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Northrop Grumman Appoints Lindell "Yank" Rutherford
Manager of VASCIC Operations

Newport News, Va. – January 13, 2004 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) announced today that Lindell "Yank" Rutherford has joined the Newport News sector as manager of Operations for the Herbert H. Bateman Virginia Advanced Carrier and Integration Center (VASCIC).

VASCIC, a 230,000 square foot technology and research center, is a joint effort of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Newport News and Northrop Grumman Newport News. The center serves as a proving ground for advanced shipbuilding and operation technologies before they are introduced onto ships.

Activities at VASCIC that fall under Rutherford include aircraft carrier electronic systems integration, modeling and simulation to enhance shipboard operations, and integrating carrier operations into joint force activities.

Prior to joining Newport News, Rutherford served in the U.S. Navy for 32 years, achieving the rank of rear admiral. His most recent position was commander, Carrier Group Four, where he trained and certified six Atlantic Fleet Carrier Strike Groups, all of which participated in operations *Enduring Freedom* or *Iraqi Freedom*. His previous experience includes serving as commanding officer of the USS *George Washington* and executive officer of the USS *Theodore Roosevelt*.

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Rutherford earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Missouri, Rolla. He attended Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. and was commissioned in March 1972.

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