

Dahlgren Heritage

Deck Log

The Way Forward: Re-Opening & Post Pandemic

By Ed Jones

Two-and-a-half months after closing our doors, The Dahlgren Museum & Visitor Center is carefully and methodically planning our re-opening. Our priority is to do everything we can to ensure the safety of our staff and visitors. To accomplish that goal, we are putting together checklists and new operational policies.

We hope to re-open this summer, possibly as early as this month. But as we've all learned during the past few weeks, nothing is set in stone these days. My great thanks to the museum staff, who have pulled together an impressive re-opening plan that is now being reviewed by our Executive Committee and, later this month, by our board.

We will have new supplies to purchase and

Reduced revenues from the past few weeks to make up. You can help us re-launch by making a Donation ([click here](#)).

Later this year, we will embark on pandemic-delayed plans to build on our foundations with new programs that enrich our offerings and more fully engage our supporters in telling "the Dahlgren story." Ideas include a rented space that could be a Dahlgren Heritage Resource & Archival Center, allowing us to expand our storage space and to make our collections more accessible to members. Also on the list are enhanced STEM programs for the scientists of the future and outdoor artifacts that will maximize the value of our location at the foot of the bridge over the Potomac.

We will be calling on you once again to help us with your ideas, your energy and your financial support.

Member Profile: Jon Dachos

(Editor's Note: Jon Dachos's name idea was selected for this newsletter)

Name: Jon Dachos

Career at Dahlgren: 2004- Present, NSWC DD V Dept, V30, V33 HSI Branch, HSI Command Center Lead Design Engineer.

Museum Role: STEM Coordinator for local events at Museum (K-12)

Favorite Aspect of Dahlgren History: John Wilkes Booth Saga.

Enjoys Most About Dahlgren: Rural Aspect and Beauty, Church and Friendly Residents

Enjoys Least: None –It's a great place to raise a Family with an Amazing Community that is so helpful of its neighbors.

Personal Pursuits: Coaching KG HS youth in Track and Cross Country, Helping Youth with STEM, and Gardening.



Dahlgren Heritage Member Jon Dachos and a famous friend.



Latest Dahlgren Talk: 'From Proving Ground to R&D Center'

This month's addition to our virtual series of Dahlgren talks is a memorable evening from 2016. The topic is the base's evolution "From Proving Ground to R&D Center," and the stellar panel included Jim Colvard, the iconic technical director at NSWCDD in the 1980s who passed away this year; Dr. Robert Gates, former department head at NSWCDD and former technical director at NSWC Indian Head; retired Dahlgren mathematician Elizabeth Agnew, the daughter of the late Russell Lyddane, technical director at NSWCDD in the 1950s; and CAPT Joseph McGettigan, the commander of NSWCDD in the early 2000s.

It's an hour of brilliant insights into the extraordinary evolution of Dahlgren. It's also a reminder of how sorely we miss our dear friend, Jim Colvard. [Click here.](#)

Dahlgren Details

-Trivia for Those In the Know

TRUE OR FALSE

We often talk about a computer bug. Actually, there was a bug -- or, more specifically, a moth. It had a Dahlgren connection and is now in the possession of the Smithsonian Institution.

TRUE: It was a moth that got into a computer at Harvard during the post-WWII work involving that university and Dahlgren. Congressman Rob Wittman has volunteered to help us get it back for a special exhibition here at the museum.

Event Highlight

- The Mystery Dinner is 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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