

Currents

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May 26 – May 30, 2003

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6

Night school registration application deadline.

Summer classes begin June 23-Aug. 28. For more information, call the night school office at 688-8608, or visit yardnet/divisions/humres/O26/edurelat/night_schl.stm

June 29-July 3

International Council on Systems Engineering 13th International Symposium in Arlington
For more information, go to www.incose.org/symp2003

September 20

Family Fun Day at Kings Dominion
More details to come



✿ Reagan leaves for acceptance trials

The *Ronald Reagan* – the newest and most advanced nuclear-powered aircraft carrier – leaves Tuesday for acceptance trials, which will last two days. The acceptance trials are conducted with representatives of the U.S. Navy Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) for testing and evaluation of the ship systems and performance. INSURV looks for whether the ship is fit for service and makes sure the crew understands how to operate the equipment and systems being inspected. The *Reagan* will go to Norfolk after acceptance trials. “The ship performed extremely well on builder’s trials,” said Ken Mahler, CVN 76 program director. “As *Reagan* leaves for acceptance trials, it’s another proud moment for the builders. They have produced a great warship for the Navy.” The *Reagan* is scheduled to be commissioned July 12. For more information about the commissioning, go to <http://www.ussronaldreagan.org/>. Pictured below are aerial images of the *Reagan* while the ship was at sea for builder’s trials.

Below is Ken Mahler, CVN 76 program director, in a *Reagan* ready room during a builder’s sea trial briefing with the superintendents who work for him.



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

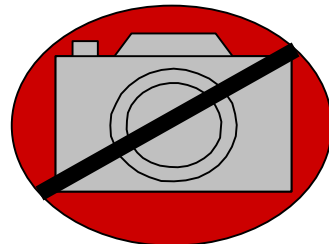


✿ ISO 9000 audit coming

ISO 9000 audit of the company’s Quality System by ABS-Quality Evaluations will take place on June 4 – June 6, 2003. This audit will include both the nuclear and non-nuclear area. Be ready. Know the procedures! Work to the procedures! For more information, call Dayton Ward at 8-4571 or Gary Morrill at 8-8408.

✿ Reminder: Cameras of all types not permitted on company property

Cameras of any type are not permitted on company property without an approved camera pass. This includes cell phones or Personal Digital Assistants with picture-taking capability. Possession or use of unauthorized cameras will be treated as a security infraction, and the camera will be taken. For more information, call Nick Nicolas, facility security officer, at 8-0747.



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✦ Fred Dohse speaks to Naval Academy alumni

Fred Dohse, (*right*) director CVN 77 Program Operations, spoke to members of the Tidewater Chapter of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association last week to provide some information on what's happening at the shipyard. Dohse is also an academy graduate. He joined the group at a breakfast meeting in Norfolk. Dohse told alumni that when he went to his 30-year reunion last fall, he noticed how much the academy changed, even from when his son attended as a member of the class of 1996. That's necessary, he said, to keep the academy's appeal relevant in today's society. Similar to the academy, Dohse said, the shipyard has evolved and changed to become an even more relevant shipbuilding partner for the Navy. "I believe the internal change that's taking place at Newport News will yield positive results that will enhance the shipyard's ability to continue building the high performance capital ships for our Navy that has been our specialty for over a century," he said. Dohse noted changes that are making shipbuilding practices more efficient, more cost-effective and more disciplined. For example, he told alumni about Lean manufacturing practices and about the upgrade of the computer-based management systems that allows for the sharing of technical information and production metrics across all the shipyard's numerous functional areas. "The new, improved version of Newport News that's now being forged will be more capable of supporting the Navy's requirements throughout this century," Dohse said, "as well as being better positioned to continue for the next 100 years the shipyard's superb record of service to our nation."



✦ Tuition reimbursement policy change

Beginning with the fall 2003 semester, Northrop Grumman Newport News will require students to submit a receipt for tuition paid along with their grade report in order to receive tuition reimbursement. This change was necessary to comply with a Northrop Grumman audit and provides more comprehensive cost control. All colleges on the list of approved colleges are being notified that they must ensure that they provide a receipt to students with itemized information about tuition and fees paid. Northrop Grumman Newport News only reimburses tuition cost, so these receipts must break down the various costs to the student. A receipt that just shows the total cost to the student will not be acceptable. For more information, call Buz Jenkins at 8-7031.



✦ New Yardlines coming soon!

Be on the lookout soon for the next Yardlines. Among this month's features: a cover story about three major Texas milestones in one week; a Take Five with Don Check, vice president, Submarine Program; and coverage of Master Shipbuilders; Earth Day and employee efforts to earn the company a world-class environmental certification. There's also a special insert highlighting nominees of the Model of Excellence awards.

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Curtis Irby



Eddie Carroll

Texas "Three"-Step Employees achieve three construction milestones in one week

"I was amazed we were able to do the job in the space we had."
X11 Fitter
Ray Ivey
(right)



"Things were pretty tense, but because we had such good teams working on it, everything went according to plan."
Superintendent
Gary Werlau
(left)