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Northrop Grumman Promotes Lindell “Yank” Rutherford to Director of Platform Integration and Concept of Operations

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – July 31, 2008 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has promoted Lindell “Yank” Rutherford to the position of director of platform integration and concept of operations. He reports to Pete Diakun, vice president of platform integration and technology development for Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding.

Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, a newly-formed sector of Northrop Grumman Corporation, is made up of the former Northrop Grumman Ship Systems and Newport News shipbuilding sectors.

Rutherford is responsible for the operation and management of the Aviation Ship Integration Center (ASIC) located within the Herbert H. Bateman Virginia Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center (VASCIC) in Newport News, Va. ASIC provides a state-of-the-art modeling and simulation center for operational analysis, experimentation and training.

His responsibilities include the development of platform operational concepts supporting program acquisition, design and evaluation; conceptual integration of platform systems; operational capabilities research and analysis; and modeling and simulation activities supporting the Advanced Capabilities Group.

“Yank will play a key role in new avenues of the company such as modeling and simulation,” said Diakun. “His experience in the Navy, proven leadership and education make him the perfect person for this position.”

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*.

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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