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MESSAGE FROM REAR ADMIRAL HENDRICKSON

Fellow NAMDC Members and Families,



Happy holidays! This is a festive and joyous time of year – please make a special point of spending extra time with your family and friends. As you partake in holiday festivities, keep in your thoughts and prayers our deployed Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Coast Guard members serving in harm’s way. They are the reason we can enjoy this season in a safe and free nation.

Two months have gone by since RADM Horn and I changed command. During the ceremony, he mentioned that I was taking the helm of two great organizations – and he was right. I am honored to be onboard as your commander and very impressed with the work you accomplish as a team. You are a small organization accomplishing large Navy and national priorities.

As a Warfare Center of Excellence, your work is held in high regard. Mission support to our deployed ships, building the future with Aegis Ashore, waterfront assessments, fleet and technical support – are all important programs that support Sailors. I want to continue the effort providing our expertise to the waterfront where we are needed most. As you have seen in recent events, our mission and our support is critical to our deployed warfighters and force.

I look forward to meeting with and talking to each of you about the myriad programs and initiatives that NAMDC provides. Annette and I are delighted to be part of this great team and we wish you all a very joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

RDML R. M. Hendrickson, USN
Program Executive, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense
Commander, Navy Air and Missile Defense

FAREWELL FROM REAR ADMIRAL HORN

Shipmates,

As I depart I want to thank you all for your dedicated effort these past few months. Although it doesn't seem to be in the cards that I can complete a full tour at NAMDC please know I will be watching from the sidelines in Washington as you continue to lead our Fleet in Integrated Air and Missile Defense.

At your core is a talented, dynamic, experienced work force. I was so very honored to serve at NAMDC. You defined the excellence in Warfare Center of Excellence.

Thank you and God Bless You,

RADM J. A. Horn Jr., USN
Program Executive, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense
Commander, Navy Air and Missile Defense





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CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

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Courtesy of Andrew Revelos, NSASP Staff Writer



Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) and Navy Air and Missile Defense Command (NAMDC) said goodbye to Rear Adm. Joseph Horn Jr. and welcomed Rear Adm. Randall Hendrickson at a change of command ceremony Oct. 25 at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren.

Vice Adm. Michelle Howard, deputy commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and Maj. Gen. Samuel Greaves, deputy director of Missile Defense Agency (MDA), praised Horn for all he accomplished while assigned to Dahlgren and said they looked forward to working with Hendrickson.

Greaves began by reading a message from Lt. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, director of MDA, who was engaged in "the most complex air and ballistic missile test ever attempted" and could not attend the ceremony.

"He wanted me to do one simple thing which is read this, because he really wanted to be here," said Greaves. The live-fire demonstration

O'Reilly was participating in at the Reagan Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll saw MDA attempt to intercept five targets simultaneously. O'Reilly's message expressed "heartfelt gratitude for the outstanding service of these two exceptional professionals that we are honoring here today" and he thanked the Horn and Hendrickson families for their support.

O'Reilly praised Horn for guiding the Aegis BMD program office through "a rapid series of unprecedented successes over the past three years." During this time, Horn was a "consummate professional and a great leader," wrote O'Reilly.

Greaves, who recently assumed Hendrickson's old position, thanked Hendrickson for the professional transition into his new job. "I could not be as far along as I am today were it not for Randy," said Greaves. "Thank you for your great service and I'm looking forward to working with both of you very closely in the future."

Howard said it was a "privilege" to share the stage with Horn and Hendrickson and to share the day with the "innovators" of Aegis BMD and NAMDC. Howard saved special praise, however, for the spouses of Horn and Hendrickson. "I'd also like to give a very special welcome to Marge Horn and Annette Hendrickson and the Horn and Hendrickson families that are here today. We want to extend special gratitude to both of you. It's pretty clear to me, without the sacrifices you have made, Joe and Randy would not be here. And if they really are rocket scientists, they would agree with me."

Howard noted the historical importance of change of command ceremonies in the Navy and emphasized the vital role they play in Navy affairs today. "They are an opportunity to pause from a breakneck schedule to celebrate the accomplishments of [Horn and Hendrickson] and the team and remind ourselves of who they are and what they represent," she said.

"And for me, as an end-user of their products, and the innovation that you guys provide, I just want to say thanks for a job well done."

From the perspective of Fleet Forces Command, Horn and all personnel at Aegis BMD and NAMDC provide invaluable service to a program vital to national security, said Howard. "It should not be a surprise to any of you standing in ranks or in the audience that the work you do here is of the highest level of importance."

For his work, Horn received the Defense Superior Service Medal for "exceptionally superior service as the program executive, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, from November 2009 to October 2012."

Horn thanked all who attended the ceremony and who helped him and his family during their tour. "Thank you very much for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend today's change of command ceremony between Randy and I. It means an awful lot to both of us."

Horn noted that Hendrickson has relieved him from every job he's had since 2006. "In what can only be called a cruel bureau joke, Randy has come in and cleaned up every mess I have created," Horn said. "Randy I can assure you this time I am turning over two great organizations, with extremely-talented, highly-educated and dedicated professionals."

Horn wished the Hendrickson family the best as they settle into their new lives in Dahlgren. "Randy and Annette, Marge and I wish you every success in Dahlgren," said Horn. "I could not be turning over to two better shipmates and I cannot imagine any better officer positioned to take command of these two important commands. God bless you both." Horn said it was an "honor" to lead both Aegis BMD and NAMDC.

Hendrickson thanked all who attended and participated in the ceremony and said Horn left "big shoes" to fill. "It's actually quite easy relieving Joe," he said. "I just take the helm, kind of tweak the course a little bit and keep it going."

National security needs ensure Hendrickson's time at Aegis BMD and NAMDC will be a busy one. "The priority placed on air and missile defense systems, as mentioned by [Vice] Admiral Howard, by the warfighter today are unparalleled," he said. "That makes for early mornings, late nights and seemingly non-existent weekends. But you all make it happen, time and time again, and I'm humbled to work alongside such amazingly-talented people."



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EMPLOYEE AND CONTRACTOR OF THE QUARTER

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Navy Air and Missile Defense Command recognized one of its top civilian performers during a recent ceremony here. Kurt Erickson, a training specialist with the command, was recognized for outstanding performance and honored as NAMDC Employee of the Quarter.

During this award's period, Erickson was instrumental in streamlining programs within the training and assessments directorate. He also provided invaluable insight into Navy Air and Missile Defense Command's realignment concept.

"Kurt has expert understanding of training and its inherent complexities. He is an insightful contributor with unique skills that are invaluable to accomplishing the work here," said Capt. Frank Olmo, chief of staff.

Erickson enlisted in the Navy in 1983. He served at sea aboard the USS Hewitt (DD 966), USS Independence (CV 62), USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) and USS Shoup (DDG 86).

Ashore he served with a radar bomb scoring unit, maintained a Nike Hercules fire control radar system, served as an Aegis officer instructor site and ended his career as officer in charge Center for Service Combat Systems, Wallops Island. He retired in 2009 as a lieutenant with more than 26 years of service.



John Sinopoli was recognized as Navy Air and Missile Defense Command's "Contractor of the Quarter" in a recent ceremony here.

John Sinopoli, assigned to communications directorate, is responsible for supporting the identification, coordination and documentation of the

Navy's input with the new encrypted high capacity shipboard data networks. These networks support the integrated air and missile defense mission.

During the awards ceremony, he was recognized for masterfully translating this complex issue to the operations community and identifying shortfalls with data networks and their fielding.

"John is an invaluable asset, with tremendous perception and knowledge," said Capt. Frank Olmo, chief of staff. "He is an important contributor that is making a difference in the fleet."

Sinopoli began his career in 1997 when he enlisted in the Navy as a seaman. During his four year enlistment, Sinopoli achieved the rank of petty officer second class and was awarded multiple Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals for network support.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Before the Thanksgiving Feast the NAMDC leadership had the opportunity to welcome several new members to the command. While several of them have been on board for several months others have just recently arrived.

John Cash is a contractor working for Tactical Engineering and is filling the N6 Support Billet. He recently retired from the Navy as an Operations Specialist Senior Chief after 23 years of service. His last active duty assignment was with Riverine Group One, JEB Little Creek, Va. His sea tours were: Commander Carrier Strike Group Eight as the Interface Control Officer USS Anzio (CG 68), USS Winston S. Churchill (DDG 81) and USS McFaul (DDG 74). Ashore he has served as an instructor for the Air Defense Team Trainer and TDL operators' course at Center for Surface Combat Systems Detachment Norfolk, Va.

CDR Joseph Stillwaggon reported here in July 2012. He is the ACOS for Intelligence. Prior to this, he served at the NATO command in Norfolk as project manager for Maritime Situational Awareness, C4I manager of Maritime Information Systems, Educational Training Evaluation and Exercise systems. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. Prior to attending the Naval Academy, he was an Electronics Technician Third Class. He is a Navy brat and entered the Navy from Yakima, Wash. He lives on Dahlgren.

LT Bryan Koehler is filling the N3 PACFLT/C7F support officer billet. He came here from the USS Russell (DDG 59) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he served as Weapons Officer and Combat Systems Officer. Bryan is a native of Tampa. He was commissioned in May of 2002 from the United States Naval Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics.

Mr. Paul Wood is a contractor working for Basic Commerce and Industries, Inc., and filling the Enterprise Support Billet. He recently retired from the Navy as a lieutenant with 24 years of service. His last active duty assignment was as the Course Supervisor for the Aegis BMD Systems and Tactical Operations course at ATRC, Dahlgren. He enlisted as a Fire Controlman in 1988 and was commissioned from Chief Petty Officer to Limited Duty Officer in 2004. His major sea tours were as a plank owner of both USS Cowpens (CG 63) and of USS Higgins (DDG 76), and as System Test Officer aboard USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) and USS Shiloh (CG 67). He is a 1996 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in Political Science.

Mr. Rob Aven is a contractor working for General Dynamics Information Technologies supporting N5. He retired from the Navy as a SPY Radar, Fire Controlman Chief Petty Officer after 20 years of service. His last tour in the Navy was at ATRC Dahlgren as the Divisional Leading Chief Petty Officer of the N4 department. After retiring from the Navy in 2007, he graduated from the University of Mary Washington. He spent four years supporting the Navy Program Executive Office Integrated Warfare Systems One at the Washington Naval Yard and here at Dahlgren.

OSC 'Charlie' Verdoza is our newest reservist. His previous command was Mobile Security Squadron 1, which supported anti-piracy missions in the Middle East and northeast Africa. He has deployed to Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Afghanistan. He started his career as a Sonar Technician on Submarines and cross rated to Operations Specialist. He moved here from San Antonio, Texas. As a civilian he worked for USAA for 5 years as a licensed property and casualty agent and as a Military Affairs representative. He lives in Colonial Beach.

Not in attendance, but new to the team is Mr. Ken Krogman, a contractor working for Basic Commerce and Industries, Inc. and filling the N7 Support Billet. He recently retired from the Navy as a Captain with more than 26 years of service. His last active duty assignment was as Commanding Officer of the Center for Surface Combat Systems Unit, Dam Neck. He was commissioned through the Navy ROTC program at Marquette University in 1986.

LCDR DAVIS RECEIVES FRENCH NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL



Lt. Cmdr. Marc Davis, an Elkton, Md., native and deputy for N6 at NAMDC, was recently awarded the French National Defense Medal for his service with French forces in Afghanistan. Davis served as a campaign planner at the International Security Assistance Force headquarters in Kabul from June 2011 to March 2012.

He is a 1994 Northeast High School graduate and a 1998 graduate of the Naval Academy. His parents, Glenn and Miriam, reside in Perryville, Md.

“It was an honor presenting Marc this prestigious award,” said Capt. Frank Olmo, NAMDC chief of staff, during the awards ceremony. “He is a dynamic, talented officer and obviously his French military superiors were equally impressed in Afghanistan.”

The French National Defense Medal can be awarded to foreign military personnel who have rendered honorable services particularly important to the defense of France. His award was signed by the French Minister of Defense and Veterans Affairs, Minister Gerard Longuet.



After graduating from the academy, Davis served aboard the USS O'Bannon (DD 987). Subsequent sea tours included: USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) and USS Princeton (CG 59). Ashore he has served as a liaison officer in Puerto Rico, Panama and Colombia.

RECENT RETIREMENTS



Three Navy Air and Missile Defense Command members retired from the Navy recently. Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel, Ralph Wells; Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, Rose Frederick; and Commander, David D. Sullins, Operations and Mission Support; ended their long and distinguished careers with the Navy and Navy Air and Missile Defense Command.

“All three individuals were tremendous contributors to NAMDC and experts in their field of work,” said Chief of Staff, Capt. Frank Olmo. “We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.”

Wells enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1969 – serving 30 years in various commands and organizations. His service included 23 years with the Submarine Force, department head on USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and his final military assignment was deputy for manpower and personnel, commander in chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He started his civil service career in 2003 and joined NAMDC in 2009.

Frederick began her federal service with the state department in 1977 as a GS-2. She worked her way through the government system and ended as GS-15 assistant chief of staff 35-years later. During her career she served as: administrative officer, Surface Effect Ship; operations scheduler and assistant aviation maintenance officer, Strike Aircraft Test Directorate; budget analyst for Financial Management 3, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy; financial management, comptroller analyst and AV-8B operations officer, Naval Air Systems Command.

Sullins entered the Navy after graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1992 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Marine Engineering. His initial sea tour was with VAQ-138 aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68). He also had two cruises to the Western Pacific and a brief expeditionary deployment. As an electronic warfare officer aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65) he participated in the first retaliatory strikes of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is also an Iraqi Freedom veteran where he twice deployed in support of Multi-National Corps Iraq Multi-National Forces Iraq.



NAMDC STEALS SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY



RADM Horn presents Aegis BMD Softball Championship trophy to NAMDC Defenders

Appearing in their first softball tournament, the NAMDC Defenders powered their way to victory and received the Aegis BMD Softball Championship trophy during the organizations' annual picnic Oct. 12.

The single-elimination, one-pitch, tournament pitted powerhouse teams from both ends of buildings 1700 and 1705.

With easy victories in the first two rounds of play, NAMDC squared away against a powerful AB team. Not to be intimidated, CAPT Olmo helped paved the way to victory with a deep, three run homer that sailed over the left fielder's head early in the game.

Kay Eller, Jim Stacey, Ed McKinnon and Matt Selwyn all hit laser shots that led to runs scored. On the other side of the ball, sharp defense plays including Charlie Verdosa and Ed McKinnon - led double plays complemented the explosive offense.

Gary Norris coached, called plays and pitched a winning game. Other stellar performers included Johnny Redford, Jim Stacey and Rob Aven.



A PINNING SURPRISE

In a family where tradition of Navy service runs deep, Richard "Rusty" Hopp, a retired Navy CW4 and training and assessment specialist, knew his son's promotion to chief was a big deal – too bad 5,000 miles separated the two.

Hopp senior works at Navy Air and Missile Defense Command in Dahlgren, Va. Hopp II is stationed at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific in Wahiawa, Hawaii, as the Pacific Regional Networks Operations Center lead Petty Officer.

"I was really upset that my family was not coming to my promotion ceremony," said the junior Hopp. "Dad knew how important this was to me, but I also understood the distance, cost and prior commitments made his attendance impossible."

Remembering his promotion to chief "a million years ago," and the emotions that went with it, Rusty felt a strong emotional tug on his conscious. "I was the induction officer when he enlisted in the Navy; I was there again to re-enlist him in 2004, and in 2006 I re-enlisted him on the USS Blue Ridge - the ship I was acting Command Master Chief in 1998, and the ship my youngest son is currently stationed on."

The mixture of tradition, prominence and family patriotism made the event just too big to miss. He had to promote his son. So he and his wife, Trini, decided to go to Hawaii – but with one twist – it would be a surprise.

A week later with the execution of a well planned military operation, Mom and Dad found themselves parked near the ceremony site, watching the chiefs-to-be go through rehearsal. The now perfect plan almost collapsed, however, when their son wandered away from the ceremony site and meandered unknowingly right beside their truck. Fortunately one of the chiefs, who knew the plot, jumped in and mustered the junior Hopp back to the tent.

A short time later they announced, "Information Technology Specialist Chief Selectee Richard Hopp front and center. Unknowing to him, mom and dad were right behind him. Not until the master of ceremonies announced "Chief Hopp will have his anchors pinned on by his parents," did he know.

"I was shocked; I had no idea. Suddenly out of nowhere, my Mom and Dad are pinning on my anchors. It was an unbelievable surprise," said the Navy's newest chief.

"Being there and taking part in this event was truly special – I was beside myself bursting with pride. I'm proud of all my kids, but making this promotion to chief, is a giant step." And it was a step they made together – as father to son, Navy Chief to Navy Chief.



TWO NAMDC RUNNERS COMPLETE MARATHONS



Two NAMDC sailors - LCDR Tom Setser and CDR Antonio Martinez - recently completed separate marathons in noteworthy times. Setser participated in the Anthem Richmond Marathon while Martinez ran the Marine Corps Marathon.

Both CDR Martinez and his wife trained for the Marine Corps Marathon held 28 October. Over 28,000 runners participated in this year's race. CDR Martinez finished in three hours 55 minutes, besting his time in 1997 of three hours 59 minutes. Mrs. Martinez had planned to join her husband for the marathon, but unfortunately surgery prevented it. She did, however, join him for the Quantico Marine Corps Turkey Trot on 17 November. The Martinez family plans to participate in both runs next year.



On November 10, 2012, LCDR Setser

competed in the Anthem Richmond Marathon, touted as America's friendliest marathon. LCDR Setser and 4,739 fellow runners began with a crisp cold fall morning and a 26.2 mile adventure. Three hours 59 minutes 57 seconds later, LCDR Setser crossed the finish line becoming the 1,689th person of the race to complete the marathon. Setser said there were plenty of adoring fans throughout the course. He was supported by his wife, Renea, and his eldest daughter, Samantha, who woke up at 4:00 a.m. to drive to Richmond and brave the cold temperatures to cheer their husband and father on his first marathon.

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

During this time of giving, NAMDC members once again showed their goodwill by providing gifts for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. For the second year in a row, some two dozen gifts were collected for children. According to its website, the objective of Toys for Tots is to help less fortunate children experience the joy of Christmas. There will be many young smiling faces early Christmas morning in the King George area thanks to generosity of NAMDC members.



2012 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN TOTALS

This year in support of the Combined Federal Campaign, NAMDC had a total contribution of \$8,188 surpassing its goal and earning the 2012 Potomac CFC small unit award.

NAMDC had the greatest percentage of donors for an organization under 300 employees in the Dahlgren and Fort A.P. Hill region.

Generosity is often defined by doing something nice for people who will never find out who you are - and the benevolence of NAMDC will aid many. Serving as key workers, Gary Norris and Laurie Buchanan provided the oversight, energy and focus for NAMDC's award winning efforts.

Of note, the command met its goal and contributed more money than last year with fewer people assigned to the organization.

Well done.



NAMDC CELEBRATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

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NAVY TURNS 237 YEARS OLD

CURRENTS



Celebrating their 237th birthday, former Marines assigned to NAMDC relished in the unique tradition of their service during a short ceremony Nov. 10. Marc Magdinec, Steve Mattos, Wayne Donaldson and Tashna Hicks-Wert participated in the ceremony.

Mattos, the senior retired Marine on staff, read Marine Corps Orders No. 47. The order, published in 1921 by Marine Corps Commandant John A. Lejeune, is held as tradition to read each year on their birthday.

“On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date, many thousand men have borne the name "Marine." In memory of them, it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history,” read Mattos during the event.

In his birthday message to the Corps, Commandant Gen. James F. Amos said, “I salute the enduring faithfulness of those who have gone before, of those who wear our cloth today, and of the families who stand so resolutely at our sides.”



Navy Air and Missile Defense Command celebrated the Navy’s 237 Birthday with a traditional cake cutting ceremony Oct. 12. Lt. Bryan Koehler, the youngest member of the command, made the ceremonial first cut with an honorary sword. During the event, RADM Joseph A. Horn Jr., then NAMDC commander, noted the unique constitutional language that ensures our nation maintains a Navy.

The CNO provided his video birthday message to the Navy alongside the USS Niagara in Detroit, Mich. Admiral Greenhart reminded sailors about the War of 1812 and the importance of the battle fought on Lake Erie when Oliver Hazard Perry turned the tide of the war on the USS Niagara. Greenhart then summarized the sacrifices and commitments made by sailors who fought in all our nation’s wars.

“They were bold people, innovative people willing to carry the fight to the enemy; you continue with that tradition today.” He then thanked the family members of Navy personnel for their continued support and sacrifice to the Navy and the nation.

HOLIDAY PARTIES





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AEGIS BMD OPENS REAR ADMIRAL DAVID M. ALTWEGG COMPLEX

Military and civilian leaders gathered Nov. 13 at Naval Support Facility (NSF) Dahlgren for a ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the Rear Admiral David M. Altwegg Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Complex. The complex is expected to increase the research, development, training and evaluation (RDT&E) synergy already benefiting the organization since its 2007 relocation to Dahlgren.

Family members of the late Rear Adm. David Altwegg, a central figure in the growth of Aegis BMD and its parent organization, the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), honored his memory by participating in the ceremony.

Construction of the \$18.5 million, 61,000-square-foot complex was completed in October and adds 200 additional parking spaces, 250 workspaces, several conference rooms and a secure, multimedia-capable Program Information Center. The state-of-the-art, Leed Gold-certified facility incorporates several green design features such as an open layout that allows for ambient light, solar-powered water heating and cool roof technology. The project was completed ahead of schedule and 23 percent below the original budget.

John James, executive director of MDA, praised the new facility and its namesake. "[Altwegg] would always take the time to meet with you and talk with you and help you through your career," James said. "That's just the kind of guy he was. He was a wonderful person."

Altwegg helped inspire and guide James' career, on everything from workplace fashion to mission accomplishment. Even during challenging times, Altwegg managed to be both a demanding and caring leader.

"You liked going into [Altwegg's office] because you know he'd laugh right before you walked out," James told the audience. "He let you know it really was about the mission. It was because he cared about you, he cared about the nation... he cared about our ability to preserve freedom."

"He made no bones about it," added James. "You knew when you went in to talk to him, it was going to be a tough session, but you always left a better person."

James thanked all who contributed to the project's success and emphasized how the facility will help MDA and Aegis BMD accomplish its growing mission. "It is here in Dahlgren, in the Altwegg Complex, that the technological advances we have made in the decades-long development of sea-based missile defenses will continue," he said.

"This new complex will accommodate a dynamic workforce that will continue to live out Admiral Altwegg's historic understanding of what it takes to work in this business," James said.

Rear Adm. Randall Hendrickson, MDA program executive for Aegis BMD and commander of Navy Air and Missile Defense Command (NAMDC), seconded the praise for both Altwegg and the new facility that bears his name.

"We're honored to have all of you attend the building dedication, especially you, Mrs. [Rosina] Altwegg," said Hendrickson. "Thank you so very much."

Hendrickson emphasized the need for the new facility. "I can strongly reiterate that Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense is expanding [its] mission with a growing workforce," he said. "We quickly exceeded our capacity of the initial workforce that moved to Dahlgren in 2007 and as that was realized, we undertook this effort to grow our facility."

The European Phased Adaptive Approach, a missile defense initiative put forward by the Obama Administration in 2009, has increased the operations tempo of Aegis BMD and MDA.

"Over the past three years Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense has seen a 60-percent increase to the engineering and development workforce which supports our contribution to the global ballistic missile defense system," said Hendrickson, "and more specifically, to the phased adaptive approach, including Aegis ships to be sent to Rota, Spain in 2014, Aegis shore facilities being constructed in Romania and Poland, and a test site at the Pacific range facility in Hawaii."

The new complex will result in increased RDT&E synergy of missile defense assets in NSF Dahlgren, said Hendrickson. "The facility is a true testament to the many values Admiral Altwegg held in the highest regard."



Paul Faneuf, Rear Adm. Randall Hendrickson, Katalin Alonge, Rosina Altwegg, Virginia 1st District Congressman Rob Wittman and John James cut the ribbon and officially open the Rear Admiral David M. Altwegg Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Complex on Nov. 13.

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FIRE SAFETY TALK

This quarter's safety topic is Fire safety. As you may be aware, we recently had a coworker receive severe burns as a result of outdoor incident. Please keep in mind this month's Fire safety tips and exercise safe practices during the holiday season and if you have a live Christmas tree, ensure it is watered daily.

Fire safety is also an extremely important part of any workplace safety program. It's everyone's responsibility to help prevent fires.

Just as important is knowing what to do in case of fire. Have a plan of escape, know where fire extinguishers are and be familiar with how to use them.

Visit https://esams.enic.navy.mil/ESAMS_GEN_2/OJT/Global/MonthlySafetyTalks/TopicFiles/Fire.pdf for more information related to fire safety.

Thanks for your interest in safety and have a safe and happy holiday season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1 January New Year's Day (Federal Holiday)
- 11 January MDAA Defender of the Year Banquet, Alexandria
- 14 January Martin Luther King Day, Observed (Federal Holiday)
- 12-13 February Winter EWG Meeting
- 18 February President's Day, Observed (Federal Holiday)

DAHLGREN BASE FITNESS CENTER, SPORTS AND AQUATICS

Dahlgren Fitness Center

17526 Dahlgren Rd., Bldg. 219

540.653.8580

M-F: 0530-2100

Sat: 0800-1600

Sun: 1000-1600

Dahlgren Fitness Center offers many Classes, including Combat Body Conditioning, Spinning, Power Yoga, Kettlebells, ZUMBA Fitness, and High Performance Fitness. The gym offers a full size gym floor for basketball and volleyball. The facility offers a fitness center equipped with circuit training, life cycles, elliptical machines, steppers, treadmills, free weights, benches and belts. There are two racquetball courts, an aerobics room, and saunas in both the men's and women's locker rooms.

Intramural Sports

540.653.8580

The Fitness Center offers a variety of sports leagues that are open to all those with access to the base. Information is posted at the Fitness Center. Sports leagues, tournaments are for everyone in the family, such as:

- softball
- soccer
- basketball
- flag football
- racquetball
- volleyball
- 5K Runs



Dahlgren Aquatics Center

6110 Jenkins Rd., Bldg. 1193

540.653.8088

The pool will reopen mid January. The entire facility has been resurfaced, including the locker rooms and hallways.

Winter Hours:

Open Recreational Swimming:

Fri: 1530-1830

Sat: 1100-1500

Lap/Fitness Swim:

M-F: 0500-0700 / 1100-1300 / 1630-1830

Sat: 0900-1100

Active Duty Military can call the Aquatics Center for more information about Command Physical Training and Command Physical Readiness Training. The Aquatics center hosts a variety of water exercise classes for all fitness levels, including Golden Girls, H2Oh!, and Splash N' Dash.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

NAMDC has a telephone line that employees can call for status and updates pertaining to weather conditions. In the event of inclement weather such as tornados, power outages or other emergency conditions employees may call (540) 653-9902 to receive announcements corresponding to the status of NAMDC scheduled work.