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*Dahlgren Heritage Museum*



## Dueling Pianos Fundraiser

Join us at The Estate at White Hall Vineyard in King George on Saturday, November 11, for a great night of fun and fundraising.

Not sure what a dueling pianos show is all about? The Flying Ivories' website says: "A Dueling Piano show is an all-request, rock-and-roll sing-along that blends music, comedy, and improv into a totally interactive experience for any type of event...No two shows are ever the same because the crowd decides the set list. Write down your song on a request slip, put it on the piano, and we'll play it." Tips are encouraged to put your request toward the top of the list. All proceeds go to the Dahlgren Heritage Museum.

The Estate will have the bar open, and Ruby's Cajun Cuisine food truck will be on site with food for sale.

Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased at <https://www.dahlgrenmuseum.org/event-details/dueling-pianos>. Our new website will allow you to choose your seat(s) for the event. Note that tickets must be purchased as a group to guarantee seating at the same table (8 guests max per table).

Doors open at 6:00, and the show begins at 7:00. We hope to see you there!

We are grateful to our event sponsors: Topside Federal Credit Union, Carroll's Automotive, and Richard Cottrell, DDS and Associates.



L-R: Master Chief Phillip Croshaw, Dr. Rob Gates, and Captain David J. Wilson, Jr. [Photos on this page by JB Ashton]



I want to keep that going and building on the strong foundation that you have all laid here.”

We look forward to working with Captain Wilson during his time on base.

## Visit from New Commanding Officer

On August 2, 2023, Dahlgren Heritage Foundation Vice President Dr. Rob Gates hosted Naval Support Activity South Potomac’s new commanding officer, Captain David J. Wilson, Jr., and NSASP Command Master Chief Phillip Croshaw in their visit to the museum.

Captain Wilson, who was installed as commanding officer on June 2, 2023, considers his transfer here “the best turnover [he’d] had in 24 years in the Navy,” and stated during the installation ceremony: “Everyone I met with...seems to really like it here and is dedicated to the installation. I got the feeling that this close-knit group resembles a family and that’s pretty cool.





# Dahlgren Reflections

By Gillian Both

The Dahlgren Heritage Museum is truly becoming a museum without walls, meaning that we are not limited to what we can offer in our physical space but are reaching out to offer meaningful experiences through our online presence as well. We are excited to share the news of our new podcast series called “Dahlgren Reflections.” This series will dive into the memories of people who have worked at Dahlgren, grown up on base, or were impacted by Dahlgren in some way. We encourage you to listen in as the children of our Pioneers discuss what it was like to grow up around such great minds and as base employees recall the day-to-day life behind the gates.

Our first podcast series is on our current Pioneer, Dr. Charles Cohen, and will be updated every other month starting this month. Dr. Cohen’s daughter, Elissa Steeves,

discusses her parents’ unbelievable love story and her father’s amusing run-in with beef stroganoff in our first episode. In November our second episode will be released, and you can hear Julia Snow, Dr. Cohen’s great niece, recall family beach vacations and grocery store shopping with her “Uncle Charles.”

A second Dahlgren Reflections series features Dahlgren’s every-day worker. This series will launch in October as we celebrate our 10-year anniversary! Keep an eye, and an ear, out for these unique insights into daily life at Dahlgren. You will find them on our website at <https://www.dahlgrenmuseum.org/sound-bytes-of-history> and we will also provide links through our Facebook page.

I will be conducting interviews regularly, and we would love to hear your memories! Please email us ([dahlgrenmuseuminfo@gmail.com](mailto:dahlgrenmuseuminfo@gmail.com)) if you would like to be featured on our podcast series. We hope you enjoy Dahlgren Reflections!



## Museum Receives Grant

Late last month, The Community Foundation awarded seven regional nonprofits with grants from the Duff McDuff Green, Jr. Fund. We are excited to be one of those recipients, with a \$10,000 grant that will support work in digitizing the museum's collection.

To find out more about The Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization that manages and distributes charitable giving in the Rappahannock River Region and is a devoted advocate for the vitality and well-being of our community, visit [www.cfrrr.org](http://www.cfrrr.org).

## Topside Cares...About the Dahlgren Heritage Museum

Topside Federal Credit Union gives back to its local community by working with organizations connected to one of four pillars: animal rights, housing, hunger management, and education.

They have chosen to feature the Dahlgren Heritage Museum for the last quarter of this year, October through December 2023, and will match donations made to the museum through them up to \$2,500 total. They will also be featuring us in social media, spreading awareness about the museum and its impact on our community.

We are grateful to them for this opportunity and hope that our supporters will help us to take full advantage of it.



**Do you enjoy history? Are you available to work on Sundays?**

**The Dahlgren Museum is hiring docents!**

**No prior experience required.**

**Training sessions on the museum's programs and exhibits will be provided. This is a paid position. Resumes and questions can be sent to:**

**dahlgrenmuseuminfo@gmail.com  
Dahlgren Heritage Museum, PO Box 816, Dahlgren VA 22448**



## West Exhibit at the Fredericksburg Area Museum

If you did not get the opportunity to see “Pioneers of the 20th Century: The Story of the Wests” at the Dahlgren Heritage Museum, or if you did but would like to see it in a different version, you now have that chance.

From September 22, 2023, through April of 2024, the Fredericksburg Area Museum will display an exhibit entitled “Getting There: STEM Trailblazers Dr. Gladys and Ira West” (<https://famva.org/famexhibitions/>) with material loaned by the Dahlgren Heritage Museum.

We hope that you will check out this exhibit designed by FAM Curator Sarah Ernst. The Fredericksburg Area Museum is open 10-5 every day except for Wednesdays and is offering free admission for the month of September.



**BEGINNING OCTOBER 2023  
WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE  
WITH US  
THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
DAHLGREN HERITAGE MUSEUM**

**DETAILS TO COME!**





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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: P. O. Box 816, Dahlgren, VA 22448 or visit [www.dahlgrenmuseum.org](http://www.dahlgrenmuseum.org) and click Membership.

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