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18th Space Control Detachment One Gather to Memorialize Coworker

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

Staff at 18th Space Control Squadron, Detachment One (18 SPCS, Det 1), led by Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Erin Dunagan, honored their co-worker Eric Brown at a gathering on May 2 at the Missile Defense Agency Auditorium. Brown, a supervisor in the Advanced Orbital Analyst Cell, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 10, 2017 and his coworkers sought to memorialized Brown's legacy by dedicating their Operations Center in his memory.

It was Brown's legacy of dedication and passion for not only the Space Mission but for life that was the keynote of Dunagan's address to those gathered to honor their coworker and friend.

"Legacy, that's what today is all about, Eric's legacy" Dunagan shared. "We are his legacy, whether from family or work perspective; it's up to us to be his legacy."

Dunagan went on to share Brown's dedication to his family and the space mission and noted that Brown was a naturally gifted mentor and teacher, and that gift was shared not only in the workplace with his peers, but also in his leisure time where Brown was an avid bowler who taught as well as participated.

"Throughout one's career you're lucky if you have one person you remember and say, that's one person

I will never forget," Dunagan said. "For me, Eric is that one person. I will remember him my whole career and beyond."

On behalf of the agency, Dunagan presented Brown's wife, Dawn, with a plaque that is the twin to the one that will grace the entrance to the Det 1 Operations Center.

The plaque, constructed of sturdy white oak, proudly bore the emblems of the three services that Brown had served under throughout his life: the Air Force, the Navy and the Army, where he served active duty.

"Two of his co-workers, Sgt. Valladares and Brian McCormick, designed the plaque representing the three services that he worked for," Dunagan explained.

The plaque's inscription read, "The Distributed Space Command and Control Dahlgren Operations Center is hereby dedicated to Eric Maurice Brown for his unwavering leadership and devotion to the men and women of the space community."

Brown got his start at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren in the mailroom. From there, he applied for positions that better suited his skill set which ultimately landed him his current position as Advanced Orbital Analyst Cell Supervisor. A move that wife,

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NSWC Indian Head EOD Technology Division Employees Celebrated, Awarded Command Excellence Honors



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MATTHEW POYNOR

Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Technology Division (NSWC IHEODTD) held the annual Honorary Awards ceremony, April 26, at the Indian Head Town Pavilion to recognize those individuals and teams who made significant contributions to fulfilling the command's mission during calendar year 2017.

Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division recognized individuals and teams who made significant contributions to the command's mission at the annual Honorary Awards ceremony today, which was at the Indian Head Town Pavilion.

This year's guest of honor was Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Edward C. Byers Jr., who was awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a Hostage Rescue Force Team Member in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from Dec. 8-9, 2012.

"Today, we're dutifully celebrating excellence," said NSWC IHEODTD Commanding Officer Capt. Scott Kraft. "Excellence that is right here amidst us; excellence that spans this extraordinary organization; excellence that manifests in many diverse ways."

Kraft also touched on the subject of the command's guidance and priorities this year, "We will, in all things, be characterized by tenacious professionalism and steadfast resolve, vividly remem-

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Dahlgren Students Combine Fun with Function at Beach Cleanup

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
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Earth Day activities culminated on Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren with a beach cleanup coordinated by the NAVFAC and Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Environmental Department with “kid-power” provided by students from Dahlgren School. The afternoon of May 1 provided warm breezes and delightful sunshine for the expedition to the shoreline for the group.

The students fought their way through the tall beach grass to pick up nearly a dozen bags of trash and large pieces of PVC pipe, a trash can lid and several buoy markers embedded in the Upper Machodoc Creek shoreline. The students worked together in teams and scoured the shoreline for debris while enjoying the local flora and fauna.

Environmental staff came out in force including Acting Branch Manager Joe Trocchio, Mary Geil, Matt Woodson, Patrick Brown, Dr. Thomas Wray and Adrian Mood from NSF Dahlgren/NAVFAC Environmental and team members Bethany Brown, Rick Neil and Walt Legg from the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Dahlgren (NSWCDD) Environmental team to supervise and assist the students as they cleaned, providing gloves, bags and cold water to power their young assistants. Bethany Brown and other employees at Environmental spent time putting together “seed bombs” containing native wildflowers for the students as well so they could carry on their “green mission” at home.

Beth Hankins, Dahlgren School 4th, and 5th-grade teacher escorted the students to the location and discussed the area with the students — the Willow Oaks Constructed Stormwater Wetland adjacent to the NSASP Headquarters Building. Hankins provided a bit of background information for the students about the construction of the wetlands in 2013 to remove pollutants accumulated from households and farms from stormwater runoff. These pollutants increase the nitrogen and phosphorous that can cause algae blooms, choking out water and wildlife in the area. The runoff eventually reaches the Chesapeake Bay and further.

“This water [the constructed wetlands] impacts that water [Potomac River] which impacts the Chesapeake [Bay],” Hankins explained. “What they [Environmental] have done to clean up the Machodoc and Potomac has been amazing both here and at Indian Head. They are the real heroes. The water is so much cleaner and healthier because we aren’t sending our pollutants there anymore. Marshes are like the sponges that clean up the environment. They are doing their part, and we are going to do our part to help clean up the beach.”

The students had to pick their way carefully along the shoreline avoiding the water and



Dahlgren School 4th and 5th-graders spent time on May 1, clearing shoreline at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren. Nearly a dozen bags of trash and debris were removed from the Upper Machodoc Creek shoreline. The efforts marked the last of the Earth Day events aboard Naval Support Activity South Potomac for 2018.

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marshy areas along with propelling their way through the dense beach grass to access much of the trash that they removed.

“I thought it would be boring just walking on the beach, but it’s been an adventure to find stuff,” 4th grader Kaylee said.

“Yeah,” agreed Victoria, also a 4th grader. “It’s like a tiny adventure tied to cleaning up!”

Hankins appreciates the Environmental Department efforts, creating opportunities for the students to be involved in activities like the annual beach cleanup.

“It’s critical that kids have real-world opportunities to see firsthand how litter impacts their environment,” Hankins said. “These kinds of events allow them to contribute to saving their environment and be a part of their community. They can come down here and see first-hand all of the trash that has been disposed of in the water and shoreline and understand that impact.”

Legg from the NSWCDD Environmental team also shared his thoughts on the day.

“Helping them [the students] to understand the relationships that things on Earth have to each other and the numerous impacts that our actions can have works toward achieving that goal,” Legg shared. “It is easy to throw a six-pack ring out a car window, but if you know the impact that might have, tangling a turtle or bird, or becoming part of the great floating sea of plastic in the ocean, you think twice. A dead battery is easy to throw in the water, but



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY BARBARA WAGNER

Dahlgren School 4th and 5th-graders clean up litter and debris from the shoreline at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren on May 1.

if you are aware of the damage the heavy metals it contains can do to marine life, you think twice. These students’ enthusiasm and their commentary on the potential impacts of the different types of trash they collected during the cleanup demonstrated a true appreciation

for the environment and desire to make a better world.”

Kudos to the students and special thanks to both of the Environmental Department’s staff for putting the programming together and escorted the students.

NSWC Dahlgren Division Personnel Honored for Global and Fleet Impact at Annual Awards Ceremony

BY NSWC DAHLGREN DIVISION CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Eighty-three individuals and 16 teams were honored with 20 different Navy and Dahlgren Division awards as the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) held its annual honor awards ceremony.

Family and friends of awardees watched NSWCDD Technical Director John Fiore along with Chief of Staff Chuck Campbell and NSWCDD Dam Neck Activity Commanding Officer Andrew Hoffman present the awards at the Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center, April 26.

"A hundred years ago, our history began as shots rang out from the newly established U.S. Naval Proving Ground in October 1918," said Campbell before recounting the command's impact to Navy technological programs and its development of new capabilities. "Dahlgren has always been an incubator for innovation so it's no surprise we are indeed the leader in warfare systems development and integration."

This year's event honored the men and women of the Dahlgren workforce who demonstrated exceptional resolve to meet the command's mission objectives in addition to those who significantly impacted the community through volunteer service throughout calendar year 2017.

The ceremony's theme was, "Dahlgren — A Century of Innovation".

"Our honorees have significantly contributed to our global defense efforts and met warfighting challenges head on," NSWCDD Commanding Officer Capt. Godfrey "Gus" Weekes wrote in the Annual Honorary Awards Ceremony program. "These awards speak to the tireless actions of our brilliant team members who have created and improved products to support our service members and the Fleet. Altogether, they have worked to fill capability gaps; transformed the Navy's ability to defeat advanced threats; improved business processes and contributed to hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico."

After the awards banquet, speeches, and video presentations, families and co-workers enjoyed the ceremony as awardees were honored.

Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award

Ten NSWCDD employees were presented with the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award –

Kathy Clark, Leslie Madden, Bruce Saller, Robert Ward, Jacqueline Cheramie, Frank Dixon, Adam Jones, Jeff Allen, Robert Bills, and David Hurley.

The third highest Navy civilian award honors civilian employees supporting the Department of the Navy for meritorious service or contributions resulting in high value or benefits for the Navy or the Marine Corps. It was established to recognize those individuals whose leadership or important contributions to major projects of the Navy have demonstrated outstanding achievement.

John Adolphus Dahlgren Award

The John Adolphus Dahlgren Award, the command's highest award, was presented to Frank Peterkin and Denise Bagnall.

The Dahlgren Award is named for Rear Adm. John A. Dahlgren – who is considered the "Father of Modern Naval Ordnance" – and honors individuals with significant achievement in science, engineering or management.

C.J. Rorie Award

Master Chief Fire Controlman Nathaniel Melvin received the C.J. Rorie Award, established to recognize military personnel assigned to NSWCDD whose excellence in the performance of their duties contributed significantly to the effectiveness of the Division's military operation.

Dr. James Colvard Award

Patrick Freemyers, Catherine Borisuk, and Jonathan Brown received the Dr. James Colvard Award in recognition of their leadership and substantial contributions to the development of



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NSWCDD as a technical institution.

Bernard Smith Award

John Jims, Christopher Behre, and Bradley Flock were recognized with the Bernard Smith Award, established to recognize individuals with exceptional, significant and technical contributions in engineering or science, especially those made in the face of unusual odds or significant opposition.

Helen Springer Award

The Helen Springer Award was presented to Cheryl Subacius, Angela Bowling, and Michael Shively. The award recognizes individuals who have made a notable and significant impact to business operations at NSWCDD. The award was named in honor of Helen Springer, a former NSWCDD Deputy Human Resources Director who was instrumental in transforming business operations at Dahlgren from a paper-based system to an electronic environment.

Walter T. Lewis Acquisition Award

Daniel Belcher received the Walter T. Lewis Acquisition Award in recognition of his demonstration of the key tenets of teamwork, integrity and accountability in the achievement of acquisition excellence in support of the NSWCDD Mission. This award is named in honor of Walter T. Lewis who was the command's first civilian contracting officer with unlimited contracting offi-



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Standing left to right: NSWCDD Chief of Staff Chuck Campbell; NSWCDD Dam Neck Activity Commanding Officer Cmdr. Andrew Hoffman; Cathy Borisuk, the Dr. James Colvard Award recipient; and NSWCDD Technical Director John Fiore.

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BASE HAPPENINGS

Dahlgren

Dahlgren Clinic Closure

Dahlgren Branch Health Clinic will be closed Thursday, May 17 for training and maintenance. The clinic will re-open for regular hours on Friday, May 18.

Catholic Services at Dahlgren Chapel

Monday — Thursday: Rosary at 1200 in Back Chapel
Friday: Liturgy of the Hours and Rosary at noon in Back Chapel
Saturday: Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest, vigil, 1700 in Main Chapel

FFSC closed on May 30

The Fleet and Family Support Center at NSF Dahlgren will be closed on May 30 for a staff training day. The center will open again for regular hours on May 31.

Child Development Center I Has Spaces Available!

The Dahlgren CDC I has space available for parents to enroll children. For more information on how to enroll contact the center at 540-653-4994 or stop by at 727 Sampson Road, building 437.

Dahlgren Sea Kings Chess Club

Want to learn how to play the world's oldest game like the masters? Weekly lessons are free, and all skill levels are welcome. Group will meet Wednesdays from 4 — 6:30 p.m. Please call or email for more information, Lt. Brian T. Curran, V23, (540)653-1941, brian.curran1@navy.mil.

Second Tour Thrift Store

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

Indian Head

FFSC Relocated aboard NSF Indian Head

The Fleet and Family Support Center has relocated at NSF Indian Head. FFSC is now located in the Mix House, Bldg D-324 on the top level, room 1. The School Liaison Office (SLO) has also relocated to the Mix House. SLO will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Market Fresh Bistro Soup of The Day

The Market Fresh Bistro at the Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head Community Recreation (ITT) and General Library is offering garden vegetable soup for the week of May 14. 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.

Visit Us Online www.dcmilitary.com

Community Notes

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King George Rabies Clinic

Be sure to get Fido or Fluffy their rabies shot! Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. — 11 a.m. at the King George Animal Control Parking Lot. Rain or shine, \$10 cash per animal. Dogs and cats only, four months and older. Animals must be leashed or in a carrier. Written proof of prior rabies vaccination must be provided to receive a three-year vaccination.

Spring 2018 National Security Lectures — The Renaissance Dam Project in Ethiopia

Construction of what will be Africa's largest, and the world's 7th largest, hydroelectric power-producing dam, continues despite challenges. The Renaissance Dam Project in Ethiopia will be presented on May 16, by Dr. Jacqueline H. Wilson, P. The Lecture will be held at the UMW University Hall (room 110). The lecture is open to the public, and there is no charge to attend. Refreshments starting at 8 a.m., and the lecture at 8:30 a.m. To register, visit us online at <http://dahlgren.umd.edu/lecture-series>

Golf for Kids – King George Family YMCA Annual Golf Tournament

The Golf for Kids Annual Tournament will be held on Friday, May 18th starting at 9:00 am at Fredericksburg Country Club. The prices for the event are \$300.00/Four-Man Team and/or \$75.00/Person. There are also opportunities for sponsorships. Sponsor a hole for \$100 or become an event sponsor starting at \$500. Invite your friends and colleagues. Help the Y to spread the word. Please pass this email to anyone you think might want to play. For forms and more information please

contact Elizabeth Taylor at etaylor@family-ymca.org.

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

Saturday, June 2. 8 a.m. — 2 p.m.

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

Classical Conversations Hold Kids Camp and Parent Practicum

Free sessions June 4-6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fredericksburg, Va. veteran home educators will lead three days of training, June 4th-6th, designed to inform and encourage parents who are homeschooling or are interested in homeschooling. The free conference will be held at New Life in Christ Church at 11925 Burgess Lane in Fredericksburg and is hosted by the Fredericksburg Community of Classical Conversations*, an educational resource for Christian homeschoolers. Participants are encouraged to register at www.parentpracticum.com. The theme of the conference is Unlocking Language: The Art of Grammar. It offers keys to more than just learning languages. While parents learn, their children can learn, too. Low-cost day camps

(\$42 per child) are available for children of attendees, kindergarten to teen. Camps include nursery and play camps for younger children, memorizing and drawing the world in geo-drawing camp or learning about [other Practicum camp topics] in academic camps for older students. Advance registration for student camps is required. For more information about parent conferences, go to www.parentpracticum.com or call Sandee Cogan at 540-808-7525.

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

Performances June 15 — 24 with matinee and evening times. Ticket price: \$15 online / \$17 door, for more information, visit <https://www.cyt-fredericksburg.org/shows/Les-Miserables-School-Edition/10> or contact Allison Mayberry at allison@cytfred.org/540-429-5748 Les Mis is the winner of over 100 international awards and seen by over 65 million people worldwide, Les Misérables is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. Now adapted for high school performers, Les Misérables School Edition features one of the most memorable scores of all time and some of the most memorable characters to ever grace the stage!

King George Animal Rescue League Seeking Volunteers

The King George Animal Rescue League is looking for volunteers to help socialize animals, walk dogs, and take pictures at King George Animal Control (the county animal shelter). Volunteering at the shelter is a very rewarding way to give back

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New Private Label Lines Join Commissary Brands

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Two private label product lines have joined the Defense Commissary Agency's family of commissary brands, adding organic baby food and organic vegetables to its growing inventory of low-cost, national brand equivalents.

Since April 1, the TippyToes brand of organic baby food has joined the commissary brand lineup, and starting in May, Full Circle Market will offer organic beans and chick peas, said Jennifer Ferrell, DeCA's private label program manager.

Commissary store brands arrive first to state-side stores and follow about six weeks later overseas.

"The TippyToes brand caters to babies and provides a line of everything we need to care for our little patrons from tip to toe," she added. "This is a new expansion into the baby market

as we offer our busy patrons high-quality, low-cost options under a name they can trust."

Under this product line, commissary patrons are seeing a variety of organic baby food pouches in the following 10 varieties:

Butternut Squash Apple Raspberry
Apple Blueberry Spinach
Pear Peach Strawberry
Apple
Apple Zucchini Spinach Strawberry
Pear Blueberry Spinach
Banana
Pear
Banana Peach Apricot
Banana Strawberry Beet

Around the middle of May, commissary patrons will start seeing the following products under the Full Circle Market brand organic line:

Organic Pinto Beans
Organic Chick Peas

Organic Black Beans

Organic Dark Red Kidney Beans

"Full Circle Market is a complimentary expansion to our Freedom's Choice vegetable line, giving our patrons a trustworthy, affordable and high-quality organic selection," Ferrell said. "We continue to search for additional organic choices for our patrons and intend to grow this line further."

Full Circle Market and TippyToes are now part of the DeCA commissary brand lineup that also includes Freedom's Choice for food items, HomeBase for nonfood items and Top-Care for health and beauty care products.

"We are excited to welcome these two new brands to DeCA," Ferrell said. "With every new item we are offering our patrons more options to maximize their benefit with commissary brands that provide the quality they expect and the savings they deserve."



NSWC DD Employees Bring Science to Life at Spotswood Elementary

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

The next Elon Musk, Cornelia Bargmann, Mark Zuckerberg — that's what drives a group of young Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) professionals from Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) to mentor the next generation. Somewhere in the crowded gymnasium at Spotswood Elementary school in Spotsylvania could be the next Stephen Hawking — only they don't know it yet, because they haven't been introduced to that one "wow!" concept. That is why the professionals take time out of their busy lives to ensure that they bring the wow to this group of youngsters during the April 27.

Along with some other STEM students and professionals from around the region, NSWCDD employees presented experiments and demonstrations designed to elicit the same response from the attendees — "Cool!" "Wow!" Those moments spark interest that is needed now more than ever as the need for STEM professionals continues to climb not just in the United States, but globally.

It's not just the students that are mystified and electrified (sometimes literally!) at these types of events, parents who have brought their budding Higgs and Einsteins are impressed and genuinely grateful that their children have the opportunity to enjoy the STEM exposure.

"It's great for the kids to see this in action. It's more than just what they learn in their classroom; they see that there are practical uses for it and places where they can work in it," Shelby, a mom to three young daughters, noted as two of the girls experimented with a robotic hand.

Indeed, demonstrating those concepts in action and eliciting genuine awe from the children and adults is part of the joy of the job for Jamshaid "J.D." Chaudhry, an NSWCDD engineer who has organized the events for the last several years.

"For me, it's always the reaction from the people," Chaudhry shared. "The liquid nitrogen experiments, the Van de Graaff generator... they are such simple chemistry and physics concepts, but so many folks don't have any idea what creates them. To be able to share that with the kids and see their reactions — it's so worth the time and effort."



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Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) employees from Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) brought Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) concepts to life at the Spotswood Elementary School Science Evening. Employees demonstrated experiments with liquid nitrogen, a robotic hand and a hair-raising experience with a Van De Graaff generator. Students and parents alike were enthralled with the demonstrations and walked away entertained and educated.

Matt Busby, also an NSWCDD employee, sees the importance of spending a few hours on a Friday night with simple experiments. Helping budding scientists or engineers learn more about the field and ultimately pursue the field is rewarding.

"I feel like we are getting the next generation of scientists interested in pursuing those mathematics and science fields," Matt Busby said.

Youngsters like 5th grader Raylee were impressed.

"It's cool to learn about these things — things we haven't seen in the school yet," Raylee said. "I love this [the Van de Graaff generator]! It's showing us electricity [and] how electricity is produced," Raylee said.

Second-grader Ella agreed as she watched the liquid nitrogen demonstration. "It was really cool watching what they do."

Ella's Dad said she is a big science fan who also enjoys experimenting. A one-time science teacher, he shared that having this sort of program is vital to engaging the youngsters in a lifelong love of the sciences.

Many of the adults agreed that STEM was not promoted as much as it is now and the promotion of the sciences has undoubtedly been effective in attracting the younger generation to the field.

"When I was a kid, STEM didn't seem like that big of a deal," Chaudhry said. "I don't know what changed, but I am glad it did. It wasn't until college for me that I really began to realize just how important STEM is."

Chaudhry and his team are helping to spread that message. The seven participants each demonstrated a different concept, and Chaudhry would love to interest more of the Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren professionals in participating in these important events. He hopes that they can attract a diverse team to assist in presenting all aspects of the field to the next generation of science professionals.

"We have seven folks out here tonight, most of them are new hires," Chaudhry shared. "It's awesome to have them take part in this. We'd really love to get some IT folks involved as well. We want to get that STEM message out there."

Interested in sharing your love of the sciences with tomorrow's future STEM professionals? Chaudhry and his teammates would be happy to discuss upcoming events with you. Email beth.c.wise.ctr@navy.mil, jamshaid.chaudhry@navy.mil, richard.hodge@navy.mil or rose.mcgregor@navy.mil for more information.

NSASP Police Officers Recognized for Suspicious Package Response

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
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Throughout the year, Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) security forces and emergency response personnel drill for crisis circumstances that may never occur: active shooters, hurricanes, hazardous material handling. But they train nonetheless, just in case; on March 26, that training paid dividends.

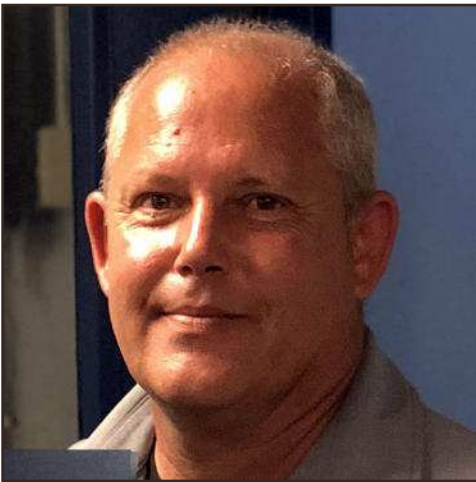
Amidst the suspicious packages mailed out to various military commands throughout the region that day was one addressed to the Joint Warfare Analysis Center (JWAC) on Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren. Once notified of the incident, that “rainy day” training kicked in and the NSASP Police Day Squad immediately stepped into action mode, securing and isolating the package, and ensuring that everyone involved was sheltered or appropriately evacuated.

“We have countless drills and numerous responses to ‘false alarm’ suspicious packages so when this real-world event happened, everyone did what they were trained to do,” NSASP Police Chief Robert Brooks said. “I was particularly impressed with our supervisors and how they organized and managed the incident. [Police] Maj. Dan Henderson was one of the first responders on the scene and his calm, insightful leadership was one of the main reasons our response was so effective.”

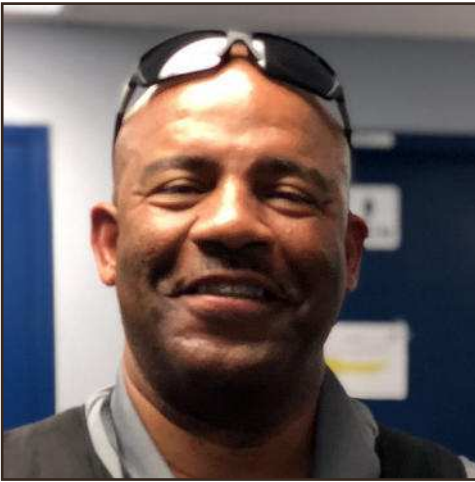
NSASP police officers coordinated the response with installation Fire, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and Emergency Management assets, as well as the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit.

“This was also a great opportunity to work with our Fire Brothers by establishing a joint command post and coordinating the efforts between law enforcement and fire rescue,” Brooks noted. “I would also give great credit to local law enforcement for providing in a very rapid manner the use of a bomb-sniffing K-9 and handler. Everything fell into place, which was not surprising, but very satisfying.”

Ultimately, the incident was resolved aboard the installation and NSASP forces were able to coordinate with other facilities



Sgt. Robert Faust



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Cpl. James Sullivan

around the region, as well as federal authorities and the perpetrator was apprehended quickly.

“Our officers are highly trained and they train for a multitude of scenarios,” Stan Chizuk, NSASP security director said. “They handled the situation in a professional manner and it just validates that the training really pays off.”

Congratulations to the officers involved — Sgt. Robert Faust, Cpl. Carlton McCray, Master at Arms 2nd Class Michael McCormick, Cpl. Justin Rounds, Cpl. Andre Roy, Cpl. James Sullivan, Master at Arms Lucidious Witt, and Fire Controlman Aegis 1st Class Robert Woollet on a job well done, Bravo Zulu!



Master at Arms Lucidious Witt



Fire Controlman Aegis 1st Class Robert Woollet

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Heroes at Home Top Ten Finalist Includes One of Dahlgren's Own

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren's own Rebecca Poe was honored on April 27, as a finalist at the Heroes at Home recognition program at the Army Navy Country Club, located in Arlington, Va. Founded by The Flagship Inc. in Norfolk in 2005, Heroes at Home is a very highly regarded, regional recognition program that honors military spouses from all ranks and all service branches for their strength, sacrifices, volunteerism and support for the military community. Military Newspapers of Virginia hosted the event and USAA presented it.

Poe was one of 10 spouses in the region recognized for service to their communities.

Poe was nominated and has been a finalist for the last four years for her outstanding service with other military spouses.

"Working with military spouses has become my passion over the years. I am incredibly humbled and honored to be recognized as a finalist for the program for the last four years," Poe shared. "I am especially grateful for being nominated and voted as a finalist by my peers. I am proud that my accomplishments have made a difference in the lives of other military spouses and families."

Poe went on to share the importance of the support that military spouses share while their service member is away on deployment or engaged in their mission.

"Military spouses support each other on the home front while our active duty counterparts are away performing their job," Poe continued. "As spouses, we constantly find ways to encourage each other, bridge the gap in programs to fit our needs and create new and innovative ways to adjust to military life. The strength, resiliency, and commitment of our families and spouses should be highlighted and celebrated."

The recognition ceremony featured keynote speaker Shannon Razsadin, a Navy spouse and executive director of Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN). MFAN is a national nonprofit that convenes leaders and influencers in the military community to achieve its dual mission of understanding the needs of military families and ensuring military families are aware of the programs and resources designed to serve them.

Although Army spouse Cynthia Giesecke took home the top honors for the day, Poe cherished spending time with other military spouses and exploring new ways to engage in her community at NSF Dahlgren.

"I love spending time with other spouses, learning and listening to how they are making a difference in their communities," Poe said. "The best part of the day was that I could share it with my husband. Although I am always present for his events, rarely does he get to share in my events. After traveling all night, he was able to meet me at the event that morning."

Congratulations to Poe on being selected as a finalist!



PHOTO COURTESY REBECCA POE

Rebecca Poe, wife of Lt Cmdr. Carl Poe from Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center, Detachment Dahlgren was a top 10 finalist in the Heroes at Home recognition program. The Poes are pictured at the event held at the Army Navy Country Club on April 27.

Dahlgren Volleyball Team Brings Home Big Win



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WASHINGTON (May 5, 2018) – The Naval Support Facility Dahlgren volleyball team is pictured with their Admiral's Cup trophies after winning the volleyball tournament at Naval Support Activity Bethesda. The Dahlgren team defeated the Navy Yard and Bethesda teams to bring the honor home to Dahlgren. Standing on the front row, left to right, are Ruth Long, Meghan Stoltzfus, Jennifer Ferrell, and Stephanie Campbell. On the back row, left to right are Michael Libeau, Neil Kennihan, Noah Scully, Trey Hamlet, Christopher Croft, and Tang Subkanha.

U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman Fuyima Dufresne and his uncle – Jon Dachos, Dahlgren HSI Lead – on PRTR tour



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U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman Fuyima Dufresne and his uncle – Jon Dachos, NSWCDD Human Systems Integration Surface Combat System Lead – are pictured during Dufresne's tour of the Potomac River Test Range. Dufresne was one of 30 Midshipmen visiting Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) for briefings on technologies related to their course of study at the U.S. Naval Academy Weapons and Systems Engineering Department. Dufresne's parents adopted him from an Osaka, Japan orphanage in early 2003. His adoptive parents moved to Japan after his father's Deutsch Bank building was damaged on 9/11. Some of the first Americans Dufresne met were from the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) when Sailors came to Osaka's Holy Family Home Orphanage via Project Handclasp when he was a child. Dufresne will graduate from the Academy as a commissioned naval officer on May 26. The U.S. Navy's Project Handclasp is a worldwide outreach program that partners with corporations, public service organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals throughout the United States. (U.S. Navy photo/Released)

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Second Annual Pinwheels for Prevention Parade Raises Awareness for Child Abuse Prevention

By **BARBARA WAGNER**
South Potomac Pilot

Some of the youngest members of the Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren family took to the streets May 1 — some in strollers, some hand in hand with pals, some in the arms of their caretakers, and all with teal blue pinwheels and noise clappers — to take part in the Dahlgren CYP Second Annual Pinwheels for Prevention Parade aboard the facility and raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Pinwheels are the official symbol of the national Pinwheels for Prevention campaign, which dovetails with Child Abuse Prevention Month. While the youngsters reveled in the beautiful weather and the joyful parade, the parade provided a visual reminder for all of the importance of prevention.

Blue ribbons have long been recognized as a sobering national symbol for children who have been affected by abuse or neglect. Blue pinwheels, on the other hand, are fun and whimsical, and they remind us of the simple truth that all children deserve happy, healthy and carefree childhoods.

The use of pinwheels started in 2008 and in the years since more than three million blue pinwheels have provided opportunities for awareness and public engagement. Of particular importance, pinwheel gardens can be a starting point from which communities can explore ways to promote and encourage healthy development, to create environments in which children can thrive, and to educate the public in an effort to prevent child abuse before it occurs.

Julie Apicella, the training and curriculum specialist for Naval Support Activity South Potomac (NSASP) Child and Youth Programs, coordinated the parade to help raise awareness locally.

“As a community we must step up to take responsibility for the well-being of children in our care: Keep kids safe and supervised. Engage and pay attention to prevent accidents,” Apicella shared. “If you witness something, speak up. If you see abuse or neglect,



U.S. NAVY PHOTOS BY BARBARA WAGNER
Children participating in the Dahlgren Child and Youth Program Second Annual Pinwheels for Prevention Parade aboard Naval Support Facility Dahlgren to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month. The parade was held on May 1 with children from both Child Development Centers strolling with pinwheels and noise clappers to promote prevention.

call it in. We all have a role to play in protecting children.” Apicella wants to ensure that all of the NSASP community understands that if you need help, reach out — it’s okay to ask for support. “Recognize when you’re struggling and get help,” Apicella advised. “Please take a moment this month to appreciate a child’s wonder of the simple pleasures in life. Enjoy the delight and whimsy of the wind blowing through the slats of a pinwheel. Let that experience remind you of how important the children are in your life, and make a commitment to support them, to encourage them, to love them and to be the best you can be for them and their future.”


If you or someone you know has concerns or is experiencing domestic or child abuse, please reach out to the Fleet and Family Services Center located on Schoolhouse Lane. The office can be reached at 540-653-1839 or toll-free at 1-800-500-4947.



PHOTO COURTESY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Tiffany McDowney from Child Development Center II and three of the preschoolers who participated in the Pinwheels for Prevention Parade held April 30 to promote awareness and prevention of domestic and child abuse.


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Dahlgren Library Out-of-This World Fourth!



Not in a galaxy far, far away, but right around the corner at the Dahlgren MWR Library, staff and patrons celebrated an out-of-this-world afternoon with a “May the 4th be with You” event held at the Library. The event was a hit with the young and young-at-heart. Over 50 participants celebrated the “Star Wars” themed celebration. “Star Wars” was the theme du jour with trivia, arts and crafts, masks and photo opportunities with characters from the beloved movie series. Yummy snacks rounded out the event culminating a showing of “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” movie at the base theater. A hit it was!

COURTESY NSASP MWR

Awards

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cer authority, the first small business specialist, the first competition advocate, and the first deputy for procurement serving as the NSWCDD acquisition expert.

Leadership Award

Six employees – Courtney Sloat, Daniel Dunn, Parker Page, Edwin Regan, Todd Graves, Gunendran Sivapragasam – were honored with the Leadership Award – established to recognize individuals who have made a notable and significant impact to NSWCDD through their outstanding performance in project leadership, line management or both.

Employee Development Award

The Employee Development Award was established to recognize those individuals who – through their leadership and commitment – have made exemplary contributions to the development of others.

Kim Thornton, Kevin Cogley, and Allison Mead received the award for their impact as role models who created a positive and supportive work environment for continuous employee development, building employee commitment to the organization and its core values, while fostering employee motivation and overall well-being.

Commander's Diversity and Inclusion Award

Debbie Bardine, Shellie Clift, Kathryn Dawson, and Angel Moises Iglesias received the Commander's Diversity and Inclusion Award for their continuing contributions in management and leadership while demonstrating commitment to policies and programs that promote equality, diversity and inclusion in the federal workplace.

Technology to Warfighter Award

Sherri Cannon and Phillip Zellner, received the Technology to Warfighter Award for his direct and significant impact on the warfighter by developing needed capability and transitioning it into operations.

Dr. Charles J. Cohen Award of Excellence for Science and Technology

Four employees – Christian Wahlquist, Matthew McQuage, William Moore, and Patrick Mead – received the Dr. Charles J. Cohen Award of Excellence for Science and Technology. The award recognizes those who fundamentally impact science or technology with work that also measurably impacts capability.

NSWCDD Award of Excellence for Analysis

The NSWCDD Award of Excellence for Analysis is newly established to recognize individuals who have made a notable and significant impact to NSWCDD through their outstanding performance in analysis – warfare, design, engineering, modeling and simulation.

Five employees – Martin Capone, Nancy Taylor, Christopher Glenn, Carolyn Blakelock, and Willie Crank – received this award for performance or achievements that are exceptional in nature and have resulted in a significant organizational contribution.

NSWCDD Award of Excellence for Software Engineering and Integration

The NSWCDD Award of Excellence for Software Engineering and Integration was established to recognize individuals who have made a notable and significant impact to NSWCDD through their outstanding performance in Software Engineering & Integration.

Seven employees – Carol Lee, John Morris, Micah Colon, Jason Hough, Deborah Daland, Brian Dillon, and Dung Pham – received this award which honors individuals with performance or achievements that are exceptional in nature and have resulted in a significant organizational contribution.

NSWCDD Award of Excellence for Systems Engineering and Integration

The Award of Excellence for Systems Engineering and Integration was established to recognize individuals who have made a notable and significant impact to NSWCDD through their outstanding performance in systems engineering and integration.

Jeannie Hobgood, William Bradshaw, Patrick Cantwell, Jennifer Greene, Emil Jimenez-Brea, Robert Turner, and Claiborne



Standing left to right: NSWCDD Chief of Staff Chuck Campbell; NSWCDD Dam Neck Activity Commanding Officer Cmdr. Andrew Hoffman; Master Chief Fire Controlman Nathaniel Melvin – C.J. Rorie Award Recipient; and NSWCDD Technical Director John Fiore.



Standing left to right: NSWCDD Chief of Staff Chuck Campbell; NSWCDD Dam Neck Activity Commanding Officer Cmdr. Andrew Hoffman; Gunendran Sivapragasam – Leadership Award Recipient; and NSWCDD Technical Director John Fiore.

Doxey were honored this year for performance or achievements that are exceptional in nature, resulting in a significant organizational contribution.

NSWCDD Award of Excellence for Test and Evaluation

The NSWCDD Award of Excellence for Test & Evaluation was established to recognize individuals who have made a notable and significant impact to NSWCDD through their outstanding performance in Test and Evaluation, the collection, analysis, and assessment of data to characterize and/or measure the performance of a component, system, platform, or mission.

Five employees – Peter Gilbert, Elena Bono, Daryl Crymes, Jeffery Bunn, Laura Ruff – received this award which recognizes individuals with performance or achievements that are exceptional in nature and have resulted in a significant organizational contribution.

Paul J. Martini Award

Fifteen employees received the Paul J. Martini Award – established to recognize individuals who demonstrated excellence in an administrative or other support function. The award is named in honor of Paul J. Martini, who was head of the Engineering Support Directorate of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory from November 1951 to December 1973. Receiving the award were: Joyce Clark, Sheril McLeod, Crystal Breen, Miguel Curl, Tanja Hines, Audra Lucas-Peyton, Vikki Rouleau, Angela McGee, Toni Turner, Hector Minero, Andrew Mohle, Debbie Newkirk, and Shantae Collins.



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AUTO SKILLS

540-653-4900

Auto Skills features four bays and three lifts with tools and equipment for do-it-yourself automotive repair, engine diagnostics, suspensions components replacement, tire mounting and balancing and general maintenance. Cost: Active duty, dependents, retirees \$6.00 per hour. All others, \$7.00 per hour, includes one bay, tools, equipment and fluid disposal.

CANNONBALL LANES BOWLING CENTER

540-653-7327

Games: Military \$3.00, Civilian \$4.00. Hourly Bowling: Military \$20.00, Civilian \$25.00 Shoe Rental: Military \$1.50, Civilian \$2.50. Ask about our birthday party packages!

Mother's Day Bowl

May 13, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bowl with mom for Mother's Day! Cost: \$15.00 per hour per lane

-DAILY BOWLING SPECIALS- Sunday Special

Sundays, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Join us every Sunday for \$2.00 games and \$1.00 shoe rentals!

Ten Dollar Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 2 – 9 p.m.

Every Tuesday, get a lane for one hour of bowling for only TEN dollars!

Buy a Game, Get a Game Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 2 – 9 p.m.

Every Wednesday, buy one game; get the second game for FREE!

All-U-Can Bowl Fridays

Fridays, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Join us every Friday for a two hour, all you can bowl special! Cost: Military \$6.95/person; Civilian \$7.95/person. Both rates include shoe rental.

Cosmic Bowling

Saturdays, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Enjoy music and lights while bowling!

Youth Learn to Bowl

First Saturday, 2 – 4 p.m.

Children between the ages of 5-12 with base access will receive individual sessions on basic bowling. Cost: \$7.50 per child, includes shoes

CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS

CDC I 540-653-4994 /

CDC II 540-653-4342

YAC 540-653-8009

www.navymwrdahlgren.com/child-youth

Military Child Care Open Enrollment

Request School Age Care (SAC) and Summer Camp all year long through Military-ChildCare.com. The online system allows you to search for and submit unlimited SAC and Summer Camp requests at any time of the year without waiting for registration to begin! To register and learn more about MCC, visit MilitaryChildCare.com

COMMUNITY RECREATION

540-653-8785

www.navymwrdahlgren.com/recreation

-TICKETS-

Kings Dominion Tickets

One Day Pass (ages 3+) \$39.25, valid any one day through Oct. 28, . Parking not included.

Gold Season Pass \$85.00, valid for unlimited admission to Kings Dominion, Soak City, Dinosaurs Live, Halloween Haunt, new WinterFest, free parking and more.

Free Pre-K Season Pass (ages 3-5), redeem at the park or online.

All New Busch Gardens Williamsburg Military Annual Pass

All military and family members and DoD civilians are eligible to purchase. Valid for unlimited admission to Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Water Country USA and Busch Gardens Williamsburg's Christmas Town on regularly scheduled operating days through December 31, . Pass includes general parking. Cost: \$98.50

Washington Nationals Tickets

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

Left/Right Baseline: \$56.25

Left/Right Field Corner: \$39.00

Left/Right Mezzanine: \$32.50

Upper Infield Gallery: \$16.25

Six Flags America & Hurricane Harbor

Any One Day: \$40.00, valid one day includes admission to Hurricane Harbor Water Park.

Season Pass: \$73.75, valid for unlimited admission during the season.

Gold Season Pass: \$82.00, valid for unlimited admission to all Six Flags theme parks and free parking.

Value Days: \$31.50, valid for one-day admission for Month of the Military Child, Armed Forces Day, Red/White/Blue Days.

Parking: \$16.25, one-day parking.

Visit https://www.sixflags.com/america/plan-your-visit/ park-policies for more information.

-TRIPS-

Orioles vs. Nationals Battle of the Beltways

May 28, Game starts at 1:05 p.m.

Join us for a trip to the Orioles vs. Nationals baseball game for a battle of the beltways. Price includes transportation, tickets to the game in the left field lower box, a free t-shirt from the Baltimore Orioles and a special pre-game picnic lunch. Purchase tickets from Tickets & Travel by May 21. Open to all with base access. Cost: \$70 per person

-CRAFTS & CLASSES- Flip Flop Wreath

May 31, 4 p.m.

Location: Craftech

Brighten your home for the summer months with your very own flip-flop wreath.

Register at Craftech by May 24. Cost: \$25

-PROGRAMS-

Donate. Swap. Save

May 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Parade Field

How it works: Exchange your gently used items for an equal number of items. What to bring: Kitchen appliances, home goods, accessories, bags, toys, clothing (newborn to adult, no undergarments). Drop off: May 7-11 at the MWR Admin Bldg 205 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. All unclaimed items will be donated to the base Thrift Store or Goodwill. Please inspect your items diligently, no rips or stains. For more information, call the Community Rec Specialist at 540-653-3715. Cost: Free

CRAFTECH

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 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, lan-

yards and much more!

FITNESS CENTER

540-653-8580

www.navymwrdahlgren.com/fitness-sports

-RACE SERIES-

Unstoppable Obstacle Race Course

May 19, 10 a.m.

Run over, under and through this 2.15-mile obstacle course challenge including inflatables. Register at the Fitness Center by May 16. Cost: Ages 10 and under, Free. Active duty, \$15. All others, \$25

-SPORTS-

Wallyball Tournament

May 17, 4:30 p.m.

Play like a champion in a double elimination, 4-on-4 wallyball tournament. Minimum of six teams must be registered. Prizes will be awarded to first- and second-place teams. Cost: Active duty, Free. All others, \$5

Family Sports Night

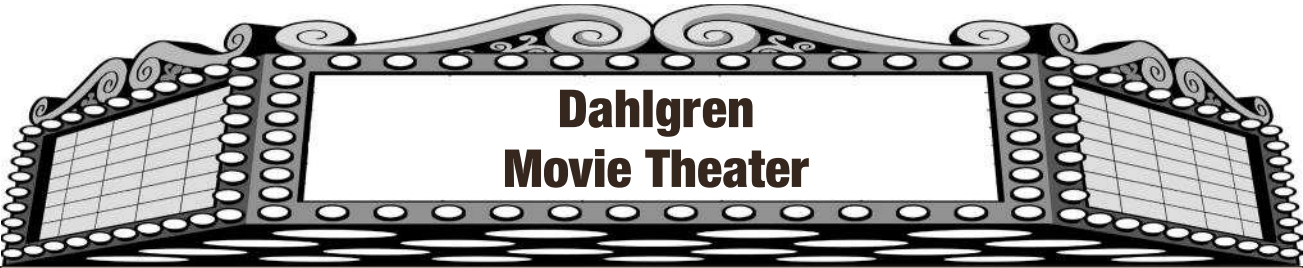
May 24, 6 – 8 p.m.

Location: Basketball Court

In observance of National Physical Fitness & Sports Month, come have a fun evening of physical activities for children and parents using sports equipment to stress the importance of staying healthy and giving parents an opportunity to have fun with their children! Register at the Fitness Center by Monday, May 21. Cost: Free

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

League play begins in June.



540-653-7336

Price of Shows — Civilian: \$5.00. Active Duty, Retired & Reserve Mil E7 & above & their family members with ID: \$4.00.

E1-E6 & below & their family members with ID: \$3.00. Children (6-11): \$2.00 Children (5 and under): FREE.

*Movies shown in 3D will cost an additional \$1 to ticket price.

Friday, May 11 7 p.m.	Super Troopers 2 R
Saturday, May 12 4 p.m.	Truth or Dare PG-13
Saturday, May 12 7 p.m.	Pacific Rim: Uprising PG-13
Sunday, May 13 1 p.m.	Blockers R
Sunday, May 13 4 p.m.	Sherlock Gnomes PG
Friday, May 18 7 p.m.	Traffik R
Saturday, May 19 4 p.m.	Truth or Dare PG-13
Saturday, May 19 7 p.m.	Super Troopers 2 R
Sunday, May 20 1 p.m.	I Feel Pretty PG-13
Sunday, May 20 4 p.m.	Ready Player One PG-13

For movie listings online, visit www.NavyMWRDahlgren.com/recreation and select the Dahlgren Theater.

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

-INCENTIVE-

Powerhouse Competition

May and June

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

-AQUATICS-

Memorial Day Celebration

May 28, noon – 6 p.m.

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

Lap Swim Mile Club

May 28 – Sept. 30

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

Summer Swim Lessons

June 4 – June 14

Classes will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Minimum enrollment of 3 participants per class. Parent/Child: 9:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. PS Level I/II (Ages 4-5): 9:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Level I/II (Ages 6+): 10:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Level III/IV: 10:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Cost:

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E1-E5 Active duty, retirees and dependents, \$45. All others, \$50

GENERAL LIBRARY

540-653-7474

Muffins with Mom

May 12, 10:30 a.m.

Make a craft and have muffins with Mom! Enjoy a sample chair massage by King George Family Chiropractic. Cost: 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.

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 companion. Reading to a pet can help build confidence in young readers. Register online at <http://engagedpatrons.org/Events.cfm?SiteID=6188> and click on a selected time or call the General Library. Cost: FREE

S.T.E.A.M. Pre-School Literacy Classes

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

Our S.T.E.A.M. classes are geared toward pre-school and kindergarten-aged children. They will develop their literacy skills as well as engage in the arts and learning experiments. Siblings are always welcome! Cost: FREE

Early Literacy at your Library

Fridays, 10 a.m.

The Dahlgren General Library offers early literacy sessions for your baby and child, with songs, books, and activities that encourage early literacy development. Storytime and crafts will be geared toward babies and children under age 5. Siblings are always welcome to attend. Our Friday story times are a great way to meet other caregivers in the area. Cost: FREE

Sensory Sensitive Saturdays

Saturday, 1 – 3 p.m.

Be sure to join our caring staff for Sensory Sensitive Saturdays! Cost: FREE

LIBERTY CENTER

540-653-7277

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

NASCAR Sundays

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

Domino's Pizza & Movie Night

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

Wing Wednesday & Trivia

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

Board Game Night

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

Free Movie Friday

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

Midnight Bowling

Fourth Friday of the month

at midnight enjoy a game of bowling!

Stand Up Paddle Board Instruction

May 12 & 13

We're offering a two-part paddle board instruction class.

Midnight Pool Party

May 18, midnight

The weather is warming up! Join us at the Aquatics Center for a midnight pool party.

New York City Overnight Trip

May 19 & 20

Cost: \$150 per sailor

Guys' Night: Dart Competition

May 22

Bring your competitive side for a dart competition.

Kings Dominion Trip

May 26

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

Memorial Day Celebration

May 28

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



Indian Head Child & Youth

CDC 301-744-4458

CYP 301-743-5456

Youth Open Recreation

Every 2nd and 4th Friday
7 – 10:30 p.m.

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

Teen Open Recreation

Every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday
7-10:30 p.m.

Open to all teens ages 13-18 and still in high school. Teens must be enrolled at the Youth Center. For more information, contact the YAC at 301-743-5456.

Indian Head Community Recreation

301-744-4850

Gifts for Mom: DIY Vintage Vase

May 11, 2018

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Make your mom feel special this Mother's Day by giving her a DIY gift! We will be making vintage flower vases and Mother's Day cards. Flowers will also be available on a first come, first served basis. This event is free and open to everyone with base access.

National Aquarium Trip

May 19

Depart at 9 a.m.

Join us for an aquatic adventure to the National Aquarium in Baltimore, MD. Register at the Community Recreation Center by May 12. For more information, please call 301-744-4850.

Ticket Prices:

Military-\$28.25

Civilian- \$34.75

Senior Citizen-\$30.25

Children (ages 3-11) -\$21.75

DIY Hand Painted Bike Helmet

May 21

4:30 – 6 p.m.

It's Bike Safety Month. Come hand paint and personalize your own bike helmet. The cost is \$5 and that includes the helmet and supplies. Register by May 16 at the Community Recreation Center by calling

301-744-4850.

Washington Nationals Tickets

All tickets must be ordered 5 business days in advance.

Left/Right Baseline- \$56.25

Left/Right Corner- \$39.00

Left/Right Mezzanine- \$32.50

Upper Infield- \$16.25

Kings Dominion Tickets

One day (ages 3+) Valid any one day through Oct. 28, 2018. Parking not included. \$39.25

Gold Season Pass (Valid for unlimited admission to KD, Soak City, Dinosaurs Alive, Halloween Haunt, Free parking and more) \$85.00

Pre-K Season Pass (ages 3-5) must redeem by May 28, 2018— FREE

Indian Head Library

301-744-4850

DC Comics & Marvel Movies on the Lawn

Thursdays in May

6:30 p.m.

Community Recreation Annex

Bring your lawn chairs and some popcorn as we bring DC Comics and Marvel movies

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HELP GIVE OUR MILITARY FAMILIES A HELPING HAND.

Wounded Warriors Family Support (WWFS) is an independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for our combat wounded.

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to you! In the case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside.

Movie Schedule:

May 17- Justice League

May 24- Black Panther (or Spiderman Homecoming)

May 31- Wonder Woman

Asian-Pacific Experience

May 23, 5 p.m.

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month! Join us for crafts, food and live entertainment. This is free and open to everyone with base access.

Market Fresh Bistro

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

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

The soup for the week of May 7 is Ham and Bean for \$3.75

The soup for the week of

May 14 is Garden Vegetable for \$3.50

The soup for the week of May 21 is Chili with Beans for \$3.75

Indian Head Weight House Fitness Center

301-744-4661

Mother’s Day Stroll

May 11, 4 p.m.

Mom, take a break from the day for a nice afternoon stroll. Bring your strollers, wagons, babies and pets for a stroll around the base starting and ending at the Community Recreation Center. Hang around afterward for a DIY craft, cards and flowers to celebrate the moms in our lives. This is free and open to everyone with base access.

Memorial Day 10K

May 24, 11 a.m.

Celebrate Memorial Day and honor our past and present military heroes by taking

part in the Weight House Fitness Center Memorial Day 10K! Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place male/female. Rain date: May 25, 2018. Free for active-duty; \$5 for all others. Register by 10:30 a.m. on race day.

Pool Grand Opening

May 26 – 28, 11:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend at the pool!

Cost: Active-duty/ Reserves/ Retired Military/ Dependents- FREE

Civilians/ Contractors and their families- \$4 per person daily

Guest fee- \$5 per person daily *2 guests allowed per eligible patron.

Indian Head Stars & Strikes Bowling Center
301-744-4761

Lunchtime Bowling

Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cosmic Bowling

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

5-10 p.m.

Party Rentals

Available Saturdays and Sundays.

Rent the lanes for birthday parties, field trips and even team building exercises.

Active-duty \$60

Civilian \$70

Price includes Four lanes for two hours plus shoe rentals for your entire party.

Open Bowling Rates:

All shoe rentals \$1

Military \$2/game

Civilian \$3/game

Indian Head Liberty Center

301-744-4524

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

Star Wars Movie Marathon

May 12 & 13, 1 p.m.

Catch up on all of the Star Wars movies before the new “Solo: A Star Wars Story” is released at the end of May.

Poker Tournament

May 15, 6 p.m.

Compete in the Liberty Poker Tournament for a chance to win a prize! Free

Pizza & Movie Night

May 17, 6 p.m.

Free pizza and a newly released movie!

Washington Nationals vs. LA Dodgers

May 18, Depart at 5 p.m.

Let’s go to a ball game! Price includes ticket and transportation. Cost \$25.00. Sign up by May 15, 2018.

Southern Maryland Paintball

May 19, Depart at 9:30 a.m.

Price includes ticket and transportation. Cost \$20.00. Sign up by May 15, 2018.

DIY: Ice Cream

May 22, 6 p.m.

Come over to the Liberty Center and learn how to make ice cream! Free

Cookout & Cornhole Tournament

May 24, 6 p.m.

Compete in the Liberty Cornhole tournament for a chance to win a prize and enjoy free cookout food. *While supplies last

Escape Velocity Trip

May 26, Depart at 8:30 a.m.

Join Liberty for a trip to the Museum of Science Fiction and discover the futuristic world fair. Cost \$25 and that includes transportation.

3-on-3 Basketball

May 30, 6 p.m.

Bring your team of 3 and compete in the Liberty 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Free

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to the local community; it is beneficial to the volunteer’s mental and physical health, and it has a direct impact on the lives of homeless animals in our area. To learn more, visit <http://www.kgarl.org/info/display?PageID=15746>, email shelterhelp@kgarl.org, or contact the shelter directly at 540-775-2120.

Indian Head Free Programs and Swim Day Available during Water Safety Month

May is Water Safety Month. In celebration of this special month, the Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism is offering free programs for residents and their families.

Free programs:

* Hands-Only CPR (Monday, May 14)

* Water Safety Hour (Thursday, May 24)

During the month of May, residents who sign the Water Safety Month pledge will receive one free day of swimming at any one of the pools operated by Recreation, Parks, and Tourism. Pledges must agree to:

* Never swim alone.

* Always obey all pool rules.

* Stay away from drains and suction fittings.

* Always enter the pool feet first.

For more information on Water Safety Month programs and pledge, or for listings of the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism events and activities, view the GUIDE at www.CharlesCountyParks.com. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.

Shred Event Featuring Rain Barrel and Compost Workshops to be Held May 12

The Department of Public

Works is hosting an environmental outreach event on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Charles County Government Building parking lot (200 Baltimore Street, La Plata). Backyard composting and rain barrel workshops, as well as free document shredding, are available. Advance registration for workshops is required. Charles County Government and the University of Maryland Extension staff are offering one-hour workshops for rain barrels and composting. The first rain barrel and compost bin workshops begin at 9:30 a.m.

Shred Event

* Free, secure, on-site shredding services available from 9 a.m. to noon.

* Bring up to five boxes (per vehicle) of personal documents for shredding and recycling.

* Event is for Charles County residents only.

* For more information, call the Department of Public

Works’ Environmental Resources Division, 301-932-3599 or 301-870-2778.

Rain Barrel Workshop

* Take home a rain barrel and learn proper in-home installation techniques, practical uses for rain barrels, and how to reduce the impact of runoff on local waterways.

* Become eligible for a stormwater remediation fee credit.

* Advance registration is required. Register at go.umd.edu/ccrainb, or for more information, call Erica Hahn at 301-396-5237 or Jackie Takacs at 240-393-6508.

* Registration deadline is Monday, May 7.

Tri-County Animal Shelter Announces May Promotions

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

During this special month, bring your cat or dog to the shelter and get them microchipped for \$10. Cats and

dogs must be on a leash or in a carrier. If your pet gets lost, they are more likely to find their way back home with a microchip and collar with tags.

Coming to an Area Near You

The shelter will be out in your neighborhood with animals available for adoption. Stop by and meet the animals available for adoption on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Charles Towne Center (11110 Mall Circle, Waldorf).

Free Spay/Neuter Clinics

Are you income-disadvantaged and own pets? You may qualify for free altering of pets. Call Paw Prints Animal Hospital at 301-885-0263 or Humane Society of Charles County at 301-645-8181 for more details.

Paws to Read

Come give the shelter pups some extra love and enrichment by reading to them. Bring your favorite book or

read one of ours. You can visit the animals Mondays through Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tags and Licenses

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

Volunteers Needed at the Tri-County Animal Shelter

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

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Dedication

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Dawn, knew was important to him — not only for a job well done but as an example to his sons

that hard work pays off. She explained that his dedication was evident in all aspects of his life – while he worked and attended American Military University to achieve his dream of higher education, in his commitment to his job as evidenced by his re-

sponse to calls at all hours of the day and night, and to his beloved sport, bowling. Amid the sorrow-filled tears, Brown's life was celebrated through remembrances of happier times, laughter and thoughts of a man whose positive mentorship, friendship and abiding re-

spect and love of mission stretched across the vast universe that he so cherished in life. Following the presentation, friends and family were able to tour the Operations Center to see where the plaque immortalizing their loved one will hang for generations to come.

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bering the warfighters who depend on us.”

“Today we celebrate our colleagues and recognize them for their innovation, their excellence, for quickly rallying to meet a mission requirement, for saving money for the Navy, and for their commitment and dedication to the Navy, their customers, their community and most importantly to the nation’s warfighters,” said Mr. Ashley Johnson, technical director for NSWC IHEODTD. “The work we do here often flies under the radar but is absolutely critical to our national defense. The power and success of Indian Head is our people – the Navy depends on us to fly farther, hit harder, and save lives.”

Some of the command’s Honorary Awards are named for a significant person from IHEODTD’s history, and honor those past individuals and the recipients today. The command presented 16 awards that recognized more than 100 employees.

Read below for more information on the awards presented at the ceremony, and this year’s recipients.

ROGER M. SMITH TEAM AWARD: Roger Smith, NSWC IHEODTD Technical Director from October 1989 until his death in February 1999, believed the ability to work as a team was the key to continued success. This award recognizes team efforts to improve the command’s performance and effectiveness in providing products and services to meet customer requirements. Presented to the CAD/PAD SJU-17 Under Seat Rocket Motors Team



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MATTHEW POYNOR

Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Technology Division (NSWC IHEODTD) held the annual Honorary Awards ceremony, April 26, at the Indian Head Town Pavilion to recognize those individuals and teams who made significant contributions to fulfilling the command’s mission during calendar year 2017.

for their work on quickly addressing and fixing an issue grounding 20 F/A 18s stationed overseas. With their swift actions, the jets were back in flying status in less than one week.

SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD: This award recognizes an individual or group who made a significant effort to enhance safe work practices in their area. Presented to Ronnie Martin, Corporate Operations Department logistics manager, for his sig-

nificant contributions to enhance safe work practices including coordinating repairs and participating in inspections of building corrective safety actions.

EXCELLENCE IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AWARD: This award recognizes excellence in systems engineering for an individual or group who demonstrate an ability to implement a high degree of technical proficiency in the area of systems engineering practices and procedures resulting in excellent project or initiative outcomes. Significant emphasis is placed on the effective and efficient methods, tools and competency proficiency applied correctly to the effort to impact the outcomes successfully. Presented to Normary Camacho Cardoza, EOD Department, who served as lead on cybersecurity initiatives as part of the Flex-CSR Program. She is also responsible for leading the effort to establish a penetration testing laboratory in EOD Department’s Acquisition and Technology Division.

EXCELLENCE IN QUALITY EXECUTION AWARD: This award recognizes excellence in applying quality program proficiency during execution as it relates to our quality control systems. Excellence in quality is essential to realizing consistent delivery and demand for our products and services. Presented to the MK 154 Launcher Mine Clearing Electrical System Manufacturing Team for their work is assisting the U.S. Marine Corps with an urgent delivery request for mine clearing equipment.

EXCELLENCE IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT AWARD: Project Management is the application of leadership, communication and technical rigor – processes, tools, templates and per-

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sonnel proficiency – to successfully execute project activities to meet organizational and customer expectations. Behind every high-quality project is a project manager who is responsible for motivating project teams and accomplishing project objectives to safely deliver quality products or services that meet customer technical requirements within budget and schedule using effective and efficient methods to execute this disciplined pillar role. Presented to Andrea Bloomer, Energetics Manufacturing Department technical project manager, for the qualification of a new material to be made at NSWC IHEODTD. This complex project involves the development of a new product and the start-up of two large complex facilities.

Lance Corporal T. J. Honeycutt Award for Forward Deployed Service: Lance Corporal T.J. Honeycutt, a Marine from Charles County, Md., lost his life to an improvised explosive device attack while on patrol. This award recognizes a civilian employee who, within the past year, has deployed to a combat zone or other forward-deployed location to provide direct support to the warfighter in support of the command's mission. Presented to Archie "Wayne" Humfleet, Systems Integration Department, Guns Division technician, for his outstanding and timely work on Close-in Weapons Systems while deployed to the USS Bataan, which was supporting military operations near the Arabian Peninsula.

INTERNAL CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD: This award recognizes an individual, organizational unit or team who has provided excellent service to internal customers. We have one individual and one team recipient this year. Presented to Lori McFarland, Human Resources Division staffing and classification specialist, for consistently providing exemplary customer service. Her professionalism, responsiveness and timeliness while working with other department supervisors ensures all of their staffing and classification needs are met.

Also presented to Susan Tanner and Degas Legal, Corporate

Business Office Division, for their superior performance and customer service in the success of the command's iNAVSEA website. They alone maintain iNAVSEA and are truly dedicated to customer's needs often working late nights and early mornings.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND DIVERSITY AWARD: This award recognizes the achievements of an individual or group who excelled in extending equal opportunity to those seeking federal employment or by assisting federal employees in achieving their highest potential and productivity. Presented to Amber Knott, research scientist in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Department, for her commitment to diversity and women's issues in the workplace. Her efforts reflect her genuine interest in bringing everyone together, with a diverse workforce, to improve the command.

DR. HORST ADOLPH AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PATENT: Dr. Horst Adolph's 30-year government career began in 1961 and included achieving more than 40 patents and authoring over 90 publications dealing with synthesis and formulation of energetic ingredients used in explosives and propellants. This award recognizes an individual or group of inventors for the most significant and beneficial patent to the Navy and the country. Presented to Rebecca Wilson, Joseph Mannion and Jesse Moran, Research and Technology Division, for their patent on the synthesis and structure of a critical intermediate in the synthesis of a new energetic molecule. This new molecule incorporates a very rare energetic functional group that provides high energy and high density.

CONTINUOUS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AWARD: This award recognizes efforts resulting in significant improvement made to administrative, business, or technical processes accomplished through Lean and/or Six Sigma, yielding benefits in cost, schedule, quality, and/or risk mitigation. We have an individual and a team winner this year. Presented to Steven Possehl, a mechanical engineer in the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Department, who has continuously molded and im-

proved digital x-ray processes over the past year while working toward the goal of making x-ray a completely digital process. His work cut costs, increased output, reduced cycle time and improved production.

Also presented to the Infrastructure Team for completing seven Joint Lean Six Sigma (LSS) events with NAVFAC's Public Works Department leaders. The combination of the LSS events along with fully implementing and staffing of the Infrastructure Support Group increased the capability and capacity to execute service tickets and shop projects at IHEODTD.

CAPTAIN H. E. LACKEY AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE: Captain Henry E. Lackey was the 12th commanding officer of the Indian Head Division from 1917-1920. During his tenure, he strove to improve living conditions and addressed a wide range of social problems such as adequate safety, housing, education, and communications. This award is given to an individual or team who, on their own time, provides significant contributions to the community. Presented to Martin Chernoff, Corporate Operations Department chemical engineer, for supporting the community through science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) projects in the Charles County school system, Boys Scouts of America and serving as a religious school teacher and service lay-leader.

A.J. PERK OUTSTANDING OPERATOR/TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD: During his 34-year tenure at the command, A.J. Perk was devoted to providing customers with excellent products and services by "doing the job right." He was fair, firm, decisive and cared about employee interests. This award recognizes a model employee who serves as an example to others. This year we are honoring two of them. Presented to Enrique Garcia, EOD Department logistics management specialist, for his superb performance as lead shipping coordinator for the U.S. Navy's foreign military sales program's EOD tools and equipment.

Also presented to John Harley, a hazardous materials handler

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in the Energetics Manufacturing Department, for his work in the CAD/PAD Consolidated Stock Point providing time critical deliveries of energetic devices to the fleet within 14 days of an order. He is a model employee who has dedicated 38 years of his career to this command.

ADMIRAL HAROLD R. STARK AWARD FOR INNOVATION: As the Naval Inspector of Ordnance in charge of the Naval Proving Grounds, Dahlgren, Va., and the Naval Powder Factory, Indian Head, Md., Admiral Harold R. Stark became the Chief of Naval Operations in 1939. This award recognizes an individual or group who advances the state-of-the-art in their field of endeavor. Presented to Kenneth Basom, Robert Breaux, Bryan Milani and Wesley Posey, from the Information Management Division, for their collaboration to create the Homemade Explosives Recognition Tool as part of the EOD Tactical Decision Aid. The HME recognition tool is a significant achievement that has led to advancement of HME identification.

JOE L. BROWNING AWARD FOR MANAGERIAL EXCELLENCE: Joe L. Browning was NSWC IHEODTD's first Technical Director from 1962 — 1975. He was renowned for his innovative approaches to recruiting, motivating and developing personnel. This award recognizes supervisors who demonstrate managerial excellence, practice quality leadership principles, and demonstrate coaching and teaming management skills. Presented to Melissa Milani, Systems Engineering Department, System Safety Branch manager, who developed a knowledge base in supervisory requirements

and established routine communication with line management and Labor and Employee Relations to address performance and conduct concerns.

DR. GEORGE W. PATTERSON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT: As chief chemist and powder expert, Dr. George Patterson is remembered for his work accomplished during his 41-year tenure, including developing smokeless and flash-less gunpowders. This award honors an individual for outstanding technical accomplishment supporting the NSWC IHEODTD mission and advancing some area of technology. Presented to Angel Diaz, EOD Department engineer, for leading the Graphically Layered Aiming System Supported by Orthogonal X-ray (GLASS-BOX) effort. GLASSBOX revolutionizes the ability to translate X-ray images into 3-D virtual objects, so EOD technicians can evaluate and dispose of a threat they cannot directly see.

ROBERT B. DASHIELL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE: Ensign Robert B. Dashiell was NSWC IHEODTD's first commanding officer and is known for establishing the facility, including supervision of building and acquisition of staff and materials. He was also a specialist in gun mechanical design and invented the Dashiell rapid-fire breech. This award honors an individual who, within the past year, has made a significant contribution to the command's mission. Presented to Julie Greaves-Jacko, Contracts Department, for her significant contribution to the mission and operation of the command. She provided outstanding support on top priority construction projects for NSWC IHEODTD while providing excellent and consistent support to EOD Department's Demonstration and Assessment Team Program multiple-award contract.



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The Frigate Combat System Engineering Team is pictured prior to receiving the Award of Merit for Group Achievement from Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) leadership at the command's annual honor awards ceremony on April 26.

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Distinguished Community Service Award

Tracy Sisson, Curtis Dunn, and Jose Polo-Morales received the Distinguished Community Service Award in recognition of their significant contributions to communities through volunteer service.

In-house Laboratory Independent Research Excellence Award

Brian Dillon received the In-house Laboratory Independent Research Excellence Award which is granted to an individual

or group whose research results exhibit outstanding technical or scientific merit – relevant to the mission and thrusts of NSWCDD.

Group Achievement Awards

Ten groups of NSWCDD employees received the Award of Merit for Group Achievement; five groups received the Technology to Warfighter Award for their accomplishments during 2017. The group awards are intended to promote the spirit of teamwork among employees and recognize group effort where cooperation has

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The AC-130 Gun Ships Block 20 Precision Strike Package Initial Operational Capability and Deployment Team is pictured prior to receiving the Technology to Warfighter Award from Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) leadership at the command's annual honor awards ceremony on April 26, 2018.



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The E and H Departments Acquisition Team is pictured prior to receiving the Award of Merit for Group Achievement from Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) leadership at the command's annual honor awards ceremony on April 26.

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contributed to the success of the group.

The following groups received the Award of Merit for Group Achievement:

- DRAKE Counter Unmanned Aerial System Team
- Command Cyber Readiness Inspection Team
- Cyber Analysis and Initiatives Team
- E and H Department Acquisition Team Award
- Formal Qualification Test Team
- Hypervelocity Gun Weapon System Team
- NSWCDD Frigate Combat System Team
- Orion Network Client Interrogator Team
- Portfolio Directorate Team
- Fast Attack Craft—Fast Inshore Attack Craft Portable Embarkable Kits Rapid Prototype Engineering Project

Technology to the Warfighter Award

The Technology to the Warfighter Award recognizes individuals or groups who have had a notable and significant impact on the warfighter by developing needed capability and transitioning it into operations. The intent of this award is to recognize direct contributions to the warfighter and their operational impact.

The following groups received the award:

- AC-130 Gun Ships Block 20 Precision Strike Package Initial Operational Capability and Deployment Team
- Combined Integrated Air and Missile Defense and Anti-Submarine Warfare Trainer Version 1 Development and Delivery Team
- Common Aviation Command and Control System Afloat Team
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Cybersecurity Engineering and Test Team
- Gun Weapon System MK 34 High Explosive Multi-Function Fuze Tactics Improvement Team

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