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Dahlgren Heritage Museum



BOND WITH UMW STRENGTHENED THROUGH EXHIBIT CREATION

By Alan Dean

In 2022, University of Mary Washington Professor Cristina Turdean's Historic Preservation exhibit class produced a set of panels for the museum that covered the base's history and its impact to King George County from 1918 through World War II. These panels are currently on display at King George High School. In 2023, Professor Turdean again agreed to have her exhibit class work with us to develop a set of panels covering the years 1945 through 1974 called "The Dahlgren Way." This time period was one of uncertainty of remaining open and of turbulent transformation of the work performed by the base as well as the workforce performing that work. On Thursday, April 13th, the class briefed Ed Jones, Amanda Genter, and this writer

Dahlgren Heritage Foundation President Ed Jones addresses Professor Cristina Turdean's UMW Laboratory in Museum Design and Interpretation class.

on their research efforts and their activities in crafting the information they learned into an engaging and visually appealing set of panels telling the story. The seven panels will be on display at the UMW Dahlgren Campus in the middle of May.

GUIDED BUS TOURS

We are offering six more tours of Naval Support Facility Dahlgren (followed by a guided tour of the museum!) this year, all on Saturdays. Tours leave from the museum promptly at 11 a.m. All tours are free, but you must register to attend: visit <https://dahlgrenmuseum.org/events/category/all-events/> for details. Donations are always encouraged!

2023 Tour Dates:

May 20 * June 17 * July 15
August 19 * Sept. 16 * October 21



SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Thanks to ticket purchasers and sponsors, our Saturday, April 15th Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at Estate at White Hall Vineyard raised over \$3,000 for the museum and its programs. Several of the over 115 guests got into the spirit and dressed in their favorite 80's attire, two of whom received a prize from White Hall owner Bethany Cassell.

We are grateful to Carroll's Automotive for sponsoring this special event, the Estate at White Hall Vineyard for being wonderful hosts, Topside Federal Credit Union for donating a Visa gift card that was awarded to the evening's super sleuth, The Murder Mystery Co., Mission BBQ, our volunteers, and to our attendees, who shared their enthusiasm by getting involved in the story and solving the mystery.



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SHARING STEM KNOWLEDGE

On April 20th, four students attended a STEM event on photosynthesis, the process carried out by plants, algae, and some types of bacteria which captures energy from sunlight to produce oxygen and chemical energy stored in glucose. Herbivores and carnivores also benefit from this process through the food chain. We are thankful to Marine veteran Erica Borgers-Klonkowski, an engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Command who is currently working on her PhD, for sharing her knowledge and to Dahlgren Heritage Foundation board member Jon Dachos for setting up the event.

SEA CADET VISIT

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Pentagon Division of Dahlgren toured the Dahlgren Heritage Museum on April 29, 2023. Dahlgren Heritage Foundation Vice President Dr. Rob Gates hosted the party of four adult volunteers and three Cadets, who enjoyed Dr. Gates' talk on Dahlgren history. Though the local Cadet unit is small right now, it is rebuilding after COVID and accepting new applicants. The Sea Cadet Corps is a youth leadership program sponsored by the U.S. Navy for boys and girls ages 10-17, known especially for its summer training opportunities. If interested, contact Gary Dawson at pentagondiv@gmail.com.



LIMITED TIME TO VISIT THE WEST EXHIBIT

Our current special exhibit on Ira and Gladys West will only be available for viewing for a limited time. On June 4th it will be taken down to make room for the next exhibit in the series of "Pioneers of the 20th Century." Come check it out Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You can scan the QR code to see a video about the exhibit.





(L-R) DOSC President Carrisa D’Angelo and Second Tour Chair Barbie Koch present a check to Dahlgren Heritage Foundation Vice President Dr. Rob Gates and President Ed Jones.

DONATIONS SUPPORT COMMUNITY

The Dahlgren Officers’ Spouses’ Club (DOSC), which operates “The Second Tour” thrift store on NSASP Dahlgren, supports our community by donating money the shop earns to local organizations that likewise support the community and/or local military. We are grateful for their generous donation of \$500 to help cover costs for STEM events and other educational experiences that the museum provides.

We Invite You to Attend
The Upcoming Forum
“Through a Child’s Eyes”

Thursday, June 22, 2003

At the UMW Dahlgren Campus
4224 University Dr., King George
Reception Beginning at 4:30 pm
Program Beginning at 5:00 pm

Panelists Elissa Steeves, Margie Stevens, and John Morton, led by moderator Ed Jones, will reminisce about their experiences in growing up on base.

You will also get to see the UMW student-created exhibit “The Dahlgren Way: King George County and the Naval Weapons Laboratory (1945-1974)” and find out about the next exhibit in the “Pioneers of the 20th Century” series, which features Dr. Charles Cohen.



DAHLGREN HERITAGE MUSEUM

Telling the Story and Reflecting the Spirit of the Navy and the Community at Dahlgren



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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 www.dahlgrenmuseum.org and click Membership.

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