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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2

Builders Football vs.
Bethany College
1 p.m.
Apprentice Field

November 5

Averett University
Registration at the shipyard
2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Building 500/2nd floor

November 7-10

Employees will receive
\$2.00* off Sesame Street
Live "1-2-3...Imagine,"
which is being performed
Nov. 7 - 10 at Old Dominion
University's Constant
Convocation Center.

Normal Pricing:
\$18.50 & \$15.50

NGNN Prices:
\$16.50 & \$13.50

*Discount excludes opening
night tickets which are \$10.00
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✿ Norfolk Admirals Hockey Discount

The Norfolk Admirals are offering a **special discount** for Northrop Grumman Newport News employees. Show your company ID at the Norfolk Scope box office or any Ticketmaster outlet and get \$2 off all seats for specified Newport News nights (not to be combined with other offers or coupons).

Special Newport News nights for 2002-2003 are:

Oct. 30 vs. Cleveland Barons 7:15 p.m.

Nov. 30 vs. Houston Aeros 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 15 vs. Syracuse Crunch 7:15 p.m.

Feb. 15 vs. Portland Pirates 7:30 p.m.

March 12 vs. Hershey Bears 7:15 p.m.

Contact the Admirals office at least 24 hours prior to a game and reserve seats if you have a group of 20 or more who want to attend a game. Call Andy Ash at 363-1900 ext. 232.



✿ Systems Engineering Caucus

Newport News is hosting a Northrop Grumman Cross Sector Systems Engineering Caucus on Nov. 4 at the Herbert H. Bateman Virginia Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center (VASCIC). More than 60 systems engineering leaders from across the corporation are meeting to identify key cross sector opportunities to strengthen systems engineering core competencies through the sharing of best practices and establishment of strategic alliances within the Northrop Grumman family. For more information, call Matt Needy at 0-4383 or Dan Fontaine at 8-2103.

✿ Trades Day

The seventh annual Trades Day takes place Nov. 2 when Builders Football play Bethany College at the Apprentice Athletic Field. There will be a **tailgate party** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all **trades personnel** who present their special ticket at the food tent. Fried chicken, hot dogs, sausages, baked beans, potato salad will be served. There will also be special activities for the kids.

✿ Third Quarter OFI Award Recipients

Six Opportunity for Improvement (OFI) awards were given during the 2002 third quarter, representing more than \$1 million in savings. Level III **cash awards** are disbursed quarterly to initiators whose OFIs have been approved, implemented and savings have been realized to be equal to or exceed \$100,000 within 12 months. Below is a list of third-quarter award recipients and their award amount.

John Chilbert, O41, \$1,000	Mike Kane, E82, \$280	Ed Card, X05, \$280
Calvin Rock, X10, \$500	George Worth, E82, \$280	Danny Muir, M30, \$250
Steve Ward, E80, \$500	Nam Vu, E82, \$280	Ashton Peterson, M30, \$250
Dennis Brown, X51, \$280	Stan White, X33, \$280	

In addition, the level II quarterly drawing winner is James Brandau (O31). At the end of each quarter, all names that appear on suggestions implemented during the quarter are placed in a quarterly drawing. James Brandau's name was drawn and he was awarded a \$500 Visa Gift Card compliment of the OFI Program.

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Bush signs \$355 billion FY '03 defense appropriations bill. President Bush has signed the \$355 billion FY '03 defense appropriations bill. The bill includes a total of \$71.6 billion for procurement, representing a \$10.7 billion hike over 2002, and \$58.6 billion in research, development, test and evaluation funding, a hike of \$9.9 billion over FY '02. On major aircraft procurement programs, the bill included \$270 million for 19 Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, an increase of \$116 million, and an add of seven aircraft to the request. The bill also includes \$3.2 billion for 46 Boeing F/A-18E/F Super Hornet fighters, including an additional \$120 million over the budget request for two additional aircraft. The bill also contains the \$4 billion request for 23 Lockheed Martin F/A-22 fighters and \$3.5 billion for continued development of the multi-service Joint Strike Fighter. In munitions accounts, the conferees added \$249 million for Raytheon Tomahawk cruise missiles and \$770 million for the U.S. Navy-Air Force Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) built by Boeing. Beefing up shipbuilding accounts, the bill includes a total of \$9 billion, a net increase of \$842 million over the budget request. Specifically, the conferees provided: \$2.3 billion for two DDG-51 Aegis destroyers; \$1.5 billion for one Virginia-Class attack submarine; and \$645 million for continued conversion of four Ohio-Class Trident ballistic missile submarines to cruise missile attack submarines. In addition, the conferees provided \$90 million over the budget request to incorporate a modern Integrated Warfare System on the CVN-77 aircraft carrier. (Source: *Defense Daily*, 10/24/02)

Lockheed targets \$3 billion export market for submarine systems. Lockheed Martin Corp., a supplier of submarine combat systems to the U.S. Navy, is now targeting the international export market for full combat systems, worth about \$3 billion over the next ten years. Lockheed Martin's Naval Electronics and Surveillance Systems Division for undersea systems is aiming for 20 to 30 percent of that market, said Scott Lustig, head of international programs business development for the unit. Lustig said that over the next ten years, the company expects countries to build about 50 to 55 submarines, worth \$15 billion. The combat systems are generally worth a third of the ship's price. "The addressable market for Lockheed Martin in the next seven to ten years is about \$3 billion," he said. "That's a market we're not in right now, but it's very attractive to us." Lustig said that in addition to the 55 new submarines, an estimated 70 older submarines will require updates to various parts, including the fire control, weapons, control, and command and control systems. (Source: *Bloomberg News*, 10/23/02)

Northrop Grumman team wins U.S. Navy contract to support foreign military sales. A team lead by Northrop Grumman Corporation will help the U.S. Navy streamline security assistance and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) through a contract under the General Service Administration's Millennia Lite contracting vehicle. The contract is worth more than \$80 million over 10 years to Northrop Grumman's Information Technology (IT) sector if all options are exercised. Northrop Grumman IT will provide a broad range of FMS program and acquisition management support services for the procurement of U.S. Navy ordnance, weapons and weapons systems, ships and ship components, and the construction and transfer of U.S. Navy ships, ship systems and equipment. Under this contract, Northrop Grumman IT will continue to execute the day-to-day functional responsibilities associated with the full spectrum of FMS case management and program management services, ship life-cycle management and related follow-on technical support services for NAVSEA's more than 60 international customers. (Source: *Primezone Media Network*, 10/21/02)

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