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December 16 – 20, 2002

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 19

Bloodmobile

Mobile Unit East of B103

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Call 8-9191 for appointment

Call 0-3011 with questions

January 13

Bloodmobile Mobile Unit,

B600, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Call 8-8939 for appointment

January 14

Bloodmobile Mobile Unit

8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Appointments:

B902 & 903 call 8-4792

B901 & 905 call 8-0308

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✿ Shipyard president speaks at CNU graduation

Northrop Grumman Newport News President Tom Schievelbein gave the commencement address to Christopher Newport University's 73rd graduating class this past Saturday, December 14. In his remarks to nearly 400 graduates, he emphasized the importance of ethics and leadership as they pursue their future paths. He also told them to pursue balance and meaning in life. "A successful career – no matter how you define it – is hollow in and of itself. Whether it is with your family or your community, find time to be a person. Not just an employee." Schievelbein also was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the university.

✿ USS Dwight D. Eisenhower moves out of dry dock early

Northrop Grumman Corporation announced Monday, December 16, that the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier *USS Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) has moved out of dry dock a month ahead of schedule and is halfway through its three year refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH). This is the ship's one and only refueling in a 50-year life-span. *Eisenhower* is the second ship of the *Nimitz* class to undergo this major life-cycle milestone. "Reaching this important milestone one month early is the result of an aggressive effort on the part of the shipbuilders working the *Eisenhower* as well as a demonstration of the spirit of cooperation and teamwork between us and our Navy customer," said Bob Gunter, senior vice president, Aircraft Carrier Program, Northrop Grumman Newport News. Captain Chuck Bush, program manager, In-service Aircraft Carriers, Program Executive Office for Aircraft Carriers for the U.S. Navy said, "This has been an exceptional teaming effort between the Navy and Northrop Grumman Newport News."



✿ Employee featured in Woman Engineer

Woman Engineer, a publication for entry-level and professional women, featured Northrop Grumman Newport News Engineering Supervisor Deborah Martin, E53, as part of an article highlighting career possibilities in electrical engineering. The story led with Martin's career in new carrier construction as a supervisor of the lighting group in charge of designing and installing the lighting distribution system and hotel services on board ships. "Today's pace to meet schedules along with ever-changing technology gets somewhat overwhelming if leadership breaks down," Martin said. "Leadership is one of the most important attributes required to manage a group of highly motivated engineers."



✿ In the news

Defense Daily reported on December 13 that Northrop Grumman Newport News is being awarded a \$143.1 million cost-plus-fixed fee modification for fiscal year 2003 advanced planning and material procurement for the refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH) of the *USS Carl Vinson*. Work will be performed at Newport News (97 percent) and Puget Sound, Wash., (3 percent) and is to be completed by November 2003.

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❖ Chilled water system shut down

The chilled water system will be shut down during the holiday break from 7 a.m. December 21 through Tuesday afternoon December 31. This supports installation of the new centralized chilled water system, which will affect buildings 11, 14, 15, 79, 86 and 520. The air-conditioning system will be inoperable, but there will still be heat in the buildings. This will only cause discomfort if there is unseasonably warm weather. If there are questions prior to December 21, contact Trina M. Garrett at 0-7139 (cell: 876-9277). If there are any issues during the holiday break, contact Base 1 at 0-2461.

❖ Access to company between December 21 and January 1

During the holiday shutdown, turnstiles will remain operational, the 37th Street and 60th Street drive-in gates will be open 24 hours and building 520 will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visitor passes and temporary badges will be issued at the 37th Street drive-in gate. All work areas should be secured during the shutdown.

❖ Old Dominion University basketball discount

Old Dominion University is offering two games at \$20 for the Friday, December 20, 7 p.m. game between the Old Dominion Monarchs and Dayton, and a game of choice. Two games are regularly \$26. Northrop Grumman employees save \$6. Contact the group department at 757-683-6545 or crumer@odu.edu.

❖ Food Drive comes to an end

Community Relations, 018, thanks Northrop Grumman Newport News employees and Navy crew members who participated in the Annual Employee Holiday Food Drive, bringing in food and cash to benefit the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula. Community Relations also thanks the many building volunteers for their help, as well James Baines and Terence Gatling, Operations Support Team, who collected and delivered donations. There were many success stories, such as the E81 employees who collected more than 1,100 pounds of food items from a departmental competition and X50 employees who contributed generously to bake sale fundraisers.



Above are some employees and Reagan crew members who participated in the Food Drive

❖ 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).

Upcoming special Newport News nights:

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.



❖ Blood drives

Continue to check the Currents upcoming events calendar or call Brenda Roth, 0-311, for dates and locations of blood drives at the shipyard. Second-shift employee Troy Massey, X18, is an American Red Cross Blood Drive and Disaster Relief Team volunteer. Troy (pictured right) picks up blood donations from a bloodmobile visit at the shipyard.

