# Dahlgren Heritage Museum

# Deck Log

# I Love the 80's to Death! Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

You're invited to a rockin' radical night of fun and mystery! Dahlgren Heritage Museum proudly presents "I Love the 80's to Death," a murder mystery dinner theater. Join us on Saturday, April 15 at 6 p.m. at the Estate at White Hall Vineyard, 3668 White Hall Road, King George, VA. The evening will include dinner provided by Mission BBQ, a silent auction (learn more about this in the March Deck Log), a 50/50 raffle and an entertaining "whodunit" that's sure to be a bodacious good time.

As our Valentine's Day gift to you, tickets will be available to members through Eventbrite on February 14th at a special rate of \$50 each. Members will receive a link to visit Eventbrite and set a reminder to purchase tickets. Beginning February 15th, the ticket price will increase to \$60 each. Want a ticket discount? Become a museum member today!

Unable to attend yourself but looking to support our museum and our military? Consider buying a ticket or tickets to donate to a service member at NSF Dahlgren.

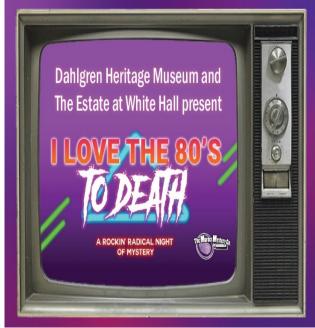
Can't wait to see everyone there for a gnarly good time!

#### SUCCESSFUL 2022 END-OF-THE-YEAR CAMPAIGN

The results are in! Thanks to your generosity, the museum received \$19,543 in donations, exceeding our goal of \$15,000! This support will allow us to continue to share the Dahlgren story with our ever-increasing audience, both in our physical location, as visitor numbers begin to increase following the completion of the new bridge's construction, and our virtual location, as we work to improve and enhance our website.

Your support means we can continue to grow our history and education programs as the museum continues to grow into a vibrant part of this community.





#### **WELCOME ABOARD!**

To those of you who have recently joined the ranks of our membership, welcome! To those who have renewed your membership, thank you so much for your continued support. One of our goals for last year was to increase our dues-paying membership by 10%, and you helped us to exceed that goal with a 28.5% increase.

We love our members!

#### SHARING STEM WITH COMMUNITY STUDENTS

Since our last DeckLog, the museum has hosted two STEM events. On December 17, six children and two adults joined us to learn about epidemiology, the study of how often diseases occur in different groups of people and why. STEM instructor Ms. Erica Borgers, a USMC veteran and renowned biochemist at NSWC Dahlgren Division, explained how epidemiological information is used to plan and evaluate strategies to prevent illness and to manage patients in whom disease has already developed. On January 25, seven children and four adults made LED temporary tattoos while learning about basic circuits, polarity, and conductivity from STEM instructor Miss Tayloranne Brown, an engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Command.



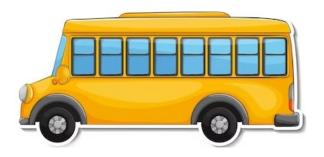


#### **GUIDED BUS TOURS**

Have you ever heard about the Navy base at Dahlgren and want to see it up close? You're invited to join us for a historical tour of Naval Support Facility Dahlgren (followed by a guided tour of the museum!). We're offering eight tours in 2023, all on Saturdays. Tours leave from the museum promptly at 11 a.m. All tours are free but you must register on Eventbrite to attend (search Dahlgren Heritage Museum). Donations are always encouraged!

#### 2023 tour dates:

March 18	July 15
April 22	August 19
May 20	Sept. 16
June 17	October 21



#### **Visit from Library of Congress**

On January 28th, the museum hosted a visit by Joshua Levy, historian of science and technology at the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, to discuss cataloging material of Dr. Gladys West. The manuscripts division catalogs items that cover the cultural history, history of science, and the archives of nongovernmental organizations. Its current holdings, nearly seventy million items contained in twelve thousand separate collections, include some of the greatest manuscript treasures of American history and culture. Along with Josh, Carolyn West Oglesby, the West's daughter, and Ed Jones joined Alan Dean in exploring the material in the West exhibit and additional items Carolyn has discovered in the West's basement. As the visit came to a close, Josh was excited to begin discussion of creating a LOC collection featuring this material. Over the coming months, the museum and the Wests will be working with Josh to do so.

#### **Sponsors Needed**

It's not too late for your business to sponsor the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. We have multiple sponsorship levels that will fit your business's budget and get the word out to our members and the community about what you have to offer.

Deadline to secure sponsorship for this event is February 28. For more information or to secure your sponsorship today, contact Jeron Hayes at (540) 846-3382 or email dahlgrenmuseuminfo@gmail.com.

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Qahlgren Museum is hiring docents! New docents will attend training sessions on the museum's programs and exhibits. There is no requirement that applicants have prior experience with the base or the museum. Most docents will be scheduled for one or two six-hour periods per week. This is a paid position. Resumes and questions can be sent to the museum by email at dahlgrenmuseuminfo@gmail.com, or mailed to Dahlgren Heritage Museum, PO Box 816, Dahlgren VA 22448.



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## 2022 - 2023 Membership

Thank you for your support of the Dahlgren Heritage Foundation! With your help we are educating the community on the Dahlgren story, running a museum, and working towards hosting more interesting and exciting events. We wouldn't be able to do any of this without you. We look forward to another great year and we are thankful for your membership! Donate by mailing a check to PO Box 816, Dahlgren, VA 22448 or visit <a href="www.dahlgrenmuseum.org">www.dahlgrenmuseum.org</a> and click Membership.

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