders.

For registration information or directions, please call the Nanjemoy Community Center at (301) 246-9612. The Center is located at 4375 Port Tobacco Road in Nanjemoy.

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](mailto:jeron.hayes@navy.mil).



# AMERICAN LEGION



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This event is open to the Public!

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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Ride Starts at</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Spotsylvania High School</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(6975 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22551)</p> <p>08:00-10:00am Check-in/Registration 10:00-10:30am Pre-Ride Ceremony 11:00am <b>Kick Stands Up!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Ride Ends at</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">King George High School</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(10100 Foxes Way, King George, VA 22485)</p> <p>11:00-4:00pm Music, Demos, Events, Food 12:00-12:30pm Memorial Bike Riders Arrive 1:30-2:00pm Official Ceremony</p>
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Three ways to Register!

Pre-Registration

Register on-line at [www.somegaveall.org](http://www.somegaveall.org) or at Big Daddy Leather, Fred'burg VA \$25 per rider / \$20 per passenger (fees include Event T-shirt)  
**Pre-Registration Deadline: May 14, 2011**  
*(pick up T's at BDL May 18-20, 2011)*

Ride-Day Registration

Register at Spotsylvania High School \$20 per rider / \$15 per passenger (fees do not include Event T-shirt)

All riders and passengers must sign electronic or hard-copy ride waiver

Net Proceeds from this ride will support the needs of Wounded Warriors from OIF and OEF

Events will include: Memorial Ride and Ceremony, 540 Boyz Stunt Riding, Live Music, Patriotic Bike Show, Demonstrations, Exhibits, Children's Activities, Food, and more!

Hard Times Café (4-Mile Fork) hosting 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Frazier-Mason Bike Show Saturday, May 7, 2011 - Multiple Classes, Live music, Bike Raffle

Groups wishing to organize Rally Points can email [Heroes@somegaveall.org](mailto:Heroes@somegaveall.org) to post details and contact information on our website

For more information please visit our website [www.somegaveall.org](http://www.somegaveall.org) or contact Big Daddy Leather at 540-899-0048 1900 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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# "Our History is Our Strength"

## Celebrating Women's History at Dahlgren

*Editor's Note: In his remarks during this year's Women's History Month observance at Dahlgren, Capt. Michael Smith, commander for Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, highlighted the particular contributions women have made in the history of the Dahlgren base. His comments are excerpted here.*

The 2011 theme for Women's History Month is "Our History is Our Strength." In keeping with that theme, the National Women's History Project is encouraging us all to learn about the women in our own families and communities so that we can better understand how they have contributed to the strength of our families, work places, and the nation.

The stories of women's achievements are integral to the fabric of our history. Learning about women's tenacity, courage, and creativity throughout the centuries is a tremendous source of strength. Women's achievements have not always been well recorded and have sometimes even been distorted or ignored. Knowing women's stories and honoring their achievements are important to both

women and men. We all look to women's history to provide us with strong role models that can help us to face the changes and challenges that are ours today.

It is fitting to recognize the dignity and accomplishments of women in our own families and within our workforce. Within the Navy, for example, it is amazing to learn that more than 80,000 women were accepted for what the Navy referred to as the Women's Volunteer Emergency Service or (WAVES). Lt.Cmdr. Mildred H. McAfee, USNR, WAVES director, was the Navy's first female line officer.

The term "volunteer" was kept for years, for initially it was thought that women would be "dismissed," and the military would become a male-only institution once World War II was over. Fortunately, women were recognized as being an irreplaceable asset to the military in a broad spectrum of areas.

Today, 95 percent of Navy billets are open to women, including permanent assignments to all ships, afloat staffs, construction force units, and aviation squadrons. This past July, in fact, Rear Adm. Nora Tyson took command of Carrier Strike group Two and became the Navy's first female carrier strike group commander.

Today there are 53,000 active-duty women and more than 10,000 female Reservists serving in the Navy. Women comprise 16.3 per-

cent of the force.

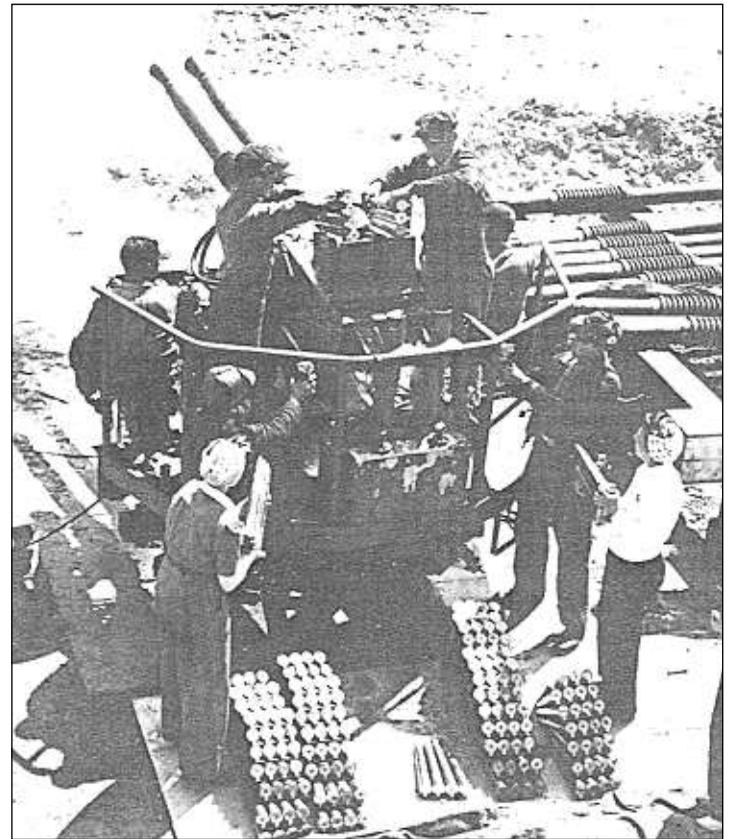
On the civilian side, nearly 50,000 women are providing expertise in a wide range of specialties, as is definitely evident within Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division. Currently, there are 995 women in NSWCDD at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren.

Women are working side by side with men and by doing so give witness to the value of diversity of thinking and skill sets. They are critical in transforming our business practices and in providing solutions for our warfighters.

Looking specifically at our Dahlgren history, the numbers of female employees have grown tremendously since World War II when the first women came to work at Dahlgren. We have records that tell us that among the first females in our workforce were the "women ordnance workers." These women, called WOWs, assisted in testing anti-aircraft guns and worked in the "shell house" during World War II.

A few years after the war, in 1948, we hired our first woman mathematician, Eva Jane Hershey. She and her husband Dr. Allen Hershey were leaders in providing computational and analysis support in the area of fire control and guidance for the Navy's Polaris strategic strike system into the mid-1960s.

Another first for women was the



**A World War II era photo from Dahlgren's Main Range shows women ordnance workers assisting with tests of anti-aircraft guns.**

first female engineer, Beverly Jablovskis, who was hired in the late sixties and supported our Engagement Systems Department for over 30 years. The year 2009 marked another first, as Sue Hyatt-Tracy from Z Department deployed to Iraq and became the first

woman from NSWCDD to be awarded the Secretary of Defense Global War on Terrorism Award.

I would like to thank all the women within our workforce. Your contributions are truly important to ensuring we achieve mission success.

## Base Happenings

### Indian Head

#### Volunteers Needed for Indian Head Alice Ferguson Foundation Beach Cleanup

Plan to join your fellow community members in this year's Alice Ferguson Foundation beach 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 delivering flat presentations? Are you putting your audience to sleep? Why not join Toastmasters. Toastmasters can help you to develop and give a presentation that will captivate your audience and leave them saying, "Wow, what a great speaker!" Club Energetic offers a fun and relaxing way to spend your lunchtime. Develop friendships while improving your communication and leadership skills. We share funny stories and play challenging games. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 - 12:30. For more info, contact: Club President Darlene Exum, 301-744-6359, or Cedric White, 301-744-1171 for meeting place. All military, government civilian, and contractors are welcome to attend.

#### 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.

### 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 April

The Armed Services Blood Program will hold a blood drive on Thurs., April 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. 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.military-blood.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.

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](mailto:jeron.hayes@navy.mil).

## USO Announcements

### Dahlgren USO

Hours of Operation  
Monday and Tuesday  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Sesame Street Room

Dahlgren USO will open its new Sesame Street play room April 4!

### Play Group

Beginning April 4, the Dahlgren USO will host a Play Group for kids 5 and under every Tuesday from 10-11 a.m.

### Indian Head USO

Hours of Operation  
Wednesday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Play Group

The Indian Head USO will host a Play Group for kids 5 and under every Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

### Bread Giveaway

USO Indian Head patrons are invited to take advantage of a bread giveaway every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on USO activities at Dahlgren and Indian Head, or to volunteer at either USO center, contact Elizabeth Laub at (540) 663-2360.





# MWR Highlights



## Fredericksburg Christian School Students Visit Dahlgren

On March 8, students from the Fredericksburg Christian School visited NSWC Dahlgren's Rail Gun Facility. These students were handpicked by their science teachers because of their great interest in science and ranged in grades from 6th-12th. Some of the students even expressed a desire to come back and work on the railgun after they graduate from college. Here the students get a tour of the facility from Tom Boucher, Railgun Facility Test Director

## Lincoln Military Housing

540-663-2190

Month of Military Child/Family Day/Eggstravaganza  
 Saturday, April 9 - 10 a.m. on the Dahlgren Parade Field  
 Annual Egg Hunt is for ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10 and up. Prizes will be awarded in each age group. Be sure to bring a basket or bag to carry your eggs. Come early! Event starts on time. Music, information tables and crafts. All are welcome!

Come join the fun! Hosted by: Lincoln Military Housing. For more information please contact Shayla Newman, Community Services Coordinator, 540-663-2190.

## Dahlgren Aquatics Center

540-653-8088

### ARC Lifeguard Class \*

April 14 & 18 - 22

This class will certify individuals as American Red Cross Lifeguards. Includes CPR/AED and basic first aid. Cost: \$175. For details contact the Aquatics Center at 540-653-8088. PLEASE NOTE - Events with an asterisk (\*) require pre-registration. Lack of registration will result in cancellation of the event.

### Easter Egg Hunt \*

Saturday April 16, 1 - 3 p.m.

Oh No! The Easter Bunny tripped and spilled his basket of eggs. Join us in an underwater egg hunt. Games with Prizes. Cost \$3. For more information contact the Aquatics Center at 540-653-8088.

PLEASE NOTE - Events with an asterisk (\*) require pre-registration. Lack of registration will result in cancellation of the event.

### Swim Lessons \*

April 26

New session for swim lessons begins Apr. 26 and ends May 19. 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.

## Information, Tickets and Travel Office

540-653-7336

### Richmond International Raceway Tickets



<b>March 25</b> <i>The Roommate</i>	<b>Friday</b> PG-13	<b>7 p.m.</b> 92 min
<b>March 26</b> <i>The Mechanic</i>	<b>Saturday</b> R	<b>2 p.m.</b> 100 min
<b>March 26</b> <i>Sanctum</i>	<b>Saturday</b> R	<b>7 p.m.</b> 109 min
<b>March 27</b> <i>The Roommate</i>	<b>Sunday</b> PG-13	<b>3 p.m.</b> 92 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.

Go to the website to purchase your MWR discounted tickets [www.rir.com/salute/dahlgren](http://www.rir.com/salute/dahlgren).

Bubba Burger 250 - April 29 - \$23

Crown Royal 400 - April 30 - \$45, \$55, \$70, \$80

Hospitality Packages also available for \$50 and \$75.

For more information please call the ITT Office at 540-653-8785 or 301-744-4850.

# Navy Chaplain Serving the Masses at Pax

*“We let them know someone cares.”*

By Tracey Gold Bennett  
Naval District Washington  
Public Affairs

Like Moses got the call from God to return to Egypt to help free the Israelites, Patuxent River Navy Chaplain Lt. Christilene Whalen returned to her native Saint Mary's county in 2008 to minister and to take care of a community of thousands. “We serve 27 thousand people and three thousand active duty and retired military personnel” said Whalen.

Lt. Whalen is the Command Chaplain for the Naval Air Station at Patuxent River. The Lexington Park native is Harvard educated and was already serving an African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church congregation for two decades in California before joining the Navy. A pastoral vocation in the Navy for the one time Defense Department civil servant was not exactly in Whalen's original career trajectory.

“I was commissioned at the age of 46, much older than the age most Chaplains enter military service,” said Whalen who is the sole Chaplain for the Naval Air Station. “I really love being in the Navy because I love serving my country and God.”

Being the sole Navy Chaplain for such a large and diverse population means ministering to people who are of different faiths than her own AME denomination.

“I can address all Protestants,” Whalen said. “A priest serves the



**Pax River Chaplain, Lt. Christilene Whalen gives the opening prayer during the Veterans Memorial Ceremony in Leonardtown on November 11, 2010.**

Catholic community at Pax River and we provide a prayer room for Muslims and make sure people of other faiths know where to access leaders in their particular religion.”

Whalen is immersed in the community and has precious little free time. On any given day you might find her counseling several sailors, ministering, participating in training workshops, marching and giving the opening and closing prayers in events like Leonardtown's annual Veterans Day pa-



Photos by Kim Upshaw

**Capt. Steve Schmeiser along with wife Molly, daughter Maura and Lt. Christilene Whalen walk in Leonardtown's Veterans Day Parade.**

rade, or acting as guest Chaplain for and leading the U.S. House of Representatives in prayer.

“When we talk about engaging community, in the Navy, we have a place where people can come and express their faith and when people can do that, they can do their jobs and make sure the base is running smoothly.” On some weekends, Whalen and a group of volunteers welcome new Navy families to the base.

“On the second Saturday of service, we greet all new people who move or come to the base and live in base housing,” she said. “We take them a welcome care package of cookies and we let them know someone cares.”

Whalen's care and support is not limited to ceremonial duties, delivering sermons and community service. Perhaps the most critical service she provides happens during times of trial, loss and difficulty. As a Chaplain, she often finds herself in the position of offering compassion, comforting words and encouragement based on biblical principles.

“God has promised us a plan for people, that's not something new,” Whalen said. “Depend on God to come through, he will never leave us alone even when it's hard, even in a time of war God is in the midst of it.”

Originally from Lexington Park, MD, and ordained in the African

Methodist Episcopal Church as a Deacon in 1994, and an Elder in 1995, Lt. Whalen holds a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, a Bachelor of Arts from California State University. Chaplain Whalen ministered for some 20 years in California, and had a decade-long career as a Department of Defense civil servant before being commissioned by the Navy in 2008.

Regional Chaplains Office (202) 433-2275. Naval Support Activity Washington Chaplain's Office (202) 433-2058. Patuxent River Chaplains Office (301) 342-3811

# Officials generally pleased with base closure process

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

Defense Department officials are generally pleased with the progress of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process as it moves toward its final months, an official involved in the effort said.

The 2005 BRAC law has more than 200 recommendations affecting over 800 locations and some 125,000 people. It is one of the largest realignments in the department's history, and its purpose was different from those that went before, said Peter Potochney, director of the Pentagon's basing directorate.

Unlike earlier closures and realignments, the push in the 2005 process was for the department footprint to make more sense, Potochney said. "It was to use BRAC as a change agent," he explained. "The 2005 [process] was more about restructuring than it was about trimming excess capacity."

The 2005 law called for the department to look 20 years into the future and configure installations and capabilities to support that force.

"The biggest difference in this BRAC was we set up these joint groups that looked across service lines and were empowered to make recommendations," he said. These recommendations received the same weight and attention that service recommendations received.

The questions became whether functions aligned correctly and how organizations should be based to encourage open communication, efficiencies and synergy. "It made for a much more complicated background," Potochney said during a recent interview.

It was one thing, for example, to manage a program getting rid of excess capabilities or infrastructure, but something quite different to mix and match organizations from different services with the assorted cultures, requirements and methods of doing business.

The support functions in the military particularly lend themselves to the process. Defense research labs, military medical care, logistics and industrial facilities were among those consolidated. "A lab that looks at guns, for instance," Potochney said. "Are they similar across the services or not? Would you need separate service labs, or not?"

All this has to be accomplished without violating the Title 10 authority the services maintain to "man, train and equip" the forces.

The fact that the nation is at war complicated implementation of the BRAC, if not the BRAC selection, Potochney said. "We were very careful to ensure we didn't violate any warfighting equities," he said.

The pace of these realignments is different also. The earlier realignments and closures "peaked out somewhere around year three," Potochney said. "This round peaked closer to the sixth year, and that pushes us up against the deadline," which is Sept. 15.

Functions are the operative word in the base realignment process, he said. "If an old organization had 10 people doing something — say travel — and at the new site there is consolidation and there may be some efficiencies there and you made need only eight people, so be it," he said. "It's the function being transferred, not just the people."

A good example of the latter is the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda. "We think there is enough time to do it," he said. "But if a tornado came through tomorrow and blew the building down, would we move medical care just because the BRAC recommendation says it? I don't think we would jeopardize our medical care. I don't have a crystal ball, but I am reasonably sure we will make it. But we're watching it because it is extremely complex."

Joint basing is another outgrowth of the process. The Defense Department now has 12 joint bases that truly are mergers, with all the facilities and infrastructure personnel becoming parts of the new organization, Potochney said. The process does not say how the missions will be accomplished, only that they will be, he noted, and those involved must meld procedures from different services to make the process work. Officials expect these mergers will save money, he added, and are giving the organizations time to operate together and then will look for efficiencies.

BRAC is extraordinarily hard because it directly affects people's lives, Potochney said. But looking at it broadly, "this BRAC will set us up to be ready for the 21st century," he said.







