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February 10 – 14, 2003

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10

Bloodmobile Mobile Unit,
B600
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Call 8-8939 for appointment

February 11

Bloodmobile Mobile Unit
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Appointments:
B902 & 903 call 8-4792
B901 & 905 call 8-0308

February 15

Norfolk Admirals vs.
Portland Pirates 7:30 p.m.
Norfolk Admirals special
discount for Northrop
Grumman Newport News
employees. Show company
ID at the Norfolk Scope box
office or any Ticketmaster
outlet and get \$2 off all
seats

February 18

St. Leo University at the
shipyard
B 500/2
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

March 18

St. Leo University
Registration for spring II
B 500/2
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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✿ USS Minneapolis/St. Paul contract awarded to shipyard

Northrop Grumman Newport News will perform dry docking work on the nuclear-powered submarine *USS Minneapolis-St. Paul* (SSN 708). The recently-awarded contract, valued at about \$23 million, will involve replacement of the tail shaft; removal and overhaul of the main and auxiliary sea valves; inspection and repair of all external and internal tanks; miscellaneous repairs to torpedo systems; and inspection and repairs to the sail, pressure and non-pressure hulls. It has been nearly 10 years since Newport News was awarded a contract for this type of availability. "This contract will help reestablish Newport News as another key resource to the Navy for the large complex submarine fleet maintenance work in addition to the Tiger Team work we already perform," says Becky Stewart (right), program director, Surface Ship and Submarine Fleet Maintenance. The ship is scheduled to arrive soon at Newport News and be complete by mid-June.



✿ Apprentice School Athletics launches website

The Apprentice School athletic department, in conjunction with College Sports Online, announced last week a new athletic department website - *The Builders Online* - at www.gobuilders.com. The site will have all event news releases, scores, stats, rosters, features, information for recruits and much more. Since this effort has started in the middle of the academic year, some news releases generated earlier in the 2002-03 year won't be available. However, from this point forward, all releases will be available and archived for future reference. "One of the things that I had wanted to get going here was a website and now that we are online I see nothing but positive things for our athletic department and the Apprentice School as a whole," said Apprentice School Sports Information Director Jim Heath. For more information, contact Jim Heath at 757-688-4935.

✿ Valued employees

At Northrop Grumman Newport News, the vision of *Great Company, Great People, Great Products* and *Great Results* guides us. Behind this vision are employees who embody the company's values. They base their day-to-day decisions on these principles, which incorporate the philosophy of Northrop Grumman and are integral to success. Strong values that are adhered to can boost our motivation and commitment to our work, improve financial performance and enhance customer loyalty and the corporate reputation. The company wants to spread the word about employees who have clearly demonstrated that they work with the value statements in mind. To view the value statements, go to <http://www.nns.com/news/internal/YardNews.stm> and send a message to mccall_sl@nns.com to share a story about an employee who exemplifies them.

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✦ Employee of the Year award winner exhibits strong Customer Satisfaction value

During a ceremony held late last month in building 520, Newport News' Internal Information Services, IIS, named its 2002 Employee of the Year award winner as well as a number of runner-ups for exemplary performance. IIS is a business unit within the Northrop Grumman Information Technology (IT) sector. The recognition goes to employees who serve as a role model for IIS employees. **Kelvin Collins** was named the Employee of the Year for providing outstanding support to executives. Collins began his career in the Competency Center, and ensured Customer Satisfaction by focusing on employee concerns.

He proved to be an effective diplomat and a resourceful technician, and then began a position as Executive Field Support Technician. He assumed more responsibilities, coordinating other Field Administration staff and serving as a project lead on projects such as the executive high speed remote computers and technology improvements in the executive board room. "I'm very thankful for the recognition. I know I'm just one of many talented IIS employees supporting the Newport News sector," he says. "A success tip for me has been teamwork. There is no way I could have done it by myself, but I'm appreciative of the support of my IIS colleagues. It's all about teamwork! Another success tip that has helped me is to always remain customer focused. When I stand in front of a customer, as far as the customer is concerned, I represent IIS. So when the customer has a problem or concern, I always try to find a way to assist them. Even if what they are asking for is outside the scope of my responsibilities, I try to help bridge them to the right source. I don't believe in the head-in-the-sand mind-set, 'It's not my job.'"

Other recognitions went to: **Rubin Eatmon, Phillip Miller, Katrina Wade, Steve Battalio, Kevin Bowden, Bob Owen, Debbie Deaver, Darrell Norton, Paul Seay, Harold Deese, John Stallings, Charlie Pearson, Gabbo Galbreath, Mickey Wilkins, Dennis Lumpkin, Melody Turlington, Brenda Williams, and Deborah Morewitz.**

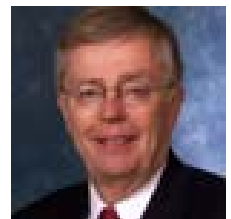
✦ Northrop Grumman officers speak at Defense Excellence Conference

Kent Kresa, chairman and CEO, and Ron Sugar, president and COO, were among several industry leaders who spoke at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Defense Excellence 2003 Conference held February 3-4 in Washington, D.C. Bob Helm, corporate vice president, Government Relations of Northrop Grumman's Washington, D.C., office, also participated as a member of the Steering Committee. Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge, Under Secretary of Defense, served as the event's chairman. With an emphasis on the progress of the last two years of transformation, this annual high-level conference addressed acquisition and support issues facing the United States and its defense sector as they relate to homeland security and transformation. Kresa, who provided the welcoming address on the second day, focused on "Partnering for Transformation"—an assessment of where the industry stands in supporting transformation, including how the acquisition process might be changed to help the industry better carry out this support function and how recent military campaigns have validated the industry's support of Department of Defense's direction. Sugar participated in a roundtable that centered on homeland security issues, including how the defense industry can identify and prepare for the new requirements and market opportunities.

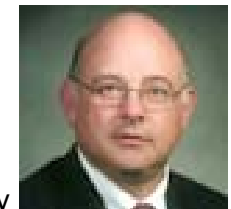
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Above are Kelvin Collins (left) of IIS and Leni Kaufman, vice president and sector chief information officer. Kaufman presented Collins with an Employee of the Year award at a ceremony last month.



Above is Northrop Grumman Chairman and CEO Kent Kresa



Above is Northrop Grumman President and COO Ron Sugar