

Currents

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May 19 – May 23, 2003

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22

Red Cross Bloodmobile
7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Mobile Unit
East of Building 103
Appointments: 8-9191,
select option 9
Questions: 0-3011

September 20

Family Fun Day at Kings
Dominion
More details to come



✿ Employee earns Society of Manufacturing Engineers award

William A. Badgett of O43 Facilities Maintenance was recently awarded the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) 2003 International Award of Merit. The society presents the award to individuals who make valued, balanced contributions to the society's professional activities and growth. The honor is the top individual award given by the society annually. Badgett, who is a Master Shipbuilder, has been an active member and leader in the Hampton Roads Chapter 217 and Region 2 for more than 20 years.



Bill Badgett (left) is presented the award by Charles D. Cox, SME International Director and Executive Board Member

✿ Benefits Town Hall presentation available

Thousands of employees and family members came to Town Hall meetings held May 13 and 14 at Hampton University's Convocation Center to learn about the new companywide benefits program that will be offered to salaried employees. Slides from the town hall meeting that describe the new program are now available for review. The slides are on Yardnet at the Employee Benefits Office web site under "New Salaried Benefits Program."

(<http://yardnet/divisions/humres/O23/EmployeeBenefitsOffice.stm>).

✿ CEO and President Ron Sugar thanks employees

CEO and President Ron Sugar sent an electronic message to employees earlier this month thanking employees who have served or continue to serve as military reservists on behalf of the war effort and to thank civilian employees who continue to work with military customers overseas. He also expressed sympathy to those who have had family or friends who have died or been injured in conflict. He offered examples of how the company played a role in Operation Iraqi Freedom, including a note that at sea, six of the *Los Angeles*-class attack submarines and five of the seven aircraft carriers deployed were designed and constructed at Newport News. The message can be accessed at Gateway at

http://home.northgrum.com/comm/comm_execs.html.

✿ Night school registration

Summer 2003 registration for night school classes is underway. The application deadline is June 6. Courses being offered are designed to help fulfill application requirements for entry into the Apprentice School, i.e., Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and Mechanical Drawing. However, any Northrop Grumman Newport News employee may enroll. Summer classes are scheduled to begin June 23 - August 28, 2003. For further information contact the night school office at 688-8608 or visit the website http://yardnet/divisions/humres/O26/edurelat/night_schl.stm.

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☼ **Memorial Day Holiday**

The company will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. However, it will be necessary for some employees to work on the holiday. Supervision will notify employees of any such arrangements. All employees must work the last scheduled workday before and the first scheduled workday after Memorial Day in order to be paid for the holiday. If authorized leave time is planned covering the Memorial Day, the last scheduled workday before and the first scheduled workday after the leave time must be worked in order to be paid.

☼ **Texas merchandise available Thursday**

The crew of the *Texas* will be outside of building 520 on Thursday, May 22 during lunchtime to sell merchandise for the crew's Morale, Welfare & Recreation Program. Various merchandise will be available, including shirts, coffee mugs, and hats.

☼ **International Symposium to be held during Systems Engineering Week**

The Commonwealth of Virginia has proclaimed the week of June 29 through July 5 as Systems Engineering Week. This proclamation honors the contributions of systems engineering over the last 50 years in support of industry and government in the development of some of the most complex systems undertaken by man. During Systems Engineering Week, the International Council on Systems Engineering will be holding its 13th International Symposium in Arlington from June 29 through July 3, 2003. The theme of the Symposium is "Engineering Tomorrow's World Today!" Further information on the symposium is available at www.incose.org/symp2003.

☼ **Notice regarding video teleconference meeting schedule**

The Videoconference Scheduling Server experienced an unplanned outage on May 15. As a result, information concerning VTC meetings that were scheduled on May 15 may have been lost. If you called the Customer Service Center on May 15 to schedule a VTC meeting, please call again at (800) 272-6022 to re-schedule your meeting. This will help resolve any potential scheduling conflicts.

☼ **Coming in September: Family Fun Day at Kings Dominion**

Mark your calendars! Family Fun Day at Kings Dominion will be held on September 20. Be on the lookout for more details in future issues of Yardlines and Currents, and on Yardnet.

