

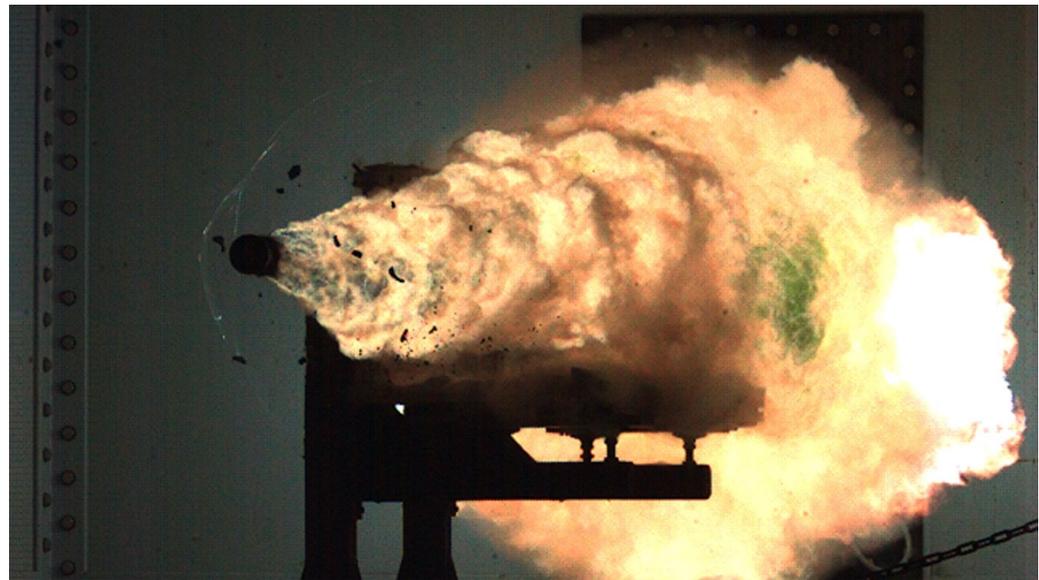
Dahlgren Communicator

Welcome to the Dahlgren Communicator

By Ed Jones, DHF President

Think of good communication as a form of glue. It consists of the information that holds together the kind of community that organizations like the Dahlgren Heritage Museum need to be successful. That's why we're hoping that the Dahlgren Communicator, the museum's monthly newsletter that debuts today, will be precisely that kind of "glue."

Together with our quarterly print newsletter that will be revived later this year, The Dahlgren Communicator will strive to tell you how we're living into our mission of "telling the Dahlgren story," introduce you to key members of our Dahlgren community, apprise you of coming attractions, link you to our research work on Dahlgren's history, keep you up-to-date on our STEM activities and college scholarship programs for the base's next generation of scientists and engineers, and invite you to take odd-facts-about-Dahlgren quizzes that are designed to be



A monthly shot to your inbox...

informative and fun.

All this we hope to do in a sprightly manner that's short enough to respect your busy lifestyle and long enough to demonstrate how the history we recall is tied to the future of the base and its community.

Thank you for your support and interest. Please don't hesitate to let us know what you think and what you might suggest for future editions of the Dahlgren Communicator, as well as the names of those we should add to our email distribution list. You can do so by emailing dahlgrenmuseuminfo@gmail.com.



Dr. James E. Colvard

In Memoriam- Dr. James E. Colvard

Dahlgren and the Navy lost an iconic leader, and the Dahlgren Heritage Museum community lost a beloved friend and supporter, with the March 10 passing of Dr. James E. Colvard at the age of 87.

A groundbreaking technical director of what is now the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren, an adviser to generations of Navy leaders, a mentor and friend to so many colleagues, and a devoted family man, Dr. Colvard ranks as one of the most important and respected leaders in the 102-year history of the Navy base at Dahlgren. Born dirt-poor in the hills of western North Carolina, Dr. Colvard joined the Navy during the Korean War. That leave of absence from college turned out to be just the beginning of a lifelong commitment to serving his

1 country.

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To those of us in the Dahlgren Heritage Museum community, Jim was much more than an acclaimed national leader. He was a generous supporter and collaborator in our efforts to tell "the Dahlgren story" -- not just the annals of how the base grew to be a "crown jewel" of national defense, but the lessons and opportunities that will help mold Dahlgren's future.

We look forward to working with Jim's family and friends on programs and exhibits that will demonstrate the impact of Jim's many contributions to our community and our country. Jim Colvard had a joke for every occasion, and a box of donuts or a bag of sweet potatoes for every museum board meeting. He was a remarkable man and a beloved friend who will be sorely missed.

Dahlgren Details

-Trivia for Those In the Know

TRUE OR FALSE

CAPT David I. Hedrick, who assumed command of the base in 1941, annoyed some other officers on the base by running a side business of raising and selling chickens from the top floor of the Commandant's House on the base.

TRUE: As one civilian leader later put it, Hedrick was slightly quirky. Legend has it that Dahlgren aviators used to enjoy buzzing the Captain's house whenever he was entertaining guests, flustering his chickens and embarrassing him.

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- The Prover, The Lab Log, The Bullet – Dahlgren has a legacy of well-named publications!
- Do you have idea for the name of this newsletter? We'd like to hear it... if your name is selected you win the prize of eternal bragging rights and a member profile article in the newsletter.
- Send your ideas to:
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Event Highlight

- The Mystery Dinner is rescheduled from April 23 to Oct. 16 from 6-9 p.m. at the King George Citizens Center... tickets go on sale soon!
- For more information about Dahlgren Heritage Museum events, click [here](#).



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